

Atheists and Other Freethinkers

AOF News & Views

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Sunday, February 12, 2:30-4:30 p.m.
Save the Date!
Darwin Day 2012: "Evolution and Modern Religious Thought"



Mark your calendars now for **February 12, 2012, from 2:30 to 4:30 pm** (doors open at 2:00 p.m.) for the Sacramento Darwin Day Event that will celebrate Darwin's 203rd birthday. It will be held at the **John Smith Hall in the La Sierra Community Center, 5325 Engle Road, Carmichael, CA.**

Dr. Peter M. J. Hess is the Director for Religious Community Outreach at the **National Center for Science Education**. An engaging speaker, Dr. Hess offers stimulating and thought-provoking lectures and workshops where he addresses religious, philosophical, and historical aspects of the controversy surrounding evolution and creation. He teaches liberal studies at Saint Mary's College in Moraga. He is the author, with Paul L. Allen, of [Catholicism and Science](#).

Tickets are \$7.50 in advance (must be purchased before February 8), \$10.00 at the door; tickets for students with ID are \$5.00.

Please visit <http://sacdarwinday.blogspot.com/> to purchase tickets and for more information.

AOF Line
By 2012 President
Vincent Wales

*The purpose of the organization, AOF,
is to promote the civic understanding
of atheism and the acceptance of
atheists in our community.*

Changes to the
News and Views
By Kevin Schultz

Everything is changing.

It's a new year, and with it a new AOF Board President. I'm honored to have been elected to the position, and hope I can do justice to it.

This year will indeed be one of change. In the months to come, we will be seriously evaluating the function and purpose of AOF, and whether we would be of better use to the community by concentrating our energies on something such as Reason House, our long-anticipated free-thought library/meeting hall/refuge.

Ultimately, AOF's future is in the hands of its members. Therefore, I urge each of you to share your suggestions, concerns, or questions with me. You can reach me via email at president@aofonline.org.

Thanks, and have a wonderful 2012!

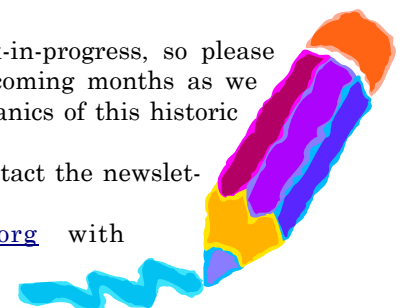
As AOF adopts a quarterly meeting schedule, the traditional eight-page AOF newsletter will appear four times per year.

In between, a monthly News and Views newsletter will supply members with information about events in the local area.

This represents a work-in-progress, so please expect changes in the coming months as we work through the mechanics of this historic change.

As always, you may contact the newsletter layout editor at

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January/February Calendar of Events

Freethought Dinner Social: **Pronto Restaurant**, 1501 16th Street. Contact: 419-2105 or shastaseer@sbcglobal.net.
More info: <http://j.mp/tGutbi>

Thu, Jan 5, 6:30 p.m.

AOF January General Meeting

CANCELED (AOF will hold four quarterly meetings in 2012)

Board of Directors Meeting: An AOF planning meeting for AOF Directors & officers, but open to all interested members. Location to-be-determined. More info: <http://j.mp/rA89gl>

Mon, Jan 9, 6:30-8:00 p.m.

AOF Adopt-a-Highway Cleanup: CalTrans Park-and-Ride parking lot, west of the Elkhorn Hwy 99 exit. Contact : 916-447-3589 or 916-447-2169 (Don Knutson). Rain cancels. More info: <http://j.mp/rwjqzc>

Sat, Jan 14, 9:00-11:00 a.m.

AOF Davis Community Meal Feed the Hungry Event: Location : St. Martin's Episcopal Church, 640 Hawthorne Lane, Davis, CA. Contact : tel. 916-447-3589. More info: <http://j.mp/udPOS3>

Tue, Jan 31, 4:30-7:00 p.m.

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More info: <http://j.mp/skMUPs>

Sun, Feb 12, 2:00 p.m.