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Celebrate Halloween a day late with a November 1st party morning.



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Rationalists of East Tennessee Newsletter

November 2015

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First Sunday Meeting

November 1 Sunday 10:30 - 12:30

Pellissippi State Community College, Goins Building, Cafeteria Annex

We will be having an All Saints Day movie party that is kid and adult friendly. Costumes are optional but recommended. The movie will be "The Munsters" and there will be flavored popcorn to enjoy, too. This is an event for all of the Freethought groups in Knoxville.

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The RET Skeptic Book Club

November 8 Sunday 2:00 – 4:00 pm

Location: Books-A-Million at 8513 Kingston Pike, Knoxville.

The Book for our November Meeting will be "Consciousness Explained" by Daniel C. Dennett. Dr. Dennett advances a new theory of consciousness based on insights gleaned from the fields of neuroscience, psychology, and artificial intelligence, and clears away obsolete myths about the process of thinking in conscious beings.

RET Third Sunday Meeting

November 15 Sunday 10:30 a.m.

Pellissippi State Community College, Goins Auditorium

Mr. Russell Langley, a disabled combat veteran and retired deputy sheriff will present a talk on Post Traumatic Stress Disorder and veteran suicide. This is a major problem among

veterans. The VA estimates that 22 veterans commit suicide every day. That number rises when you consider the non-military and non-tracked victims of PTSD.

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RET Reflections Meeting

November 22 Sunday 1:00 p.m.

At Ted and Schera's 9219 George Williams Road, Knoxville 37922

Many of us made lists of things for which to be thankful at this time of year when we were in primary or secondary school. And today, as busy adults with jobs, families, houses, pets, hobbies, etc., we probably only have an item or two come to mind before, during, or after some Thanksgiving rituals.

Attendees will receive a pretty good list for which to be grateful before our meeting. The challenge of our discussion will be to see if you have any modifications, improvements or additions to this list. Please bring these to our discussion and let's all give 'thankfulness' some new thoughts for 2015.

Directions: 865 690-8742

Other Freethought Events:

RET/ASK Freethought Forum TV

Tuesdays 5:00 – 6:00 pm

Freethought Forum TV is looking for people to be on the show. Contact Larry Rhodes or Lee Erickson if you are interested.

Knoxville: Comcast Channel 12 Charter Channel 6 Free streaming on ctvknox.org.

Right after the show a co-host of the program holds The Atheist Society of Knoxville Meet-up at Barley's on Jackson Avenue in Knoxville's Old City. Volunteer hosts and suggestions for topics would be welcome for all of these programs. Contact Larry Rhodes at larryr@usit.net or Lee Erickson at forresterickson@comcast.net.

Sunday Assembly Knoxville Live Better, Help Often, Wonder More

November - This month's theme is "Happiness" New location: The International at 940 Blackstock Ave., Knoxville, TN

New Time: 10:30 AM

For other SA activities go top <http://knoxville-tn.sundayassembly.com> and click on "Calendar."

Email: saknoxville@gmail.com Website: <http://knoxville-tn.sundayassembly.com/>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Sunday-Assembly-Knoxville/595906073848559>

Meetup: <http://www.meetup.com/Sunday-Assembly-Knoxville/>

To Log-in to RET's New Web Site and Wild Apricot (Membership management software)

Go to Rationalists.org. There , just above The Thinkers head, you will see a "Login" button. That's right, click on it. Use the email address that is already associated with RET contacts and mailings and click on "Forgot Password". There you will enter the email address and Captcha code. From there follow the directions.

- Don't forget to enter you information into the RET Directory (viewable by members only and customizable by you so people see only what you want them to.

Elizabeth Cady Stanton's birthday November 12 (1815-1902)

Elizabeth Cady Stanton tells a story

"We never have any sermons to inspire woman with self-respect and a desire for her own higher development. The cardinal virtue for her to cultivate is self—sacrifice and an humble submission to the discipline of the church. As a badge of her subjection she is always required to appear in church with her head covered. When last in Europe the wife of an English officer told me that she tried the experiment of going to church without her bonnet one warm day in summer. As she walked up the center aisle with her husband every neck was craned to see the unusual sight and it caused such a flutter in the congregation, and such severe strictures by the saints, that the vicar called in the course of the week to request that the experiment should not be repeated. However, she found it so comfortable to sit with her head bare during the long service, and as her husband sustained her, she continued to go with her head uncovered on several occasions. Then the bishop wrote her a letter, saying that the discipline of the church required every woman to attend service with her head covered, and that unless she was willing to comply with the long established religious custom, significant of woman's true position as set forth in the Scriptures, she must not enter the cathedral again. At a lunch party one day in London, the lady read the bishop's letter, to the great amusement of those present. All joined in the hope that many other women would follow this worthy example. If a bonnet is a badge of subjection, it should be thrown to the winds without farther delay. As women are now required to doff their bonnets in operas and theaters, why cling to this badge of servitude in the churches?"

From "Bible and Church Degrade Women via "the American Rationalist Sept./Oct. 2015

Head Scarfs anyone?

A Quote for Thanksgiving

"Pumpkin pie: A rather unplatable dessert that is religiously eaten by the faithful every Thanksgiving because it is erroneously believed to have been eaten by the Pilgrims at the first Thanksgiving in Massachusetts. Sort of a secularized communion wafer."

From "An Uppity Old Atheist Woman's Dictionary, Carol C. Faulkenberry

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