

September 2000

Greetings Fellow Humanists and Friends!

This is a special notice to announce a change in our meeting schedule. We will try meeting on the fourth Tuesday instead of on the fourth Saturday. This will make our schedule the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month. We will continue meeting upstairs at the Moonstruck East Restaurant, 449 Third Avenue at 31st Street, although we are investigating alternative locations. If you have suggestions, and wish to help make plans, please come to the meeting early. Nigel Roberts invites your participation in creating a chapter newsletter. Bring information that you would like to be included in the October issue or better yet, e-mail it to him at <neroberts66@prodigy.net>.

Date: Tuesday, September 26 at 6:30 PM. Speaker: Dr. Thomas Riggins will give a talk entitled "Elihu Palmer and American Rationalism". Palmer (1764-1806) was the most advanced and militant Freethinker in the years right after the American Revolution. Almost Thomas Paine's only friend in the years before Paine died in obscurity in 1807, Palmer and his wife (Paine's nurse and maid in his last years) were vocal leaders of early American Freethought, almost totally forgotten today. The speaker wants to acquaint us with this forbearer of modern Humanism in the United States.

Date: Tuesday, October 10 at 6:30 PM. Speaker: Dorothy Klein will give a talk entitled "Unweaving the Rainbow" - a report on Richard Dawkins' book which describes how nature has programmed the developing child to be obedient and exploitable in the best interests of survival but not necessarily in the child's long range best interests.

When the Fall foliage is in its full glory we'll plan a Saturday picnic at the Corliss Lamont Center in Ossining.

Best wishes to all! **Beth K. Lamont (914) 588-5284**