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DARWIN'S 199th BIRTHDAY CAKE SERVED WITH CUTTING EDGE SCIENCE

As part of the 2008 Darwin Day celebrations taking place all over the world, **Red Bank Humanists will host a special Darwin Day presentation** at its monthly Forum, Sunday, February 10, 2008 - 10:30 a.m., at the Red Bank Charter School, 58 Oakland Street. The guest speaker will be **Julian Paul Keenan, PhD.**, Director of the Cognitive Neuroimaging Laboratory and Associate Professor in the Department of Psychology at Montclair State University. His presentation, which will be followed by a Q. & A. session, is entitled: **"Exploring the Evolutionary Connection Between Religion and Deception."** The event is free and open to the public and birthday cake will be served.

Hundreds of groups across the United States and the globe will celebrate "Darwin Day" in honor of the discoveries and life of the man who famously described biological evolution via natural selection.

Next year will mark both the 200th anniversary of Darwin's birth and the 150th anniversary of the 1859 publication of Darwin's "The Origin of Species," which presented the scientific theory that populations evolve over generations.

"Darwin Day promotes understanding of evolution and the scientific method," said Matt Cherry, executive director of the Institute for Humanist Studies which promotes The Darwin Day Celebration. "This celebration expresses gratitude for the enormous benefit that scientific knowledge has contributed to the advancement of humanity." More information is available at www.darwinday.org.

"We hope those interested in learning more about how Darwin's discoveries are used every day to lead to new cutting-edge science, will join us for this informative talk," said Ron Steelman, President of Red Bank Humanists.

The Darwin Day Celebration started with one event in 1995. Last year there were more than 850 Darwin Day events world-wide. Darwin Day festivities can include debates, lectures, essay contests, film festivals, museum exhibits, art shows and even an "Evolution Banquet" with "Primordial Soup" followed by a "Darwin Fish Fry."

Red Bank Humanists seek to understand the universe through science and critical thinking and represent an overall objective of developing a more humane society. A complete schedule of Red Bank Humanists events is available at www.redbankhumanists.org. RBH, a non-profit, educational organization, is an affiliate of the American Humanist Association, the Council for Secular Humanism, Institute of Humanist Studies, and the New Jersey Humanist Network.

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