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Greetings Fellow Humanists and Friends!

First of all, many thanks to those who made contributions to the HSMNY.

We begin this Fall's activities with a new plan to schedule our dates for Humanist get-togethers for the whole year in advance so that you might note these dates well ahead of time on your calendar. The speakers and subjects are yet to be determined but the dates are firm. We will stay with the Monday evening dialogue dinners, but only every other month. On a Saturday afternoon on alternate months we hope to meet at the Albert Ellis Institute for Rational Living, but since their building is being renovated, this plan is tentative and will always need confirmation. So please call the Humanist Office at (212) 687-2477 (leave a message) or speak to Executive Director, Ellen Farber for an update on the Saturday meeting place, if a meeting notice has not come to you.

We welcome newcomers to the HSMNY Board of Directors: Dorothy Klein (new Program Chair), Karyl Greco and Lila Smith (both Program Committee Persons). Dr. Julius Manson and Ellen Farber have each had over the years sole responsibility for planning programs and they appreciate the new energy and new ideas. All are dedicated to finding subjects, speakers and activities that will interest not only our long-time Humanist members and friends, but students as well. If you have any ideas for campus related activities, please bring them to the next meeting.

On Monday September 22 at 6:30pm we will try a new meeting place—the Metropolitan Cafe at 959 First Avenue at 53rd Street, where we will have a private space for our Humanist Dialogue Dinners. We may order whatever we wish from the menu without a fixed-price requirement, but the management requests that all orders go on one ticket. Each of us will need to be responsible for the cost of our meal, plus tax and tip, in order to compensate the designated bill-payer. The telephone number there is (212) 759-5600.

Our speaker that evening is the dynamic young Humanist, T.J. Walker, who, with his Liberals United organization, is waging a courageous campaign to counter the onslaught of right-wing fanaticism. He faxes news releases daily to 100 media outlets, giving a timely Humanist response to every Radical Religious Right mention in the news. You may have heard his voice on radio talk-shows giving snappy quotable "one-liners," exposing the illogic of their reasoning and the danger of their agenda—the Promise Keepers—for instance, which is the subject for his Monday evening talk. T.J. Walker can be reached at (212) 961-1468, his Liberals United office.

Enclosed you'll find a calendar which offers the layout for the scheduling as it develops. Mondays at the Metro, Saturdays at the Institute for Rational Living, (but remember to call (212) 687-2477 for confirmation or the alternate plan), and two Sunday parties in the home of HSMNY Executive Director Ellen Farber.

Hope to see you soon. Best Wishes, Beth K. Lamont.