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### Introducing the ACT 700 Club!

Step aside, Pat Robertson – we are thrilled to announce that the Atheist Community of Tulsa has surpassed 700 members on both Meetup and Facebook within the last month! We have experienced incredible turnouts to our events (especially the drinking ones for some reason), and these pictures are evidence of it! If somehow you have still not made it to one of our many ACT events, please stop procrastinating! Join us for fun, fellowship, and food (how's that for "f" words?!) and I promise that you will not be disappointed. There are plenty of meetups for every age, interest, and work schedule. We all look forward to meeting as many of you newbies as possible this month and further limiting our restaurant and drinking venues (the little ones just can't hold us all anymore). Check out our events section on the next page, or else you will be doomed to either eternal damnation or temporary discomfort knowing that all the cool people were busy having fun without you.



Your Unholy Trinity and Board Members are thrilled to be a part of this wonderful community as it grows; and as we near the end of the calendar year, I must remind you that we will be voting on a few ACT leadership positions in late December. Only dues-paying ACT members will be able to cast a vote or run for office, so please make sure you are eligible. (Oh, and you can write the newsletter when you pry it from my cold, dead laptop.) Stav tuned for more information and awesomeness.

#### **Get Connected**

Official ACT Webpage Yahoo ACT Meetup Group ACT on Facebook

#### <u>September @ a</u> Glance

- Drinking With Atheists,
   Friday September 7<sup>th</sup>, 7:00
   P.M. @ Kilkenny's Irish Pub
- Tulsa Zoo Family/Kid Meetup, Saturday September 8<sup>th</sup>, 11:00 A.M. @ Tulsa Zoo and Living Museum
- Volunteering for the Day Center for the Homeless, Sunday September 9<sup>th</sup>, 5:30 P.M @ 415 W. Archer
- Bible Babble, Sunday September 16<sup>th</sup>, 2:00 P.M. @ the Yost Residence in BA
- Mid-Month Social Dinner, Wednesday September 19<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 P.M. @ Lanna Thai
- Official Monthly Meeting, Sunday September 23<sup>rd</sup>, 1:00
   P.M. @ Agora Coffee House
- Adopt-A-Highway, Sunday September 23<sup>rd</sup>, 3:00 P.M. @ HWY 169 Northbound between 21<sup>st</sup> St. and Admiral
- Drinking With Atheists,
   Friday September 28<sup>th</sup>, 7:00
   P.M. @ location TBA
- Unholy Rollers Bowling, Sunday September 30<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 P.M. @ Sheridan Lanes Bowling Alley
- Food and Clothing Drive is ongoing through the month of September. 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 - Ongoing Food and Clothing Drives

Throughout the past few months, I have been amazed at the incredible generosity of our group. You all have donated much-needed time, money, clothing, food, and emotional support to each other and the communities around us. You assisted volunteer efforts for the wildfire victims in Oklahoma, helped us feed the homeless at the Tulsa Day Center on multiple occasions, donated clothing and other goods to the Okmulgee County Domestic Abuse Women's Shelter, gave food to the Eastern Oklahoma food bank, and so much more. You have helped to find homes for rescued pets, offered fellow members rides to work and events, and made a very positive impact in the lives of those around you. As our group continues to grow, we will surely see much more of this incredible expression of love and kindness.



As strange as it may sound, the picture above was actually taken at one of our Drinking With Atheists events (and no, they were not the snacks). We had several members bring donations of food and necessities with them to Kilkenny's. (We know who you are, and would like to thank you again for your gifts to those less fortunate.) It is wonderful to see so many of you doing more than simply thinking of others. All of our members are welcomed and encouraged to bring donations to any ACT event. A Board Member will make very sure that your items (and/or money) make it to those in need. You may also specify a certain charity if you wish.

I'd also like to thank those incredible members who have put their time and effort into organizing impromptu donation drives and pet rescues. You most definitely realize that when the going gets tough for others, it is our duty to ACT quickly. Well done, fellow heathens and sheathens.

At this point, I will mention the last note on the "@ a Glance" section every month. (Look to your left to see it.) We are always in need of donations of food and clothing. Our food donations are taken to the Community Food Bank of Eastern Oklahoma, and our clothing donations are taken to various secular charities, including the Tulsa Day Center for the Homeless. If you have any questions about donations, feel free to contact me at <a href="editor@actok.org">editor@actok.org</a>. I am honored and delighted to be a part of such a wonderful and selfless group, doing good for goodness' sake.

# Last Month's Featured Event - Official Meeting and Celebration of Bob Hooper



In case you have not already heard, our beloved ACT librarian and longtime member Bob Hooper will be moving away in the coming month. He now has two options: he will either stay in close contact with ACT or we will kidnap him and bring him back to Tulsa. (That's not a threat. Bob – it's a promise.) **During August's** Official Meeting, we presented him with a Certificate of Appreciation, an autographed FreeOK postcard, and an ACT shirt. He was honored by a number of organizations for his dedication. contributions, and service to the Freethinking community. And then he impressed us all by winning our own version of the "American Bible Challenge". Consequently, Bob was also rewarded with a colander helmet bearing the image of the Flying Spaghetti Monster.

Clearly, he has been touched by His Noodly Appendage. (Can I get a "R'Amen"?) And although he will be greatly missed by our Community, we can rest assured that our lives have been enlightened all the more by his wisdom and fancy booklearnin'. We love ya, Bob!

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