



November 23, 2008

Dear Red Bank Humanist,

We have achieved so much this past year that it's exciting to consider our evolution as a group. It's not easy to organize so many independent-minded folks like us, but we did it with style, good humor, and a serious commitment to our goals: "Red Bank Humanists seeks to understand the universe through science and critical thinking and represents an overall objective of developing a more humane society."

This year's achievements:

1. We presented 11 monthly Forums with interesting and challenging topics that led to a civil exchange of ideas and opinions...which created meaningful philosophical discussions that are very rare these days.
2. The Video Project – We created three powerful videos about Humanism and RBH, and by putting them on our website, we introduced Humanism to a much wider audience. In addition, the videos received accolades from five national Humanist organizations.
3. We renewed the free lease on the Red Bank Charter School for our monthly Forums. This is a great gift they have given us.
4. We marched as a group in the Red Bank Centennial Parade, and introduced Humanism to many folks along the parade route.
5. We wrestled over growing pains caused by our popular Camaraderie dinners, and in the process created a new discussion format that allows us to have a second monthly Forum with topics chosen by the attendees. This different approach also offers different meeting times for those who can't attend on Sundays.
6. RBH has grown to 63 dues paying members.
7. We celebrated our 5th Anniversary with a Humanist Salon at our new home for our salons, the Woman's Club of Red Bank.
8. We evolved from being an affiliate of the American Humanist Association to a fully recognized Chapter of A.H.A. This status will not only help us expand our publicity, but will greatly reduce our costs for liability insurance. Hooray! (We have no financial obligation to AHA, other than showing that five of our members are members of A.H.A. Although we have met that requirement, we do encourage you to consider joining this growing national organization.)
9. We are printing an RBH promotional bumper sticker...one that can be applied to your car with a convenient magnet (this will be available sometime in December).
10. More RBH members are submitting ideas for Forum topics, as well as making the presentations. We encourage your continued participation (see our new submission form).

(over)



- 2 -

This has been a good year. With your help, we hope next year will be even better. If you are not yet a member, please consider joining our small band of humans who are devoted to exploring the philosophy of Humanism, which espouses an ethical, secular worldview.

Our regular June membership dues fund the basic costs of RBH. And at this time of year, we seek donations to fund our special projects. Our \$2,000 goal is the same as it has been for the last two years. These funds support the following:

- HABcore: housing & job training to achieve independence for the homeless in the Red Bank area, \$500.
- Education: support for Camp Quest scholarship fund, a secular summer camp for the children of Secular Humanists, Freethinkers, and the non-religious...who want their children to be exposed to a naturalistic, not a supernatural world view. We hope to see this organization grow to include a Camp Quest in New Jersey!
- Red Bank Humanists: advertising and guest speaker fund, \$1,000.

Please consider a tax-deductible contribution of \$100 before the end of the year. Please give whatever you can to help Red Bank Humanists promote rational thought, critical thinking, and a more humane society. Please make your check payable to Red Bank Humanists, and mail it to:

Red Bank Humanists, Inc.
P.O. Box 8153
Red Bank, NJ 07701

Best Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Ron Steelman'. The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looped 'R' at the beginning.

Red Bank Humanists – Board of Directors

Ron Steelman, President
Bruce Fowler, Vice-President
Jon Kalfus, Treasurer
Rosemary Quint, Secretary
Carol Auer
Deborah Pye
Alex Rios
Eric Seldner



Dr. Julian Paul Keenan -



Red Bank Centennial Parade



Camaraderie evolves into Open Forum

2008



5th Anniversary Humanist Salon



Steelmanini the Gondolier

Why believe in a god?



Just be good for **goodness'** sake.

www.whybelieveinagod.org



1-800-837-3792



This witty holiday advertising campaign is a project of the American Humanist Association. The ads are in and on Washington, DC busses. AHA made a special website just for this project and has been getting a lot of press coverage.



RBH doesn't have a holiday advertising campaign, but rather, a generic bumper sticker that can be used throughout the year. It will be available mid-December.

Red Bank Humanists.org
An Ethical Secular Worldview



Forum Topic Suggestion

Please provide a description of the topic:

- 1. Are you interested in presenting the topic at a future forum? Yes No
- 2. If no, are you interested in working with an RBH Board Member to prepare a topic? Yes No

If you are interested in being involved with the preparation and/or presentation of this topic please provide your name & contact info (phone/email):

Please return to any Board member or send to Red Bank Humanists, P.O. Box 8153, Red Bank, NJ 07701



Forum Topic Suggestion

Please provide a description of the topic:

- 1. Are you interested in presenting the topic at a future forum? Yes No
- 2. If no, are you interested in working with an RBH Board Member to prepare a topic? Yes No

If you are interested in being involved with the preparation and/or presentation of this topic please provide your name & contact info (phone/email):

Please return to any Board member or send to Red Bank Humanists, P.O. Box 8153, Red Bank, NJ 07701



Forum Topic Suggestion

Please provide a description of the topic:

- 1. Are you interested in presenting the topic at a future forum? Yes No
- 2. If no, are you interested in working with an RBH Board Member to prepare a topic? Yes No

If you are interested in being involved with the preparation and/or presentation of this topic please provide your name & contact info (phone/email):

Please return to any Board member or send to Red Bank Humanists, P.O. Box 8153, Red Bank, NJ 07701