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Friday the Thirteenth on Zoom The Very First Online Grand Opening of the Friggatriskaidekaphobia Treatment Center

As far as we know, nowhere in the entire universe has there been a Friday the Thirteenth online anti-superstition bash until Friday, August 13, 2021! The Freethought Society (FS) and the Center for Inquiry (CFI) worked together to cure people of their superstitions during the virtual opening of the famous Friggatriskaidekaphobia Treatment Center. The event was attended by over 100 people. Attendees were treated to a pre-event social, featuring singer **Rich DeSimone** performing a mini-concert of **Frank Sinatra** songs, including *Luck be a Lady*, *Devil Moon*, and *Witchcraft*.

Friggatriskaidekaphobia doctor **Glen Loev** and nurse practitioner **Margaret Downey** provided long-distance treatments that involved humorous and fun-loving interactions as they dispelled and cured superstitions. A “Clean Bill of Mental Health” was awarded to event attendees who participated and followed the “doctor’s orders.” Guests also took an anti-horoscope consulting pledge and participated in trashing zodiac signs.

During the event actor **Patti Butcheck** portrayed a real so-called professional astrologist, **Nancy R. Fenn**, now deceased. Butcheck disclosed a surprising research effort that took place in Australia attempting to link zodiac signs with driving abilities. The costly endeavor was abandoned and no reputable car insurance company has ever adopted a cost-rating system based on the astrological sign of an applicant.

The 2021 Friggatriskaidekaphobia Treatment Center also offered a continuing education session with famous Skeptic and “Anti-Superstition Professor of Rational Thinking” **Benjamin Radford**. His presentation was entitled “The Curse of Magical Thinking.”

Radford has degrees in psychology and education, and is a Research Fellow with the Committee for Skeptical Inquiry. He is the author of over a dozen books on critical thinking, science education, and media literacy. Radford is Deputy Editor of *Skeptical Inquirer* science magazine and co-host of the podcast “Squaring the Strange.”

Radford’s presentation emphasized that though magical thinking can seem wonderful, imbuing the world with meaning and wonder, there is a darker side to it. From lucky rabbits’ feet (not so lucky for the rabbits!) to gambler’s fallacies, Radford examined psychological, cultural, and folkloric aspects of superstition, curses, luck, and much more. Though some magical beliefs are harmless, others can have unexpectedly harmful and even deadly consequences. Radford provided information about the history of many beliefs and offered suggestions on how to replace magical beliefs with science and reason.

To poke fun at fortune-telling, **Christina Magallanes-Jones** acted as the official Friggatriskaidekaphobia Treatment Center’s Miss Fortune Teller. She used her special deck of “Terri-Bull” cards to predict the futures of 28 attendees. Predictions included “Romance is not in your future,” “Toilet paper will get stuck to your shoe today,” “Your neighbors will shun you for no good reason,” and “A bad song will be stuck in your head for two days.”

A mirror-breaking ceremony took place with attendees synchronizing the breaking of their own mirrors with the Friggatriskaidekaphobia Treatment Center Doctor Loev.

The prize for the best Friday the Thirteenth Zoom box was awarded to **Louise Danielson**, who was logged in from Denmark. She received a Friggatriskaidekaphobia Treatment Center T-shirt for her efforts.

FS and CFI thank entertainers **James Klueh** and **Abraham Steve Mackey** for providing superstition-themed music for the production.

Click this link to see a recording of the event: <https://youtu.be/hqKc8lgkUyI>

Photos of the Friday the Thirteenth Zoom Event



Above left is **Glen Loev**. He is dressed as the Friggatriskaidekaphobia Treatment Doctor for the grand opening of the online 2021 Friggatriskaidekaphobia Treatment Center. During the Friday the Thirteenth event, Loev talked about the nonsense of using astrologers and predictions based on zodiac signs to make important life-changing decisions. Loev is also the Vice-President of the Freethought Society.

Above right is **Margaret Downey**, dressed as the Friggatriskaidekaphobia Treatment Nurse Practitioner. During the event, Downey gave “cat” scans to patients and provide advice about getting over superstitious beliefs.



Above left is **Benjamin Radford**. He acted as the “Anti-Superstition Professor of Rational Thinking” and delivered a twenty-minute continuing education session entitled “The Curse of Magical Thinking.”

In the above middle photograph is **Patricia Butcheck**. She acted in the role of a real astrologer **Nancy R. Finn** during the Friday the Thirteenth event. Butcheck is the Secretary of the Freethought Society.

Above right is **Christina Magallanes-Jones**. She is dressed as the Friggatriskaidekaphobia Treatment Center’s official Miss Fortune Teller. Her “Terri-Bull” cards predicted the worse imaginable futures for “entertainment purposes only.”

Right is **Melissa Myers**. Myers provided expert help with Zoom technology before, during, and after the event. Myers’ regular job at the Center For Inquiry (CFI) is “National Field Organizer.” CFI was a cosponsor of the 2021 Friday the Thirteenth event.



France 2 Covers the Grand Opening of the 2021 Friggatriskaidekaphobia Treatment Center

by Margaret Downey

The uniqueness of the Friggatriakaidekaphobia Treatment Center caught the attention of the largest television network in France this year. France 2 is the equivalent of America's PBS network.

Journalist **Céline Joly** contacted me in June of 2021. She said that she was working on a short feature about the number 13, the superstition about Friday the Thirteenth, and its effects on people.

Joly explained that she had read articles about my activities on the internet and wanted to know if an event was being planned for the upcoming date of August 13. Fortunately, the Freethought Society (FS) and the Center For Inquiry (CFI) had already been working on plans to host the Zoom grand opening of the 2021 Friggatriskaidekaphobia Treatment Center scheduled for August 13.

Joly's idea was for France 2 to record a sequence as if it weren't only an online event. She wanted France 2 viewers to "feel" the experience. She said that the producers always try to tell a story as if it were a movie more than a report.

The filming plan evolved over the next two months as I shared the script with Joly, photos of past events, music selections, our closing dance video, and the PowerPoint slide show we put together.

It was decided that a film crew in France would log into the Zoom event and record the activities as they unfolded. I was thrilled to also see that Joly logged into the Zoom event even though she was on vacation with her family. She later wrote to tell us how much she enjoyed the show.

France 2 wanted more footage, so Joly hired a video journalist stationed in Washington, D.C. to interview me and record an array of creative situations designed to capture the interest of their viewers and entertain the audience.

Bertrand Guez arrived at the FS office from Washington, D. C. on Monday, August 16th to record an interview and film a list of very creative scenes ordered by Joly. Guez and I spent the entire day filming and I had a great time. It was my birthday and I could not have asked for a more exciting and fun use of my time. At 71 years of age I was filming for a television special and promoting the importance of rational thinking through a unique character I had developed in 2005.

Guez had a list of interview questions that we got through easily with only a few retakes. The majority of time was taken up with finding a good room in which to film scenes such as my neighbor **Rich LaRue** walking under a ladder, opening an umbrella inside, and holding a black cat. Guez also filmed my costume accessories sitting on a table and had me putting them on in front of the camera.

I was very impressed with the vision of both Joly and Guez. It will be interesting to see what ends up on the editing floor and what scenes will be shown in the program. The air date is unknown at this time, but I'm sure the end product created by Joly and Guez will be expertly produced and highly entertaining. A preview can be seen at:

<https://youtu.be/bZaJp9XVezc>

Guez accepted a "thank you" gift before catching the train back to Washington, D.C. He is pictured below holding his new T-shirt, compliments of the Freethought Society. Anti-superstition T-shirts can be ordered by contacting me through email. Send me your size and mailing information for a price quote: Margaret @FtSociety.org



Pictured above, left to right, are **Rich LaRue**, me, and journalist **Bertrand Guez**. LaRue graciously volunteered to be the "patient" I was curing of superstitions.



A Walk Down the Thames Path and Memory Lane

by Herb Silverman

My wife **Sharon Fratepietro** and I spent several weeks in September traveling in England. Our primary purpose for going was to walk the Thames River Path, from its puddle of a source near Kemble to the flowing river it becomes in Windsor.

We followed the river over 150 miles, in 13 days. We arranged with travel company Footpath Holidays to make our overnight accommodations and transport our luggage from inn to inn along the way. The footpath took us through woods and fields and occasional charming villages. We encountered many kinds of birds (ducks, geese, and swans on the water) and domestic animals like cows, horses, goats, and sheep, including black sheep. That reminded me of an epithet we once used, which would be considered racist today: "He is the black sheep of the family," which I often was.

I feel kind of proud at age 79 to have walked the 150-mile Thames path, especially after having had a stroke a couple of years ago. But I am even more proud of Sharon doing it at age 83.

Speaking of our age difference, Sharon had a wonderful article published last year in the NY Times section called "Tiny Love Stories." Here is what she wrote:

Our Ages Added Up Perfectly

by Sharon Fratepietro

In 1990, I joined Herb's campaign for South Carolina governor. Herb wanted to overturn the provision in the state constitution that prohibited atheists from holding public office. We met in person, then fell in love via phone and letter during the summer. I worried about telling him my age. When he asked, I said, 'Fifty-two. And you?' 'Forty-eight.' We lost the election but helped to overturn the law. After we wed, I asked, 'What did you think when I told you my age?' He said, 'I thought 52 and 48 make 100.' Did I mention he was a mathematics professor?

We lived together for ten years before getting married at 12:01 AM on January 1, 2000. On the right is our wedding photo.

While in England, Sharon and I spent an extra day in Oxford during our Thames walk. We saw interesting sites, but mainly I wanted to revisit the Oxford Union at Oxford University, the most famous debating society in the world. I took part in a debate there in 2005. The topic of the debate was whether or not American religion undermines American values.

My opponents were **Rich Lowry**, who was the editor of *National Review*, **Eric Metaxes**, and **Joe Loconte**. On my side, **Michael Lind** cancelled at the last minute, leaving **Welton Gaddy**, who was president of the national Interfaith Alliance, and me. And each side included an Oxford student.

The age-old format at the Oxford Union is highly formal and ritualized, with debaters wearing tuxedos. I rented one for the occasion and have never worn a tuxedo before or since that debate, except for my tuxedo T-shirt (see the wedding photo).

I followed Lowry in the debate. My opening line made even Lowry laugh: "You just heard Richard Lowry complain about what it's like to be a conservative in New York City. Now I'll tell you what it's like to be an atheist in South Carolina." I then described some of my experiences, including my run for governor to help overturn the provision in the South Carolina Constitution that prohibited atheists from holding public office.

I further illustrated how American values were being undermined by American religion, describing my experience at my local city council meeting in Charleston. Meetings start with a religious invocation by one of the members, usually a Christian. At my request, one council member invited me to give a secular invocation. But as I got up to speak, half the council members walked out because they knew I was an atheist. They didn't return until it was time for the *Pledge of Allegiance*, and they turned toward me as they recited the words "under God."

I then presented in my Oxford debate the "dreaded" invocation, which promoted American values, that several council members refused to hear:

Thank you for this opportunity to "invoke" a minority point of view. Each of us is a minority in some way. It might be race, religion, sexual orientation, nationality, or however else we may be regarded as different. Each of us is also part of some majority. It is when we wear our majority hats that we need to be most mindful of how we treat others. We must pledge our best efforts to help one another, and to defend the rights of all our citizens and residents.

What divides us is not so much our religious differences in this diverse country, but the degree of commitment we have to equal freedom of conscience for all people. We are gathered today, both religious and secular members of our community, with the shared belief that we must treat our fellow human beings with respect and dignity.

In this invocation, I don't ask you to bow your heads, but to look up at what you can accomplish by applying your talents and experience to the issues that confront us. I don't ask you to close your eyes, but to keep your eyes open to the serious problems that city government can solve or improve. As you work together on behalf of all who live in this city, may you draw strength and sustenance from one another through reason and compassion.

I close my invocation in a bipartisan manner by quoting from two American presidents I greatly admire — one a Republican and the other a Democrat.

First, the Republican: 'When I do good, I feel good; when I do bad, I feel bad. That is my religion.' ~ Abraham Lincoln



Then, the Democrat: 'It's remarkable how much you can accomplish if you don't care who gets the credit.'
~ **Harry S. Truman**

During the Oxford debate, an audience member asked, "Isn't the 'Creator' mentioned in the United States Constitution?" My response: "No, not in the Constitution. It is mentioned in the Declaration of Independence, which is not a governing document but a call for rebellion against the British Crown. The Declaration refers to a Creator endowing people with inalienable rights, which distinguishes Americans from an empire that asserted the divine right of kings."

I also said: "In the melting pot called America, we are one nation under the godless Constitution (or maybe under Canada), but we are not one nation under God. In fact, given how the religious right opposes the teaching of evolution, or any scientific or social view that conflicts with a literal interpretation of the Bible, we are really becoming one nation under-educated."

I closed my portion of the debate with this: "To understand the universe and solve human problems, America must be a country committed to the application of reason, science, and experience, but not religion — a country where our deeds are more important than our creeds."

When the debate ended, the audience of students, professors, and guests voted with their feet according to which door they chose to leave the hall. Our side won the debate.

You can watch my portion of the debate on my website at this link:

<https://www.herbsilverman.com/videos.html>

After walking the Thames Path, Sharon and I spent a week in London, where we visited interesting sites, went to several fine plays, and saw a terrific movie called *Oliver Sacks: His Own Life*. We also walked in Hyde Park to the

Speakers Corner, known as the oldest free speech platform in the world, where we saw people give arguments for their issues, and get audience reactions.

England is a fascinating and beautiful travel destination, and I will always remember our experiences there, appreciatively. But the 150-mile Thames walk will be the most memorable part of the trip for Sharon and me, till death do us part — hopefully not for a long time. □

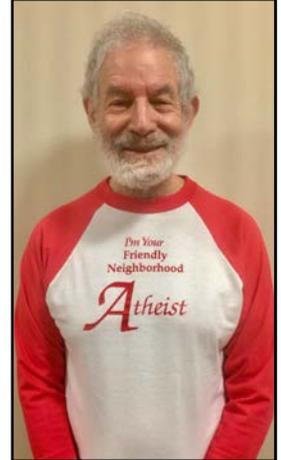
Herb Silverman is a regular contributor to the Freethought Society's ezine *The Freethought Society News*. He is a Distinguished Professor Emeritus of Mathematics at the College of Charleston.

Silverman ran for governor of South Carolina in the 1990s to challenge a state law that required religious belief to hold public office.

In 1990, a colleague pointed out that atheists were ineligible to hold public office in South Carolina. After an eight-year battle, Herb won an unanimous decision in the South Carolina Supreme Court, which struck down this religious test requirement.

Silverman is the author of two books, *Candidate Without a Prayer* and *An Atheist Stranger in a Strange Religious Land*. Both of these books are available through [amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com).

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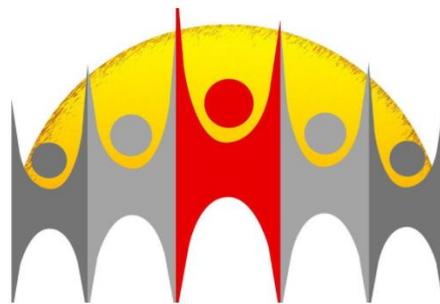
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Remembering Tom “Anti-Claus” Flynn

by Margaret Downey

Tom Flynn died on August 23, 2021. How much I will miss my dear friend Tom cannot begin to be expressed. I knew him for 30 years and he was enmeshed with many aspects of my past and present activism.

Tom always loved to tell the story of the first time we met. I greeted him at the Wilmington, Delaware train station in the company of other members of the Freethought Society (FS). We were carrying placards with anti-Christmas slogans that made Tom laugh out loud.



Above (left to right) are me, **Joe Zemel**, Tom, **Barry Hoffman**, and **Martin Reynolds**.

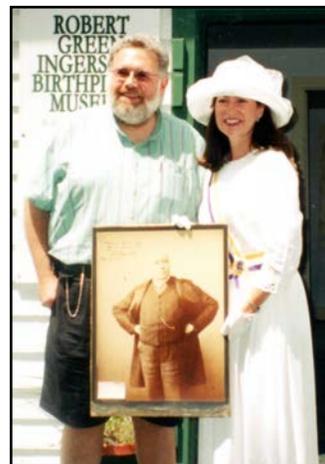
After we fetched him and took him to dinner, we accompanied him to a local radio station where he talked about his book *The Trouble With Christmas*. We also arranged for him to sign books at a local Barnes & Noble and he was a big hit.



We hosted Tom as a speaker for a December of 1993 meeting and I dressed as an elf to introduce him! Tom referred to me as his “Anti-Elf” after that.

I loved to give him handmade gifts. The best one was a black felt and white fur hat. It was emboldened with the word “Humbug.” Just a year ago I made an anti-Christmas tree for him. The black plastic mini-Xmas tree was decorated with little sayings demeaning the holiday. He loved it.

I worked closely with Tom to build up interest in the Robert Green Ingersoll Birthplace Museum for over 30 years. In the adjacent photo Tom is accepting an antique photograph of **Robert Green Ingersoll** that I donated to the Museum.



Tom and I spent many hours brainstorming everything from tours to producing my one-woman play about **Eva Amelia Parker** and Ingersoll.

Tom had an encyclopedic knowledge of everything related to the freethought movement in the United States. He would often provide details for my articles and he graciously helped me polish my Parker/Ingersoll love story play. He loved to promote little-known or untold stories of freethinkers and was very excited that Eva Ingersoll could be acknowledged in this way. I’ll always remember him as supportive, encouraging, and loving.

I loved to include him in as many freethought events as possible. I was especially proud of his endorsement of the Freethought Society’s *Tree of Knowledge*. He was anti-everything related to religious holidays, but the *Tree of Knowledge* concept received his full support. See Tom’s appearance at the 2020 online *Tree of Knowledge* event at:

https://youtu.be/a_9GR_vwG2k

He most recently participated in the June 2021 Thomas Paine Day event, providing us with a wonderful description of a portion of the life of Thomas Paine. I never thought it would be the last time we would work together. See his eloquent presentation at the below link:

<https://youtu.be/iAo3ifwZza8>

Tom is pictured here with the little black plastic tree adorned with anti-Christmas slogans hanging from its branches. It was the last gift I would be able to give to him. I hope that I brought the same joy to Tom as he brought to me.

I’ll never forget his importance to the secular/freethought community. Tom’s life legacy is commendable. He will be honored and remembered often.

May we continue his work with enthusiasm to fulfill his dream of placing a statue of Ingersoll at the Robert Green Ingersoll Birthplace Museum. That was the subject of our last brainstorming session, but now our plans to meet at the museum to determine the best location and pose will never happen. I will always cherish my memories of our time together in the here and the now. □



Freethought Society Two-Month Zoom Calendar

To get notified about online Zoom events, you must become a member of the Freethought Society Meetup group. Join the Freethought Society (FS) Meetup group at: <https://www.meetup.com/Freethought-Society-Meetup/>. Each event will have a Zoom URL link listed in the description of the event at the Meetup page. FS meetings will implement security features and will be recorded for replay on social media. Those who join the meeting consent to be recorded and agree to abide by the FS Anti-Harassment and Code of Conduct Policy.

November 2

The 2021 Secular Day of the Dead/Día de los Muertos Secular will be presented as a bilingual Zoom event on **Tuesday, November 2, 2021**, with special attention to Spanish-speaking participants. The 2021 Secular Day of the Dead/Día de los Muertos Secular is cosponsored by Hispanic American Freethinkers, Center For Inquiry, the Freedom From Religion Foundation, the Freethought Society, American Atheists, Secular Student Alliance, Atheists United, and the Secular Coalition for America. Registration details can be found at:



www.meetup.com/freethought-society-meetup/

3:45 PM (PST)/6:45 PM (EST) Pre-Event Social

Entertainment and chatting opportunities with like-minded individuals will take place during this 15-minute time slot, featuring dancers **Margarita Reyna** and **James Nunnelley** as well as a mini-concert by **John Davidson** — a Hollywood legend and musical stage star who lived in Mexico and speaks Spanish.

4:00 (PST)/7:00 PM (EST) Welcome

Bilingual welcome by organizers and cosponsors **Margaret Downey**, **Robyn Blunner**, **Victoria de la Torre**, **Nick Fish**, **Annie Laurie Gaylor**, **Dan Barker**, **David Tamayo**, **Kevin Bolling-Hey**, **Debbie Allen**, **Arlene Rios**, and **Louie Campos**. Cosponsors and organizers will each light a candle to honor a “Secular Saint” of historic significance. A Spanish Speakers Zoom Room and an English Speakers Zoom Room will be offered to participants at this time. A musical interlude will be provided by cellist **Rich Rodriguez** as people divide into their preferred language Zoom Rooms.

4:30 PM (PST)/7:30 PM (EST) Guest Speakers

Julia Sweeney Interviews **Jon Huertas**:
“From Heartsick and Holy to Happy Heathen”

5:00 PM (PST)/8:00 PM (EST) Honoring Ceremony

Reservations are being taken for speakers who want to celebrate the life of a dead loved one.

Reserve a 3-5-minute time slot at:

SecularDayoftheDead@FtSociety.org

The Honoring Ceremony will open with dedications from Ethical Culture Leader **Hugh Taft-Morales**, educator **Consuelo Cortes-Fleming**, President of Atheists United **Christina Magallanes-Jones**, author **Fernando Alcántar**, and photographer **John Jones-Cortes**.

The musical interlude/break will feature dancers Reyna and Nunnelley again performing a Cumbia dance.

After the reserved speaking spots conclude, the Zoom spotlighting function will be available for anyone who would like to participate. The screen share function will be enabled so that speakers can display photos of the person being honored. The honoring of a pet is also welcomed.

Prizes will be awarded and mailed to participants who the cosponsors determine to have the best Secular Day of the Dead/Día de los Muertos Secular themed clothing, Zoom setting, face painting, face mask, and hair adornment. See photos of the prizes and find additional information at:

<https://www.facebook.com/events/4424167654288159>

The end time of this event is unknown. Anyone who would like to honor a dead loved one will have an opportunity to do so before we conclude with piano music by **Christina Magallanes-Jones** and songs by **Abraham Steve Mackey** and **Gary Stockdale**.

To see what was done last year, please visit the following links:

English Room: https://youtu.be/N46al_yEDdU

Spanish Room: <https://youtu.be/ILM1Ozp4-8Q>

December 5

The traditional decorating of *The Tree of Knowledge* continues via Zoom this year. Please join the Philadelphia Ethical Society and the Freethought Society as they host author, **Phil Zuckerman**. Celebrate knowledge and the changing of the seasons on **Sunday, December 5, 2021** at **2:45 PM**. RSVP through the Freethought Society Meetup page and where the Zoom link is listed: <https://www.meetup.com/Freethought-Society-Meetup/>

Zuckerman, pictured right, is the author of several books, including *What It Means to be Moral*, *The Nonreligious*, *Living the Secular Life*, *Faith No More*, and *Society Without God*. He is an Associate Dean as well as Professor of Sociology at Pitzer College, and the founding chair of the nation’s first Secular Studies Program. Zuckerman is also the Executive Director of Humanist Global Charity. Zuckerman lives in Claremont, California, with his wife and three children.



There will be a fifteen-minute pre-event chat social that will include a musical performance by performer **Gary Stockdale**. Stockdale is a two-time Emmy-nominated composer, songwriter and singer.

In advance of the event, please send a front cover high resolution scan of your favorite book so that an ornament can be made based on your submission. Your book recommendation will be placed on *The Tree of Knowledge* and we hope you will be available to tell us who you are, why you like the book, and what you learned from it. To guarantee the creation of an ornament, scans must be sent by December 1st to:

Margaret@FtSociety.org

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FS publishes *The Freethought Society News* every other month. The publication is delivered as an ezine via email and is complimentary to supporters, donors, like-minded individuals and those who are interested in learning more about freedom of thought.

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Anti-Discrimination Educational Committee

(nontheism explained in classroom settings)

Anti-Discrimination Support Network

(assist Secular Coalition for America gathering reports)

Community Outreach

(locate tabling opportunities)

Diversity Outreach Committee

(brainstorming about and developing programs to appeal to minorities)

Free Speech Zone Committee

(research and implement displays in public venues)

Helping Hands

(provides helpers to seniors in emergency situations)

Jump into the Jean Pool

(collection of jeans for donations)

Literature Placement for Prisoners

(providing literature to prison libraries)

Meetup Committee

(planning events)

Monthly Meeting Coordinators

(schedule, manage speakers and venues)

Secular Celebrations

(develop, organize, and implement new nontheist celebrations)

Speakers Bureau

(provide FS a resume, photo, and speech subjects/titles)

Special Events

(coordinate unique events of interest to nontheists)

Sole Searching

(collection of athletic shoes for donations)

Thomas Paine Memorial Committee

(work on themed events)

Tree of Knowledge/Winter Display Committee

(promote and support the concept nationwide)