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Greetings Fellow Humanists and Friends!

Still hoping to hear from you. If you returned the questionnaire sent out in July, thank you; but if you haven't yet, please do so soon, or else this will be the final meeting notice which you'll receive. Our Chapter must report to AHA regarding local membership, and your participation and input are needed for planning programs and directions for the coming years.

Meetings for August follow our familiar pattern of second Tuesdays and fourth Saturdays to be held at the Moonstruck Restaurant on Third Avenue at 31st Street, upstairs. Order from the menu anytime.

Tuesday, August 10th at 6 PM. Speaker is Michael Geoghagan, who has worked for the U.N. for 30 years in U.N. development programs in over 80 countries, with assignments in UNITAR, UNICEF, Environmental Programs, and the International Fund for Agricultural Development. He is greatly concerned that the world is still facing ecological crisis despite some painstaking progress in some areas. What are the known great dangers? He will focus on the broad perspectives with a view to clarifying where matters stand at the close of the millennium. Bring questions for discussion.

Saturday, August 28th at 3 PM. Speaker is Dorothy Klein, a dynamic Humanist Activist, educator, and WBAI Radio personality. She is teaching a course on Humanism at Brooklyn College. She has information on corporations that is shocking and sure to inspire you to indignant response. When corporations were declared to be persons by the Supreme Court in 1886 they gained undeserved protection of our Bill of Rights, which should instead protect the rights of individuals. A distressing fact is that corporations have no publicly elected officials, yet they dictate legislation and buy elections. How can we curb the privilege and power of corporations? Ralph Nader says that corporations are responsible for far more mass murder than is crime in the streets. Plans for action will be available.

Best wishes for a pleasant summer. Be well and hope to see you soon.

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