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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  
 L.A. PostgreSQL Users Group: 7 pm - 9 pm

## THURSDAY PROGRAMME ITEMS

**JANUARY 3** - "Seen any good movies lately?" Moderator wanted.  
**JANUARY 10** - Unprogrammed; talk amongst yourselves  
**JANUARY 17** - Book exchange and discussion (idea courtesy of Eylat, who may or may not moderate).  
**JANUARY 24** - Tom Safer presents selection of UPA cartoons. Also 3/14, Sylvester & Tweety.  
**JANUARY 31** - 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](http://www.lasfsinc.info///index.php?option=com_events&Itemid=185)

## CALENDAR DETAILS

TRIPE - Noon until whenever  
 BoD - 11:00 am, Open House starts at 2:00 pm  
 Cinema Anime - 1:00 pm until it ends  
 CFO - 1 pm to 8 pm  
 Work Party - 10:30 am  
 TIME MEDDLERS - 10:30 am  
 ESTROGEN ZONE - 2:00 pm  
 Marketing Committee - 7:30 pm  
 FWEMS - Donald Meek Festival



## DE PROFUNDIS - the *unofficial* newsletter of LASFS

### COLOPHON

*De Profundis* 479– January 2013. 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](http://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 \(at\) sbglobal \(dot\) net](mailto:martyhoohah@sbglobal.net) or at the clubhouse on Thursday evenings. Deadlines are a bit fluid, but mid-month Thursdays are probably it.

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

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

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

Written in Publisher 2000 on a new custom-modified Intel quad-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, 2013

**President:** Matthew B. Tepper. **Vice-President:** Marcia Minsky & Eylat Poliner (tag team). **Scribe:** Karl Lembke. **Treasurer:** (elected in mid-year, serves for full year) Elayne Pelz. **Registrar:** Michelle Pincus.

### Board of Directors

**Chairman:** Karl Lembke (2015). **Vice-Chairman:** Christian McGuire (2014).. **Comptroller:** Michelle Pincus (2013). **Secretary:** Marty Cantor (2015). **Other members:** Marcia Minsky (2015), Warren "Whiskey" Johnson (2015) Elayne Pelz (2014), Rob "Gizmo" Powell (2014), Arlene Satin (2013), Mike Thorsen (2013), Eylat Poliner (2014).. **Special Advisor:** Charles Lee Jackson II. **Advisors:** Forrest J Ackerman, Walt Daugherty, Len & June Moffatt, and Fred Patten.

### Official Committees

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

CONDENSED CREAM OF MENACE  
(complete minutes are supposed to be filed in the  
LASFS' files and can be read there -  
also at [www.lasfs.org](http://www.lasfs.org))

**Meeting 3919, September 20, 2012**  
**President Matthew B. Tepper, presiding**  
**Elizabeth Carlie, Scribe**

The minutes you are about to approve are insane. The names have not been changed, because I'm holding you all accountable when I'm finally institutionalized. Just wait 'till your mother gets home.

This is the city: Los Angeles, California. It's a city of fame, fortune, and plastic people, a city where you get a blank look if you tell someone STARSHIP TROOPERS was a great book before it was a bad movie.

That's where I come in. I don't carry a badge, but I wear a fez. Fezzes are...well, you know the drill. My name is Elizabeth Carlie. I'm a fan.

Meeting #3919 started as usual, with Joe Zeff naming the minutes "A MARK 7 PRODUCTION" for \$1.25. President Tepper informed us all that we were on Agenda Bagel tonight: essentials at the top, big auction in the middle, and the rest unto the bitter end. Emergency Services was called in to provide provisions: this was going to take a while.

Announcing that an anonymous contributor donated \$500.00 to LOSCON, Eylat Poliner added an out of line review: Milt donated his collection of science fiction memorabilia & artwork to the CSUN library exhibit. Everything was displayed nicely, and some art was blown up to hang on the walls. Thanks went to Milt for keeping science fiction alive among the mundanes.

**Patron Saints Len and June Moffatt** were honored in due course. Marty was up first to discuss June's contributions to APA-L. She lives in Downey, so it's hard for her to come down. Len & June were co-winners of TAFF (Trans Atlantic Fund) one year. They wrote excellent trip reports and in their day, created a fanzine called Button Tack with John Hertz, a compilation of Rick Sneary's writings. Though he's no longer with us, Sneary was very active in the 50s, 60s, & 70s. He was responsible for the Worldcon slogan "Southgate in 58," and helped convince the mayor of Los Angeles to make the con hotel a part of Southgate for a day so the slogan would work. Michelle Pincus added that the Mayor of Southgate came to the opening ceremonies of that convention.

Christian remarked that June, though not active, recently volunteered to help with LOSCON, doing copy editing for the website & for publication. She & Len were also very active in the mystery community, and instrumental in starting BoucherCon. They were big Sherlockians, and amazing in the topics they would cover in APA-L. Arlene Satin said that when she would program LOSCON, the Moffatts would always be invited, and June still is. They're always great guests, and before his health failed, she was on Len's email chain. He sent lots of jokes, some off color, and June is now an active Facebooker. Jim added that he would run into June & Len in Downey. Both were very big into technology, and he expects to see June at Columbia to watch Endeavor fly over.

Marty made mention of Len's autobiography, which he ran in his fanzine. While CSI analyzed a copy, he went on to say he had some there for \$5.00 each. Len wrote it fresh out of the service and through the early sixties. June made corrections after his passing. Half the proceeds go to TAFF, the other to DUFF. While Scratch declared that Len & June are very good people, one of whom we miss, and the other whom we cherish, Christian amended that Len was also at the first ever Worldcon in LA. He published his adventures at Pacificon, and was an amazing storyteller. The only time the club was ever silent was to hear his stories, as he was a soft spoken man. CLJII said that he shared interests such as old motion pictures with Len. Len hadn't seen all the films out there, so at Cinecons he'd come to Charlie to tell him about some wonderful film made in '23 Charlie had already seen, but he appreciated his childlike awe. He also got along with June, and just saw her last Thursday when he drove her to the airport. Ask her any day who she is? She's Len & June Moffatt, because he may be gone, but he's always with her.

**Patron Saints Len and June Moffatt** received three cheers & a shack on Zeppo St.

The **Registrar** welcomed back Marylyn Lashmet, a

member who hasn't been around for at least six years.

Montgomery Webster followed, fan name MXMLLN. Heard about us through an acquaintance, NEEDED to visit, and is into anime and hard science fiction. He's a gamer, artist, and literature fan. Day job? Interaction designer.

Thanks went to Christian and yours truly for coming to be interviewed by SLICE OF SCI FI on Wednesday night. It's an XM Radio show moving to video, and the LA film crew shot a segment on the club, including an impromptu interview with Arlene. Once the piece is available, a link will go up on the website. They said they loved the clubhouse. Citations for good taste will be issued.

David Okamura stepped in to tell us all about the latest in robot toys: the remote control cockroach. Apparently scientists have been working on using Madagascar hissing roaches as remote control devices by attaching a computer chip backpack to them, and electrodes to the sensory organs, which send out impulses that make it scoot forward. Air currents steer the roach, proving that if you think sneaking up on a roach from behind is clever, then the roach's behind is smarter than you are.

Science fiction has always had an answer to breaching the speed of light we are limited by: warp speed. The theory of warp drive is currently being studied, and says that it can be achieved if a ship is shaped like a football with material around it. In this region of extended space, the ship will be in a bubble of space/time. That could make it possible to go up to 10X the speed of light without breaking the speed of light proper. It may take an energy source the size of the Voyager 1 satellite, but the concept seems solid.

Scratch praised the series of books he's read up to the most recent volume, The Parasol Protectorate. Sadly, he's consumed five, but there is not yet a sixth.

Dr. Pournelle interjected with a report he forgot to bring up, calling himself the original absent minded professor. He reviewed an amazing scientific development reported in the New York Times 3 days ago, one he referenced on his website. In military sci fi novels, there's a good bit of regeneration therapy used to heal injuries. Now, this has become science fact. A man in Iraq had his entire thigh muscle blown off, and surgeons used the matrix tissue of a pig to graft onto the wound. Once stimulated, new muscle grew around it. The man is now running races. It's a case of pig matrix tissue stimulating regrowth through the activation of stem cells. It's an early technology, there are only about 20 cases so far. It's still amazing, as Jerry is old enough to remember the first heart transplant.

CLJII wrapped the evening by reminding all to come to the showcase, the computer room door will be the one open. He also plugged his new Halloween Facebook page, which according to his admin panel, has had 1,121 visitors, including people in Asia, Europe, and Antarctica. With that, the meeting was adjourned.

**Meeting 3920, September 27, 2012**  
**President Matthew B. Tepper, presiding**  
**Elizabeth Carlie, Scribe**

Fandom: the final frontier. These are the voyages of the LASFS. Its continuing mission: to explore strange new imaginary worlds...to seek out new writers and new references no one else would understand...to boldly go where no fan has gone before! Scribe's log: Stardate 927.3920. It was meeting #3920 on September 27...which was how I calculated the stardate, if you're paying attention. Former First Officer Karl Lembke named the minutes "Whatever Happened to Fay Rae?" for \$1.00.

We had no **Passages**, but some news on other members: Arlene informed us all that Patrick Fahey had his surgery. He's recovering and doing well. He was operated on for cancer, and they think they got it all. She then moved straight into her marketing report, due to the fact that she's moving and had to take a shuttlecraft home.

Marty followed with a report on long distance member, Dwain Kaiser: after his previously noted stroke, he was moved to a convalescent hospital. He's better, can walk from bed to chair, but mostly stays in his chair. He can talk, hear, and make himself understood, so it's good news thus far. He's a special breed of fan, because he owns a used book store.

The **Registrar** indicated that we had no guests.

We moved on to honor the night's **Patron Saints**.

**Patron Saint Ron Ellik:** Milt began by saying he was a very active fan in the '50s and '60s. He won TAFF and did a report called SQUIRREL'S TALE. He earned the nickname from Bjo, because he ran around like a squirrel. He was a CalTech type, and associated with the intergalactic scandal known to one and all as the Carl Brandon hoax. His life was tragically cut short by skidding off an icy road in Wisconsin in 1972. President Matthew Tepper said he knew him briefly. Dr. Jerry Pournelle said that Ellik was one of the few winners of TAFF to actually file his report. Bill added that Ellik was the star of THE MUSQUITE KID RIDES AGAIN. Intelligent and sharp, his FANAC mag was the first & only one to run on a monthly schedule. (*Er, uh - DE PROFUNDIS has always run on a monthly schedule when I was running it: 5½+ years when DE PROF was owned by the club and 3½+ years since I took over the zine. - ed.*)

**Patron Saint Ron Ellik** received three cheers & a Squirrel Nut Zipper Bar!

**Patron Saint Karl Lembke:** Scratch noted that Karl had a surprisingly "punny" & complete sense of words when he was scribe. (Supplemental log: pun fine was paid.) He has a wonderful sense of "Here, it's my night, you eat!" Specifically, for tonight: he brought lots of cheese, crackers, grapes, & berries for all to share. I noted that, while transitioning to my office, Karl was nothing but kind and did a fabulous job before my election, a foolhardy and otherwise questionable act on behalf of the

crew. I sang his praises for being a patient and reassuring influence on a nervous and twitchy neo. Kay noted that, last time LA hosted a Worldcon with the space cadet theme, Karl came up with a publication: a cookbook, MANUAL FOR SPICE-CADETS, and accepted her contribution. It's available on Amazon.

CLJII praised Karl's multiple turns as scribe, and spoke highly of his role as chair of the Board of Directors on the corporate side of the club. LASFS is always in his thoughts, and he brings healthy food for his fellow fans... a thing that must be corrected. He also thanked Karl for taking the initiative at a time when Dr. Pournelle was asking us to be internet publishers. Karl ran with idea to get his own book out, then encouraged Charles to do the same, which ultimately led to a real publisher offering to do it for him.

John DeChancie praised Karl's status as a reverse vampire: he's a regular blood donor, and has 589 units of platelets to his credit. Marcia added that, as her sidekick during her service as president, Karl was one funny guy. Karl speaks in pun, and she loves that about him. David Okamura noted that Karl was instrumental in making sure we still had a lemon tree in the Null Space. It was no small feat, and he was very helpful in creating the watering system for the tree, among other things. Scratch added that Karl is a nice guy, and **Patron Saint Karl Lembke** received three cheers, a pun fine, and a bucket of pure water.

**MOMENT OF SCIENCE** report, David Okamura. Endeavor got a brief mention, it was featured on the cover of APA-L.

Just announced, CURIOSITY has found more evidence water has flowed fairly frequently over the surface of Mars. It found something like a dry river bed with rounded gravel, which could only be formed by water. Some rock samples look like conglomerate (Pebbles, sand, etc.) Pournelle added a footnote: the CURIOSITY team tweeted "A River Runs Through It." Not strictly accurate, it should be RAN THROUGH IT.

Eylat then segued into **REVIEWS**, where she reviewed the LASFS showcase. It was very well attended, lot of people were there. Everyone had a great time, so it seemed.

Hare also had a review of the Showcase: it turned out very well. One pleasant surprise occurred: his sister showed up with her current boyfriend! It was Mae's first time at the new clubhouse, and she seemed impressed. The best part for her boyfriend was Tim Powers.

Larry Niven reviewed The Moon Maze Game by Stephen Barnes & himself, now out in paperback. Steven did a lot of the research.

Bill Ellern reviewed the latest Terry Pratchett yarn: DODGER. It's set in Dickensian London, and it's about the Artful Dodger and his journey from tosser to aristocrat with some meetings along the way with the likes of Sweeney Todd, Dickens himself, and others. It's brilliant,

the same ilk as Nightwatch & other, better Pratchett yarns. A fine was paid for a 'plot twist' pun, doubled, and revoked when analysis concluded that an actual plot twist was, in fact, involved in the story.

Finally, CLJII gave his own review of the LASFS showcase: it was a reasonable success. It made \$960.00 for the club, and everyone had a good time. Larry Niven & Jerry Pournelle started the day, and were very entertaining. Save for a problem with the AC that was readily corrected, the day progressed well. Proctor was laugh a minute, and very happy with the LASFS. The auction went very well, Powers' speech was fascinating, and David Gerrold wrapped us up. Mike Donahue & CLJII did a very successful presentation on moviemaking at ground level. Thanks go to Charlie Hoff & Alex for fixing the AC. Everyone pitched in and helped, and everyone had a good time.

There were no fannish committee reports save for one **Miscellaneous** item: Frank went to the hospital this week and had a heart monitor installed. He functioned for a whole day with it on, and had it taken off yesterday. Also, don't forget Super Car Sunday, see supercarsunday.

Marcia activated the Emergency Arlene Hologram, and the motion was passed to clean up and adjourn.

**Meeting 3921, October 4, 2012**  
**President Matthew B. Pepper, presiding**  
**Elizabeth Carlie, Scribe**

Welcome to Science Fiction Tonight! I'm Elizabeth Carlie, your scribe on the red carpet here at the LASFS for tonight's meeting #3921 of the Los Angeles Science Fantasy Society! Tonight is the annual voting and presentation of the esteemed Forrest J. Ackerman Lifetime Achievement Award, so let's get this party started!

Christian spoke to us briefly, naming the minutes "MY FINGERS HURT" for a dazzling sum of \$1.50. He was joined by Michelle Pincus, club registrar. The man of the hour, Mark Grayland, is, as it turns out, a rather exceptional artist who is visiting to see a few new faces and mingle with some close friends. He learned about us through member Regina Reynante, and is interested in art and the creative vision of science fiction. Apparently his chosen medium of art is geofractal.

We got an update on club member Patrick Fahey's recent cancer operation: he's still in good spirits, says close personal friend Eric Hoffman. Apparently, Patrick went on record with Eric as saying that, since he has so many surgical staples, he should be renamed THE STAPLES CENTER. There are also thieves apparently...someone stole his gall bladder!

Oh, and here come the **Patron Saints** of the LASFS! Tonight is **Patron Saint Steve Bilan**...oh. Oh, apparently he's not present, because his sainthood was a gift from club member and his brother, Gregg Bilan. Still, he received Three Cheers and a k'plach! Any brother of Gregg's is a saint of ours!

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:** CLJII just arrived. And he's already secured a lady friend to pass the Lantern of Jack! Fund those holiday parties, people! This year, the autumn soiree is on 10/27, and snake films will be on the agenda. And the winter party will be on Christmas Day.

Arlene Satin mentioned that, apparently, GoodReads is up to 272 members.

David Okamura gave us a **MOMENT OF SCIENCE:**

First up, Space X is launching a 2nd dragon capsule as early as Sunday. Secondly, we've all had that secret surgical fear of infection, or having something left inside... well, technology is advancing so doctors will leave things inside of our bodies on purpose...to PREVENT infection! In Illinois, they're developing devices that, like silk sutures, will dissolve in the body after serving their purposes. Wrapped in silk and using conductive materials like magnesium, exposed to radio waves these devices will generate heat to kill bacteria without killing YOU. Thus far, the devices are working in rats, and could even be developed to be used as monitors. (*Which is fine if you are going to put them into lizards.* ed.)

Now for some military dirt: if this comes true for the US Navy? It could be the biggest bombshell since Bikini Atoll. Apparently, a Naval research laboratory is making progress on JP5 jet fuel created from sea water! If developed, this could provide fuel for ships straight from the sea, and eliminate not only the hazards of at sea refueling with standard fuel, but save billions of dollars in the long run.

And finally, the hottest news from Japan! Researchers at Hiro University say they've successfully made rat stem cells converted into eggs, and created a 2nd generation of rats created from stem cells. It's important because we all knew stem cells could be converted into any kind of tissue, but now they can be converted for reproductive purposes. This could allow same sex couples to have children that are, genetically, theirs, and result in the creation of non non-embryonic stem cells.

And with that, David and others took their seats, and with a wisecrack about doing a little "old business," we're getting into the meat of the evening! As we all know, the Forrest J. Ackerman Award is given for lifetime achievement in the field of science fiction. Countless luminaries have won this award in the past ... (*And more than a few dim bulbs, too* - ed.) ... and tonight, the competition was fierce. Beating out all others was none other than the gifted and celebrated author, SIR TERRY PRATCHETT! Congratulations to Mr. Pratchett, and thanks to one and all for doing their duty for the voting and for the nominations!

**REVIEWS:** Bill Ellern's on scene. He's got a copy of last week's eye of the discussion storm: DODGER, by our newly crowned Forry honoree. The cover's lovely, and he also has a review of 1635: the Papal Stakes. He says it's a real page turner about Pope Pope Urban 8 and Lucretia Borgia, as well as all the antics around that event, which was changed by the incursion of the United States.

Hare Hobbs: discussed his second read of *FALLEN ANGEL*. He says it's interesting, and I'll tell you why: the first time he was in fandom, but not as into it. The second read let him get a lot more of that humor. He's reread only four books, and those all were Pournelle books.

And, to finish, Milt says there's another bid for NASFIC, this one from Detroit! With that bit of news, we're going to wrap for the evening. This is scribe Elizabeth Carlie, coming to you live from the Forry Awards for Science Fiction Tonight. We'll see you next time.

**Meeting 3922, October 11, 2012**  
**President Matthew B. Tepper, presiding**  
**Elizabeth Carlie, Scribe**

They came without warning. One minute everything was fine, and the next...they were all gone. All of them. I'm the only one left.

My name is Elizabeth Carlie...and this is the story of the end of the world.

It started like any other Thursday night at the LASFS. Meeting #3922 began, with Marcia Minsky paying \$1.00 to name the minutes "THANK YOU LOUELLA PARSONS." She seemed a little pale at the time...even ashen... but I didn't think anything of it.

Arlene stepped up to announce our schedule earlier than usual, seeing as how we were on AGENDA LIGHT for the evening. Among other things, she announced programming for the evening: HP Lovecraft's *THE WHISPER IN DARKNESS*, a 110 minute film. Her eyes were red as she continued with the schedule, but I didn't notice until the very end that they were actually glowing.

10/18: BIG AUCTION!

10/25: LIMBER UP

She also announced that the episode of *SLICE OF SCI FI* that was shot at the clubhouse previously, including interviews from Christian McGuire, her, and myself, was released online. It can be found via Google. She had a telltale shuffle in her step as she moved back to her seat, but nobody, not even me, thought anything of it at the time. The moaning, however, should have been a cue...

To move forward, we went on with Appointed Committee Reports. CLJII passed the Lantern of Jack, with Keri playing the role of his "lovely assistant." As she shuffled and moaned while collecting money from others in the room, the most fearful of us turned a blind eye as she gazed hungrily at every head that came her way. Meanwhile, Charles reminded all that our autumn party, which the Lantern has since funded, is on 10/27, featuring food, movies, and Stella Luna to answer all your bat-related questions. The party will go from roughly 3 pm to the witching hour. Our Winter party is Christmas Day, 2 pm until 10 or 11 pm. Maybe there will be hot food on hand, and it should be lots of fun.

We followed with our **Registrar**, Michelle Pincus. I know now that I was in denial, calling it a 'skin condition' as her right arm fell off while she shuffled to the front of the room and just barely managed to announce or evening's guests.

John Miller heard about us through member Karl Lembke, and was encouraged to visit so he could share the film we were going to see that night. He's into all aspects of science fiction, a literary fan, and works as a civil engineer. (*Karl is an uncivil engineer.* - ed.) He waved, then made a lunge to take a bite out of his neighbor's skull. We all turned a blind eye, unwilling to see the truth.

Barry Lynch heard about us through Chris Wilson, star of tonight's film. He's an actor. Karl was fined for a pun, but it could hardly be heard as, during the Committee to Gouge, the truth became increasingly hard to deny when three people were carted from the room. From the back, we could hear the sounds of...feeding. It was horrible.

David Okamura, who seemed unaffected, gave us a **Moment of Science**, beginning with Endeavor's final journey to the California Science Center. He moved on to Space X, the Dragon Capsule replacement for the shuttle. It arrived at the space station Wednesday, but it wasn't a flawless arrival. #1 engine shut down shortly after launch, and the industrial communications satellite for Orbcomm was left in low orbit.

On Mars, *CURIOSITY* used its scoop for first time in a test run. There was some concern at JPL when they found something in the matter they were scooping...turns out it was leftover plastic wrap in the scoop.

Also, it's Nobel Prize season! The prize for Chemistry was awarded yesterday to two researchers studying receptors. The Physics prize was shared by Serge Harouche & David J. Wineland for experiments in quantum physics. Harouche trapped photons for observation without destroying them, while Wineland trapped beryllium atoms in an electric field and supercooled them. This could, potentially, lead to super-accurate clocks.

Dr. Pournelle stopped at that point to add more to the Dragon capsule story just before all hell broke loose: back in '88, when they proposed the SSX and sold it to the National Space Council, it became DCX. The first criterion for the SSX was that it be savable, and Musk has shown that it can be done. It's a requirement of commercial space travel, so you can save the cargo if something goes wrong. The guy who was supposed to monitor the engine up there decided it wasn't performing properly and shut it down. They made orbit with the other seven, which was a big first. This makes insurance costs on these launches about half what they were before this happened. It's a big step towards commercial space travel.

Doug added that Dragon and Falcon were named after Puff the Magic Dragon and the Millennium Falcon, respectively. Not long after, he fell to the first of the infected as, one by one, they began to prey on the living.

I want to tell you that we made it through to the movie. I wish I could say that **Patron Saint Beverly Kanter** was properly honored. But Joe Zeff didn't get to say that she got along with Harry Andrushack for many years, that it was a good enough thing to say about her. Like any of the creatures that my friends and comrades were becoming, his brains were devoured by a starving thing that used to be Michelle Pincus. Perhaps it was someone else, I can't be sure...certainly, Michelle had strength enough to fight off this infection and lead the coming rebellion against the legions of the infected...

I want to tell you that Dr. Pournelle added that Beverly kept Andrushack from coming to meetings, that she was really a friend and that he never disliked her, but he fled the scene. I pray he escaped with his life and his sanity.

I want to tell you that President Tepper said that Andrushack made her a **Patron Saint**, that she got her Three Cheers...but that would be a lie.

One by one, I put each of the infected down, thinking irrationally that Joe might observe that today was an interesting day...10/11/12. I thought about the announcement Dr. Pournelle made before he ran for his life, how well the surgery on his nose went. It took some doing, but the cancerous cells were removed, and he was due back for a checkup. I wondered what kind of introduction Karl would have given John Miller before the film, if we'd made it that far.

It was all wishful thinking. My friends were gone, replaced by grey and rotting abominations that fed on innocent flesh and shuffled mindlessly through the streets in search of more. I'm the last...and I fear I'm not immune. I can hear the papery cries of the infected, sounding the call to arms...

I'd adjourn, but the meeting...it's a distant memory...everything's getting dark now...hard to...think...hard to...breathe...\*moan\* \*gasp\*

...braaaaiiiiiinsssss...Jersey Shorrrrrrrre....Jersey Shoooooore....

## **Board of Directors Meeting**

**November 11, 2012**

**Karl Lembke, Chairman**

**Marty Cantor, Secretary**

**Board Members in attendance:** Karl Lembke, Mike Thorsen, Michelle Pincus, Marcia Minsky, Rob Powell, Marty Cantor, Christian McGuire, Arlene Satin, Eylat Poliner, and Rob Powell. Warren "Whiskey" Johnson has an excused absence as does Elayne Pelz, both of whom are out of the country in differing parts of the globe.

**Members and Guests:** Greg Bilan, Joe Zeff, Michael Pell, Joyce Sperling, Matthew B. Tepper, Bill Ellern, Tim Trzepacz, Jeni Burr, Tony Benoun, Sherri Benoun, Ed Hooper, Maryann Canfield, Heide Nichols, Frank Waller, Tom Shafer.

**Called to order:** The meeting was called to order at 11:

06 am. Karl wished everybody a Happy Veterans Day. Karl also gave congratulations to Michelle Pincus for winning the special election to Bill Ellern's seat. "And thank you to Bill Ellern for your years of service." Applause was given to both.

**Minutes:** The minutes of the Meeting of October 2012, were accepted as presented.

**New Members:** There were applications for membership in the Society presented to the Board: Gary Sanders, Lara Beilby, Christopher Beilby, Jason Justice. All were accepted.

**Treasurer:** No report.

### **30 Second Reports:**

**Chairman (Karl Lembke):** No report.

**Vice Chairman (Christian McGuire):** Unaware of any new vice.

**Secretary (Marty Cantor):** No report.

**Publications (Marty Cantor):** I sent out pdf notifications of the election problems to the DE PROF mailing list. I explained what had gone wrong and how it was solved. // The Golds are out of town and they did not give me anything to pass on to the Board.

**Comptroller (Bill Ellern):** No report. Karl again thanked Bill for his years of service on the Board and he wished the best for Bill and Anne. Bill thanked us.

**Quartermaster/Supplies (Mike Thorsen):** Soda units sold: 24,150 units to date, 271 units this period. Soda money: \$18,833.25 to date, \$271.00 for this period. Some paper products and minor sundries were purchased from the proceeds of the vending machine.

**Library (Warren "Whiskey" Johnson):** The librarian is out of the country.

**Archives (Marcia Minsky):** We have archives.

**Physical Plant (Elayne Pelz):** She is also out of the country, but a different country than the librarian. Different continents, in fact. Try not to break things and try not to use the climate control in overkill mode.

**AV Equipment (Rob Powell):** CLJ says someone has gotten his DVDs to play.

**Events (Eylat Poliner):** Grilled cheese Throwdown was moved to January 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday – this was moved, seconded, and passed. // Christian reported on LOSCON 39. A hotel reservations glitch caused some confusion in our understanding of the actual room-night pick-up. Good news: hotel is buying back 2 rooms from the con. We seem to be getting along well with the new hotel person. Christian commended ALL the people who have gotten up and done new things to promote the con. Sponsorships: \$1000 from Galaxy Authors Services, There is a

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separate page in the programme book thanking sponsors. A general discussion was held about the con. // LOSCON 40 –we are moving forward in acquiring GoHs. // LOSCON 2014-2018 contracts: we have been approached from the hotel about our future there.. Needs permission from Board to enter into negotiations with LAX Marriott. Passed with one nay vote.

**Fund-raising and Recruitment (Arlene Satin):**  
Her time will free up after her wedding in two weeks.

**Marketing Committee (Arlene Satin):** Arlene: we were contacted by Eric Small who was here in September, who would do a presentation on 10,000 Days, a program of his. He did a presentation here and it was good. He did a Q& A afterwards, and they taped it. Taping is on

his Facebook page and it is also on U-Tube.

**Club President (Matthew B. Tepper):** No report.

**WEB MASTER (Barry Gold):** On vacation.

**Agenda Items:**

**New Comptroller:** Michelle, with accounting training and bookkeeping experience, was appointed to the position of Comptroller.

**Error correction in LASFS elections:** Matthew described the glitch in the recent Board elections. The problem was in the nominating process. At the time of the time of nominations, the wrong person was added to the list – Mike Thorsen – instead of the correct person – Warren Johnson. Just before the election this was pointed out and all of the Board members in attendance decided that the correct person should be put on the list as he had agreed to this via e-mail and the incorrect person was removed from the list. Nominations were reopened (with one more person added) and the election was put off for one week. Special advisor Charlie Jackson and President Matthew Tepper were in attendance with the Board members. Those members who had shown up to vote but would not be at the following week were given provisional ballots which would be cast the following week. President Tepper kept the ballots. Christian moved and it was seconded that the decision made by the Board members at the club was affirmed. Charlie Jackson was thanked by the full Board.

**Gizmo's new gizmo:** (Much applause as Rob showed what he had constructed.) Rob discussed his ideas of why the cart was designed the way it was. Cost of this prototype was \$110.00/\$120.00. There was a vigorous discussion of this device but it was well-liked. "Improvements" were discussed. It was recommended that Rob continue his research, taking into consideration several suggestions by the board.

It was recommended that Karl pass on to Charlie Jackson, on Thursday, the thanks for his help last week. // Sherri Benoun said that as this was Veteran's Day she wanted to thank any of you who have served for your service. (There was applause.) Marcia thanked the Board for having the Veteran's Day Open House.

Our next meeting will be December 9, 2012.

**Take-Aways:**

Rob to continue research on his gizmo.

**Taken Away from previous meetings:**

**Adjournment:** The Board adjourned its meeting at 12:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Marty Cantor, Board Secretary



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