



# Society of Edmonton Atheists Monthly Newsletter

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It is a very proud moment for the Society. We have reached 250 members on our Facebook page. We at the Society of Edmonton Atheists would like to thank all of you that have purchased memberships, attended our events and functions, bought merchandise, and supported us in many other ways. We have a new year starting very soon and we promise that 2012 will be the greatest year yet for the Society.

## Merchandise

We now have a wider variety of merchandise available for sale. In addition to our T-Shirts and pens, we have car emblems for sale. You can now purchase the Evolve Fish, the Invisible Pink Unicorn, the Secular Humanist symbol, and The Flying Spaghetti Monster car ornaments. They are available for purchase in person at our Monthly Roundtable meetings.

## Upcoming Events

*Sunday, December 4 – Stitch & Bitch – Remedy Café - 8631 109 St NW, Edmonton, AB – 1PM*

- Bring along some kind of portable handicraft and meet some fellow atheists! Or, use this as an excuse to get some good chai and discuss your latest project.

*Tuesday, December 6 – SEA Monthly Roundtable – Stanley Milner Library Downtown - 7 PM*

- This month's topic is "Atheism and Politics". This meeting is also a General Meeting. We will be voting on membership fees as well as electing a new board member to fill a vacancy.
- At 9pm we adjourn to the Elephant & Castle in Edmonton City Centre Mall

*Sunday, December 11 – Brunch at Albert's – Bonnie Doon Mall – 9 AM*

- Come join us for brunch at a family friendly restaurant.

*Monday, December 12 – SEA monthly Board Meeting – 7 PM*

- The location of this meeting will be on the U of A campus in the Mechanical Engineering building room 4-16
- All are welcome

*Friday, December 16 – Annual Solstice Party – German Canadian Cultural Centre basement - 8310 Roper Road (51. Ave) - 8 PM*

- This year, we're piggybacking on the German Club's Feierabend Pub Night in the Alpine Cellar
- Children are welcome

### **Online Membership Purchases Now Available**

Members are now able to make donations and purchase memberships online through PayPal. All you have to do is head on over to our website at [http://www.edmontonatheists.ca/](http://www.edmontonatheists.ca) and click on the "Shop" tab at the top of the page.

### **Committees**

As always, we are looking for volunteers to sit on the committees and help out in any way that you feel you are able to. If any of the committees listed below are of interest to you then please contact the board member in charge of the committee at the e-mail address that is provided.

#### Social Committee

[social@edmontonatheists.ca](mailto:social@edmontonatheists.ca)

Plans regular social events  
Book speakers for the monthly roundtable  
Winter and Summer Solstice party  
Contact for informal events

#### Fund Development Committee

[funding@edmontonatheists.ca](mailto:funding@edmontonatheists.ca)

Coordinate funding efforts for the SEA  
Merchandise  
Donation box at meetings

#### Membership Committee

[membership@edmontonatheists.ca](mailto:membership@edmontonatheists.ca)

Manage recruitment efforts  
Membership benefits  
Gather feedback from SEA members  
Maintain the membership list

#### Philanthropy and Activism Committee

[outreach@edmontonatheists.ca](mailto:outreach@edmontonatheists.ca)

Organize philanthropic events  
Plan community outreach  
Monitor current events in the media  
Maintain list of secular resources and groups

#### Web and Communication Committee

[communication@edmontonatheists.ca](mailto:communication@edmontonatheists.ca)

Announce events  
Maintain the website  
Monthly newsletter  
Administer social media presence  
Respond to [info@edmontonatheists.ca](mailto:info@edmontonatheists.ca)

## **Communication**

In an effort to improve communication between members of The Society and its leadership we have established e-mail contacts for the senior positions of the board. The addresses are as follows

- Richard Robinson – President - [president@edmontonatheists.ca](mailto:president@edmontonatheists.ca)
- Michael Hartman – Vice-President - [vicepresident@edmontonatheists.ca](mailto:vicepresident@edmontonatheists.ca)
- Frank Friesacher – Secretary - [secretary@edmontonatheists.ca](mailto:secretary@edmontonatheists.ca)
- Marion Kilgour – Treasurer - [treasurer@edmontonatheists.ca](mailto:treasurer@edmontonatheists.ca)
- General inquiries - [info@edmontonatheists.ca](mailto:info@edmontonatheists.ca)

## **Announcements**

We have several Blood Drives coming up in the next year. If you are able to donate then please mark your calendars.

The dates are:

- February 4, 2012
- April 14, 2012
- June 23, 2011
- September 8, 2012
- November 17, 2011

The blood drives will be held at 8249-114 St. Donors are encouraged to call and book an appointment with Canadian Blood Services at 1-888-2-DONATE (1-888-236-6283).