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February @ a Glance

- Roy Zimmerman's "Starving Ear", Friday February 3rd, 7:00 P.M. @ Nightingale Theatre
- Drinking With Atheists (DWA), Friday February 3rd, 9:30 P.M. @ Campus Grill
- Freethinking Parenting, Monday February 6th, 6:30 P.M. @ a Private Residence
- Adopt-A-Highway, Sunday February 12th, 11:00 A.M. @ HWY 169 between 21st St. and Admiral
- Recovering from Religion's Jerry DeWitt Lecture, Wednesday February 15th, 7:30 P.M. @ UCO Education Building, room 115, in Edmond, OK

Way to ACT!!

We want to thank you all for a great start to a new year! January was packed with events, and we met a lot of new friends along the way. We have had over 100 people join on Facebook and 20 new members on Meetup! (I suppose atheists do proselytize after all.) Personally, I would love to thank each and every one of you who came and participated during our "Grief Beyond Belief" discussion at our Official Meeting.



This group is comprised of some truly wonderful people, and it is a blessing (RAMen) to be a part of such a genuine and caring community. To continue our service to each other and the world around us, February will be a month to show our love! The entire month of events will welcome donations

of food and coats for the Day Center for the Homeless, and we will have the opportunity to participate in another Adopt-A-Highway cleanup on February 12. Our featured event this month is Roy Zimmerman. Even if you are not able to attend this hilarious heathen hoedown, feel free to check out our mention in Urban Tulsa Weekly! *Note: Yes, this is Oklahoma, and UTW is a free paper that cannot afford fact-checking; so please do your best to cope with misspelled names and improper use of the English language. They do the best they can without me.* We are also proud to announce that we have begun discussions with AOK (our Oklahoma City affiliates) on this coming year's FreeOK. Last year, we hosted Oklahoma's first Freethought convention in Tulsa. We had an incredible turnout last summer and expect around 1,000 people this year! We have already booked the Tulsa Convention Center for June 23, 2012. Mark it on your calendars, my heathens and sheathens: you will NOT want to miss this opportunity!

- Bible/Babble Study, Sunday February 19th, 2:00 P.M. @ the Yost residence in Broken Arrow
- Unholy Rollers Bowling, Sunday February 19th, 7:00 P.M. @ AMF Sheridan Lanes
- Social Dinner, Wednesday February 22nd, 7:00 P.M. @ El Guapo's Mexican Cantina
- Astronomy for Atheists, Friday February 24th, 6:00 P.M. @ Tulsa Astronomy Observatory
- Official Meeting, Sunday February 26th, 1:00 P.M. @ Agora Coffee House
- Post-Meeting Dinner, Sunday February 26th, 3:30 P.M. @ Charleston's Restaurant on Brookside
- Food and Coat Drive is ongoing through the month of February. Please bring your donations to any event you attend and an ACT representative will make sure your items make it to those in need.

Get Connected

Official ACT Webpage

Yahoo ACT Meetup Group

ACT on Facebook

Community Outreach - Tulsa Day Center for the Homeless



Our featured community outreach project for February is the Tulsa Day Center for the Homeless. We have volunteered our time and resources to providing seven meals this year, as well as elected to have food and coat drives at every ACT event. February has been one of the coldest months in our recent past, and warm coats are an extremely valuable resource for those in need. The Tulsa Day Center is a non-religious, not-for-profit organization that makes a difference in the lives of those around us on a daily basis. They rely heavily on donations of time and money from our community. It is a common misconception that the religious among us have the market cornered on volunteerism. This is simply not true. They may wave

banners at every opportunity and spotlight their own attempts at generosity, but we do good "for goodness' sake", and that alone can be reward enough for us. Our charities know who we are. The people whose lives we touch can understand that we give out of our own humility and humanity and compassion. To quote the unmistakable prose of Charles Darwin: "There is grandeur in this view of life." Let us show that to the world. I encourage each and every one of you to bring extra coats, canned food, cereal, clothing and donations to your next ACT event. Let's do our best to top our amazing contributions from last year!

Meeting Minutes

January 22, 2012

Meeting began at 1:15 P.M.

Vote to increase dues to \$20/yr passed unanimously with all present

Dues will be prorated for 2012 based on past dues paid

Discussed FreeOK 2012 Committee establishment, asked for volunteers

Announced committee chairs:
Freeok – William, DWA – Misty,
Adopt-A-Highway – Deborah,
Pride Week – Ray, Day Center for the Homeless – Steven,
Science and Education – Tom

Discussed newsletter

Door prize drawings

Discussion topic- "Grief Beyond Belief"

Brief video by Richard Dawkins

Budget information provided by William Poire

Meeting ended at 3:10 P.M.

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Last Month's Featured Event



Due to some unforeseen cloudy circumstances (since weather forecasting means nothing in Oklahoma), Astronomy for Atheists was unfortunately canceled at the last minute. Some of the more adventurous members met at the Yost residence in Broken Arrow for the evening, but that was hardly worth being the great Featured Event for January. Assuming the Featured Event title is January's DWA (also known to the newer members and designated drivers

as "Drinking with Atheists" or "quiet night at home and please don't drunk-dial me"). We had one of the highest turnouts for DWA this month, and met some of our newest members for an engaging night at Kilkenny's on Cherry Street. We had a very involved discussion about whether the guy with the "Jesus" nametag was faking it or we should believe in him. For future reference, nametags are mandatory at these meetings for reasons you will come to understand. Having a group of over fifty people in a bar does not exactly provide an environment for remembering names. We had the entire backroom to ourselves, and in the end there was only standing room available. We discussed everything from politics to pronunciation, Guinness to lame 3.2 "Oklahoma" beer, and everything in between. There is nothing better to do in T-town on a Saturday night, I must say. Warning for the next DWA: there will be a donation box for the ACT fund at the event, so bring some extra cash or you won't be one of the cool kids.