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Secular Humanists of Western Lake Erie <president@humanistswle.org>

Sun, Jan 11, 2026 at 10:29 AM

Reply-To: president@humanistswle.org

To:



Welcome to January 2026

Hi Douglas,

We look back at the fun time we had last month and look ahead to 2026 with a couple of great programs. Hope you can check out one or all these happenings

Solstice Event Was A Good Time

Even though our keynote speaker canceled on us at the last minute, Board member Derek stepped in and gave a nice presentation about Humanism and the solstice on December 20th. We had 15 people attend and enjoy a potluck of food with the entrees being lasagna and a beef roast - which was very popular.

Thanks to Anne and Sandy for helping with the decorations and the rest of the Board for helping with the setup and clean up and thanks to the folks at First UU for letting us use their Fellowship Hall.

Our next shared potluck will be June 20th at our Summer Picnic at the Wildwood Sycamore Shelter



Share Your Hopes for the Coming Year

One of the highlights of our 2025 Winter Solstice Soiree was SHoWLE board member Derek giving a presentation about the solstice and what it means for Humanists. He stated that “solstice is a time for reflection and renewal.”

Toward the end of the talk he asked participants to “share their hopes for the coming year and to celebrate the resilience and creativity of humanity.”

Although we weren't able to really get into this point, we offer the comment section of the blog post for readers, strangers and members alike to share your hopes for the coming year and to celebrate the resilience and creativity of humanity.

Add your hopes for the coming year as a comment to our blog post:

<https://humanistswle.org/2025/share-your-hopes-for-the-coming-year.html>

Sponsor-A-Family A Great Success

We wrapped several hundred dollars worth of gifts and gift cards for our sponsored family on December 13th. Thanks to those who donated gifts, cash, and/or time in making this activity one of our signature events. Thanks to Bev for heading this project up each year.

If you have any gift wrap or gift boxes you can donate please do



We Have T-Shirts Available



We have a limited supply of SHoWLE T-shirts we got during the Here for Good Campaign last year. You can order them using our website form:

<https://humanistswle.org/donations/showle-t-shirt-sale>

Price for all shirts is **\$20** each and if you want it mailed to you then it is an **extra \$6 for shipping**. Once you buy a shirt we can arrange a meetup to get the shirt or you can pick it up at a meeting if you want to save shipping costs.

You can also pay for it using cash or check. [Use our contact form](#) or send us an email with a request for number of shirts and the size and we will get back to you

Quantities are limited



Darwin loves him some chili

News to Know

Chili Cook-off coming in February

Save the Date: Instead of our usual meeting format in February, we will be honoring Charles Darwin with our first ever **Survival of the Fittest Chili Cook-off**.

Bring us an example of your best chili recipe for our meeting time and see if you can win the prize (TBD).

See you on February 14th - yes Valentines Day

We are looking for a Kids Movie Host

One of the activities we have done the past couple of years is host a kids movie and free pizza at the West Toledo Branch Library. We are looking for someone who can host this event this summer.

Doug will help with getting the room, the movie, and ordering the pizza but we need someone who can attend each event - usually the last Saturday of the month in June, July, and August. The host would setup the room and prepare the pizza and obtain healthier snacks and soda pop for about 25 to 30 kids at each event. The only requirement is the movie can't be more than PG-13 and the event has to take place at the West Branch Library auditorium.

Let us know if you are interested.

Update Your Profiles

Members can update their profiles on our website. When you joined the group there were options to choose like if you wanted to be in a future directory, if you wanted to be texted reminders, and if you were in the AHA. There is also a box to add the names of others covered under your Household membership for those who have them.

All of that information can be changed on your profile at anytime.

<https://humanistswle.org/register/edit-your-profile>

A video showing how to use the member page is here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HCzPyPtgUk0>

Photo Waiver

Just a reminder that by attending our public meetings and events you grant SHoWLE the use of your image or likeness for promotion of the group and our mission. If you think it will be an issue for you please reach out to Douglas or a Board member before a meeting or event so we can be sure to avoid you and crop you out of published images. We do not use full names in public materials.

Winter Weather Meeting Policy

Having in-person meetings during the winter in Ohio can be extra tricky. We hope for the best but plan for the worst. We don't want people taking risks to come to a meeting if the weather is bad.

Since we depend on venues like the library for our meeting space, if the venue closes then our meeting could be canceled.

If there is a weather advisory like for extreme cold or a snow storm, check our upcoming event on our website for any updates. Depending on the topic and if we have a speaker we might switch to Zoom. If that happens the Zoom link will be posted on the meeting page on our website. There is no guarantee that we will switch to a Zoom meeting.

The President, in consultation with the Board, will decide if a meeting or event should be canceled or moved to Zoom.

If Lucas county is put into a level 3 snow emergency then assume any in-person meetings and events are canceled and check the website to see if it is being moved to Zoom or other alternatives are being taken.

Although we try to notify everyone if something is changed or cancelled, it is up to attendees to make sure our meeting and/or event is still taking place at the time and date scheduled.

Our full policy can be seen here:

<https://tinyurl.com/showle-winter>

SHoWLE Meet-Up Arrives

Do you have a one time event you plan to attend and think the group would enjoy or are okay with some company? You can now let us know and we can add the information to our calendar to let other members and friends know about it. We call it Meet-up and it will get a blurb on the event page.

Meet-ups can be anything from movie night to touring a museum but you wouldn't mind some people from SHoWLE going with you. SHoWLE doesn't endorse these events but allows members to let others know about some fun social event they might want to join.

Just fill the form at the link below or send us an email to president@humanistswle.org with the details.

SHoWLE reserves the right to decline to promote any submitted event and we are not able to promote strictly political events that are limited to one candidate or party (for example like a fundraiser event).

<https://humanistswle.org/let-us-know-about-a-meet-up>

We've joined Walmart Spark for Good

Upcoming Events

Walmart recently launched Walmart Spark Good Round Up where Complete details can be found on our [Events Page](#). Unless noted, all meetings and customers can round up their purchases to the nearest dollar and donate events are free and open to the public the change to their favorite charity. We would love for you to choose us as your charity to receive these donations every time you shop on



New Atheism & Religious Satire After 9/11

January 10, 2026 @ 10 AM

<https://www.humanists.com>

SHoWLE is part of Spark for Good by Walmart

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Drawing on his own experience of stand-up performance, Dr. Jerry C. Jaffe examines the comedy of figures such as Mark Maron, Bill Maher, and Ricky Gervais and presents material from interviews with comedians including Lewis Black, John Fugelsang, and Leigh Ann Lord.

[Read more](#)

<https://www.humanists.com>



Show Us Your Privates (Hobbies & Crafts)

January 24, 2026 @ 12 PM

What do you do in the privacy of your own home behind closed doors? We want to know what your

hobbies and/or crafts you like to do when you are outside SHoWLE.

[Read more](#)

We Have A Podcast - Glass City Humanist

Our latest episode of the Glass City Humanist podcast:



Episode 115: Refuting Dennis Prager's Consequences of Secularism Video

We examine the claims made in a two part video by conservative political commentator Dennis Prager. The video titled 'The Consequences of Secularism' includes Prager's vague and misleading claims about secularism which he fails to define. He includes not only philosophical claims but also political claims that don't hold up to closer scrutiny in order to bolster his religious beliefs.

Our Mission:

The mission of the Secular Humanists of Western Lake Erie is to provide a supportive local community for humanists and other nontheists, while promoting an ethical, reasonable, and secular approach to life through education, community service, outreach, activism, and social events.

We envision a Northwest Ohio and Southeast Michigan where secular people are respected and integrated in broader society, live values of reason and compassion, and enjoy a friendly humanist community.

Join or Donate to the Group

Are you a member?

Joining the Secular Humanists of Western Lake Erie gets you the following benefits:

- A monthly meeting with like minded people
- Ability to guide and vote on the direction of the group
- Serve in leadership positions and on our Board of Directors
- Discounts on sponsored events and group merchandise
- Regular communications about meetings, events, and other topics of interest to the group before the general public
- Most importantly, you will gain the opportunity to make your voice heard and know that you are part of a greater movement working for the values we share.

We have two membership plans:

\$20 for an Individual

\$30 for a Household (two or more people at the same address)

Visit <https://humanistswle.org/join-our-group> to join online or get information to join by postal mail. We also have a fixed income level available on our join page if needed.

You can donate to the Secular Humanists of Western Lake Erie

Please help us provide a supportive local community for humanists and other nontheists, while promoting ethical and reasonable secular world views through education, community service, outreach, activism, and social events.

You can use Paypal or a credit card. **Donations are tax deductible.**

[Donate Online](#)

You can always send your check or money order to:

Secular Humanists of Western Lake Erie
PO Box 6433
Toledo, OH 43612-0433

Sent via [ActionNetwork.org](#). To update your email address, change your name or address, or to stop receiving emails from Secular Humanists of Western Lake Erie, please [click here](#).

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