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Sunday Morning Platform Meetings 11:15 AM

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Sunday*

March Happenings

Is it too early to form an opinion on the success, so far, of President Obama's far-reaching proposals on a range of issues affecting the country? Join us **Tuesday, March 9, at 7:00 pm** for our **Advocacy Forum** on "**Obama: Change We Can Still Believe In?**" (See page 6)

Relax and have fun with us on **Friday, March 19, at 6:30 pm**, at our new monthly **Game Café**. It's pot-luck, so come, bring a favorite dish and game, and enjoy an evening of merriment. (See page 6)

President's Notes

Andra Miller



A big thank you to all who came to the Membership Meeting on February 7 and to all the committee chairs who reported. It is always heartening to see a big group of our members come to hear what's going on at NYSEC. We on the Board and committees are happy that you care.

Of our 35 committees, subcommittees, and task forces, 25 gave reports to the 48 of you who attended. Spirits were high right through the 1:45-to-3:30 pm meeting. I applaud your "Ethical citizenship." And, once again, thanks to the committee chairs and members for all the work you do for us.

There's a lot happening at the Society this year, what with the celebration of our building's 100th birthday. As you heard from Heather Grady, she's planning programs—some in concert with Dr. Joseph Chuman and his Advocacy Forum team—that tie current events

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From the Leader's Desk

Dr. Anne Klaeyesen



Life and Death: An Ethical Choice?

"There is but one truly serious philosophical problem, and that is suicide. Judging whether life is or is not worth living amounts to answering the fundamental question of philosophy."

—The Myth of Sisyphus by Albert Camus

On the evening before the great blizzard of February, I listened to a phone message from a friend: "Call me as soon as you come home." I knew it was bad news. When I returned her call, I learned that the 24-year old daughter of a woman in our book group had killed herself. She gave me the times of the wake and the funeral.

The next day, when there was a lull in the snowfall, I picked up a shovel and went outside to clear a path down our stoop and on the sidewalk. Before I reached the last step I was

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President's Notes

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into our history, such as “Women as Victims, Women as Victors,” “Law in the Service of People,” and “Struggling for Racial Justice in America.” You can see the connections to organizations that Ethical Culture people were instrumental in founding: the Legal Aid Society, NAACP, ACLU, etc. Plans are also in progress for a Job Fair with an associated Advocacy Forum on the subject of jobs in May, and also for a juvenile justice conference in April.

Carol Nadell Van Deusen spoke about the exciting plans she and her committee are making for the big rededication of our historic building on October 24, which will include a commemorative journal.

As I've said in my last two columns, as suggested by members, we will publish a list of pledges made. However, since letters are going out this month to those who didn't attend the pledge party, we'll give those folks a chance to respond and *then* we'll publish the list. If you haven't made your 2010 pledge yet, please contact Moe-Swe and let her know your plan for pledging.

One more round of applause to Ed Gross for his terrific job in putting together the Valentine Cabaret Concert. Ed worked tirelessly, thought about the event constantly, and worried over every detail. The result was a huge

success! We had 39 members and 45 nonmembers in attendance, and the concert, food, and dance party that followed were terrific. The decorations were festive and very “Valentine-y.” And, the proceeds of \$1,250 are so very welcome. Thanks, also, to Cheryl Gross and Barbara Levenson for helping out from start to finish; to Bonnie Bean and Pat Berens for decorations; to Ed, Pat Debrovner, Carol and Richard Van Deusen, and me, for poetry reading; to Scott McNabb, Vincent Navarro, and Jamie Scott for dance music; to Beth Zucker for door check and a raffle prize from Zinc Bar; to me for program production and raffle prizes from Best Buy and O'Neals'; to staff members Julie Blutstein and Moe-Swe Myint for publicity and ticket sale administration, and to David McCants and Rodney Williams for set-up and service at the event.

Our raffle proceeds of \$343 went to Fonkozie (a nonprofit in Haiti). The winners were Henryka Komanska (dinner for two at O'Neals'), Peter Newman (\$100 to spend at Best Buy), and Rita Zecassia (admission and drinks at Zinc Bar).

I was told by several members that in all their years at NYSEC, this was the best party ever! Accolades kept coming and the event was such a success that Ed has been emboldened and has volunteered to handle the planning and bring the Ensemble Tomscha back for our next New Years' Eve party. Hooray, Ed! And a happy March to you all!

Leader's Desk

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weeping. My pastoral counseling training included suicide, and I have read several books and many articles on the subject. I have officiated at the memorials of two middle-aged men who committed suicide. I sat with their families and referred them to survivors groups. I can deal with this, I thought, and yet soon I was wailing, "Why Gillian?" I dug into the snow and hurled it into the street, screaming "It's just not right!"

At the funeral we friends, who love to read and talk about books, whose children played and grew up together, sat in a row and wept for our friend. According to the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention, "Every 16 minutes someone in the U.S. dies by suicide. Every 17 minutes someone is left to make sense of it."

The Christian apologist G.K. Chesterton called suicide "the ultimate and absolute evil, the refusal to take an interest in existence," arguing that a person who kills himself destroys the entire world. Sitting in a pew at St. Francis Church, I was relieved that the church no longer holds that position. My friend needed the solace of her religious faith, especially since she was the only one left in her family who believed.

Immanuel Kant, whose philosophy Ethical Culture founder Felix Adler so admired, wrote "He who contemplates suicide should ask himself whether his action can be consistent with the idea of humanity as an end in itself." Applying the principle of universality—What if everyone chose to commit suicide?—he deemed it unethical.

On the other hand, the Greek historian Herodotus wrote, "When life is so burdensome, death has become for man a sought-after refuge." Contemporary philosopher and psychiatrist Thomas Szasz goes further, arguing that suicide is the most basic

right of all. If freedom is self-ownership, then the right to end that life is the most basic of all.

Throughout the ages and across the world, there are myriad attitudes toward suicide—confusion and anger, glorification and condemnation, as well as multidisciplinary studies in sociology, psychology, and philosophy. Significant advances have been made in understanding the neurological basis of suicidal behavior, and medications have been helpful in treating depression. Still over 33,000 people in the United States commit suicide every year, and it is the third leading cause of death among those Gillian's age.

At the end of the day, I pulled a book by William Styron, *Darkness Visible*, off the shelf and read "The pain of severe depression is quite unimaginable to those who have not suffered it, and it kills in many instances because its anguish can no longer be borne. The prevention of many suicides will continue to be hindered until there is a general awareness of the nature of this pain."

What can we do? Learn about suicide from the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention at www.afsp.org. Refer those in pain to professional therapists. Be present to listen and try to understand. And if all this does not succeed, weep with the survivors and comfort them.

Sunday Morning Meetings 11:15 AM

Mar. 7—The Woman Behind the New Deal

Kirstin Downey, Author

Frances Perkins, a New Yorker who witnessed the Triangle Shirtwaist

Fire, wrote the state's fire safety code, helped steer the New York State Industrial Commission from 1918 to 1932, and was named U.S. Secretary of Labor by Franklin D. Roosevelt in the depths of the Great Depression.

The nation's first female cabinet secretary, Perkins spearheaded the fight to improve the lives of America's working people. Her ideas became the cornerstones of the most important social welfare legislation in the nation's history, including unemployment compensation, child labor laws, and the 40-hour work week. Oddly, however, despite her prodigious achievements, today her name is almost unknown.

Kirstin Downey, an award-winning writer at the *Washington Post* for 20 years, will explore Perkins' remarkable life and discuss her surprising drop into obscurity. Downey's work has focused on illuminating the human implications of important financial trends, particularly the boom-and-bust cycles characteristic of our modern economy.

In 2007, she shared in the Pulitzer Prize awarded to the *Washington Post* staff for its coverage of the campus slayings at Virginia Tech. She left the paper in 2008 to write *The Woman Behind the New Deal: The Life of Frances Perkins, FDR's Secretary of Labor and His Moral Conscience*. Ceremonial Hall.

Mar. 14—Liberalism, Individualism, And Values

Dr. Joseph Chuman, Leader

Many people are dismayed at the thinness and shrill tone of much of our political discourse, reduced, as it often is, to sound bites and posturing around "political correctness." How did we reach this point?

Perhaps it has something to do with the way we have become accustomed to talk about politics. We often concern

ourselves foremost with individual rights at the expense of the common good. By so doing we leave behind discussion of the values which lead us to the political positions we hold. In my address I will look at the strengths of our political culture by examining the values inherent in both individualism and communitarianism. Ceremonial Hall.

Mar. 21—Feminism Is *NOT* a Dirty Word!

Dr. Anne Klaeysen, Leader

Women’s History Month provides an opportunity to review the status of “feminism.” Is it still the vibrant social, cultural, and political movement it once was? Why do so many young women today recoil from that word, proclaiming that they are “for equal rights” but are not “feminists”? I will explore these questions and discuss the “four waves” of feminism in the United States. Ceremonial Hall.

Mar. 28—New York’s Other Environmental History: *The Impacts Of Class, Gender, and Race in the History of Keeping It Green*

Curt Collier, Leader

New York lawmakers have been passing environmental laws since the 1680s. Over the years, as American perceptions of the environment changed, movements to establish city parks and green spaces have had varying impacts on the design of the city. However, that history is usually slanted towards recording the efforts of rich white males. Today’s talk will explore another reading of environmental history, one that highlights the efforts of women and people of color to improve their neighborhoods, and why this story never gets told. Understanding this cultural bias is helpful in understanding why a deeper reading of history is necessary if we want to bring about truly effective environmental restoration. Auditorium.

Early Sunday 10 AM

(Rooms subject to change)

Mar. 7—Singing Practice—All voices, big and small, are welcome. Led by Pat Debrovner and Jerry Ranck, we’ll practice the songs we sing on Sunday mornings, and get some tips to improve our singing technique. Ceremonial Hall.

Mar. 14—Colloquy—Beauty. John Hwang presides. Room 408.

Mar. 21—Singing Practice—Led by Pat Debrovner and Jerry Ranck. Ceremonial Hall.

Mar. 21—Poetry Readings—Bring a treasured poem and tell us why you like it so much. Cheryl Gross presides. Room 408.

Edible Culture

Dr. Anne Klaeysen, Leader

We’re requesting recipes for a Society Cookbook, and we hope you’ll share some of your favorites. Member Dr. Ruth Cohen is kicking off this project, which will help us to both build community and raise funds.

You’ve seen the baskets on the tables in Social Hall on Sundays for collecting funds for a “green kitchen.” Now you can also add your recipes to the contributions—or email them to Sheleigah Grube at sgrube@nysec.org. We all love to eat, and some of us also love to cook. Share your love by sending in your recipes and including stories about the occasions when you served these foods.

Sunday Brunch/Social Hour

Helen Mecs, Alex Mogieleff, Moira Whittington, Eva Yachnes, and Sheila Kleinwald, Sunday Lunch Coordinators

Starting on Sunday, March 7, our traditional Sunday Social Hour Lunch will officially become **Sunday Brunch and Social Hour**. What, you may ask, is the difference? It’s in the details, and we thank everyone who helped by answering and returning our February survey. Your responses will guide us in shaping our always evolving menu. Most notably, the soup and salad bar table and the full meal table will be merged into one expanded serving table incorporating the most popular features of each.

Also, there will now be a single price of \$11 for everyone, as the Society can no longer afford to subsidize the salad bar. However, salad bar devotees will find expanded and improved offerings at the new combined table.

We’ll periodically request feedback as our Sunday Brunch evolves. We always welcome your favorite recipes and your suggestions for new menu items. Please give them to any one of us, in writing.

Sunday Afternoon 1:45 PM

(Except as Noted)

Mar. 7—Ethics in Action: Meet Our neighbors, the Student World Assembly—Promoting Global Democracy, Human Rights, and Activism, to learn about their work and explore ways in which we might collaborate. Shahram Hashemi, Executive Director, will conduct a workshop focusing on poverty in New York City. The sessions are designed to encourage active participation and feedback. Handouts will be provided detailing the specific strategies and techniques reviewed. Curt Collier will preside. Ceremonial Hall.

Mar. 21—Life with Health: Treating Alzheimer’s Disease: Is a New Approach Possible? Speaker Rosemary

Irving is the Manager of African-American Outreach at the Alzheimer's Association, NYC Chapter. In this capacity, she initiates contact with various groups in the African-American community to educate people about the disease and the services provided by the Association. Ms. Irving is a psychotherapist specializing in early childhood trauma, who also does couples' therapy and works with families affected by Alzheimer's disease. She is a member of the National Association of Social Workers, and the Association of Black Social Workers. Dr. Jackie Pope presides. Room 508.

Mar. 28—Ethics in the News. Mary Ellen Goodman presides. Room 508.

Mar. 28—A reading of the play *Lillian Wald: At Home on Henry Street*, by Clare Coss. Lillian D. Wald, pioneering public health nurse, social reformer, and peace activist, created the Henry Street Settlement, Visiting Nurse Service, Neighborhood Playhouse, public playgrounds, school lunches, and countless other visionary "firsts." The play is set at dawn May 8, 1916, in Wald's office/sitting room at the Settlement, as she prepares to lead a delegation to the White House, where she hopes to convince President Woodrow Wilson to keep the U.S. from entering the war and call for a conference of neutral nations to end it.

Clare Coss is a playwright, psychotherapist, and activist convinced that we have it in our power to create a just and safe world. 2:00 pm, Ceremonial Hall.

Lunch Discussions Thursdays, 12:00 Noon

Bring your lunch and join Leader Dr. Anne Klaeyesen in the Elliott Library, Room 507, for a series of talks on "**The World Is Too Much With Us. . .**" William Wordsworth.

Mar. 4—Haiti: Hell on Earth, an update.

Mar. 11—"In Defense of Foxhole Atheists," by Christopher Hitchens, *Vanity Fair*, 12/15/09.

Mar. 18—"Cracks in the Jihad," by Thomas Rid, *The Wilson Quarterly*, January 2010.

Mar. 25—"How America Can Rise Again," by James Fallows, *The Atlantic*, March 2010.

Folders with relevant articles are available from Sheleigh Grube in the Leaders' Office. Please join the discussion.

Our Ethical Family

Moe-Swe Myint

Please welcome new member **Ben J. Gersten**. Ben is an attorney, and he was a member of the Long Island Ethical Society until 2000. He first heard of the Ethical Culture Society through his stepfather, and he is interested in environmentalism and our other programs.

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Member **Abe Markman** received the 2010 NYSEC Community Service Award at our Sunday Meeting on January 31. Abe is the former Chair of the NYSEC Public Issues Committee and of Lower East Side Call for Justice. He has devoted his life to serving the disadvantaged. The presentation ceremony included remarks by City Councilmember Gale Brewer, Reverend Afiya Dawson, and our own Dr. Phyllis Harrison-Ross. Afterwards, Abe was toasted—and roasted—by his family, invited friends, and members at a special luncheon.

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Special thanks to members Pat Berens, Dan Hanson, and Hugh McGuire, and to Marlon Rice, our Facilities Manager, for volunteering at the cosponsored

programs "Naomi Klein in Conversation with Raj Patel" and "What Would Tom Paine Think?—Liberal Values in Obama's Year 1," on January 13 and 20, respectively. Both programs were standing-room only events, and we certainly could not do without the help of these wonderful members and staff.

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Members **Milton Nobel** and **Leah Wolin** have resigned. We are sad to report that member **Davis Platt** died last year.

Ethics in Film: Sci-Fi Celebration

Andra Miller

On March 5 we'll show *The Matrix*, starring Keanu Reeves, Laurence Fishburne, and Carrie Anne Moss, a sort-of kung-fu magical mix-up with illogical immortality, mortality, and humankind allied against heartless and devious computers. According to our discussion leaders, Chris Everett and Curt Collier, in this film we may be getting into thoughts of Plato's cave, Jean Baudrillard's *Simulacrum*, Manichaeism, Christianity, and Masamune Shirow's *Ghost in the Shell*, so if you like action and are philosophically inclined, come to see this brilliant piece of filmmaking and join in the spirited conversation that's sure to follow.

On April 2 we'll screen *Seconds*, starring Rock Hudson. Who are "Seconds"? The answer is almost too terrifying for words. From the bold, bizarre best-seller, the story of a man who buys for himself a totally new life. It's about a man who lives the age-old dream—*If somehow I could live my life all over again*. Chris Everett will lead the discussion after the movie.

Both films will be shown at 7:00 pm in Ceremonial Hall. The suggested donation is \$5, which includes refreshments (popcorn and drinks).

Marx in Soho

Join us on Saturday, March 6, at 7:30 pm for a unique tribute to the late Howard Zinn, when NYSEC and Haymarket Books present *Marx in Soho*. This short play, written by Howard Zinn and performed by actor Brian Jones, is a moving and comic re-imagining of what it would be like if Karl Marx were to come back from the dead in Soho, New York City.

The event is being cosponsored by Voices of a People's History of the United States and Zinn's educational nonprofit organization, *HowardZinn.org*. The suggested donation is \$5, and the Auditorium doors open at 6:30 pm.

Advocacy Forum

On Tuesday, March 9, at 7:00 pm, the Advocacy Forum will host a discussion, "**Obama: Change We Can Still Believe In?**" What progress has been made with the economy, health care, the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, and other issues since President Obama took office? Has he lived up to the expectations of "change we can believe in"?

Our discussion will be moderated by Christopher Hayes, Washington, DC, editor of *The Nation*. The panel is still in formation, but will include blogger and reporter Ben Smith of *Politico.com* and Katrina vanden Heuvel, publisher of *The Nation*. The event is being cosponsored by The Nation Institute and Demos. The forum will be held in the Auditorium, and there is a suggested donation of \$10; the doors will open at 6:30 pm.

Game Café

Andra Miller

Rich Sander, Chair of the Membership Cultivation Committee, has instituted

a monthly (third Friday at 6:30 pm) evening of fun and games. The next one will be held on March 19 in Ceremonial Hall.

For those who remember the joy of a wild family game of Charades, Trivia, or Yahtzee, now's the time to bring it all back! (If you like contemplative games like chess or checkers, we can also accommodate you folks.) To complete the "family" aspect, we're "pot-lucking" it, so bring your favorite dish or just something to nibble on—and your favorite drink. And, naturally, if you've got kids, bring them too. All are welcome.

If there's a game you love to play (or used to love to play), bring it, too, and teach us how. Bridge players are welcome. At the first Game Café, I got to teach a few players my favorite family card game, "Russian Rummy." If I can lay my hands on the game my family used to play, "Pit," I'm going to bring that along next time. (It's noisy—everybody's calling out numbers—and that's what makes it so exciting.) At the second Game Café, we played a raucous team game of Pictionary. Come and join in or root for a team!

Voluntary donations of \$5 are requested at the door to cover the cost of coffee and tea and to purchase additional games.

Ethics on the Air: Ecology

Andra Miller

NYSEC member, Majid Ali, M.D., will be interviewed by Andra Miller and Phyllis Harrison-Ross, M.D., on our Friday, March 26, program on WBAI. The topic, "Ethics and World Ecology," will explore the challenges of poverty throughout the world—de-

veloping good food supplies; eliminating contamination of ground, air, and water; providing decent health care while preventing disease; and working to stop the dire effects of global warming. The program will present thoughts on the age-old ethical problem we are still facing today: the poverty of many often stems from the gain of wealth and power by others.

Dr. Ali, author of scores of books on understanding disease, is editor of *The Journal of Integrative Medicine*, and was an adjunct associate professor of pathology at the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Columbia University, New York. He has been president of staff and chief pathologist at Holy Name Hospital in New Jersey, a Fellow of the Royal College of Surgeons of England, Diplomate of both the American Board of Anatomic and Clinical Pathology and the American Board of Environmental Medicine, and is a past president of Capital University of Integrative Medicine, Washington, DC.

The program will air at 11:00 am on WBAI, 99.5 FM. For online listening, go to <http://stream.wbai.org>.

Spring Hike

Henryka Komanska

Join us on Saturday, March 27, for our traditional spring hike up Mt. Taurus in Cold Spring, New York. This five-hour hike will take us to a summit over the Hudson River, where you will be rewarded with stunning views of the river and, on a clear day, Manhattan. We'll take a scenic train ride to Cold Spring, a lovely town on the east bank of the Hudson, with many antique stores, inviting coffee shops and restaurants, and a lovely park. This town is worth a day's visit, even if you don't hike!

The ride on the Metro North Hudson line takes an hour and ten minutes and

offers spectacular views of the river. We'll meet at the information booth at Grand Central at 8:30 am. If you arrive after that time, you'll find us on the train that leaves at 8:47 am. A one-way ticket is \$11.25; please buy your own tickets. Bring a water bottle, a light lunch and/or a snack for the trail, and a few dollars for a coffee stop at a local cafe. Wear hiking shoes or sturdy walking shoes (there are some steep parts on the descent), and dress in layers. Rain cancels.

Community Service Award

Abe Markman

I want to thank Andra Miller and the Board members; Chris Everett, Heather Grady; and others on the Awards Committee; Nancy Ambruster, Virginia Arnold, Gale Brewer, Carole Chamlin, Curt Collier, Afiya Dawson, Chuck Debrovner, Phyllis Harrison-Ross, Anne Klaeyesen, Sheila Kleinwald and her wonderful luncheon crew; Alex Mogieleff; Moe-Swe Myint; Gerald Ranck; Nancy Rankin; Jamie Scott; the maintenance staff, and everyone else at Ethical Culture for making Sunday, January 31, one of warmest and most joyful of my life by presenting me with the Community Service Award.

Encampment For Citizenship

Dr. Anne Klaeyesen, Leader

The second annual Encampment for Citizenship Reunion will be held at the NY Society on Saturday, May 29, 6:00 pm – 9:00 pm, in Ceremonial Hall. Encampment for Citizenship was a summer youth program started in 1944 by Ethical Culture Leader Algernon Black, with the support of

Kids' Party

Moe-Swe Myint

Kudos go to Rita Chawla, Director of Children's Programs, and Meg Chapman, Board member and Chair of Family Programs at the Society, for the humongous success of the Best Kids' Party of 2010! This great event was a fundraiser for the Afghan Child Education and Care Organization, to help children living in orphanages in Afghanistan. Many parents and children from our Sunday School program and their friends and neighbors attended the party on January 23, and had fun, danced to incredible music, and enjoyed great food, games, and prizes. The children raised a substantial amount of money for their cause at the party and at the Social Hour on Sunday, when the cakes and cookies were auctioned off by Clara Malekshahi, the daughter of Meg Chapman and Mo Malekshahi, and her Sunday School friends. Bravo, kids!



(L-R front) Rita Chawla, Director of Family Programs; students Clara and Samantha; and Jamie Cid, Sunday School Assistant (L-R rear) students Drew and Elka (Photo by Sweta Chawla, Rita's cousin)

Eleanor Roosevelt, who invited participants to attend workshops held at Hyde Park.

The program was organized as a summer camp "at which young adults of many religious, racial, social, and national backgrounds learned the principles and techniques of citizenship in a liberal democracy through lived experience."

As a result of last year's reunion, an alumni group was formed, and

members have kept in touch in person, online, and through teleconferences. If you or anyone you know was a camper, please spread the word about this reunion. There will be drinks, light refreshments, and a table on which to display your photos, scrapbooks, and souvenirs. Please RSVP to Sheleigah Grube at sgrube@nysec.org or by phone at 212-874-5210, ext. 118.



March 2010

Office hours for the month are: Monday-Friday, 9:00 am–6:00 pm
Shelter: Monday-Thursday, 7:30 pm

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