

Atheists and Other Freethinkers

AOF Events for July 2012



☞ **Sunday, July 8 2012, 2:00pm - 5:00pm**
Presenting Leo Igwe

Leo Igwe, humanist, human rights activist and past director of the Nigerian Humanist Movement, has worked tirelessly to end human rights violations and cruelties in Africa, including homophobia, ritual killings, human sacrifice, hysteria about sorcery and witchcraft, abuse of albinos, caste discrimination, anti-blasphemy laws, and "child witch" pogroms that have caused abuse, abandonment and murder of children. He has been arrested and his family persecuted for his humanist activism. An eloquent and well-spoken humanist, he is perhaps *the* most prolific writer in the world on atheism and humanism with respect to these human rights violations, and has been praised as an advocate for justice and the value of human life. Leo has agreed to tell us of his work on his way to another presentation. To host him is a rare and distinct honor. Don't miss this amazing talk!



Note: This will be a joint meeting with the Humanist Association of the Greater Sacramento Area (HAGSA). Other local groups are most welcome to join us. Free admission, bring your friends.

Location : Sierra II Community Center - Room 10, 2791 24th Street, Sacramento

☞ **Tuesday, July 24 2012, 7:00pm - 10:00pm**
Katherine Stewart: The Good News Club

"Give us a child until he is seven," the Jesuits famously said, "and we will have him the rest of his life." As Katherine Stewart found, evangelical Protestants have torn this leaf from the Jesuit book, focusing missionary efforts on children who are easy to intimidate and lack critical thinking skills. In 2009 a group called "The Good News Club" tried to set up a so-called "nondenominational Bible study" group at her daughter's grade school. In fact, the "Club" was a program of CEF, the Child Evangelism Fellowship, with a disingenuous and deeply fundamentalist agenda. These 'Clubs' exist in public schools across the nation; few escape their attention. Sophisticated stealth tactics bamboozle them (and their parents) into thinking the Clubs operate under color of school authority -- but in fact, the ultimate goal of the CEF is to shut down the public school system.



Katherine wrote *The Good News Club: The Christian Right's Assault on America's Children*, an exposee of the under-the-radar effort to evangelize children in public schools. A book-signing and reception will follow her presentation, with copies available at half price. This will be a joint meeting with Americans United Sacramento with sponsorship from HAGSA and other local groups.

Location : Curtis Hall, Sierra 2 Community Center, 2791 24th Street, Sacramento

☞ For both events, voluntary donations at the door will help defray expenses. Please bring something light & edible for the snack table if you can: finger foods, fruit juice or soda pop (nothing needing utensils, please).

Other July 2012 Events

Freethought Dinner Social

Wednesday, July 11 2012, 6:00pm

A fun dinner social for friends and members of the local community of reason. Feed your mind and feed your body, join your free-thinker pals at the **Pooja Indian Grill** for fine food, good drink and sparkling conversation.

Location : Pooja Indian Grill, 1223 Merkley Ave, West Sacramento, ph. 916-375-8906. Call AOF voice-mail for details.

Board of Directors Meeting

Monday, July 23 2012, 7:00pm - 8:30pm

An AOF planning meeting for AOF Directors & officers, but open to all interested members. Bring your ideas for AOF, your suggestions for future activities!

Location : Home of Kenneth Nahigian, Rosemont area of Sacramento. Call AOF for address, directions.

Davis Community Meal – Feed the Hungry

Tuesday, July 31 2012, 4:30pm - 7:00pm

Prove that Freethinkers can also serve the community! Join us in an effort to feed the poor, the hungry, the outcast. We will set up the tables, serve, and clean a bit at the end. All food prep is done by the Davis Community Meal staff. Your reward is a possible free meal, camaraderie, and a good feeling. OK if you're a bit late – any help is good help!

Location : St. Martin's Episcopal, 640 Hawthorne Lane, Davis. For address, directions or carpooling, call: 916- 447-2169.

"The purpose of Atheists and Other Freethinkers (AOF) is to promote the civic understanding of atheism and the acceptance of atheists in our community. Through educational programs, projects, and publications, AOF will extend secular perspectives, including the separation of religion and government and the right to think and speak freely on these perspectives."

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President: Vincent M. Wales. Vice-president: Mynga Futrell. And their band of merry elves.

Our regular newsletter is on hiatus. We apologize and hope to be back on track soon. Needed: a new newsletter editor. Can you help? Have energy, have ideas? *Please contact AOF!*



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