SHoWLE November 2026 Update



Welcome to November 2026

November is the start of the holiday season and we are sponsoring a family again this year. We haven't been assigned a family yet but we are accepting cash donations to buy gifts.



Help A Family This Holiday Season

We are starting our Sponsor-A-Family holiday fund drive. We have not been assigned a family to help yet but if you would like to donate cash to help us buy gifts this year and in the future now is the time. Our fundraising goal is $500

https://www.zeffy.com/en-US/donation-form/help-us-sponsor-a-family-this-holiday

You can also donate by check or money order by sending to SHoWLE 2541 Schroeder Ct Toledo, OH 43613

You can also donate gift cards instead of cash and we will give those cards to the family.

Members Meeting Concluded

We had our 2026 Members Meeting on October 7th. This is the time SHoWLE leadership went over the year in review, what our financial position is, and electing Board members.

Anne Epstein and Derek Wilmott were re-elected to another two year term. Bev Apel elected to roll off the Board but she will remain active in the group.

The minutes from the meeting and the fiscal year final financial report are available on the SHoWLE website.

https://humanistswle.org/board-meeting-minutes

News & Notes

Save The Date - December 19, 2026



Join us for the 2026 edition of our Winter Solstice/Human Light Potluck. After some requests we will be including some Human Light ceremony aspects into the event. Like last year, SHoWLE will provide an entree and ask attendees to bring a side dish or desert to share. SHoWLE will also have coffee, water, and soda pop.

We will be in the Fellowship Hall of the First Unitarian Church of Toledo like we were last year. 3205 Glendale Ave, Toledo, OH 43614 on Saturday December 19, 2026 starting at 5 PM

We will have a friend of the group, **Jerry Jaffe**, perform his comedy for us as entertainment.

Further details will come up as we get closer to the event.

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

Avideo 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



One Humanist Value: Altruism

November 14, 2026 from10AM

Heatherdowns Branch Library 3265 Glanzman Rd

Continuing to look at the 10 Commitments. We next look at altruism: the selfless concern for the welfare of other living beings without expectation of reward, recognition, or return.

Read more



Gobble Gobble Black Friday Dinner

November 27,2026 from6 PM

Fortune Inn Restaurant 6725 Central Ave

We will meet for dinner and to blow off some holiday steam. RSVP to make sure we have a seat for you since seating is limited.

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/

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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.

Donate Online

Donations are tax deductible.

You can always send your check or money order to:

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