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Notice of Annual Meeting and of Election of Board of Trustees (Meeting and Elections: November 1, 2015; Nominations: October 4, 2015)

Annual meeting

The members of the corporation shall **meet annually on the first Sunday in November** following the regular monthly Forum to elect a Board of Trustees. Members as of September 1 (the record date within the meaning of Ga. Code Sec. 14-3-707) preceding the annual meeting shall be entitled to notice of this meeting in writing at least 30 days (see Ga. Code Sec. 14-3-705) prior to the meeting. **Notice contained in the monthly newsletter mailed in September shall be deemed sufficient notice of the meeting.** The Secretary shall prepare an alphabetical list of the names and addresses of the members as of September 1. The list shall be made available for the inspection of any member two business days after the notice of the meeting. See Ga. Code Sec. 14-3-720.) Forty percent of the membership shall constitute a quorum. In the absence of a quorum, the existing trustees shall continue to serve as trustees.

Method of Election of Board of Trustees

Nominations for positions on the Board of Trustees shall be held on the first Sunday in October following the regular monthly Forum. The person making the nomination and the **nominee must be present** (in lieu of the nominee's presence a written statement that the nominee accepts the nomination shall suffice). A quorum need not be present. Any member may be nominated for a position on the Board of Trustees. A member may offer himself for election. All nominations must be seconded. At the annual meeting, a volunteer member or members (not a Trustee) shall be appointed to count the ballots. Each member shall by secret ballot vote for a number of *different* names from among the nominees equal to the number of open trusteeships. The top vote receivers shall be elected as trustees whether or not the nominee receives a majority of votes. In the event of a tie at the bottom, any trusteeships that can be determined will be determined and the nominees tied shall be voted on again immediately by the members present. If the run-off vote between tied candidates does not resolve the tie, the election will be decided by coin-toss.

Essay Contest

The Board of Trustees has authorized the Fellowship of Reason, Inc. to sponsor an essay contest for high school student. There are \$500 in prizes.

We will need the assistance of members to publicize this contest. Here is what you can do:

1. If you have contacts with a high school, please contact the high school, perhaps the AP English teacher, to learn how our essay contest can be legally communicated to their best students.
2. If you know a 10th, 11th, or 12th grader, invite him/her to participate.
3. If you have contacts with a media outlet, please share our essay contest with your contact and ask them to publish it.
4. If you know any home schoolers, please contact them to learn how our essay contest can be legally communicated to their home school communities or organizations.

The Essay Contest announcement is enclosed within this newsletter in order that you may invite GA high schoolers to participate. Please support your Fellowship of Reason and the lofty goal of higher education.

About the name "The Eudaimonist"

A eudaimonist (pronounced "yoo-DIE-mon-ist") is one who believes that the highest ethical goal is individual happiness and personal well-being. The term derives from the ancient Greek word eudaimonia, which means, roughly, "well-being."

Disclaimer

The opinions expressed in the columns appearing in this newsletter are those of the author and not necessarily the views of the organization. The Fellowship of Reason, Inc speaks only through its Articles of Incorporation, the Bylaws, and the actions taken by the Board of Trustees as a board and recorded in the minutes of the corporation.

Events

For detailed info on all upcoming events, visit
<http://www.meetup.com/fellowshipofreason>

Adult Sunday school at FORum: 1st Sunday 10 a.m.

Members and friends of FOR are invited to attend Adult Sunday School before FORum on the first Sunday of every month at 10 a.m. at the Atlanta Freethought Hall, located at 4775 N. Church Lane, Smyrna, GA 30080.

Martin Cowen coordinator: 678-641-9321

FORum: A Celebration of Human Achievement: First Sunday 11 a.m.

FOR's premier event. Meet and greet at 10:30 a.m. The program starts at 11 a.m. Presided over by FOR's President, members give presentations such as Celebration of Freedom and Celebration of Talent. A 15 to 20 minute Oratory on an ethical subject highlights the program. A short conversation called FORum during which audience members share their thoughts concludes the program at 12 noon sharp. We enjoy post-program conversation at local restaurant for further fellowship. Children's Program babysitter from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Martin Cowen director: 678-641-9321.

FOR Runners: Sunday 8 a.m.

We meet every Sunday morning at 8 a.m., except FORum Sundays, near Candler Park at the Flying Biscuit, 1655 McLendon Avenue Northeast, Atlanta. Breakfast at the Flying Biscuit follows at 9:15 a.m. Breakfast lovers, walkers, and joggers welcome! Martin Cowen: 678-641-9321

Taped Lectures/Discussion Group: 1st / 3rd Tuesdays 7:30 p.m.

A small group of friends listens to taped lectures in a private home on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of each month. Free.

Sally Hull coordinator: 404-257-0454

Fiction Book Club: 2nd Tuesday 7:30 p.m.

Fifteen members and friends of FOR meet on the 2nd Tuesday of every month at an undisclosed location.

Sally Hull coordinator: 404-257-0454

FOR Pub: last Wednesday, 7:00 p.m.

Members and friends of FOR like to meet at Manuel's Tavern, 602 N. Highland Ave., NE, Atlanta, GA 30307, on the last Wednesday, at 7 p.m. to adult beverages and fun.

Martin Cowen coordinator: 678-641-9321

Poetry Club: 4th Saturday, 3:00 p.m.

Members and friends of FOR like to meet on the 4th Saturday of every month at a local coffee shop to share their enjoyment of poetry.

Trent Watkins, coordinator

Ulysses Study Group: last Tuesday of every other month at 7:30 p.m. Potluck

Members and friends of FOR are invited to attend a 4-years-long study group of James Joyce's *Ulysses*. We meet at Sally's house on September 29, 2015. When done we will have spent 3 years and 10 months in this study.

Remember it is potluck so bring some breakfast food or drink to share.

Martin Cowen coordinator: 678-641-9321

Birthdays

September 19	Jim Ainsworth
September 22	George Lane
September 23	Jennifer Webster

October 20	Larry Woods
October 21	David Ziebell
October 26	Brandon Bartlett
October 26	Ron Menich
October 31	Martin Cowen

**Join us for our
next monthly
FORum:**

**4775 N. Church
Lane, S.E., Smyrna,
GA 30080**

**September 6,
2015**

Sunday 11 a.m.

(Meet, Greet at 10:30 a.m.)

**FOR Children's
Babysitter**

from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
Organized Educational
Program from 10:30 a.m. to 11
a.m.

Adult Sunday school
10 a.m. to 10:45 a.m.

Celebratory Announcements

Do yourself a favor and remember a good thing that happened to you this month:

Please, write it down: _____

Now do the membership of FOR, Inc. a favor by relating this fact during FORum next month!

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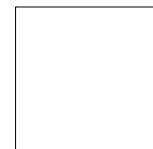
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Fellowship of Reason® Essay Contest

Essay Contest

Because the Fellowship of Reason encourages higher education, we are sponsoring an essay contest for Georgia high school students in the 10th, 11th, and 12th grades in any public school, private school, or home schooled.

The winners of the contest will receive **cash prizes in the amounts of \$350 for first place, \$100 for second place, and \$50 for third place.** All essays submitted, winning or not, will become the intellectual property of the Fellowship of Reason and may be published in our newsletter, *The Eudaimonist*, on our web site, <http://www.fellowshipofreason.com>, or elsewhere, in our sole discretion, with authorship credit given to the author. Finalists, in order to receive their final ranking and their prizes, must orally present and defend (5 minutes Q&A from the audience) their essays on Sunday, May 1, 2016, at 11 a.m., at the regular meeting of the Fellowship of Reason, Inc., at 4775 N. Church Street, SE, Smyrna, GA 30080. The final ranking—first, second, third place—will be determined after the oral presentations from the three finalists. The judges will be those members of the Executive Committee present at the competition. All prizes will be awarded if at least 8 contestants submit essays and all three finalists participate in the final oral presentations. If fewer than 8 contestants submit essays, the Fellowship of Reason reserves the right to award all, some or none of the prizes. Any finalist who does orally present following his/her invitation to do so, will receive a prize, if less than three finalists present.

The Fellowship of Reason, Inc. is a Georgia non-profit corporation which is enthusiastic about classical education. Classical education is a thorough study of the Great Books of the Western Tradition. Martha Craven Nussbaum (American philosopher, b. 1947-) says: A classical education “liberates the mind from bondage of habit and custom, producing people who can function with sensitivity and alertness as citizens of the whole world.” The Fellowship of Reason would like to encourage young people to experience classical education.

Contestants may choose a topic from literature that they love. **A list of possible subjects is attached for reference.** The contestant topics are not limited to this list. Contestants with interests beyond the Western Canon (literature from India, Africa, China, Japan, American Indian, etc.) are welcome to make submissions.

The essay should be no more than 1,800 words, Times New Roman regular font, size 12, double spaced. The reading of the essay should take no more than 15 minutes. Up to 5 minutes of audience Q&A will be allowed. An additional resource for the oral presentation may be found at <http://www.fellowshipofreason.com/newsletters/eudaimonist-2015-06.pdf>.

The essays will be judged on the following criteria:

- 1) Depth of thought, originality;
- 2) Entertainment value;

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- 3) Pertinence to the interests of the Fellowship of Reason (higher education);
- 4) Lucidity, grammar, spelling, syntax, and style.

In the Fellowship of Reason we insist that our presenters be “in love” with their subjects. We want passion. If you do not really care about your topic, do we really want to hear it? Your essay need not say that a classical education is important. If you have a cogent argument that a classical education is not important (e.g., a science education is more important) make that argument. *All presentations at the Fellowship of Reason experience dissent from some part of the audience, which makes each presentation intriguing and thought provoking.*

The Fellowship of Reason invites the high school students of Georgia to explore the meaning of a classical education.

All essays must be received by January 31, 2016.

The three finalists will be announced on February 28, 2016. All contestants will be notified by e-mail of the names of the three finalists and all contestants will be invited to attend the oral presentations by the finalists. The final oral competition will be held on Sunday, May 1, 2016, at 11 a.m.

Please join us and learn in the Fellowship of Reason!

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Contestant and Parental Consent

We hereby consent to the rules of this essay contest as stated above. We understand that the essay submitted must be the contestant's personal work and not created by another. We understand that if fewer than 8 contestants submit essays, then the Fellowship of Reason can, in its sole discretion, cancel the contest. We understand that finalists must orally present his/her essay in an oral presentation competition among all three finalists in order to receive their final ranking and cash prize. The final oral presentation contest will be held on Sunday, May 1, 2016, at 11 a.m. The competition will be held rain or shine, in sickness or in health. Failure to appear for any cause, including causes beyond the contestant's control, will result in a complete forfeiture of the finalist's claim to any prize.

Grade: _____

High School: _____

Age: _____

Date of birth: _____

Contestant

Parent/Guardian

Address

Address

Telephone

Telephone

E-mail

E-mail

Signature

Signature

Date of signature

Date of signature

Mail your original essay and this signed consent form to:

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E-mail an electronic copy of your essay to: info@fellowshipofreason.com

Telephone: 770-471-9800

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POSSIBLE LIST OF TOPICS

(Topics are not restricted to this list.)

The following is a broad list of topics to give our contestants some suggestions as to the content of their submissions. All submitted topics will be considered.

“A classical education is important because...”

“A classical education is not important because...”

Some of the literature in which the Fellowship of Reason is interested is listed below. You may present a pedagogical essay on these or other topics. “What I learned from ...”

- Homer (850BC?)
 - The Iliad *
 - The Odyssey *
- Hesiod (750-650 BC?)
 - The Works and Days
- Aeschylus (525-456 BC)
 - Agamemnon
- Sophocles (497-406 BC)
 - Antigone *
- Herodotus (484-414 BC)
 - The Histories
- Euripides (480-406 BC)
 - The Trojan Women
- Aristophanes (446-386 BC)
 - The Clouds
- Socrates (470-399 BC) has no writing, but you are welcome to essay upon him
- Thucydides (460-400 BC): History of the Peloponnesian War
- Xenophon (430-354 BC)
 - Anabasis
- Plato (428-348 BC)
 - Republic *
- Aristotle (384-322 BC)
 - Nicomachean Ethics *
- Epicurus (341-270 BC)
- Lucretius (99 – 55 BC)
 - On the Nature of Things
- Virgil (70 BC – 19 BC)
 - The Aeneid
- Ovid (43 BC – 17 AD)
 - Metamorphoses
- Plutarch (46 -120 AD)
 - Parallel Lives