

HumanLight holiday party

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The Non-Religious Celebrate Season With Their Own Holiday - *HumanLight*

MORRISTOWN, N.J. (Nov. 27, 2006) - With Chanukah, Christmas and Kwanzaa, it may seem as though the holiday season is very crowded. But in New Jersey, *non-religious* people will have their day too, when they enjoy their own gala holiday celebration of HumanLight on Saturday, Dec. 23.

The New Jersey Humanist Network, with attendees from throughout Central and Northern NJ and Eastern Pennsylvania, will join in the joy of the holiday season with their celebration of HumanLight, a new humanist-oriented December holiday.

This year, the HumanLight celebration starts at 5pm with a buffet dinner at the Morris County Cultural Center, 300 Mendham Road, Morristown, NJ 07960. Keynote speaker will be Dally Messenger, the founder and former president of the Australian Federation of Civil Celebrants, and author of *Ceremonies and Celebrations*, a popular handbook for secular rites.

Entertainment for young and old alike will be provided by *Piccirillo ScienceTelling*, who tell stories with fun science experiments/demonstrations. Also performing will be *String Theory*, a group of local chamber music students.

HumanLight was founded by members of the New Jersey Humanist Network in 2001 as a December holiday to celebrate and express the ideals of reason, hope,

compassion and humanity. It has been celebrated around the country since 2002.

HumanLight also aims to alleviate the possible isolation that may be felt by those who do not celebrate the December religious holidays. Visit www.humanlight.org for more information on the holiday.

Humanists are secular, non-religious people who believe in promoting human needs and interests in the here and now, not in an afterlife, and who believe in moral virtues, tolerance, compassion and reason. They do not believe in miracle stories or holidays based on supernatural concepts.

Those attending the holiday party are asked to bring a can or non-perishable food item for donation to an area food bank.

Children aged 17 and under are admitted free if accompanied by an adult. You may register online at (website) or call (tel #). Tickets, which include meal and entertainment, are \$30 in advance, or \$32 after Dec. 16. A discount rate for four adult tickets is \$115. Payment may be made online via PayPal or by sending a check made out to (name) to (mailing address).

For further information on the event , contact (name) at: (tel #), or (email address), or visit (website) for more details about the event and to register online.

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