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Sunday Morning

Platform Meetings

11:15 AM—NEW LOCATION—
Ceremonial Hall, 4th floor

October 4

Faces of Evil

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Heather Grady Presides

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Reflections on the Lunatic Fringe

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What Makes Us Human?

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Dr. Anne Klaeyesen Presides

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The Future of Freethought

Michael De Dora, Jr.
Chris Everett Presides

October Happenings

Earth Rise is no longer on Sundays. Come to gatherings on **Tuesday, October 6** (topic: “The Real Cost of Food”) and **Friday, October 23**, (topic: “Sustaining the Earth”), 7:00 pm in Ceremonial Hall.

Join us on **Thursday, October 1, 7:00 pm**, in the Auditorium, for an **Advocacy Forum** on the economy with *Rolling Stone* political reporter Matt Taibbi; Nomi Prins, former Goldman Sachs managing director; and Daniel Gross, *Newsweek* senior editor, moderated by David Brancaccio of “Now,” on PBS. (*See page 6 for more information.*)

From the Leader’s Desk

Dr. Joseph Chuman



In 1964, the famed Columbia University historian Richard Hofstadter penned an essay in *Harper’s* magazine that has become a classic of political analysis. It is no accident that his essay, “The Paranoid Style in American Politics,” appeared at the time of the Goldwater campaign and the emergence of the modern conservative movement.

Hofstadter’s analysis took stock of the fact that there has been, throughout our history, a fringe element affixed to mainline politics and major political parties. This element has been characterized by what he refers to as “suspicious discontent.” It sees the future in apocalyptic terms fraught with moral absolutes of good and evil. Most salient has been its preoccupation with conspiracies in our midst, its belief that there are alien others among us who will treacherously use our system to subvert our values and American way of life. From the perspective of such true believers things are seldom what they seem. The political condition we are in is not a

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Oct. 4—Faces of Evil

Dr. Anne Klaeyesen, Leader

Theologians and philosophers have debated the nature of evil for centuries. The word itself conjures up figures from a mythical underworld and is the stuff of nightmares. There are degrees and variables to its meaning, such as intention and order of magnitude. Is evil, like beauty, in the eye of the beholder, shaped by political, cultural, and religious values? Is it social and psychological pathology? Leader Dr. Anne Klaeyesen will explore the meaning that “evil” holds for Ethical Humanists.

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Leader's Desk

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product of the historical flux of things, but results from someone's scheming, personal will. As Hofstadter notes, "The paranoid spokesperson sees the fate of conspiracy in apocalyptic terms—he traffics in the birth and death of whole worlds, whole political orders, and whole systems of human values. He is always manning the barricades of civilization. He constantly lives at a turning point."

In the nineteenth century, at various times, the alien others were the Masons; Mormons; and "papists," i.e. Catholics. The early twentieth century saw the emergence of Nativism, which asserted an authentic American identity while proclaiming hatred of immigrants coming to our shores from eastern and southern Europe. During the era of the New Deal, Father Coughlin, the Rush Limbaugh of his day, commanded a radio audience in the millions as he railed against the destruction of capitalism and the takeover of the economy by federal government at the hands of "Franklin Jewsvelt" and his minions. In more recent decades, McCarthyism and such fringe groups as the John Birch Society saw communist conspirators under every tree, with Joseph McCarthy making the delusional claim that even Secretary of State and decorated general George

Marshall and President Eisenhower were agents of the communist conspiracy.

I couldn't reread Hofstadter's piece without it immediately bringing to mind the current fracas over health care reform. But the politics of the moment departs from Hofstadter's prescient analysis in one respect: What has historically been a fringe sector adhering to mainline political parties has moved frighteningly toward the center. The conservative movement, which began in the Goldwater era, found it necessary to build an intellectual defense of its movement, replete with journals, think tanks, and highbrow discourse. William Buckley comes to mind. But with the advent of Reaganism, the conservative movement and the Republican party, which harbors it, took an anti-intellectual turn and marginalized those who reflected higher education. Members of the educated class were depicted as "east coast pointy-headed liberals." The Republican Party did itself in, and its leadership is now in the hands of such demagogues as Rush Limbaugh, Glenn Beck, and Sarah Palin.

The recent town hall meetings, which reflect such anti-intellectualism, are exemplary of Hofstadter's "paranoid style." Most ominous is that the rants are so divorced from fact. So there is anger over "the federal government (federal government has long been the bogeyman of political paranoia) taking over medical care" often made by recipients of Medicare,

with which they otherwise claim they are satisfied. There is the excoriation of federal bureaucrats making medical decisions. Do these folks really prefer their medical decisions being made by bureaucrats from Cigna and Aetna? “Obama care” will lead to rationing. But what do we call it when the holder of private insurance is denied lifesaving treatment because it will eat into profits? The federal government will establish “death panels,” which will end up killing “grandma.” As someone who sits on a hospital’s ethics committee, I know that end-of-life discussions go on all the time. One would think that true-blue conservatives would welcome government underwriting of these discussions, in that it would further empower the individual in his or her decision making, a venerable conservative value. But, go figure. Health care reform as proposed will bring us “socialism,” it’s claimed. But what about fire departments, police departments, libraries, and public schools? (Not to mention that the United States remains the only major industrialized nation without national health care, and we produce worse outcomes at much greater cost.) “We can’t trust the government to do anything right.” True, the government does some things poorly, but it does other things very well. I remain admiring that my wife’s social security check is deposited in our account each month flawlessly and like clockwork. And before wholeheartedly damning the federal government, perhaps its absolutist critics should recall that when America was tragically and fearfully attacked on September 11, 2001, no one called on Bill Gates or Wall Street to save us.

So what is going on here? Richard Hofstadter is right on target. He wrote: “...the modern right wing...feels dispossessed: America has largely been taken away from them and their own kind, though they are determined to try

to repossess it and prevent the final destructive act of subversion.”

The fuel for this irrational attack (not that paranoia doesn’t contain a germ of truth) is that America is changing. Though I balk at “psychologizing” political movements too much, it is impossible to escape the conclusion that those who come out to protest over health care see their power slipping away. Obama’s victory was amazing, with him taking traditionally conservative strongholds such as North Carolina and Indiana. But those who lost have not gone away. They haven’t even gone underground. They have become resentful and angry and frightened.

The profile of these protesters looks similar to those who came out to McCain-Palin rallies—white, older, male (though there were many women also). It should not be forgotten that McCain took a majority of the white vote. Much of this sector, even if economically dispossessed, could still feel, by virtue of their skin color and culture, that America was theirs. But no longer. With large waves of darker-skinned immigrants, with African-Americans assuming positions of greater authority, America doesn’t look or feel the same. And, of course, Barack Obama represents the changing American landscape and this transfer of power as nothing else could.

And so there is anger born of displacement and disempowerment, and with it argumentation becomes unhinged from reality. Obama is a “socialist,” and wasn’t even born in the United States, as the idiotic “birther movement” proclaims. He continues to be the alien other, as he was often depicted by his opponents during the campaign.

All this reflects a “paranoid style,” which is too close for comfort. I am

not a Marxist, but I do believe that greater economic sufficiency, equality, and substantial hope for a better future would go far in mitigating this social anger and the hostility and irrationality that it breeds... but not entirely.

As Ethical Culturists, we believe in reason, and that our beliefs should be tagged to and proportional to the facts. Sigmund Freud had once eloquently said, “Reason speaks with a soft voice. But there is something peculiar about this voice. It will not rest until it gets a hearing.” We need to maintain our faith in reason and rational argument, and the belief that in the end they will win the day, not today or tomorrow, but in the long range. As we enter the arena of political struggle, let’s keep that faith and fortify it by a sturdy command of the facts and the issues at hand.

Sunday Morning Meetings

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Oct. 11 – Reflections on the Lunatic Fringe

Dr. Joseph Chuman, Leader

The uproar at “town hall meetings” on health care, parents refusing to let their children listen to a speech by the president of the United States, the movement to deny that Barack Obama was born in this country—what is going on?

The concern is not merely the anger, or the oppositional stance by a vocal sector of the populace. It is that the substance of the opposition is unhinged from reality and stubbornly contemptuous of facts. There has been a “paranoid style” to aspects of American politics since the founding of the Republic. But this time what historically has been a fringe has moved ominously toward the center.

How do we explain it? In his address, Joe Chuman provides some possible explanations.

Oct. 18—What Makes Us Human?
Rev. Amanda Poppei

Join Rev. Amanda Poppei, Acting Senior Leader at the Washington Ethical Society, as she considers what it is that makes us essentially, unequivocally human. Are we able to draw boundaries around our own—and others’—humanness? That question has been a dangerous one in the history of the world, but it can also point us to some profound truths about our religious values and beliefs. Rev. Poppei will examine the answers found in philosophy, the words of Felix Adler, and pop culture, and will venture a few of her own.

Rev. Poppei has a Master of Divinity degree from Wesley Theological Seminary in Washington, DC, and a BA in Religious Studies from Yale University. In 2007, she won the National Capital Area Big Sister award from Hermanos y Hermanas Mayores/Big Brothers Big Sisters.

Oct. 25—The Future of Freethought
Michael De Dora, Jr.

A society that values freethought might look something like this: secular, and based on science, free inquiry, and humanism. Yet as wonderful as this might sound, Americans currently live in a very different society: religious and other unreasonable beliefs control the country’s public policy and social discourse—and these beliefs are largely off the conversational table.

There is a burgeoning freethought movement working to address this problem. Accordingly, there are questions to ask about the movement itself. Is there a best name for those within the movement: atheists, skeptics, humanists, secular humanists, freethinkers? Or should

there be no labels at all? Does the movement have shared basic foundations, and, if so, what are they? Do these foundations cross the boundaries of labels? And how can secularists talk openly and reasonably about morality with people who disagree with us? What can we do to support the brave youngsters who come out as nonreligious and want to be active? What are the movement’s goals? And are there reasons to be optimistic about the future?

Michael De Dora, Jr., is Executive Director of the Center for Inquiry, in New York City, where he oversees the Center’s local work to foster a secular society. He is currently completing a Master’s degree in political science at Brooklyn College, focusing on philosophy and government; he received a Bachelor’s degree in rhetoric and communication from SUNY Albany in 2005.

**Early Sunday
10 AM**

(Rooms subject to change)

Oct. 4—Parenting Issues. Led by Dr. Anne Klaeyen. Room 514.

Oct. 4—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 morning—and get some tips to improve our singing technique. It’s always a lot of fun, so join us! Room 507.

Oct. 11—Colloquy: topic TBD. Phyllis Kreuttner presides. Room 408.

Oct. 18—Poetry Readings—Please join us and bring along your favorite poems to read aloud. After the readings we’ll have a chance to share our thoughts about the poems. Cheryl Gross presides. Room 408.

Oct. 18—Singing Practice—Led by Pat Debrovner and Jerry Ranck. Room 507.

Oct. 25—Ethics in the News—Led by Mary Ellen Goodman. Room 408.

Sunday Lunch

Sheila Kleinwald

For the last three years, we have worked to provide a satisfying Sunday meal, with quality, well-cooked food served as efficiently as possible, at the lowest possible price, and to allow the most time for socializing and before the afternoon activities. Each year the challenge has increased, as food prices have risen, and as we have lost the use of essential kitchen equipment. Yet we have persisted.

Changes over the last three years:

We reduced the salt used in cooking, and put salt and pepper shakers on each table. We added whole grain bread. We reduced the amount of pasta in the soup, focused on vegetables, expanded the salad bar, and switched to Fair Trade coffee.

Changes to come and how you can help:

1. We are expanding the variety of vegetarian foods, which will benefit all of us. If you have a recipe for a vegetarian dish you like, especially a main dish, please print it out and give it to one of our **Coordinators: Eva Yachnes, Moira Whittington, Alex Mogieff, Helen Mecs, or me, Sheila Kleinwald.** We wear green name tags.
2. To avoid losing money, we will modify either the lunch format or the prices, or both, as of October 4.
3. Please help by putting only cans in the recycling bins, keeping the coffee service table clean, and contributing what you can to both the Fair Trade coffee contribution jar on the beverage table and the Green Kitchen Fund baskets placed by member Ruth Cohen.
4. Please continue to give us feedback about what’s working well, or not so well. Suggestions and new recipes will be appreciatively accepted.

Also, please volunteer to help serve food or take tickets from time to time.

Sunday Afternoon 1:45 PM

(Except as noted)

Oct. 4—Ethics in Action—“Shine the Light on Domestic Violence”—Turn the State Purple. Once again, New York State and the rest of the nation will recognize October as Domestic Violence Awareness Month. The color purple has come to symbolize the fight against domestic violence, and last year the effort to “Shine the Light on Domestic Violence by Turning the State Purple” was inaugurated by the NYS Office for the Prevention of Domestic Violence. Landmarks such as Niagara Falls, as well as bridges, statues, and buildings were illuminated in purple for a day, a week, or the entire month, and organizations held special awareness days, encouraging their employees to wear purple. This year, the goal is to have purple participation in *every county in the State*. Led by Dr. Anne Klaeyen. Ceremonial Hall.

Oct. 11—A Circle of Healing—Co-sponsored by the NYSEC/Social Service Board All Healers Mental Health Alliance and the American Psychiatric Association’s Office of Minority and National Affairs, A Circle of Healing is a call to action meeting of mental health professionals and interfaith leaders that aims to address issues of common concern regarding self-care, justice, peace, and reconciliation. Leader Dr. Anne Klaeyen and Dr. Phyllis Harrison-Ross, SSB Chair, will join nationally known participants in this collaboration. All are welcome. 2:00 pm. Ceremonial Hall.

Oct. 18—Life with Health—Member Terry M. Perlin, Ph.D. will speak on

“Perils and Prospects of Prescription Drugs.” This interactive presentation will examine both the remarkable breakthroughs in pharmaceutical research and the often suppressed concerns about the dangers of ingesting prescription medication. The roles of both research and marketing (especially directly to the public via television and print advertising) will be discussed. These have created a “demand” by many patients for prescriptions for diseases real and imagined, while the dangers of such drugs are rarely disclosed to the general population. Finally, we’ll discuss ways in which physicians who prescribe medications to their patients can be “coaxed” into revealing the actual “effects” of those substances.

Dr. Perlin is a consultant on medical ethics. He has been a faculty member at Williams College (MA); and a Professor of Interdisciplinary Studies and a Research Fellow at Scripps Gerontology Center at Miami University (OH), and has held appointments at the University of Cincinnati College of Medicine and the University of California, San Francisco. He is the author of *Clinical Medical Ethics Cases in Practice*.

Lunch Discussions Thursdays, 12:00 Noon

Homo sapiens may well be the dominant species on earth, influencing—for good and ill—other species and the environment itself. Bring your lunch and join Leader Dr. Anne Klaeyen in the Elliott Library, Room 507, for a series of lively talks about the **Human Environment**. Our discussion topics are:

Oct. 1—Human Population Growth—recent United Nations studies.

Oct. 8—The World Without Us, by Alan Wesiman—an excerpt.

Oct. 15—Gender Genocide by Christine Toomey.

Oct. 22—Outsmarted: High Finance vs. Human Nature by John Lanchester.

Oct. 29—Why Is There Peace? by Steven Pinker.

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

Our Ethical Family

Moe-Swe Myint

Please welcome new member **Judith Zisseron**. Judith is a homemaker and was introduced to the Society by a friend. She likes our philosophy and the work we do for social justice.

A sad farewell to **James Edward Speed**, lifetime member of the New York Society for Ethical Culture, who died on August 12. Jim was preceded in death by his wife, Jane Helen Speed, and is survived by his son, David Speed; daughters, Jill Curl and Barbara Speed; and granddaughter, Rachel Curl. He was born in Erie, Pennsylvania, on December 16, 1919, and moved to New York in 1947. Jim was a musician, a computer programmer, and a lover of walks in the city, music, words, and ethical discussion. He was a member of our Music Committee and provided musical interludes at many NYSEC functions.

A memorial service will be held at the New York Society on Thursday, October 1, from 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm, in the Adler Study, Room 514.

New Publications

Moe-Swe Myint

Several new publications are now available at the Society. Be sure to get yours.

NYSEC’s Adult Education Committee has created a 2009-2010 Course Listings brochure, which shows schedules

of the Reading and Discussion Groups; courses on the arts, culture, and personal growth; and Leader-led courses. Come by and pick up a copy; the brochure is on information tables all around the building and also can be picked up at the Membership Office, Room 501.

The latest edition of our Membership Directory is also available at the Membership Office. You may call me at 212-874-5210, ext. 113, for a copy.

We have completed the Fall 2009–Spring 2010 schedule of “Reception for Prospective Members.” Please contact me at mmyint@nysec.org for more information about the schedule and the other new publications.

Foundations of Ethical Culture

NYSEC’s Leaders are presenting a five-week course on the history, foundations, and applications of Ethical Culture. This is an informative and enjoyable course and we invite long-time members, nonmembers, and everyone in-between to join us.

Oct. 1–Introduction to Ethical Culture

Dr. Anne Klaeysen

Oct. 8–Ethical Culture

Environmentalism

Curt Collier

Oct. 15–Ethical Culture Sustainability

Kate Lovelady

Oct. 22–Ethical Culture History

Dr. Howard Radest

Oct. 29–Ethical Culture Worth

Dr. Robert Berson

Please contact Sheleigah Grube in the Leaders’ Office at 212-874-5210, ext. 118, to register for this free program. All sessions run from 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm.

Advocacy Forum

Julie Blutstein

Wall Street’s Gain, Main Street’s Pain: The All-Important Battle for Real Financial Reform

Last fall, the US government embarked on a huge rescue of Wall Street, necessary, we were told, to avert a second Great Depression and to save Main Street from a devastating credit crunch. To mark the one-year anniversary of the bailout, Demos, NYSEC, and *The Nation* present **Nomi Prins** (former Goldman Sachs Managing Director and author of *It Takes a Pillage: Behind the Bailouts, Bonuses, and Backroom Deals from Washington to Wall Street*.) in a public conversation about how to restore financial sanity and responsibility in our economy. The event will take place on Thursday, October 1, at 7:00 pm in the Auditorium.

Ms. Prins will be joined by two leading journalists: **Daniel Gross**, senior editor of *Newsweek* and author of *Dumb Money: How Our Greatest Financial Minds Bankrupted the Nation*, and *Rolling Stone* political reporter **Matt Taibbi**, whose hard-hitting exposé of Goldman Sachs, “The Great American Bubble Machine,” sent shock waves through the business world last summer. This event will be introduced by *The Nation* editor, **Katrina Vanden Heuvel**, and moderated by PBS host, **David Brancaccio**.

Admission is free but you must register in advance; go to www.demos.org, or contact Jinny Khanduja at jkhanduja@demos.org, or register by phone at 212-389-1399.

The Joy of Personal Writing

Elaine Berman

This ten-week workshop, led by Elaine Berman, welcomes new and experi-

enced writers. It is a safe place to begin writing or return to it. Come and experience the joy of personal writing. There are two series: Mondays, 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm, beginning on October 5, and Thursdays, 7:00 pm–9:00 pm, beginning on October 8. The course fee is \$190 for members and \$290 for nonmembers. For more information, call Gloria Chandler at 212-874-5210, ext. 117.

You can read essays by participants in our previous workshops at www.nysec.org; click on the Table of Contents and scroll down.

Ethical Yoga?

Yes, there is such a thing! NYSEC’s Adult Education Committee presents Gentle Yoga, with Rebecca Mason, on Tuesdays, October 6, 13, 20, and 27; November 3, 10, 17, and 24; and December 1 and 8, from 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm in the Elliott Library, Room 507.

Everyone is welcome to participate in this ancient practice. The series’ cost is \$100 for members and \$150 for nonmembers, with a fee of \$17 for a single class/drop in. Please bring your own towel and yoga mat. To register, contact Sheleigah Grube in the Leaders’ Office at 212-874-5210, ext. 118.

Shrinks on Film

Therapists and Therapy in American Cinema

Join us on the first Wednesday of the month at 7:00 pm (doors open at 6:30 pm) in Ceremonial Hall, to see American films featuring therapists and therapy. Each film will be followed by a discussion with New York City-based psychologists. Admission is \$5.

Oct. 7–Prime (2005)

Nov. 4–Analyze This (1999)

Dec. 2–What About Bob? (1991)

Jan. 6–An Unmarried Woman (1978)

The series is cosponsored by the New York Society for Ethical Culture and the Manhattan Psychological Association. For more information, contact Sheila Kaplan at kaplanphd@aol.com.

Ethics in Film

On Friday, October 9, at 6:30 pm, join other film lovers to see director Ridley Scott's *Blade Runner*, a 1982 sci-fi film offering a bleak vision of the not-to-distant future. The discussion following will be led by Leader Curt Collier. Suggested donation \$5. Ceremonial Hall.

Ethics and the Theater

Patricia Bruder Debrovner

On Wednesday evening, October 21, 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm, Ethics and the Theater will present *How I Learned to Drive*, by Paula Vogel. Set in rural Maryland between the 1960s and 1980s, the play is a kind of *Lolita* story told from *Lolita*'s point of view. Li'l Bit, who narrates the tale through a series of vignettes framed as driving lessons, is sexually abused as a young girl by her uncle by marriage, Peck. But Vogel humanizes both uncle and niece, showing their true affection that veers, tragically, into a crime that damages both.

The play is ultimately concerned not with victimization or judgment, but with healing and forgiveness.

Join us in the Elliott Library, Room 507, for a wine and cheese reception at 6:30 pm, followed by the play and a discussion led by Leader Dr. Anne Klaeyen. Susan Horowitz will direct our cast, which includes Maria Demarse, Dan Hanson, Bonnie Bean, Pat Berens, Carole and Jerry Chamlin, and Muriel Berger. Suggested donation: \$5.

Volunteers Needed For SSB Book Sale

Helen Mecs

The SSB Book Sale to help raise funds for the Innocence Project DNA testing will take place on Saturday, October 17, in Social Hall (and outside, weather permitting) 11:00 am–5:00 pm.

We need volunteers to help at the sale, as well as with pre-sale preparations on Friday, October 16, from 5:00 pm on. We would also welcome preliminary help with sorting books on some Sundays. Contact Helen Mecs at helenmecs@yahoo.com or phone her at 212-481-1715 for more information.

Please come and invite your friends, and remember to bring your own bags for the bargains you'll be sure to find.

Members who would like to take a tax deduction for their donations should bring us a letter written on their letterhead giving details of their donation and its approximate value for us to sign.

Towards a Green Kitchen

Dr. Ruth Cohen

Welcome back to a new season of exciting programs and events—and back to our Dollar Day Drive for the “greening” of our kitchen! During the first months of our Sunday lunchtime drive you've contributed an amount equal to the cost of one piece of the equipment we need—a food-wrap sealing machine. We are now working on raising funds for the next piece of needed equipment, possibly a dishwasher. Now, that would enable us to take a big step toward going green: no more need for plastic dishes and utensils!

So, watch for the “Green Kitchen Initiative Dollar Day Drive” signs each Sunday.

Benefit Concert

Dr. Ruth Cohen

Mark your calendar for our annual Benefit Concert for the Stained Glass Windows, on Sunday, October 25, 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm, in Ceremonial Hall. Join us for fun, festivities, refreshments after the performances, and conversation, as we listen to new music and get to meet the performers.

For information and reservations, please call 212-860-4096 or 212-874-5210, ext. 113. Tickets are \$15 in advance and \$20 at the door.

“Butterfly” Project

Dr. Ruth Cohen

I want to express my appreciation for the generosity of members and friends who attended the August 9 Platform on “The Art of Healing.” The talk discussed the importance of using art in promoting healing and was based on my recently published book, *Art With Heart: Assisting the Work of Wellness*.

This marked the launch of the “Butterfly” Project of the Social Service Board, through which we aim to raise funds to purchase art for the veterans in the Veterans Medical Center in New York City to thank them for their sacrifices and assist them in their healing. We invited those present to choose from a selection of works of art in the book; thanks to your generosity, we'll be able to purchase a print of one of those artworks, which we'll present to a representative of the Medical Center at a future date. We're really excited about this project and hope that the concept will generate interest and expand to all our Societies.

I especially want to thank the members of the Fundraising Committee and the Sunday Charities Group for their support of this new effort.

October 2009

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

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>Great Books: Oct. 7 – Aristotle, <i>On Happiness</i> Plato, <i>The Apology</i> (complete work)</p> <p>Ethical Culture Reading Discussion Group: Oct. 14 – Geraldine Brooks, <i>March</i></p> <p>Great Books: Great Conversations II: Oct. 21 – Friedrich Hayek, <i>Planning and Democracy</i> (from <i>The Road to Serfdom</i>)</p>				<p>1 November 2009 Newsletter Deadline 12:00 pm – Leader Lunch Discussion 1:00 pm – Memorial for James Speed 6:30 pm – Foundations of EC 7:00 pm – Advocacy Forum</p>	<p>2 Membership Fall Retreat → → →</p>	<p>3 9:30 am and 1:30 pm Supervised Visitation → → → → → → → →</p>
<p>4 Retreat Ends 10:00 am – Parenting Issues 10:00 am – Singing Practice 11:00 am – Ethics for Children 11:15 am – Morning Meeting 12:45 pm – Social Hour 1:45 pm – Ethics in Action</p>	<p>5 6:30 pm – Board of Trustees 6:30 pm – Monday Writing Workshop</p>	<p>6 6:00 pm – Yoga 6:00 pm – Socrates Café 7:00 pm – Earth Rise</p>	<p>7 6:00 pm – Men's Group 7:00 pm – Shrinks on Film 7:00 pm – Membership Cultivation Club 7:30 pm – Great Books</p>	<p>8 12:00 pm – Leader Lunch Discussion 6:30 pm – Foundations of EC 7:00 pm – Thursday Writing Workshop</p>	<p>9 7:00 pm – Ethics in Film – <i>Blade Runner</i></p>	<p>10 8:30 am – Hike (meet at the information booth in Grand Central Station) No Supervised Visitation program today</p>
<p>11 10:00 am – Colloquy 11:00 am – Ethics for Children 11:15 am – Morning Meeting 12:45 pm – Social Hour 2:00 pm – Circle of Healing</p>	<p>12 Columbus Day Society Offices Closed</p>	<p>13 6:00 pm – Yoga 6:30 pm – Monday Writing Workshop</p>	<p>14 3:00 pm – ECRDG</p>	<p>15 12:00 pm – Leader Lunch Discussion 6:30 pm – Foundations of EC 7:00 pm – Thursday Writing Workshop</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17 9:30 am and 1:30 pm Supervised Visitation 11:00 am – SSB Book Sale</p>
<p>18 10:00 am – Poetry Reading 10:00 am – Singing Practice 11:00 am – Ethics for Children 11:15 am – Morning Meeting 12:45 pm – Social Hour 1:45 pm – Life with Health</p>	<p>19 6:15 pm – Drawing Class 6:30 pm – Monday Writing Workshop 7:00 pm – Prospective Members' Reception</p>	<p>20 6:00 pm – Yoga 6:00 pm – Socrates Café</p>	<p>21 7:00 pm – Ethics and the Theater 7:30 pm – Great Conversations II</p>	<p>22 12:00 pm – Leader Lunch Discussion 6:30 pm – Foundations of EC 7:00 pm – Thursday Writing Workshop</p>	<p>23 11:00 am – Ethics on the Air – "Storytelling – Art and Ethics" With Dr. Anne Klaeyesen 7:00 pm – Earth Rise</p>	<p>24 9:30 am and 1:30 pm Supervised Visitation</p>
<p>25 10:00 am – Ethics in the News 11:00 am – Ethics for Children 11:15 am – Morning Meeting 12:45 pm – Social Hour 4:00 pm – Stained Glass Benefit Concert</p>	<p>26 6:15 pm – Drawing Class 6:30 pm – Monday Writing Workshop</p>	<p>27 6:00 pm – Yoga</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29 12:00 pm – Leader Lunch Discussion 6:30 pm – Foundations of EC 7:00 pm – Thursday Writing Workshop</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31 9:30 am and 1:30 pm Supervised Visitation</p>