



THE
HUMANIST SOCIETY
OF NEW MEXICO
NEWSLETTER

February 2017

A Chapter of the American Humanist Association

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HSNM Meetings in Albuquerque

HSNM meetings are free and open to the public (unless otherwise noted.)

Saturday, February 11th

HSNM Informal Meeting 10am – 12pm (Back to original time!)

Mimi's Cafe

The 25 Way, Albuquerque, NM (near I-25 and Jefferson)

Saturday, February 18th

HSNM Topical Discussion 10:00AM – Noon

Happiness

Special Collections Library 423 Central Ave. NE

Saturday, February 25th

HSNM Speaker Meeting 10am – 12noon

Brainstorming Session

Members and Prospective Members invited.

Meetings by HSNM Affiliates are held throughout the month.

For more information please visit their websites.

Atheist Skeptical Kingdom of Albuquerque (www.meetup.com/ASK-Atheist-Skeptical-Kingdom-of-Albuquerque)

Freedom From Religion, Albuquerque (www.meetup.com/FFRABQ)

New Mexicans for Science and Reason (www.nmsr.org)

Roswatheists (<http://www.meetup.com/Roswatheists>)

Santa Fe Atheist Community (<http://www.meetup.com/Santa-Fe-Atheist-Community>)

President's Message

by Randall Wall

January's Speaker Meeting was a surprise success. Nancy Ava Miller's talk about the sexual underground was interesting and afforded us a look into how others express themselves sexually in an unconventional kind of way. I was so glad to see a turn out of about twenty individuals to hear her!!

What is happiness? What makes you happy? A warm puppy? Love? Other people? Art? Marching in the streets? Talking? How about talking to people about happiness? If that would make you happy, please join us at our topical discussion as we do just that!

These next two years are bound to be eventful for HSNM. What kind of things would you like to see your group accomplish?

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The purpose of HSNM is to promote ethical, naturalistic,
democratic Humanism among its members and within its
community.

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Send Newsletter submission to: Editor, Randall Wall, Paragon2012@comcast.net. The deadline for Newsletter submission is the third Friday of each month. Website submission may be send to president@humanistsocietyofnm.org. HSNM dues are now paid separately from AHA dues, visit www.americanhumanist.org for more information about the American Humanist Association.

Humanism is an ethical philosophy that derives its principles from science and reason rather than theology. It asserts the worth and dignity of every person, advocates personal liberty tempered by social and environmental responsibility, and promotes democracy, compassion, and justice. It sees human beings as natural organisms, whose values arise from culture and experience and holds humanist responsible for its own affairs.

The conversation began late last year and will continue into this year. Let's come together and plan our next activities. It's going to be a great year!!

February "Speaker"

Meeting

General Membership
"Brainstorming" Session

Botts Hall, ABQ Special
Collections Library, 423 Central
Ave. NE

Saturday February 25, 2017
10 AM to Noon

We are asking all members and prospective members to attend in order to plan HSNM's activities for 2017 and 2018. Suggestions for social activities (picnics, ice-cream socials, pot-lucks or whatever), Darwin's Day 2018, International Woman's Day 2018, etc. Please bring your suggestions for projects and speakers, or any other topics you wish to discuss.

Informal Meeting

Saturday, Feb. 11, 10 AM to noon
Brunch at Mimi's Cafe
The 25 Way, ABQ

We are holding our informal meeting again at Mimi's, but with the time changed to 10 AM from 9 AM to accommodate those who want to sleep in on Saturday. Mimi's serves American/French food. We will have some quiet tables at the back so we can talk in comfort. Mimi's is immediately on the right after the turn into the 25 Way from Jefferson. Ask at the desk for the Humanist Party. Y'all come!