

The Minnesota Atheist

Atheist Organization and Activism in Small-Town Minnesota



Our guest speaker for March will be Ken Kressin. Ken organized the Cannon Falls Freethinkers group about three years ago – shortly after an episode at his daughter’s high school set him on an unexpected journey. Before that, Ken was an apathetic atheist and was unfamiliar with the basic tenets of skepticism, humanism, or atheism.

Ken now considers himself an atheist activist and organizer in Cannon Falls. Ken has helped motivate dozens of residents to write over a hundred printed letters to the local newspaper on the subject of religion and non-belief. Ken spent much of the summer and fall protesting against the Minnesota marriage amendment – eventually becoming a conspicuous counter to the activities of the local Catholic Church.

His family and other area atheists have helped organize and support local events; including Roy Zimmerman concerts, weekend camping, highway cleanup, and book club meetings.

Ken will share these experiences and how they might apply to new atheist organizations in small towns, what is different about small town organizing, and how these new organizations might work together with Minnesota Atheists and the larger atheist community to increase our overall visibility, impact, and contribution.

Please join us!

If You Go...

When

Sunday, March 17, 2013

Where

Roseville Library
2180 Hamline Avenue
Roseville

Schedule

1:00-1:15 Social Time
1:15-1:45 Business Meeting
1:45-2:00 Break
2:00-3:30 Kressin Presentation
4:00- Dinner at Panda Garden Buffet

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Minnesota Atheists Mission Statement

Minnesota Atheists is dedicated to building a positive atheist community that actively promotes secular values through educational programs, social activities, and participation in public affairs.

President's Column

Proclamation from the New President



Eric Jayne

Although I have been regularly contributing to the *Minnesota Atheist* newsletter, this is my very first "President's Column" since being elected president of the Minnesota Atheists last month. In my upcoming columns, readers of this fine publication can expect to find exciting information about events, partnerships, and other efforts happening with the Minnesota Atheists. As with our previous president, I will also share my own goals and vision for our organization and our general secular cause. For this, my very first "President's Column," I am thrilled to make an announcement that is sure to dazzle your godless soul.

On Friday, August 9, 2013 Minnesota Atheists will be sponsoring a professional baseball game at Midway Stadium in St. Paul. The following day—Saturday, August 10—we will be holding a conference at the Ramada Plaza on Industrial Blvd. in Minneapolis.

Let's start with the baseball game details first. Just as last year, the St. Paul Saints baseball team will be renamed the "Mr. Paul Aints" and the players will wear jerseys reflecting the name change. It's worth noting that the jersey colors will be different from last year's jerseys. The team will also cover the letter "S" on the team's logo throughout the stadium, as they did last year. We will have some banners and a resource table at the front entrance gate, and we'll have a spot for tailgating just like we did last year.

Some new elements to this year's game include fresh and funny atheist-themed antics at the ballpark and new, very limited edition "Mr. Paul Aints" hats and t-shirts that will be exclusively available on our online store. In addition to the "Mr. Paul Aints" merchandise we will also be offering limited edition "**Ms. Paula** Aints" merchandise as our own way of appropriately honoring the capital city's namesake, the Apostle Paul (aka, Saint Paul), who said: "A woman should learn in quietness and full submission. I do not permit a woman to teach or to assume authority

over a man; she must be quiet" (1 Timothy 2:11-12, NIV).

We will also be offering attractive ticket packages that will be in the infield reserved section instead of the outfield bleachers where we sat last year so we will be able to have a more enhanced experience. The details of the game, including tickets and merchandise sales, will be available soon.

Now on to the conference: Thanks to a pool of ideas from our new conference committee (Stephanie Zvan, Jill Carlson, August Berkshire, and me) we are going to be offering a unique conference experience. As with last year's successful and fun conference, this year's conference should prove to be even better. We will again be offering nationally known atheist speakers but unlike last year, we'll have a couple hours of interactive, simultaneous workshops that will likely take place in the morning. Each attendee will have their choice of which workshop they would like to attend.

The list of our nationally recognized speakers is still being worked out but I am excited to share a few names of those who have already confirmed: Greta Christina, Amanda Knief, and Susan Jacoby. Personally, I have heard Greta speak only once and that was a couple years ago so I am thrilled to get another opportunity to see one of our most famous atheist contemporaries speak again.

Amanda Knief is a public policy expert with a law and journalism background. She spent time as a lobbyist for the Secular Coalition for America and is currently the Managing Director and In-House Counsel for American Atheists. Her book, *The Citizen Lobbyist: A How-to Manual for Making Your Voice Heard in Government*, will be released in July.

Many atheists will be as excited as I to hear best-selling author Susan Jacoby speak. Her books have delved deeply into secularism and the freethought movement throughout American

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February Meeting Review

by Mike Haubrich

Sehoya Cotner Busts Evolution Myths!

The Minnesota Atheists Monthly meeting on February 17th featured guest speaker Sehoya Cotner, an associate professor at the University of Minnesota. In an engaging and entertaining presentation, Cotner dismissed several myths that many people hold regarding evolution.

Atheists are naturally attracted to the concepts of evolution because of our conviction that creationism is a non-starter when it comes to explaining how life has come to be as incredibly variable as it is, with all of its dazzling array of form and function that takes advantage of every ecological niche so far discovered. While many of us are learned in the facts of evolution, there are still many untruths that we hold carelessly and Cotner dispelled a few of them.

She busted the myth that evolution is only a theory by showing that the word “only” should be struck from the phrase. A theory, in science, is a robust explanation supported by data and facts of why natural phenomena behave and respond in a particular manner to stimuli. Evolution – in particular natural selection – is a response of living matter to stimuli such as genetic mutations, environmental changes. Evolution is a theory and it packs a wallop.



I had not been aware that the iconic Galapagos finches had played little role in forming Charles Darwin’s idea that natural selection is the major driving force behind evolution until Dr. Cotner busted that particular myth. The great body of work that led to our understanding of their rapid response to rainfall variation should be credited instead to Rosemary and Peter Grant. Cotner also dispelled the myth that Charles Darwin is revered on the Galapagos Islands. His work is known and there are interpretive centers and statues and tours and such, but there are also creation “science” centers.

The two most important myths that she dispelled during her presentation were these:

1. Evolution is a slow and gradual process. There are numerous examples of rapid evolution in nature as a response to our changing environments. The Galapagos Finches respond to seasonal rainfall variation through the lengths of their beaks because their food sources change and differently shaped beaks adapt to the accessibility of their food. More importantly for humans, bacteria and viruses respond to our medicines in order to survive and largely at the expense of our health. A new and stronger version of syphilis resistant to antibiotics is a looming threat that medical science is attempting to address.

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photos courtesy of Richard Trombley

News and Notes

by George Kane **I have participated in two debates** at the Argument of the Month Club. This is a Catholic men's club that meets in the basement of St. Augustine Church in South St. Paul. Looking through their online recordings of their events I see that my first debate there was in January of 2009, and the second in April 2010.

I cleared it with them that it would be permissible for me to advertise the debates, that the debates were open to non-Catholics. They were quick to point out that theirs is a men's club, and that no women would be admitted. I hated listing the event in AWE, but as I recall I was quite sarcastic about the exclusion of women. I think that I wrote that there would be a penis-check at the door.

So I was quite interested when a Catholic friend wrote to me that Dan Barker, the co-president of the Freedom from Religion Foundation, would debate a Catholic theologian on February 12 on the question "Do the Gospels Give Us the Real Jesus?" I was all set to announce the event in AWE when I got word that Barker had canceled his attendance when he learned that women could not attend.

Good for him. I don't think I considered canceling out at all. I heard several complaints about the men-only policy, but no one suggested that I should withdraw from my debates. I think that things have changed in the last couple of years. Probably the single event that did the most to raise sensitivity to sexism was the elevator incident at the Skepticon in June 2011, when Rebecca Watson complained about being sexualized at atheist conferences. That ignited troll warfare in the blogosphere that has made it hard for any atheist organization, leader or event to stand on the sidelines. As a leader of the largest nationwide atheist organization, Barker could not afford to endanger the FFRF's reputation by participating in a sexist event.

Minnesota Atheists adopted an anti-harassment policy last year before our conference in August. That policy, which is on our web site at <http://mnatheists.org/information/anti-harassment-policy>,

expresses our complete opposition to discrimination against women..

According to the Secular Coalition for America, the Republican National Committee discussed how they can appeal to the religiously unaffiliated in future elections. This is an unexpected development, because the religious right took over the Republican Party decades ago, and has held it firmly ever since. We will have to wait and see, but it is likely that the Republicans will still recoil from atheists while conducting their outreach to the religiously unaffiliated. Nevertheless, it is positive news. The Democratic Party only pays lip-service to the separation of church and state, because they are convinced that they are the only choice for committed secularists. They will only take our position seriously when there is competition for our vote.

Meanwhile, in state legislatures the Republican Party continues its aggressive religious assault on public school students. Missouri's House Bill 291, the so-called "Missouri Standard Science Act" is yet another in their unceasing efforts to force Christian dogma into public school science classrooms. This bill starts off by incorrectly defining evolution as "a theory of the origin of life and its ascent by naturalistic means." In fact, the theory of evolution begins only after the origin of life; not enough is known of the original abiogenesis to substantiate a scientific theory. The bill goes on to require that biology textbooks used in Missouri's public schools must allot equal space to coverage of the theory of evolution and "Intelligent Design," while at the same time requiring that only "scientific evidence" can be included. Since there is no scientific evidence for Intelligent Design, these requirements would have the practical effect of forcing publishers to take evolution out of their textbooks. It seems unlikely that this bill will be passed out of committee. Since court decisions have clearly ruled that Intelligent Design is a religious doctrine, it would be overturned even if it were passed.

Support Atheist-Friendly Non-Profits

Oasis for Youth is a registered 501c3 charity and they need our help. The organization's mission is to provide a pathway for our homeless and precariously housed youth to become self-sufficient contributing members of our communities. Oasis is a safe space for GLBT youth. Their site in Bloomington is seeking volunteers 2:00–5:00 PM on Mondays through Fridays. On-site volunteer duties include listening to youth, assisting with various programmed activities, providing referral information for services, and assisting with use of laundry and computer facilities, as needed. Volunteers for tutoring, outreach, transportation, and youth programs are also needed. Oasis is also recruiting for suburban host homes for homeless youth in Bloomington, Edina and Richfield. Training is



by Jill Carlson

provided for all volunteers. Please see oasisforyouth.org for more details or call 612–840-9225 during the hours of 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM Monday through Friday.

The MN Recovery Connection is a non-profit organization that supports an alternative to the 12 step model of addiction recovery. This group is seeking telephone recovery support volunteers to contact individuals who have requested a mentor. Personal recovery from drug and alcohol addiction is not required, but good coaching and listening skills are important. Training is provided. Sign up at minnesotarecovery.org or call 651–233–2080 for more information.

FREETHOUGHT CRYPTOGRAM

BY GEORGE KANE

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Cryptogram answer appears on page 14.

Letter to the Editor

When I read your article "Unitarian Universalists?" in the [February 2013] Minnesota Atheist newsletter, I felt I could provide some insight as to why an atheist, such as myself, might be a member of Dakota UU Church. Just before your visit to our church years ago, which I regretted missing, I came out to my church as an atheist. I was raised by atheists and have seen the world as godless my whole life.

You are right that Unitarian Universalists have more emphasis on education and resources for the young. I have been a UU since 1965, when my parents forced me to go to "Church School". Upstairs, the sermons may have invoked god or Jesus, while downstairs, we learned how to think for ourselves. The UU Association has been developing such curricula for school age as well as adults for decades.

Let me add another reason why I attend regular church services: The Arts. We have had a range of musicians perform for us, from jazz, to rock, to ecclesiastical music. I love to sing together with others and enjoy singing various songs from the hymnal including Christmas carols which always sound nice because everyone knows them so well. We have had numerous poets read to us. We have had visual artists share their knowledge or thoughts. And sometimes we just discuss the art of living with our own stories. Or we invite others, whose experiences interest us, including those trained in the ministry, to share their stories.

I must admit that as a small congregation, DUUC is forced to produce a variety of services rather than hire a minister full time. But larger congregations may provide venues for the arts if not on Sunday morning.

While some books in my to-read pile are about science or nature, they are found among books of fiction and poetry.

Sincerely,
Alice

President's Column (continued)

history. She has received many awards for her books and atheist writings which have appeared in several national magazines and newspapers, including her brilliant piece entitled, *The Blessings of Atheism* which appeared in *the New York Times* this past January. Her books include *The Age of American Unreason*, *Freethinkers: A History of American Secularism*, and her latest *The Great Agnostic: Robert Ingersoll and American Freethought*. Coincidentally, Robert Ingersoll's 180th birthday (August 11) will be on the very weekend of our baseball game and conference.

We are planning on being ready to accept online registration for the conference in late March/early April. Mr. Paul Aints tickets and merchandise will be available shortly thereafter. Come to think of it, we will have newly designed Minnesota Atheists t-shirts available in the next couple of months as well. You can keep up with the latest developments of all this and more by checking our website (MinnesotaAtheists.org), Facebook (facebook.com/MinnesotaAtheists), and subsequent editions of *The Minnesota Atheist*. Be prepared for another unbelievably great year in 2013!

Atheists Talk: January/February Radio Report

Atheists Talk is produced by Minnesota Atheists, directed by Carl Hancock, and hosted by Carl Hancock, Brianne Bilyeu, Scott Lohman, Greg Laden, David Pacheco, and Stephanie Zvan. Both Stephanie and Brianne upload the podcasts to the web site. The radio program is live every Sunday morning from 9:00 to 10:00 at AM950 from KTNF studios in Eden Prairie. Listen to live streaming through our web page, www.mnatheists.org Original music was composed, played, and recorded by Brent Michael Davids. Thanks to Brianne Bilyeu we have an Atheists Talk Facebook page and Twitter account at twitter.com/atheiststalk.

by Steve Petersen



The six month cost for the show is \$5,320. Every donation to support the program is greatly appreciated. Please consider becoming a monthly Sustaining supporter. To donate just send in a donation to our mailing address (see page 2) or online at minnesotatheists.org/join-and-donate/radio-fund

All past programs can be accessed via MNA web page <http://minnesotatheists.org/news-and-media/podcast>. If you are interested in helping on the radio program please send a note to radio@mnatheists.org

"The Atheist Camel" Bart Centre on Atheists Talk #203, January 27, 2013

You may know Bart Centre best under another name: Eternal Earth-Bound Pets. This was the fake business he ran that promised ongoing care for the pets of people who felt they would be swept up in the Rapture.

If you've been listening to the show for a while, though, you also know Centre as the author of The Atheist Camel, a blog where he...well, rants about various types of poor thinking from theists and our theist-centered society. Centre joined us this week to talk about the events that have had him ranting recently.

Carl Hancock produced the show and conducted the interview. Stephanie Zvan hosted.

"Generation Atheist" Dan Riley on Atheists Talk #205, February 10th, 2013

People throw off the mantle of supernatural belief in all sorts of ways, to all sorts of end results. Not everyone who leaves belief behind identifies as

an atheist or gets involved with activism. Every person's story is different.

Dan Riley is the author of the book *Generation Atheist*. Riley was a campus organizer for the Center of Inquiry, and during that time he worked with many secular students. He was fascinated by their unique journeys, and decided to pull these deeply personal and enlightening stories into a collection of narratives that he could share with all of us.

Dan Riley joined *Atheists Talk* to discuss his inspiration for *Generation Atheist* as well as some of the insight he's gained during the production of this project.

This show was produced by Carl Hancock. Scott Lohman conducted the interview, and Brianne Bilyeu hosted.

"American Humanist Association" Rebecca Hale on Atheists Talk #206, February 17, 2013

Rebecca Hale has been promoting humanism for almost two decades as one of the owners of EvolveFISH, providing easy ways for nonbelievers to identify themselves and insert their ideas into the public discourse. She helped found the Freethinkers of Colorado Springs in the early 1990s, before atheism was "big" and, more recently, she helped to found Colorado's Coalition of Reason. Until early this year, she served as the Vice President of the American Humanist Association. In early January, she was elected AHA president.

Hale joins us for this show to talk about her work, her passion for humanism, and AHA's priorities under her leadership.

Scott Lohman produced this show and conducted the interview. Stephanie Zvan hosted.

January Treasury Report

Building Fund

Eleanor Rittenour	\$10
Total Building Fund	\$10

Radio Fund

Nancy Ruhland	\$50
Thomas Dooley	\$40
James Wright	\$25
Ruth Litterick	\$20
Shirley Moll	\$10
Mark Paquette	\$10
Steve Petersen	\$10
Total Radio Fund	\$165

General/Visibility Fund

Michael Toft	\$15
Meghan Kosowski	\$10
Total General/Visibility Fund	\$25

Total Income: \$200



Current Building Fund Total \$131,002

Top Expenses for January

Baseball Game	\$1,950
Radio Show	\$820
Newsletter Printing	\$590
Storage	\$152

February Meeting Review (continued)

2. Human evolution has stopped. Even scientists who should know better have stated that we are at the pinnacle of our evolution. "Not so fast," says Sehoya Cotner. Human response to the increased use of cow's milk as a food source has led to the evolution of lactase enzymes which allow us to digest the milk meant instead for calves. Lactose-intolerant people are giving way to those born with the natural ability to glean energy from milk sugars and proteins.

My acceptance of the facts of the theory of evolution played little role in my atheism, but my curiosity about the depth of evolution's explanatory power was piqued by listening to creationists. I realized that I just didn't know enough about it to be able to sort through the myths that satisfied many people that evolution is a weak apology for atheists who wish to deny the creator. It started me on a journey of exploration to learn what is a mind-blowing realization of how life works.

Dr. Cotner's focus in research is how to teach the science of evolution to non-science majors and in her presentation to the Minnesota Atheists she used examples of the questions that she answers from her students who may be creationists because of their religious background. I found it interesting that she has to steer away from the philosophical implications of religion and evolution. She expressed her frustration at this to us, but in the larger picture it seems to be important. If she emphasizes the truth that evolution necessarily precludes a creator, then she will see that they tune out and don't want to learn about the most significant theory in biology.

Feedback from other attendees of Cotner's talk was positive, with some saying that it was the best meeting that the Minnesota Atheists have presented in a while. She is sure to be invited to speak at future meetings, and I urge as many people as can to make the time to come and experience her presentations.

February Atheists Talk Television Show Report

by Steve Petersen

Minnesota Atheists board member Eric Jayne discussed the importance of giving time, energy, and money by volunteering for important causes. Eric first cited reasons why humans, whether or not they are religious, feel impelled to volunteer. He also provided reasons for rejecting the claim that religion is what makes people want to help their fellow humans. Next, Eric detailed many of the organizations and events that Minnesota Atheists has helped to – and continues to – support. He mentioned a few upcoming volunteering events and offered resources for how freethinkers can find out more about volunteering for non-religious charities. James

Steinberg, Grant Hermanson and Art Anderson .

Podcasts: MinnesotaAtheists.org. Available via iTunes and YouTube Made possible by Grant Hermanson.



Zimmerman hosted.

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Cryptogram Answer

PRAY, v. To ask that the laws of the universe be annulled in behalf of a single petitioner confessedly unworthy.
-Ambrose Bierce, "The Devil's Dictionary"



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In addition to these regularly scheduled events, there are many more events every month. Please subscribe to Atheist Weekly e-mail on our web site, mnatheists.org, and join our Meetup group.

Sundays, 9:00am-10:00am *Atheists Talk* Radio. AM 950 KTNF in the Twin Cities or stream live at <http://www.am950ktnf.com>. Contact us during the show with questions or comments at (952) 946-6205 or radio@mnatheists.org.

Sundays, 6:00pm-7:00pm Atheist/Agnostic Alcoholics Anonymous. Men's Center, 3249 Hennepin Avenue South Suite # 55, Minneapolis Meet in the basement. Open to all genders.

2nd Sundays, 1:00pm Minnesota Atheists Little Canada Book Club, Caribou Coffee 3354 Rice St, Little Canada, MN 55126

3rd Sundays, September through May, 1:00pm-4:00pm. Minnesota Atheists Public Meeting. Various libraries. Business meeting, educational program and dinner afterwards at a nearby restaurant.

5th Sundays, 5:00pm (April, June, September, December). Flying Spaghetti Monster Dinner. Old Spaghetti Factory, 233 Park Ave., Minneapolis. Get together for drinks and pasta.

1st & 3rd Mondays 6:00pm Freethought Toastmasters. Larpenteur Estates Party Room, 1276 Larpenteur Ave. W, St. Paul 55113. George Kane, dir2@mnatheists.org.

2nd and 4th Mondays, 5:00pm-7:00pm Freethought Dinner Social. Davanni's, 8605 Lyndale Avenue South, Bloomington, MN. For more information call Bob or Marilyn Neinkerk at 612-866-6200.

1st Tuesdays, 11:30am-1:00pm Freethought Lunch. Old Country Buffet, County Road B2 between Fairview and Snelling. Bob or Marilyn Nienkirk at 612-866-6200.

4th Tuesdays, 7:00pm Maple Grove Book Club. Byerly's Meeting Room - 12880 Elm Creek Blvd N Maple Grove, MN 55369

Every other Tuesday, 7:00pm Secular Bible Study. Various locations. See the Meetup page <http://www.meetup.com/Secular-Bible-Study/>.

1st Wednesdays, 7:00pm Minnesota Atheists Burnsville Book Club. Davanni's, 14639 County Road 11, Burnsville MN 55337. Meet in the Party Room.

3rd Wednesdays, 11:30am-2pm Lunch at Dragon House Restaurant. Dragon House Restaurant 3970 Central Avenue Columbia Heights. Private room reserved. Bill Volna 612-781-1420

3rd Wednesdays, 6:30pm Minnesota Atheists Monthly Board Meeting. Party Room, 1276 Larpenteur Avenue, St. Paul, 55113. Open to all members. George Kane, dir2@mnatheists.org.

1st Thursdays, 6:00pm-9:00pm *Atheists Talk* television show. MTN Studio A, 125 SE Main Street, Minneapolis. Steve Petersen at 651-484-9277.

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To sign up for Minnesota Atheists Meetups, visit atheists.meetup.com/493.



“A boy wizard and a female vampire, put together they’re everything the Christian Right says is wrong with Hollywood.”

-Host Seth MacFarlane, introducing Daniel Radcliffe and Kristen Stewart during the 85th Academy Awards ceremony, February 24th, 2013.

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