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Welcome to October 2026

Hi Douglas,

October is when we hold our members meeting and elect our Board of Directors. It will be on Zoom so if you are a member I hope you participate.



AHA Executive Director Fish Stark joined us on 9/13 on his Fighting Christian Nationalism Tour. His remarks can be viewed on our Youtube channel and on the latest Glass City Humanist podcast episode.

Post Card to Vote Party October 5th

We will having a postcard party on Monday October 5th at 6 PM at the Sanger Branch Library Community Room B starting at 6 PM

We will be writing and addressing get-out-the-vote postcards to potential voters in the state of Virginia. They have an important reproductive rights measure on the ballot in November.

If you joined us the last time we had a postcard party, you know we didn't take the entire 2 hours of time to complete it. So arrive on time if you want to help out.

This event is sponsored by the American Humanist Association

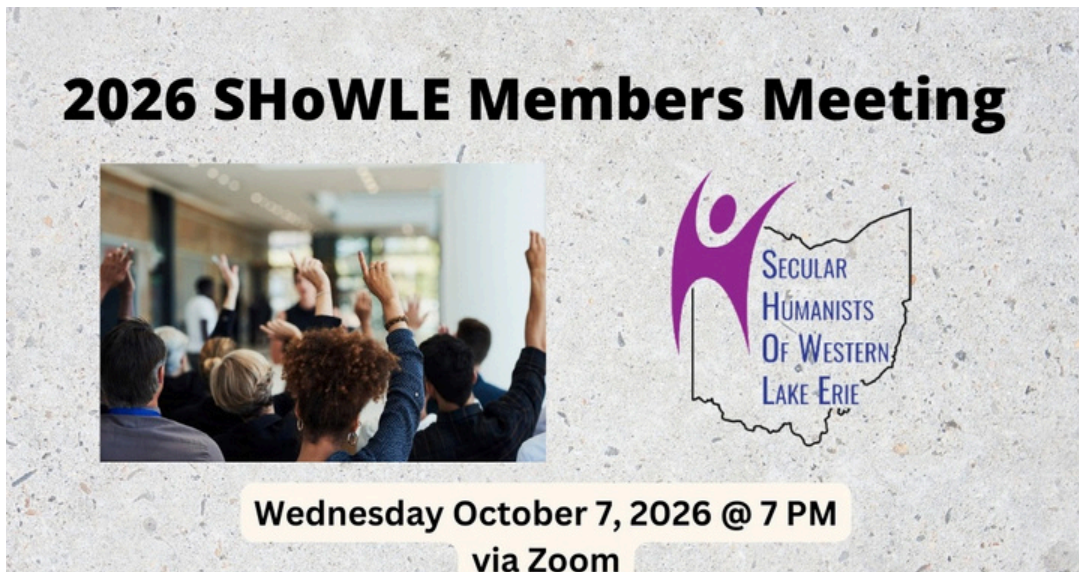
<https://humanistswle.org/event/postcards-to-voting>

Thanks for Renewing

Just wanted to thank all the members who renewed their memberships in September. We will present full numbers and financial info at the members meeting on October 7th.

If you still need to renew, please visit our Join SHoWLE page

<https://humanistswle.org/join-our-group>



Members Meeting October 7th

We will be having our annual members meeting on October 7th via Zoom. This is the time when the Board presents the group's financial picture and plans for the upcoming year. We can also vote on any proposed Bylaw changes or any other issues the membership wishes to bring up. The Board can also answer questions.

We will send out the Zoom link to the membership in an email and we will post it in the event page shortly before the meeting.

Board Nominations

The Secular Humanists of Western Lake Erie is a democratic member run group based on a set of Bylaws. Those bylaws, and the state of Ohio, require we have a Board of Directors to handle the day-to-day operation of the group. This includes setting policy, programing for meetings and events, and maintaining the financial health of the group.

There is no previous experience needed to serve on the Board. The only requirement is you have to be a voting member — that is you have paid dues. We meet for no more than hour every other month or more often if needed, usually online using Zoom. And we do ask you to attend at least one meeting or event each month and make a donation or two if you can. (Donation of time or in-kind goods counts).

The officers of the group are selected by the Board from the members of the Board. Other duties of the Board is explained in the SHoWLE Bylaws. We do ask people to

serve two year terms but after each year you do have the option to rotate off the Board if you wish to do so.

The Board is the main body charged in the day to day operation of the group and if you would like to influence the direction or programming of the group, joining the board is one way to do it.

You can indicate your interest by filling out the form at this link:

<https://humanistswle.org/showle-board-of-directors-interest-form>

Or reach out to our President Douglas (like reply to this email or text him).

Nominations will close during the members meeting on October 7th

Current Board members Anne E. and Derek W. are up for reelection for another two year term. For bio info check out their entries on our Board page

<https://humanistswle.org/board>

More information:

<https://humanistswle.org/event/2026-members-meeting>

News & Notes

Things to Look Forward To

If you are currently a member of the AHA, there is a discount available on a SHoWLE membership. If you go to the Zeffy platform and our membership form, choose the Household membership. In the discount code box type in **AHATOLEDO**. You will get a Household membership for 50% off for the year.

If you have any questions or concerns about your membership, reach out to us by email or call 567-215-2694

Members Stuff

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.

We've joined Walmart Spark for Good

Walmart recently launched Walmart Spark Good Round Up where customers can round up their purchases to the nearest dollar and donate 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 Walmart.com or in-store at Walmart.

<https://bit.ly/sparkhumanists>



Upcoming Events

Complete details can be found on our [Events Page](#). Unless noted, all meetings and events are free and open to the public



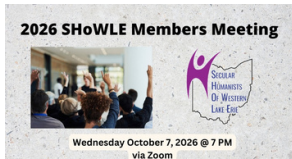
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October 7, 2026 from 6 PM until 8 PM
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2026 Members Meeting

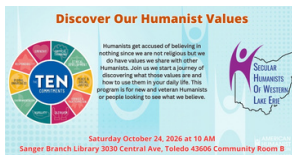
October 7, 2026 from 7 PM until 8 PM

Online via Zoom

It is time for our annual member's meeting. This is when members get a presentation on the state of the group, any upcoming challenges and programs.

We also nominate and vote on member's of the Board of Directors and consider any changes in the group Bylaws. **(This meeting is Members Only)**

[Read more](#)



Discover Our Humanist Values

October 24, 2026 @ 10 AM

Sanger Library Branch 3030 Central Ave

Humanists get accused of believing in nothing since we are not religious but we do have values we share with other Humanists. Join us we start a journey of discovering what those values are and how to use them in your daily life. This program is for new and veteran Humanists or people looking to see what we believe.

[Read more](#)

We Have A Podcast - Glass City Humanist

Our latest episode of the Glass City Humanist podcast:



Episode 130: Fighting Christian Nationalism Tour with Fish Stark

Our Humanist group hosted a speech by Fish Stark, the executive director of the American Humanist Association. It was part of his Fighting Christian Nationalism tour where he explained what it is, why it is a problem, and what the AHA is doing to help us resist it.

Have you donated to SHoWLE lately?

SHoWLE does operate with membership dues but we also encourage people to donate above and beyond their yearly dues if they can. We use donations to further our mission to educate the public about Humanism and build a Humanist community in the Greater Toledo NW Ohio area.

One use of donations is to pay for our booth space at the Old West End Festival which is about \$150 and we will be using donations for the coming visit of AHA Executive Director Fish Stark in September - for example, the venue cost \$100 to rent.

[If can help out, please donate today](#)

You can also send us a check or money order to SHoWLE [2541 Schroeder Ct Toledo, OH 43613](#)

Do you have an idea for an event?

Do you have an idea for an event or a speaker? Let us know about it. Your idea is more likely to happen if you give us a detailed sketch of what you have in mind. Just reply to this email and gives us the details.

For more information check out this page on our website:

<https://humanistswle.org/event-hosting>

Are you looking to be an activist as a Humanist?

Here are some helpful links to learn about activism on the national, state, and local level:

American Humanist Association Action HQ

<https://americanhumanist.org/actionhq/>

Americans United Action Network

<https://www.au.org/get-involved/au-action-network/>

American Atheists Activism

<https://www.atheists.org/activism/>

UUA Justice

<https://www.uua.org/action>

Ohioans Against Extremism

<https://ohagainstextremism.org/>

Honesty for Ohio Education

<https://www.honestyforohioeducation.org/>

Volunteer with Equality Toledo

<https://equalitytoledo.org/volunteer/>

Toledo Troublemakers

<https://redwineblue.controlshift.app/groups/toledo-troublemakers>

Toledo Persists

<https://www.facebook.com/ToledoPersists/>

Note *SHoWLE is a 501 3(c) charity and does not endorse candidates for elective office.*

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

2541 Schroeder Ct

Toledo, OH 43613

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