

DECEMBER 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

THURSDAY PROGRAMME ITEMS

DECEMBER 2 - Presidential nominations
 plus Surprise Mini-Programme
DECEMBER 9 - Procedural Elections
DECEMBER 16 - **BIG AUCTION**
DECEMBER 23 - Special Holiday Programme
DECEMBER 30 - No programme set as of this printing

(programme items subject to change without notice)

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 -

The Rules for the LASFS Gift Exchange start on page 8.
 This will be a **POT LUCK** affair -
 along with the gifts one brings to be exchanged.



DE PROFUNDIS - the *unofficial* newsletter of LASFS

COLOPHON

De Profundis 454— December 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 address: martyhoohah (at) sbcglobal (dot) 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 Profas* 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) sbcglobal (dot) net. November, 2010. Hoo Hah Publication Number 1535. 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 July - December, 2010

President: Arlene Satin **Vice-President:** Greg Bilan. **Scribe:** Karl Lembke. **Treasurer:** (elected in mid-year, serves for full year) Elayne Pelz. **Registrar:** Michelle Pincus.

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

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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:** Christian McGuire. **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:** Elayne Pelz, Christian McGuire. **Webmaster - <<http://lasfsinc.info>>:** Barry Gold. **Webmaster Assistant:** Lee Gold. **Sysadmin:** Chaz Baden. **Committee for Children's Literature:** Anne Morrel. **Editor, Computers & LASFS Archivist:** Christian McGuire. **LASFS Historian:** Fred Patten. **Westercon Liaison:** Christian McGuire. **Program:** Charles Lee Jackson II. **Hall Decoration:** C.B. McGuire, Charles Lee Jackson II. **Cat Liaison:** Don Wenner.

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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 #3812, September 2, 2010 President Arlene Satin, presiding Karl Lembke, Scribe

"They're Minionions." – Meep

President Arlene Satin bid the membership follow her to Meeting #3812 at 20:11.

The **Menace** were read and accepted as "a black mass spectrometer".

(Gooder English speeched here.)

New Business: Ahem. We the undersigned do move that in honor of his many years of service to the society, we name the space between Building 4sJ and the Paul turner building for Merlin R. "Bob" Null to refer to it as the "Null Space." This was passed, unanimously.

Registrar Michelle announced Joey and Jennifer Munoz. He's an astronomer, she's not. Shaun Wade, runs a band named Ten-nyson. Finally, Zachariah Williams.

President Arlene apologized for canceling the NeverEnding panel this week. Scratch asked if the new member joins this week, do we have someone watching the skies?

Patron Saint, Allan Rothstein: CLJII: Allan worked very hard as a probation officer for the Sheriff's office. He was respected and liked, and did such a good job they kept him working 25 hours a day. When his wife forbade him to hang out with those creeps at LASFS, he stayed away until his wife left, then started showing up again. Allan was universally liked at LASFS and by the kids he had to deal with. He also loved old B Westerns, and always wanted to be known as Allan Rocky Red Rothstein.

Marty Cantor noted Allan, either despite or because of being Jewish, became ordained as a ULC minister, enabling him to perform a score of fannish weddings. The first was him and Robbie, the only ones so far to have been married in this building. Oh, yeah. Now look what you're starting... Christian: All but one of his weddings have held up over time. The one failure, we blame on its being held at the LASFS. Allan Rothstein was fan GOH at Loscon many years ago. He decided to enter the masquerade, as something slightly daring. He played a character from Riverworld. He wore the grail and a very large towel, and won an award for most accurate re-creation. Milt decided, why not run the photo in the scrapbook. So he did.

Hare recalls Allan helped his sister through some very hard times. Joe Zeff reminded a number of years ago, Allan announced that he'd been given medical advice he could follow. He was told not to exercise. Neither diet nor exercise would improve his condition. Matthew Tepper: he helped many people in the club. When Matthew had health problems years ago, Allan took him in as a paid lodger, where he remained for the rest of Allan's life. He was sometimes baffling, sometimes irritating, but always lovable. On one hand, he was a sworn officer, a juvenile probation officer, which he described as a Therapist With A Badge. He did family counseling as a probation officer. Asked if he'd had successes, he was very pleased to tell of the families he had helped. And did you know he was an award winning poet? His middle name was Anson. And he loved certain kinds of collections. He knew all the comic book artists and writers around. He collected Disneyana, especially mickeys. And we end with the story of one incident. one time, Matthew was driving him somewhere. They drove past a yard sale, and one of the items offered was a big Mickey Mouse. "Allan," said Matthew, "Why don't I stop here while you go talk to the lady?" After several minutes of animated deal making, he paid for the Mickey, trudged back with his oxygen tank, put mouse, oxygen, and himself in the car.

"So Alan, how much did you pay for that Mickey."

"I talked to the lady and finally got her to take \$10 for it."

"How much was she asking?"

"\$5."

Allan Rothstein was given three cheers, and a six-pointed wishing star.

Committee Reports: Arlene reported on Marketing. We have two things on the burner. 1. The West Hollywood Book Fair, Sept 26. Sunday, from 10-6. Set-up is the day before. We're having a panel. Guests Cody Goodfellow, Radiant Dawn, Ravenous Dusk. The Kollins, and John Skip. The World of Collaborative Genre Writing Unveiled. And Shawn Crosby will make an appearance. 2. We are about to start a fund raiser. A book fair, associated with Barnes and Noble at the Grove, behind the Farmer's Market. We have an in-house book sale, Wed Oct 13, at 7:30. There will be a reading, Q&A, and NeverEnding Panel, and Rod Roddenberry regarding his graphic novel. We're all thrilled about this. You should get thrilled about it. We will get a sales number, good for 20% cut of anything at all purchased through Barnes

and Noble. The coupon is good all day at the store at the Grove; and for five days online starting on the 13th. It can also be used in conjunction with other discount cards.

And then, "I have some Tom Swift books for auction," Christian said forbiddingly. Well, he had other stuff to auction as well, but none of it made a good Tom Swiftie.

Fannish committee Reports: Jerry Pournelle had a "that's funny", in the Asimovian sense. He reported on variability in the observed rates of radioactive decay. Between that and possible coupling between Earth's and the Sun's magnetic fields, could the temperature of the core be changing? (Karen Anderson looked it up. John Cramer had an alternate view column in Analog SF on the subject of variable decay rates.) Arlene called attention to Hawking's theory that the laws of physics resulted in the universe being created. The article will be on the LASFS website soon.

Reviews: Matthew Tepper reviewed a book that ties in to the last two science topics. In 1981, Isaac Asimov wrote a book "In The Beginning". He examines the first 11 chapters of the book of Genesis, and meticulously annotates them, indicating what everything means, etc. He also compares every part of the creation story with what science considers to have happened, pointing out where they are similar, and where they differ.

CLJII reviewed the Writers of the Future event. He got there late and was in the overflow room. They bestowed recognition, and pros did themselves proud giving awards. The reception was quite good. Charlie did 14 interviews for NeverEndingPanel. He also spoke to that new TV sensation, Edward L. Green.

Arlene had never been to the award show. They started off with an amazing dance scene, featuring some of the most flexible women Jerry Pournelle has ever seen. She also has a reader's copy of the Writers of the Future book.

Misc.: Gavin Claypool offered a correction to the white board. Brian Gitt has been released from the hospital. He's staying with friends. It turns out he was having issues with his neck, and it required surgery.

The motion to head screaming into the night passed at 21:29.

Meeting #3813, September 9, 2010
President Arlene Satin, Presiding
Karl Lembke, Scribe

"Are you in the Jewish Mafia?"
"I could tell you, but then I'd have to overcharge you."

Down on the corner, out in the street, President Arlene Satin was a starting Meeting #3813 at 20:12.

Special Orders of Business: Karen Anderson has a plaque presented to Poul Anderson—the 2010 Libertarian futurist society award for No Truce With Kings.

The **Menace** were read and accepted as "Quacked the Matthew, Nevermore"

Registrar Michelle announced we have a guest! Desiree Downs, who wants to be published.

Patron Saint, Emil Luwish: Milt: None of us ever met him. His son Mike bought his father sainthood when he died, and so

now we mention him. Scratch: In his name, money was given in benefit to the club. Joe Zeff, has it on good authority he didn't look Luwish. Janis Olson says he produced a fine son. Patron Saint Emil Luwish was given three cheers, and a really bad pun.

Patron Saint, Greg Bilan: Who??? Scratch: Greg is a quiet man. He works hard, but you'll never know it. He's dependable, and a friend. Christian: Greg is this guy who has a lot of relatives and plans on making every last one of them a saint. And we should acknowledge that, and he's working on his brothers. Elayne: He does what needs to be done around here, and for that we thank him.

Marty Cantor: He's lord high janitor, a truly thankless job. When he set up for the Bob Null memorial, Greg showed up at oh dark thirty and was nearly done with set-up by the time Marty arrived. Jerry Pournelle: If there's a job that has to be done and no one to do it, Greg will do it competently and cheerfully. Karl said he's a nice Klingon.

Arlene: Greg volunteers to set up for marketing. Bill Ellern: Greg attends Bruciecon and brings back stuff for auction, which he donates to the club. Janis: He did manage to befuddle the whole of LA by crossing the whole of the Sepulveda Basin during a flood on his bike. What a flood was doing on his bike....

I'm not listening to this drivel – Greg

Patron Saint Greg Bilan was given three cheers, and a barrel of blood wine.

Committee Reports: Arlene reported on Marketing. We have two things on the burner. 1. We are about to start a fund raiser. A book fair, associated with Barnes and Noble at the Grove, behind the Farmer's Market. We have an in-house book sale, Wed Oct 13, at 7:30. The Printed Material should be available RSN. 2. WeHoBookFair: we're making progress.

Christian announced that his cousin Shannon McGuire won the John W. Campbell award for newwriting.

Karen Anderson the Science Monitor brought in Scientific American and Sky & Telescope. The latest issues have articles on stars that turn out to have planets.

Charlie Jackson announced,. Two weeks from tonight, we auction off Matthew Tepper's Birthday.

Fannish committee Reports: Hare asked if anyone knows who won the Hugos. The answer is, Yes. The Way the Future Blogs has a complete list. Cathy Beckstead has looked up the winners. She proceeded to read them.

Jerry Pournelle got an e-mail from an official of the National Association of Science Writers. They scheduled a tour out at JPL, and Jerry decided, what the hell, he'll go. It would be very easy to arrange a tour for the group.

One of the things they showed him at the tour was the Mars Science Laboratory. For the first time in its life, it now looks like a vehicle. It will be powered by thermionic emissions from a chunk of plutonium. It turns out there won't be any more of these built because there's no more plutonium. Jimmy Carter stopped the production of the stuff, earning a giant P-U from Dr. Pournelle. If we want to organize a club group contact Mark Griffin, and feel free to use Jerry's name.

Except for the announcement that the MTA is cutting back. Notices are being posted on the bulletin board in the front building.

And Ray Bradbury will be a guest at something.

Reviews: Bill Ellern reviewed the shipping of the new book by Terry Pratchett. I Shall Wear Midnight.

Misc.: Darnell Coleman has a birthday today. And of course, Jerry sang. And better still, he stopped!

The motion to head screaming into the program passed at 21:32

***Meeting #3814, September 16, 2010
President Arlene Satin, Presiding
Karl Lembke, Scribe***

At the LASFS, the silly LASFS, the meeting starts tonight.

President Arlene Satin found meeting #3814 lion around at 20:08.

Special Orders of Business: We have lost E.C.Tubb, author of the Dumarest stories. Marty Cantor corresponded with him. The Dumarest stories were template, but very good template. They met at the Brighton Worldcon, and he was a very notable fan in England back in the 50s and late 40s after the war. He never turned out to be a major writer, and he never dropped his fannishness. He was very nearly 91 years old.

And society member Brian Gitt, announced by Eylat Poliner. There will be a memorial here, Sunday, October 24. It's a pot-luck, kosher food. It will start at noon. Karl Lembke will be coordinating the food for that day.

The **Menace** were read and accepted as "RadioInactive"

Registrar Michelle announced we have a guest. Guy DeWhitney, who will probably fit in just fine....

Oh yes. We're selling the building. Elayne Pelz has been authorized to look into the prospect of selling the building, and moving to a larger place.

Patron Saint, Mike Thorsen: CLJII: Mike is a clever and helpful fellow, especially with anything video related. Hope he's around for a long time. Hare: He's always even tempered and nice to talk to, reminding him of Eeyore. He runs TRIPE quite well. Joe Zeff: Mike has been the lord high janitor, as opposed to the lord low janitor. He abdicated that position when he became Veep. He's also is a sacred object, and part of the barbecue committee, and as close as we have to the next Bob Null.

Matthew Tepper: Everyone who talks about him talks about what a fine fellow he is, and the hard work he does, both true. He's also very good at having fun. One time, a bunch of us met here to go to Universal City Studios to enjoy a day there. Someone looked in the front building and saw Mike here, playing video games. Matthew asked if he wanted to tag along. He thought about it, decided to tag along, and had a great time despite having been up all night playing video games. Pat Fahey called him a fine video journalist, and a friend of the Frog. Arlene: Thanks to Mike, we have that lovely marketing cabinet, and the coverings for the ceiling. Patron Saint Mike Thorsen was given three cheers, and a Kermit D Frog!

Patron Saint, Dale Hales: CLJII: He's somebody Charlie knew when they were kids – they went to 5th and 6th grades together, separated in high school, and then met in 1984 when

Dale came to the Loscon Charlie chaired. He joined the club a few weeks later, and has been around ever since. Joe Zeff: Dale doesn't come around very often, but he, too, is a member of the barbecue committee. Arlene: Dale works in the Marketing committee, showing up at Irvine and sitting the table.

Mike Thorsen: Dale has been one of the Usual Suspects at Loscon, helping with Masquerade, art show, etc. He's been known to play in or run D&D games. The ones he runs are very well run, but the hardest he's ever been in. The first puzzle was how to get down a hallway filled with yellow mold. Patron Saint Dale Hales was given three cheers, and a bucket of Dinah's Fried Chicken.

Committee Reports: Marty Cantor announced Fred Patten is in an undisclosed location, and would like to get email. Email him at fredpatten@earthlink.net. This e-mail address is being protected from spam bots, you need JavaScript enabled to view it. DeProf will be out next week. Hard copies are available next week for 55¢. Or look for the PDF on the web. Next week's is a bit special. We have a special coming up at Barnes and Noble. The flier will be page 1, and page 2 is a clickable link.

Program: Charlie Jackson announced episode of the Prisoner. Next week, we auction off Matthew Tepper's Birthday.

Arlene reported on Marketing. We have two things on the burner. 1. Arlene has fliers on the Treasurer's Desk. Hare is handing out coupons. that number is good for the Internet sales as well. A book fair, associated with Barnes and Noble at the Grove, behind the Farmer's Market. We have an in-house book sale, Wed Oct 13, at 7:30. The Printed Material should be available RSN. NeverEndingPanel will be hosted there. On the flier, it says if you can't make it Wednesday, the number is good through the 18th on any online sales. 2. WeHoBookFair: And we have a schedule. World of collaborative genre writing, 12:50 - 1:50, followed by a book signing. 4-4:20 Shawn Crosby will do a reading, followed by Jedi training at the LASFS booth. 3 NeverEndingPanel for next week: Living online, defining a virtual life. A virtual family, and is it cheating if it's a virtual you?

Reviews: Mike Thorsen reviewed the ground in the alleyway. It's visible after dark. We have Gizmo to thank for shedding light on the subject.

The motion to head screaming into the program passed at 21:17

***Meeting #3815, September 23, 2010
President Arlene Satin, Presiding
Karl Lembke, Scribe***

Our Fair President started the lovely meeting, #3815 at 20:14.

Special Orders of Business: Charlie Jackson announced some special orders. There is a memorial service planned for Mary Jane Craigcroft, a volunteer at Loscon for many years, and thus of some note to the club. Frank K Kelly, SF author also passed away.

We have one more special order. Matthew Tepper announced the imminent passing of a cake on the table, in honor of an extremely unfortunate occurrence 57 years ago. His birthday. Matthew Tepper celebrates his Heinz anniversary.

Also, Captain Robert Truax died last week. He was a father of rocketry along with general Shriever and Max Hunter, a member of the Big Three of rocketry after the passing of Von Braun. For these individuals, we had another moment of mostly silence.

We have a special guest, Craig Clough, a reporter from Patch.com. Patch.com is a collection of websites that publish local news in a number of areas, sponsored by AOL.

The **Menace** were read and accepted as "The Dawn came up like thunder."

Registrar Michelle announced we have a returning member.

Patron Saints, Len & June Moffatt: **June:** Scratch called her the better half of the duo. She always has a pleasant word. **CLJII:** She's only fractionally sweeter than Len, because he's sweet too. She's been a member of the club for a very long time, and one of the few left who understands his movie references. **Nola Frame-Gray:** She's a gracious presence in APA-L and she tells the neverending story of the quest for a part for her sewing machine. And they go to conventions wearing matching star wars shirts.

Scott Beckstead: the two virtually adopted Ed Green when he came into the club. **Tepper:** One service she performed was that of agent, printing fanzines for people and bringing the copies to the clubhouse for collation into APA-L. **Joe Zeff:** They are in APA-L again this week with zine #1707.

Christian: they were both instrumental in creating Bouchercon and mystery fandom, and the Blustering Gales of the Southwest. they won TAFF one year, and went to England. **Arlene:** Whenever they're asked to be on programming for anything, they never fail to show up. Patron saint June Moffatt was given three cheers, and

Len Moffatt: **Milt:** Len started his fandom in the late 30s. He came through LA on his way west during WWII, and relocated to LA permanently in 47. He attended the club for many years, was in FAPA for many years, and were involved in Ozcon as well as Sherlock Holmes fandom. **CLJII:** Len also understands old movie references. He has interesting things to say. They go to Cinecon at the Roosevelt hotel each year and see more movies. He has to be prodded to speak up. He's a recipient of the Forrest J Ackerman award for lifetime service to SF.

Christian: both received the Evans Freehafer Award some 15 years ago. Frank Waller says they remind him of his grandmother and grandfather. **Zeff:** Len got the news of the surrender of Japan while he was partaking in a live fire training exercise for the invasion of Japan. Don't stand up, because the airplanes providing the live fire had not been told yet. **Scratch:** one of the best things he did was marry June. Patron Saint Len Moffatt was given three cheers and an invasion of Japan so the preparations won't go to waste. (Better than being called up to Tora! Tora! Tora!)

The **Registrar** announced Alicia Downing, sent here by her boss. And we have returning guest Robert Manger II, who has one more free meeting before he has to join.

Misc.: We have a reporter eager to interview members of the club.

The motion to head screaming into the night passed at 21:48!

***Meeting #3816, September 30, 2010
President Arlene Satin, Presiding
Karl Lembke, Scribe***

President Arlene Satin deliberately did not wear the proper suit for what she sang, calling to order meeting, #3816 at 20:09.

LAF A
(Los Angeles Filkers Anonymous)

Saturday, December 11, 2010
Filk: 7 PM to ???

Pre-Filk Dinner: 5 PM, The Palace
(formerly known as VIP Harbor Seafood)
(Chinese cuisine)

Brandyhall
Lee and Barry Gold, hosts
3965 Alla Rd.
Los Angeles, CA 90066
(310) 306-7456

Pre-filk dinner: 5 PM, at 11701 Wilshire Blvd.,
Los Angeles, CA 90025, 310-979-3377

Directions: See Thomas Bros. L.A. Co., page 672, B-5 (1992 edition); page 49, E-3 (older editions). Brandyhall is located southwest of the intersection of the San Diego (I-405) and Santa Monica (I-10) Freeways.

Filk style: Poker Chip (Non-Topological) Bardic, or Chaos

Notes:

1. No Smoking Indoors! -- Use the front porch in good weather; the enclosed patio during bad weather.
2. Please bring munchies & drinks to share.
3. There are no domestic animals in residence
4. Crash space available. Call ahead if you can to reserve a prime location. Who gets the spare bed will be determined at the filk, depending on who shows up.
5. Two Silicon life-forms are present. The old photocopier is gone, but copying can be done using the inkjet printer or by scanning something and then printing it on a laser printer.

LAF A info: Barry & Lee Gold:
(310) 306-7456

At this very moment, a cake is being cut. Fortunately, no one brought cheese.

The **Menace** were read and accepted as "I think they were lovely"

Special Orders of Business: Dr Pournelle announced his foreign agent Ralph Vicananza (?) He agented for a number of great and famous authors. He died unexpectedly last week. We presume his agency will continue. He was also an old friend. For this individuals, we had a moment of silence.

Old Business: We have the **Forry Awards**.

Registrar Michelle interrupted to announce we have a guest: Brian Lane.

We moved to nominations, including a bunch of people no one has heard of. (Mostly people someone has heard of.) Winning in a hard-fought election was **Karen Anderson**.

On to honoring **Patron Saint, Ron Ellik:** Karen Anderson: knew him through fandom and on various car trips. Read "The Squirrel's Tale" to get to know him. Milt: he collaborated on a book on The Worlds of EE Smith. He was also a Taff Fund Winner.

Bill Ellern: old friend. He was immensely involved in fandom. He and someone else started the first weekly fanzine, a news zine, and ran it for several years. Put together a concordance of Doc Smith's Lensman series. He showed it to a publisher and the publisher published it. It was illustrated by Bjo. He graduated in engineering, went to work for an aerospace company. Bill talked to him briefly on the phone a few days before he died. He was planning on putting out a second edition of his concordance. Bill told him all kinds of things he should consider. He took a trip to Wisconsin, rented a VW, and died in a single-car accident. He slid across a very icy road, crashed into a ditch, hit his head against the windshield, and died from the concussion. He was noted for having hitch-hiked across the US to conventions almost endlessly. Anne is doing an archive of Westercon. He had an archive of the original Westercon conventions, to which Bill contributed. Patron Saint Ron Ellik was given three cheers and a bushel of acorns.

Next, **Patron Saint, Karl Lembke:** Eylat Poliner claimed he's a sweet person, kind of gets along with everybody, very generous. Joe Zeff: he didn't win the Forry Award, he's given us money, and he's been in APA-L for years. Hare: one time, went shopping for the Con Suite with him. He made it entertaining, second only to the time of the Grocery Strike. Karen Anderson: When she decided to move down here, she re-activated her 'L Zine. What was in the zine, was all Karl knew of her, but he showed up to help her unload a mess of boxes when she needed.

Mike Thorsen. cooked for LaLaCon on at least two occasions, and he's a damn good cook. CLJII: There was a time when the society was overrun with Charleses. He came up with the less pretentious solution – He's a fine outdoorsman, able to track the wily beast across mountainous terrain, even if the wily beast loses footing and falls down the side of a mountain. Arlene Satin has never known a more generous man. Donates lots of blood.

Mary Ann Canfield pointed out, he has a cookbook. It's both informative and funny. Tepper: In his day job, he is one of those responsible for the quality of the water that gets delivered to many homes. Scratch: He's kind, gentle, too quiet for our own good, (what room have you been in?) has a sense of humor you have to work at not to understand. Enjoy his gentle barbs in the Menace. Marcia: Karl is always there for one, and a real good friend. Arlene: one of the smartest people she knows...Patron Saint Karl Lembke was given three cheers, and a brand new quill pen to take those Menace...

The **Registrar** announced another guest. Ronny Susan Schiff.

The Science Monitor rose to speak on the subject of a new planet. Gliese 581g, which is in the liquid water zone. It's between 2-3 times Earth's mass, goes around the star in 37 days. If it has an atmosphere, there's a good chance water will be liquid on most of the planet.

Reviews: Karen Anderson: NESFA vol III works of Poul Anderson now available.

Scratch: James Butcher series = The Dresden Files. Great books.

Hare: reviewed the book fair. The person who surprised him was Adrienne Barbot. She's very nice, very friendly. Co-wrote first

book, Vampires of Hollywood. They sound like fun books. Since vampires have such charisma, they went to Hollywood.

Don Wenner finished a trilogy by William Forstchen and Newt Gingrich. Alternative history—very good. Highly recommended. Set in the time of the civil war.

CLJII: he read a book. The brand new volume of Writers of the Future. Enjoyed all the stories in it. There was a slight preponderance of young female leading characters.

Bill Ellern: three weeks ago, he acquired a copy of the English edition of I Shall Wear Midnight by Terry Pratchett. The heroine is Tiffany Acking, who appeared in two other books. This has a particularly nasty villain whom she must face alone. It is very well done, very enjoyable.

Eric has a Pratchett addendum. They've done a 2-3 part miniser-ies of Going Postal. The BBC is optioning the books. Christopher Lee will do the voice of Death.

Misc.: Eylat spoke of her experience in London. Not only the hacking, but more annoying was having deleted her contact list from her Yahoo account. They managed to delete everything in her Sent Mail box. Change your password often and back up your contact lists.

Jerry Pournelle: That scam is fairly widespread now. One of the ways people get mailing lists is they get on a list, and someone does reply -all to the recipients. They harvest the names.

If you're running Windows, get Microsoft Security Essentials. It's free, and it's better than a lot of the commercial products. That'll take care of 90% of this stuff.

CLJII spoke about NeverEndingPanel.com. One topic was My Favorite Alien. Tepper, Hooper, Pincus, Trzepacz – he came up with the literary SF aliens to talk about. Everyone else was media.

The motion to head screaming into the night passed at 21:56.

Board of Directors meeting
October 10, 2010
Karl Lembke, Chairman
Joe Zeff, Temporary Secretary

Board members in attendance: Karl Lembke, Marcia Minsky, Mike Thorsen, Marty Cantor (excused), Christian McGuire, Darnell Coleman, Arlene Satin, Milt Stevens, Elayne Pelz, Rob Powell, Warren “Whiskey” Johnson (excused).

Others in attendance: Greg Bilan, Frank Waller, Lee Gold, Barry Gold, Joe Zeff, Joyce Sperling, Bill Ellern, Michael Pell, Jeni Burr, Tony Benoun, Sheri Benoun, Tim Trzepacz, Scott Tagget, Michelle Pincus, John DeChancie, Peggy Newvine.

Called to order: The meeting was called to order at 11:18 AM, but it was moved and seconded that it be considered to have started at 10:10:10 AM.

Minutes: Emailed out and accepted as sent.

New Members: Greg Barnes, Chris Cresciman, both accepted without discussion.

Treasurer: There is money in the treasury. See the Treasurer for details.

30-second reports

Chairman (Karl Lembke): no report

Vice Chairman (Mike Thorsen): Mike was asked by Spike TV if we knew of any scientists interested in discussing re-animation of the dead. Arlene said she'd discuss this in her report. // As **Quartermaster** he's also keeping the Big Bottle of Tylenol under lock and key to keep them from evaporating too quickly. Joe Zeff requested that something be provided for those fen that don't get any benefit from Tylenol; generic ibuprofen was offered and accepted.. Christian said that a comprehensive first aid kit will be available for conventions, but kept in storage to prevent loss of supplies. The soda machine has taken in \$302.25 this month.

Secretary (Marty Cantor): Marty is stuck at home dealing with pipe dreams. ((The Secretary adds that it would have been [sewer] pipe nightmares except that it started just before he was to leave for the Board meeting.))

Comptroller (Christian McGuire): There are no trolls that need to be comped.

Library (Warren “Whiskey” Johnson) The librarian is in Las Vegas, and we'll never know what happened.

Physical Plant (Elayne Pelz): As we're trying to sell the building, Elayne is limiting repairs to the most urgent, as whoever buys our current clubhouse will either remodel the building or tear it down. She's also checked out the building in Van Nuy s, finding it totally unacceptable.

Audio/video (Rob Powell): Rob says the AV equipment is working, and was used for the program after the most recent meeting.

Publications (Milt Stevens): Milt has delivered hundreds of scanned photos to the webmaster. We also have a number of VHS videos, but none are good enough quality for the web site. One photo has been removed from the web site after the fan in the picture requested that it be taken down.

Events (Marcia Minsky): The only significant event at the moment is LOSCON.

Fundraising (Arlene Satin): The Barnes and Noble book fair will be this Wednesday and Arlene would appreciate having fans show up and help out. // ISTA is promoting its 30th anniversary by sending out free tickets for screening. // Arlene will follow up on Spike TV's request.

Archive Committee (Darnell Gleman): The committee recently spent two hours on the LOSCON archives, organizing the material and discarding duplicates.

A group of prominent fans from around the globe, three of whom are James Bacon (Irish TAFF winner), Helen Montgomery (Chicon & Board), and Chris Garcia (Three time Hugo nominee and TAFF winner) are planning to give out several pallet loads of used books at Wondercon to promote literary fandom and the Reno Worldcon, in April, and are looking for donations. As this is over three months away, it was moved to table the discussion until January. // ((At this point the Board went into a closed meeting.))

The President of the LASFS will announce to meetings that “your mother doesn't live here”

We need to start thinking about the work party idea.

Take-aways

The secretary is to send a letter of thanks to Dik Daniels' sister.

The Barnes and Noble Book Fair is on Wednesday and our contact with B&N is through Arlene Satin.

The archive committee is digitizing archive material.

The President will bring up chair leading and clean-up after self at meetings.

The Gift Exchange will be on December 17 and is being headed by Joyce Sperling.

The meeting adjourned at 12:55 pm.

Minutes taken by Joe Zeff
and respectfully submitted by Marty Cantor,
Board Secretary
(with many thanks to Joe Zeff)

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 ...) Unfortunately, there is no room in this issue for listing the new books. Next ish, I hope....

2010 Gift Exchange: Friday, December 17th

THE RULES OF THE LASFS GIFT EXCHANGE

by Leigh Strother-Vien and others, 2007

Date: Friday The 17th Tenth of December
Doors Open: 7:00 PM / Event Begins: 8:00 PM
Location: LASFS Clubhouse

The Gift Exchange is considered an extension of the previous night's meeting. Dues will be collected, if not previously paid. The Gift Exchange is open to all active LASFS members who are not in arrears to the club nor under any other sort of administrative stigma. You must be present in person - NO PROXIES! You should expect to spend several hours at this event.

To participate in the Gift Exchange, bring an anonymous, wrapped gift, with a value of at least \$10. The gift must be related to Science Fiction, Fantasy, or Fandom (see GUIDELINES & SUGGESTIONS at www.lasfsinc.info if unsure). The gift you place in the Exchange should be considered a donation.

Because of the wide range of gifts that may be contributed and because of varying tastes, you might not receive a gift that you really want! You might in fact get a gift you don't want at all! In this event, please bear in mind that THE PURPOSE OF THE GIFT EXCHANGE IS TO HAVE FUN. (If you also happen to get some nice loot, that should merely be considered a very nice bonus!)

On entering the Gift Exchange, you will receive a registration number. The registration numbers will be randomized, to determine when each person will be called to choose a gift from the

table. The first person called will choose a gift from the table, open it, and show it to the audience. Make sure the rest of the crowd knows what the gift is, because that lets the crowd have fun, and THE PURPOSE OF THE GIFT EXCHANGE IS TO HAVE FUN.

The rest of the participants, in the order called, will each choose a gift from the table, open it, and show it to the audience.

Force Trades: If the person who has just opened a gift desires, he/she may "Force Trade" that gift with any gift that has been previously opened. THE PERSON HOLDING THE DESIRED GIFT MUST ACCEPT THE TRADE. The first person in the Gift Exchange is allowed the last "Force Trade," after everyone has selected & opened a gift.

Crud Calls: A "Crud Call" may occur if a gift is deemed unsuitable. "Crud Calls" may only be made if (1) the gift has insufficient value or (2) the gift is not related to Science Fiction, Fantasy, or Fandom. "Crud Calls" may NOT be made merely because a person is unhappy with a gift, if it otherwise meets the requirements. If you don't like it, trade it away. THE PURPOSE OF THE GIFT EXCHANGE IS TO HAVE FUN.

The person opening a gift may make a "Crud Call" at that time. Also, a person receiving a gift on a "Force Trade" may make a "Crud Call" at that time. "Crud Calls" are not allowed at any other time.

"Saves" may be made after a "Crud Call," if any participant wants the gift that has been declared "crud." If more than one person wants the "crud" gift, the person holding it may choose among the gifts offered in exchange. If only one person offers to take the "crud" gift, the person who made the "Crud Call" must accept the trade.

After the trade, neither person may make another "Crud Call" on either of the two gifts in question. A participant may trade his/her future gift choice on a "Crud Call." The person making the "Crud Call" will then select another gift at the appropriate time. The acceptor of the "crud" gift may not make another "Crud Call" on it.

If no one volunteers to "Save," a "Force Trade" with the perpetrator of the "crud" gift - - whether an already opened gift or a future selection - - is mandated. The participants may overrule a "Crud Call" by a majority vote if they consider it unjustified. If a Judgment Call is required in any instance, the decision of the Gift Exchange "Producer" is FINAL!

Please note:

Gifts in the Gift Exchange are considered the Property of the club until the Gift Exchange is officially declared "over." If you are in possession of an opened gift and need to leave (either the room or completely), you must leave your gift with someone else. It is still open to "Force Trades."

Tantrums will result in the person or persons having Tantrums being banned from future Gift Exchanges. Tantrums are Not Fun. AND THE PURPOSE OF THE GIFT EXCHANGE IS TO HAVE FUN.

Free Trading: After the Gift Exchange is over, Free Trading of gifts may occur. Free Trading is outside the Gift Exchange rules and is done by persons willing to trade all or parts of their gifts with each other.

*****SPECIAL RULE: The "Chocolate Covered Manhole Cover"** is a traditional feature of the Gift Exchange. While not an acceptable gift by itself (due to insufficient monetary value - if you have possession of it, you got it for free), it can be added to any gift. Whoever ends up with the Manhole Cover at the end of the Gift Exchange is charged with the responsibility to see that it is reintroduced in the next year's Gift Exchange. The possessor of the Cover does not have to add it to his own gift...just see that someone does.***

GUIDELINES & SUGGESTIONS

- If you wouldn't be happy to get a gift, don't put it in the Gift Exchange. Others probably won't like it either.

- Having participants fight over an expensive gift ruins the spirit of the Gift Exchange. **THE PURPOSE OF THE GIFT EXCHANGE IS TO HAVE FUN.** If you bring a gift worth MORE than minimum value, do not expect equal value in return.

- Craig Miller's Corollary to Rotsler's Rules for Masquerade Presentations #21 can apply to Gift Exchange presentations as well: "Short is better than long; funny is better than non-funny; short and funny is best."

- Do not put anything offensive into the Gift Exchange. Lewd, crude, or rude gifts are not funny. **THE PURPOSE OF THE GIFT EXCHANGE IS TO HAVE FUN.**

- If it took more than 20 minutes to wrap the gift, it will take too long to unwrap it at the Gift Exchange. Keep the wrapping simple, so that it can be opened in a reasonable amount of time. When giving books that are part of a multi-part series, it is considered good form (and perhaps even good taste) to include the first book (and perhaps all previous books) of the series.

- Some gifts that were very popular at previous Gift Exchanges were: stuffed animals (especially those from comic strips); telescopes; recently published books (in new condition!); toy ray guns; coffee table books about S.F., Fantasy, or Space; and stuff for computers. High quality gifts of chocolate are considered Fannish!

Please note that, prior to 1996, "quality" alcoholic gifts were also encouraged. **THIS IS NO LONGER THE CASE.** The use of alcohol is your own business, but the Club would prefer to NOT encourage alcohol in the Gift Exchange, as more and more members are either abstainers or minors!

Items that bombed: miscellaneous (dull, boring, mundane) food, hand-crafted "artwork," used paperbacks if small in number or poor in condition, and anything having to do with *Zotz!* or the Hubbard Decology, unless Crud Insurance (high quality chocolate, for example) is included.

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS OFTEN ASKED

Q. "What exactly does 'related to science fiction, fantasy, or fandom' mean?"

A. If you don't know what's related to science fiction or fantasy, you're in the wrong club. Fandom-related things are associated

with the activities of organized fandom: e.g. mementos from conventions, propeller beanies, chocolate, costumes, computer hardware and software, comic books, collected fanzines, manuscripts from pro authors, bookshelves, video storage devices, interesting toys, games, puzzles, sheet music and/or recordings by Filk artists, miniatures, leather-craft tools, chain mail, etc.

Q. "I've just been force traded a large box of "Magic The Gathering" Cards. I don't like "Magic The Gathering." Am I allowed to call Crud?"

A. No. The nature of the gift is unquestionably related to science fiction, fantasy, or fandom. The value of the gift is unquestionably in excess of \$10. There are no other criteria. Your options are to (a) hope that someone force trades for the Magic cards, leaving you with something else, or (b) wait until after the Exchange and try to obtain something you prefer during Free Trading.

Q. "I've ended up with the Chocolate Covered Manhole Cover, but I think it's a silly tradition and I don't want to deal with it. Can I throw the darned thing away?"

A. Only if you want to be ostracized by all of organized fandom. Most people don't have that much masochism in them, so you would be advised to simply give the Cover to someone who takes it more seriously than you do.

**LASFS
CODE OF CONDUCT**

Respect yourself, others, and the property of LASFS. Treat them with respect while on the premises.

Q. I've picked the Pournelle Box (greed is good!), but someone wants to Force Trade me a box of "Magic The Gathering" cards for it. Should I allow it, or scream, whine and complain in a loud annoying voice until they relent?"

A: In the first place, they won't relent. The rules are on their side. In the second place, throwing such a tantrum would only get you thrown out and banned from future Exchanges. Your only real option is to make an effort to act like an adult (yes, it's terribly hard,

but necessary) and allow the trade without putting up a fight.

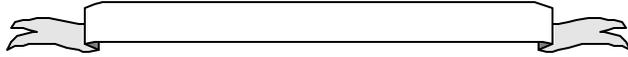
Q. "I'm on a diet, but the buffet table looks so tempting. Should I eat more?"

A. Yes. The club always lays on too much food for this event, and we have no place to store leftovers. Feel free to eat us out of house and home. Diet later!

ADDENDUM: If you are bringing an under-age child, you are responsible for them and for their behavior. It is *not* acceptable to hand off the responsibility to another person and boisterous behavior by the child, uncontrolled by the parent or guardian, will result in the child and the parent (and/or guardian) being asked to leave. Apologies afterward are nice; but, nicer still, is not having the ruckus in the first place.

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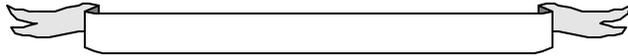
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