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AOF June General Meeting Members Make the Difference: Sunday, June 8, 1:30—4:00 PM



Our next meeting is all about you: the members, the volunteers, the officers and workers who planted the seed of AOF, and kept it going for fifteen years.

On Sunday, June 8, we will continue our birthday party with the AOF Member Appreciation and Celebration. This will be your party, your chance to take a bow, and most of all, an opportunity to share your ideas.

We invite you now to make a true difference within the Sacramento-area Community of Freethought. AOF will honor and celebrate many unsung heroes, and also open a dialog about practical issues at the heart of helping this organization flourish for another fifteen years.

Brainstorm. Dust off your visions and suggestions. Be ready to share. What do you like most about AOF? What are your key grievances? What have been our best and

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Dr. G. Vijayam of India Atheist Centre To Spend June 19-22 in Sacramento By Nancy Gilbert

Sacramento will be lucky to have a visit by **internationally known Humanist and Indian Social Reformer, Dr G. Vijayam, of The Atheist Centre (A.C.) in Vijayawada, India.**

He will be in the US for the annual World Humanist Congress in Wash., D.C., and is being sponsored by AOF to come to Sacramento, JUNE 19-22. SEE CALENDAR at the left.

You will have three planned events to interact with him. First, on Saturday, June 21, a luncheon in the Fahs Room at the Unitarian Universalist Society of Sacramento (UUSS, 2425 Sierra Boulevard) from 11—1 PM. The luncheon will feature

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Appreciation and Recognition of AOF's Voluntary President's Message

By Paul Storey

An atheist organization that puts out a newsletter, a website, and monthly meetings with good speakers concerning issues relevant to our thinking, our society and the world we live in does not happen in a vacuum. It takes time and effort by people who are aware of what is going on around us to plan and coordinate the events, arrange the speakers and the facilities, pay for them, design, print and mail the announcements, the setup before and cleanup after the events, the sound system, the videos, the financial accounting and overall keeping the organization running, and everybody happy. Special events like Darwin Day with nationally known speakers, Freethought Day with bands, tables and a host of speakers, Solstice Celebrations with music and entertainment, Flying Spaghetti Monster Party with other organizations, all take extra time and resources. But these are the things that make us what we are - a community of like minded people who enjoy the camaraderie of interacting with others who share our points of view.

The way I look at it is: I have a couple of hours a week that I can spend on my important causes. More than I can—I want—to contribute a couple of hours a week, to support the organizations that stand for the ideals I feel are most important in society. Also, I like to be in-

involved with local organizations so we can get together face to face at least a few hours a month.

That's where AOF comes in. Some of the best information I have gained about politics being influenced by religion, separation of church and state, the history and originations of religion, battles of evolution versus intelligent design, government funding religious institutions, have been in AOF meetings. These issues are close to my heart and have increased my understanding and helped to shape my outlook in many areas of life, and given me information to see the trends going on around us, which gives myself and all of us in AOF the basis to extrapolate these trends into the future. The people within driving range of where I live, who I can identify with the most, and share the deepest core values, participate in AOF and our sister organizations.

So it is time to thank the people who have made our organization happen. We take this month's meeting to do that. We would also like to encourage people who share our outlook and value the events we put together in Sacramento to join with us in keeping these activities available and our atheist and freethought community flourishing in our area.

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

SATURDAY, June 7 AOF Adopt-A-Highway Event—Please Help

The AOF board encourages all AOFers to help make every day Earth Day—as an organization, we do our part by keeping two miles of roadway pristine for the animals and people living nearby.

To shake things up a bit, our next event falls on a SATURDAY, June 7, from 8—10 AM. We meet at the Park and Ride lot on Elkhorn Boulevard at Highway 99, where all necessary materials (provided by Caltrans) are distributed. For complete details, please see the web site (<http://aofonline.org>) or call AOF at 916-447-3589.

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We welcome additional involvement from AOF members. Right now we need volunteers to perform very small tasks at our meetings. Just phone the voice mail at **447-3589** if you can help us out. Or, send an e-mail to us at aofboard@aofonline.org

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CoExist Comedy Tour, Film, Sunday, July 13, 1:30—4 PM

AOF July General Meeting

By Kevin Schultz

July features the comedy team of Keith Lowell Jensen and John Ross, two members of the CoExist Comedy Tour. Keith will also show a few excerpts of his recent feature film, *Why Lie I Need A Drink*, an exploration of homelessness and panhandling from a first-person perspective. Keith's bio, from the CoExist Comedy Tour web site:

"When not on stage performing comedy, Keith likes to panhandle dressed as a banana (or a mime, mummy, what have you) resulting in the recently released documentary film, *Why Lie, I Need A Drink*.

Oh Holy Day, a book of short stories authored by Keith was released in 2006 just in time for Christmas, because everyone needs presents, even filthy rotten atheists. Two new books are in the works. *The Atheist's Survival Guide*, and *Truly, Awful, Stuff* (based on his popular website www.TrulyAwfulStuff.com.)

Keith was born Catholic. At age 12 he was "born again" and became a passionate Southern California style liberal Christian. At age 16 he let go of faith completely and has identified as an agnostic atheist ever since. He is probably the

preachiest atheist you'd ever want to meet."

John's bio, also from the CoExist Comedy Tour web site:

"Armed with only an Omni-chord and a microphone, Ross takes the tragic trials of his own life and transforms them into a peculiar, yet genuine presentation,

Although being the first methadone-addicted child born in the great state of California, Ross' successes reach far beyond the drug-addicted womb of his now late mother.

Before entering the realm of stand-up comedy John embarked on three U.S. tours with two separate musical acts, Anguish Unsaid and Like David. Ross played guitar for both bands, selling over 30,000 units through Santa Cruz based Christian indie record label, Bettie Rocket Records."

The CoExist Comedy Tour currently plays at the Tour's current appearance at the Geery Theater in Sacramento, 2130 L Street, May 30 - Jun 21.

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worst moments? Is AOF going in the right direction or the wrong? How can we best grow this group? What should we trim, what should we add?

In particular, how can we help you be more a part of our community? Could you, for example, participate and contribute by – helping with special projects? finding speakers? planning regular meetings? doing research? being on an "AOF Action Team"?

Your participation is vital to AOF, your enthusiasm inspires it, your time and devotion create it. It is about you. Stand up and shout!

Calendar of Events for Sacramento Community Freethinkers



<http://sacportal.humanists.net/calendar>

Subscribe to all the local happenings online!

Atheists and Other Freethinkers



AOF is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit educational organization. It is one of 50 member societies of the **Atheist Alliance International** ("a positive voice for atheism"). AOF

also maintains affiliations with the Council for Secular Humanism, American Atheists, and the American Humanist Association.

AOF's Statement of Purpose

The purpose of the association, Atheists and Other Freethinkers, is to promote the civic understanding and acceptance of atheism in our community. To accomplish this purpose, AOF will, through educational programs, projects, and publications, extend atheistic perspectives concerning the separation of church and state and the right to think and speak freely on these perspectives.

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Historical Figures Series

The Pyramidologists

By Ken Nahigian

We are the pattern-seers, the dream-chasers. We see castles in clouds and omens in our tea. Why not? Imagine a primitive human, mistaking a shrub for a leopard—he might detour to avoid it, be inconvenienced, and live to have children. But what of one mistaking a leopard for a shrub? He is food. So it was the pattern-seers who made the next generation and the next. The need for patterns and meaning sank into our bones, became a hunger, deep as sex, dark as sleep.

Today we have learned to spin meaning from dreams and cobwebs. And when others fail to see it, how we weep, how we rage!

Scottish astronomer Charles Piazzi Smyth (1819-1900) was a pattern-seer. When archeologists dug up a casing-stone of the Great Pyramid, Smyth realized that $1/25$ of its length was also one ten-millionth of the Earth's polar radius, as then estimated. Clearly this suggested a special unit, a "pyramid inch," for measuring all aspects of the pyramid. Applying it, Smyth found other numeric coincidences—in fact, found it was a calendar of the past and future, tallying events from the world's beginning (4004 BC) until its end (soon!). All in all, it was a splendid discovery—until we uncovered more casing-stones, and each was a different size.

Smyth's several proposed dates for Armageddon, from 1882 to 1911, all failed. This did not deter others, who still saw secrets within Giza's Pyramid. As the world's tallest building before the Eiffel Tower, surely it was more than a mere outlandish coffin. Charles Taze Russell, founder of the Watchtower Society (the Jehovah's Witnesses), absorbed Smyth's pyramidal theories, as well as his obsession with end-times prophecy. And they both had a respected predecessor: John Taylor, a London publisher (1781-1864), who never visited the Pyramid, but studied it most of his

life, to conclude it was built under divine instruction by Noah himself.

In the smoky halls of pseudoarcheology, the pyramids nearly rival Atlantis. A common idea is that pyramidal dimensions are occultly significant, or hide an encoded message. Dividing them, John Taylor found that the numbers pi and phi (the Golden Ratio, ≈ 1.61803) turned up far too often for coincidence (he didn't think how centuries of erosion had altered those dimensions). Not to be outdone, Charles Smyth teased complex meaning from the number of stones lining the Great



Charles Piazzi Smyth (1819-1900)

Pyramid's inner chambers, the shape and volume of the stone coffer in the King's Chamber, the weight and density of the coffer, the courses of masonry between chambers, the pyramid's faces and angles, its location, its orientation—and much, much else.

They held dim candles to other pyramid-cranks. Since the mid-19th century, gurus and cult leaders have clouded the Great Pyramid like midges around a street lamp. Theosophist Helena Blavatsky floridly called it "the everlasting record and indestructible symbol of the Mysteries and Initiations on Earth." In 1927, structural engineer David Davidson studied the

Pyramid, declaring "the whole empirical basis of civilization is a makeshift collection of hypotheses compared with the Natural Law basis of that civilization of the past." Aleister Crowley, the infamous Black Magician, claimed to spend his honeymoon within Giza's Pyramid, in the King's chamber, bathed in a supernatural light. (He also complained that the stone floor made it hard to sleep.)

Isaac Newton studied it too—not as an occult key, but a yardstick to measure the size of the earth. "Pyramidologists" (Smyth invented the word) will remind us of this, as it lends a certain cachet and respectability.

Of all the lot, the most well-known, the most notorious, is Eric von Däniken, a former Swiss hotel manager, and author of *Chariots of the Gods* and about two dozen follow-ups. Däniken milks the pyramids and other artifacts for proof of "ancient astronauts," alien visitors meddling in our history. He has a knack for it: a glib, cheerful style, a viral enthusiasm that rubs off on readers like powder from a moth's wings, and a conspiratorial wink. We know better than those university pundits, don't we? In 1974, when he admitted in a *Playboy* interview that he fudged or distorted at least some of his evidence, his popularity barely flagged. After all, he was having fun— isn't that what matters? In answer to that, critics stand speechless.

No doubt of it, pyramidologists will continue to find meaning in Giza's structure: foreshadows of America, the First World War, Hitler's rise, Armageddon and more—not to mention those ancient astronauts. Never mind that only after-the-fact predictions seem to work out. We can laugh at, but admire too, the simple, contagious joy of a child seeing castles in the clouds. It is the pollen of imagination. And it is a tribute to that first primitive human, who saw something in the road, and decided to take another way home.

Beat the Sacramento Heat

Summer Potlucks—AOF Members Invited

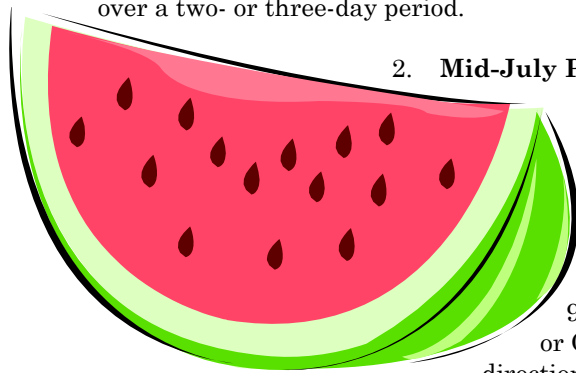
By Kevin Schultz

In lieu of summer meetings, HAGSA holds four potluck socials, inviting AOFers to attend.

1. **Summer Solstice Potluck, Sunday, June 22, 3:00 PM.** This year's Summer Solstice event will be at **Mike Newdow's house** at 7660 El Douro Drive, Sacramento, 95831. As usual, we consider it to be a joint event at which members of AOF are equally welcome. Also welcome are USS and AgASA members and friends of HAGSA, AOF, USS, and AgASA.

Those attending the event will have a chance to meet **Dr. G. Vijayam**, of the Atheist Centre in Vijayawada, Andhra Pradesh, India. In early June, Dr. Vijayam is attending the event in Washington, DC, combining the World Congress of the International Humanist and Ethical Union and the Annual Meeting of the American Humanist Association. In addition to attending the Potluck, he is expected to speak at one or more events in the Sacramento area

over a two- or three-day period.



2. **Mid-July Potluck, Sunday, July 13, 3:00 PM.** Location to be announced.

3. **Early August Potluck, Sunday, August 3, 3:00 PM.** This will be held at the home of Wayne and Gloria Luney. In addition to HAGSA members, friends of HAGSA, including members of AOF, will be most welcome.

The Luney residence is at 8331 Marina Greens Way, Sacramento 95826. If this will be your first visit to their house, you can call Wayne or Gloria at 916-383-9393 or (preferably) click below to create driving directions. Please call, anyway, to let them know if you'll be going.

4. **Late-August Potluck, Sunday, August 24, 3:00 PM.** As he was last year, Brian Jones will be the host for this one, which will be at his house in Davis. In addition to HAGSA members, friends of HAGSA, including members of AOF and AgASA, will be most welcome. Brian lives at 44669 S. El Macero Drive, El Macero (Davis) 95618. If this will be your first visit to his house, you can call him at 916 765-5987 or (preferably) click below to create driving directions. Please call, anyway, to let him know if you'll be going.

June & July Regional and National Events

Plan a hot start to your summer:

- June 5-8: Combined into one—the **American Humanist Association (AHA)** convenes their **67th Annual Conference**; the **International Humanist and Ethical Union (IHEU)** convenes their **17th World Humanist Conference**; the **IHEYO** hosts their **5th International Youth Conference**; and the **Secular Student Alliance (SSA)** hosts their **8th Annual National Conference**. **Washington, D.C.** Complete info: <http://americanhumanist.org/conference/>.
- June 9: **Lobby Day, hosted by the Secular Coalition for America**. **Washington, D.C.** http://www.secular.org/lobby_day_2008.html
- June 19-22: **The Amazing Meeting 6 Conference (James Randi Educational Foundation)**. **Las Vegas**. <http://www.randi.org/joom/registrationpro/index.php>
- June 25-29: **Unitarian Universalist Association General Assembly**. **Fort Lauderdale, FL**. generalassembly@uua.org.
- June 27-29: **Inaugural California Family Free-thought Campout**. **Lake Isabella, Kern County**. <http://www.bakersfieldlife.com/home/Blog/davesalyers/24101> (also see page seven for write-up).
- July 13-19: **Camp Quest West 2008**. **Lake Vera, Nevada**. <http://west.camp-quest.org/>

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Sharing and Caring Info About Our Members AOF Family News

Community Events of Interest

- Congratulations to Cleo Fellers Kocol, who writes:

“It gives me pleasure to report that my poem (accepted in competition) has been published in the book, RIFFING ON STRINGS by Scribelus Press and will be in the bookstores June 1. RIFFING ON STRINGS is based on physics’ string theory. With that theme, the essays, stories, plays, and poetry show how string theory can influence culture as well as science. One of the leading physicists in the field, Michio Kaku of the City University of New York has a scientific article, as does Kristine Larsen, Professor of Physics and Astronomy at Central Connecticut State University. Brenda Hillman, recipient

of the William Carlos Williams prize for poetry, is in the volume. Also included is Colette Inez who has been the recipient of Guggenheim, Rockefeller, and two NEA fellowships. Other writers are equally illustrious, and needless to say, I’m thrilled to be among such a group. The book sells for \$20 in Barnes and Noble, etc., but I have a few copies that I can sell at \$15 each w h o l e s a l e .

Also, it felt very good to have the editor of The Humanist magazine invite me to send them a poem for the July/August issue. The magazine is available in most bookstores and many libraries.”

- Also, congratulations to Ken Nahigian—the American Humanist Association’s magazine *The Humanist* printed his short piece “Objectivity” in the May-June 2008 issue.

- **Humanist Association of the Greater Sacramento Area (HAGSA), Friday, June 6, 7-9PM and Sunday, June 22, 3-5 PM:** More info: <http://hagsa.org>
- **Humanists of Sun City, June 1, 1PM:** Topic to be announced. More info: healthphys@aol.com.
- **Atheist Meetup Movie Event: "Expelled", Sunday, May 4, 3-5PM.** 1664 Woodleaf Cir, Roseville. Please RSVP: 916-543-4788
- **First Amendmist Church of True Science (FACTS), June 1, 7-9PM:** General Meeting. Home of AOF board member Bev Church, 120 Eastbrook Circle, Sacramento. More info: <http://restorethepledge.com/FACTS/>
- **Sacramento Valley Astronomical Society, Friday, June 20, 8-10PM.** Topic to be announced. More info: <http://www.svas.org>
- **Atheist Meetup 2nd Saturday Art Walk, June 14, 6-8PM; and June Meeting, June 17, 6 PM.** More info: <http://atheists.meetup.com/637>
- **Sacramento Organization for Rational Thinking (SORT), Tuesday, June 24, 7:30-9PM.** Topic to be announced. More info: <http://home.surewest.net/kitray/>

Do you have any info that you'd like to share with the AOF membership?

Please submit items to:

newsletter@aofonline.org and specify in the e-mail that you'd like to announce the information in the *Family News* section. **Thanks!**

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vegetarian pizza, for a donation. Come meet him; he wants to meet local Free-Thought community.

Second, on Sunday, June 22, from 1—2:30 PM, Dr. Vijayam will present at the UUSS Forum at from 1:00—2:30 PM. Finally, Dr. Vijayam plans to attend the HAGSA summer solstice potluck (at the home of Michael Newdow) as a guest later that afternoon. The potluck runs from 3—6 PM.

In addition, we may have additional dinner get-togethers and jointly show him around the town, He wants to meet local Free-Thinkers. DO let us know if you are interested in joining these opportunities to meet him, and if you will help with his stay in any way. Contact AOF Voice-mail at 447 3589, or 974 7922, if you wish to be so notified, or for itinerary updates.

Dr Vijayam is Exec. Dir. of The A.C. in Vijayawada, India. He has spoken and written widely and notably. His bio and breadth are impressive. He has a Ph.D. in Political Science from Andhra University where he received awards in social sciences. He holds the highest degree in Hindi from Dakshin Bharat Hindi Prachar Sabha, Madras.

He has been Director of Research at Gandhi Peace Foundation, New Delhi, for 5 yrs, and is still a member of their Governing Body.

His father, Gora, founded The Atheist Centre in 1940. He specifically wanted to maintain the "Atheist" title and work for Secularity in government and culture, in order to counter the negative and sometimes cruel aspects of theism, with truth-based programs fighting superstition, sexism, and blind fatalistic beliefs.

Gora worked with Gandhi in the liberation of India and quotes Gandhi as saying "I can neither say my theism is right nor your atheism is wrong. We are seekers after truth." According to Lavanam, another son of Gora, "Gandhi was echoing the Indian tradition of accepting atheism as a path to seeking truth".

Dr V's family has run this unique and successful organization for over 60 yrs. The A.C. has been successfully engaged in broad range of Social Reform. It has been called "The Crown Jewel of Atheism".

It has especially worked for cultural and legislative changes for the eradication of the Untouchable Caste, and customs such as "devadasi" (killing or induced suicides of widows or deserted women). Its Secular Social Work has included humane assistance, governmental and social reform in many areas, including economic equality and women's independence. The Centre has Science Exhibits, promotes environmental consciousness, runs an Association for Economic Equality, sponsors Medical camps, runs a working women's hostel and women's shelter. It provides education programs, such as adult literacy, health awareness, sex education, and family planning, encouraging a small family norm, and environmental awareness.

The A.C. was given the International Humanist Award at the World Humanist Congress held in Oslo in 1986. Discover this amazing social institution and its wonderful work at <http://atheistcentre.in> or <http://positiveatheism.org/india/lavintro.htm>

Newsletter Submissions

Submit your newsletter items to the N&V submissions editor at this e-mail address:

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Preference is given to material in a PC-compatible word processing format such as *Word*, *Wordpad*, or *Notepad*. (To submit, attach your file to the e-mail and send.)

AOF also welcomes succinct and substantive letters to the editor. Note: All letters are prioritized by AOF's publishing criteria deriving from the organization's Statement of Purpose.

California Family Freethought Campout June 27-29, 2008

You are invited to attend the **first Freethought Family Campout for California** on the dates of **June 27-29, 2008, at Lake Isabella in Kern County in California**. The Campout will be open to freethinker adults and families, including humanists, atheists, agnostics, ignostics, skeptics, naturalists, naturalistic pantheists, and so forth.

You can come just to relax and socialize with other nature oriented folks, or participate in some of the volunteer run activities such as hikes, crafts for kids and adults, drum circle, geocaching, and astronomy. There is a local Audubon Society sanctuary close to Lake Isabella for bird watching and wildlife viewing and multiple forms of camping and lodging options in the area.

This is a no-cost event other than your own self-arrangements for food and lodging.

Complete info: <http://www.bakersfieldlife.com/home/Blog/davesalyers/24101>

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June Calendar of Events

June Movie Night Friday, June 13, 7:00—9:00 PM

June General Meeting Saturday, June 8, 1:30—4:00 PM

AOF Adopt-A-Highway Event—Volunteers Needed **SATURDAY**, June 7, 8:00—10:00 AM

Dr. Vijayam Luncheon, Fahs Room, UUSS (page 1) Saturday, June 21, 11:00—1:00 PM

Dr. Vijayam Talk, UUSS Forum (page 1) Sunday, June 22, 1:00—2:30 PM

Dr. Vijayam @ HAGSA Summer Solstice Potluck (page 1) Sunday, June 22, 3:00—6:00 PM

Davis Community Meals Event—Volunteers Needed Tuesday, July 29, 4:00—7:00 PM

AOF meetings are open to the public and are generally held on the second Sunday of the month, from 1:30 - 4 PM at the Sierra 2 Community Center, Room 10. Note: The months of February and October are exceptions, since AOF co-produces two public education events: (1) an outdoor fair in October - "Sacramento's Freethought Day" (2008-10-05), and (2) a science and humanity celebration - Sacramento's "Darwin Day Educational Gala" (2009-02-15). Watch the newsletter for details.

Directions to AOF's General Meetings

The Sierra 2 Center is located at 2791 24th Street in Sacramento, just south of Broadway and the Department of Motor Vehicles. Visitors are welcome. Parking is available on the street or in the rear, off 4th Avenue. AOF Board meetings are held at alternating sites, so please inquire about the location. For AOF's 24-hour recorder, call 447-3589. Leave your name and a number (repeat for clarity) and someone will phone back to answer your questions about AOF.

