



FEBRUARY 2010

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KEY TO CALENDAR & OTHER IMPEDIMENTA

ESTROGEN ZONE = Ladies Auxiliary Sewing and Fallout Society
 TRIPE = Temporal Retrieval of Information Programming and Entertainment.
 BoD = Board of Directors - 11 am
 2nd Sunday = Board and other gaming - 2 pm
 Cinema Anime = Japanimation, time after Tom Safer Cartoons
 CFO = Cartoon Fantasy Organisation
 Work Party = Varies with what needs doing
 FWEMS = Fourth Sunday Movies - 2 pm
 TIME MEDDLERS = Dr. Who club
 Tom Safer Cartoons = 10 am
 Gift Exchange = 7 pm

CALENDAR DETAILS

TRIPE - Noon until whenever
 BoD - 11:00 am, Open House starts at 2:00 pm
 Cinema Anime - 1:00 pm until it ends
 CFO - 1 pm to 8 pm
 Work Party - 10:30 am
 TIME MEDDLERS - 10:30 am
 ESTROGEN ZONE - 2:00 pm
 Marketing Committee - 7:30 pm
 FWEMS - St. Valentines Day Salute to Cary Grant

THURSDAY PROGRAMME ITEMS

FEBRUARY 4 - Tom Safer Cartoons
FEBRUARY 11 - *BIG*, LASFS-sized, Auction
FEBRUARY 18 - LOSCON presentation
 and voting on LOSCON bids
FEBRUARY 25 - Early British television SF

(programme items subject to change without notice)

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DE PROFUNDIS - the *unofficial* newsletter of LASFS

COLOPHON

De Profundis 444— February 2010. Publisher and Editor: **Marty Cantor**.

De Profundis is the unofficial newsletter of the Los Angeles Science Fantasy Society (11513 Burbank Blvd., North Hollywood, CA 91601, USA). The LASFS' telephone number is: (818) 760-9234. The club's web site is: www.lasfsinc.info. *De Profundis* is available only from Marty Cantor for his cost of producing the zines: 55¢ in person, \$1.00 by domestic mail. Out of country rates quoted upon request but it is recommended that copies be downloaded - or at least read - from the *DE PROF* web site.

Westercon is a service mark of the Los Angeles Science Fantasy Society, Incorporated (LASFS, Inc.). Worldcon and NASFIC are service marks of the World Science Fiction Society (WSFS).

I want any news of interest to LASFS members (no poetry or fiction). Send items to the LASFS address *c/o De Profundis* or leave them in the *De Profundis* mailbox at the clubhouse. The editor, Marty Cantor, can be reached at his edress: [martyhoohah \(at\) sbglobal \(dot\) net](mailto:martyhoohah@sbglobal.net) or at the clubhouse on Thursday evenings. Deadlines are a bit fluid, but mid-month Thursdays are probably it.

If anybody who receives *DE PROF* via the mail happens to move without letting me know the new address; well, I have more important things to do than to be chasing down addresses so I will stop sending zines to you even if you have given me money to do so.

I will accept no advertising in *De Profundis* but I will always try to find room to announce upcoming events of interest to LASFS members.

Even though *De Profundis* is no longer the official newsletter of the LASFS, I intend to run the zine as if it still belonged to the club. Mostly. Due to space limitations, priority is always given to content mandated in the LASFS by-laws and by any applicable traditions. Also, after that stuff, by what the editor wants to do.

Written in Publisher 2000 on a new custom-built Intel dual-core computer (using the XP Pro operating system) and printed on an HP 4700dn colour laser printer.

Statements herein are those of the speaker/writer and do not necessarily reflect the opinions of the club. *Interjections in italics are solely the responsibility of the smartass, er, editor. Any resemblances 'twixt smartassery and responsibility are purely coincidental.*

Addendum: At the LASFS' Board of Directors meeting of February 8, 2009, the Directors accepted the proposal by Marty Cantor to take over *De Profundis* as his own fanzine, or as one of them, and he will be assuming the entire cost of production. Marty Cantor has promised to use his 5+ years experience of running *De Prof* as a guide to pubbing the zine as the *unofficial* newsletter of the society. The proposal was put to the Board because the Board had previously indicated that costs were dictating the discontinuance of the zine. As of this issue, *De Prof* will be available on paper solely at cost: currently 55¢. Mailed copies, domestically, will be \$1.00. Subscriptions will be accepted; however, as prices are set at cost of production, there will be no discounts for long-term subs.

Marty Cantor, 11825 Gilmore Street #105, North Hollywood, CA 91606, USA. 818) 761-9401. [martyhoohah \(at\) sbglobal \(dot\) net](mailto:martyhoohah@sbglobal.net). February 2010. Hoo Hah Publication Number 1444. Thanks go to Elayne Pelz, Cathy Beckstead, Charlie Jackson, Lee and Barry Gold, and any others who are helping me in providing news to LASFS members.

LASFS OFFICERS

Elected Procedural Officers January—June, 2010

President: Christian McGuire. **Vice-President:** Maryann Canfield, Rob Powell (tag team). **Scribe:** Karl Lembke. **Treasurer:** (elected in mid-year,

serves for full year) Elayne Pelz. **Registrar:** Michelle Pincus.

Board of Directors

Chairman: Karl Lembke (2012). **Vice-Chairman:** Merlin R. "Bob" Null (2012).. **Comptroller:** Christian McGuire (2011). **Secretary:** Darnell Coleman (2011). **Other members:** Marsha Minsky (2012), Elayne Pelz (2011), Rob "Gizmo" Powell (2011), Arlene Satin (2010), Milt Stevens, (2010), Mike Thorsen (2010), Marty Cantor (2012). **Special Advisor:** Charles Lee Jackson II. **Advisors:** Forrest J Ackerman, Walt Daugherty, Len & June Moffatt, and Fred Patten.

Official Committees

De Profundis Editor, Speaker to Gestetner, LASFAPA/APA-L Liaison: Marty Cantor. **Librarian:** Whiskey. **Assistant Librarians:** Elayne Pelz, Darnell Coleman. **Committee to Gouge Money from the LASFS:** C.B. McGuire, Elayne Pelz. **** Eulogist, Public Relations, Video Collection Curator, Film Coord. Committee, & Party Rabbi :** Charles Lee Jackson II. **Assistant Video Curator:** Tom Khamis. **Asian Affairs Desk:** Brett Achorn. **Key Control:** Bob Null, Elayne Pelz, Christian McGuire. **Webmaster - <<http://lasfsinc.info>>:** Barry Gold. **Webmaster Assistant:** Lee Gold. **Sysadmin:** Chaz Baden. **Ministry of Silly Gavel:** Bob Null. **** Committee for Children's Literature:** Anne Morrel, **Editor. Computers & LASFS Archives:** Bob Null. **LASFS Historian:** Fred Patten. **Westercon Liaison:** Christian McGuire. **Program:** Charles Lee Jackson II.

Honorary Officers

Sergeant-at-Arms In Perpetuity: Roy Tackett. **Windmill-at-Arms:** Kees van Toorn. **Samurai-at-Arms:** Takumi Shibano. **Librarian-at-Arms:** Heather Stern.

If there is an X in this space, your sub has run out ____

CONDENSED CREAM OF MENACE

(complete minutes are supposed to be filed in the LASFS' files and can be read there - also at www.lasfsinc.info)

Meeting #3769, November 5, 2009 *President Christian McGuire, presiding* *Karl Lembke, Scribe*

"Remember, remember, the fifth of November." Penny for the clubhouse?

Meeting 3769 was opened at 20:08:12

Special Orders of Business: Marty Cantor had some good news – Joe Haldeman had a fever that wouldn't go away, so they sent him back to the hospital. Now, it seems he's in the best shape since the 19th of September. He's much more functional than he was – the new antibiotic is making him feel better.

The **Menace** were read and approved as "75th Anniversary meeting"

The **Treasurer's report** says we have money, don't spend it.

No old business, no new.

Patron Saint: Woody Dodge. Matthew Tepper said, Woody Dodge is a member going back to the 80s, and is a veteran. He lives at the VA in Westwood. He knows a lot about cars. Despite his surname, he was featured in a Subaru commercial. When Matthew was the owner of a Subaru, he was able to give assistance and advice on many an occasion. Scratch Galloway said, "He gave us money." Woody Dodge was given three cheers and a large trans-axle undercarriage.

Time Bound Announcements: Joe Zeff is participating in the Annual National Novel Writing Month. Chris Garcia and another Bay Area fan are writing novels this year.

Madame **Registrar** rose to announce guests. Lori and Donald Stewart, and Richard Berger.

Committee Reports: Karen Anderson rose to report on science – this time, anthropology. Before agriculture, and before pottery, 11500-10500 BC, people near the dead sea were building structures. They had invented granaries. Presumably, they were gathering grain and storing it since they weren't growing it.

Marcia Minsky rose to show Westways. November/December, page 49, last column, last entry, under current events. It pays to advertise. The phone message resulted in a strong nibble. Another couple has also bought memberships. It pays to advertise.

CLJII had his lovely assistant pass the Lantern O'Jack. He announced the Winter Holiday Party, which we'll be having on December 25.

Next week, we nominate victims to be on the Board of Directors, so everyone has fair warning to stay home that night. The week after that, we vote. The week after that, we have a convention called Loscon. Anyone showing up at the clubhouse for that meeting will be given his weight in platitudes.

Reviews: Jerry Pournelle had a review and a mathematical exercise. Some years ago, there was a TV series called "V", which had the silliest set of premises any TV series ever had. It went through either two or three very long seasons before quietly dying. Called in to consult, Niven and Pournelle decided the dinosaurs evolved, developed space travel, and left. Then the dinosaur killer hit and erased the traces. They were paid lots of money to decide that. He watched the pilot episode Tuesday. It was better than he thought it would be. Better than the original series, certainly.

Now, the problem: Which weighs more – the Eiffel tower or the cylinder of air that would contain it? The tower is 10 KT. Density is 1.2 Kg/m³. The tower is mostly empty space. If you melted it down, it would cover the area underneath it to a depth of 6 cm.

$125 * 125 * 325 = 5.07e6 \text{ m}^3 = 6 \text{ million kg.}$

*(I surely wish that Scribes would understand that the language of LASFS meetings - and De Prof - is English. And that mathematics AIN'T English. *grump* - ed.)*

Misc... Marcia: George Mulligan's infection is in the second toe on his foot. As soon as the swelling and infection clears up, he'll be losing that toe. (Late update: He was in the process of losing that toe even as the announcement was made.)

Joan Steward moved to adjourn, and it happened at 21:14:41

Meeting #3770, November 12, 2009
President Christian McGuire, Presiding
Karl Lembke, Scribe

Meeting 3770 was opened at 20:10:43

Special Orders of Business: Marty Cantor reported that Joe Haldeman continues to improve. His pancreas is functioning well, and he continues on antibiotics. Gay Haldeman wrote, "I stopped for a beautiful pair of deer to cross the road. Joe says, I saved some doe and passed the buck." He is out of the hospital, after a mere 52 days. Joe writes, among other things, that he's not quite out of the woods yet.

We do have a passing: Vitaly Ginzburg, Nobel winner for his work in superconductivity and co-father of the Soviet H bomb.

The **Menace** were read and approved as "gunpowder, treason, and plot"

The **Registrar** announced some guests: Kevin Anderson, heard about us from Stephanie, Donny Kollin, heard about us from LOSCON. And Robert J. Sawyer is a first time attending Lifetime member. Robert J. Sawyer rose to speak about the series, based on his book, Flash Forward.

Patron Saint: Milt Stevens. Marty Cantor is one of those fan-eds who considers Milt the finest of the current fanzine writers. He tries to get contributions for his zine, *NO AWARD*, from Milt. Matthew Tepper: As a fan writer, he demonstrates a dry wit. *(And I always appreciate it even though I am usually all wet. —ed.)* And if you know him personally, he displays warmth. Karl: the only way he would make a name for himself is as a fan-writer – well, he's done a lot of stuff beside fan writing. For example, he has chaired any number of things. Christian: on SCIFI board, LASFS BoD, and chairs of any number of things.

CLJII: He was part of the Epitome of Evil, Ltd. They robbed from the rich, and gave to the poor, -10% each. David Okamura thanks Milt for his assistance on the captions for the 75th Anniversary centerpieces. Christian: Milt helped by digitizing Moffatt photos

Eytan Kollin: when they attended a Worldcon in 2006, they knew nothing. A man came up, whom they had never met. He took them around and started introducing them to people. On a personal note, he's a gentleman. Milt Stevens was given three cheers, and a passing parade.

Patron Saint: John Trimble. Marty Cantor said he's the husband of Bjo Trimble. He's not John Trimble the SF author. Hare Hobbs: One reason he should be a saint is by living with Bjo for so long. She's a nice person, but she can wear a person out. Larry Niven: He's a core of the LASFS, and with Bjo, was very much so when he joined. He remembers trips to the desert to see the blooms and freeze Jack Harness.

Arlene Satin: While the 75th Anniversary committee was putting together the memory book, he was very helpful, knowledgeable, and very sweet. John Hertz: He was MC for one of the most remarkable masquerades in history LA Con II, largest in number of entries. First run-through went to 1 am, over 100 entries. No one could leave, because the entries kept getting more and more wonderful. John displayed remarkable stamina and patience. CLJII: He's good to his mother.

Nick Smith: Not just things like Worldcon masquerade. He MC'd at a much smaller event, and he kept participants sane in the face of chaos. He's nice, fannish, and has an interesting sense of humor, probably developed in self-defense. John Trimble was given three cheers and a mother to be good to.

Old Business: Tonight, we nominate people for the Board of Directors. Nominated were:

Marty Cantor - Karl Lembke

Bob Null - Marcia Minsky

Michelle Pincus - Scott Beckstead

With that, nominations were closed. The election will occur next week.

Committee Reports: Arlene Satin announced memory books are available for pick-up. They're complimentary.

Arlene has talked to the head children's librarian. We've added three libraries to the reading program. We're auditioning readers in March.

Check the website for stuff she's forgotten.

The Science Minotaur reported on genes that switch on the ability to speak. Differences in certain genes (FOXP2) between humans and chimpanzees indicate why speech is uniquely human. Damage to these genes may give rise to autism and other disorders.

CLJII: Next week, we vote. Three weeks from tonight, we start by nominating procedural president. The week after that, we vote on procedural officers.

Misc... CLJII mentioned enough money has been collected, the club was offered a chance to vote – party, or Charlie retires to Acapulco. We want the party more than we want him to go away. (*Charlie, please note that I am not making a comment, here. Oh ... ed.*)

Scott Beckstead moved to adjourn, and it happened at 21:20:29.

Meeting #3771, November 19, 2009
Vice President Rob Powell, Presiding
Karl Lembke, Scribe

Meeting 3771 was opened at 20:15:44

Special Orders of Business: Marty Cantor announced that Rob Holstock is in the hospital, having collapsed mysteriously. Rob is a writer, lives in Britain, and wrote Mythago Wood, among other things. He's also an active fan. Latest word is that he's experiencing complete organ failure. The news today, is that they have diagnosed his problem – an E. coli infection. He seems to be holding his own.

Marty also updated what is happening with Joe Halde- man, who is cooking, working 4 hours a day on his novel, and is out of the hospital. He's doing much better.

CLJII announced: We regret the passing of Phil Castora, who left the planet some four months ago. We also regret that the people he was living with took so damn long to tell us. It seems he was very allergic to something in the neighborhood of the halfway house where he was living. I guess some people will do anything to avoid reading a bunch of old APA -L's.

We had a long moment of silence.

(Inter estingly enough, Phil passed the same year as his favorite soap opera, The Guiding Light.)

The **Menace** were read and accepted as “No time for Majors”

Patron Saint: Jim Tanenbaum. Matthew Tepper said he's a professional sound engineer, and is of good repute, and has been awarded an Emmy, and a kind and witty person. Hare: He's been working on Avatar, the James Cameron movie. Ask him about it at TRIPE. Gizmo amplified, yes, he's a nice guy, and is always will- ing to talk about Avatar from behind the scenes.

Former APA -L contributor Jim Tanenbaum was given three cheers and a nice string of lights.

(And he's one of the unofficial consultants for Avatar,

knows.)

Committee Reports: Arlene Satin: Neverendingpanel.com is now up. Check it out. Tonight's will probably be up shortly. Melina has had her twins. Landon born at 12:42 pm, and Logan, born 12:43, Wednesday the 19th, 2009.

The **Registrar** announced three guests and a new member. Leif Peterson, heard about us from the Internet. Cadence, a receptionist for a CEF, and Joseph Slovetsky, found us through Google. And our new member is John Cox.

The Science Minotaur announced Karen has received the proofs for two Poul Anderson reprints, so she needs to get them proofread before Loscon. Thus, no science.

Old Business: Elected to the Board were:

Karl Lembke, Bob Null, Marcia Minsky, and Marty Cantor

Sage Break:

Jerry Pournelle rose to talk about the importance of the latest find, of water on the moon. The dust on the moon is pretty much the consistency of talcum powder, but gritty talcum powder. We got there, and the moon's dry. A few people thought it would turn out, up at the poles, there would be ice in the craters, shielded from the sunlight. Since the sun never shines there, and never has for the past several billion years, the temperature there is that of the cosmic microwave background of the universe = 2.73K.

And after some discussion, they came up with Clementine, a probe to look into the craters. The craters were dark enough that you couldn't see bottom. And it was evening and morning, the second day. The plume was kicked up, and there was 25 gallons of water in it. "That's like looking for a needle in a haystack and finding 20 sewing machines. One feature of the pole is, the rim of the crater is always in sunlight. So if you want to build a colony, put it near the pole. You have solar power, and you have water.

Next item: The solar wind is going past. If the hydrogen gets into the crater, it hits regolith, which is largely TiO₂. Well, one O meets 2 H, and you have water. No one knows how much, but this has been going on for billions of years. Get enough nuclear power, and you can trap solar hydrogen and generate water.

One of the interesting things is, they found interesting chemicals in the plume, and they're not telling what they are. Well, nitrogen, possibly. What else? Uranium? Actinides? Magnetic monopoles?

One puzzle: If you had stuff on the moon, could you get it off the moon without expending reaction mass? Take a

tapered kevlar line, a mile long, attached to a centrifuge. You need a girder framework to support it, but the tension is held by the kevlar cable. At the lunar poles, you have a clear path to L1 or L2, and from there, you can send stuff wherever you want to go.

Where Jerry was last week, at Tyson's Corner, VA. There's a company called SAIS. They run studies for government agencies, especially the navy. They ran a seminar for an unnamed government agency, but two of the employees identified themselves as CIA. The conference was a discussion of human augmentation. Types of augmentation are gadgets, drugs, and genes. Of course, you get ethical problems. But someone's trying it. The CIA seems to think several people may be trying it. Who? Well, Colombian drug lords have lots of discretionary income. And one country that's done biological warfare research, the USSR. They say they're not doing that any more. The upshot – we're short to having usable human augmentation in all three areas.

Recommended reading: The Abolition of Man by CS Lewis.

Reviews/Misc... Tim reported on the committee to reduce the deficit in medieval castles. They've been investigating, and are applying for a franchise to use public parkland to build the castle, but are they a corporation or a nonprofit. But there's a castle in Glendora, called Rubyella. It was made by local people from local stone and junk. It's a private building, but groups of 12 or more can visit.

Marcia Minsky rose to make one final motion, and it was accepted at 22:03:55 and the drawbridge was lowered and we exited.

Meeting #3772, November 26, 2009
Marty Cantor, Presiding
Karl Lembke, Scribe

Meeting 3772 was opened at 20:05:49

Special Orders of Business: Marty Cantor announced that Rob Holstock has been making slight progress, but the doctors are very happy, given that he had an E. coli infection and organ failure. He had a slight relapse yesterday, but he's getting better.

The **Menace** were read and accepted as "let's build a castle on the moon."

Patron Saint: Frank Gasperik. Marty Cantor said of him, he was a nice guy who was a bit bothersome to some people. (He did not mention that Frank was very bothersome to many more people.) He was a very good friend of Poul Anderson, Larry Niven, and Jerry Pournelle. He has been written into a lot of Niven and Pournelle stories. Hare: When he was at the landing of the second space shuttle. He was in the back of his station wagon trying to sleep, and he heard the ballad of Apollo 13, being sung by

L.A.F.A.
(Los Angeles Filkers Anonymous)

Saturday, February 13, 2010, 7 PM
Pre-filk dinner at 6 pm. See notes
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Pre-filk dinner: 6 pm, Potluck. The Tyras will be providing a cold cuts tray (turkey, chicken, beef, and maybe ham, plus assorted cheeses) for sandwiches, fresh fruit, and homemade lemonade. People should bring other main dishes, side dishes, or salads.

Directions: Thomas Guide L.A. Co. 4104 F-2.

Type of circle: Bardic

Notes:

1. Lots of crash space available, call in advance for a bed.
2. There are two Great Danes
3. Children welcomed on good behavior
4. Gas grill available if you want to BBQ meat.
5. No smoking indoors.
6. Silicon life-forms available for Filk reference only.

L.A.F.A. info: Barry & Lee Gold:
(310) 306-7456

Frank. He was playing the troubadour. He was always willing to pull out his guitar and entertain. Dale: He did a lot of editing.

Marty Cantor: He was living with Peggy Corrigan, and did not outlive her by very long. CLJII: Frank was the sieve of LASFS. Strangers who managed to get past him were worthy of getting into the club. Christian: The Tuck-erization of Frank in Footfall was his favorite.

Jerry: Frank had a way of taking over a novel. Frank Gasperik was given three cheers, and a song.

Time Bound Announcements: There's a convention this weekend. (*Which is why I ran the meeting.* - ed.)

New Business: It is hereby moved that the only people who can correct these menace of November 26, 2009, are those members of the society who were NOT at the meeting of November 26, 2009. It carried unanimously.

Hare Hobbs moved to Marty Cantor at 20:25:59, and it was so.

Board of Directors meeting
December 13, 2009
Karl Lembke, Chairman
Darnell Coleman, Secretary
unofficial minutes by Marty Cantor
December Board minutes taken by Marty

Board Members in attendance: Karl Lembke, Darnell Coleman, Mike Thorsen, Bob Null, Arlene Satin, Milt Stevens, Elayne Pelz, Marcia Minsky, Christian McGuire, Rob Powell. There is one vacancy on the Board.

Members and Guests: Marty Cantor, Jeni Burr, Tony Benoun, Sherri Benoun, Michael Pell, Joyce Sperling, Michelle Pincus, Greg Bilan, Fred Lazzelle, Bill Ellern, Judy Zeff, Joe Zeff, Toni Benoun, Sherri Benoun,

Called to order: The Board was called to order at 11:05 am.

Opening Remarks: Ken Porter has died and the family may be wanting to have a service here.

Minutes: The Minutes were accepted as corrected.

New Members: Russ Maheras, John Cox, Bryan Wolf, Tim Rickard, and Tananarive Due. All were approved.

Treasurer: We have money but we have been spending some of it.

30 Second Reports **(Board Members)**

Chairman (Karl Lembke): George Mulligan enjoyed his card – uproariously – and it was signed by many at LOSCON.

Vice Chairman (Bob Null): There are new lights in the APA-L Room.

Secretary (Darnell Coleman): Last meeting was not recorded by audio but this one will be.

Comptroller (Christian McGuire): Nothing to report at this time.

Library (Elayne Pelz): We ran out of money spending it at LOSCON, buying lots and lots of books from Marty Massoglia (from whom we have \$13,000 in credit). Bill Ellern says Anne has considerable credit with Massoglia and is willing to let this credit go to the library.

Physical Plant (Tadao Tomomatsu): His seat is vacant – we will talk about the roof later in meeting. // There was a small discussion about lights on the side of the building, lights with a motion detector.

AV Equipment (Robert Powell): A light bulb is out and will be replaced. Cables will be labeled with labeler.

Quartermaster/Supplies (Mike Thorsen): // Soda units sold: 13,989 to date, 368 this month. Soda money: \$9,401.00 to date, \$282.00 this month. Will be making paper run soon. I officially request that people not remove the food strainer from the sink.

Publications (Milt Stevens): The Golds are not here because of Hannukah preparations. There is no change with *De Prof.* Scott Beckstead has registered LASFSinc. info at GoDaddy.com and it will be the umbrella for all web sites. This will eventually be our major registration and all our other sites will be under it, including IO-SCON.

Events (Marcia Minsky): LOSCON 36 has come and gone, LOSCON 37 is going – 250 members so far. The

Gift Exchange has happened. Arlene has most of the pictures from Anniversary Celebration. Christian enquired about LOSCON 37 web site – is there information there? 36 may be accidentally deleted, with maybe some problems with even earlier LOSCON sites. Christian reported on Westercon, getting 36 memberships from LOSCON. Westercon is going strong. LOSCON closeout meeting will be on February 7, starting at 11 am. LOSCON 37 will have its first meeting right after that.

Fundraising and Recruitment (Arlene Satin): Zazzle.com is up – showed cup as first item. Tim is helping with the project, and other art is in process. Marcia has gone to web site – and is impressed. Request other Board members check out the site. Milt reported on correspondence with fan artists about using their work: Steve Stiles and Brad Foster. Milt gave the Board an e-mail posting from Brad Foster saying he was willing to do art for LASFS. Arlene requests members check with other good fanartists. Marc Schirmeister has given permission and Marty and Karl have provided Schirm covers.

(Significant Others)

Marketing Committee (Arlene Satin): Art Release form is done. Our Reading Programme for Children is in one library and three other libraries are interested. We need a team of different groups to work in the various libraries. Michelle has her team set. Arlene is working on her team. Arlene asked: who is in charge of the Adult Reading List and the Children's Reading List? Anne Morrel is reported to be doing the Children's list and Library staff at times works on the Adult Reading List. Marketing is running out of lists and they need to be reprinted. Bill recommends the lists on the web site be columnized and pdf'd in booklet form or 8 1/2 x 11. Anne has a new list. Elayne has a newer Adult List which needs to be put into final form. The Irvine Spectrum has contacted us for the Avatar movie. Neverendingpanel.com – 2 months going and doing well – one more panel until after the holidays. Hit list is still low but more people are showing up in the audience.

Club President (Christian McGuire): Gift Exchange – 7 more people than last year. It went better than last year. Except for one non-supervised kid. There was an election for Procedural Officers, resulting in all incumbents being returned to office. Chocolate-covered manhole cover has not shown up for two years in a row – *De Prof* should mention that it should be brought back.

Agenda Items:

The Roof: Leaking in main room and in APA-L Room. We have been ignoring the problem. Elayne has a quote to rebuild the roof's low spot – raising the roof: \$8583.00 will take 3 days. We do not know if this includes APA-L room. We will have to ask the membership to raid the Century fund – Christian. Elayne moved that we spend \$9,000 to fix the roof, as she does not believe there is anything about using the Century Fund for emergency purposes needing approval of the general membership being written in the by-laws. This was unanimously approved.

Open Forum: Christian said that there should be a LOSCON Domesday Book committee and he will volunteer to organize things. Karl appointed him. Christian asked for volunteers. // Christian said that Westercon would like to borrow the usual things. This was passed unanimously. // We have set aside January days of 23rd or 30th to go through everything in our archives and we need permission for that. The Board gave permission.

Marcia said Fred Patten was not here on his Saint's Day because he had a bad cold. She will pass around a birthday card for Fred.

Darnell brought up liaison for Enigma (UCLA club) – Darnell will be visiting that club before next board meeting. Recommending LASFS forum on web site so that we can "meet" with them was something we did in the past but it did not work out.

VHS and cassette tapes will no longer be accepted for auction as the technology is too old.

Take-Aways:

Pdf. of kid list – Christian head of DOMESDAY committee for LOSCON – Elayne is in charge of Adult Reading List and is also Roofer Liaison. Rob will be getting new light bulb for projector.

Adjournment: The Board adjourned at 12:26 pm

NEW BOOKS

(This is a section devoted to listing new books and other items received by the LASFS Library. Our extensive library is not just for collecting and looking at that wonderful collection of books on shelves. Members may take them out and read them. Reading books, whatta concept...)

Captain Future's Challenge	Hamilton, Edmond
Castle of Otranto, The	Walpole, Horace
Cloak of Aesir	Campbell, John W.
Cold Copper Tears	Cook, Glen
Comet Kings	Hamilton, Edmond
Crown of Shadows	Friedman, C.S.
Eye in the Sky	Dick, Philip K.
Gods of Mars, The	Burroughs, Edgar Rice-
JLA: Liberty and Justice	Ross, Alex & Dini, Paul
Little Orphan Annie	Gray, Harold
Little Orphan Annie: "Daddy"	Gray, Harold
Little Orphan Annie: And the Haunted House	Gray, Harold
Little Orphan Annie: Bucking the World	Gray, Harold
Little Orphan Annie: In the Circus	Gray, Harold
Little Orphan Annie: Never Say Die!	Gray, Harold
Little Orphan Annie: The Business of Giving	Gray, Harold
Little Orphan Annie: The Dreamer	Gray, Harold
Little Orphan Annie: The Early Adventures	Gray, Harold
Little Orphan Annie: The Hobo	Gray, Harold
Little Orphan Annie: The Little Worker	Gray, Harold
Little Orphan Annie: The Man of Mystery	Gray, Harold
Little Orphan Annie: The Pro and the Con	Gray, Harold

Little Orphan Annie: This Surprising World	Gray, Harold	Zorba the Hutt's Revenge	Davids, Paul & Davids, Hollace
Magician of Mars, The	Hamilton, Edmond	Read Like a Writer	Prose, Francine
Odd Thomas	Koontz, Dean R.	Gunslinger, The	King, Stephen
Outlaws of the Moon	Hamilton, Edmond	Running from the Deity	Foster, Alan Dean
Quest Beyond the Stars	Hamilton, Edmond	Two to the Fifth	Anthony, Piers
Rather be Right, They'd	Clifton, Mark & Riley, Frank	Emperor's Mercy	Zou, Henry
Rod Serling's Night Gallery: An After-Hours Tour	Skelton, Scott & Benson, Jim	Enchanted Quest, The	Jones, Frewin
Search for Ka, The	Garrett, Randall	Immortal Realm, The	Jones, Frewin
Sensuous Dirty Old Man, The	Heydron, Vicki Ann	Drums of Autumn	Gabaldon, Diana
Ultimate Adventure, The	Asimov, Isaac	Under the Dome	King, Stephen
Winsor McCay Early Works	Hubbard, L. Ron	ElfQuest: Fire and Fight	Pini, Wendy & Pini, Richard
Winsor McCay Early Works III	McCay, Winsor	ElfQuest: Siege at Blue Mountain	Pini, Wendy & Pini, Richard
Winsor McCay Early Works IV	McCay, Winsor	Feeling Very Strange	Kelly, James Patrick & Kessel, John
Winsor McCay Early Works V	McCay, Winsor	Belisarius III: The Flames of Sunset	Flint, Eric & Drake, David
All the Weys of Pern	McCaffrey	Immortality Factor, The	Bova, Ben
Daughter of Witches	Wrede, Patricia C.		
Heavy Water	Sterling, Bruce		
King Kull: Conan	Howard, Robert E. & Carter, Lin		
Mayhem in Manhattan: The Amazing Spider-man	Wein, Len & Wolfman, Marv		
Owlsight	Lackey, Mercedes		
Palace of Love, The	Dixon, Larry		
Science of Discworld, The	Vance, Jack		
White Jenna	Pratchett, Terry/ Stewart, Ian / Cohen, Jack		
Lovely Bones, The	Yolen, Jane		
Brother Odd	Sebold, Alice		
Sidhe Devil	Koontz, Dean R.		
Extraterrestrial Encyclopedia, The	Allston, Aaron		
Flash Gordon Book, The	Angelo Jr., Joseph A.		
Magic Under Glass	Haney, Lynn		
Timekeeper's Moon, The	Dolamore, Jaclyn		
Ask for May, Settle for June	Sensel, Joni		
Beyond the Night	Trudeau, G.B.		
Breakaway	Ware, Joss		
Bride of the Unicorn, The	Weiss, Bobbi/JG		
Conquered, The	Weiss/David Cody		
Even Revolutionaries Like Chocolate Chip Cookies	Michaels, Kaey ab Hugh, Daffyd		
Evermeet Island of Elves	Trudeau, G.B.		
Greyheart	Cunningham, Elaine-		
Lost City of the Jedi, The	Harper, Tara K.		
Magic Mirror	Davids, Paul & Davids, Hollace		
Make It So	Card, Orson Scott		
Martyr	Roberts, Wess Ph. D & Ross, Bill		
Midwife's Apprentice	Ordover, John J.		
Ord and the Shining Star	Cushman, Karen		
Phantom Menace, The	Snyder, Margaret		
Seuss-isms for Success	Brooks, Terry		
SeussShip of the Line	Geisel, Theodor		
Terrible Times	Carey, Diane		
Treaty's Law	Ardagh, Philip		
Twisted Dragon	Smith, Dean Wesley & Rusch, Kristine Kathryn		
Unicorn Hunt, The	Stein, Kevin		
Writer's Guide to Crafting Stories for Children	Cunningham, Elaine-		
	Lamb, Nancy		

DE PROFUNDIS notes the death of LASFS' **Samurai-at-Arms**: Takumi Shibano. He has visited the club several times and had remained in contact with several club members. At the time of his passing he was 83 years old.

(A plea from the editor)

**CHOCOLATE-COVERED
MANHOLE COVER
MISSING**

It is a tradition at the LASFS' Gift Exchange that whoever gets the Chocolate-Covered Manhole Cover as part of a gift either puts it into their gift at the next LASFS' Gift Exchange or makes certain that some other Gift Exchange participant does so.

Last year's Gift Exchange saw no Chocolate-Covered Manhole Cover - and neither did this year's festivities.

Is the tradition dead? I "won" the CCMC three times, and I *always* put it into the following year's Gift Exchange.

Will the person who last won the CCMC please make certain it is put into the Gift Exchange next year? *Thank you.*

FWEMS

wishes to invite the attenders of
ESTROGEN ZONE
to join us on February 28th at 2
pm for a day of Cary Grant fea-
tures as a St. Valentines Day
event.

MEMORIAL SERVICE

There will be a Memorial to observe the recent passing of two LASFS members

Phil Castora
Ken Porter

The Memorial will be held at the LASFS clubhouse, 11513 Burbank Boulevard, North Hollywood, CA 91606.

The Memorial will commence at
11:00 am
Sunday, March 7, 2010

(bring potluck for everyone to share)

LASFS WEB SITE

The LASFS web site is looking for photos of LASFSians. The web people are willing to do the scanning.

The web people are also looking for the words to the various speeches speechified at the 75th Anniversary Celebrations. These words will be put up on the LASFS web site, www.lasfsinc.info. You can contact the web people there.



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