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Dog Days, Not God Days!

Well, my fellow heathens and sheathens, it is August in Oklahoma, and it is officially hotter than hell! Well, it's hotter than that made-up version of hell that we know only exists in Utah (and parts of Mississippi, but for different reasons). And since you have most likely parked yourselves in front of the nearest computer for fear of burning alive outdoors, I am quite sure you are all up-to-date on our recent events. Many of our most courageous and outspoken members participated in a nation-wide protest of the "Chick-Fil-A Pride (but not that gay kind of pride) Day". It is wonderful to see our community standing up for love..... or at least sitting down and drinking holy water while in an air-conditioned restaurant with wi-fi. (You know I'm just jealous. I heard it actually turned into wine.) Either way, we gained a great deal of media attention and helped to spread awareness in support of our LGBT community. I encourage you all to keep up the good-without-a-god work, whether it is at a hate-filled chicken restaurant, in a letter to the editor, or online. We can make a real difference if we try.



I would also like to give a very big "thank you" to Jennifer M. for working so hard to schedule some really awesome events for the kiddos in the group! Last month they got to take a tour of the Tulsa Fire Station downtown. And after looking at the pictures, I have decided to attend the next play date.

So please don't let this un-godly (haha) heat get you down, my fellow unbelievers. There are plenty of events this month that feature not only copious amounts of air conditioning, but refreshing beverages as well. (Of course, if you actually like this heat, you can always attend the Drillers game on the 21st.) Bible Babble will be featuring the book of Romans this month, and we have stocked up on movies so the little ones will be as entertained as we are. You are welcome to bring your friends, your kids, your money, and your party pants to every event! We all look forward to seeing you very soon!

August @ a Glance

- Drinking With Atheists, Friday August 10th, 7:00 P.M. @ Kilkenny's Irish Pub
- Volunteering for the Day Center for the Homeless, Sunday August 12th, 3:00 P.M. @ Taste Catering and 6:00 P.M. @ The Day Center
- Mid-Month Social Dinner, Wednesday August 15th, 7:00 P.M. @ location TBA
- Bible Babble, Sunday August 19th, 2:00 P.M. @ the Yost Residence in BA
- Secular Friends and Family Night, Tuesday August 21st, 6:45 P.M. @ Drillers' Stadium
- Drinking With Atheists, Friday August 24th, 7:00 P.M. @ location TBA
- Official Monthly Meeting, Sunday August 26th, 1:00 P.M. @ Agora Coffee House
- Post-meeting Social Gathering, Sunday August 24th, 3:00 P.M. @ Monterey's Tex Mex Café
- Unholy Rollers Bowling, Sunday August 26th, 7:00 P.M. @ Sheridan Lanes Bowling Alley
- Food and Clothing Drive is ongoing through the month of August. Please bring your donations to any event you attend and a representative will make sure your items make it to those in need.

Community Outreach - Paying your ACTOK Membership Dues



Would you like to see this billboard in Tulsa? Would you like to spread the wonderful message of freedom from religion in the Bible Belt? Would you like to have our own "Up With Trees" site or Atheist Community Center or "updated" church van? Or maybe you just want me to stop shaming you into donating money all the time?? Well, here is your opportunity.

I will be sending out a letter this month detailing what funds we have, what charities and necessities we finance, and how many of you actually have paid your dues. (Note: dues are not a requirement. In fact, I would expect newer members to get to know the group in order to make a tough \$20 decision.) My main point is this: we could be doing MUCH more, and MUCH better, if we had the funds to do so. Many of your board members have contributed thousands of dollars over the past years in an effort to make this group successful. We have never asked for your help in paying for space rental at meetings, food at cookouts, kegs at Bible Babble, tabling fees at special events, reservations at social dinners, and others. Some of us have taken on certain responsibilities for the good of our wonderful Atheist Community of Tulsa. In this economy, it is not often the easiest sacrifice to make.

If you, as the wonderful and shining beacon of Atheism that you are, have already paid your membership dues, we all thank you from the bottom of our heathen hearts. Whether it was that \$20 you'd rather spend on a shirt, or beer, or whatever, you have given this community a gift that we can, in turn, give to others. You have funded our Adopt-A-Highway program, helped us feed the homeless, allowed us to table at events, and made sure we have nametags for all the newbies.

And if you found this group through a Facebook ad, through Meetup.com, through our website or at Tulsa Pride, or even FreeOK, then you are the very lucky beneficiary of someone else's membership dues. These members are the reason we can reach out to you. They finance our campaigns, our outreach, our online presence, our merchandise, and our Atheistic library (in addition to the all-knowing Bob Hooper). These members are the cool kids in the group. And until you pay your dues, you're just a noob. (I don't really know what that word means, but there are a lot of nerds in ACT.) So pay your dues online or at an event and be part of the awesomeness that is ACTOK.

Last Month's Featured Event - Volunteering for the Tulsa Day Center for the Homeless



Yeah, that's me in the picture. (Although I won't tell you which one.) And let me just say that this was one of the most incredible and rewarding experiences I have ever had. Many of our generous members managed to donate exactly enough money to cover the cost of food last month, and for that our entire board is very grateful. Our Mexican food was a hit, and they loved us!

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I sincerely hope we can do that for August, and every month we will be cooking for the Day Center. Every little bit helps, and we will gladly accept donations at any ACT event. We had an amazing group of volunteers to cook, prepare, transport, and serve the evening meal for the Day Center. There were over one hundred homeless individuals who would not have eaten a good meal if we did not help. They were extremely grateful and complimentary, and even a bit surprised (and actually relieved) at who we are! Eric and I stayed around for quite a while to chat with some of the clients, and even handed out a few ACT cards. For those of you who are not able to attend these events, please, PLEASE donate to this wonderful cause! You can also donate via paypal to president@actok.org. And remember what I said about our membership dues. You can always donate a little extra while you are coughing it up anyway. Perhaps during the "holiday season" we will have a Pastafarian dinner for those less fortunate, and they will be touched by His Noodliness. May pasta be upon you all. R'Amen.