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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
 D.I.G. = Developer Interest Group = 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
 DIG—7:30 pm
 FWEMS -

THURSDAY PROGRAMME ITEMS

MARCH 1 - Video: Thump Wars The Phantom Cuticle
MARCH 8 - Guest Speaker: David Constantine (aka Dave Williams)-
 the steampunk/alternative history THE PILLARS OF HERCULES
MARCH 15 - the Prisoner: Episode "Arrival"
MARCH 22 - BIG Auction
MARCH 29 - LASFS Limber-up Workout
 programme items subject to change without notice)

Updated programme information can be found at this web site:
http://www.lasfsinc.info///index.php?option=com_events&Itemid=185



DE PROFUNDIS - the unofficial newsletter of LASFS

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De Profundis 469– March 2012. Publisher and Editor: **Marty Cantor**.

De Profundis is the unofficial newsletter of the Los Angeles Science Fantasy Society (6012 Tyrone Ave., Van Nuys, CA, USA). The LASFS' telephone number is: (818) 904-9544 . 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.

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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) 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 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) sbcglobal (dot) net. February 2012. Hoo Hah Publication Number 1642. Thanks go to Elayne Pelz, Arlene Satin, Charlie Jackson, Karl Lembke, Lee and Barry Gold, and any others who are helping me in providing news to LASFS members.

LASFS OFFICERS

Elected Procedural Officers January - June, 2012

President: Marcia Minsky. **Vice-President:** Greg Bilan. **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:** Christian McGuire (2014).. **Comptroller:** Bill Ellem (2013). **Secretary:** Marty Cantor (2012). **Other members:** Marcia Minsky (2012), Warren "Whiskey" Johnson (2012) Elayne Pelz (2014), Rob "Gizmo" Powell (2014), Arlene Satin (2013), Mike Thorsen (2012), Eylat Poliner (2014) .. **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:** 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:** Arlene Satin. **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 ____

Meeting 3878, December 8, 2011 President Marcia Minsky, President Karl Lembke, Scribe

Bang bang Marcia's silver hammer came down upon meeting #3878 of the Los Angeles Science Fantasy Society which was called to order at 20:00. "We're on Agenda Semi-Light because of elections."

Special Orders of Business: Charlie Jackson, II announced a special order of business. Fanzine Editor Bob Sabella has passed. Marty Cantor announced the passing of Irish John Barry, member of IF – Irish Fandom. He was a British fingerprint expert, nowadays we'd call him a criminalist. Milt added – Bob Sabella was the OE of FAPA. He was diagnosed with an inoperable brain tumor and lasted three weeks after diagnoses.

The **Menace** were read, and Christian paid \$2 to name them "something, something, something".

Patron Saint Marty Massoglia was honored. Hare Hobbs: Marty was one of our best elephants. He could remember a book given a vague description of the plot line. He also would come in to sell books and old magazines. He mentioned to Hare that Norstralia was badly edited into a novel. The next week, he brought in the three original issues of the magazine that had the stories edited into the novel. Marty Cantor: Marty Massoglia is blessed with an unbelievable memory. From the description he'd remember the title, the author, and the ISBN

number. Matthew Tepper enjoyed meeting the Massoglias at LOSCON. He's truly one of the gentlemanly book sellers. Not that all of them aren't, but Marty stands out.

Eylat and Mark used to sell him used books and get store credit. When they couldn't afford to go to Barnes and Noble, they would take their less favorites to Marty and get new used books in exchange. Milt Stevens and Marty ran into a guy named Broykle at a convention. He may have been obscure, but Marty recalled he had written under the name of Frank Bridge and had made his last sale in 1928. CLJII: Marty has opinions, and plenty of breath to push those opinions into the ear of anyone who will listen. He still has excellent taste in LOSCONs. He thinks Loscon 11 is the best.

Joe Zeff: one thing Marty is happy to do at great length is tell you everything he thinks is wrong with the way the dealers' room is laid out. **Patron Saint Marty Massoglia** was given three cheers, and a bookshelf of infinite length.

Registrar Michelle announced we have no guests this week that she is aware of.

Old Business: Voting for Club President. Marcia Minsky had been nominated the previous week. Nominations were re-opened. After sufficient silence, nominations were closed. Because the number of nominees was equal to the number of vacant positions, the election for President ended.

Vice President: Nominated were Darnell Coleman and Greg Bilan. Congratulations to Greg Bilan for his reelection.

Scribe remains Karl Lembke, Registrar remains Michelle Pincus.

David Okamura: Kepler 22-B seems to be in the Goldilocks Zone. // We've been finding monster black holes. // Voyager 1 is in the stagnant zone – the solar wind is stagnating. // And dark matter is still getting strange. (*Rather quarky, I guess.* – ed.)

Committee Reports: Next Thursday, we have the Big Fat Auction. And the day after that, the Gift Exchange. The week after that, three Stoooge shorts. (*I wonder if the three Stooges will be in them or will be just be looking at their underwear?* – ed.)

The Committee to be obnoxious moved to adjourn. It was seconded, and we adjourned at 21:30.

Meeting 3879, December 15, 2011
President Marcia Minsky, Presiding
Karl Lembke, Scribe

Two's better than one as our mic-less President gavelled meeting #3879 of the Los Angeles Science Fantasy Society to order at 20:00.

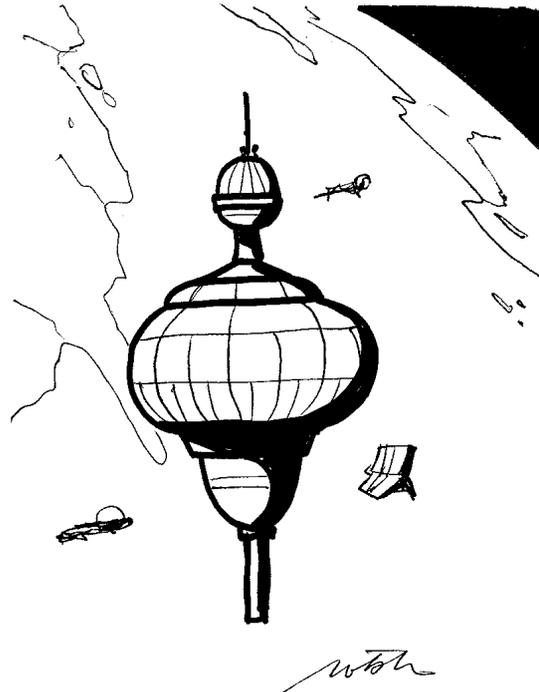
We're on Agenda Semi-Light because of the Big Auction.

Special Orders of Business: Charlie Jackson, II announced, sadly, Thomas Basler who wrote under TJ Bass "Half Past Human" has passed. // Russel Hoban passed last night at 86. He wrote stories about Francis the Badger. // Italian author Gianlucca Caseri shot two policemen and then shot himself. For these, we had a long moment of silence.

The **Menace** were read, and Jennifer paid \$3 to name them "Flash, a time bomb!"

Patron Saint, Fred Patten, was honored. CLJII said Fred is one of the memories of the LASFS, and well established when Charlie got here. He would gleefully sell comic books in languages people couldn't read at prices people couldn't afford. He later would show animated cartoons in foreign languages, and would establish Anime in the US. Without his efforts, Anime would probably not have gotten off the ground. (*Quick, somebody! Find a time machine and go back and assassinate Fred.* – ed.) When he had his stroke, he recognized it and sought emergency care promptly. Marty Cantor: Fred Patten put a zine in issue #1 of APA-L in October of 1964. He was in every issue up to 23-something. He never missed an issue until he finally couldn't do it any more.

Michelle Pincus was at ComiCon and had gotten tickets to a screening. She saw Fred walking by and invited him to cut in. He smiled and kept on walking. Someone in line said, "That's Fred Patten. He's a VIP. If anyone's getting in, he is." Milt Stevens: He was a huge collector. (*Nah. Huges were not what he collected.* – ed.) He donated 900 file boxes of stuff to the Eaton Collection at UC Riverside. This included everything including the kitchen sink. That's collecting beyond anyone he knows of. Scratch: He's basically a very knowledgeable, highly centered on what he's doing, very nice man. **Patron Saint Fred Patten** was given an amazing three cheers.



Registrar Michelle announced no guests this evening.

Eylat announced her employer, Charles Jutzitz, author of *Specific Impulse*, donated \$250 to the clubhouse and has declared intent to donate on a regular basis. He's not a member. Maybe this is where we use honorary memberships?

David Okamura, Science Monitor: We may have found the Higgs boson. We haven't found direct proof yet. // NASA announced the Dragon capsule, launched by SpaceX will dock at the ISS. // Paul Allen announced Bert Rutan is at it again. The Strato-launcher is to be used to launch rockets into space. // If you think it's cold now, imagine what it's like on Mars. They're trying to put Opportunity to bed. Bandwidth is so low, it's taking forever to read it the bedtime story.

The Committee to be obnoxious moved to adjourn. It was seconded, and we adjourned at 21:56.

Meeting 3880, December 22, 2011
President Marcia Minsky, Presiding
Karl Lembke, Scribe

With the beat-beat-beat of the drum, President Marcia Minsky drummed meeting #3880 of the Los Angeles Science Fantasy Society to order at 20:08. Tonight is Agenda Normal, whatever that may be.

Special Orders of Business: Charlie Jackson, II announced, some. Vaclav Havel, who lived in a SF kind of world. A reader of SF, Charlie's cousin Danelle Schmidt, passed from complications of surgery to cure her brain tumor. So the operation was a success, but well, never mind. For these individuals, we had a long moment of silence.

The **Menace** were read, and Heide Nichols paid \$1 to name them "You will never get these minutes back again".

Patron Saint Steve McGinty was honored. Tepper: Steve is a quietly genial fellow who shows up every couple of months. He's one of those Mac users festooned with Mac stuff. He seems happy with his choices. He was a co-denizen of the old couch at the old clubhouse. **Patron Saint Steve McGinty** was given three cheers and a Mac

Patron Saint Heide Nichols was honored. Eylat called Heide an incredibly sweet, nice, generous, and all-caring person, and a great shoulder to cry on. And today happens to be her birthday. Mary Ann Canfield: The sort who gives her a ride to the LASFS so we only have to park one car Nick Smith – gamer, filker, and strange knitter who's invented the Moebius scarf. Marcia: Heide was instrumental in helping her fill out paperwork for grants. And she lets Marcia know when it's time to re-up. **Patron Saint Heide Nichols** was given three cheers and a Pell grant.

Registrar Michelle announced we have no guests.

Moment of Science: Alas, David's mother has had some medical issues, and David is mom-sitting. The Scribe was instructed to send a card.

Committee Reports: Christian announced that once we get together with Charlie, we can look forward to several big auctions with stupendous items. (*Is there room in Freehafer Hall to fit in any Stupendous Items?* - ed.)

German announced that Kim John II was still dead.

Elayne announced we made \$350 on last week's auction.

The Committee to report on creepy crawlies has photographed evidence of food left behind and not thrown away. Anything you bring, anything that might be food, throw it away when you're done. If the meeting is over, or we have a potluck, use the dumpster in the Null Space.

Elayne announced that SCIFI has granted us another \$5K to fix the roof, which has been fixed. The Scribe was instructed to send them a thank-you letter.

Perishable Announcements: Marty Cantor had a blood test. His A1C is 5.9, which makes him below pre-diabetic. Is that post-pre-diabetic? (*Yes.* - ed.)

Reviews: Marty Cantor reviewed the gift exchange. This one was smaller than usual, only 39 people. It was more fun. The lesson to those who got the gifts they brought traded back to them is, if you're not willing to go home with it, don't bring it. Joe Zeff commented: There is one exception to that rule – the Chocolate Covered Manhole Cover.

Eylat Poliner reviewed a restaurant – Her in-laws wanted Mexican food. Someone suggested Los Torres in Tarzana. It was a 45 minute wait. Instead, they went to an Italian restaurant, Ancora. It was empty when they got there – a bad sign. Eylat had the lasagna and got her full month's allowance of salt in the dish. On a scale of 1-10, it rates a 2. Matthew states it's Italian for "Again".

Milt Stevens believes the English can make fun of anything and do so hilariously. This was one he never would have predicted – a 2009 movie titled *Four Lions*. It's a funny movie about terrorism. It starts with a Jihadist cell in London with some of the most inept terrorists ever. Their plan was to blow up a mosque. They train in Afghanistan and blow up Osama bin Laden. They decide to blow up a marathon. One of them goes dressed as a Ninja Turtle.

Hare finished the third of the Protectorate stories – *Blameless*. It picks up where the second book drops off. Something impossible happens, and she spends the book proving to her husband it's possible. He's a bit put off when his favorite character, the flamboyantly gay vampire only shows up in the last 30 pages.

Nick Smith is constantly asked for SF for younger readers. It's hard to find an entry level book comparable to Heinlein. David Weber has written one, a prequel to the Honor Harrington books. It's a really good, young adult,

hard SF novel. It's a good adventure story with a 13-year-old female main character, not too wordy, and very good. It's like a well-edited Honor Harrington book. A Beautiful Friendship. Hare Hobbs added: The first third was in one of his shared universe books. If you've read them, you've read a third of the story.

Jerry Pournelle announced Starswarm is now on Kindle, probably Jerry Pournelle's best YA novel. 11-adult. Matthew Tepper read Starswarm when it came out. It's comparable to the Heinlein juveniles. IT has an interesting way of a mother helping her child after her death.

Jerry Pournelle rose to talk about hurricanes. The hurricane predictors don't know what they're talking about.

Now there's a book called Catastrophe. In the year 535, the Roman Empire was falling. Suddenly, everything really went to hell. If you go back and look through the records, you can discover why. Something in 535 caused 3 years of no sun. It sounds like maybe an asteroid strike or a major volcano. It seems to have been Krakatoa going off.

Marcia Minsky reviewed the hot water in the building. It's nice. And there's this icon on the upper right side of her screen – network connections. One of them is Houston. But she doesn't have the password. Jerry Pournelle suggested the password might be something along the lines of “we have a problem”.

Fannish Committee Reports: Hare Hobbs reported on an intern scaring his guinea pig to death. He's at the end of an experiment, and won't be called for more extensive testing. According to the brain scan, the intern said Hare had 12 mini-strokes. The doctor said no, it's all those years riding his bike without a helmet. (Well, no, it was falling off the bike without the helmet.) (*And just why was his bike wearing a helmet?* - ed.)

Debra would appreciate it if everyone would take Hare's comment about helmets as a warning. (*Yes. NEVER ride a bike which is not wearing a helmet.*—ed.)

Miscellaneous: Milt Stevens misced about J K Kline who was the official photographer of SF for 40 years. For a number of years, people have been trying to get him to will his collection to someone. 60K bw and 15K color slides. He's started shipping his collection to the Eaton collection. At the time Milt last talked with her, the issue of identifying the photos has come up. As it turns out, there may be fewer problems with Kline's photos than expected. He published three books of Worldcon annuals and

was very good at identifying photos.

Marcia had some miscellaneous. Karl forwarded an e-mail from Jackie Marshall whose friend in LA has cats that need a good home. See Marcia for details.

The Committee to be obnoxious moved to reconvene at the north pole. It was seconded, and we adjourned to the north pole at 21:56.

Meeting 3881, December 29, 2011 President Marcia Minsky, Presiding Karl Lembke, Scribe

Why don't we get started, President Marcia Minsky asked, as she called #3881 of the Los Angeles Science Fantasy Society to order at 20:04.

Special Orders of Business: Marty Cantor announced the passing of very well known Rusty Hevelin, known as Santa's Evil Twin, among other things. He ran pulp-con until failing health made him stop. He passed quietly yesterday. We had a moment of silence.

The **Menace** were read, and Michelle Pincus paid \$1.25 to name them “Slayed”.

Patron Saint Robbie Bourget was honored. Scratch: she had the ability to recognize you by sight and had an intimidating, pleasant way of taking your money. CLJII she had the distinction of being the second oldest fan of the Doctor in the LASFS – in terms of duration. Scratch: She started the Gallifrey One convention, paid for it with her own credit card. (They were time payments, after all.) Joe Zeff: She has served as president and treasurer of the LASFS, and an excellent hell player.

Marty Cantor: Robbie was a nice wife. I miss her. I do get to see her twice a year when she comes back. It was not a nasty divorce at all. Heide Nichols wrote that Robbie just had a birthday, but will always be a kid at heart. She has supported Gallifrey from the start. She is quiet but formidable. Karl: She is the Dread Pirate Robbie

Hare: She has a devilish grin when she's doing certain things. The \$20 Cantor bid is named after her. CLJII: She's a member of the LASFS League of Gingers. Scratch: She's French Canadian. She drops into French when she has a migraine.

Julie: She's totally nice. Karl: She's not nice to muggers. **Patron Saint Robbie Bourget** was given three cheers and a big blue box full of Christmas joy...

Patron Saint Marty Cantor was honored. Milt Stevens: He's a curmudgeon and proud of it. He'd probably sock anyone who denied it. His fanzines have included Holier Than Thou, No Award, and he's been OE, OC, and EIEIO for various amateur press associations. Scratch: He's pleasant as long as you disagree with him. Political correspondence and him is fine if you agree with him. And that's all he's going to say.

Mona Martinez admires Marty, and is a member of what may be a two-member Marty Cantor fan club. He's the most honest member she's met. Honorable in principles, intentions, and actions. Matthew Tepper said it's not only a two member Marty Cantor fan club. Marty also likes all kinds of music – renaissance, baroque, and classical. Kay Shapero has known him since for most of the time she's been in the club. Marty's very memorable.

Joe Zeff: Marty is of the fixed and unshakable belief that all fantasy is horrible, media can be ignored, and the only way to celebrate fandom is fanzines. We like him anyway. Eylat said Marty is a bit old fashioned. He's not on Facebook. He's a kind person, but just loves a good argument.

CLJII: Known Marty since he joined the club. Although our interests only slightly overlap, he is a supporter of fannish activity, and he has no trouble supporting Charlie when possible. His help is appreciated. Kayla said he's a wonderful board game player, and patient with beginners.

Mike Thorsen said he's one of the more generous members. He purchased a new Box Of Cold for the club when the old one was dying. He took on the job of building the cabinetry in the APA-L room, and has taken on running De Profundis. (*I should point out that LASFS member Jeff Gauntt did all of the construction work on the cabinetry.* - ed.)

Jerry Pournelle: Marty once knew more about pipes and tobacco than anyone else he knew, and he did me the favor of teaching me to have stronger willpower than he thought. He showed me how to make my pipes more enjoyable just before I had to quit. Arlene Satin: He's a great benefactor providing ink and other printing supplies. John DeChancie: He once sent me a fanzine with a pornographic cover. I was shocked, shocked, I tell you!

Karl: He's achieved the donor level of heavenly body. Hare Hobbs: He's busier now than before he retired. Heide wrote: Marty is a zine publisher and an authority in his own mind about almost anything. Just ask him. He'll write up an account that includes his role in everything.

Patron Saint Marty Cantor was given three cheers and a new black drum.

(*And the above section has been very difficult to write.* - ed)

Patron Saint Elayne Pelz was honored. Eylat said Elayne works extremely hard for this club. She's our treasurer, she has pretty much manhandled the move into the new building. She's very professional – she's never rude to those she works with, even if she doesn't like them. Just follow through on what you say you're going to do. Scratch: Elayne has the power, like Robbie, of getting money out of people. She's very good with names and faces. Arlene: could not have chaired IOSCON without Elayne's help.

CLJII: Elayne has been in the club almost as long as he has, and has continued in the proud tradition of her late husband. She's good at extracting and adjusting money for the benefit of the club. When he was running the 1984 Loscon, treasurer was Dan Alderson who started losing his eyesight 7 months before the convention. After Worldcon was over, Elayne took over treasury for the last few weeks and on site. Marty Cantor: Elayne's on the BOD, and she's the grease that keeps the wheels of the board going. We pay attention to her.

Heide wrote: Elayne is good people. She is a glutton for the punishment we heap on her. She is treasurer and a perennial member of the board. Eylat: She handles any of the financial aspects of the club, which is an incredible amount of work. A friend of hers went to another event, and walked over to the treasurer and was told, "I'm not ready to take your money." Said her friend, "That's no Elayne."

Marcia: Elayne is indispensable for running a LOSCON. CLJII: Elayne is the perfect companion for going to the County Fair. Arlene also travels vicariously through Elayne. (*I did not know of Elayne's cannibalistic tendencies.* - ed.) **Patron Saint Elayne Pelz** was given three cheers and Help Wanted, inquire within.

Registrar Michelle announced we have no guests.

Moment of Science: Scratch announced in the city of Milan, there is a developer of tall buildings. There's an Italian word that means Vertical Forest. They're looking at 300' tall apartment buildings with trees and bushes planted on the outside, to provide greenery in an urban city. The trees will be 3-9 meters tall when grown.

Jim Busby announced the astronauts on the ISS were pointing their cameras at a sunset. As the sun set, they caught a comet. This is now called the Christmas Comet.

Committee Reports: Arlene had a committee report. She's doing programming for 6 months. January is tentative. (*Does this mean that if we do not have a January we will go directly from December to February?* - ed.) So far we have TV Guide Looks at SF, Harryhausen chronicles, first episode of Red Dwarf, and Twilight Zone vol 5 – Long Distance Call.

Arlene: Starting in the new year, we resume our reading program. Auditions for readers will be in January. We will have the adult and children's reading programs. Anyone interested in reading, see Arlene.

Perishable Announcements: CLJII reports the pains in his arm are responding to a nearly lethal dose of pain meds. He declined to state, "lethal to what?"

Eylat announced there is zero tolerance for distracted driving this weekend. (*Does this mean that distracted driving is allowed on other weekends?* - ed.) This includes eating, drinking, farding, etc. AAA will tow you up to seven miles to your home if needed to keep you from driving drunk. Save the number – we want to see you next meeting.

Miscellaneous: Arlene announced that those who use the facility are required to clean up after themselves. This includes washing dishes, vacuuming floors, etc. People holding events here have not been doing this.

Arlene: We are in need of a new vacuum cleaner. John Christopher donated one. Ask and you shall receive.

Arlene gave the usual clean up announcement.

The Committee to be obnoxious moved to adjourn. It was seconded, and we adjourned at 21:21.

**Board of Directors meeting
December 11, 2011
Karl Lembke, Chairman
Marty Cantor, Secretary**

Board Members in attendance: Karl Lembke, Darnell Coleman, Mike Thorsen, Bill Ellern, Marcia Minsky, Rob Powell, Marty Cantor, Christian McGuire, Arlene Satin, Warren “Whiskey” Johnson, and Elayne Pelz had an excused absence.

Members and Guests: Greg Bilan, Joyce Sperling, Michael Pell, Kayla Partridge, Eylat Poliner, Matthew B. Tepper, Joe Zeff, Frank Waller, Tony Benoun, Sherri Benoun, Jeni Burr, Heide Nichols, Tim Trzepacz, Lee Gold, Barry Gold.

Called to order: The meeting was called to order at 11:11 am.

Opening Remarks: The Chairman said, Welcome to the December meeting of the Board.

Minutes: The minutes of the Meeting of October, 2011, were accepted as corrected. (With one *grump*)

New Members: There were no membership applications.

Treasurer: (The treasurer was not present.) We have no money – do not spend it.

30 Second Reports:

Chairman (Karl Lembke): No report.

Vice Chairman (Christian McGuire): No report.

Secretary (Marty Cantor): The Secretary has nothing to report.

Publications (Marty Cantor): I have a short report from Barry which I will give during the Webmaster section if he is not here by that time. No other publications report at this time.

Comptroller (Bill Ellern): No report.

Quartermaster/Supplies (Mike Thorsen): Soda units sold: 20,419 units to date, 221 units this period. Soda money: \$15,037.75 to date, \$204.75 for this period. We have sufficient paper goods for a month or more – the same with soaps and surface cleaning solutions.

Library (Warren “Whiskey” Johnson): The library is pretty much up and running but some things need rearranging. New shelving will be installed by Jeff. We have new books but nobody has been checking them out. (No report from video curator.)

Archives (Marcia Minsky): No report.

Physical Plant (Elayne Pelz): (Elayne returning from London, England.) The Secretary started a discussion of having Reynante’s husband, Greg, doing the work as it is not being done, now. It was moved to investigate services of a qualified professional to fix the heater in the other room. This was seconded and passed with one abstention.

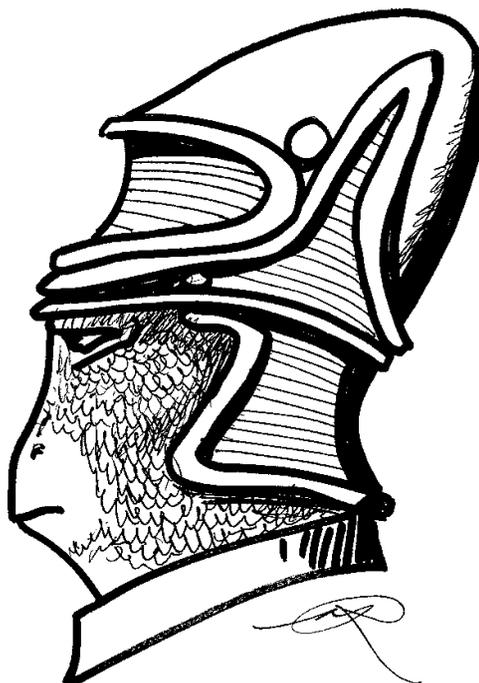
AV Equipment (Rob Powell): There were some technical issues with the DVD unit but Rob is doing work on it. Thorsen mentioned that a digital antenna for the television set has been donated to the club.

Events (Darnell Coleman): (Arlene-LOSCON 38) There were 1059 attendees at the con. (Christian- LOSCON 39) has GoHs: Vernor Vinge, Alan White, Yvonne & Lloyd Penney: 162 memberships have been sold so far.

Fund-raising and Recruitment (Arlene Satin): We will be starting up our reading programme again, both the adult and the children’s reading programmes. Arlene also again brought up the idea of an on-line art auction (with details to be decided). Rob mentioned that Arlen not forget both E-Bay and Lulu.

(Significant Others)

Marketing Committee (Arlene Satin): Marketing has not been meeting because of LOSCON but will again start meeting. Heide wanted the Board to recognize the good job Marketing has done this year.



LAFa

(Los Angeles Filkers Anonymous)

Saturday, March 17, 2011

Filk: 7 PM to ???

Terry Brussel and Greg Barnes, hosts

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Filk style: moderated chaos

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1. Crash space available at the filksite--call in advance for arrangements.
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3. Bring healthy munchies, juices etc.
4. No smoking -- period!! (Except allowed outside.)
5. Bring all of your usual filk stuff.
6. There is a hot tub.
7. The filksite is air conditioned

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

Club President (Marcia Minsky): We have a club – and last Thursday night we had elections for Procedural Officers and the incumbents were reelected. // The Gift Exchange is this coming 16th and people will be bringing their own food.

WEB MASTER (Barry Gold): Thanks to Elayne, Barry now has access to links to past LOSCON web sites and all are on our web site - with one exception.

Agenda Items:

Eylat Poliner: a proposed LASFS Gala. This was discussed in some detail. It was moved, seconded, and passed that we accept this proposal as proposed with the proviso that changes can be made if necessary. There was one abstention. Eylat and Arlene were appointed to committee this.

LASFS Housewarming part two: CLJII by proxy. Karl presented the proposals. Christian feels that this is too early and we should wait until several things are settled. Possibly waiting until our anniversary. We will discuss this in February.

Kayla: regarding Granada Hills Computer Club. Possible meeting here. They meet every Tuesday. We decided to investigate this. Kayla and Rob will do this. (A side-discussion of rental rates was again taken up but no decisions were made on this.)

Tim updated us on our proposed internet connection. Unfortunately, there was no progress at this time.

Open Forum:

Darnell expressed pleasure at being on the Board. The Board thanked Darnell for his service on the Board.

Christian mentioned next Thursday's major auction having unusual stuff.

Lee Gold said people could come to her house on January 2nd (Rose Parade Watching and buying Blars' books).

Arlene asked about the Computer Room. Rob is attempting to have the room available by the end of this year. (One of the delays has been lack of power to the wall behind the computers.) We then had a discussion about our internet access and how to configure the various computers we have. // There was a side-discussion about our library and it was emphasized that our library is a lending library, not a collecting library. It was pointed out that this direction for this library was decided many years ago.

Christian mentioned about the next LOSCON 39 meeting also being about the LOSCON Domesday Book.

Our next meeting will be February 12, 2012.

Take-Aways:

Taken Away from previous meetings:

Adjournment: The Board adjourned its meeting at 1:01 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Marty Cantor, Board Secretary

E-MAILS OF COMMENT

BJO TRIMBLE: Thank you for this latest issue of De Prof. I don't know if anyone will ever get the facts straight about either John or me, but each time our "day" comes up, something new - and wrong - is added.

John was particularly amused a few years ago to discover that he was once a radio announcer. Both of us are puzzled about the "SCA mother" mentioned in this issue. If that is meant to be me, I am actually 3 years older than John.

Anyway, interesting reading, as usual. Thanks!

ROBERT LICHTMAN: In the October 27th minutes, it's *Wrai* not Ray Ballard. And in the villain dept. the "one other" was me. And if only the Trimbles would get the damn film out of their garage and have it restored! I'd love to have a copy of a DVD of it.

Enjoyed the extended Rotsler Patron Saint account!



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LASFS HOUSEWARMING, PART II

**Sunday, March 25, 2012
from 2 pm to 8 pm**

Potluck buffet supervised by Eylat Poliner,
event Produced and Hosted by Charles Lee Jackson, II.

Several docents will be on hand to conduct tours of the premises, and any club officers in attendance will talk about their areas of authority.

There will be brief talks about their history with the club by LARRY NIVEN, JERRY POURNELLE, and CRAIG MILLER. (These are confirmed.) (Others are to be invited.)

This event will be mainly an informal party, but with speakers at intervals.

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