

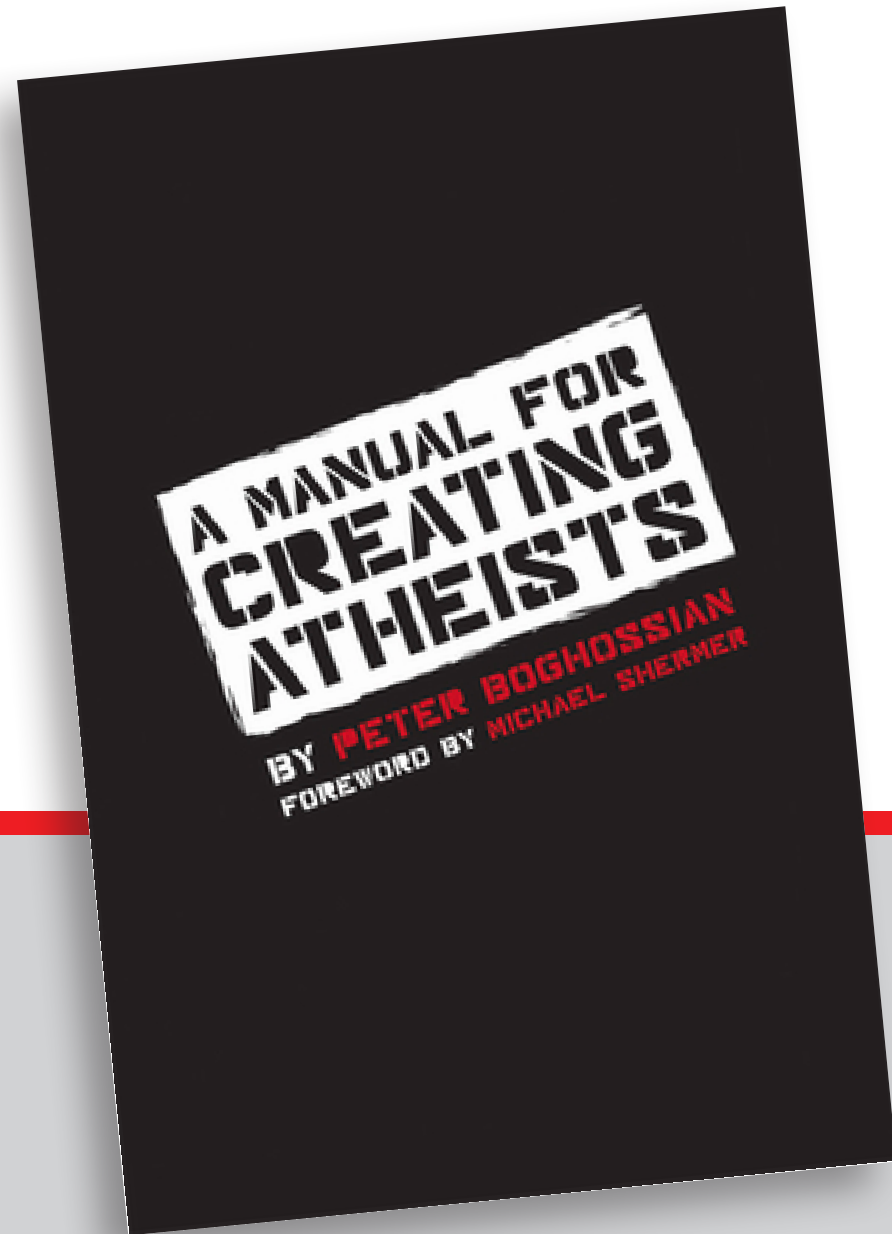


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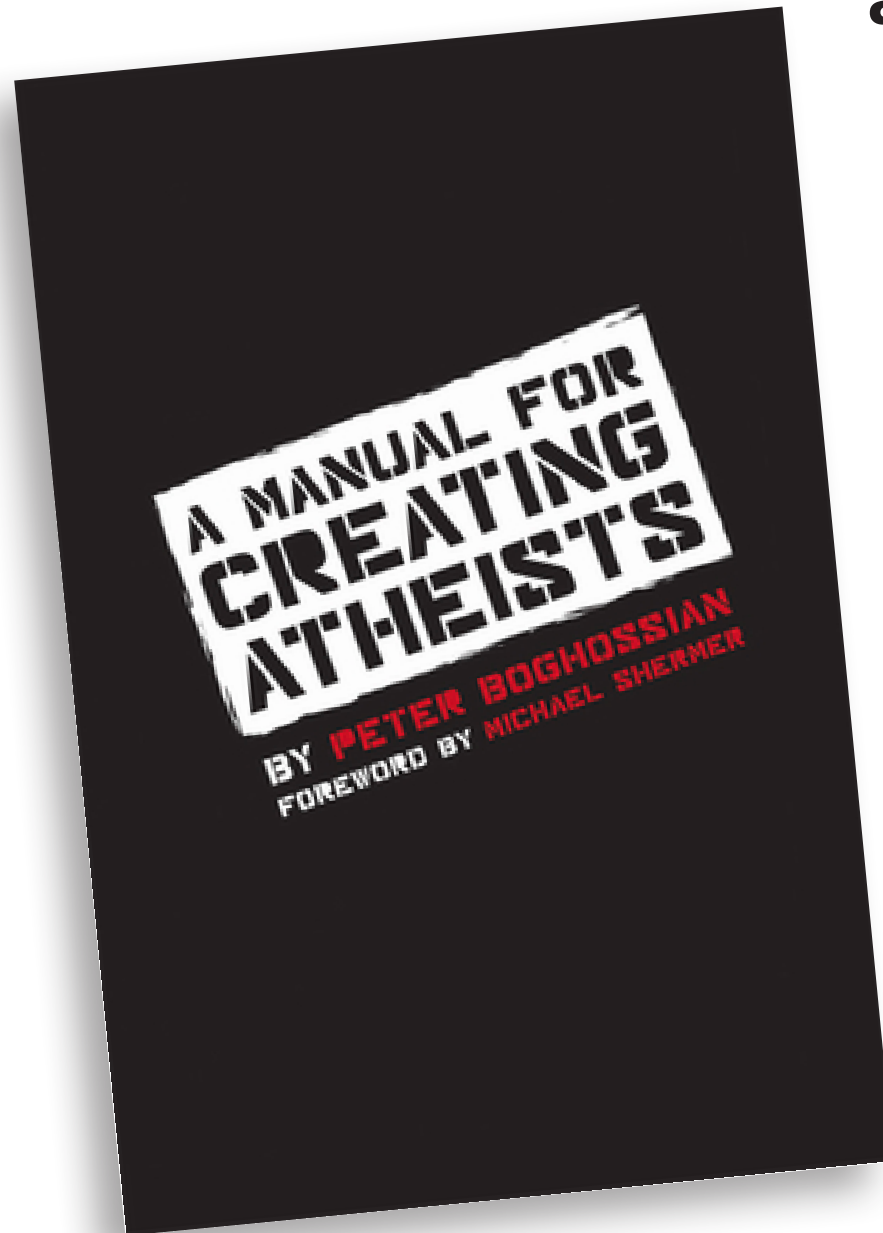
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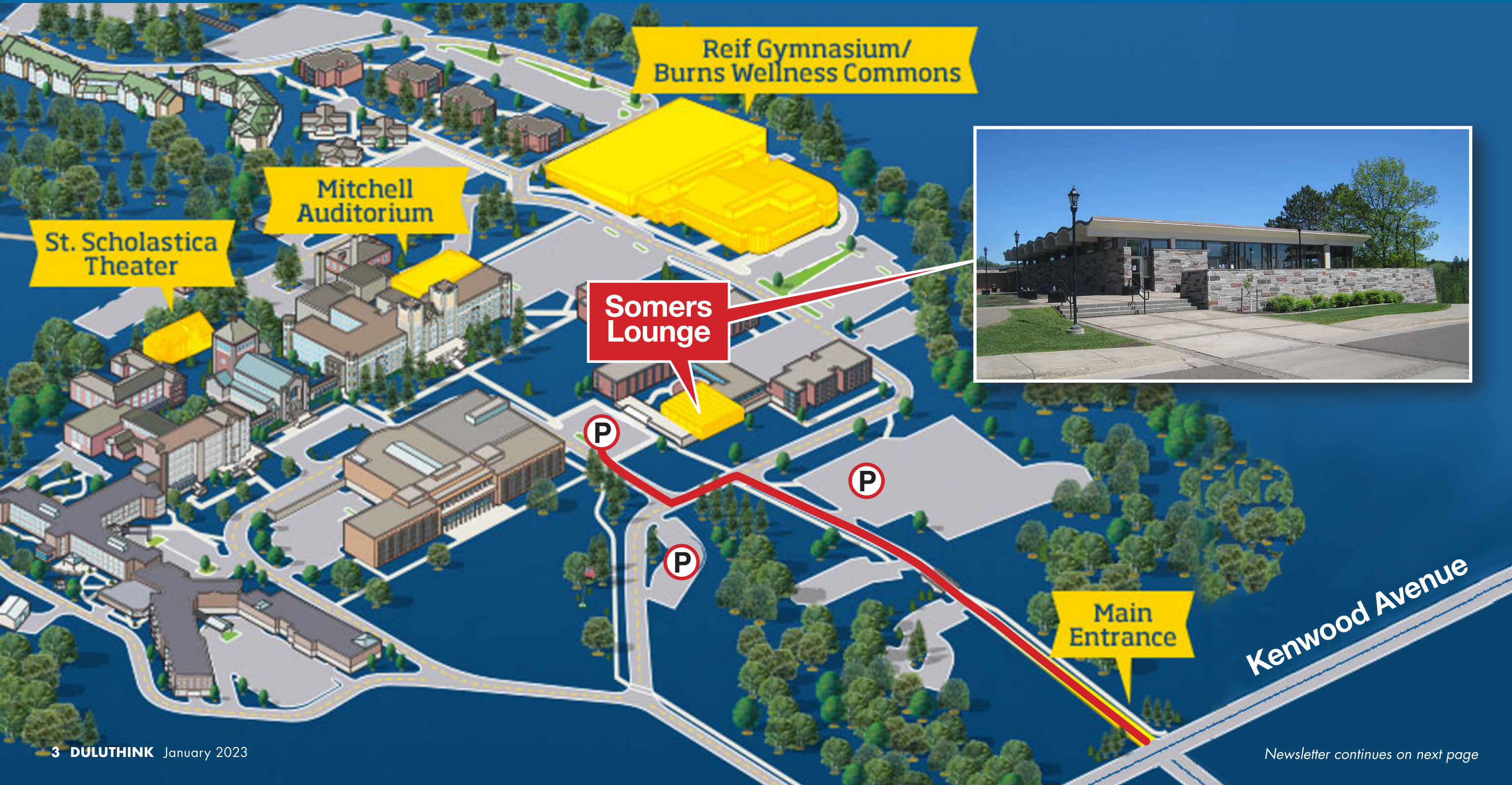


# A Manual For Creating Atheists

**F**or thousands of years, the faithful have honed proselytizing strategies and talked people into believing the truth of one holy book or another. Indeed, the faithful often view converting others as an obligation of their faith—and are trained from an early age to spread their unique brand of religion. The result is a world broken in large part by unquestioned faith.

As an urgently needed counter to this tried-and-true tradition of religious evangelism, *A Manual for Creating Atheists* offers the first-ever guide not for talking people into faith—but for talking them out of it. Peter Boghossian draws on the tools he has developed and used for more than twenty years as a philosopher and educator to teach how to engage the faithful in conversations that will help them value reason and rationality, cast doubt on their religious beliefs, mistrust their faith, abandon superstition and irrationality, and ultimately embrace reason.

# Directions to St. Scholastica's Somers Lounge, 1200 Kenwood Avenue



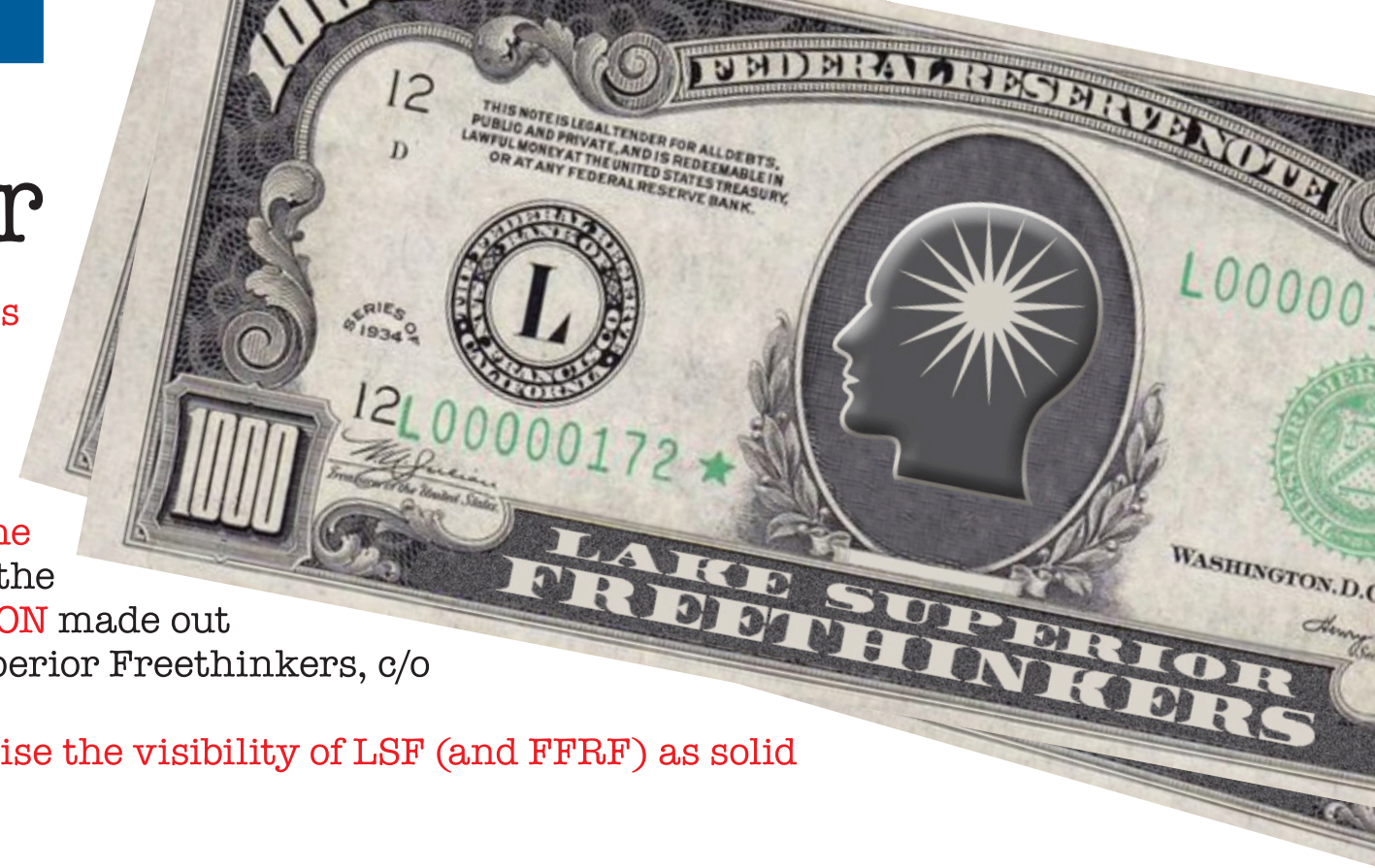
# A Message from our Treasurer

I am delighted to announce that **we have just received TWO \$1000 grant awards from FFRF**. One is for "operations," which we will use to pay for outreach, including radio spots. The other is for a community partner, which in this case is the Duluth Library Foundation.

**This brings me to the request.** Each year (for the past three years) Lake Superior Freethinkers have donated matching funds so that **we can DOUBLE the award for our community partner**. So, again this year, we will need to dust off the old checkbooks and help out. **Please send me a TAX-DEDUCTIBLE CONTRIBUTION** made out to the DULUTH LIBRARY FOUNDATION. The checks should be sent to Lake Superior Freethinkers, c/o Charles Gessert, Treasurer, 4929 Lester River Road, Duluth 55804.

**These contributions not only help the library foundation, but also serve to raise the visibility of LSF (and FFRF) as solid community supporters.**

I will be sitting by the mailbox.



## Investing In Our Librarys

Duluth depends on its library and two branches. Every day individuals of all ages, ethnicities, and backgrounds visit our library in person or virtually to check out books, download materials, access critical resources, and enrich their lives with classes and beloved library programs.

**The life-changing resources at the library are multiplied by the generosity of individual donors and community partners.** Gifts to the Duluth Library Foundation, large and small, help the Duluth Public Library ignite a lifelong love of learning and open doors of opportunity.

How does my gift help the library?

### YOUR GIFTS HELP TO SUPPORT:

- Educational programs that serve all ages, from birth to older adults.
- Books, materials and events that enrich the community with inspiration and entertainment.
- Library resources that strengthen and expand economic opportunities for our community.

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Join us for  
*Happy hour*

**4:00-6:00 pm Thursday, February 3rd  
at Mexico Lindo, Fitger's Brewery Complex**

Meet your new favorite freethinkers at our old haunt: Mexico Lindo within the Fitger's Complex. We'll be there from 4:00 pm until 6:00pm to share stories, questions, and TexMex food choices or just some half-priced drinks. The server will validate your parking and we will validate (some of) your unusual ideas.





# January Social Dinner

Join us Wednesday January 18th at 5:30pm for LSF's Social Dinner at the TAVERN ON THE HILL, 1102 Woodland Avenue, Duluth



# Next Pavilion Party Saturday January 28th

**Pavilion Parties continue on the fourth Saturday of each month at the home of our “Flounder”, Bill Van Druten.**

Plan to arrive at 1pm. Bring a food item you have made, or maybe an interesting libation to share with other attendees. We'll talk and laugh at Dr. Van Druten's home: 2931 Greysolon Road in Duluth. Park anywhere on Greysolon Road but not on 30th Avenue!



# Mick Jagger



**M**ichael Philip Jagger was born in Dartford, Kent, England in 1943. He was one of the founders of the iconic band the Rolling Stones in 1962 and became its lead singer and songwriter. Jagger has toured with the band in many different countries. The Stones were awarded a Grammy Lifetime Achievement Award in 1986.

In 1971 Jagger helped create the Rolling Stones Records label. He achieved further fame as a solo artist with five albums, including “She’s The Boss” (1985) and as an actor and producer who founded the Jagged Films company. He has acted in films such as “Performance” (1968) and “Ned Kelly” (1970), and his music appeared in the 2004 film “Alfie.” In 2003, Jagger was knighted as Sir Michael Jagger for his Services to Music. He has married twice (common law with Jerry Hall) and has eight children with five women, the most recent in 2016.

“Like most English people I’m not a great believer,”

Jagger said in a 2007 interview with The Independent. “I’ve read Richard Dawkins’ book and it’s very persuasive.

I’m more in awe of the universe and that’s not really a belief in God.” Jagger has also spoken out about the harm of religion. “Killing for ideas is the most dangerous form of killing at all. Being willing to die for your ideas rather than your country is another concept, but dying for an idea, like in religion, is absurd,” Jagger said in an interview with High Times in 2003. Some sources say that Jagger practices Buddhism.



*“I don’t have belief in the Holy Book. I don’t think many English people do.”*