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June Was a FreeOK Fest!

Of course, as your incredibly amazing Secretary had predicted, June 2012 was the most exciting and ACTive month in our history! (Good thing all of you dues-paying members voted for such a talented young woman.) ACT started the month with the Tulsa Pride Parade, and had a wonderful turnout and very welcomed presence. Our adorable Atheist dog Sweetie (pictured below) even made it into the Urban Tulsa Weekly! The very next week, we had an exciting and informative nature hike at Keystone Ancient Forest -- and checking for ticks made for hours of entertainment! The Atheist Community held our first DWA at the White Lion Pub, and they loved us. Oh, and there was that little FreeOK event at the end of the month, but it will be discussed in its own article. (Mostly because there were too many great pictures, and I can be indecisive at times.)



I'm very excited to see Astronomy for Atheists back on the agenda, as well as bi-weekly DWA gatherings (thank GOD). I am also astounded at how quickly this group is growing. We have already surpassed 600 members on our Facebook page and are nearing 700 members on Meetup.com. Most importantly, though, we have grown closer together as a community. One of our newer members (and newer atheists, for that matter) miraculously resurrected ACT's beloved keg fridge for Bible Babble. And for that, we are forever grateful. The fridge has been named "Lazarus" in his honor. We can now continue reading the Bible as it was intended, with a full keg of Sam Adams. So, heathens and sheathens, remember to pay attention to the calendar of events: July is sure to be a blast as well (firework pun intended). And check out the Community Outreach article, or the Board of Directors will start harassing you in person to donate.

July @ a Glance

- Unholy Rollers Bowling, Sunday July 1st, 7:00 P.M. @ Sheridan Lanes Bowling Alley
- Volunteering with Tulsa Day Center for the Homeless, Sunday July 8th, 3:00 P.M. @ 415 W. Archer
- Drinking With Atheists, Friday July 13th, 7:00 P.M. @ Killkenny's Irish Pub
- Bible Babble, Sunday July 15th, 2:00 P.M. @ the Yost Residence in BA
- Social Dinner, Wednesday July 8th, 7:00 P.M. @
- Astronomy For Atheists, Saturday July 21st, 7:00 P.M. @ the Astronomy Club of Tulsa Observatory
- Official Meeting, Sunday July 22nd, 1:00 P.M. @ Agora Coffee House
- Post-Meeting Social Gathering, Sunday July 22nd, 3:00 P.M. @ location TBD
- Drinking With Atheists, Friday July 27th, 7:00 P.M. @ the White Lion Pub
- Unholy Rollers Bowling, Sunday July 29th, 7:00 P.M. @ Sheridan Lanes Bowling Alley
- Food and Clothing Drive is ongoing through the month of July. 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 - Tulsa Day Center for the Homeless



ATTENTION GODLESS HEATHENS AND SHEATHENS: on Sunday, the 8th of July, we are volunteering to prepare and provide a meal for the Tulsa Day Center for the Homeless. On average, over 400 people seek assistance at the Day Center every day in Tulsa! This includes medical attention, food, clothing, shelter, health education, telephone services, and case management. For the past month, it has been hotter than the hell we don't believe in, and they desperately need our help! One meal for the Day Center will only cost around \$200 and some helpful volunteers. Unfortunately, we still need donations from you infidels to make up for last month, and all the volunteers we can get! I was unfortunately unable to attend our last volunteer day, and I'm still regretting it. I sincerely hope you are sorry as well. (Do you feel guilty enough yet?) Even if you cannot be there in person, and surely won't be there in spirit, please make any donation possible. You can give freely to any board member at an ACT event, or donate via paypal to president@actok.org. Your food, money, utensils, dishes, cookware, and crowd-pleasing recipes will most certainly find their way to the Tulsa Day Center. I would really like us to fund this month's meal before our day of volunteering. And I would hope to see a large number of you there. After all, you should at least be able to ACT like you care. I mean, Jesus would have fed the poor (if he actually existed). And at least we have the advantage of existing, not to mention an air-conditioned building. (Oh, and in case the picture confused you, it was taken at the Homerun for the Homeless, so it works.) I sincerely hope I have shamed you all into donating in some way.

Last Month's Featured Event - FreeOK 2012



Our second annual Oklahoma Freethought Convention saw a crowd of over 500 people in the Tulsa Convention Center, and at least six protesters! With seven outstanding speakers, including David Silverman, Hemant Mehta, Seth Andrews, Teresa MacBain, and Eddie Tabash, the day was an overwhelming success. Attendees contributed \$500 to the Tulsa Day Center for the Homeless, which was our charity for this year. The Friendly Atheist met – and liked – The Thinking Atheist. (We really weren't that worried.) There was also a post-convention gathering for the attendees and speakers, which was incredible. And if the picture on bottom is accurate, your ACT President, William Poire', led the convention in a heartfelt round of "Jesus Loves Me". (Sorry, Will, but I could not resist the temptation.) Despite his gospel singing, we all agreed the convention was a hit. We came away with some cool new members (in fact, they might still be thawing out from the air conditioning) and a lot of publicity.

We would like to thank each and every one of you who attended, and the hard-working volunteers who made it all possible. I am looking forward to next year's convention already! And if any of you heathens or sheathens are in need (or want) of FreeOK t-shirts, we have some left. Email a board member, including your size, and we will do our best to get it to you in an atheistic manner. Until next month, stay rational.

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