



# The Humanist Society of the Suncoast

*A Socratic society dedicated to the proposition that the fully examined life is well worth living.*  
Member organization of the Humanists of Florida, the AHA, and ASHS. Find us at [www.metrodirect.net/humanist](http://www.metrodirect.net/humanist)

## How our lives will change

Members of the **Tampa Bay Post Carbon Council** will present a program on climate change and carbon depletion and the associated problems that will deeply affect our society over the next thirty years. This is an important natural and social phenomenon that has profound implications for all of us. We will not be the same people we are now. It is important that you understand what is happening, and the role you may play in this great transition.

The presentation will be made with a power point presentation with a group discussion and questions/answers to follow. For more information, see: <http://www.tampabaypostcarbon.com/>

### Area Humanists Host Statewide Conference

SARASOTA (March 17, 2008) – Humanists and fellow progressives who value freedom, equality, social justice and rational thought will convene from around Florida at the Sarasota Hotel and Marina from **May 9 through 11**. Keynote speaker *David Sloan Wilson* will introduce the conference theme, “Evolving Humanism: An Agenda for the Future.”

Wilson, an evolutionary biologist from the State University of New York, Binghamton, also publishes across disciplines as diverse as anthropology and philosophy. Regardless of subject area, one of his topics remains central: Selfishness may benefit an individual struggling to survive, but a high standard of morality – instead of selfishness – benefits everyone.

Joining Wilson on the conference program are *Alan Charney*, program director for USAction who will discuss how we can advance a progressive agenda after the 2008 election; *Alan B. Grindal*, a frequently celebrated Sarasota neurosurgeon who will address facets of aging and consciousness on the brain; and *Ronald A. Lindsay*, Legal Director for the Center for Inquiry who will talk about the case he’s helping litigate against the state of Florida for providing tax dollars to religious organizations working with former inmates.

*Nadine Smith*, of Equality Florida, will be honored at a dinner banquet May 10 as the Humanists of Florida Association’s Humanist of the Year. Already recognized by national and state organizations for her advocacy and lobbyist efforts on behalf of the lesbian, gay, bisexual and transsexual (LGBT) community, HFA bestows its award to Smith because through her work for inclusion, she expands the human family.

The Congregation for Humanistic Judaism, Humanists of Sarasota Bay and Gulf Coast Humanist Association are working with HFA as co-sponsors of the event. To learn more, visit [www.floridahumanist.org](http://www.floridahumanist.org) or email [flahumanists@gmail.com](mailto:flahumanists@gmail.com).

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### Don't Forget... Elections..

## Tampa Bay Harvest

There are Large numbers of homeless and hungry people in the Tampa bay area who are dependent on socially conscious citizens like us for life sustaining nutrients. **Bring a can, box, or two.** It's the Humanist thing to do!

Yes, it that time again. Another golden opportunity for you to serve on the board of directors, or as an officer in our organization.

The nature of our corporate mission is up to you. We will have a period after our subject discussion to review our options and elect new leaders.

Consider being one of them. Please come and bring your ideas. JP

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Join us in May to hear **Karen Doering** speak about the proposed “Sanctity of Marriage” amendment to Florida’s constitution.

A reception is being held for **Jerry Moore** in recognition of his 80th year on the planet and all the good work he has done. Visit with him anytime between 1:30 to 5 on Sunday, April 20th at 6814 Charlotte Harbor Way in Tampa. Call (813) 531-8138, for directions, or see [www.metrodirect.net/jerry](http://www.metrodirect.net/jerry)

**Please join us for this free & open discussion.**

**Saturday, April 5th 2:00 PM**

**Clearwater East Library**  
2251 Drew St.  
Clearwater

Following our meeting, we will dine together at the

**Farmer Boy Restaurant**

at 2129 Drew St. just 2 blks west of Library.



Humanists work to build a world in which happiness is the enduring criterion of social policy.

## What do Humanists Want?

1. To extend a human centered approach to the critical problems of life and society.
2. To encourage attitudes of kindness, compassion, tolerance and a loving generosity in human relationships, and in our treatment of all life. These attitudes help us to see ourselves in the lives of others and encourage appreciation for the remarkable diversity of human culture and experience.
3. To develop and popularize the skills of creative and critical thinking that empower people to challenge prejudice, superstition and irrationality in every area of life. Such empowerment enables the individual to reach the highest levels of achievement.
4. To exalt those artistic and imaginative expressions of life which have been the source of the greatest pleasure and enlightenment, and which reflect compelling human truths. Through music, literature, art, dance, and other expressions, we embrace the essence of the human spirit.
5. To explore the grounds of ethics and morality within the unfolding history of our evolving culture. Such knowledge will enable us to become effective protagonists for the happiness of the individual person. JP

### The Moveable Feast...

The April social dinner will be held at **Jorge's Seafood Grille**

on **Sunday April 13th at 5:00PM**. This fine restaurant is located at 800 Clearwater-Largo Rd. N. in Largo about a mile north of W.Bay[Rt 686].

Sunset Special dinners are in the \$11-13 range and include chicken and beef as well as seafood offerings.

**We will gather at 5:00 on Sunday afternoon, April 13th. To confirm your reservation, call or write Glenn Paul at [glennkayp@juno.com](mailto:glennkayp@juno.com) or call 727-595-3347 by Saturday the 12th.**

### Sick Bay

**Hal East**, our founder has been hospitalized. Give **Lucille** a call at (727) 738-0912. Lucille says Hal is grateful for a visit with any of his friends. He is at:

#### Encore Senior Care Village

Harold East, Unit 7, Room 707 620 Belleair Rd

Clearwater, FL 33756

727 467-9464 (ask for Unit 7) or 727 743-1063 (Hal's cell phone)

It may take him a few minutes to answer, but he usually gets the call.

**Miriam & Sidney Goetz** are both dealing with Health problems.

They are staying close to their new home in Palm Harbor, and would appreciate hearing from their friends.

Call (727) 788-5516

**Mitch and Katherine Modisett** are going through some difficult times with health problems, but would love to hear from you. Give them a call at (813) 788-5516

Call (813) 531-8138 for changes to this list. JP

### Laugh Lines

I was thinking about how a status symbol of today is those cell phones that everyone has clipped onto their belt or purse. I can't afford one. So, I'm wearing my garage door opener.

You know, I spent a fortune on deodorant before I realized that people didn't like me anyway.

I was thinking that women should put pictures of missing husbands on beer cans!

I was thinking about old age and decided that old age is 'when you still have something on the ball, but you are just too tired to bounce it.'

I thought about making a fitness movie, for folks my age, and call it 'Pumping Rust.'

I have gotten that dreaded furniture disease. That's when your chest is falling into your drawers!

I know, when people see a cat's litter box, they always say, 'Oh, have you got a cat?' Just once I want to say, 'No, it's for company!'

Thanks to *Connie Purdum*

**Our Humanist Society is actively looking for interesting speakers with novel and well thought out ideas on just about any subject of interest to a general audience. Let me know if you would like to recommend a person or organization. Call Jim at (813) 531-8138**

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