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Christopher Hitchens – In Memoriam

This month the atheist community lost one of its best and most valued spokesmen, Christopher Hitchens. Christopher's contributions to the atheist and free-thought movements were invaluable. His irrefutable logic and quick tongue made him one of the best speakers and debaters of the last century. He will live on in the hearts and minds of free thinkers all over the world and in his books and articles. We will be discussing and remembering "Hitch" at this month's roundtable discussion.

Merchandise

We now have a wide 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

Tuesday January 3–SEA Monthly Roundtable–Westin Hotel – Turner Valley Room 7 PM

- This month's topic is "Christopher Hitchens – His life and Legacy".
- This month we will be meeting at **The Westin Hotel in the Turner Valley Meeting Room** (10135-100th Street NW, Edmonton AB T5J 0N7) on the 2nd floor.
- At 9 pm we adjourn to the Elephant & Castle in Edmonton City Centre Mall

Monday January 16 – 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
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Saturday January 21 –“Newbie Night”- Elephant and Castle @ City Centre Mall – 7 PM

- If you're new to the SEA or atheism/agnosticism and interested in meeting some other new people in an informal setting, and learning what the SEA is all about, this is the event for you!
- If enough people are planning to attend, we'll ask E&C to let us use the back room

Sunday January 22 - Stitch & Bitch – Remedy Café - 8631 109 St – 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

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

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

Membership Committee

membership@edmontonatheists.ca

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

Web & Communication Committee

communication@edmontonatheists.ca

Announce events
Maintain the website

Monthly newsletter

Administer social media presence

Respond to info@edmontonatheists.ca

Fund Development Committee

funding@edmontonatheists.ca

Coordinate funding efforts for the SEA
Merchandise
Donation box at meetings

Philanthropy & Activism Committee

outreach@edmontonatheists.ca

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

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/> and click on the “Shop” tab at the top of the page.

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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:

- Saturday, February 4, 2012
- Saturday, April 14, 2012
- Saturday, June 23, 2011
- Saturday, September 8, 2012
- Saturday, 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).
