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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 - A Tribute to Space Patrol (TV show)

### THURSDAY PROGRAMME ITEMS

**MAY 3** - **BIG** Auction  
**MAY 10** - Guest Speaker Nathan Long Author of Book "Jane Carver of Waar"  
**MAY 17** - Video: Captain Nice eps "The Man Who Flies Like A Pidgeon"  
**MAY 24** - Video: The History of the V2 Rocket  
**MAY 31** - 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](http://www.lasfsinc.info///index.php?option=com_events&Itemid=185)



**THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING HAS BEEN MOVED TO MAY 6.  
 THE MAY SECOND SUNDAY OPEN HOUSE WILL COMMENCE AT NOON.**

## DE PROFUNDIS - the unofficial newsletter of LASFS

### COLOPHON

*De Profundis* 471–May 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](http://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](mailto: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.

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### 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.

### 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 ____
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### Meeting 3886, February 2, 2012 President Marcia Minsky, President Karl Lembke, Scribe

President Marcia Minsky saw her shadow, so we have at least six more weeks of LASFS, starting with meeting #3886 of the Los Angeles Science Fantasy Society, called to order at 20:04.

We are on Agenda Normal tonight.

The **Menace** were read, and Peter paid \$3 to name them "Eating on an empty stomach".

**Patron Saint Mike Luwish** was honored. CLJII: Mike Luwish respected his father, because he bought the man a sainthood too. **Patron Saint Mike Luwish** was given three cheers and a father to respect.

**Patron Saint Gary Louie** was honored. Arlene: Gary was the first person who ever spoke to her and made her feel welcome and included. (*What? Both her mother and her father ignored her at her birth and early years? - ed.*) Eylat Poliner found the plaque with Gary Louie's name as 1990 Evans Freehafer award winner. Joe Zeff: He was elected to the BOD the first year he was eligible and remained on it for the rest of his life. Hare: Gary had an instinct when Hare was volunteering. He knew when Hare was zoning out, and had a knack for getting him back on track. (*The track had no beginning nor end so Hare has been going around in circles ever*

since. - ed.) Matthew Tepper: Gary had an ability with organization which drove him to produce excellent bibliographies of Loscon Guests of Honor. He is one of those who used to greet him with a friendly quack. I miss his personality, his presence, and his quacks. Scratch: Gary had a love of Legos. He was known to collect them by the trunkload. His favorite idea for a theme park was Legoland. (*A serious comment: Gary never saw Legoland as it did not open until after Gary died.* - ed)

Hare: When he started coming to LASFS, it was not long after Hare came. Both would move so fast, it was amazing they didn't collide at doorways. Karl: One day, Gary had gotten to work when he realized he couldn't speak. He sat down at his computer, typed up a list of his symptoms, and printed several copies. When he gave his boss a note requesting time off to go to the hospital, he handed him one copy. When he took a taxi to the hospital, he gave the cab driver a copy. At the emergency room, he gave the admitting nurse a copy. When a doctor saw him, he gave the doctor a copy. Yes, it was a stroke. It was one that would take time and effort to recover from, and he kept his good nature, as near as I can tell, throughout. **Patron Saint Gary Louie** was given three cheers and a library of Legos.

The part of **Registrar** Michelle was played this week by Ed Hooper, who announced we have a guest. Zalman Sererrpanski, from Los Angeles, brought here by Sasha.

The **Committee to Gouge** did so.

Karl Lembke announced the Board meeting and Second Sunday Open House on this next Sunday.

Christian added, anyone wanting to bid on a Loscon should show up to qualify.

On Science – Arlene announced the Columbia Memorial Space Center has opened the exhibit, “Suited for Space”. A chronological list ing of space suits through the ages.

**Reviews:** Nick Smith was at the Science Fiction museum in Seattle. The only good displays they have are on Avatar and Battlestar Galactica, but they kept the collection of SF and author interviews. They hope to open in June with the SF hall of fame and a special exhibit of Stuff.

Hare enjoyed Unincorporated Man. A few problems, as it goes to an extreme in describing a Libertarian society. He has now finished the fourth Parasol Protectorate book, Heartless. The baby is going to be adopted by the gay flamboyant vampire Hare likes, and this will resolve plot points Hare can't reveal to us. Then we get into the major plot lines.

**Committee report backtrack** – Tim Trzepacz announce that DIG had three presenters. Meeting went quite well. Next meeting is 3/7.

**Internet thing** – confusing. We had gotten t from AT&T, and not satisfactory. U-verse may be achievable, \$70/month, plus taxes. Trying to arrange for alternatives. Gizmo is working with TUG, which needs a clubhouse. We may not have enough parking, or a big enough

building, and we don't have Internet.

Tim reviewed Neal Stephenson, Reamde, a thriller. It's not anything not doable in today's technology. It's a very engrossing book. Like JRR Tolkien, he'll introduce a character and go in to history at length. Some people can't tolerate that, but Tim found it engrossing.

**Fannish Committee Reports:** Kay Shapero: Florida has Burmese pythons eating the alligators.

**Miscellaneous:** Arlene: a few weeks ago, asked about donations for specific things. We have pay pal account set up. One thing we need is a new vacuum. Contributions toward, or donation of the item will be welcome. And we thank Doug Crepeau for his donation of an Electrolux upright vacuum cleaner.

Arlene: Clean up around you.

We adjourned at 21:04.

### Meeting 3887, February 9, 2012 President Marcia Minsky, Presiding Karl Lembke, Scribe

President Marcia Minsky called meeting #3887 of the Los Angeles Science Fantasy Society to order at 20:04. We are on Agenda Light tonight on account of the Big Auction.

**Special Orders of Business:** Charlie Jackson, II announced the passing of Christopher Samuel Yood, (John Christopher – tripods, no blade of grass) He was almost 90.

The **Menace** were read, and Christian McGuire paid \$2 to name them “Thanks to Doug we can suck it up”.

**Patron Saint Mike Glycer** was honored. Joe Zeff: Mike Glycer, the once and future scribe, is one of the best persons I've ever heard taking minutes for LASFS meetings. They're witty, funny, and written in ink on the fly. (*Is the fly a member of the club?* -ed.) Milt Stevens: Mike's the only person in fandom who's won a Hugo, won a fan fund, and chaired a Worldcon. This ought to make him a contender for leading fan. Matthew Tepper: Mike is a LASFS member of 40 years standing. He publishes File 770. He's one of the wisest people in the world, and he's been devoting his time to bringing up a charming daughter.

Hare: Mike also had been nominated many times for fanzine Hugo, lost to Locus. Had a T shirt made up, Eight Time Hugo Loser. He let another eight time loser borrow it. CLJII: Since his art has appeared in File 770, he can say “I am a Hugo award winning fanzine artist”. (*Since I have had articles and locs printed in File 770 (and other Hugo winning fanzines) I can say that I am a Hugo Award winning Best Fan Writer.* - ed.) **Patron Saint Mike Glycer** was given three cheers and something.

**Patron Saint Frank Waller** was honored. Matthew: Frank is a good sport. People poke fun at him, and he

takes it in good humor. (*So, where is his ice cream truck?* -ed.) Eylat: would not have survived open house without Frank. He took over the cleaning and often assists Arlene in cleaning the clubhouse. (Like right now) Hare Hobbs: Frank's been giving Hare rides home. Tim Tr: Frank was camera man for NeverEnding Panel and put up with Tim's silent hand gestures telling him what to do with the camera.

Joe Zeff: Frank got his sainthood in an interesting manner. He was working for Charles Chips, and others would bid on them at auction until he got his sainthood. CLJII: Frank's a fine fellow and I'm pleased to know him. He needs a sister who draws little drawings 24 hours a day. Michelle Pincus: He calls her his wife from another life.

Marcia: Were it not for Frank, the doors would be open a lot more often than they are. **Patron Saint Frank Waller** was given three cheers and potato flavored potato chips.

**Patron Saint Albert Sheean** was honored. Michelle Pincus: Albert is one of her dearest friends. A friend will help you move. A real friend helps you move bodies. Well, moving on the hottest day of the year is the equivalent. He's one of the most intelligent and interesting people to talk to, he's an archaeologist. Scratch: He's one of our newest saints. He has great interest in motorcycles and things that go bang. He's helping his daughters put together an anime costume trio. Darnell has had many interesting chats about paleontology and the historic south. Scratch: he's a nice guy.

Christian: During the years, his daughter showed up regularly. He showed up with donuts, which we and our hundreds of pounds appreciate. **Patron Saint Albert Sheean** was given three cheers and "a really nice Belgian ale"

The part of **Registrar** Michelle was played this week by Michelle Pincus, who announced four guests: Marissa Eliot Baptiste, who found us on the Internet: Ron Garner, interested in UFOs: Karie Jacobson, who likes mind-bending surrealism; and, Drew Kowalski, husband to Karie Jacobson.

**Moment of Science:** in absentia. He, David Okamura, expects to be busy with his ill mother for another month or so. Mother is improving, and after she can prepare dinner by herself he will be coming to more meetings.

**Committee Reports:** The committee to gouge did so, and the last item was a bag of money.

Arlene Satin said that there will be a Board meeting on Second Sunday. Anyone wanting to bid on a Loscon should show up to qualify. Bidders must have a chair, a treasurer, and a hotel liaison. They should also have a written weapon's policy.

Last week we put out a call for a new vacuum cleaner. Doug Crepeau has picked up a commercial grade Electrolux Prolux \$1500 vacuum cleaner. IT should last into the 22nd Century. As they say in Australia, "Nothing Sucks like Electrolux!"

Christian came up and re-iterated about bidding for Loscon 40.

Marissa: Working on an anthology with Dr Patrick Sharp featuring woman authors. Wants to talk with people who read or collect early pulp SF.

Arlene asked if we wanted a ceremonial farewell for the old vacuum. No, just take it to the Null Space.

Tim Trzepacz: New developments on Internet – Elayne has talked with Time Warner, and they can't do it for us. AT&T is the only option. Give money if we want Internet.

**Perishable Announcements:** Robbie Bourget announced Gallifrey One will be taking place next weekend. It's already at 2000 members. Buy memberships now.

**Reviews:** Matthew Tepper reviewed the Late Late show with Craig Ferguson. The most interesting guests were a couple on their first date, Charmagne and Charles, who managed to steal the scene. Charles Lee Jackson II was on the show, and did very well.

We adjourned at 21:48.

### **Meeting 3888, February 16, 2012 President Marcia Minsky, Presiding Karl Lembke, Scribe**

President Marcia Minsky called meeting #3888 of the Los Angeles Science Fantasy Society to order at 20:04. We are on Agenda Light tonight on account of the Big Auction.

**Special Orders of Business:** Charlie Jackson, II announced the passing of Janice Voss, woman astronaut.

The **Menace** were read, and Christian McGuire paid \$2 to name them "We haveto name these minutes?"

**Patron Saint Craig Miller** was honored. Nick Smith said he was the most innovative person he's met at convention programming. CLJII: He rose through the ranks of a comic club to writing animated cartoons for TV. Milt: He's worked on bunches of Worldcons.

Doug Crepeau remembers when Craig had hair. Christian: He had incredible good luck to travel to NYC and bring back Dr. Genny Dazzo. CLJII: He, along with Bruce Pelz, Sue Fox, and others, was part of the Epitme of Evil, Ltd. **Patron Saint Craig Miller** was given three cheers and the droids you were looking for.

**Registrar** Michelle announced we have no guests.

**Science Monitor:** The Swiss working on a janitor satellite to recover a satellite they've launched. They're hoping they can clean up other stuff before it's de-orbited.

**The Committee to Gouge** met, and did so.

**New Business:** CLJII: We had a house warming last

year. But it was cold and empty. We're going to have part 2 of the housewarming, 3/25, 2 PM – 8 PM, in these two buildings. We have comfy seating, we have comfy heating, we have a library, and we will have decorations. Eylat Poliner coordinates the potluck. We will have speakers, President, Chairman of the Board, Also Larry Niven, Jerry Pournelle, Craig Miller.

Tell everybody.

We can't do anything about late night parking, but since the event ends at 8...

**Old Business:** Loscon 40 bid.

Christian McGuire described his bid. (Loscon 40 is the 39th Loscon): Let's Do the Time Warp Again.

Chair: Cathy Beckstead/Christian McGuire; Treasurer: Elayne Pelz'; Hotel Liaison: Kim Brown, Joyce Hooper, CB McGuire.

Why would a chair of one year's Loscon co-chair the following year's? Continuity, so changes can be introduced, and last long enough to become "tradition."

We're also putting together the Domesday book of "best practices" for Loscon, so people can know every year what they're supposed to do, even if the people who have been doing it die. He also hopes to find a better way to choose the Loscon chair for coming years. Maybe it's time to ditch the current popularity contest. There was extensive discussion about the Plans for the Future. An up/down vote of approval was held, and Matthew Tepper voted "yes". So did enough others at the meeting to make a difference.

Now pay the treasurer.

**Committee Reports:** Loscon 38 chair: Loscon turned over \$5000. We did a lot of sacrificing to make that happen. Elayne is using it to fix the electrical.

Marketing: Contact for West Hollywood Book fair is leaving the fair to pursue greater things. No idea what impact this will have. Arlene remains on the e-mail list, and we will see how things fare.

And the vacuum cleaner is fabulous.

Christian: Anime LA committee report – for the use of stuff and unintentional storage, Anime LA donated \$2000

Tim Trzepacz: No news regarding Internet group. Donations for wi-fi are still being sought.

We adjourned at 21:32.

**Meeting 3889, February 23, 2012  
President Marcia Minsky, Presiding  
Karl Lembke, Scribe**

President Marcia Minsky called meeting #3889 of the

Los Angeles Science Fantasy Society to order at 20:03. We are on Agenda Really Light tonight on account of the program.

The **Menace** were read, and Eylat Poliner paid \$5 to name them "I didn't hear them".

**Patron Saint Maureen Garrett** was honored. Marty Cantor: Maureen wound up working for Lucas films, in charge of their fan club. She started doing artwork down here, and did the first cover for his genzine, Holier Than Thou. It was an interesting cover, but she got better – saleable quality. **Patron Saint Maureen Garrett** was given three cheers and Darth Vader breath.

**Registrar** Michelle announced that we have a guest. A J Camous, who heard about us from another member. Apparently a golfer, because under "other" he listed "putz".

**Committee to Gouge:** Christian McGuire auctioned off some books, including Addams and Evil.

**Committee Reports:** Arlene/Marketing: we've been contacted by the West Hollywood Library, just opened last year. We've been asked to arrange a panel on 4/28, called SF and the enduring influence of Ray Bradbury. IT will be at 4 PM in the council chambers of the West Hollywood Library complex.

Adult reading program, kid's reading program – no auditions scheduled yet.

Science Monitor David Okamura announced – recall the European lab having discovered neutrinos traveling faster than light. They may have found the culprit – a loose wire. The experiment will be re-run using multiple timing devices.

Also, no confirmation but, people in Japan have started considering how to create a space elevator. If it's completed, it would take 7 days travel. But that means seven days of space elevator music.

Arlene asked all to police their areas and stack their chairs and we adjourned to the movement class at 20:35.

**Meeting 3890, March 1, 2012  
President Marcia Minsky, Presiding  
Karl Lembke, Scribe**

President Marcia Minsky called meeting #3890 of the Los Angeles Science Fantasy Society to order at 20:02. We're on Agenda Regular.

**Special Orders of Business:** Milt Stevens praised the Hall Decoration committee for decorating the hall! Thanks to Elayne and Christian for getting artwork up. Jerry Pournelle approved.

The **Menace** were read, and Eylat Poliner paid \$5 to name them "Shortest minutes ever."

**Patron Saint Marjii Ellers** was honored Scratch: Marjii had a fantastic eye for costumes. Often she filled

them out quite well herself. When she danced at conventions, she often took the part of a male dancer, with male costume, because women outnumbered men so badly. Hare Hobbs recalls the year she was GOH at Loscon she contributed a 10 pound block of chocolate to the Con Suite every day. Milt says one of her most famous costumes was the black queen from Barbarella, 72 Worldcon. She was in her early 50s at that time. Someone took a picture and sold it to a men's magazine. She was OK with that.

Scratch: with that outfit, it was nice to look at, but most didn't trip to the fact that she was topless. She had such a presentation, people thought "oh, neat costume", not "she's topless" Tepper: Poul Anderson's Queen of Air and Darkness, a stunning costume. She would present her costumes at Westercon and then later at Worldcon. Hare: one thing she did at the old clubhouse was the wallpapering and the tiling in the bathrooms. We have photos!

**Patron Saint Marjii Ellers** was given three cheers and a fishnet bodice.

**Patron Saint Bill Ellern** was honored. Eylat: It's hard to outbid him in auctions. Jerry Pournelle: People often try to lead Bill on into spending more than he intended. He's perfectly capable of playing poker as well as they. Wild Bill Ellern looking mighty pale, .... (ask for email) Tim Trzepacz: Bill has funded almost every DIG meeting.

Joe Zeff: On the other side of Bill Ellern, he's been responsible for handing out awards to people wearing hall costumes. If you come with more than one costume, you can get more than one award. Milt: he did a series of articles in De Prof comparing LASFS to the organization of a church. Tepper: Bill is not only a full participant in LASFS, he goes back several decades, and is our living link to EE Doc Smith. He has served many times on the BOD, and he was the longest serving LASFS member on premises at the club. He turned out the lights in both buildings. He's married to Ann Morrel. **Patron Saint Bill Ellern** was given three cheers and three cubic acres of money.

**Registrar** Michelle announced we have no guests.

### **Committee Reports:**

**Moment of Science:** Scientists in Russia have revived a flower that has been locked in the Siberian permafrost for 30K years. The plants were completely frozen for that period. The plant still grows in Japan at those latitudes, Narrow Leaf Campion. They were able to remove placental tissue from fruit and clone it.

And... there is an asteroid that may impact us in 2040. Currently a 1:625 chance. It's 460 feet wide, and could cause some damage.

Jerry Pournelle has a note regarding FTL neutrinos. If you want to bet, bet they are not FTL after all. But the loose cable was connected to a device that could mean they had understated the speed.

**Committee to Gouge:** Christian McGuire will be

played by Michelle Pincus. Yet another Chaz Addams collection was auctioned off.

Matthew Tepper, for CRAB, reported on a bookstore in Redondo Beach. First report is to say that Mysterious Galaxy in Redondo Beach is as good as Larry Niven says it is. (Elayne says they'll be at Loscon.) Good independent new book store, lots of genre, and curated other books.

However, one mile away is Dave's Olde Book Store, an excellent used book store. They have an excellent selection of SF and fantasy, paperback and hard cover. They also have an excellent selection of general interest used books.

Frank Waller announced B&N would not let him leave LASFS business cards. They have to be cleared through B&N corporate.

CLJII announced March 25 is the second part of the Housewarming, from 2 to 8 PM. We will have docents on hand, and we hope people will come. Invite people. There will be a potluck. Coordinate with Eylat.

**Reviews:** Peter reviewed a 46 volume set of the literary works of Robert Heinlein. This is all the works Robert or Virginia had a hand in, proofread by Winhaven Press. If you sign up for it, you get a 1 year unlimited access to the Heinlein Archives. It's \$1500, and there are payment plans available.

Darnell read Supervolcano by Harry Turtledove. Good book for characters, and details on the eruption, but there should have been more action like an occasional lava flow or a rock dropping on people.

**Fannish Committee Reports:** Tepper: another Cat Rescues Owner report. In Wisconsin, hours after being adopted, a cat unable to rouse its new owner jumped on the woman's son and alerted him to a problem.

Frank Waller found a bookstore at Magnolia and Catalina in Burbank. There is a repair manual for the Enterprise. The entire set of Enterprises. \$24. And they have other repair manuals.

Hare: You know how they put TVs in fast food places? Wendy's in Sepulveda had Wendy's Health Net Videos – exercise videos in a fast food place.

Eylat announced Mark was supposed to start 2/27. Now it's looking like 3/12. Not sure if this job is going to pan out, and not sure where they'll be living in four months.

David Okamura notes electronics are getting smaller and cheaper all the time. He had joked that They'd find calculators in Cracker Jack boxes. Raspberry PI computer – credit card sized board. It has ethernet connection, \$35. Hobbyists and others are hopping on it, so they're limiting it to one per customer. They have a stripped down version for \$25.

Jerry Pournelle had a couple of technology reports. Navy has test fired a 5" cannon which is a rail gun. Range = 25

miles. They've apparently solved the problem of energy transfer. The recoil may make life interesting.

When he was in aerospace in operations research, he was probably the most informed expert on inertial guidance systems. He was the only person other than his boss who had clearance to talk to everyone in the business. In order to guide a missile, you needed three gyroscopes, and they were all fairly large, and you got the info off of them by mechanical means. They got computers, they wanted to work on accelerometers and gyroscopes, getting the package size down from 20 pounds. You can now buy a chip with a six axis gyroscope and accelerometer set for \$50, or a \$500 kit with the ability to control a drone, a helicopter, etc. For \$1700, a kit to make a quadricopter with the guidance system and GPS onboard, with a payload of about a pound.

This technology could be a game changer.

Bill Ellern added the reason he was referencing Analog Devices, a fireman can wear a circuit and they can locate him within two feet in three dimensions. To maintain that accuracy, it has to check against GPS, but inertial is still good within a meter or so.

David Okamura mentioned that a few hours ago, there was video of a swarm of these robots hovering in air, bouncing off keyboards, and playing the James Bond theme.

Jerry: maybe we need to consider what to do if an airborne robot knocks on the door during a meeting. This will be taken under advisement.

Arlene asked all to police their areas and we adjourned to the program at 21:26.

### **Meeting 3891, March 8, 2012 President Marcia Minsky, Presiding Karl Lembke, Scribe**

President Marcia Minsky called meeting #3891 of the Los Angeles Science Fantasy Society to order at 20:01 President Minsky announced that as of today there will no longer be "time bound" per se. We will have announcements of interest to the society the way we used to have. We're on Agenda Regular tonight.

**Special Orders of Business:** Charlie is not Red Skelton. He just plays the man on TV.

Christian had a special order. Catherine Daugherty died of cancer. She was 62. She was truly a gem, smart, very well read, listened to when she nominated for Hugos, panelist deluxe. Her husband is doing OK.

LASFSian and book dealer Dick Spelman died on Monday, March 5th in a hospice. Lee Gold: He was a nice guy and a wonderful dealer. I could remind him of my favorite books, and he'd recommend new ones that I usually loved. We had a moment of silence.

The **Menace** were read, and Marcia Minsky paid \$1 to name them "I'm paying a dollar, the minutes are read".

**Patron Saint Dave Fox** was honored. Hare Hobbs: Dave was the most active member ever, started coming as a teenager, and except for a stint in the Marines, made practically every meeting. He was LASFS's official Dirty Old Man. When he died, the strip club down the street went out of business. Matthew Tepper: read in the story about moving back too late. Dave was a welcoming presence on the couch in the front room. When he was living out of town going to college, he'd come back for visits from time to time. When he came to LASFS, he'd come in through the front door, and Dave would greet him and ask how long he was in town for. When he moved back in 1986, one thing he was looking forward to was walking through the front door and announcing he was back to stay. Sadly, Dave died the week before. He was a funny, witty, and dirty old man, but he was kindly in many ways.

CLJII: Dave was a charming and colorful, cranky old fellow. At one point, we had an event called the LASFS showcase. He came to one, spent the day having a very good time, then went home and passed away. Members of the club went to his place to pack stuff up and sort it out, and trying to find his will. Bill Warren stated if this was a mystery story, he'd have put it in an envelope and stuck it to the bulletin board like that envelope over there. When checked, that envelope contained the will.

Jerry Pournelle: He was a good friend. He used to have an external hearing aid, a box that sat in his pocket. Every now and then, someone would talk to him, and he'd find the conversation boring. He'd ostentatiously pull out his hearing aid, and turn the volume down, and stand there smiling until his victim realized what had happened. That discouraged people from telling him long stories. Scratch: he was a nice man. Jerry Pournelle: he was a good man and a good friend. **Patron Saint Dave Fox** was given three cheers and a pasty.

**Registrar** Michelle announced we have Nathan Long, who found us online. He wants to meet fans and promote his book signing. Jim is here for the second time. He's a robot builder.

**Committee Reports:** We have other ways to raise money. We have GoodSearch and GoodShop. We also have GoodDining.

Arlene set up an account for GoodReads. Share what books you've read and plan to read in the future.

Frank Waller has been getting ads from people who still think he's a restaurant.

Tim Trzepacz reported that he is still working on Internet access for the club.

CLJII: Ties in with an announcement later in the meeting... When he has food residue, he takes it out to the dumpster in the Null Space.

**Announcements:** Eylat announced Mark starts his job Monday.

Melanie Presson has ended her contract with Black Rose

**LAFa**

(Los Angeles Filkers Anonymous)

Saturday, May 19, 2012 at 7 PM

Pre-filk dinner: Supreme Vegetarian Cuisine (626) 445-8882

Pooh Bear Lair

Mara Brener

325 Sharon Road, Arcadia, CA 91006

626/692-9139

Pre-filk dinner:

Supreme Vegetarian Cuisine (Chinese Food)

558 W. Las Tunas Dr.

Arcadia, CA 91007

Directions to filksite: See Thomas Bros. L.A. Co., page 597, grid B/C-1 (1992+ edition); page 38, grid D-1 (older editions)

Filk style: Moderated Kaos.

**Notes:**

1. Limited crash space available.
2. Cat warning. The two cats will not be allowed in the filk room, but signs of their presence may still be detected by sensitive persons.
3. Children are welcome.
4. Bring munchies and drinks for afters. This is a Kosher household, so please check that any items you bring are Kosher, preferably pareve or dairy. Call and ask if you're not sure..
5. Bring all of your usual filk stuff.
6. **No smoking indoors!!**

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

**Writing and Publishing.**

**Reviews:** Joe Zeff reviewed Outies by Jennifer Pournelle, a continuation of Mote in God's Eye and The Gripping Hand. It's an excellent continuation of the story. She does not try to match the writing style of Niven and Pournelle. It's a good story, and comes up with interesting biology.

Doug Crepeau reviewed Strange Worlds, the collected art of Wally Wood. EC comics, SF magazines, and other cartoon art Wally Wood did in SF. Highly recommended. He drew space suits that look more realistic than the real ones today.

CLJII reviewed the Late Late Show with Craig Ferguson. If you're not there in person, you're missing half the fun. If you have an afternoon free, Monday to Thursday, go on the website, oneiota.com for free tix to attend a taping. Note: being in the audience does not guarantee being called up on stage. (*It is hard to believe that Charlie was too bashful to announce his appearance on this show.* - ed.)

**Fannish Committee Reports:** Doug Crepeau: school board election in Wash DC was hacked. Hackers elected

Bender the Robot to the DC school board. Another item will be posted on the bulletin board.

**Miscellaneous:**

Arlene asked all to police their areas and we adjourned to the program at 20:57.

**PLEASE NOTE!**

**The May meeting of the  
LASFS  
Board of Directors  
has been moved to**

**Sunday  
May 6**

**(There will not be a  
socializing event  
afterwards)**

**Second Sunday Open House  
May 13  
will commence at  
NOON**

**WHO KNOWS WHAT ETHER  
LURKS IN THE MINDS OF FEN?**

The fannish autobiography of  
Phil Castora  
edited and pubbed by Marty Cantor  
pdf file available at  
<http://efanzines.com/Castora/index.htm>  
paper copies from Marty Cantor for \$5.00

## **NEW LASFS DIRECTORY**

We are gathering information for the publication of a new Directory of the LASFS.

If you want your name, address, phone number and email address to be published, please send them to:

elaynepelz@verizon.net

A signup sheet will also be available at the meetings on Thursday.

Target date for publication is  
1 June 2012

## **BOOK SIGNING AT LASFS**

Fred Patten is the editor of two new s-f anthologies that will be published during June, *Already Among Us* (available as a \$18.95 hardback, \$9.95 trade paperback, and in Kindle versions) and *The Ursa Major Awards Anthology* (Available as a \$19.95 trade paperback). There will be a book signing for them at the LASFS clubhouse on Saturday, June 30 from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. Since this is a book signing by the editor and not a bookstore, there will be no provision for credit-card sales; the books will be cash only.

## **DE PROFUNDIS**

is available as a .pdf file at the web site listed on page one, as a .pdf file delivered to your computer inbox, or as a paper copy either handed to you at LASFS or mailed to your home.

Paper copies are sold at cost. Contact Marty Cantor for details.

## **LASFS MERCHANDISE NOW AVAILABLE!**

Want a mug with the LASFS Logo?  
Looking for a gift for friends and family?  
Want to help the club raise money?  
Then check out our new store!

20% of the proceeds go to benefit the LASFS.

GO TO: <http://www.zazzle.com/lasfsinc>

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**Code of Conduct:  
Respect Yourself, Others,  
and the Property of LASFS.  
Treat them Respectfully  
While On the Premises**

## **ATTENTION TO ALL THOSE WHO LOVE TO READ**

The LASFS has joined  
<http://www.goodreads.com/>

Come join our group! Share your love of books!  
It's easy!

Go to <http://www.goodreads.com/lasfs>

Sign-up and join the conversation.

**Good Search**

Want to help the club?  
Trying to figure out how?

Try **Good Search**.  
It's easy.

Good Search is merely a search tool much like google.com or bing.com.

Except, with Good Search, each time you use it a donation is made to your favorite charity (Lo s Angeles Science Fantasy Society).

Just go to goodsearch.com. Follow the directions on how to set it up with your charities information and start searching.

It's easy! It's quick!

**Good Shop** is another vehicle by which you can donate to the club. For each purchase you make a percentage goes to the LASFS.

So, if you are going to make an online purchase anyway, how easy would it be to help raise money for the club?

The process is effortless but, it can make a big difference to the LASFS.



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