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Sunday Morning Meetings

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Election Night
Café
Tuesday, November 4
7:00 pm

November Happenings

Election Night Café: On **Tuesday, November 4, 7:00-10:00 pm** in Ceremonial Hall, we'll gather here to await the returns from this momentous election. Everyone is welcome. *(See page 6.)*

We'll examine the state of **professional ethics in journalism** on **Thursday, November 6, at 12:00 noon**, Room 507. This is the first of a new series of lunchtime discussions of **contemporary ethical issues** led by Leader Anne Klaeysen. *(See page 4.)*

Join us on **Thursday, November 20, at 8:00 am** in Ceremonial Hall for a breakfast forum at which we'll hear from both sides on the issue of paid sick days. NYC Councilwoman Gale Brewer will preside. *(See page 6.)*

President's Notes

Andra Miller, President



It's now official—three new Leaders for the New York Society for Ethical Culture. Welcome Anne, Curt, and Joe!

As for me, I'm retreated out. We had a marvelous retreat up-country October 3-5, with lots of connections on Saturday with the Thrilling Three. We got a full picture of how they came to Ethical Culture, their views on the ethical life, and their ideas and plans for our Society. If you missed this one, be sure to get your reservation in early for the next.

Thanks to Janice Buzby and her committee for all the nailing down of details and making of decisions. Janet worked with Sheila Kleinwald, Moe-Swe Myint, and Bob Liebeskind
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From the Leader's Desk

Dr. Anne Klaeysen, Leader



Homecoming

*Home is where one starts from. As we grow older
The world becomes stranger, the pattern more complicated
Of dead and living. Not the intense moment
Isolated, with no before and after,
But a lifetime burning in every moment.*

(T.S. Eliot, "East Coker," No. 2 of Four Quartets)

I discovered the verse above in the opening pages of "Home Is Where We Start From," a collection of essays by psychoanalyst D.W. Winnicott. I grew to love the poem and Winnicott for their insights into human nature, returning to them when I was asked, in

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President's Notes

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in bringing it all together. The weather cooperated, too; it was lovely up in the Catskills as the leaves began sloughing off their chlorophyll coats.

Retreat #2 was the Board of Trustees' three-hour concentration on how we work together and what we need to do. Our new Leaders were there too, to help us in our discussions and tell us of their aims. We had a session on team-work communications led by Heather Grady—and came out of it with a brush-up on e-mail etiquette and how to better listen and contribute.

So now it's time to get busy—we need your suggestions for our Nominating Committee. Who do you think would make a good Trustee? Maybe you would? To put it simply, the duties of a Trustee are to read all materials submitted before monthly meetings and come prepared for discussion, head or strongly participate in the work of a committee, and take on ad hoc tasks as they come up. It is not required, but makes things simpler if you have e-mail. To be one of those considered or to suggest someone else who might run for Trustee, talk with Bob Berger, chair, or any one

of the Nominating Committee members: Bonnie Bean, Chris Bernhardt, Sheila Kleinwald, Barbara Litke, Frank Prescod, and Amy Schwarz.

And so, as we head on into winter, we look forward to the festivities soon to come to appreciate our bounty and to celebrate the end of the year and the promise of new beginnings.

Leader's Desk

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my role as Humanist Chaplain, to conduct a "nondenominational mass" for Homecoming Weekend at Adelphi University in Garden City, NY.

Once the assistant dean and I cleared up the terminology and agreed that I would hold a nondenominational "service," I pondered the meaning of "homecoming." It is an annual fall tradition in most American universities and colleges, usually built around a sports event, a parade, a banquet, and a dance, to welcome back alumni. (A really warm welcome might elicit generous donations.) Since most alumni grew up and made homes in different communities, I wondered what about educational institutions makes them feel like home, or places worthy of celebrating. Perhaps it is because they provide what Winn-

icott called a “good-enough environment” in which to grow and develop.

“My job is definitely to be myself,” writes Winnicott. “The central feature in human development is the arrival and secure maintenance of the stage of *I AM*. . . . If I am, then I have gathered together this and that and have claimed it as me, and I have repudiated everything else.”

The job of becoming ourselves is perhaps nowhere more evident than when we leave our parents’ home and make a new home out in the world. For some people that process is most intense when they attend college, a place that provides an opportunity to reinvent ourselves, if we choose to, apart from family and friends who know us and helped shape our personalities.

So alumni remember a time when they were responsible for themselves, even if their parents were footing the bill. They had to learn to live with strangers, to get to class and hand in assignments on time, to experience something of the world on their own. It was a creative time when any challenge could be faced and every dream was possible. Leaving was hard, even if a lucrative job was waiting, because they had created a home and family in a new place. Returning means celebrating who they have become.

Of course, there are other places that we call home. For me, Ethical Culture is home. It is a religion that requires me to be none other than myself: a whole person, facing ethical challenges, and learning to become human. We create this home together in communities dedicated to moral exploration: to finding the goodness within others and ourselves, and bringing it to light. There is much to celebrate in the homecoming of people to a place they have created in their hearts for one another.

The end is where we start from. And every phrase

And sentence that is right (where every word is at home, Taking its place to support the others, . . . We shall not cease from exploration And the end of all our exploring Will be to arrive where we started And know the place for the first time. (T.S. Eliot, “Little Gidding,” No. 4 of Four Quartets)

Sunday Morning Meetings

11:15 AM—Auditorium

November 2—One Nation, Indivisible: What Our Political Choices Say About Us

Curt S. Collier, NYSEC Leader

Setting aside our founding documents, the Declaration of Independence, Constitution, and Bill of Rights, what do our choices of politicians say about us as Americans? While an American foundational belief is that all “men” are created equal, how did past presidents interpret that statement? We may exhort freedom, but what is the reality behind the rhetoric for the men we elected to govern our nation? Curt Collier will survey American presidential choices and glimpse the true America behind the slogans.

November 9—Ethics After Darwin

*Professor Philip Kitcher
John Dewey Professor of Philosophy
Columbia University*

Professor Kitcher suggests that the ethical practices in place today emerged from a long history, extending back into our evolutionary past. They are built upon altruistic dispositions we share with other primates, but involve a specifically human ability to shape those dispositions. Cultural evolution

over tens of thousands of years has been crucial to the actual ethical systems according to which we operate. He will propose that this picture should redirect our thinking about ethics and the application of ethics in today’s world.

Philip Kitcher was born in London, received his B.A. from Cambridge University and his Ph.D. from Princeton, and has taught at several American universities. He is the author of ten books on topics including the philosophies of mathematics and of biology, the growth of science, the role of science in society, Wagner’s *Ring Cycle*, and Joyce’s *Finnegans Wake*. He has been President of the American Philosophical Association (Pacific Division) and Editor-in-Chief of *Philosophy of Science*. A Fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, he was also the first recipient of the Prometheus Prize, awarded by the APA for work in expanding the frontiers of science and philosophy.

November 16—Ethical Culture and the Future of American Democracy
Hugh Taft-Morales, Leader-in-Training

In the wake of the election storm of 2008, democracy is challenged in many ways, says Hugh Taft-Morales. It must respond to international terrorism, disintegration of the wall separating religion from government, superficiality of sound-bite staged media coverage, substitution of consumerist preference for wise leadership, and a selfish individualism corrosive of the common good. On top of this, the election has stirred up a culture war, wounding and disillusioning many.

To revive democracy, America must take it to heart, he says. Democracy should be understood not simply as a form of government but as an approach to human relationships. While the frenzy of elections pushes partisans to

bring out the worst in their opponents, Ethical Culture asks that we bring out their best.

Once the presidential election is over, we'll have much work to do. How can Ethical Culture help spread civility and a new conception of a common good embracing all? What is it to be an ethical citizen of a democratic society? Can Ethical Culture help our nation heal?

Hugh Taft-Morales is an Intern Leader at the Northern Virginia Ethical Society, and is in the final year of a three-year leadership certification program with the Humanist Institute. He taught philosophy and history for 25 years in Washington, D.C., and served on the Board of the Washington Ethical Society from 2002 to 2006, the last year as President. He was on the AEU Planning Committee for two years and served as co-coordinator of the AEU Presidents Council for a year. A graduate of Yale University, he also holds a Masters in Philosophy from the University of Kent at Canterbury, England.

November 23—The Ethics of Eating
Dr. Anne Klaeysen, NYSEC Leader

We eat to stay alive and for pleasure, notes Dr. Klaeysen. Whether we realize it or not, we make choices every time we eat: What nutritional value does this food have? How many calories does it contain? How have its growth and harvest impacted other people and the planet? Anne Klaeysen explores the ethical issues bound up in the food we eat. A follow-up workshop on "Developing an Ethical Practice of Eating" will be held this afternoon at 1:45 pm.

November 30—Political Leadership And American Ideals

Dr. Joseph Chuman, NYSEC Leader
Our new President will have to work to bring out the best in Americans. What can we understand as "the best" as American citizens?

**Early Sunday
10 AM**

Nov. 2—Singing Practice—All voices, big and small, are welcome, as we practice the songs we sing on Sunday mornings—and get some tips on how to improve our singing technique. These sessions are always a lot of fun, so join us as we raise our voices! Pat Debrovner and Jerry Ranck will lead us. Ceremonial Hall—4th fl.

Nov. 9—Colloquy: The Wisdom of Epictetus. John Hwang presides. Room 408.

Nov. 16—Poetry Readings—Feel free to read a favorite poem or to simply listen. Usually, before we read a poem, we present some background about the poet. If possible, bring copies of one of the poems you will be reading. Cheryl Gross presides. Room 408.

Nov. 16—Singing Practice—Led by Pat Debrovner and Jerry Ranck. Ceremonial Hall.

Nov. 30—Coffee 'n Chat. Ceremonial Hall.

**Sunday Afternoon
1:45 PM**

Nov. 2—Community Meeting. Ceremonial Hall.

Nov. 9—PIC Open Meeting: PIC presents a video and discussion on paid sick days. This program is in anticipation of the Thursday, Nov. 20 Breakfast/Panel on the subject. Abe Markman presides. Ceremonial Hall.

Nov. 16—Life With Health. Phyllis Kreuttner and Jacqueline Pope preside. Ceremonial Hall.

Nov. 23—Developing an Ethical Practice of Eating. We've heard the

platform address, now we'll learn how to apply ethical principles to our diet. We'll explore helpful resources to bring awareness to our eating habits and to develop a conscious practice that is healthful, ethical, and enjoyable. Dr. Anne Klaeysen presides. Ceremonial Hall.

**Lunch Discussion:
Professional Ethics—Part 1
Thursdays, 12:00 Noon**

Bring your lunch and join Leader Anne Klaeysen in Room 507 for a lively discussion about contemporary ethical issues. This month we'll explore the subject of professional ethics. We are all familiar with the Hippocratic Oath for doctors. What other ethical standards are required of medical professionals? What about journalists and clergy, specifically Ethical Culture Leaders? See this month's schedule below. Copies of relevant articles are available in the Leader's office. We'll present Part 2 early next year.

Nov. 6—Journalism

Nov. 13—Medical

Nov. 20—Clergy

Nov. 27—No session. Have a lovely Thanksgiving holiday!

**Board Meeting
Highlights**

Sylvan Wallach

The season started with a long Trustees meeting on September 8. Of the 12 Trustees, only Heather Grady was absent—and for good reason. She must often travel abroad to work in support of the world's poor. In addition to several staff members who go beyond the call of duty to attend Trustee meetings, three visitors were present. We remind

you that Trustees' meetings are open to all Society members and invite you to observe our sometimes heated deliberations and to contribute to the discussions. (Note that there was no Board meeting in October.) The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, November 3.

Planning is underway for Darwin Day, February 7. A program of community-oriented panel discussions, to be broadcast on radio station WBAI, is being developed to take place on four dates in 2009.

Andra Miller is working with Curt Collier, one of our new Leaders, on a new program that would offer individuals the opportunity to participate in a service at a time different from the regular Sunday morning program.

Andra reported that she must appoint a chair for the Nominating Committee for Trustees, and that then the Board must nominate two additional members to the committee. Bob Berger volunteered to chair the committee, and Sheila Kleinwald offered to join it. Bob will work with Andra to fill the other positions.

Andra mentioned the need to arrange for a Board Retreat with the new Leaders. That was held October 6. She met with the new head of the Ethical Culture Fieldston School, Mark Stanek, and she does many other things too numerous to mention here. Andra has made the presidency of the Society a full-time job.

Executive Director Robert Liebeskind said that he and Director of Development/Communications Julie Blutstein have a bartering agreement with Manhattan Media. We will offer Manhattan Media space at the Society for programs in exchange for free advertising in their many Upper West Side and Upper East Side newspapers.

Our Social Service Board's Supervised Visitation Program, started about 15 years ago by former Society President Dr. Judith Wallach and others, provides an opportunity for children to visit with their estranged parents in a safe environment. Paul Berman has offered a matching grant of \$25,000 in support of this expensive program. In addition to contributions from several members, the Society will contribute \$7,400. (This amount replaces a particular budget item.) We are almost there, so please help.

Jim Farer moved that the Society hire a rental consultant who can help us increase Society rentals, and one has already been hired.

The Bylaws and Policy Committee had moved that four minor revisions to our Bylaws, which concern the Senior Leader, were to be presented at the September 28 Special Membership Meeting. The revisions were approved.

The Society has received a bequest from Elsa and Frederic Naumberg for scholarships to deserving students in its schools. The donors specified their preference for students residing in New York City or Westchester County, but otherwise left it to the discretion of the Society to select deserving students. The *ad hoc* Scholarship Committee (Joe Marvel and Henryka Komanska co-chairs, and Kathleen O'Connell and Carole Chamlin, members) presented a report with recommendations on the distribution of scholarships to Ethical Culture Fieldston School students. That report has been adopted and is appended to the minutes of the September Trustees meeting.

Scholarships will be granted to ninth-grade students in good academic standing who represent the Ethical Culture ideals of service to the community and qualify for financial aid as determined by the School's office. The first scholar-

ship awards will be for the 2009/2010 academic year. The recipients will be presented with a letter of commitment at an award ceremony designed by the Society Board of Trustees.

Henryka Komanska, chair of the Co-Sponsored Program Committee, reported on four programs which have now been approved: Realizing Rights, New York Skeptics, Music for All Seasons, and Tales from the Body. As you know, co-sponsored programs are programs presented jointly by an outside organization and the Society.

Our Ethical Family

Moe-Swe Myint

Please welcome our new members: David Day, Larkin Maguire Greene, Frances Harris, and Brigitte Nioché.

David is a theater director, who trained through HB Studios in NYC and Lambda of London. He is the director of Bourne, Inc. and of Career Bridges Foundation in NYC, and is on the Development Board of the Soho Theater in London. He is also a life member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants. In addition to theater, David is interested in opera and the movies.

Larkin is a writer with special training in art and drama. She also has a BA in early childhood psychology and was a substitute teacher at the Ethical Culture Fieldston School "a long time ago." Larkin belongs to the Drama Guild and Glucksman House at New York University.

Frances is a school psychologist working as a consultant. She is interested in creative writing, theater, and Spanish. Frances also is a member of the Educational Alliance and of the McBurney YMCA.

Brigitte is a fashion designer. She has recently taken a writing class at the Soci-

ety. She has good organizational skills, and is fluent in German and French.

Members and nonmembers alike enjoyed a hilarious evening of progressive political comedy when NYSEC presented **The Cultured Comedy Club: Election Edition** in October. The event was a benefit, with proceeds going to the Social Service Board's Supervised Visitation Program. Thanks to staffer Julie Blutstein, Marlon Rice's crew, and members Suzie Frazer and Amy Schwarz for their excellent efforts in making this evening a rousing success.

Congratulations to our member Lawrence Miller, whose poem, "Forbidden Love," received the Editor's Choice Award from the International Poetry Society. This past October he was asked to read his poem at the Society's meeting in Las Vegas.

A Great Big Happy Birthday to Florence Ottenberg, who will celebrate her 100th birthday on November 7! Florence has been an elected life member since 1976. Pat O'Malley and Virginia Scherer, chair of the Caring Committee, will be visiting her and sending her flowers. They report that Florence "is amazingly young and still plays bridge."

To our delight, a more than expected number of people showed up for the last prospective members' reception (new name for orientation) to share wine, cheese, and conversation with our President, Andra Miller, and incoming Leader, Anne Klaeyesen. Thanks to Julie Blutstein, Director of Development and Communications, and Deborah Foster, Administrative Assistant in the Leader's Office, for their invaluable help in getting the word out about the reception.

The next reception for prospective members is scheduled for Thursday, November 6, at 7:00 pm.

Election Night Café

Julie Blutstein

On Tuesday, November 4—after you've voted join us at the NY Society for our first ever Election Night Café. Everyone is welcome to attend.

From 7:00 to 10:00 pm in Ceremonial Hall we'll watch the returns on a giant screen, participate in straw polls, and discuss the issues the country is facing. Admission is free, and snacks and drinks (beer, wine, and soda) are available for purchase. For more information contact Sheleigh Grube at sgrube@nysec.org, or 212-874-5210, ext. 118.

P.S. Don't forget to vote!!!

PIC News: City Councilmember To Head Panel

Abe Markman

NYSEC's Public Issues Committee is sponsoring a breakfast forum on the issue of paid sick days on Thursday, November 20, at 8:00 am, in Ceremonial Hall. New York City Councilwoman Gale Brewer heads a panel of supporters of paid sick days and business leaders with serious objections to mandating this as a citywide policy.

Please log on here for the link to our flyer <http://www.nysec.org/uploads/PaidSickDaysFlyer.pdf> or pick one up in the Society's building. In addition, please RSVP by contacting Julie Blutstein at: 212-874-5210, ext. 144, or via e-mail at: jblutstein@nysec.org.

It is estimated that 69 million people nationwide and 900,000 in New York City alone go to work sick rather than lose a day's pay. In the spirit of

Felix Adler, we have posed a challenge to the panelists to seek the best in each other while seeking a solution.

Please Note: On Sunday afternoon, November 9, at 1:45 pm, in Ceremonial Hall, PIC will present a pre-breakfast panel, video, and discussion.

Workshop: Singing The Holiday Blues

Anne Klaeyesen, Leader

The traditional winter holidays, from Thanksgiving to New Year's Eve, can be a time of unrealistic expectations and increased stress. Marketing for these holidays starts as early as October and is relentless. Many of us face weighty decisions about when, where, with whom, and even whether, to celebrate them.

Join us on Wednesday, November 19, from 7:00 to 9:00 pm, as we explore the dynamics and ethical implications of this cultural, social, and religious phenomenon together in a supportive, participatory environment.

Members' Retreat

Janice Buzby

Forty-four members gathered recently at the Warwick Center (Warwick, NY) for our annual Fall Members' Retreat. This year's event was especially momentous because we welcomed our three new Leaders—Joe Chuman, Curt Collier, and Anne Klaeyesen.

On Saturday morning we sat with them and learned how each of them came to be Ethical Culture Leaders and their thoughts on the future of the NY Society. Joe Chuman, who has an undergraduate degree in ancient Greek, entered Leadership training at age 21. Curt Collier converted to Judaism and later spent time living on a kibbutz in Israel before discov-

ering Ethical Culture. While an undergraduate student at SUNY-Albany, Anne Klaeyen discovered a Catholic youth group that was activist in nature, which greatly appealed to her, but she also found she didn't have that much faith in Catholicism.

Our new Leaders have put much thought and care into how they will work together to lead this great Society. They stressed that they are "all on the same team" and that when we speak with one of them we are, in effect, speaking with all of them. They each have different strengths and areas of interest and understand that individual members may have their "favorites" among them, but noted that "there is no room for secrets (except in issues of pastoral care.)"

In the afternoon the Leaders led informal programs. Anne held a medi-

tation hour, Curt led a nature walk, and Joe led a discussion about what Ethical Culture means to each of us personally and how that plays out in our lives. Each program was well attended, and some people found time to go apple picking and explore the trails on the Center's grounds. At night we had a campfire with stories and songs; there were also movies and games, and stargazing both nights.

Sunday morning Andra led an informal discussion prompted by some quotes about change and progress; here are two on which we reflected:

"Change has a considerable psychological impact on the human mind. To the fearful it is threatening because it means that things may get worse. To the hopeful it is encouraging because things may get better. To the confident it is inspiring because the challenge

exists to make things better."—King Whitney, Jr.

"The reasonable man adapts himself to the world; the unreasonable one persists in trying to adapt the world to himself. Therefore, all progress depends on the unreasonable man."—George Bernard Shaw (1856-1950), *Man and Superman* (1903) "Maxims for Revolutionists"

The weekend was a rousing success, with beautiful weather, as well as great food and company. I want to thank our new Leaders for jumping at the chance to participate, and to say to all who attended: you are what made it great!! Also, Moe-Swe played a big part in keeping track of things, Andra Miller and Sheila Kleinwald were both a great help in the planning and execution, and last, but not least, Eric Volpe was essential as my on-the-spot assistant.

<h1 style="margin: 0;">November 2008</h1> <p style="margin: 0;">Office hours for the month are: Monday-Friday, 9:00 am–6:00 pm Shelter: Monday-Thursday, 7:30 pm</p>						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Great Books: November 5 – Goethe, <i>Faust, Part One</i> (Complete work) ECRDG: (Ethical Culture Reading Discussion Group) November 12 – Min Jin Lee, <i>Free Food for Millionaires</i>						1 9:30 am and 1:30 pm Supervised Visitation
2 10:00 am – Singing Practice 11:00 am – Ethics for Children 11:15 am – Morning Meeting 12:45 pm – Social Hour 1:45 pm – Community Meeting 2:00 pm – Teen Leadership	3 December 2008 Newsletter Deadline 6:30 pm – Board of Trustees 6:30 pm – Monday Writing Workshop	4 7:00 pm – Election Night Café	5 6:00 pm – Men's Group 7:30 pm – Great Books	6 12:00 pm – Leader Lunch Discussion 6:00 pm – Drawing Class 7:00 pm – Prospective Members' Reception 7:00 pm – Thursday Writing Workshop	7	8 9:30 am and 1:30 pm Supervised Visitation
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16 10:00 am – Poetry Reading 10:00 am – Singing Practice 11:00 am – Ethics for Children 11:15 am – Morning Meeting 12:45 pm – Social Hour 1:45 pm – Life with Health 2:00 pm – Teen Leadership	17 6:30 pm – Monday Writing Workshop	18	19 6:00 pm – Socrates Café 7:00 pm – Workshop: Singing The Holiday Blues 7:30 pm – Great Conversations II	20 8:00 am – Breakfast Forum 12:00 pm – Leader Lunch Discussion 7:00 pm – Thursday Writing Workshop	21	22 9:30 am and 1:30 pm Supervised Visitation
23 11:00 am – Ethics for Children 11:15 am – Morning Meeting 12:45 pm – Social Hour 1:45 pm – Practice of Eating 2:00 pm – Teen Leadership	24 6:30 pm – Monday Writing Workshop	25	26 6:00 pm – Discussing Ethical Issues Group	27 Society Offices Closed Thanksgiving Day	28 11:00 am – Ethics on the Air (WBAI-99.5 FM) Society Offices Closed	29 No Supervised Visitation program today
30 10:00 am – Coffee 'n Chat 11:00 am – Ethics for Children 11:15 am – Morning Meeting 12:45 pm – Social Hour 2:00 pm – Teen Leadership	Great Books: Great Conversation II November 19 – John Donne, <i>Selected Poems</i>					

Ethical Culture is a humanistic religious and philosophical movement in which people share a core of common values: the worth of each individual, ethics as central to our lives, eliciting the best from each other and doing good in the world.

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