

FREELY SPEAKING

Space Coast Freethought Association

March 2007

Meeting March 4

Join us for our next meeting on **Sunday, March 4**, at 1:30, at **Fee Avenue Park**. The park is located at 1609 Babcock St. in Melbourne, and is west of the Melbourne Public Library on Fee Avenue. Use the parking area along Fee Avenue and we'll be set up at a pavilion (hopefully). We plan a pagan Easter celebration with an egg hunt and chocolates. We plan to have some information about the pagan origins of Easter.

Future Meetings

Sunday, April 1, we will meet at 1:30 at Fee Avenue Library in Melbourne. We'll decide if atheists are fools or not.

May's meeting will be on **Thursday, May 3** at the National Day of Reason Dinner at 6:30 p.m. The dinner is tentatively planned for Back Bay Seafood Restaurant in the plaza on the corner of Stack Blvd. And Palm Bay Road in Palm Bay. There will be no Sunday meeting in May.

October's meeting is tentatively planned for the DeGroot Library in Palm Bay on the usual Sunday.

Events

March 2-4

Center for Inquiry-FL 2007 Conference in St. Petersburg.

<http://www.cfiflorida.org/events/index.html>

April 6-8

American Atheists Convention in Seattle Washington. <http://www.atheists.org/convention/>

May 3

National Day of Reason Dinner tentatively scheduled at Back Bay Seafood. 4910 Stack Blvd. in Melbourne.

RSVP to catspah@cfl.rr.com.

<http://www.nationaldayofreason.org/>

March Agenda

Past events:

Game Night

We had a great time at Game Night in February! We had a good turnout; we played a couple of games and as usual, had some great conversation.

We're looking for more ideas for our socials. We'd like to get out and about, but need places to meet that are conducive to socializing in a large group. Please post your ideas to the email list at <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/SpaceCoastFreethought/>

Upcoming events:

Adopt-a-Road clean up, Sunday, March 11

Meet at the former Atlanta Bread Co. parking lot at Palm Bay Rd. and Stack Blvd. at 10:00 a.m.

CHANGE IN MARCH SOCIAL

Our March social is now: **Saturday, March 17, 6:30** St. Patrick's Day **Pot Luck Dinner and Book Discussion** at Dianna's house.

RSVP to catspah@cfl.rr.com for more info

We'll discuss Sam Harris' *Letter to a Christian Nation*. Buy it now through our website at:

<http://www.spacecoastfreethought.org/books.html>

Annual Garage Sale

The SCFA annual garage sale will be held on **Saturday, April 14** at Dianna's house from 8:00 a.m. until about 2 p.m. If you'd like to help out any time that day, you are welcome to join the group.

We will have a pricing and organizing party on Friday, April 13. More info later.

Please donate all of your quality junk to our garage sale and help raise money for SCFA! Please limit clothing to special pieces only, like a special dress or a suit.

Donations may be brought to our April 1st meeting, and after that, directly to Dianna's house.

Church-State Update

National

Brownback Reintroduces Public Expressions of Religion Act (1/29)

U.S. Senator Sam Brownback reintroduced the Public Expressions of Religion Act, which would prevent activist groups from using a provision of the 1976 Civil Rights Attorney Fees Awards Act to recover attorney's fees when they sue local cities and towns in cases related to public displays of religion and faith.

Florida

ACLU sues to remove Ten Commandments from Dixie County Courthouse (2/6)

The Ten Commandments were placed last November. The suit was filed on behalf of the organization, not an individual plaintiff. The ACLU said it has "half a dozen" members in the north Florida county, but declined to name any residents who might testify in the case. The lack of an individual plaintiff may doom the case, said Brian Rooney, a spokesman for the non-profit Thomas More Law Center, which has offered free legal aid to the Dixie County Commission.

Purchase SCFA merchandise

<http://www.spacecoastfreethought.org/store.html> and
<http://www.cafepress.com/scfreethought>

We have mugs, t-shirts, license plate covers, a fabulous Jefferson throw pillow, and our featured item:



The "Kiss me, I'm an Atheist" BBQ apron!
Only \$16.99.

SCFA Board of Directors

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The board of directors meets monthly to discuss the future of SCFA. We plan meeting agendas, develop and implement advertising strategies, decide on social opportunities for our members and more.

If you have any input for the SCFA board of directors, please contact Dianna at catspah@cfl.rr.com or use the contact form at our website, www.spacecoastfreethought.org.

Space Coast Freethought Association

(SCFA) is a nonprofit community of reason-based individuals organized to facilitate social interaction, promote the non-theistic, rationalist viewpoint as a valid contribution to public discourse, reinforce the First Amendment guarantee of separation between government and religion through education and activism, and work in coalition with like-minded organizations where joint action is needed to achieve these goals.

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Join SCFA! Annual membership is \$15 for one, \$25 for a family, and \$10 for seniors and students.
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"Faith is the acceptance of the truth of a statement in spite of insufficient or contradictory evidence, which has never been consistent with reason. Faith, by its very invocation, is a transparent admission that religious claims cannot stand on their own two feet."

Dan Barker
