

HUSBAY NEWSLETTER.....AUGUST 2017

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TUESDAY, August 1 (12 - ???)

CHAT & Chew.. lunch at Super Buffet on Fruitville Rd. Bring your ideas and conversations to share with other members and friends of HUSBAY.

WEDNESDAY, August 2.(12-3:00)

Lunch at New Dynasty, followed by a Presentation by Mike Gruenfeld on Wednesday 8/2 to Husbay's Science, Technology, and Medicine Discussion Group meeting.

Nature film **"How to Grow a Planet"** by Prof. Iain Stewart

Mike's presentation will be about a stunning video in which Prof. Stewart reveals how the greatest changes to the Earth have been driven by plants. In his film, Prof. Stewart describes how plants first harnessed sunlight to create oxygen, and the epic battle between dinosaurs and the tallest trees. He describes the development of leaves, and shows plants breathing, and even communicating. The development of the first flowers, which brought color and dramatic changes to plant and animal evolution, and kick-started human evolution, are also described.

The enormous impact of one plant in particular, i.e., grass, is discussed in great detail, and how grass unleashed firestorms to fight its greatest enemy, the forests. And finally, how one kind of grass (i.e., wheat) triggered human civilization.

WEDNESDAY, August 9.(12-3:00)

LUNCH at New Dynasty, followed by a presentation of Margaret Sanger's Autobiography, and her speech **"A Moral Necessity For Birth Control"** by J.D. Lynn

Margaret Sanger (1879-1966), one of the most important women who ever lived, was an American birth control activist, sex educator, writer, and nurse, who popularized the

term "birth control". J.D. will discuss her valuable contributions and accomplishments, as well as her autobiography, and her important speech

"A Moral Necessity for Birth Control". J.D., is the Vice President of the local chapter of Americans United for Separation of Church and State. He will also discuss the implications of Sanger's work to current times, as well as the effect of the religious right's attack on women's right to birth control, and to abortion.

TUESDAY, August 15 (12-????)

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WEDNESDAY, August 16.(12-3:00)

Lunch at New Dynasty, followed at about 1:30 by HUSBAY's WRITERS GROUP. The session is one of "free writing," where one of the group introduces a subject or theme and we all write about it. We have fun reading each other's short treatises, providing positive (only) feedback. Come along with your paper and pen and your sparkling ideas for something new. We will begin about 1:30 following lunch.

WEDNESDAY, August 23 (12-3:00)

Lunch at New Dynasty followed by Current Events, this month facilitated by Jacqui Kinnie.

Current Affairs is still looking for volunteers to facilitate. It's not hard work, and assistance is available. So if you're tired of seeing the same faces leading each meeting,

now's the time to step up. To see which dates are available, please click this link:

<http://husbay.org/CurrentAffairs.html#FASCIL>.

WEDNESDAY, August 30 (12-3:00)

Lunch at New Dynasty, with no planned program, it's time and space and chatting, getting to know your neighbor and enjoying other members and friends of HUSBAY.

News from the President: David Helgager:

The HUSBAY Board met July 5 and made a number of decisions. The minutes to the meeting will soon be posted on husbay.org. One of the tasks was to schedule and select the lectures for the 2017-18 season. We will be announcing those lectures sometime this summer as soon as our speakers are confirmed. However, we did set the calendar for the year and is as follows.

October 2--lecture

November 6--lecture

December 4--lecture

January 4--New Years welcoming party

February 3 (Saturday)--Darwin Day Luncheon at Marina Jacks (Jeff Rodgers, COO Florida Museum is confirmed speaker.)

March 5--Lecture

March 25--Annual Carl Sagan Day Picnic at the Turtle Beach Pavilion (Board voted to name our picnic after Carl Sagan)

April 2--Annual Meeting

All lectures and the annual meeting will be at 7 pm with a social gathering at 6:30. The event will be held at the Center for Arts and Humanity, 1226 Tamiami Trail.

WHO's WHO in HUSBAY:

Yes, we have a web page. If you'd like learn what your fellow Humanists have done, or what your they're up to now, this is the place. You can also submit your own CV to be included. (Please omit any felonies.)

<http://husbay.org/WhosWho.html>