



The Idaho Humanist

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President's Message: Adventures of the Past Month

This past month I have “expanded my horizons” by participating in a couple new and different things.

Peace Walk

Saturday, April 26, I took part in a Peace Walk organized by the Idaho Peace Coalition. The walk was led by Gary Richardson, IPC member and also a leader in the local Beginner's Mind Sangha, a group that promotes a Buddhist meditation practice. We met in Kathryn Albertson Park near downtown Boise. About 15 participated in the walk, which took about an hour to circumnavigate the park, and a few more joined in for a tea ceremony afterward.

Richardson read various passages from Thich Nhat Hanh, the prime teacher for the brand of breathing and meditation practice used by the local group. I think a couple of these quotes capture the essence of the idea being promoted.

Thich Nhat Hanh said, “Peace is every step. There is no way to peace. Peace is the Way.”

Another of the readings began with this paragraph:

“We shall walk in such a way that each step we make becomes a realization of peace; each step becomes a prayer for peace & harmony. Our walk will not be a petition addressed to anyone, nor will it be a demonstration against anyone. Our walk is to unite our hearts, to nurture our togetherness and to dissipate fear and separation.”

After these readings, Richardson invited everyone to walk slowly, mindfully, in a group, around the park, while repeating a mantra silently to oneself. He suggested using, “I have arrived. I am home.” I chose a different mantra, more meaningful to me personally, a quote from Mahatma Gandhi, “Be the change that you seek.”

For nearly an hour I slowly stepped, very slightly rocking from side to side, and eventually fell into a rhythm whereby I took two steps while inhaling and repeating the first three words of my mantra, then two steps exhaling and repeating the last three words of my mantra. A few times we stopped, at the sound of a gong, to observe our surroundings. The park was quiet and serene. All in all, it brought on a feeling of calm relaxation.

At the end of the walk, we all gathered for a tea ceremony whereby cups were rinsed, tea brewed, and then poured and passed out to those gathered.

It was a pleasant experience. It left me hopeful that eventually great numbers of people will participate in such walks, to encourage more people to think and act for peace. My choice of mantra also reinforced in my mind the idea that if I want some kind of change, I should practice it and model it.

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Humanism is a rational philosophy informed by science, inspired by art, and motivated by compassion. It affirms the dignity of each human being and supports individual liberty consonant with social and planetary responsibility. Humanism advocates participatory democracy, the open society, human rights, and social justice. Free of supernaturalism, it recognizes human beings as part of nature and holds that all values—be they religious, ethical, social, or political—have their source in human nature, experience, and culture. Humanism thus derives the goals of life from human need and interest rather than from theological and ideological abstractions, and asserts that humanity must take responsibility for its own destiny.

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Joanna Macy Lecture – “The Great Turning”

Thursday, May 1, I attended a lecture by Joanna Macy, who has developed an international following over the course of 40 years as an author, speaker, and workshop leader on Buddhist philosophy and the deep ecology movement. Her visit to Boise was sponsored by the Kessler-Keener Lectures. Ed Keener, who spoke to our group about Sanctuary at our April meeting, is a board member of this foundation financed largely by his parents.

Macy first described “The Great Turning” (also part of the title of a book by a friend and colleague of hers, David C. Korten). This phrase refers to the “shift from an industrial growth society to a life-sustaining civilization.” She presented it as the successor to the Agricultural Revolution that started about 10,000 years ago, and the Industrial Revolution, which started about 300 years ago. She sees that latter as having thrown human civilization out of balance, thereby causing problems we have not yet solved.

Macy described three dimensions of The Great Turning. First on her list is activism, to slow down industrial growth through eco-activism and anti-nuclear work. Second is to promote new, sustainable practices, through green technology and local enterprise. Third is a shift in consciousness, so people see themselves as part of the environment, and vice versa.

Macy then recounted how faith has influenced her work. As she put it, each (faith and work) influences the other. She quoted The Buddha having talked about “moral work” and “wisdom” and having likened them to “two hands washing each other.” Macy was raised a Presbyterian, and she was “very active and enthusiastic in that.” It involved her in civil rights, anti-war activism, and raising children, eventually bringing her to the Peace Corps, and helping Tibetans who fled from the invading Communist Chinese. Her work with the Tibetans exposed her to Buddhism, which she found to be a “whole different way of looking at the world.” She undertook serious study of Buddhism, and she “felt the awakening of the idea of the earth as a living being.”

She closed with some poetry readings and a question-and-answer session.

I feel compelled to say that I agree with some, but not all, of her stands. There can be no doubt that humans are doing some unsustainable things in the world, and that we must curb pollution and war and many other problems. Nuclear waste does present some nasty risks, and most governments and private companies seem to ignore some of the risks, or seek to evade responsibility for them. Nevertheless, properly maintained, nuclear power is much better in the long run than burning fossil fuels. Also, there are many peaceful applications of nuclear technology that benefit humanity. In particular, I myself would not be alive today if not for the radioisotope treatment of my thyroid cancer a few years back.

As a humanist, I take an optimistic stance that we human beings are responsible, and capable, to solve our problems. From my objectivist background, I also take the stance that human achievement is the basic purpose we should pursue in life. Obviously, we must grant others equal rights to pursue their aims, and we must be wise enough not to poison ourselves or others as we go through life. No doubt we will need to clean up our industrial act in the coming years, to preserve ourselves as individuals and as a species. I am, however, not ready to join the deep ecologists who promote “biospheric egalitarianism” – the notion that all other species, and the environment itself, have rights at least equal to human rights. I see this last notion as essentially just replacing Jehovah with a new god, with its acolytes seeking to suppress those who disagree.

I expect there are divergent humanist viewpoints on this matter, and your submissions to this newsletter are welcome.

**Because Memorial Day falls on the 4th Monday of May, we will be having our
May Meeting - Tuesday, May 27th**

Casa Mexico

10332 Fairview near Five Mile

Humanists of Idaho Monthly Meetings

From 6:30 PM to 7:30 PM we are now the Humanist Supper Club. We invite everyone to arrive whenever they can for dinner and join the group for informal discussion and socializing. At 7:30 we will start our program.

4th Monday of the month
The Flicks in Boise
646 Fulton, at 6th and Myrtle
6:30 PM Humanist Supper Club
7:30 PM Program

HOI Meeting – Tuesday, May 27th

This month only at Casa Mexico on Fairview near Five Mile

Our speaker for May is from the Agency for New Americans. ANA is all about providing the education and skills necessary for refugees to become self-sufficient. They are a private, nonprofit provider of employment, case management, and training services for people who have fled their homeland and are unable to return due to fear of persecution based on race, religion, nationality, or membership in a particular social group or political opinion. They believe in human rights, education, and cultural diversity. Americans are the daughters and sons of immigrants—we welcome those who, through no fault of their own, must start their lives anew with the protection of freedom and dignity. ANA provides the opportunity and know-how to rebuild their lives by means of direct job placement following extensive English tutoring, acculturation, and job-seeking skills.

HOI Officer Elections in May

May is the time we elect board members and special chairs. These are the people who keep our organization going. Right now there are only four of us holding all the positions. We all would gladly hand over some of our responsibilities to anyone who would like to help out.

The board of Humanists of Idaho consists of four officers: a President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer. Our bylaws are online at <http://idaho.humanists.net/meetings.html>. The duties of the officers are as follows:

- The President is the spokesperson for the organization and leads the membership meetings and board meetings.
- The Vice President administers elections and assists the president as needed.
- The Secretary keeps the minutes of business meetings.
- The Treasurer checks the mailbox, writes and deposits checks, and gives financial reports for our operating funds account.

The following positions are non-board positions.

- Webmaster. Maintains and updates the web site and email account for the organization.
- Yahoo Group Administrator. Approves users who request to join the Idaho Humanists Yahoo group, and sends email communications to the Yahoo group.
- Newsletter Editor. Publishes and prints the newsletter
- Database Administrator. Maintains and updates the database of members and prospects used to generate mailing lists. Prints mailing labels for newsletter.
- Building Fund Treasurer. Takes up collection for and deposits checks into our Permanent Building Fund. This fund is a separate account from our operating account. By our rules, this person is not supposed to be a member of the board. 10% of membership dues must go into this fund. This ensures that deposits are made regularly and the fund remains active.
- Charitable Coordinator. Organizing participation in charitable activities such as answering phones for IPTV, sponsoring families for WCA, book drives for the local libraries, etc.
- Publicity Coordinator. Making sure meetings and other events are publicized and get listed in community calendars

Nominations are open for all offices. If you would like to present yourself for nomination, please contact our Vice President Van Van Curen either by phone (376-5475), by email (saw2thking@aol.com), or at the meeting.

Community/Charitable Gardens & Local Food Coalition

Tuesday, May 20th

Special panel discussion will be hosted by the Idaho Interfaith Roundtable Against Hunger at their next gathering - **Tues. May 20th, 7:00pm at Hillview United Methodist 8525 Ustick Road in Boise.**

Speakers will include

- Katie Downs - Refugee Gardens,
- Bill Meeker - Vineyard Church Charitable Garden and
- Josie Ershine – Treasure Valley Food Coalition.

Please promote this event and invite others that might be interested to attend. This is last Roundtable Gathering before summer break.

BUUF Discussion Group - Sunday, June 8th

Second Sunday of the Month at 11 AM

Boise Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, 6200 Garrett, Garden City

3-4 grade room in the north wing

With the change of time we hope more will be able to attend the lively discussion we have in this group. Everyone is welcome whether you consider yourself a UU or not.

This year we are having a series of discussions on the language of faith and how different meanings of words can make for misunderstanding between people.

The Humanist Perspective on Channel 11

Tuesdays at 6:00 PM

"The Humanist Perspective" now airs each Tuesday from 6:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., and then repeats at 8:00-8:30 Wednesday morning on Boise's local cable access television station, TVTV Channel 11 on CableOne. To check on programming schedules, see the website at www.tvpatv.org. The Council for Secular Humanism (CSH) produces a weekly half-hour television program exploring issues of interest from a humanist point of view.

Interfaith Sanctuary Homeless Shelter

Ed Keener, President of the Board of the Interfaith Sanctuary Homeless Shelter, addressed a dozen attendees at HOI's April meeting. Here are the highlights of his talk:

- Sanctuary is located at 1620 W River St, Boise, ID. Open from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m. 365 days a year.
- www.interfaithsanctuary.org
- Tours available – come to the north door around 6:30 p.m.
- Volunteers needed: about 90 per week.
- Houses 120-130 guests per night; open to men, women, children, couples, and families. No religious proselytizing.
- Over 50% of guests have drug or alcohol issues.
- Over 90% have mental health issues; sometimes brought on by finding oneself homeless.
- Many residents eventually find other low-income housing.
- Shelter operates with a behavior-based code of ethics: "If you can get along with other people, you can stay."
- Building purchased in 2007 with \$800,000 loan; \$250,000 from the Roman Catholic Diocese, and \$550,000 from the Idaho Housing Finance Association.
- Bedding donated by LDS church. Churches, other groups, and individual contributions are now covering operating expenses.
- Capital fund-raising effort now being planned.
- Corpus Christi House, across an alley at 525 Americana Blvd., is a day shelter that takes in many Sanctuary residents.
- Meals are provided at the River of Life Boise Rescue Mission, which does evangelize patrons.

Founding HOI Member Dale Hall has Died

Dale Oliver Hall, 83, of Boise, passed away Friday, May 2, 2008, at the Idaho State Veterans Home. He lived a long life filled with love of family and of music, and shaped by values of environmental conservation and social justice. [From his obituary published in the Idaho Statesman from 5/11/2008 - 5/12/2008.]

Mary Fran Groll writes::

“Long time members will remember Pat and Dale Hall fondly as active, supportive Humanists of many years, often inviting us to their home for pot lucks and get together. (Dale Ann and Dale actually built the big log home themselves from scratch.) Pat died a few years ago but I think of her often. They were both active in civil rights and peace organizations as well. And Pat was a Peace Quilter.

We are losing the old guard (Joe and Roberta Voight, John and Vi Harms, Pat Hall, etc.) but still gaining new and interesting, committed members with the energy to carry on. I think our group is as healthy as it's ever been, and the alliance and overlap with the Unitarian humanists has helped us too. Our officers deserve many kudos for their leadership, efforts, and time commitment. Even the newsletter is better than it ever has been and keeps us connected even when we can't get to meetings. I very much enjoy the camaraderie at the meetings too. It hasn't always been that way (we had a few years marked by dissension) and the officers seem to set that tone. Good goin' guys!”

Humanist World Comes to Washington, D.C.

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Next month, Washington, D.C., will host the first world humanist congress to be held in the United States in 20 years. The International Humanist and Ethical Union's (IHEU) 17th World Humanist Congress is titled *E Pluribus Unum: Reclaiming Humanist Values*, and is expected to bring together more than 500 humanists from six continents. Held at the L'Enfant Plaza Hotel in the heart of downtown DC, the congress will run June 5-8, 2008, with extended activities June 4 and 9.

Congress speakers include: U.S. Representative Pete Stark, the first openly nontheistic member in Congress; Philip Pullman, author of *The Golden Compass*; Feminist Majority Foundation President Eleanor Smeal; and Judge John E. Jones of the famous Dover, Pa., "intelligent design" case.

Matt Cherry, executive director of the Institute for Humanist Studies (IHS), will give a keynote speech about his work as president of the United Nations NGO Committee on Freedom of Religion or Belief. Duncan Crary will be interviewing conference participants for the *Humanist Network News* podcast, and there will be an Institute for Humanist Studies table in the exhibit hall where conference goers can meet IHS staff.

The IHEU is the world union of over a hundred humanist, atheist, ethical culture, secular and freethought groups from more than 40 countries. Founded in 1952, the IHEU holds its congress once every three years. This year's IHEU congress is being organized with the American Humanist Association, the International Humanist and Ethical Youth Organization, and the Secular Student Alliance.

There is still time to book your place at the world congress, but registration slots at the congress and rooms at the hotel venue are almost gone. For detailed information on the conference and options for booking go to: <http://www.americanhumanist.org/conference/webreg08.php>

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"I Got Those Gasoline Impoverishment Blues"

Letter to the Editor by Wally Keltner

Like most Idahoans, I have been vexed by the ever-increasing cost of gasoline. For insight and wisdom, I've been reading Letters to the Editor and Readers' Views in the Statesman. It's been an arduous process.

From one angry author, I learn that the problem is the money-grubbing crude oil provider. I instantly conjure the image of a richly robed, bearded sheik on a beautiful groomed and curried camel. The Arab totes bags of my hard earned dollars recently spent at the local filling station. But wait – isn't Canada our biggest provider of petroleum? Quickly, I morph my mental picture – a red uniformed Royal Canadian Mounted Policeman, his coat pockets bulging with my rapidly devaluing dollars. He has a fiendish gloating grin and resembles Dudley Dooright. He speaks French and hails from Quebec.

But the very next letter I read tells me that the price of gasoline is high because no one can drill wells or build refineries. This makes gasoline as scarce as chicken lips and twice as expensive. It's the regulatory process. I knew it! Those damned hippie luddite environmentalists! I envision the rusting hulk of a vintage VW van. It sports a Ralph Nader bumper sticker. In it sits a man and a woman, both with unkempt hair. They wear tattered jeans, and dingy T-shirts with faded slogans from the sixties. The man lacks testosterone and cannot grow a decent beard, and the woman exhibits poor depilatory practice. My inner regions churn with the righteous indignation of being impoverished by them and those of their ilk.

I hardly get into a good seethe before another letter to the editor tells me that it's "Big Oil". Now here's someone to hate! Fade to a close-up of a money-grubbing capitalist CEO bloodsucker. He is fat and yowled. A swinish snout adorns him mid-face. His skin is red and is crisscrossed with tiny blue veins. He sweats from high blood pressure, induced by living too high on my money. He wears a thousand dollar silk suit and a Gucci tie. His chubby, porcine, manicured hand sports a pinkie ring with a diamond the size of a butter bean. Here's the guy that is milking me dry and preparing me for the poor house.

The next letter to the editor blames those who drive big cars. Oh yeah! My mental movie projector reveals a young, prosperous looking man and wife with four children. They live in one of those new subdivisions west of Boise full of McMansions. They are boarding their SUV. It is a chimera of a Hummer and a Pullman railroad car. Even the chromed ladders allowing access to the running boards reek of money. The smell of a square mile of leather upholstery permeates the air through the open portals. The doors close with a muffled thump and Dad hits the ignition. Sixteen cylinders powerfully reciprocate and a deluge of precious gasoline sates a massive fuel injection pump. Sound waves compress the chest and the suck of the air intake threatens small birds.

Suddenly my reeling mind stops. Something just is not right with any of these pictures. The targets of my discrimination wane dim like the Ghost of Jacob Marley. There are too many people for me to hate effectively at one time. And what do I really know? What about all those letters? What do the authors know? Have any of those letter writers done any research? Do any of them have a clue? Could it be that anyone with a two-bit prejudice can get it published in the newspaper? Do 99% of us practice an unsustainable lifestyle with our personal transportation? Naaaaah!

Moments & Milestones

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Red Sky at Morning – A Citizen’s Agenda for Action”

By James Gustave Speth

A Book Report by Wally Keltner

A Humanist friend, Mary Fran, recently recommended a list of books to me. She and I swap web sites and reading. This is an enlightening arrangement, since we shoot from opposite sides of the centerline - I tend to be more to the right and she to the left. This is a valuable discourse since we both gain a broader insight on issues of interest to Humanists. I found James Speth among the authors on Mary Fran’s latest suggestion. I located “Red Sky at Morning” within the Ada County library system and had it delivered out here in the conservative sticks of Star for my perusal.

“Red Sky” is very informative on several aspects of environmentalism. The author deftly covers the topic, including:

- The status of the environment and what mankind is doing to it,
- Possible scenarios of the future of our environment,
- A history of the environmental movement and its leaders,
- Local and global action plans to mitigate environmental damage, and
- An introduction to the many citizen, corporate and governmental action groups.

Within a mere 200 pages or so, the author thoroughly covers these topics at a level that is informative and useful to readers desiring knowledge or even those wishing to become involved in the environmental movement.

My major concern with Speth is his over-optimistic assessment of the participation of national governments and the United Nations in maintaining and restoring our environment. The US, of course, has failed to continue leadership in the global environmental movement. November 2008 just might rectify this failing. But there are other governments mangling Mother Nature as sovereign economic and political policy – China and Russia are probably two of the worst. But other countries, even some Kyoto signatories, are not supporting environmental either. On a global scale, the UN is notorious for its ineffectiveness on any number of causes and issues.

"Red Sky" is certainly a worthwhile read. However, I would recommend a fresher book than Speth’s -one that carries the aura of the new century with respect to the environmental movement. One such book that has received a reasonable review in Barron’s is “Break Through – from the Death of Environmentalism to the Politics of Possibility” by Ted Nordhaus and Michael Shellenberger. A potential reader of Speth just might enjoy "Break Through".

Humanist Humor: Dear God

A little boy wanted \$100 badly and prayed for two weeks but nothing happened. Then he decided to write God a letter requesting the \$100. When the postal authorities received the letter addressed to God, U.S.A., they decided to send it to President Bush.

The President was so impressed, touched, and amused that he instructed his secretary to send the little boy a \$5.00 bill. President Bush thought this would appear to be a lot of money to a little boy.

The little boy was delighted with the \$5.00 and sat down to write a thank you note to God, which read:

Dear God,

Thank you very much for sending the money, however, I noticed that for some reason you had to send it through Washington D.C. and, as usual, those crooks deducted \$95.00.

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Goodbye to Blasphemy in Britain

By RUTH N. GELLER HumanistNetworkNews.org May 14, 2008

The long standing British blasphemy laws were officially abolished on May 8, 2008. And good riddance to their long, repressive reign—say humanist and free speech advocates. The blasphemy laws were based on a centuries old notion that "faith" was at the heart of a moral society. To challenge or offend the official faith was akin to threatening the fabric that held British society together. The laws specifically prohibited "insult to the tenets and beliefs of the Church of England." It did not include Judaism, Islam, or any other religions in its purview.

The amendment to abolish the "common law offenses of blasphemy and blasphemous libel," was part of the Criminal Justice and Immigration Act of 2008. The amendment was put forth in Parliament by Dr. Evan Harris, a Liberal Democrat MP, and, in the House of Lords, by Lord Avebury, also a Liberal Democrat. Hanne Stinson, chief executive of the British Humanist Association (BHA), told the *Humanist Network News*, that although the laws were rarely enforced, the fact that they existed caused self-censorship in speech, filmmaking, literature and other art forms.

The last person to be sent to prison for blasphemy was a man named John William Gott in 1922. He received nine months hard labor for comparing Jesus Christ to a circus clown. In 1977, a religious conservative brought a private prosecution against the *Gay News* for publishing an erotic poem called "The Love That Dares To Speak Its Name." Written by James Kirkup, the poem is a narration by a Roman centurion who graphically describes making love to the dead body of Jesus Christ. The poem was banned in 1976 under the blasphemy laws. The judge said it was "touch and go" whether he would send the publisher to jail; but, in the end, no jail time was served. On the 25th anniversary of the poem, Stinson and other members of the BHA stood on the steps of the Church of St. Martin in the Field (with the church's permission), and read the poem aloud to protest the blasphemy laws. While police were at the scene, they made no arrests.

In 1989, Nigel Wingrove's short video about the visions of St. Theresa of Avila, "Visions of Ecstasy," was banned for blasphemy. The 18-minute film, which was meant to be viewed on British television, was denied a certificate by the British Board of Film Classification. The film showed St. Theresa of Avila caressing and kissing Christ and includes shots of her being erotically touched by a female character representing her psyche. [Wingrove](#) said his film was inspired by Bernini's sculpture "The Ecstasy of St. Theresa," and by the saint's own writings. Denial of a certificate prohibited the 18-minute film from being shown or distributed in cinemas or on video cassettes anywhere in Britain.

Stinson said that her group has campaigned for many years against the blasphemy laws. In support of its overthrow, the BHA gave written submission to the House of Lords' Select Committee and presented oral evidence. In addition, over 1,000 members of the BHA e-mailed their MP's to urge them to support the repeal, said Stinson. The British Humanist Association has doubled in membership to approximately 8,000 in the past few years, according to Stinson.

Stinson feels that this is partly due to the fact that both non-believers and supporters of free speech have become alarmed by the increased religious tone in public life, replacing what had been a more secular-friendly, or at least neutral, public arena. In recent years, "religious organizations have been vociferous," said Stinson. "Every organization consults faith-based leaders. It didn't used to be that way."

Most British surveys have found that approximately 40 percent of Britons identify as "non-religious." However, among those who describe themselves as practicing Christians, more are vocal and politically active, said Stinson. Former Prime Minister, Tony Blair, was outspoken about his belief in God in a way that Americans are familiar with from some of our own politicians, such as President George W. Bush and former presidential candidate Mike Huckabee. While the majority Labour Party is fairly secular, it's disproportionately Christian at the top, said Matt Cherry, executive director of the Institute for Humanist Studies, and a British citizen. Britain's current Prime Minister, Gordon Brown, describes himself as a practicing Christian. In contrast, Labour leaders of the 1970s and 1980s, such as Michael Foot and Neil Kinnock, were open about their atheism and agnosticism respectively.

Stinson said that she doesn't think that abolishing the laws themselves will make that much of a difference. She does feel that it will take away the "threat that is hanging over people." In addition, it will serve to remove the argument made by believers of other religions, that they deserved the same kind of "protection" that was granted to those who were members of the Church of England.

Ruth N. Geller is the editor of Humanist Network News, the weekly e-zine of the Institute for Humanist Studies.

HOI Membership

We have 41 full memberships and 3 newsletter subscribers.

To those of you who have received this newsletter complimentary, I hope you will decide to join our group. Please fill out the form below and send in the payment for the level of involvement you wish to the address below.

Nancy Rolig, Secretary, Newsletter Editor and Membership Administrator

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**2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays of the Month, 9:30 AM at the Kopper Kitchen (2661 Airport Way**

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Sunday, June 8th , 11:00 AM – BUUF Humanist Group

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**Summer Solstice – June 20<sup>th</sup>**  
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