

# HUMANIST SOCIETY OF METROPOLITAN NEW YORK

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**Greetings Fellow Humanists!** And a special welcoming *hello* to members of the Secular Humanists; we invite you to join us.

We're scheduling a variety of activities this Fall in addition to our traditional Humanist Dialogues in hopes that we'll find days and times that are most convenient for you. Let us know? Please suggest speakers and activities that you'd enjoy in the company of other Humanists.

**MIDDAY MEETING AT 777 UNITED NATIONS PLAZA**  
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 14TH, 11am to 3 pm, on the  
10th floor.

Continental breakfast available or bring your own lunch.

Speaker at noon is Dr. James Paul, the Executive Director of Global Policy Forum, a group which monitors global policy at the United Nations. He is Chairman of the NGO Working Group on the Security Council and a Permanent Representative of the International Federation of Human Rights. He is the initiator of many Human Rights projects. Dr. Paul will talk about the World Wide Vigil now taking place concerning the financial jeopardy in which the U.N. finds itself. Will the U.N. survive? All of its good works, its programs, even its future now hangs in the balance, or more correctly...its unbalanced budget, with the U.S. owing billions. Dr. Paul has information also about the plan by several nations to form a permanent rapid response force to intervene in troubled spots around the world. The U.S. position in both of these issues is a problem in itself. Bring your questions to the meeting. Stay for socializing until 3pm.

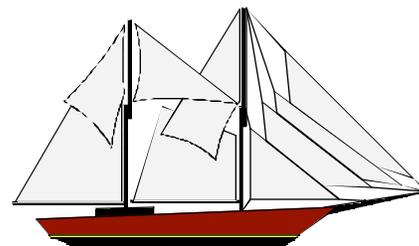
<b>Who:</b>	Dr. James Paul, Executive Director of Global Policy Forum
<b>What:</b>	Midday Meeting
<b>When:</b>	Saturday, September 14th, from 11am to 3pm
<b>Where:</b>	777 United Nations Plaza bldg., 10th Floor meeting room
<b>Cost:</b>	\$5 contribution toward expenses; more will be helpful.

*Scheduled for the following week, A 2-HOUR NEW YORK HARBOR SAIL ON THE SCHOONER PIONEER, on Sunday, September 22nd at Noon.*

We've chartered the *Pioneer*, a beautifully restored 100 year old sailing ship, for the exclusive use of our group.

We sail at 12:30pm and return at 2:30pm. The ship's capacity is 40 persons, so be sure to make your reservation quickly if you plan to be aboard. There'll be beverages only, so bring anything else you wish. A jacket is suggested. Prepare for windy sprays.

The *Pioneer* is part of the South Street Seaport Museum at the foot of Fulton Street. It is an historical center with many ships and displays that your ticket will permit you to visit.



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There you'll find entertainment, shops and restaurants scattered across the cobblestone plaza and the piers.

Warren Allen Smith suggests meeting at a pre-arranged time (say 4 or 5pm?) after the sail to share a no-host seafood meal at the historic-site restaurant called Sloppy Louie's, directly across from the plaza on South Street. They have a tantalizing menu and an upstairs room for us. We're on our own for a \$3 cup of chowder or a \$30.00 Seafood Spectacular, but best of all the company of fellow Humanists.

<b>What:</b>	A 2-hour sail, visiting museums and a meal at Sloppy Louie's.
<b>When:</b>	Sunday, September 22nd at noontime.
<b>Where:</b>	South Street Seaport at the foot of Fulton Street; the Sailing ship is way out at the end of Pier 16; just walk past the Peking, a giant 4-masted bark.
<b>Cost:</b>	\$15. For sail, (beverage included) and access to museums.
<b>Directions:</b>	Bus M15 down 2nd Avenue comes closest: 1 block away. Subways all involve a 4 to 6 block walk. Take 2,3,4,5,C,J,M or Z to Broadway-Fulton-Nassau Street stops. The E takes you to the World Trade Center, an even longer walk.

Next, the HUMANIST DIALOGUE DINNER MEETING on Monday, September 30th at the Sichuan Palace Restaurant—Dr. Julius Manson Presiding.

The Dialogue will be opened by Warren Allen Smith, who was the originator in the early 50s of our New York Humanist chapter, carrying on from the days of Charles Francis Potter and having John Dewey as a member. He will tell us about the history of our group and describe his own philosophy.

Mr. Smith has expressed concern about a new Humanist organization that is active in many countries, yet does not affiliate itself with other long-established Humanists. Because group members become involved politically, and their funding and recruitment practices are unusual, they worry us. Who are these New Humanists? What do they believe in? Shall we welcome them? Should we be wary? What are they doing? We asked Mark Farrell of the New Humanist organization to come to our Dialogue to explain and to discuss these concerns with Warren Allen Smith. You may have questions as well. This is an opportunity to obtain some answers.

About the dinner itself, the Sichuan Palace is celebrating an anniversary and is offering a special 7-course banquet for \$31.15 (tip & tax included) per person. If you wish to choose this dinner, please specify on the order form. The extra serving time will allow us a more leisurely meal. The meeting will start at 8pm.

<b>What:</b>	Humanist Dialogue Dinner.
<b>When:</b>	Monday, September 30th at 6pm.
<b>Where:</b>	Sichuan Palace, 310 E. 44th St., between 1st & 2nd Avenues - Ph. 972-7377.
<b>Who:</b>	Speakers, Warren Allen Smith and Mark Farrell.
<b>Cost:</b>	\$20.00 or \$31.15. Please reserve in advance.

NEWS!  
THE PROMISE KEEPERS ARE COMING!  
WATCH OUT...THEY PLAN TO TAKE CONTROL!

The Promise Keepers are coming to New York City September 20-21. This is the fastest growing fundamentalist religious movement in the country and is headed by former University of Colorado football coach Bill McCartney. McCartney is on record as saying "all gays are stark raving mad," "no woman should have a right to an abortion," and that we "must Christianize the Nation."

Promise Keepers is part of the male backlash movement and it teaches men to subordinate the women in their lives. The pro-humanist group *Liberals United!* is leading the opposition to the Promise Keepers with a major press conference and protest rally. If you'd like to speak out against this latest right-wing phenomenon, contact T.J. Walker at (212) 961-1468.

COMING UP IN OCTOBER

- An all day visit to the Corliss Lamont Home in Westchester.
- What's happening to WBAI? There's a right-wing influence to stifle liberal radio.
- Liberals United! organized response to right-wing attacks.
- How about the theater? Dinner on World Yacht? Please make suggestions.

For more information about the organization or any of the events please call (212) 687-2477 and leave a message. Your call will be returned promptly.

For those of you who have Internet access be sure to visit the A.H.A.'s site on the World Wide Web at <http://freethought.tamu.edu/org/aha/>.

Best wishes. From Sala Farber & Beth Lamont,



Program coordinators.