

WHAT IS HUMANISM?

Humanism is a progressive philosophy of life that, without theism and other supernatural beliefs, affirms our ability and responsibility to lead ethical lives of personal fulfillment that aspire to the greater good of humanity.

ABOUT RED BANK HUMANISTS

Red Bank Humanists, Inc. was incorporated in June 2004 as a not-for-profit educational organization in the State of New Jersey and is approved as a 501(c)(3) entity by the IRS. Donations to RBH are tax-deductible to the full extent of the law. RBH is a chapter of the American Humanist Association in Washington, DC. The website contains a wealth of information about RBH and has many links to other related websites.

www.redbankhumanists.org

“Happiness is the only good. The place to be happy is here. The time to be happy is now. The way to be happy is to help make others so.”
- Robert Ingersoll

EVENTS

Forums

2nd Sunday of each month, 10:30 a.m.
Presentations of interesting and important Humanist topics, followed by an open and moderated discussion.

Humanist Salons

Saturday night potluck dinner 3 times a year at the Woman's Club of Red Bank. It's an opportunity to meet and talk with others in the group. During the last part of the evening there is a short presentation on an interesting topic that's guaranteed to ignite a stimulating discussion.

Drinking Post-Theologically

A Secular Humanist mixer at a local pub. Relax and meet other Humanists, Free-Thinkers, Agnostics, Atheists, Skeptics, and those who are just post-theological. Usually monthly on a Thursday. Check the website calendar.

Annual Picnic

2nd Sunday in August (in lieu of Forum)

HumanLight

The new Humanist holiday in December, celebrating reason, compassion and hope.

Book Club

The RBH Book Club meets every month, selecting great books and having in-depth discussions.

Community Outreach Group

“Humanism In Action” - serving the community through volunteer projects.

Always check website for date, time and location of events.



Aspiring to the greater good of humanity.

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NON-BELIEVERS WELCOMED IN RED BANK

In 2011 Red Bank Humanists President, Stephen Mitchell, lobbied the town council to amend the new diversity statement that was about to be passed by the Council. Stephen pointed out that any diversity statement would be incomplete without including the phrase “non-believers.” Mayor Menna accepted Mitchell’s suggestion immediately. The Mayor said, “This is a no-brainer.” He called the vote and the amended diversity statement was adopted unanimously by the Council. We’re very proud of Stephen and we Humanists are happy to have “Red Bank” in our name.

VIDEO PROJECT

Nine of our members discussed their understanding of the philosophy of Humanism in three separate videos.

All three can be played directly from our website. Go to www.redbankhumanists.org and click on “Videos” link.

- 1) What Is Humanism?
- 2) Journeys to Humanism (how they came to adopt this philosophy as a way of life)
- 3) About Red Bank Humanists (describing what happens at the monthly Forums).



ABOUT OUR FORUMS

Join with others who are exploring this positive philosophy. We discuss a variety of interesting and provocative topics from a Humanist perspective. We explore virtually any topic as long as the discussion remains civil. Our Forums are quite lively. We have a lot of fun and share a great deal of laughter, although we do have a moderator to make sure everyone has a chance to speak if they want. We’d like you to join us because we’ve discovered that as more people participate, the deeper and more insightful our discussions become.

MEMBERSHIP

Most RBH events are free and open to the public. Membership is not required, but give it a try. Come to a couple of Forums and see what you think. Join in or just listen. If you find this intelligent, adult conversation as rewarding as we do, we hope you’ll become a member of RBH.

The annual dues cover our overhead costs such as the website, advertising, and meeting space. Our annual fund raising drive helps us to fund guest speakers and to reach out into our community to support worthy Humanist causes. We send special emails with announcements about our events and special items of interest to Humanists.

Members will receive announcements via regular mail if you don’t have email. The membership application is on the website or at the Forum Welcome Table. The dues are: Student - \$18 Individual - \$30, Family - \$45.

QUOTES FROM FAMOUS HUMANISTS:

“Humanism is a philosophy of joyous service for the greater good of all humanity, of application of new ideas of scientific progress for the benefit of all.”
- LINUS PAULING
Scientist, Nobel Peace Prize 1962, Humanist of the Year 1961, Nobel Prize in Chemistry 1954

“A man’s ethical behavior should be based effectually on sympathy, education, and social ties and needs; no religious basis is necessary. Man would indeed be in a poor way if he had to be restrained by fear of punishment and hope of reward after death.”
- ALBERT EINSTEIN
Scientist, Nobel Prizewinner in physics



“Humanism involves far more than the negation of supernaturalism. It requires an affirmative philosophy... translated into a life devoted to one’s own improvement and the service of all mankind.”
- CORLISS LAMONT

“When we speak of equality, of women and men, of Blacks and Whites, of all the world’s people, we are talking about humanism.”
- GLORIA STEINEM
Humanist Pioneer Awardee



“I am so absorbed in the wonder of earth and the life upon it that I cannot think of heaven and angels.”
- PEARL S. BUCK



“Human decency is not derived from religion. It precedes it.”
- Christopher Hitchens
God Is Not Great

“As man advances in civilization, and small tribes are united into larger communities, the simplest reason would tell each individual that he ought to extend his social instincts and sympathies to all the members of the same nation, though personally unknown to him. This point once reached, there is only an artificial barrier to prevent his sympathies extending to the men of all nations and races.”
-- Charles Darwin
The Descent of Man, 1871

On Church and State...

“The purpose of separation of church and state is to keep forever from these shores the ceaseless strife that has soaked the soil of Europe in blood for centuries.”
- PRESIDENT JAMES MADISON



“I believe in an America where the separation of church and state is absolute.”
- PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY

