

Greetings Fellow Humanists and Friends!

Let's hope that 1999 will be the most productive year yet in promoting Humanist causes; we can make great things happen! Here's the schedule for January meetings.

Tuesday, January 12th, 6:30pm at the Sichuan Palace Restaurant, 310 East 44th Street, between First & Second Avenues. Phone (212) 687-2477 to leave message for reservation. Family style Chinese dinner is \$17. Speaker is Dr. Norman Markowitz, a Professor of History at Rutgers University, a progressive with years of work in the civil rights and peace movements. He will speak on Marxism and Humanism: the relationship between the two. Historically, and even more importantly today, they share common enemies. Both are committed to the development of socially cooperative individuals, and both are committed to an outlook that is anti-mystical and essentially scientific. He will be looking at the way both have been bated and marginalized, and the way that Humanists have been pushed out of American History, just as Socialists, Marxists and Communists have.

On Saturday, January 30th, 3pm to 6pm at the Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd, 240 East 31st Street, near Second Avenue. Speaker: Dave Buehrens, long-time Humanist and Chapter Board Member, activist and literary scholar. The title of his presentation is Mor(t)ality. What happens when we die was for Corliss Lamont never merely a philosophical question--rather, it was and is, a profoundly ethical one. In a retrospective musing on Corliss Lamont's book, *The Illusion of Immortality*, which so fascinated the speaker as a teenager in the bible belt, he will explain why Lamont's work so profoundly moved him--and still does.

Hope to see you soon. Best wishes. Beth K. Lamont

