

DISCUSSION GROUPS

Ethical Culture as a Practice

3rd Tuesdays, 4 – 5:30pm, Ongoing

Moderator: Dr. Richard Koral, Leader

Through readings, self-reflection and the sharing of relevant experiences, we will explore the meaning of the volunteer work that we do as it relates to our personal life journeys. It will be expected that each participant will engage in an ongoing volunteer project that provides some kind of service to the disadvantaged.

Tuesdays with *TED* – Talks, That Is

2nd and 4th Tuesdays, 2– 3:30pm

Moderators: Anne Klaeyesen & Maggie Determann

View selected talks and engage in a discussion about the contemporary ethical issues in the selection.

Members: Free Guests: \$5 per session

Wisdom and World Affairs

1st and 3rd Tuesdays, 6 – 8pm

Moderator: Ken Gans

These philosophical discussions cover a wide variety of subjects: the fate of humanity, world affairs, humanism, and many others.

Free

WORKSHOP

The Joy of Personal Writing

NINE sessions, select ONE series:

Tuesdays, 12:30 – 2:30pm starting Oct 2

Thursdays, 6:30 – 8:30pm starting Oct 4

Instructor: Elaine Berman Gurney

Get started writing. Find your writing impulse and work on basic and more complex writing skills. You can belong to a supportive group of writers, some just starting and others with more experience. All are welcome. Fee includes all sessions.

REGISTRATION AND PAYMENT REQUIRED

Members: \$150 Guests: \$250

SPECIAL EVENT

Adventures on a Whim

Ethical Adventures on a Whim brings together interested members and non-members to share an experience in art, food, city neighborhoods, and more. It will be scheduled in response to members' suggestions sent to:

janet@rosesquared.com

Be sure to look for information about upcoming adventures.

The **Ethical Enrichment Committee** seeks to create a wide range of offerings focusing on the mind and spirit. All programs are intended to reflect the philosophy of Ethical Culture. We sponsor programs leading to personal growth and development throughout all of life within the context of a caring and committed community. The committee is comprised of Ethical Culture members and a Leader advisor. Programs are open to our members and the public.

Please note that all programs are subject to schedule changes. Please visit our website for the most updated information.

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Ethical Enrichment

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Death Café at Ethical

2nd Sundays, 1:30 – 3:30 pm, Ongoing
4th Wednesdays, 2:30 – 4:30 pm, Ongoing

Moderator: Rev. Dr. Barbara Simpson

In a relaxed and safe setting, engage in discussions that increase awareness of death. Topics include health care proxy, ethical will, and green burial.

\$5 donation includes refreshments

Ethical Living: Existence and Meaning

2nd and 4th Thursdays, 6:30 – 8pm

Moderator: Dr. Anne Klaeyesen, Leader

From the moment we awaken in the morning, until we tumble into bed at night, we are faced with challenges and opportunities to behave ethically. We may have time to consider the consequences of our response to a situation or need to make an immediate choice. In either case, we rely upon our values and experience. In these sessions, we will discuss essays from acclaimed writers and apply them to our own lives, sharing our collective wisdom with one another. Readings are selected essays from *Modern Ethics in 77 Arguments* edited by Peter Catapano and Simon Critchley.

Members: Free Guests: \$5 per session

Ethics in the News

2nd Sundays, 1:30 pm, Ongoing

Moderators: Joe Fashing and Abe Markman

In these turbulent political times, Ethics in the News offers an opportunity for members and non-members to participate monthly in rationally based discussions. In addition, Joe Fashing and Abe Markman, will from time to time, hold debates with the goal of casting a light on both sides of political and cultural divides.

Free

Speaking of Science...

4th Mondays, 6:30 – 8pm, Ongoing

Coordinators: Joe Fashing and Jesus Torres-Vazquez

Sessions feature scientists, engineers, doctors, writers, and educators, who enlighten us on the way science works. Refreshments provided.

Members: \$5 Guests: \$10

Camaraderie and Good Conversation on Issues Philosophical and Newsworthy

3rd Tuesdays, 7 – 8:30 pm, Sept - June

Moderator: Dr. Joseph Chuman, Leader

This is a monthly discussion group focusing on contemporary issues and occasionally classical writings relating Ethical Culture and Humanism. We will primarily make use of articles from journals of opinion and book chapters when relevant. Rather than taking a merely journalistic approach, the discussions will aim to illuminate the philosophical concepts and values which underlie the issues being discussed.

Free (Register to receive readings.)

Great Literature Discussions

1st Wednesdays, 7 – 9pm, Ongoing

Moderator: Gunther Tielemans

Read the selection (ideally twice) and note some questions that you'd like to bring to the table.

Sept 5: *Chronicle of a Death Foretold*

by Gabriel Garcia Marquez

Oct 3: *Rosencrantz and Guildenstern are Dead*

by Tom Stoppard

Nov 7: *Mrs. Dalloway* by Virginia Wolfe

Dec 5: *The Leopard* by Giuseppe Tomasi di Lampedusa

Members: Free Guests: \$5 per session

Leader Lunch Discussion

Thursdays, Noon – 1:30pm, Ongoing

Moderator: Dr. Anne Klaeyesen, Leader

Bring your lunch and join us for a lively discussion of contemporary ethical issues. Readings are available from Maggie Determann or at www.ETHICAL.nyc, which includes links to the articles online.

Free

Ethics and the Theater

6:30 pm Welcome Reception

7 – 9 pm Play reading and discussion

Producer: Pat Debrovner

Sept 14: *Red Speedo*, by Lucas Hnath

Oct 12: *The Young Man from Atlanta* by Horton Foote

Nov 9: *The Treasurer* by Max Posner

Dec 14: *The Doll House Part 2* by Lucas Hnath

Members: \$5 per session Guests: \$10 per session

Race, Systems, and Society

2nd Tuesdays, 6 – 7:30pm, Ongoing

Moderator: Dr. Richard Koral, Leader

We are all participants in a larger societal structure that perpetuates injustices. We read and discuss books and articles that explore the features of systemic racism and classism in America to better understand the ways in which society can recreate itself to permit all people to flourish and thrive.

Members: Free Guests: \$5 per session

Skye & Massimo's Philosophy Café

Selected Wednesdays, 6 – 8pm, Ongoing

Moderators: Skye Cleary and Prof. Massimo Pigliucci

Based on the principle of the Socratic dialogue, every meeting has a simple theme introduced through a short, accessible, suggested reading, with open discussions.

Members: Free Guests: \$5 per session

Stoic School of Life

Selected Mondays, 6 – 8pm, Ongoing

Moderator: Prof. Massimo Pigliucci

The School is inspired by the Greco-Roman schools of philosophy. We continue to examine the theory and practice of Stoicism as a modern applied philosophy.

Members: Free Guests: \$5 per session

Ethics in Film

1st Fridays, 7 – 9:15pm, Ongoing

Moderator: Chris Everett

A monthly film screening is followed by a lively discussion of the ethical issues explored.

Sept 7: *Ghost World*

Oct 5: *Pi*

Nov 2: *Bend it Like Beckham*

Dec 7: *Life is Beautiful*

\$5 donation includes snacks and beverages