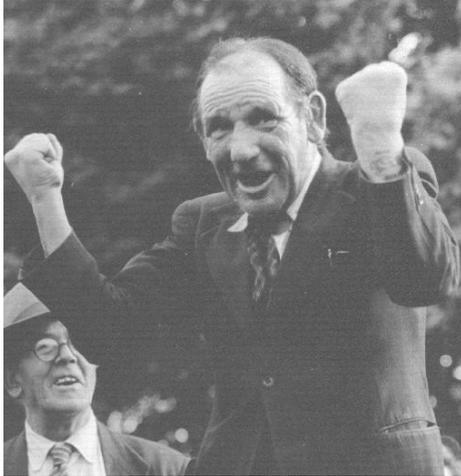




The Humanist Society of the Suncoast

A Socratic society dedicated to the proposition that the fully examined life is well worth living.
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Hyde Park Saturday



Hear ye, Hear ye! All those with valuable intelligence to impart, and the droll wit to stand the inevitable rejoinders:

Take a flyer on the big wheel! Risk your standing in the community! Exercise your first amendment rights! Share your passion, experience, humor, insights, and the urgent desire to vent your spleen in regards to the machinations of bilious bureaucrats, cretinous greedheads, and other offensive authors of the things that twist your knickers.

No subject is too small, too big, or too obscure. This is your chance to tell us what you really think!

"Half the misery in the world is caused by ignorance, the other half by intelligence." attributed to Bonar Thompson

Hyde Park was originally a medieval deer park in which Henry VIII hunted and where Oliver Cromwell reviewed his soldiers. It has since developed into the modern "Areopagus of Free Speech" which "Speakers Corner" has represented for the past Century.

Above we see **Bonar Thompson** (1888-1962) who for many years nightly demonstrated his remarkable wit, oratorical talent, and unique personality upon the platform at "Speakers Corner".

At this present time when human freedom is so often crushed beneath the coercive sway of bureaucracy and of standardized technology, freedom of speech and of thought were never more essential. The concept of Hyde Park as the paradigm of truly free speech is the great forerunner of the internet a veritable "Peoples University".

But to make the concept truly live, it must be exercised in a social venue with opportunities to speak and be heard in a fully democratic manner. Other than a decent respect for one's listeners, and an observance of time constraints that attempt to ensure that everyone will have an opportunity to be heard, there are no limits on ideas that might be entertained, criticisms that can be broached, and expressions that may offend or enlighten. The real challenge here is to use your logic, knowledge, and experience to create a persuasive presentation that offers real value to your listeners.

Best to get cracking right away to ensure that your contribution will linger in your listener's mind longer than the sound of your voice. You will have a minimum of two minutes; more if fewer speakers.



Don't Forget...

**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!

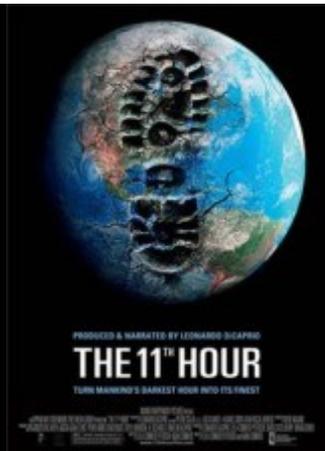
Leonardo DeCaprio's film on the future of humankind on our planet.

See it on Friday, June 13, 2008, 7 - 9 pm

at
Unitarian Universalists of
Clearwater

2470 Nursery Road,
Clearwater 33764

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**Next Month,
An afternoon with
Penn & Teller**

A merry hodgepodge of video cynicism and skepticism as we look into some of the whacky beliefs in our society.

Elections (really)

will take place at this month's meeting. We meet only three times a year, and we need participation by as many people as can commit to this small amount of time. Please Run!

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

**Saturday,
June 7th
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...

Our June social dinner will be held at the **SAVORY RESTAURANT**

located at 12881 Walsingham Road at the east end of an Albertsons strip mall in Largo. June 22nd at 5PM Walsingham is an extension of Ulmerton and this restaurant is located at the junction of the two.

The Savory is a rather low priced eatery offering everything from salads, sandwiches, eggs, pizza to early bird dinners and plenty of Italian dishes - a good wide range.

To confirm your reservation, call or write Glenn Paul at glennkayp@juno.com or call 727-595-3347 by Saturday the 21st.

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 When Insults Had Class

These glorious insults are from an era when cleverness with words was still valued, before too large a portion of the English language got boiled down to 4-letter words, and waving middle fingers.

The exchange between **Churchill & Lady Astor**: She said, "If you were my husband I'd give you poison," and he said, "If you were my wife, I'd drink it."

"He has all the virtues I dislike and none of the vices I admire." - **Winston Churchill**

"I have never killed a man, but I have read many obituaries with great pleasure." **Clarence Darrow**

"Thank you for sending me a copy of your book; I'll waste no time reading it." - **Moses Hadas**

"I didn't attend the funeral, but I sent a nice letter saying I approved of it." - **Mark Twain**

"He has no enemies, but is intensely disliked by his friends." - **Oscar Wilde**

"I feel so miserable without you; it's almost like having you here." - **Stephen Bishop**

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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