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Shelley Segal Performs Locally

Australian singer/songwriter and atheist Shelley Segal performed at J. Gilligan's Bar & Grill in Arlington, Texas on Wednesday, Aug 26th, 2015. She also stayed afterwards to sign autographs. Shelley writes and sings Australian folk and atheist themed songs. She was on a tour of the US to promote her new album "Strange Feeling". Her music is available online at shelley-segal.com. She is pictured to the right with Terry McDonald, current Treasurer and Board Member of Metroplex Atheists.



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, you help 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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Colin Seward Memorial Solstice Party

Mark your calenders!!!! Metroplex Atheists will again host the annual solstice party and it will be held on Dec. 19th, 2015 at the Fort Worth Botanical Garden from 11AM until 4PM. As usual all the DFWCoR affiliates are invited and children are welcome. Keep an eye on the MA Meetup announcements for details on food and entertainment as plans evolve.

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.

Separation of Church and State

Possibly the most important initiative of Metroplex Atheists is the fight for the complete separation of church and state as well as “religious” civil liberties for non-believers under the Civil Rights Act.

Please report any violations of separation of church and state or religious civil liberties to Metroplex Atheists at director@metroplexatheists.org.

Metroplex Atheists Business Meeting Location

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

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

ALL ARE WELCOME!!



TEMPTED?

Go to www.metroplexatheists.org

Arlington 4th of July Parade

Metroplex Atheists marched in the Arlington 4th of July parade again this year representing the patriotic non-believing community in the DFW area. Multiple area groups were represented with participants from all over the metroplex. We received the normal amount of silence, booing and Christian comments as we passed the announcer stations along the route. We simply held our heads high and did not respond to the negative comments but instead continued to wave our US flags and wish everyone a happy 4th.

Metroplex Atheists Volunteers Needed

Metroplex Atheists needs volunteers to help with the Solstice party coming up in December, the weekend meetup scheduling and fund raising. We are an all volunteer organization so the number and robustness of activities and events MA can do for the local non-theist community is totally dependent on the level of volunteerism we have at any given time. If interested please contact Randy Word at 972 342 7958.

Alan Ross Parade

At least 40 people showed up to march in the Alan Ross Parade in Dallas even with the Penn and Teller event going on locally at the same time. Unlike the 4th of July parade in Arlington, we were welcomed enthusiastically by the LGBT community as we passed through the parade route. This year we sponsored a MA booth in the festival area where we answered questions and held a fund raiser. And remember we invite everyone from every local group to join us in this event. Pictured at right are Elizabeth Tarrant, Britt Baker and Brandy Jones.



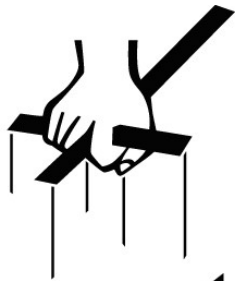
“Reason must be deluded, blinded, and destroyed. Faith must trample underfoot all reason, sense, and understanding, and whatever it sees must be put out of sight and ... know nothing but the word of God.”

Martin Luther

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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NO STRINGS ATTACHED.

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