

DISCUSSION GROUPS

Ethical Culture as a Practice

1st Tuesdays, 6:30 – 8:00pm, Ongoing

Moderator: Dr. Richard Koral, Leader

Ethical Culture's long tradition is rooted in ethical action and social service. Most Ethical Culturists actively volunteer to support causes and to assist others in need. In this way, we strive to elicit the best in others and build a world that is equitable, just, and humane. But how does this activity elicit the best in ourselves and contribute to our own personal growth? Through readings, self-reflection, and the sharing of relevant experiences, we explore the interweaving of volunteer activities into one's own life journey. **Free**

Tuesdays with *TED* – Talks, That Is

2nd and 4th Tuesdays, 2 – 3:30pm, Ongoing

Moderators: Anne Klaeyen & Maggie Deterrmann

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

Members: Free Guests: \$5 per session

Exploring Ethical Dilemmas In ... Business, Law, Medicine, Religion, Media, Social Work, Education, and more.

1st Mondays, 6:30 – 8pm

Moderator: Janet Rose

Each session presents real-life scenarios in a specific field. A member or guest from that field will discuss ethical dilemmas they have faced, with scenarios presented for a "what would you do" discussion. **Members free: Guests: \$5**

Classical Music Club

2nd Wednesdays, 2 – 3:30pm

Moderator: Jack Oisher

Devotees of classical music are often intrigued by the nuances of different recordings of the same piece. Attendees are invited to bring more than one CD of the same musical composition – under the baton of different conductors, virtuosos, or orchestras. We'll listen to them (or excerpts) and discuss our opinions about those differences. Background information about the composer and the composition will be provided when possible. (At our first meeting in January, we will plan which selections will be heard in future months.) **Free**

WORKSHOP

The Joy of Personal Writing

NINE sessions, select ONE series:

Tuesdays, 12:30 – 2:30pm starting Jan 15

Thursdays, 6:30 – 8:30pm starting Jan 17

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 PRIOR TO CLASS START DATE.

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, and all admission fees are 'suggested donation. Visit our website (www.ethical.nyc) for the most up to date

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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

Challenges of Being a Good Human

2nd and 4th Thursdays, 6:30 – 8pm, Jan - May

Moderator: Dr. Anne Klaeyesen, Leader

Roman philosopher Lucius Anneaus Seneca (1 BCE - CE 65) wrote, "Wherever there is a human being, there is an opportunity for a kindness." Centuries later, in 1770, French Enlightenment philosopher Voltaire (*non de plume* for François-Marie Arouet) quoted an Italian proverb: "The perfect is the enemy of the good." In this 10-session class, through readings, videos, and exercises, we will explore the nature and practice of goodness. Topics will include nonviolent communication, mindfulness, and forgiveness. **(Register to receive readings.)**

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. **Free**

Wisdom and World Affairs

1st and 3rd Tuesdays, 6 – 8pm, Ongoing

Moderator: Ken Gans

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

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.

Jan 2: *Roadside Picnic*

by Arkady Strugatsky

Feb 6: *Death Comes for the Archbishop*

by Willa Cather

March 6: *Crumbs from the Table* by Lynn Nottage

April 3: *The Remains of the Day* by Kazuo Ishiguro

May 1: *Passing* by Nella Larson

June 5: *The Fixer* by Bernard Malamud

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

2nd Fridays, Ongoing

6:30 pm Welcome Reception

7 – 9 pm Play reading and discussion

Producer: Pat Debrovner

Jan 11: *Talley's Folly*, by Lanford Wilson

Feb 8: *Actually* by Anna Ziegler

March 8: *White Guy on the Bus* by Bruce Graham

April 12: *Lobby Hero* by Kenneth Lonergan

May 10: *Frankie and Johnny in the Clair de Lune*

by Terence McNally

June 14: *The Humans* by Stephen Karam

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.

Jan 4: *The Manchurian Candidate*

Feb 1: *The Breakfast Club*

March 1: *Pi*

April 5: *Idiocracy*

May 3: *A Face in the Crowd*

June 7: *Away From Her*

\$5 donation includes snacks and beverages

REGISTRATION AND INFORMATION:

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