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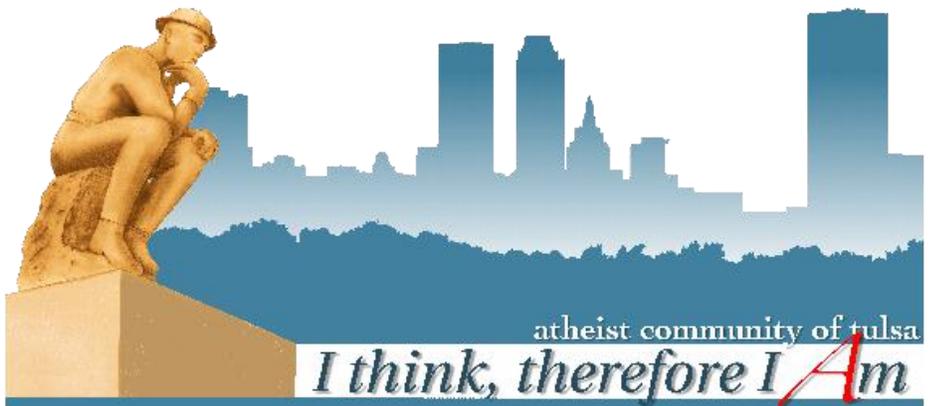
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Fall Forward!

So, despite the extra hour of time I had this weekend, the newsletter didn't get started until I saw the words "Remember, Remember" on Facebook. Sure, it wasn't meant to remind me to type, but it got me thinking about all the things I still have to do. Somehow it's already November, the holiday chaos is looming, and I need to find a new baby-roasting recipe for our Official Meeting potluck. (I also need to find a baby if anyone has an extra.) My goal for this month is something called "multi-tasking". For example, while in the undoubtedly long line I'll be in while trying to vote, I plan on using my time to proselytize to all the church folk guarding the sacramental wine and crackers. I suggest you do the same, because I heard that Jesus juice is delicious (and not to be confused with Jesus kool-aid).

We have a LOT of amazing events this month, and unfortunately some incredibly difficult decisions to make as well. (No, I'm not getting into politics. I'm talking about scheduling conflicts for Atheist meetings, which is even worse!) A large group of us will be attending the Scepticon conference in Springfield, Missouri. This means that we can't attend Drinking With Atheists or volunteering for the Tulsa Day Center for the Homeless. We are relying on you, our fellow heathens and sheathens, to keep the ACT ship afloat for the weekend. Just try to be like our mascot, The Golden Thinker. (You can also act like our unofficial mascot, my dog Sweetie, but all she does is sleep and that's just boring.)

Check out our events, and remember to pay your membership dues in order to vote for ACT leadership in December!



November @ a Glance

- Election Day, Tuesday November 6th
- Skepticon 5, Friday November 9th through Sunday November 11th, in Springfield, Missouri
- Drinking With Atheists, Friday November 9th, 7:00 P.M. @ Kilkenny's Irish Pub
- Volunteering for the Day Center for the Homeless, Sunday November 11th, 5:30 P.M @ 415 W. Archer
- Mid-Month Social Dinner, Wednesday November 14th, 7:00 P.M. @ location TBA
- Bible Babble, Sunday November 18th, 2:00 P.M. @ the Yost residence in Broken Arrow
- Drinking With Atheists, Friday November 23rd, 7:00 P.M. @ location TBA
- Official Monthly Meeting and Thanksgiving Potluck Special, Sunday November 25th, 1:00 P.M. @ Agora Coffee House
- Unholy Rollers Bowling, Sunday November 25th, 7:00 P.M. @ Sheridan Lanes Bowling Alley
- We are continuing our ACTOK Membership Drive this month. Please visit our [meetup.com](https://www.meetup.com/actok/) page or send your dues to president@actok.org.
- Food and Clothing Drive is ongoing through the month of November. 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 - The Tulsa Day Center for the Homeless

I am extremely disappointed that I will be out of town for this month's volunteer work of feeling the homeless at the Tulsa Day Center. It's not simply the fact that this charity is a vital necessity in our city, or that this has been to me such an overwhelmingly heart-warming opportunity, but the actual date of our service: November 11, Veteran's Day.

According to the Center For American Progress, hundreds of thousands of former service members are already homeless, and more than one million additional veterans are at risk of living without shelter. A study done in December of last year found that one in seven homeless people previously served in the military. Even more startling is a separate study that shows approximately one third of all homeless males are veterans. That means that at the Tulsa Day Center alone, between fifteen and twenty of the men and women we'll serve have served our country.

As this Veteran's Day approaches, we should not only be honoring those who have given their lives for our country, but expressing care and gratitude for the ones who lost their futures. In fact, the number of homeless Vietnam-era veterans, male and female, is greater than the number of soldiers who died during the war. In my mind, this is a complete tragedy. We cannot be a country who fails its own military after they have risked everything for us.

Please donate to provide food for Veteran's Day at any ACT event or via Paypal to president@actok.org. Thank you in advance.



Last Month's Featured Event - Official Meeting



We are very fortunate and happy to have retained our relationship with Agora Coffee House through their recent transition in ownership. (And let me tell you, the new owners are some pretty cool people!) I welcome each of you to enjoy a wonderful coffee, tea, latte, smoothie, or delicious bottle of water at all of our Official Meetings. I'll be the one drinking a ginormous Chai Latte every time.

And even though last month's Official Meeting was a little under-populated, we did have some great conversation and engaging discussion topics. It seems to be the perfect venue for our newer members, and a great way to get to know them. Thanks to all who came out and participated; and to those who missed it, I will simply say, "Curse you to the hell in which I do not actually believe!" Because you now feel guilty, I expect to see many more of you this coming month at our Official Meeting and Thanksgiving Potluck Spectacular! Feel free to bring a favorite dish, side, snack, or dessert and partake in the festivities with your fellow heathens. Remember, this is a celebration of gluttony; so bring all the yummy food you can carry and wear your stretchy pants!

On a more serious note, I am most definitely thankful to all of you who have made this community into what it is today, and look forward to seeing the amazing growth in store for the future. We are all truly honored to be surrounded by such a wonderful and generous group of people. While everyone else seems to be giving thanks to a higher power, let us give thanks to those who have made our lives possible and more fulfilling. As Charles Darwin so memorably wrote, "There is grandeur in this view of life..." Remember that every day we are here is in its own way a miracle. Be happy and know how fortunate you are to be alive in this age of growing humanism.

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