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Greetings Fellow Humanists and Friends!

Can you believe it's less than a hundred days until the next century? Or more properly, I am reminded, the last year of the old one. What changes do we Humanists envision? What are we working at trying to make these changes come about? Let's talk about plans at our next meetings. Did you know that the American Humanist Association is establishing a Washington, DC presence? What would you like to see happening there? Let Fred Edwards know your wishes. Also, can you help with a fund-raiser to make it happen?

Meetings upstairs at the Moonstruck East Restaurant, 449 Third Avenue at 31st Street, where we order from the menu at any time we wish, will continue with the usual second Tuesday and fourth Saturday pattern as follows:

Tuesday, October 12th at 6 PM: Speaker will be Debra L. Franklin, Director of Americana Financial Services, who will discuss Project Enterprise, a local micro-lending organization based on the concept of the famous Grameen Bank, originating in Bangladesh, which encourages entrepreneurship among villagers, helping to promote economic well-being especially for women and families, and which is being replicated in dozens of countries around the world, bringing families out of poverty. How does this work and how can we help?

Saturday, October 23th at 3 PM: Speaker will be Joseph Friendly, a filmmaker and long-time friend of Humanism with a passion for fundamental social change. For years he produced the Humanist *Here and Now* Show, as well as an outspoken TV program critical of US foreign policy called *Truth for a Change*, carried for fifteen years on Cable TV's Manhattan Neighborhood Network. He has recently returned from Yugoslavia where he witnessed and documented the devastation and interviewed survivors. His film and presentation will focus on the continuing Human Rights crisis in Yugoslavia. What is the real US interest?

Hope to see you at the meetings. Please bring ideas for discussion and future programs. Please bring a friend?

Best wishes. Beth K. Lamont (914) 588-5284



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