

Fellowship of Reason, Inc.

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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. We study ethics.

CELEBRATORY ANNOUNCEMENT

BILL TURCOTTE'S GALLERY SHOW ENTITLED "NEW CLEAR FAMILY" WAS WELL ATTENDED BY MEMBERS OF FOR

Bill Turcotte is member, secretary, and trustee Vera's son. Opening night of his show on Saturday, January 10, 2004 announced in last month's newsletter, was attended by hundreds of guests including FOR members Chris, Allison, David, Janet, Sarah, Vera, Michael, John, Beth, Martin, Linda, Frank, and Jerry. Some of us arrived at 7 p.m. Some of us departed at 11 p.m. We enjoyed wonderful art, great food, including Vera's meatballs, and intimate fellowship.

FELLOWSHIP OF REASON® 2004 MEMBER SURVEY

Below is a list of some of the things we do. I have excluded member projects over which FOR, Inc. has no ownership, control, or responsibility.

1. Newsletter: Published monthly with a lead essay. Contains information about birthdays and upcoming events. A monthly calendar is included.
2. FORum: Our monthly meeting during which members perform. Sometimes we have special programs by members and guests.

3. Directory: Published annually containing members' names, coordinates, and personal missions. Articles and Bylaws included.
4. Philosophy Tapes: 1st and 3rd Tuesdays. A 45-minute tape followed by directed conversation.
5. Invisible College: Every Thursday lectures by a Ph.D. in philosophy. \$60/4 weeks.
6. Movie Night: Monthly food and fun.
7. Potluck: Monthly food and fund.
8. Pub Night: Monthly food and fun.
9. Book Club: More food and fun.
10. White Water Rafting: Annual event during which we rent a house together for 2 nights and go boating.
11. Going to the Movies/Theater/Concerts/Art Exhibits together: From time to time.
12. Hiking: From time to time.
13. Swamp/Adventure Trip: Annually
14. Motorcycle Club: Can you believe it?

Here are some things we are thinking about adding:

- a. Bridge/Poker/Games Club: Some Sunday night?
- b. Jogging Club: Some Saturday/Sunday morning?
- c. Youth Group: 2nd weekend of the month a.m. Saturday?
- d. Adult Education: Sunday before FORum?

Help us create a great experience for you by filling out the member survey enclosed herewith and mailing it back in the SASE.

January Birthdays

January 18 Vera Norman
January 30 Mark Sulkowski
January 31 Sally Hull

February Birthdays

February 5 Michael Norman
February 23 Ellen Lewit

FORum Schedule

- **Sunday, February 1, 2004**
 - Sunday, March 7, 2004
 - Sunday, April 4, 2004
 - Sunday, May 2, 2004
 - Sunday, June 6, 2004
 - Sunday, July 4, 2004
 - Sunday, August 1, 2004
 - Sunday, September 6, 2004
 - Sunday, October 3, 2004
 - Sunday, November 5, 2004
 - Sunday, December 5, 2004
 - Sunday, January 2, 2004
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FORUM, February 1, 2004: 1st Sunday

Remember: Time limits will be vigorously enforced!

Welcome—
Celebration of Freedom—
Celebration of Visitors—
Celebration of Each Other—
Celebratory Announcements—
Celebration of Art—
Celebration of Literature
Celebration of Heroes—
Celebration of Personal Mission—**David Ziebell**
Celebration of Talent—
Oratory—**Martin Cowen**
FORum—**Dan Barber** (moderated discussion)
Announcements—
Closing Quotation—

Philosophy Tapes: 1st/3rd Tuesdays

Philosophy tapes are played to a small private audience in the living room of a volunteer on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of each month. Free.

Invisible College: Every Thursday

The Invisible College meets every Thursday at 7:30 p.m. at Vera's Intellectual Salon. Price: \$60 per 4 weeks payable to Professor Kipton Jensen. Call Vera at 404-577-7968 for more information.

Pub Night: 4th Wednesday

Members and friends of FOR, Inc. meet on the 4th Wednesday of every month at Manuel's Tavern at 8 p.m. for adult beverages and adult conversation. FOR's next pub night is Wednesday, January 28, 2004, at 8 p.m.

Potluck: 3rd Saturday

Members and friends of FOR, Inc. meet on the 3rd Saturday of every month for a potluck supper. Bring something good to eat or drink to share. Our next potluck is on Saturday, January 17, 2004, at 7 p.m. at John and Beth's house.

Book Club: 2nd Tuesday

Members and friends of FOR, Inc. meet on the 2nd Tuesday of every month at John and Beth's house to discuss a marvelous book. Beth Holley is the coordinator of book club. 404-754-7519.

Film Night: Last Saturday

Members and friends of FOR, Inc. enjoy a monthly movie night at John's studio using his extraordinary equipment. FOR's next movie night is Saturday, January 31, 2004. Arrive at 6:30 p.m. Doors will be locked for safety! Movie starts at 7:15 p.m. Free.

Steve Stokes' Philosophy Café: 2nd/3rd Wednesdays

Attend Steve Stoke's Philosophy Café at Border's in Buckhead on the second Wednesday of every month at 8 p.m. and at the Barnes and Noble Bookstore in Duluth on the third Wednesday of every month at 8 p.m.

Steve Lewis' Philosophy Café: 1st Wednesday

Attend Steve Lewis's philosophy café at Border's in Duluth on the first Wednesday of every month at 7 p.m.

Dan Barber's Self-Esteem Course

"Self-esteem is easily lost, and it does not return on its own accord. We must first understand what it is and how it works in order to build it back up. The Pillars of Self-Esteem course is a very important opportunity to facilitate changes in the basic patterns of the behavior that whittles the important self-esteem down to nothing. If you understand the importance, or are just curious, you will find this interesting and relevant information. This is a free interactive course that only requires your participation and commitment."

1st and 3rd Mondays at 7:30 in Borders bookstore cafe Buford. Across from the Mall of Georgia.

For more info contact Dan at 770-831-3010

Membership Information:

- Regular membership: \$35 per year if paid prior to October 31, 2004
- Contributing membership: \$70 per year if paid prior to October 31, 2004
- Lifetime membership: \$700 if paid prior to October 31, 2004

Contact information:

Visit us on the web at www.fellowshipofreason.com

To talk to somebody about FOR call Vera at 404-577-7968 or Martin at 770-471-9800 or Dan at 770-831-3010.

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If you would like to support our activities, including our building fund, please consider these opportunities:

13. Attend our activities
14. Bring donuts
15. Subscribe to our monthly newsletter
16. Perform at Forum
17. Recruit a person of like-mind and values
18. Volunteer your home for a potluck or other activity
19. Become a regular member
20. Become a contributing member
21. Become a lifetime member
22. Donate cash, property, time, or expertise (FOR, Inc. is a tax-exempt 501(c)(3) corporation and donations are tax deductible.)
23. Locate and help us apply for a public or private grant
24. Make a testamentary gift

Make checks payable to Fellowship of Reason, Inc. and mail them to 8188 Pembroke Terrace, Jonesboro, GA 30236-4179.

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Thanks, Dan, from FOR, Inc.!
