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New Wednesday Night Social

Metroplex Atheists tried a new venue for our Wednesday night social event on Oct 1st. It was held at Fuzzy's Tacos in Euless. It was a resounding success with about 50 people attending. We had our own private room and of course plenty of Mexican food, Margaritas and socializing.

Rowlett City Council Prayer

Metroplex Atheists has been supporting Metroplex Atheists Rowlett for four years plus now in an ongoing effort to either halt sectarian prayers to open city council meetings or be allowed to give a humanist invocation at Rowlett city council meetings. We have been stonewalled by the mayor and city council every step of the way. Our last request to give a humanist invocation was turned down by the Liberty Institute who represents the City of Rowlett regarding this matter. This is a clear violation of the Greece NY Supreme Court ruling as Rowlett continues to hide behind their illegal invocation policy. Our problem is that no national organization wants to apply legal resources in this federal district due to it's extreme conservatism. Metroplex Atheists will continue to consult with several national organizations on what our next step should be. In the interim we will likely go in front of the city council soon to express our disgust and viewpoint during the citizen's input portion of the city council meeting. Stay tuned.

MA Membership

Metroplex Atheists membership enrollment is now accessible on our web site. Membership is not required to participate in any MA event but by joining, at any of the membership levels we offer, it helps us to continue to provide a wide variety of events and other services to the non-believing community in the Metroplex.

You can also join by filling out a membership form, available from an officer of MA at any of our events or social gatherings, and return it to an officer or mail it in when completed.

Memberships start at \$12 per year. Student memberships are free.

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To submit an article or letter to the editor, please email us.
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Metroplex Atheists Web Site

We have decided to redesign our Web Site over the next year to make it more informative, robust, appealing and easier to use than our current outdated web site. Chris Abichandani and Will Crowley will be doing the technical work so we need everyone's ideas and input as to what our web site should look like and include. If you have suggestions please either bring them to one of our monthly business meetings or submit them by email to director@metroplexatheists.org.

Adopt-A-Highway

This volunteer effort provides us with the satisfaction of contributing to the community by helping to keep it clean, and with the signs displaying our name on a heavily trafficked street we get visibility as well. We have had several like minded people find out about us by seeing these adopt-a-highway signs.

Our adopt-a-highway is located on Davis Blvd just north of Loop 820 in North Richland Hills, Tx. Come out and help us if you like. We do a trash pick up every 3mos. Just watch for the Meetup announcement.

Metroplex Atheists is Growing

Metroplex Atheists has grown rapidly over the past five years. We have gone from less than three hundred members on Meetup to a current number of eight hundred and seventy. Of course some of these Meetup members are also members of other local non-believer group's Meetup as well. We don't know how many fall into that category but we will continue to report the number as an accurate Metroplex Atheists member count which includes paying and non-paying members.

Metroplex Atheists Business Meeting Location

METROPLEX ATHEISTS MEETS AT 1:00 P.M. THE MEETINGS ARE HELD ON THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH.

**THIS MEETING WILL BE CONDUCTED AT:
Irving, Texas—monitor Metroplex Atheists
Meetup announcements for the exact location**

ALL ARE WELCOME!!



TEMPTED?

Go to www.metroplexatheists.org

Solstice Party

The 2014 Colin Seward Memorial Winter Solstice party was a resounding success. We had over 125 people attend this year which doubles the attendance at any previous solstice party.

Our friendly atheist chef Miraslov, former owner of the Blue Danube Restaurant, catered the event with his famous homemade sausage, roast pork and roasted potatoes. Side dishes and desserts were donated by guests.

The event was held this year at the Fort Worth Botanical Gardens in an indoor venue which included a full kitchen and ice machine. Activities included enjoying the gardens, socializing, food, gift exchange, raffle and entertainment. Dale Oliver, former world yoyo champion, performed a yoyo demonstration followed by free yoyos and lessons for all. Sam Singleton, Atheist Evangelist, performed a one hour show based on Robert Ingersoll.

Afterwards we reconvened at the after party which took place in the lobby bar of a nearby hotel where some guests stayed the night. This gave everyone a chance to schmooze with Sam Singleton (Roscoe) and his wife/manager Cari. There was also dancing in the adjoining night club and a game of "cards against humanity" in the lobby bar.

Special thanks to all the volunteers who helped put this event together especially Tuesday and Chris Morris as well as Yasmin Ali, Chris Bryant and anyone I might have inadvertently left out. Another special thank you to Elec Winner who brought his great sound system and ran it for us and to Roddi Schoneberg for putting together a kids area with activities to keep them occupied and happy during the party.

Below is a photo taken in the Botanical Garden lobby after the event.



WHY DO WE FIGHT?

‘Because we must. Because we have the call. Because it is nobler to fight for rationality without winning than to give up in the face of continued defeats. Because whatever true progress humanity makes is through the rationality of the occasional individual and because any one individual we may win for the cause may do more for humanity than a hundred thousand who hug superstition to their breasts.’

– Isaac Asimov, when asked why he fights religion with no hope for victory



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