

Mission Statement

The Fellowship of Reason® is an open, benevolent, and vital rational moral community in which we celebrate our lives, our freedoms, and our philosophy of reason.

The Vision

I was interviewed on the Daily Objectivist web site about the Fellowship of Reason®. I received several nice e-mails in response. A gentleman we met in San Francisco during the 1999 IOS summer seminar writes: "Spiritual-focused events must be an adjunct to other activities of an Objectivist social organization, including intellectual and 'fun' events. Different people have different interests/need, and any one person has different interest/need at different times. To create a critical mass community, one needs to develop an activity 'infrastructure' in which spiritual events are one part of a panoply of activities."

Well said!

We have made progress toward an activity infrastructure with the addition of FOR's Saturday night at the movies. I think we can do more. We need to play together as well celebrate together. Bowling, bridge, poker, chess, basketball, volleyball, football come to mind as possible games that we might play together. Maybe there is an intramural organization for which we could field a team.

As our son grows I find myself needing activities to take him to. I have actually thought about taking him to a mom's day out program, simply for the socialization. This heretical idea suggests to me that maybe it's children and families with children that organized religion mainly serves. I can't recall the many times that otherwise non-religious people have said to me that they go to church for their children's sake.

Sadly, our membership is so thin and so separated by physical distance that creating a mom's day out program for the few kids that we have is impractical. I have even thought we might begin the Reason Academy with some kind of preschool program.

I want a rational moral community to exist in Atlanta!

Scott displayed "The Winged Victory of Samothrace" during his talk on art at the last GO meeting. The Goddess Nike is moving steadily forward toward her goal with pride, nobility, and determination. The image of Nike's gradual, but persistent forward motion inspires me to

press on in the creation of our rational moral community. No human achievement comes into being in the absence of human will.

Will you join me?

FOR's February Celebration

We had wonderful participation during February's Celebration. Scott sang and played music for us. Mike B. gave us a wonderful presentation on the Franklin Day Planner—surely this is a tool that ought to be in every philosopher's kit. Linda S. told us about Maya Angelou and her poem "On the Pulse of Morning." Linda C. read the inspiring words from the Statute of Liberty, "The New Colossus." Ellen's Corner included Dinah Maria Mulock Craik's poem "Friendship." We enjoyed two visitors, Ken and Sue.

Thanks to everyone who participated and attended!

FOR's Saturday night at the movies

Linda S. will host FOR's Saturday night at the movies on Saturday, March 11, 2000, at 7:30 p.m. It's pot luck. So bring something good to eat or drink.

Celebration on Sunday, March 5, 2000

Our next Celebration is on Sunday, March 5, 2000, at 12:30 p.m. upon the grounds of the Northwest Unitarian Universalist Congregation.

So far this is the lineup for March 2000:

Welcome
Celebration of Freedom—?
Celebration of Visitors
Celebratory Announcements
Celebration of Each Other
Ellen's Corner—Ellen
Celebration of Art—Linda C.
Celebration of Heroes—?
Celebration of the Sacred—?
Celebration of Talent—?
Oratory—Martin
Celebration of Amateur Talent—?
Celebration of Personal Mission—?
Spiritual Exercise—?
Closing Quotation

Celebration Planner

Please volunteer to participate in Celebration during the year 2000. Enclosed is a spreadsheet to assist your planning.

Girl Scout Cookies

Ellen's niece is selling Girl Scout cookies again this year. If you would like some cookies, contact Ellen

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