



NOVEMBER 2012

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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 - “Silver” Screen Cowboys

THURSDAY PROGRAMME ITEMS

NOVEMBER 1 - Board Nominations
NOVEMBER 8 - Board vote // James Kerwin presentation: R.U.R.: Genesis. Speakers: James Kerwin, Kipleigh Brown, and maybe (via Skype from England) Chase Masterson
NOVEMBER 15 - **BIG** Auction
NOVEMBER 22 - No programme
NOVEMBER 29 - LASFS Limber-up Work Out

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

SPECIAL BOARD ELECTION

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Please note that there will be a LASFS meeting in the clubhouse on Thanksgiving Day

DE PROFUNDIS - the *unofficial* newsletter of LASFS

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De Profundis 477– November 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.lasfs.org. *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](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.

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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 July - December, 2012

President: Matthew B. Tepper. **Vice-President:** Greg Bilan. **Scribe:** Liz Carlie. **Treasurer:** (elected in mid-year, serves for full year) Elayne Pelz. **Registrar:** Michelle Pincus.

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

Meeting 3914, August 16, 2012 President Matthew B. Tepper, President Elizabeth Carlie, Scribe

David Okamura, paid \$6.00 to name the minutes "AND THAT'S THE WAY IT IS!"

PASSAGES: In an omission from last week, a passing President Tepper knew of but forgot to comment on: member Rhonda Bunkleman, aka Rhonda Sheffield, former wife of Mike Sheffield, passed on. She suffered a stroke earlier this year, and was recovering nicely, but passed away a week prior.

We also lost one of our own with the passing of Harry Harrison, who passed away at the age of 87. Starting his career as an illustrator who moved into writing, where he primarily left his mark, he was a multitalented man. Members shared their favorite of his works...

MATTHEW: The Technicolor Time Machine, a funny time travel story, and priceless to a man who favors the genre. **MIKE:** Deathworld, which the film AVATAR reminded him of heavily. **DOUG:** Stainless Steel Rat, which consisted of twelve novels and comic adaptations. It's about children who buy a thief.

Dr. Jerry Pournelle, stepped up to share some more intimate observations of the man. Harry was an old friend he knew very well back in the day. **BILL THE GALACTIC HERO** was his best known piece, but he wrote a little of everything and was definitely larger than life, as was his

beloved wife, Joan, who was a tall lady and the toughest gal Jerry ever knew. She passed five years ago, and it's astonishing Harry lived so long without her, as they were inseparable for nigh on 60 years. Larry and he wrote LUCIFER'S HAMMER around the same time Harry wrote a story about a satellite that fell, that or a space station, the story was relatively unmemorable. Harry was certain he would outsell Niven and Pournelle, and even made a bet on it...a bet which he lost and never paid off. The origins of this bet are where this story begins...

Both Jerry and Harry were in NYC when the books came out, either '74 or '75. Harry was a member of the Player's Club in Grammercy Square. It was an actor & performer's club started by Edwin Booth, brother of the infamous assassin of Abraham Lincoln, John Wilkes Booth. It was a brownstone mansion, and if you know the area you know it was a handsome establishment. As a member, Harry stayed there while in town, and though Jerry stayed elsewhere, Harry invited him to the club for lunch...well, it turns out what Harry really wanted was to get our fearless General into a pool game for money! He was a better player, so Jerry ended up paying for lunch. This led to the LUCIFER'S HAMMER bet, and the rest is history!

The second story involved part of Jerry's tenure as president of the SCIENCE FICTION WRITER'S OF AMERICA in the Seventies. They had a big three day festival at CALTECH, where they brought in the likes of Dr. Fred Hoyle, Gordon Dickson, Poul Anderson, and Harry himself. Harry was the elder of the pair, being that he passed at 87, and Jerry is presently 80. The talks took place in a lecture room at CALTECH, a well shaped room with ascending tiers of seating. The bottom of the well held banks of blackboards on motorized tracks, which slid away to reveal each blackboard stacked behind, going back into the room. Jerry, Sir Hoyle, Harry, and others got together at a table at the bottom of the well. Just as introductions were made, the blackboard motor started running. It reveals, on the blackboard behind the closest one, a written slogan reading "LET'S GET SCIENCE FICTION OUT OF THE CLASSROOM & BACK IN THE GUTTER WHERE IT BELONGS!" It was one of Harry's favorite phrases.

A MOMENT OF SILENCE was held in memory of our dearly departed ally in the fight against banality and the mundane, who lent us his great gift to wield as the mightiest of weapons. Jerry then asked that we have a rousing cheer for an old friend. He got three cheers, a falling Nebula, and Making Room...in a place we really didn't want to.

PATRON SAINTS:

Patron Saint Mark Bilan: President Tepper informed the league that, since Vice President Greg Bilan was not present, honors would be brief. In a true show of Science Fiction Sainthood, Greg has made contributions to the club over the years earning him a sainthood, and thinks so highly of his brother that he gave the honor to him in addition to himself. Scratch explained as much, and attested to meeting him once, but sadly does not remember

much about the encounter.

Patron Saint Mark Bilan received three cheers & a very nice brother. He also received a request for a mini biography for the saint nights when Greg Bilan cannot attend.

Patron Saint Bjo Trimble: President Tepper acknowledged her by her other name, THE GIRL WHO SAVED STAR TREK. Hare Hobbs, continued by mentioning a couple of anecdotes about our saint. One was about the time his sister accidentally left her red dress at the hotel during LOSCON, which Bjo got back for her. Also, when Bjo was the fan guest of honor at LOSCON, she rewarded all with a 10 lb. Giradelli bar in the Con Suite. Finally, he mentioned the first time he heard her speak about the adventures of Flesh Gordon. As a costume designer, she said one of the biggest problems was keeping costumes ON when they were supposed to STAY on! She was a nice woman, very friendly, and always very helpful. Arlene Satin noted that during the LASFS' 75TH anniversary celebration, Bjo & John were instrumental in getting pictures & information for that memory book & retrospective. A few years ago in the oprevious clubhouse, a British production company that was doing something on Star Trek came by, and Bjo was introduced. Instantly, the producers lost their cool: Bjo was a star. It was a great time for all.

Scratch has known Bjo almost forever. She has the ability to get things done, which included getting a wooden model of the Enterprise & a shuttle to stay in one piece, as well as her letter writing campaign to save STAR TREK that virtually brought the Post Office to a halt. Dr. Pournelle remarked that he has been around long enough to remember Bjo, as she hasn't been around for the past 10-12 years. She's an accomplished artist, illustrator, and cartoonist. Her efforts to organize fans were so prolific that, with her campaign on behalf of STAR TREK, she was essentially responsible for its third season. He shared a story with the club about the days after Reagan's election, where he, Bjo, and Harry Stein conceived of a campaign to encourage the growth of the space program under Reagan's administration. Shortly after, he got involved in preparing space & defense transition team papers for the incoming administration, they formed a citizens' advisory council on space policy, with Bjo as recording secretary of the conference. She wasn't an ACTUAL secretary, mind you, but a participating member. Her duties included organizing a letter writing campaign to get fan letters of support for NASA to the White House. She did so, just before the attempt on Reagan's life, which meant the NASA letters were ahead of those campaigning on behalf of the veteran's administration. It helped save the NASA budget in the days when its future was rather uncertain. He also shared a story about when the Enterprise was rolled out in Palmdale, and Bjo wasn't invited. Pournelle righted this wrong by getting her a press pass so she could be present. She was a remarkable lady and, in many ways, very reliable.

CLJII remarked that, when Bjo joined LASFS in its fallow period, she was responsible for energizing the club. She got it running as it hadn't in years, and has done a lot for

the club, both things it likes and doesn't like so much. For instance: in the Seventies and Eighties, she harangued him about writing a book on serials such as the kind so often watched by club members on a weekly basis as of late. He agreed, started writing the book, and is still writing it even now, but it will be VERY good when it's done.

REGISTRAR REPORT: Lynne Henkle found us on the website...BACK IN 1980! With the shocking revelation that she has visited before, we go on to learn she is also an artist. David Jolyon Ringwood also visited in 1980, and many other times? Are dues due? Fond memories encouraged his visit tonight! He's a gamer, filker, literature fan, he's into tech conversations, and he maintains his secret identity as an engineering technician.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Diane Lass, longtime but infrequently attending member dropped a bombshell that would forever change the LASFS. Seeing that there is no wifi or internet, AND IN A SCIENCE FICTION AND FANTASY CLUB NO LESS, she declared that it should be brought to the table. Proposing to do so as long as it is set to be done in the next two weeks, Diane agreed to donate the money needed to fund internet for the LASFS for a year. With her generous contribution, as well as donations gathered since the move to the new clubhouse as well as another generous contribution by Milt Stevens, we will have enough to carry our internet for a full year and into part of the next. Diane received a standing ovation for her heroic generosity.

The meeting adjourned.

Meeting 3915, August 23, 2012
President Matthew B. Tepper, Presiding
Elizabeth Carlie, Scribe

A heated bidding war broke out between Marcia Minsky and Tom Safer. Finally conceding to share the rights to name the minutes for a whopping \$10.00, they unanimously named them "IN THE FLESH, OR THANK GOD ALMIGHTY, WIFI AT LAST."

REGISTRAR REPORT: Benjamin Handelman learned about us through LOSCON. He was encouraged to visit by Regina, is into space opera and military fiction, and is a system administrator. ROBIN JOHNSON, is visiting from Tasmania, and hasn't been around since the Seventies! Exotic locales and friends from the distant past.

PATRON SAINTS: Patron Saint Marilyn "Fuzzy Pink" Niven: With a cry of "PINK!!" from CLJII, Regina shared that Marilyn plays a great game of Mah Jongg, while Robin stated that she doesn't like peanut butter...as a costume! Regina added that she makes fantastic lace and President Tepper threw in that Marilyn is responsible for the art shows seen at West Coast conventions. Lee Gold explained the origins of Marilyn's nickname, which was given to her by roommate Suford Lewis. Simply put: she wore some very distinctive bedroom slippers: fuzzy pink. Milt said that she was an MIT graduate, and started fandom up in Boston with NESFA.

Jerry Pournelle said that Marilyn is the reason we get to see the inimitable Larry Niven, otherwise he'd be so disconnected, he'd have left long ago. She was in the math program at MIT, otherwise she would have been a computer science major...there wasn't one when she graduated. Jerry went on to share a story about an Altair computer Larry & Marilyn bought that eventually became a member of LASFS. She was also the hostess of the Citizen's Advisory Committee on Space Policy, which was held at Larry's house. It was a conference of about sixty people, including 4-5 generals, the manager of the space shuttle program, the deputy administrator of NASA, Buzz Aldrin, Robert Heinlein, Larry, Poul Anderson, Jerry, and several serving officers who weren't officially there. Marilyn made it work, and over the course of three different meetings, helped invent Star Wars. She, in essence, had a hand in the destruction of the Soviet Union.

Scratch: she is a nice lady. President Tepper reiterated that she was a great organizing force behind the art shows at many west coast conventions. Her power was such that she was the keeper of the LASFS mailing list for many years. **Patron Saint Marilyn "Fuzzy Pink" Niven** received Three Cheers and a fuzzy pink slipper.

David Okamura followed with a **MOMENT OF SCIENCE**. Curiosity is still sending pictures, and had a test fire of its laser. It took a test drive on Wednesday, and at a news conference it was announced that Curiosity's landing site would be designated as Bradbury Landing in honor of what would have been our recently departed author's 92nd birthday. Things are doing well, but no great story is without its trials: the wind indicator is busted, but they do have a spare.

Meanwhile, Opportunity is still knocking we are still receiving information from one of the craters. Also announced: another lander for Mars, INSIGHT, which is short for Interior Exploration Using Seismic Investigation, Geodesy, and Heat Transport. It launches in March of 2016, and should reach mars in six months. This is, to be clear, a lander, not a rover.

MISCELLANEOUS! Arlene made the traditional motion to clean up, wipe up, and adjourn to the program,.

Meeting 3916, August 30, 2012
President Matthew B. Tepper, Presiding
Elizabeth Carlie, Scribe

Before the traditional beginning, there was a full minute of silence to pay respect to the memory of a fallen hero in our ranks, a national treasure, and a prolific figure to all who dwell in the hallowed halls of science fiction fandom: astronaut, professor, and aeronautics legend Neil Armstrong, the first man to walk on the moon.

After paying tribute, Eric Hoffman paid a walloping \$1.00 to name the minutes "What the -BLEEP BLEEP- Was She Talking About?"

PASSAGES: Busby gave a brief speech about the life and career of Neil Armstrong. From his humble beginnings as an Ohio boy with a passion for flight to the man

who became the first in the Navy to fly missions over Korea to his teaching career at Perdue, to his legendary walk on the moon, Neil Armstrong was a quiet man and a true hero who got out of the worst of jams in his career simply by keeping his cool. Neil also did time as a test pilot, and although he is best known as an astronaut, his greatest love was always flight. Be it testing the X1 rocket planes, the X15, or flying to the moon, it wasn't space that captured his imagination but flight itself. He was, in fact, the first test pilot to apply to the space program, and his admittance was a source of great controversy within NASA before his application was finally accepted simply because Neil was the best at what he did: he was the finest pilot they could hope for. Many wonder if he was as reserved and withdrawn as he seemed, never very interested in being in the public eye. Jim met him twice, and he was just that: a very nice guy, simply quiet and nondescript. The best way to draw him out was to talk about flying, and he preferred to be addressed as Professor than as 'Astronaut.'

Neil's bravery was evidenced in his very participation in the space program: everyone in there knew that if there was so much as a solar flare, they were dead. There was no protection, and on the lunar surface? They might have had protection, but the electronics would be gone. Even walking on the lunar surface was regarded as risky until Surveyor proved that the density of the moon was enough to support a landing, despite the talcum powder texture of the moon's surface. They all understood that, in going into space, there was a good chance they wouldn't come back. They did, however...on the moon, Buzz and Neil even obeyed orders to nap prior to the moon walk!

CLJII also noted that we lost a fan's relative: Galen Trip's mother. She's not known to many, but encouraged Galen's participation in the club, and was an avid reader of science fiction in her own right.

PATRON SAINT:

Patron Saint Allan Rothstein: CLJII said that Allan was one of those people who fit into an interesting class of Club membership: he came, loved it, then instantly stopped coming for YEARS! His wife didn't approve of his lifestyle, so he didn't come back until he vanquished his wife by way of divorce. From then on, he came for the rest of his life. He had three sons, lovingly referred to as ALPHA, BETA, and GAMMA, aka: GARY, JEFF, and STEVEN. One married the daughter of cartoonist Dennis Kitchen. Allan loved Disney, and Disneyland was his favorite place in the world. In fact, he went so often that after he retired from his job as a parole officer, he was given tickets to the park as a retirement gift. He asked Charlie to go in lieu of a lady friend, and when he discovered the price of his admission could go towards an annual pass, he jumped on the chance to get one, even though he didn't actually pay for the tickets! He used Charlie's ticket to get him one as well, and handed it off with the injunction that Charlie had to come whenever he wanted to go! Sadly, they only went once more before he passed, and Charlie keeps his pass renewed and goes to the park once a year in Allan's memory.

Mary Ann said he was excellent at giving reviews: he provided info, sans spoilers, but let you know enough to tell if the thing in question was worth your time. Joe Zeff added a story he likes to tell to illustrate Allan's unique POV: late in his life, he announced that his doctor said neither losing weight or getting exercise would help his condition, so he shouldn't bother with either. He was thrilled, for he finally had doctor's orders he could follow. Pournelle said that he was grateful to Allan for the introduction Allan gave him to the Jewish faith. When his son, Steven, came of age, Allan invited Jerry to his bar mitzvah. He was fortunate to be seated next to Elayne, who explained things to him. There was a big reception after out at the Odyssey, and discovered to his horror that he and Bruce Pelz were expected to lift the boy up while he was seated in his chair, chair and all. Horror it was because Jerry was afraid of dumping the boy clear out of his seat. He didn't, however, and found the entire thing to be a wonderful experience.

Mike Donahue referred to Allan as the science fiction convention "den mother." People would overwork themselves, and he would come along to tell them to nap, eat, and so on. He wasn't physically imposing, but he had a real gift for making people listen to him. Karl Lembke said that, in a depressingly typical fashion, at Allan's funeral he learned things about the man far too late to appreciate them. When Allan was first interviewing as a parole officer, he was asked why he left his job as a school teacher and said he didn't like babysitting. Sadly, he didn't get the job. When he interviewed a second time, he was asked the same question, and said that he didn't feel he was teaching HOW he needed to...lo and behold, he got the job! As with most aspects of bureaucracy, he never did learn what the job entailed, he created it as he went along. One speaker at the funeral was Allan's son, who had messed up once in typical youthful fashion, and got into trouble. When he got a talking to from his father, THE PAROLE OFFICER, Dad said, simply and sternly, "Jews don't do that sort of thing." That, surprisingly, was it.

President Tepper added that Allan's job amounted to a therapist with a badge, which was fitting as Allan was trained in family therapy. Mike Thorsen also added that Allan was injured late in life by a horrible traffic accident, but demonstrated he had "accident luck": he was t-boned by another driver, but the man responsible accused Allan of being at fault...and his luck prevailed as it happened right in front of the police station, and several officers were watching.

President Tepper shared his own memories of the man: he didn't live long enough for his day in court, but he was very special to Matthew because he saved him. In 2001, he had respiratory problems that kept him from working, and unsure he'd ever work again. Allan took him in, and as fate would have it, Matthew got well and back to work while Allan got worse. He had four different heart problems, all serious. Matthew lived in his home for three years, and though it wasn't all roses, Allan was a good man, a good friend, and Matthew misses him. **Patron Saint Allan Rothstein** received a rousing Three Cheers and a Donald Duck.

The end of the month soda slot was auctioned off by the Committee to Gouge, Ed Hooper, in his Michelle Pincus disguise, informed us that we had no guests, and he was down to 255 pounds.

INTERNET REPORT: Tim informed us all that the lag is a simple one: the phone line doesn't work. We're working on the problem, and once it functions, we shall have web. Thanks again go to Diane, Milt, and everyone who contributed to securing internet for the clubhouse, apparently it's going to be cheaper than we thought.

A motion was made to adjourn – and we did so.

Meeting 3917, September 6, 2012
President Matthew B. Pepper, Presiding
Elizabeth Carlie, Scribe

Ladies and gentlemen, the minutes you are about to approve are true. None of the names have changed, because let's face it: fans are never innocent.

This is the city: Los Angeles, California. It's a city filled with skeptics and mundanes, people who have never even heard of DOCTOR WHO, much less Isaac Asimov. Some don't even know what the Rules of Acquisition are. That's where I come in. I don't carry a badge, but I have a TARDIS. TARDISES are cool. My name is Elizabeth Carlie. I'm a fan.

It was September 6, and members of the LASFS were settling in to begin meeting #3917. The room was packed to the walls with freaks, weirdos, psychopaths, comic book fans, film buffs, amateur publishers, conspiracy nuts, aliens, zombies, superheroes, lawyers/doctors, space aficionados, cats that walk through walls...I'm pretty sure a couple of Wookies even got in there. In other words, it was par for the course on a Thursday night.

Dr. Pournelle paid \$5.00 to name the minutes "One Giant Leap," and we jumped straight into the top item on the docket: Club president, Matthew Pepper, went on to read the list of Hugo award winners from the ceremony held at Worldcon in Chicago just recently, and said he had a note about that later. A riot broke out over the fact that the John W. Campbell award, which was handed out, USED to be a Hugo when Dr. Pournelle won it, but SWAT stepped in and subdued all parties involved. There were only minor casualties.

There was no Committee to Gouge. As a fan, and an avaricious one, this made me suspicious. I kept my eyes peeled as we proceeded on to old business. There was none. I grew troubled. There was no new business either. I drew my sidearm...something big was about to go down.

Next was Committee Reports, and plenty of 'em, so I relaxed a little. Eylat Poliner reminded everyone about the Chili Cookoff, and submitted to drug testing when she was suspected of using 'chili cookoff' as a euphemism for marijuana. She tested positive for soma, ethanol, and Valentine Michael Smith...and was cleared to continue.

Chili cookoff is this Sunday, during the usual Second Sunday festivities. Arrest warrants will be issued for all who attempt to participate without clearing all dues and library fines. Bring enough to serve 20-30 people, and bring meals: this stuff's for tasting only. Any chili not labeled with a clear list of ingredients will be shot on sight.

Just then SWAT returned, led by registrar Michelle Pincus. The room was secured, all troublemakers subdued, and the guests were introduced: Brian Hennessy: brought in because we're the oldest science fiction club out there, and worth researching. Encouraged to visit by Slice of Sci Fi on XM Satellite radio. Most interested in post apocalyptic media, and worked as a producer for Slice of Sci Fi. //Matt Lohr: heard about us on Google, looking to meet more folks interested in science fiction. Primarily interested in writing, film making, and graphic novels. He was also a bookseller and co-author of DAN O'BANNION'S GUIDE TO SCREENPLAY STRUCTURE, as well as a screenwriter. Once SWAT was, again, cleared from the room, CLJII seized control and revealed he had an officer in his pocket: Pincus herself, who helped out with his annual shakedown in a ritual known locally as the passing of the Lantern of Jack. I called SWAT back in, but an hour later they disbanded with minimal casualties when it was explained that the Lantern was merely a means to fund the autumn and winter parties held by the LASFS, celebrating the holiday of choice. Movies, snacks, and other goodies are served up, with this year's autumn celebration feature snake movies.

SWAT had to be called in yet again when David Okamura nearly drew a weapon, but disbanded with only one fatality after we realized he was just pulling out his notes for a Moment of Science. According to Okamura, the Dawn satellite has just left Vesta and is off to the next point.

On the biological front, the human genome was deciphered a decade ago, but trying to figure out what it all means is an ongoing thing. Recently, some early findings were released in actually DECODING the findings we have on hand. The short version? Everything you've ever heard about Junk DNA? Inaccurate. There's lots happening in previously unobserved areas.

PATRON SAINTS:

Patron Saint Emil Luwish: None of us ever met him, as he was honored by his son, Mike. Marcia Minsky was arrested, tried, convicted, and fined for a pun at his expense, as is club tradition. When we reconvened eight months after the trial, Joe Zeff added a wisecrack about how Luwish's sainthood was a funny way to honor the 4th commandment. No criminal charges were filed. **Patron Saint Emil Luwish** received three cheers, a quarter a year, and a 21 gun salute from the remainder of the SWAT team. The city paid Elayne for damages incurred by shooting live firearms indoors.

Patron Saint Greg Bilan: Greg was honored next, starting with Scratch who reported that Greg had a marvelous persona. People call him the Klingon, but we're looking for a better name. He's a man of many talents, and get things done when others run away. Jack of all

trades, master of none...Greg's just a really great guy. I added that he plays a great game of Hell, and makes me a better player just for joining him at a table, which I haven't done much as of late but hope to do more of in the future. Joe said that Greg went on to buy sainthoods for members of his family rather than become a sacred object. **Patron Saint Greg Bilan** got Three Cheers, a K'plach, and a plate of gagh with garlic. Several were arrested for bad taste in intergalactic cuisine.

Next on the docket was Fannish Committee Reports and Reviews. Milt and Eylat both reviewed WorldCon. Milt summed it up in one word: exhausting. The Chicago Hyatt is one place, but two square blocks with the convention covering four levels on each of those blocks. It was a huge crowd, an attendance of 5,100, and Milt nearly got run over by more than one scooter or fan stampede. Helsinki has the bid for 2015, with London in sight for 2014.

Eylat added some highlights of her first experience at WorldCon as a dealer/attendee rather than someone working the convention proper. Allegedly, it's completely different. She did some work there for the author who employs her, Charles Justis, and aside from unsanitary unpleasantness in the con suite, her investigation turned up that the whole thing was very well run. She was tasked to help run an event for the Hugo losers Saturday, and lost a good deal of sleep despite promises to herself that she'd get to bed by 11...all broken. There were parties everywhere, and she agreed with all Milt had to say. Her conclusion: convention was fun. She was questioned on suspicion of theft when she claimed to have touched a Hugo, but was cleared when it was explained that she had permission.

President Tepper finally brought forth his full report on a fannishly criminal act that took place during the Hugos. There was live coverage of the ceremony via a streaming video service known as Ustream. There was some confusion connecting, but Tepper connected, and ran only thirteen minutes late...pretty much on time, in other words. Might seem unusual to an outsider, but it's just the fans, ma'am.

Arlene made a motion to adjourn, and we disbanded to the program.

**Board of Directors meeting
September 9, 2012
Karl Lembke, Chairman
Marty Cantor, Secretary**

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

Members and Guests: Greg Bilan, Michelle Pincus, Matthew B. Tepper, Joyce Sperling, Michael Pell, June Moffatt, Lee Gold, Barry Gold, Joe Zeff, Jeni Burr, Tony Benoun, Sherri Benoun, Tim Trzepacz, Frank Waller,

Greg Barrett.

Called to order: The meeting was called to order at 11:10 am.

Opening Remarks: The Chairman said, "Welcome to the Board Meeting nearest to the anniversary of our moving into this new building. They said it would never last." Christian moved that we again thank Elayne for all of her work getting us into this new building. There was applause.

Minutes: The minutes of the Meeting of August 2012, were accepted as corrected with one grump and one abstaining grump.

New Members: There were several applications for membership in the Society presented to the Board: Ben Schnitzer, Sabra Jardine, Ace Antonio Hall, Carrie Mine-tree, Charles Forrest Minetree, Gregory Eugene Turnbow, Greg Scalise, Dennis R. Archambault, Pam Buck, and Benjamin Levin. All were accepted.

Treasurer: See the treasurer for the details.

30 Second Reports:

Chairman (Karl Lembke): No report.

Vice Chairman (Christian McGuire): Committee to gouge – we need better science fiction and fantasy items to auction at the Showcase as we have too many low-level and mid-level stuff.

Secretary (Marty Cantor): No report.

Publications (Marty Cantor): On-line DE PROF pdf problems have been corrected and I now have a new pdf creator which is better than the one I used to have.

Comptroller (Bill Ellern): No report.

Quartermaster/Supplies (Mike Thorsen): Soda units sold: 23,366 units to date, 348 units this period. Soda money: \$18,049.25 to date, \$355.00 for this period. Paper towels, plastic bags, and other amenities were purchased.

Library (Warren "Whiskey" Johnson): Elayne: 20 boxes have been donated, Shelving purchased and has been put up.

Archives (Marcia Minsky): No report.

Physical Plant (Elayne Pelz): Everything okay except problems with AC. Our bills are horrendous. People are finding the AC running when they come in.

AV Equipment (Rob Powell): Some technical issues are under investigation and the problems will be corrected. The problems are: low resolution DVD's are not playing with the HDMI set-up and Blu-Ray is having audio problems when it is playing Blu-Ray discs.

LAFAs

(Los Angeles Filkers Anonymous)

Saturday, November 17, 2012, 7 PM
Pre-filk dinner at 5 pm. see notes
The House of Perpetual Commotion
Hosts: John & Mary Creasey
3754 W. 170th Street, Torrance, CA
(310) 329-6772

Note: This is a new location for the Creasey's pre-filk dinner

Pre-filk dinner: 5 pm,
New York Deli 2424 Sepulvda Bl
Torrance CA

Call the Creaseys to reserve -- three days before, please!

TYPE OF CIRCLE: -TBD- & Theme basket-John and/or Mary will be Demighod.

Notes:

1. Mucho crash space available; call to reserve yours; bring sleeping gear in case we run out of beds.
2. Children welcomed on good behavior.
3. Bring all of your usual filk stuff.
4. NO SMOKING indoors PLEASE!!
5. There is a piano, it's playable but very old and tuned a hair under 440.
6. There be computers here! (PC clones).THEY WILL BE IN HIBERNATION for the night except for song archiving. 'Tis a filksing, not a bytebash.
7. There is a copier available; slight cost to cover supplies.
8. The last survivors will be conscripted into cleaning up the remains.
9. Random Factors will be open for business.
10. There are no pets with more than two legs.

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

Events (Eylat Poliner): The chili cook-off will be this afternoon. Christian mentioned the prizes. // LOSCON 39 was reported on by Christian. The 2 top people in Conventions at the hotel have left and the new people do not know us. Early returns appear to show that membership may be up from last year. LOSCON 40 has a Fan Guest of Honor but it is too early to announce the name. We are working more heavily with our Facebook page and our LOSCON page. Karl mentioned that there will be a LASFS SHOWCASE later this month.

Fund-raising and Recruitment (Arlene Satin): On hold until Arlene moves later this month. After that, she has some ideas which she will implement. // Mike Thorsen requested that the club President point out to members at meetings that the soda machine helps our finances and that those who put food on the food table to not put sodas with the food as this subtracts from people

spending money in the soda machine.

(Significant Others)

Marketing Committee (Arlene Satin): West Hollywood Book Fair: we will just have a booth but no speakers. // Our Guest last Thursday was Eric Small who is the Executive Producer of 10,000 Days who showed his presentation here. // We were also approached on Thursday by a person who has an XM radio show. They are starting a video show.

Club President (Matthew B. Tepper): Nothing to bring before the club except that the other club officers are doing their jobs well.

WEB MASTER (Barry Gold): There is a thumbnail for the showcase on the site.

Open Forum:

Agenda Items:

Arlene reported that there is better cleaning after affairs. There is a new cleaning checklist in the offing.

The Go tournament is being postponed.

The banner will be put up.

The Parking Petition will get mailed as soon as Karl can find where he put the paper.

Internet: installed tomorrow.

Greg Bilan requested using the club for a New Year's Eve Party: this was granted.

Patron Saint Credit Committee has only had a preliminary meeting.

Arlene said we were contacted about a photo of Forry – Bill Warren is helping out on this.

Our next meeting will be October 14, 2012.

Take-Aways:

Taken Away from previous meetings:

Adjournment: The Board adjourned its meeting at 12:06 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Marty Cantor, Board Secretary

**NEW
LASFS
DIRECTORY**

The directory is now available.
Elayne will e-mail
the following directory files, free,
upon request:
xl spreadsheet, or
pdf

For those without on-line
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for a small fee.

Contact Elayne at:
treasurer@lasfs.org

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SPECIAL BOARD ELECTION

(From an e-mail posting by Joe Zeff to APA-LASFS)

“At this week's LASFS meeting, Bill Ellern announced that Anne Morrel fell down in their house and fractured a rib. At this point, he needs to be a full-time caregiver and won't have either the time or the energy to deal with his responsibilities as a member of the Board of Directors. He is resigning his seat, as of the end of the year. (If you need, he can be reached at william.b.ellern@gmail.com.)

“The bylaws require us to elect a replacement for him at a special meeting of the society, and to publicize the meeting as best we can. It has been decided to hold that special meeting at the same time as the regular Board Elections instead of having two separate elections. Please put this up on the LASFS website and in DeProf, so that as many members as possible can be notified.”

Bill Ellern's term of office on the Board of Directors expires at the end of 2013. So, as the four directorships up for election to regular three-year terms this year have their current terms of office expire at the end of *this* year, I opine that there *should* be two separate elections with *one* election being held right after the other election on the same day.

Please note that the four Board Members up for the regular election on November 8 are: Karl Lembke, Marty Cantor, Marcia Minsky, and Mike Thorsen. Those elected in *this* election will have their terms run until the end of 2015. (Nominations for the Board will be held on November 1.)

-- Marty Cantor, editor and publisher, *DE PROFUNDIS*



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