



AOF News & Views – Newsletter for January 2019

## ✧ ✧ Upcoming AOF Events ✧ ✧

### ➤ Free Movie Nights!

**Fridays, Jan 4 & Jan 18, 2019, 7pm – 10pm**

2X a month, [Reason Center](#) (RC) and AOF join hands to host a **Free Movie Night**, using an excellent [MPLC License](#) (basically a show-movies-for-free license). We can't name the movies, but we can hint. Sometimes.

Not this time though. We're clueless, because as of this date the Movie Committee has not selected the movies. We can say on Jan 4 it will probably be something serious and edifying, while Jan 18 will be fun and frothy. If you must know, contact Reason Center (see below) – they'll tell you, then you can tell the world.

It is an informal, picnic-style family event. The venue has a huge silver screen and dynamic sound system. Chairs too, but these may be a bit uncomfortable for a two-hour sit, so it's OK to bring blankets, pillows, lawn chairs and your own snacks & beverage, non-alcoholic please. RC often provides fluffy, buttery theatre popcorn. Children are welcome if they're cool children – and if you judge the movie appropriate for them.

Movie Nights are especially for Reason Center members, but non-members are welcome too. RC *may* beg a small donation to cover costs. How can you become a member? Sign up at <http://reasoncenter.com/donate/>. Membership is a measly \$5 a month, is tax deductible if you itemize, and the perks (like this one) will keep you entertained.

**Contact:** Reason Center, ph. 916-426-6416, or email <reasoncenter (at) gmail (dot) com>.

**Location:** Reason Center, 1824 Tribute Rd, Suite A, Sacramento. Map: <https://goo.gl/iVQL8z>.

*Free Movie Nights occur on two Friday evenings each month. Suggest your own fave film for next time!*



### ➤ Highway Cleanup

**Saturday, Jan 5, 2019, 9am - 11am**

In July 1995, AOF "adopted" two miles of Highway 99, from Elkhorn Blvd to Elverta Road. Since then local freethinkers have kept it clean of litter and debris, and received recognition for our work. In fact, it is one of our more successful civic efforts, proving that we can also serve the community.

So, join us! Enjoy a morning commune with nature; do a good deed for the environment and local area wildlife. The refuse that we collect would otherwise ultimately be swept by the rain into tributaries and into the ocean, degrading habitat, and leading to a slow death for many sea creatures.

As usual, the stalwart activity captain will provide all safety equipment, including comfortable, natty hard-hats and gloves, stylish safety vests, collection bags, and handy trash pickers. The clean-up takes a scant two hours. Please dress for the season. It may be wise to bring a backpack or fanny-pack to carry 3 or 4 trash bags.

**Contact:** Ph. 916-447-2169 (Don Knutson), or see <http://www.aofonline.org/contact.html>.

**Location:** Caltrans Park-&-Ride lot, W. Elkhorn Blvd. Map: <https://goo.gl/maps/zw3Rwct9yR52>.

(Travel north from Sacramento on I-5, past the old Sleep Train Arena. Take the "Highway 99 - Yuba City, Marysville" exit. Exit at Elkhorn Boulevard less than a mile north. Turn left, cross the overpass; the park-&-ride lot will be on your left.)

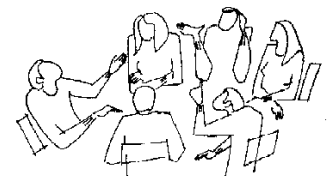
*Note: It is a great event for older children, but please leave smalls safe at home.*



### ➤ Board of Directors Meeting

**Tuesday, Jan 8, 2019, 7pm – 9pm**

It's an AOF planning meeting for Directors & officers, but open to *all* interested friends and members. These happen about every other month, and are more fun than this sounds. You are welcome to join us, meet the Board (including a new director!), and keep an eye on the general shenanigans.



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## ➤ Freethought Social Dinner

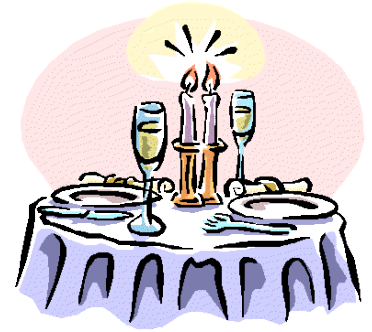
**Sunday, Jan 13, 2019, 5pm**

The Freethought Dinner Social is back! Once again this fun event has a gracious host. What is it? Simply a casual dine-out for friends and members of the local community of reason and any who wish to join us. This time the freethinkers will meet at the **Thai Farm House BBQ and Bistro** in Midtown Sacramento for fine food, good drink and sparkling conversation. (Reservations may be prudent, please ask the contact person, see below.) For the menu, see <https://thaifarmhouse.com/>.

**Location:** Thai Farm House, 1049 Broadway Ste 40, Sac, ph. 916-382-944. Map: <https://goo.gl/maps/1ydF3S6PLho>.

**Contact:** Ph. 916-457-9123, or email: "thelynnster55 (at) comcast (dot) net".

*Freethought Dinner Socials occur irregularly, very irregularly, at various Sac-area 'raunts. Family friendly, all welcome. (Don't be shy, suggest your own favourite eatery for next time!)*



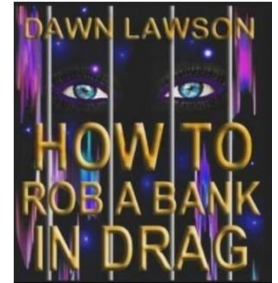
## ➤ Dawn Lawson: "How to Rob a Bank in Drag"

**Sunday, Jan 27, 2019, 1pm – 3pm**

Ooh-kay, this might light up your quirk-o-meter. But take a chance! Our speaker Dawn Lawson had a horrific childhood and horrific adolescence, yet crossed the wilderness and emerged with wit and intellect intact. Now she will share her hard-won insights as she introduces her pending memoir, *How to Rob a Bank in Drag*. Learn the source of that brilliant, teasing title; learn of her wanderings through a wounded landscape, what kept her alive, what she learned from life on the gritty side, and maybe even how to rob a bank in drag ... (not kidding, she really did rob banks!) Here is all the pith of a great drama, including an axe-wielding mom, apartment-complex adventure, dogs, ponies, youthful passion, pettiness and grandeur, rejection and acceptance at home and school, fear checked by fast thinking, good and evil people in the substream of urban life, and a bank robber stashing the cash in a full Kool-Aid pitcher. Yeah! Remember to take notes.

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**Contact:** See <http://www.aofonline.org/contact.html>.



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## ✧ ✧ Other Upcoming Events ✧ ✧

## ➤ Compassionate Humanists

**Sunday, Jan 6, 2019 10am – 12pm**

It's a group for those that value kindness and compassion in their lives, those interested in enhancing their relationships with loved ones, their communities and the larger world. They use material from the following books to guide discussions:

-- *Twelve Steps to a Compassionate Life*, by Karen Armstrong

-- *The Moral Arc: How Science and Reason Lead Humanity Toward Truth, Justice, and Freedom*, by Michael Shermer

Attendees need not have read either; the facilitator will present topics by reading excerpts or introducing points to nudge the conversation along. Compassionate Humanist meetups are thought-provoking, uplifting and educational, as well as enjoyable. Members wish to contribute to a more compassionate world. Join them!

**Location:** Roseville Labou, 1730 Santa Clara Drive, Roseville. Map: <https://goo.gl/maps/UC4975CE19P2>.

**Contact:** Ph. 916-836-5269, or email [info@compassionatehumanists.com](mailto:info@compassionatehumanists.com).

## ➤ Sunday Morning Coffee and Community

**Sunday, Jan 6, and Jan 20, 2019, 9am – 11am**

Come warm up with hot coffee, donuts and conversation with fellow freethinkers. Check out the Reason Center library, the latest secular newsletters, and legendary Marie's donuts (yum).

"C&C" is open to all, but especially Reason Center members. If you wish to become a member, sign up at <http://www.reasoncenter.org/p/donate.html>. Membership is just \$5 a month. We look forward to seeing all our RC members there!

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**Contact:** Reason Center, 916-426-6416, or email [reasoncenter@gmail.com](mailto:reasoncenter@gmail.com).

*Dec 2nd event hosted by Gary A and Allen. Dec 16th event hosted by Mynga and Nancy S.*



## ➤ Yet more events ...

Not busy enough? You make us tired. But for more secular & freethought events in the area, see the Sacramento Coalition of Reason general events calendar at <https://unitedcor.org/event-calendar-2/>.



## Reason Center needs you!

Reason Center is *your* safehouse of freethought. Since July 2014 it has hosted hundreds of events and has garnered twelve partner organizations. Its mission: to support an intellectual and social community for freethinkers, contribute to society via education and community service, advance the civic understanding and acceptance of freethinkers, and uphold a separation of religion and state.

Good work. But to continue, Reason Center needs support from members and donors. Please stand up for Reason Center; visit [ReasonCenter.org](http://ReasonCenter.org) to join or donate. You'll feel good about it.



## When you donate blood...

Blood donors save lives! See the Donation Center list at: <http://www.bloodsource.org/Locations>. (BTW, BloodSource has changed its name to Vitalant, please don't ask why.) Then if you donate, please use AOF BloodSource ID# 4857. AOF gets no perks for it, but it saves lives and shows we serve the public good. What's more humanistic than donating blood?

## Also, Support AOF!

You can support AOF without spending a dime! When you shop at Amazon.com, simply use this link: <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/68-0325762>. Prices & service will be the same, but AOF will receive a small kickback for whatever you purchase. Bookmark it; remember it; use it.

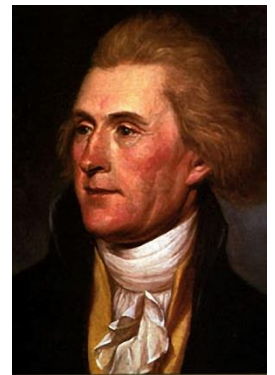


## ✧ ✧ Secular Holidays ✧ ✧

### ➤ Religious Freedom Day

**Wednesday, Jan 16, 2019**

In the truest sense, [Religious Freedom Day](#) is both a religious *and* secular holiday. It marks the anniversary of the passage of the Virginia [Statute of Religious Freedom](#), the 1786 colonial statute that disestablished the Anglican Church in Virginia and set the foundation for Separation of Church and State. Thomas Jefferson marked it as one of his greatest achievements. Among other things it declared the following:



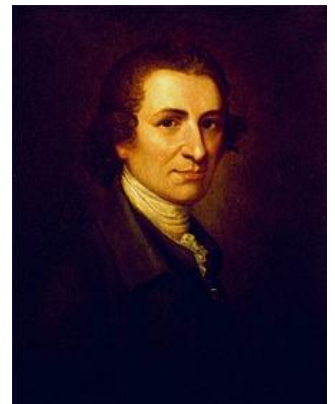
- "that to compel a man to furnish contributions of money for the propagation of opinions which he disbelieves is sinful and tyrannical,
- "that our civil rights have no dependence on our religious opinions any more than our opinions in physics or geometry,
- "that no man shall be compelled to frequent or support any religious worship, place, or ministry whatsoever, nor shall be enforced, restrained, molested, or burthened in his body or goods, nor shall otherwise suffer on account of his religious opinions or belief, but that all men shall be free to profess, and by argument to maintain, their opinions in matters of Religion, and that the same shall in no wise diminish, enlarge or affect their civil capacities."

Congress first marked Religious Freedom Day in 1993. It is a day to reflect on the hard-won separation of civic and religious life, and to refresh our resolve to inform fellow citizen about liberty of conscience in matters of faith, a liberty which must include both freedom *of* and *from* religion. Because otherwise, it is no freedom at all.

### ➤ Thomas Paine Day

**Tuesday, January 29, 2019**

**Thomas Paine Day**, also called **Freethinkers Day**, promotes appreciation of freethought through the life and works of American patriot Thomas Paine. Paine (1737-1809) was a courageous freethinker whose life and work inspired great social and political advancement across world. Raised in England, Paine played a vital role in the American and French Revolutions. His books and pamphlets, including *The Age of Reason*, *The Rights of Man*, and *Common Sense*, gained a mass audience for the liberating philosophy of the Enlightenment.



Paine came to America in 1774 at Benjamin Franklin's request. On January 10, 1776, he published [Common Sense](#), a remarkable and powerful republican pamphlet which had an immediate success. He served in the Revolutionary War under General Greene and later in official positions appointed by congress and in the Pennsylvania legislature. In his later publication, [Age of Reason](#), Paine expressed that "all religions are in their nature mild and benign" when not associated with political systems. Paine was the quintessential Deist of the 18th century.

In the 1990s, *Truth Seeker* magazine began celebrating Freethinkers Day on Thomas Paine's birthday in order to educate the public on the importance of Thomas Paine in the history of freedom. It's poetic description of the day is worthy to repeat:



This day honors Thomas Paine and is on his birthday, January 29. This is a global holiday and is simply celebrated by giving and displaying a White Rose with Thorns. The simple beauty and purity, the fragility and yet not without the danger of drawing blood by a thorn prick, makes this an excellent icon for those Freethinkers who want to reflect on Freedom and promote the ideas of personal liberty as expressed by Paine in The Declaration of Independence,

This is a holiday that celebrates the concept of Freedom by honoring the man who declared our Independence by giving us Common Sense and The Declaration. We owe a great debt of gratitude to Thomas Paine.

So, you are welcome to celebrate with us. Just remember a White Rose with Thorns.

The Thomas Paine Foundation also began celebrating the birthday of Thomas Paine on January 29th, a Thomas Paine Day proclamation on June 8 and other Paine theme events during the year.

## ➤ Gorilla Suit Day

**Thursday, January 31, 2019**

From the sublime to the ridiculous! Close after Tom Paine Day comes [National Gorilla Suit Day](#), a pseudo-holiday invented by famed Mad Magazine cartoonist [Don Martin](#). An effluvium of controversy continues to surround this celebration: to some it is a blatant conspiracy of gorilla suit manufacturers to promote their wares, to others it is one of America's more important and venerable holidays. The origins lie in a 1963 comic strip. Don Martin aficionados evolved the tradition that "NGSD" falls on the last day of January each year.



Whatever your opinion of NGSD, few deny the cartooning genius of Don Martin. Art historian Charles Taylor described Martin's unique style of art and wit:

His people are big-nosed schmoes with sleepy eyes, puffs of wiry hair, and what appear to be life preservers under the waistline of their clothes. Their hands make delicate little mincing gestures and their strangely thin, elongated feet take a 90-degree turn at the toes as they step forward. Whether they're average Joes or headhunters, Martin's people share the same physique: a tottering tower of obloids. Martin puts the bodies of these characters through every kind of permutation, treating them as much like gadgets as the squirting flowers and joy buzzers that populate his gags: glass eyes pop out from a pat on the back; heads are steamrolled into manhole-cover shapes. All of this accompanied by a Dadaist panoply of sound effects found nowhere else: *shtoink! shklorp! fwoba-dap!* It's unlikely Samuel Beckett was aware of Don Martin, but had he been he might have recognized a kindred spirit.



## Meet AOF's New Board Member

Last month's election results are in, and AOF has a new Director at Large! Former president of the Yuba Community College Secular Student Association and current leader of the CSUS Secular Student Alliance, Kaeleigh Pontif is a relatively new AOF member with boundless energy and an established track-record of leadership. Her biography says: "I was born and raised in Houma, Louisiana. As you can imagine, growing up in the southern bible belt has a certain set of challenges. The south takes cultural preservation very seriously, despite how archaic some of the traditions may

be. ... I graduated from H.L. Bourgeois High School in 2011, and moved to Marysville, California in 2013." Kaeleigh now studies Environmental Science at Sacramento State University, and is enthusiastic about helping AOF grow.

## FFRF Holiday Display at the California Capitol

Once again, the Greater Sacramento Chapter of the Freedom From Religion Foundation (FFRF) raised a Capitol "nativity" depicting three Founding Fathers and the Statue of Liberty gazing at a "baby" Bill of Rights. A sign read: "At this Season of the Winter Solstice, join us in honoring the Bill of Rights, adopted on December 15, 1791, which reminds us there can be no religious freedom without the freedom to dissent." It ends: "Keep religion and government separate!" The nativity artist was Jacob Fortin.

FFRF raised the display as a response to a Christian nativity that went up again in Dec 2018, placed by the religion-promoting Thomas More Society. The display showcased the freethought perspective from Dec. 17 to Dec. 27.

"It is not cool to have such religious pageantry in the heart of state government," says FFRF Co-President Dan Barker. "If blatantly devotional exhibitionism is allowed in, there must be 'room at the inn' for our irreverence and freethought."

Kudos to the Greater Sacramento Chapter of FFRF, for helping bring a secular viewpoint before the residents of the Golden State.

The Freedom From Religion Foundation (<https://ffrf.org/>) is a national nonprofit organization with more than 31,000 members and several chapters across the country, including over 3,900 California members. Its mission is to protect the constitutional principle of separation between church and state, and to educate the public on matters relating to nontheism.



### Not yet an AOF member? Please join us!

**Atheists and Other Freethinkers** is a 501(c)(3) non-profit association, FEIN 68-0325762, incorporated in 1993. Meetings are free and open to the public. AOF also hosts civic service projects, dinners, movies and parties! See what awaits you at [www.aofonline.org](http://www.aofonline.org).

AOF President & Editor: Fantastic Fran Evanisko  
Vice-president: Marvelous Mynga Futrell  
Secretary: Capable Christine Tweet  
Treasurer & Registrar: Kinetic Ken Nahigian  
Webmistress: Palpable Pat Kelley  
Directors at large:

Dave Flanders, Roger Zabkie, Pamella Rivera,  
Linda Ostrofsky (Jetta), Kaeleigh Pontif  
... And the rest of the motley team.

#### How to Contact AOF:

- Call 916-304-3796 (voicemail)
  - Or write to PO Box 15182, Sacramento, CA 95851-0182
- Or visit <http://www.aofonline.org/contact> to e-message us

#### How to Join AOF:

Visit <http://www.aofonline.org/join>, or come to a meeting. We have forms.

#### AOF's Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Atheists-and-Other-Freethinkers/533365556831322>

AOF is affiliated with the Alliance of Secular Humanist Societies (ASHS), Atheist Alliance of America (AAA), American Atheists (AA), American Humanist Association (AHA) and the Sacramento Coalition of Reason (SCoR).

#### AOF Mission Statement:

"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."

*What is a Freethinker?* One striving to form opinions of life, religion, politics and philosophy on the grounds of reason and experience, rather than tradition, authority or custom. He or she need not be an atheist, though in a religious society most atheists do tend to be freethinkers.

AOF supports a benign separation of Church and State as the best means to protect the liberty and intellectual commerce of citizens. "... to keep forever from these shores the ceaseless strife that has soaked the soil of Europe in blood for centuries" (James Madison, 1803).

Our vision: to be a venue where freethinkers and unchurched citizens can socialize, dialog, develop friendships and enjoy shared company. AOF does not discriminate on such grounds as race, sexual orientation, age, gender, class, physical debility or (\*cough\*) religion. We welcome the fair-minded of all political persuasions and preferences. Any who will treat others with respect and dignity may join.

Donations to AOF are tax deductible, and the newsletter is free by email. Please share with sympathetic friends.

Letters, submissions? We love them! See:

<http://www.aofonline.org/read/submission-guide.html>.

**A Reddit anecdote (<https://www.reddit.com>) by user Picardy\_3, pub. 14 Dec 2018**  
(slightly edited for space, see [here](#) for original).

As a professional violinist, I perform with various theaters, orchestras, and pro acts. Churches hire me quite a bit on Christmas and Easter. Mega-churches in Southern California are a gold mine – tons of money to spend on flashy electronics and amplified violins.

A few Easters ago, I was hired to be in the worship band. I am not a follower of these churches, but as a freelance musician I keep my mouth shut and act professional. This was one of those "under a huge tent" event where thousands of people showed up. After calls, tons of crying, tons of feeling like you are worthless without Jesus. The messages are totally scripted, and honestly, after many many years of being part of this organization, it was starting to grate on me.

In between one of the many services, a couple of 'prayer warriors' comes to the backstage area totally frantic. *"Does anyone speak Japanese?!?!?"* I am 100% fluent in Japanese. I grew up in the States but I spoke it at home with my parents. I slowly raise my hand, more for the sake of curiosity, and they whisk me away. I felt kinda gross at this point bc the other Prayer Warriors (PW) are surrounding me clapping and praying out loud. It was cringey to say the least.

We stop running and I am face to face with two very meek looking Japanese teenage girls. They are obviously totally freaked out. I immediately start speaking to them, asking them how they are, names, etc. Basic introductory stuff. They were relieved that a Japanese woman came to their rescue! The aggressive PWs then tell me that these girls are *"Ready to receive Christ as their Saviour!"* One look and I knew that wasn't true. I asked them if they knew why they were here and they responded with *"We were told this was going to be a going away picnic for us!"* I asked them if they knew what Easter was and they had no clue. They were going back to Japan in a few days and they were completely confused bc they didn't know any of these people. They got roped into it bc their host family was one of the PWs.

The PWs were pushing me hard to translate the prayer to receive Christ forever. It was then I made a decision. They were asking me who these people are and after I told them this was a crazy church, they got even more scared. This is the conversation that went down:

PW: "I accept Jesus as my one and only savior. Please translate that."

Me: "Just keep looking down, I'll help you through this."

PW: "You have died for my sins and rose from the dead. I am nothing without you. Please translate that."

Me: "They will give you a bunch of books. Hang on to them, otherwise they'll be giving you more."

PW: "I invite Christ to guide me and (I don't remember the rest really...blah blah)."

Me: "Don't answer me but I think you said you go back to Japan on Tuesday. Just hang in there. These people won't hurt you, they are just a little weird."

PW: *"fjdklafudisalgndjiaofudsklfjdkaldajkfduiao Jesus jdfkslajfdkslajfdksla, Amen"*

Me: "We are about to end this - on my cue, just say Amen ... ok now:

Girls: "Ah-men"

Tons of clapping, tons of crying. These girls hugged me and thanked me. I never saw them after that. I know they were pretty much stuck all day bc their host families were there all day.



Thanks to [explosm.net](#)



## Other Groups of Interest

**Reason Center**, a freethought venue and safehouse for all.  
1824 Tribute Rd, Suite A, Sacramento; ph. 916-426-6416  
Email [reasoncenter@gmail.com](mailto:reasoncenter@gmail.com); <https://reasoncenter.org/>,  
<https://www.facebook.com/reasoncenter/>

### United Coalition of Reason Sacramento (SacCoR)

A group of all the groups.  
Ph. 916-572-7020 or email [sacramentocor@gmail.com](mailto:sacramentocor@gmail.com)  
<https://unitedcor.org/coalition-of-reason/sacramento-area/>

**Humanist Association of the Greater Sacramento Area**  
Meets 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday most months at Reason Center.  
POB 216223, Sacramento, 95821-8223; ph. 916-514-9974  
<http://hagsa.org/>; email [president@hagsa.org](mailto:president@hagsa.org)

### Sunday Assembly Sacramento

Church alternative, each 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday at Reason Center.  
<http://sacramento.sundayassembly.com/>,  
<https://www.facebook.com/SundayAssemblySacramento> or  
<https://www.meetup.com/Sunday-Assembly-Sacramento/>  
Email [david@LodiUnited.org](mailto:david@LodiUnited.org)

### Compassionate Humanists

Meets 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday each month in Roseville.  
PO Box 769, Newcastle, 95658; ph. 916-836-5269  
<https://compassionatehumanists.com/discussion-groups/roseville/> or <https://www.meetup.com/Compassionate-Humanists/>; email [info@compassionatehumanists.com](mailto:info@compassionatehumanists.com)

### Think Atheist of Sacramento

A social network and discussion group.  
<http://www.thinkatheist.com/group/sacramentocalifatheists>

### Americans United chapter in Sacramento (AU-Sac)

Church/State Separation and issue advocacy.  
P.O Box 163418, Sacramento CA 95816; ph 916-684-4730  
<http://www.au-sac.org/>; email [president@au-sac.org](mailto:president@au-sac.org)

### Central Valley Alliance of Atheists and Skeptics (CVAAS)

438 E. Shaw Ave #221, Fresno, 93710, ph. 559-335-3228  
<http://www.cvaas.org/> or <https://www.meetup.com/Fresno-cvaas/events/>; email [info@cvaas.org](mailto:info@cvaas.org)

### Sacto Atheist-Agnostic Gatherings & Events (SAAGE) †

Online social group (Yahoo ID required).  
<https://groups.yahoo.com/neo/groups/SAAGE/info> or  
<https://groups.yahoo.com/neo/groups/SEINE/info>

### First Atheist Church of True Science (FACTS)

PO Box 233345, Sacramento, 95823; ph. 707-739-6837  
<http://www.factschurch.com/>; email [factschurch@gmail.com](mailto:factschurch@gmail.com)

### Sacramento Area Skeptics (SAS)

Meets monthly for critical thinking, science advocacy, beer!  
<https://www.meetup.com/sacskeptics/> or  
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/sacskeptics/>  
Email [sacskeptics@gmail.com](mailto:sacskeptics@gmail.com) or [sbaker81@comcast.net](mailto:sbaker81@comcast.net)

### Greater Sacramento FFRF Chapter

Church/State watchdog, secular advocacy.  
<http://sac.ffrf.org/>; email [sacffrf@gmail.com](mailto:sacffrf@gmail.com)

### Sacramento Freethinkers, Atheists and Nonbelievers

<https://www.meetup.com/SacFAN/> or  
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/SacFAN/>

### Sacramento Brights Action Meetup

<https://www.meetup.com/Brights-Action-Sacramento/>  
Email [the-brights@the-brights.net](mailto:the-brights@the-brights.net)

### Black Humanists and Non-Believers of Sacramento

Multiple meetings each month, breakfast parties, outreach!  
<https://www.facebook.com/blackhumanistsofsacramento> or  
<https://www.meetup.com/bhnb-sacramento/>  
Email [BlackHumanistsNonBelievers@gmail.com](mailto:BlackHumanistsNonBelievers@gmail.com)

### Sacramento Area Multi-Belief Discussion Meetup

Meets monthly each 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday in Roseville.  
<https://www.meetup.com/Sacramento-Area-Multi-Belief-Discussion-Meetup/members/>

### Stockton Area Atheists and Freethinkers (SAAF)

Ph. 209-610-0651 or email [david@LodiUnited.org](mailto:david@LodiUnited.org)  
<http://www.stocktonaaf.org/> or  
<https://www.meetup.com/StocktonAtheists/>

### UC Davis Agnostic & Atheist Student Assoc (AgASA)

Secular student association.  
457 MU Bldg, One Shields Avenue, Davis, CA 95616  
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/DavisAgASA/>  
Email [davis@secularstudents.org](mailto:davis@secularstudents.org) or [agasadavis@gmail.com](mailto:agasadavis@gmail.com)

### CSUS Secular Student Alliance

Secular student association.  
<https://www.facebook.com/SacStateSSA/> or  
<https://sacstatessa.wordpress.com/>  
Email [csus@secularstudents.org](mailto:csus@secularstudents.org)

### Sacramento City College Freethinkers

Secular student association, meets each Tuesday.  
<https://www.facebook.com/SSAatSCC/>  
Email [SacCityFreethinkers@gmail.com](mailto:SacCityFreethinkers@gmail.com) or  
[secularstudentsaccity@gmail.com](mailto:secularstudentsaccity@gmail.com)

### Sierra College Secular Student Alliance

5100 Sierra College Blvd, Rocklin, CA 95677  
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### Yuba Community College Freethinkers †

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— Terry Pratchett, *Men at Arms*