

Roundtable (Pellissippi State)**March 5, 10:30 AM**

The discussion this month is "Whose Womb is It?" In view of the recent decision in South Dakota to make all abortions illegal, this is a very timely discussion. According to an article in the February 23 Washington Post, "South Dakota is the first but not the only state to consider new abortion restrictions this year. Ohio, Indiana, Georgia, Tennessee and Kentucky have introduced similar measures." Come early for snacks and conversation.

The Book Club (Barne's and Noble Booksellers).**March 12, 5:00 PM**

This month's book is *The Bottomless Well: The Twilight of Fuel, the Virtue of Waste, and why we will never run out of energy* by Peter Huber and Mark Mills. Next month's book is *Active Liberty: Interpreting our Democratic Constitution* by Stephen Breyer. Coffee is provided by Barne's and Noble. For more information about the book club contact John McCaffrey at jkmccaffreytn@yahoo.com.

Philosophy Sunday (Pellissippi State)**March 19, 10:30 AM**

This month's topic is **The Media's Role in Public Opinion**. Mark Harmon, host of the local radio show, **Left Turn**, will give this presentation. This should be of great interest to all who attend. Socializing begins at 10:00 AM. The presentation begins at 10:30.

Donations to the Secular Coalition for America

When Herb Silverman visited last month he shared the efforts of the Secular Coalition of America, which is an umbrella group of freethinker and humanist organizations. They sponsor a lobbyist in Washington. The board of RET has authorized matching up to \$500 in contributions to SCA. Take a few moments to write a check in support of this effort. Send checks earmarked to SCA to RET, PO Box 51634, Knoxville TN 37950. If more than \$500 is collected, the additional funds will, of course, be sent to the Secular Coalition for America along with RET's \$500 contribution. This is a good way to make an impact.

Rotating Dinners have begun again!!!

This is your chance to get together with small groups of your fellow Rationalists for lively discussion and fellowship. Groups of 6 – 8 members meet for dinner at a member's home on a bimonthly basis. If you are interested in joining a group for dinner or even hosting a dinner in your home, contact Patty McCaffrey at manor_glass@yahoo.com or call her at 865-414-6602. It is never too late to join! the first round of dinners have been a rousing success.

Camp Quest of the Smoky Mountains: June 4 - 11, 2006 Campers Needed!

Do you know a young person aged 8 - 17 who would enjoy a week of camping in the Smokies with like-minded friends? In addition to all the normal camp activities, there will be science, philosophy and critical thinking! . Volunteers are also needed. Let Aleta know if you are able to help in ANY way. 982-8687 or aletaledendecker@earthlink.net. This looks like it will be our most successful year yet.

RET fund drive - Now donate on line!

RET is recognized by the IRS as a tax exempt nonprofit organization. Your generous donations are welcome and can be listed as a deduction on your tax return. Please give to RET by contacting the treasurer, RET POB 51634 Knoxville, TN 37950. The more you do for RET, the more it can do for you.

Dues and Donations

You may now pay dues or make donations to RET through the Web site: www.rationalists.org. Do so securely with Paypal! Click on the button and indicate the purpose of your payment.

Minutes of Board Meetings

If you would like a copy of the minutes of monthly board meetings, please send a SASE to RET, P.O. Box 51634, Knoxville TN 37950 or YOU CAN NOW CHECK THE RET WEB SITE by going to the private area and clicking the appropriate button.

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