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## President's Note

By  
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Our Fellowship of Reason is many things to different people. Each of us gets our own satisfaction from the activities in which we personally choose to participate. Few of us participate in every activity. As we begin our second decade as a community, this picture is a starting point for answering the question posed by former President Kate Allen in November: "What will the Fellowship of Reason become in the future?"

Along with Scott Carper (Vice President), Larry Woods (Secretary), and Martin Cowen (Treasurer), we are honored to be selected by the Board of Trustees. All of us are mindful of the background for Kate's question. She discussed the positive aspects of the Fellowship of Reason's identity, as it had been formed in our first decade.

I would summarize our group identity in this way: We are a community of like-minded individuals; the similarities being our trust in our capacity for reason as our means of life, and our commitment to living in this world to the fullest extent that we can achieve. To me, these attitudes comprise Eudaimonism. We spent a lot of time and effort getting to the point that we have a discernable, agreeable identity; so much so that sometimes it may seem we only strive to be this "one thing."

Among the things I love about being involved with Fellowship of Reason right now is this: It is OK for Fellowship of Reason to be many things to different individuals. Examples include:

- For many of us, Fellowship of Reason is a community that helps families instill reason-based morals and values for their children.
- For others of us, Fellowship of Reason is a community that celebrates achievement in the business and social world (Pub Night does this for me.).
- For still others, Fellowship of Reason is a

community where learners and philosophers can surround themselves with other learners and philosophers without being dogmatized.

- Also, Fellowship of Reason is a community that cherishes each individual's passionate involvement and exultation in their own life, their own freedom, their own growth and maturation (as we do each month at FORum)

My job as President is to "think creatively about the business of the corporation with a view toward increasing the membership and revenue." At the start of our second decade, Fellowship of Reason is a little like a shopping mall. Do we have enough stores? Where are the young adults shopping? If Eudaimonism is like ice cream, do we need 31, 33, or 57 flavors? I'll be working with the Trustees, Officers, and Directors to do this thinking and turn thoughts into actions.

What are your thoughts on all this? What would you love to participate in? Let me hear from you.

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## New Board of Trustees and Officers

**David Ziebell, President**  
**Scott Carper, Vice President**  
**Larry Woods, Secretary**  
**Martin Cowen, Treasurer**

**Are the new officers of the Fellowship of Reason, Inc.**

**Kathleen Allen**  
**Mike Brady**  
**Martin Cowen**  
**Ron Menich**  
**Tom Welch**

**Are the new Board of Trustees of the Fellowship of Reason, Inc.**

## New Policy at FORum

*The President, the Vice President, or their designee will serve as Master of Ceremonies during FORum every month, ex officio.*

# January 2009

January 2009							February 2009						
M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S
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5	6	7	8	9	10	11	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
12	13	14	15	16	17	18	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
19	20	21	22	23	24	25	16	17	18	19	20	21	22
26	27	28	29	30	31		23	24	25	26	27	28	

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
			January 1, 2009 New Year's Day	2	3	4
					7:00pm Classic Film Appreciation Course (Steve Whiteman's house)	12:00pm FORum (NWUUC)
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
	7:30pm Philosophy Tapes (Sally's house)	7:30pm Invisible College			1:00pm HD Opera 7:00pm Classic Film Appreciation Course (Steve Whiteman's house)	8:00am FOR Runners (Flying Biscuit)
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
7:30pm PMAC	7:30pm Fiction Book Club (Beth's house)	7:00pm FOR Pub Sandy Springs (Five Seasons Brewing) 7:30pm Invisible College		David S. bd	7:30pm FOR Epicurs: Anis (Volunteer)	Vera bd 8:00am FOR Runners (Flying Biscuit)
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
	7:30pm CANCELLED: Philosophy Tapes (Sally's house)	7:30pm Invisible College	8:00pm FOR pub (Manuel's Tavern)		1:00pm HD Opera 6:30pm Movie Night (John's Studio)	8:00am FOR Runners (Flying Biscuit)
26	27	28	29	30	31	
		7:30pm Invisible College		Mark bd	Sally bd	

# February 2009

February 2009							March 2009							
M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	
	2	3	4	5	6	7	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	
16	17	18	19	20	21	22	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	
23	24	25	26	27	28		23	24	25	26	27	28	29	
							30	31						

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
						February 1 12:00pm FORum (NWUUC)
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Wendell B. bd	7:30pm Philosophy Tapes (Sally's house)	7:30pm Invisible College	Michael N. bd		1:00pm HD Opera 7:00pm Classic Film Appreciation Course (Steve Whiteman's house)	8:00am FOR Runners (Flying Biscuit)
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16	17	18	19	20	21	22
Elena C. bd	7:30pm Philosophy Tapes (Sally's house)	7:30pm Invisible College			7:30pm Potluck (Erik and Mandy)	8:00am FOR Runners (Flying Biscuit)
23	24	25	26	27	28	
Ellen bd		7:30pm Invisible College	8:00pm FOR pub (Manuel's Tavern)		6:30pm Movie Night (John's Studio)	

## Events

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

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### FORum: A Celebration of Human Achievement: First Sunday noon

FOR's premier event. Meet and greet at 12:30 p.m. The program starts at 1 p.m. Presided over by FOR's President or Vice 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. We enjoy post-program conversation until 3 p.m. when those interested adjourn to a local restaurant for further fellowship. Children's Program from noon to 3 p.m.

Martin Cowen director: 678-641-9321.

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### FOR Runners: Sunday 8 a.m.

We meet every Sunday morning at 8 a.m., except FORum Sundays, at the southwest corner of Piedmont Park on 10<sup>th</sup> Street. Breakfast at Flying Biscuit (corner of Piedmont and 10<sup>th</sup> Street) follows at 9 a.m. Breakfast lovers, walkers, and joggers welcome!

Martin Cowen coordinator: 678-641-9321

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### Philosophy Club: 1<sup>st</sup> / 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays 7:30 p.m.

Philosophy tapes are played to a small group of friends in a private home on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays of each month. Free.

Sally Hull coordinator: 404-257-0454

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### Invisible College: Wednesdays 7:30 p.m.

Doctor of Philosophy reveals the secrets of philosophy in a live two-hour lecture. There is an enormous fee and limited seating. Adepts and initiates only.

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

Members and friends of FOR meet on the 2nd Tuesday of every month at Tele's house across the street from Sally's house. For book selections and more information, go to:

[www.fellowshipofreason.com/fiction.htm](http://www.fellowshipofreason.com/fiction.htm)

Tele Holt coordinator: 404-843-1886  
[telehold@gmail.com](mailto:telehold@gmail.com)

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### Potluck: 3rd Saturday 7:30 p.m.

Our next Potluck is Saturday, February 17, 2009, at 7:30 p.m. Remember it is potluck, so bring something good to eat and drink to share. Host: New Members Erik and Mandy

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### Two Pub Nights: 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday (Five Season's Brewing) and 4th Thursday (Manuel's Tavern)

Members and friends of FOR meet on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday at Five Seasons Brewing at 7 p.m. and on the 4th Thursday at Manuel's Tavern at 8 p.m. for adult beverages and conversation.

Scott Carper coordinator Manuel's:  
 404-964-6697

Marianna coordinator Five Seasons Brewing:  
[mashoonya@yahoo.com](mailto:mashoonya@yahoo.com)

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### Movie Night: 4th Saturday, 6:30 p.m.

Members and friends of FOR meet on the 4th Saturday of every month at John Grover's photography studio to enjoy potluck and a movie. FOR's next movie night is Saturday, January 24, 2009 at 6:30 p.m.

John Grover coordinator: 404-872-4555

*Join us for our  
 next monthly  
 FORum:*

**February 1,  
 2009  
 Sunday at 1 p.m.**  
 (Meet, Greet at 12:30)

**FOR Children's Program**  
 from noon to 3 p.m.  
 Educational Program from  
 12:30 p.m. to 12:50 p.m.

## Birthdays

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

- February 2 Wendell Bettis
- February 5 Michael Norman
- February 12 Elena Carter
- February 23 Ellen Lewit

## Celebratory Announcements

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

Please, write it down: \_\_\_\_\_  
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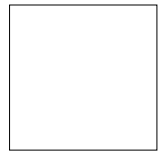
Now do the membership of FOR, Inc. a favor by relating this fact during FORum next month!



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