



## DECEMBER 2013

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1	2	3	4	5 LASFS MEETING	6 Open House	7 Estrogen Zone
8 - BoD Second Sunday Open House	9	10	11	12 LASFS MEETING	13 <b>GIFT EXCHANGE</b>	14 - Winter Formal Dance (start - 6 pm)
15- Time Meddlers	16	17	18	19 LASFS MEETING	20 Open House	21 - CFO
22	23	24	25 <b>PARTY</b>	26 LASFS MEETING	27 Open House	28
29	30	31 <b>PARTY</b>				

### KEY TO CALENDAR & OTHER IMPEDIMENTA

ESTROGEN ZONE = Ladies Auxiliary Sewing and Fallout Society  
 BoD = Board of Directors - 11 am  
 2nd Sunday = Board and other gaming - 2 pm  
 Cinema Anime = Japanimation, time after Tom Safer Cartoons  
 CFO = Cartoon Fantasy Organisation  
 Work Party = Varies with what needs doing  
 FWEMS = Fourth Sunday Movies - 2 pm  
 TIME MEDDLERS = Dr. Who club  
 Tom Safer Cartoons = 10 am

### THURSDAY PROGRAMME ITEMS

**DECEMBER 5** - Nominations for President—Standing Rules change  
**DECEMBER 12** - Procedural Elections—Standing Rules change  
**DECEMBER 19** - **BIG** Auction  
**DECEMBER 26** - Boxing Day programme

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

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  
 FWEMS -



**THE LASFS' GIFT EXCHANGE OPENS AT 7 PM  
ON FRIDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2013**

# DE PROFUNDIS - the *unofficial* newsletter of LASFS

## COLOPHON

*De Profundis* 490– December 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.

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 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.

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 July - December, 2013

**President:** Eylat Poliner. **Vice-President:** Debra Levin. **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:** Gavin Claypool (2016). **Secretary:** Marty Cantor (2015). **Other members:** Marcia Minsky (2015), Warren "Whisky" Johnson (2015) Elayne Pelz (2014), Rob "Gizmo" Powell (2014), Mike Thorsen (2016), Michelle Pincus (2016), 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://www.lasfs.org>>:** 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:** Eylat Poliner. **Hall Decoration:** C.B. McGuire, Charles Lee Jackson II. **Science Officer:** David Okamura (with Karl Lembke). **Food Guru:** Mark Poliner. **Marketing and Promotion:** Michelle Pincus.

## 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 \_\_\_\_

## THE RULES OF THE LASFS GIFT EXCHANGE

by Leigh Strother-Vien and others, 2007 - 2013

Date: Friday, the Thirteenth of December  
Doors Open: 7:00 PM / Event Begins: 8:00 PM  
Location: LASFS Clubhouse

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

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

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

happen to get some nice loot, that should merely be considered a very nice bonus!)

On entering the Gift Exchange, you will receive a registration number. The registration numbers will be randomized, to determine when each person will be called to choose a gift from the table. The first person called will choose a gift from the table, open it, and show it to the audience. Make sure the rest of the crowd knows what the gift is, because that lets the crowd have fun, and **THE PURPOSE OF THE GIFT EXCHANGE IS TO HAVE FUN.**

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

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

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

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

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

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

If no one volunteers to "Save," a "Force Trade" with the perpetrator of the "crud" gift - - whether an al-

ready opened gift or a future selection - - is mandated. The participants may overrule a "Crud Call" by a majority vote if they consider it unjustified. If a Judgment Call is required in any instance, the decision of the Gift Exchange "Producer" is FINAL!

**Please note:**

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

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

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

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

**GUIDELINES & SUGGESTIONS**

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

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

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

- Do not put anything offensive into the Gift Ex-

change. Lewd, crude, or rude gifts are not funny. THE PURPOSE OF THE GIFT EXCHANGE IS TO HAVE FUN.

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

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

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

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

#### ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS OFTEN ASKED

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

A. If you don't know what's related to science fiction or fantasy, you're in the wrong club. Fandom-related things are associated with the activities of organized fandom: e.g. mementos from conventions, propeller beanies, chocolate, costumes, computer hardware and software, comic books, collected fanzines, manuscripts from pro authors, bookshelves, video storage devices, interesting toys, games, puzzles, sheet music and/or recordings by Filk artists, miniatures, leather-craft tools, chain mail, etc.

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

A. No. The nature of the gift is unquestionably related to science fiction, fantasy, or fandom. The

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

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

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

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

A: In the first place, they won't relent. The rules are on their side. In the second place, throwing such a tantrum would only get you thrown out and banned from future Exchanges. Your only real option is to make an effort to act like an adult (yes, it's terribly hard, but necessary) and allow the trade without putting up a fight.

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

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

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

**ADDENDUM TO THE ADDENDUM: If, by any chance, you bring an adult guest to the Gift Exchange, the previous paragraph applies to you and the guest, too.**

**2013 ADDITIONS TO THE RULES:** After a gift is opened, if it contains books, the person opening the gift can announce the type of books and show 3 or 4 of the books, read-out the titles of those books and names of

the authors of these 3 or 4 books - but not the names and titles of any of the other books although they may state the general type of book in the box: science fiction, mystery, hard cover, paperback, and so forth.

*If there is something special in a gift, put a note in the package to let the opener know of it.*

**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 3967, August 22, 2013**  
**President Matthew B. Tepper, presiding**  
**Karl Lembke, Scribe**

President Eylat Poliner exterminated meeting #3967 at a metric dozen minutes after 8. She then held up the plushie dalek which Sue Fox and Gene Turnbow won in the LOSCON contest.

Eylat announced some changes resulting from the feedback session. We're changing the order of the events at the meeting. The meeting **Menace** will be read after the auction. We're going to change stuff around and see if people object.

**Patron Saint Fuzzy Pink Niven:** John Hertz: FPN has been a friend of his since '69, and a friend of fandom longer than that. It was her interest in Georgia Heyer and English regency dances that provoked his interest. There was a world sf convention the year of the Nivens' 10th anniversary. It happened to be in Brighton, a town important to the Regency. Someone made Jerry a uniform of the hussars, a uniform with enough gold braid to earn him the name, The Man With the Golden Ribcage. Marilyn was very much a scholar of the period. It was the habit of the British aristocracy to promenade down the beach in Brighton at 4 PM precisely. She decided we would promenade from the pavilion to the hotel at 4 PM. For various reasons, Sarge Workman had a Sergeant costume of the same unit. It was not appropriate for the dance, but was perfect for the promenade. While they were promenading, a Mod (no, not quite a hippie or beatnik) came up and asked, "Where's your horse?" "In Wellington Yard, where do you expect!" "I'm sorry," said the Mod as he beat a hasty retreat.

Scratch: Fuzzy has the ability to command and control functions such as parties, conventions, meetings, and so forth. One thing about England and the military is they hang on to their uniforms. Jerry was lured into telling the story of the meetings leading up to the development of SDI. All you have to do is tell the story wrong and he'll leap in to correct it. She was a student of Marvin Minsky at MIT, when there was no such thing as a computer scientist, so she had to be a mathematician. She was.

We were told the story of the Nivens' computer. The Nivens bought an Altair, and eventually bought it a membership at the club under the name of Altair Niven. Al-

tair Niven was bought by Mike Morris and eventually sold when Mike needed funds. Aussie DUFF winner Bill Wright said she was the absent hostess when Larry invited Australians at first LA Con to his mansion. He tossed them the keys to the liquor cabinet and disappeared to play cards with his mates. Frank Gasperik showed up and proceeded to regale them with Australian stories and songs. Bill and Robin Johnson were busy playing the Aussie fan movie in the poolside cabana, so they didn't see a lot of the con. About Georgette Heyer and regency dancing, there was a picture at the convention with a group of four Regency Dance instructors teaching people at the tables how to do the dances.

Tom Safer doesn't know her very well personally, but does know Larry, who has told wonderful things about his wife. It's nice to hear a man speak well of his wife. Jerry Pournelle: she doesn't come to many meetings. She didn't make this one because she's preparing for minor surgery tomorrow. We wish her well. **Patron Saint Fuzzy Pink Niven** was given Three Cheers and thread for making lace

**Patron Saint Michelle Pincus:** Eylat views her as a sister, loves her dearly. She does an amazing amount of work for the club. What you see is just the surface of what she does for the club, and there's lots more outside the club. She does an amazing amount of work, I care about her deeply, and we hope she's with us for many thousands of years. Matthew: If there's a dynamo in LASFS, that dynamo's name is Michelle. If you see something good happening at the club, chances are she has a hand in it. She greets, she represents us at external functions, she runs auctions. We're lucky to have her Tom Safer: Doubles that remark. Can't say enough good things about her.

Scratch: Michelle is quiet and retiring, and has the quiet demeanor of a marshmallow, so soft, so gentle...*(Michelle is squishy and .....tasty(?). Ahem... - ed.)* "Of course she's quiet, she's a vampire queen" interrupted Jerry Pournelle. Richard Costas: when he brought her here mumble-mumble years ago, he wasn't sure she liked it. She threw herself in and vanished without a trace -- except for all the work she does.

Marcia: not only is she a heck of a hell player, she's a heck of a Mah-Jongg player. Jerry Pournelle: one of the perks of being an ancient mariner is you get to flirt with Michelle. That's why he comes here. Gene Turnbow: one of the first interactions with LASFS was with Michelle. "I'm trying to get Krypton Radio off the ground," he said. "It's not easy to do unless you can talk to people who know the things you need and how to get them." Michelle lightens the load. Marty Cantor grumped at her.

**Patron Saint Michelle Pincus** was given Three Cheers and a lot of shopping.

**Registrar** Michelle introduced a guest. Brian Vickers who heard about us from CLJII and Carrie Doshey. Returning guests were Fred Miller and Bill Wright, Australian DUFF winner. John Hertz had some words about Mr Wright. John happens to be the North American DUFF

Administrator and presented Mr. Wright a welcome home gift. It was a copy of the 1962 edition of *The Dying Earth* by Jack Vance, the second paperback edition. And two more guests: Brian Lind and Daniel St George.

Marcia Minsky reported on Bill Ellern: Bill had surgery a week ago today. He wound up having a heart attack, got angioplasty and stents. He was released Saturday and seems to be doing fine. Ann has a caregiver while Bill is indisposed.

Michelle Pincus had a report on the health of George McUrso. He has inflammation in his leg and is taking steps to improve his health and make sure this doesn't happen again.

**Reviews:** Milt spent all afternoon going through the LoneStarCon pocket program, all 263 pages of it. It has one feature, the interactive pocket program. You can go online and select a day and track, go through and highlight what you're interested in. You can print out an itinerary. Browsing through it is interesting. John Hertz: when he wrote the pocket program for LA Con II, he measured pockets and made sure the pocket program would fit in a pocket.

David Okamura had a **Moment of Science**. Kepler is still broken. However, it did exceed its original mission life span, and they may be able to repurpose it. Since it was launched in 2009, it has discovered over 3000 planets. It's done quite well.

The CIA has finally admitted to Area 51. (*Oh, humbug. Seriously. It has been a non-secret for years and years that the area maps listed as Area 51 was where the development and trials of experimental aircraft were held. Only credulous fools believed that anything else happened there. Aliens? Well, those who believed that Alien crap are certainly less than human ... - ed.*)

Think Different was an Apple slogan. But it may apply to autism. A study finds variant brain activity, so autism may be a different cognitive style rather than a disability. Brain scans reveal different patterns of activity when children are doing math problems. The intense concentration may be due to practice, or it may be organic.

The **Menace** were read. Marcia Minsky paid \$3 to name them "Classified".

Marcia made the usual announcement, and it was moved and seconded that we adjourn. We adjourned at 9:48 or so.



## **Board of Directors Meeting October 13, 2013 Karl Lembke, Chairman Marty Cantor, Secretary**

**Board Members in attendance:** Karl Lembke, Marty Cantor, Rob Powell, Marcia Minsky, Michelle Pincus, Eylat Poliner, Mike Thorsen, Gavin Claypool, and Warren "Whisky" Johnson. Elayne Pelz and Christian McGuire had approved absences.

**Members and Guests:** Lee Gold, Barry Gold, Sherri Benoun, Tony Benoun, Joe Zeff, Matthew B. Tepper, Frank Waller, David Okamura, June Moffatt, George McUrso, Charlie Jackson, Tom Safer, Michael Pell.

**Called to order:** The meeting was called to order at 11:14 am.

**Chairman (Karl Lembke):** Welcomed us to the October meeting.

**Minutes:** The minutes of the Meeting of September 8, 2013, were accepted as presented.

**New Members:** There were 7 applications for membership submitted by: Lee Almodovar, Pat Miller, James Ubersetzig, Bear J. Burge, Terry Wren, Alexander Garcia, and Fred Miller. They paid their \$5 and were accepted unanimously.

**Treasurer (Elayne Pelz):** Not here. (Michelle) Michelle said that we do not have much money and we cannot spend it.

### **30 Second Reports:**

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

**Vice Chairman (Christian McGuire):** Not here.

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

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

**Comptroller (Gavin Claypool):** No report.

**Quartermaster/Supplies (Mike Thorsen):** Soda units sold: 27,468 units to date, 383 units this period. Soda money: \$22,233 to date, \$397.00 for this period. // Purchased more anti-graffiti spray, purchased paper, out of free coffee,

**Library (Warren "Whisky" Johnson):** Yes, we have a library. We are curtailing book buying until LOSCON where we will be spending the last of our budget there. // Again, we are running out of space and boxes of books for LOSCON being put into our back-up room are making it difficult to get to the library books in that room.

**Archives (Marcia Minsky):** No report.

**Physical Plant (Elayne Pelz):** (Not here.)

**AV Equipment (Rob Powell):** No reports or updates received.

**Events (Eylat Poliner):** LOSCON 40: Annika O'Brian is Maker Guest of Honor. Membership is currently under 500. Web site is up and is being maintained. We have a film programme and we have sponsorship. // Many people are volunteering to bring in events. There was a discussion about Chaz having an event every 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday and other events at its day. It was agreed that Chaz could move the dais if it were carried instead of dragged so that it would not damage the carpet tiles. // There was a discussion about replacing the Salad Bowl with a Soup Bowl on January 12, 2014, after the Board meeting. This was moved, seconded, and passed.

**Fund-raising and Recruitment (Michelle Pincus):** We raised \$65 with the Letters of Marque "event."

**(Significant Others)**

**Marketing Committee (Michelle Pincus):** Michelle came up with a proposal for an event for children 15 and under at LASFS. Family's Science Day at the LASFS. June 28, 2014. There was a discussion about this. It was moved, seconded, passed (with one abstention) to hold this event, waiving the usual rental fee.

**Club President (Eylat Poliner):** We are having nice turnouts at our Thursday meetings.

**WEB MASTER (Barry Gold):** One report of misdisplaying web page – fixed.

**AGENDA ITEMS:**

**Cleaning issues (Marcia Minsky):** Events are not cleaning the premises after themselves and we had a discussion of this problem. It was recommended that there be a cleaning fee if events do not clean up after themselves. A further recommendation was made about sending a letter to all groups about cleaning problems. // This somehow led to Lee Gold asking about when the names of new members should be put on the web site list of members. The DE PROFUNDIS editor puts the names of new members on the DE PROFUNDIS mailing list as soon as he receives them.

Summer Event (Michelle Pincus) (Done earlier in meeting.)

**Monthly Event (Sundance):** Michelle made the presentation: Sundance wants to have a monthly event for young people, devoted to video games and a barbecue. The proposal was discussed. Day of month was not mentioned in the proposal. The proposal was moved and seconded to table this to the next meeting. The proposal was tabled until the next meeting. It was mentioned that questions could be passed to Sundance for answers.

**Children's Dues:** this was discussed. The discussion was not only about whether children should pay a separate dues than adults but also about what ages should be used

for both full dues, children's dues, and too young for dues. Advisor Charlie Jackson recommended that this be given to a committee to draft by-laws and standing rules amendments and Advisor June Moffatt mentioned that a previous Board had decided that the age should be 13. Karl appointed himself, Eylat, Elayne, Michelle, and Mike to be on the committee.

**Application Fee increase (standing rules amendment):** There was a very long discussion about the fee charged to new members to join the club. This was added to the previous committee.

We adjourned to a relatively short closed session.

**Charlie Jackson:** Presented information about the LASFS 4000 meeting affair he was going to run. He gave a progress report. It will be called LA 4000, a 2-day event. The Board held a lengthy discussion with Charlie about this event.

**Open Forum:**

The next meeting of the Board will be on November 10, 2013.

**Adjournment:** The Board adjourned its meeting at 1:29 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Marty Cantor, Board Secretary

<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>NEW LASFS BUSINESS</u></b></p> <p>Two resolutions will be presented to the Society at the December 5, 2013, meeting for first consideration.</p> <p>Resolution #1:</p> <p>Resolved, that Society Standing Rule 4 be amended to read as follows, effective January 1, 2014:</p> <p>4. Membership application fee is \$10.00.</p> <p>[The effect is to raise the application fee from \$5 to \$10.]</p> <p>Resolution #2:</p> <p>Resolved, that Society Standing Rule 4 be amended by adding the following clause, effective January 1, 2014:</p> <p>4. ... Children under seven years of age are not required to apply for membership.</p> <p>[Effect is to clarify the membership status of minors; now children seven years and older are expected to apply for membership in the Society after they have attended their three meetings as a guest (like all other prospective members), if they wish to continue attending. They will have all rights and privileges as other members, with the exception of serving on the Board of Directors; the Society bylaws require that Directors be 18 years of age or older.]</p>
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**LAFAs**  
(Los Angeles Filkers Anonymous)

Saturday, December 14, 2013  
Filk: 7 PM to ???  
Pre-Filk Dinner: 5 PM, The Palace  
(formerly known as VIP Harbor Seafood)  
(Chinese cuisine and some Dim Sum)  
Brandyhall, Lee and Barry Gold, hosts  
3965 Alla Rd., Los Angeles, CA 90066  
(310) 306-7456

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

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

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

**Notes:**

1. No Smoking Indoors! -- Use the front porch in good weather; the enclosed patio during bad weather.
2. Please bring munchies and drinks to share.
3. There are no domestic animals in residence. (*Does that mean that Barry & Lee are either not there or happen to be vegetables? Or are not domesticated?*)
4. Crash space available. Call ahead if you can to reserve a prime location. Who gets the spare bed will be determined at the filk, depending on who shows up.
5. Two Silicon life-forms are present. The old photocopier is gone, but copying can be done using the inkjet printer or by scanning something and then printing it on a laser printer.

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

**GIFT EXCHANGE**  
**The Return of Hot Spiced Cider**

Yes, folks, Dale Hales will again be providing this wonderful drink.

**All those who wish to provide complementary pot luck goodies are encouraged to do so.**



**NEW  
GIFT EXCHANGE  
RULES**

Something which slows down the Gift Exchange and which some find to be boring is when a package containing many books is opened and the person opening the gift takes out and reads aloud the title of the book and its author - **OF EVERY BOOK IN THE BOX** - even if there are dozens of books in the gift box.

Yes, we are a club of book-lovers, but we prefer to read books on our own time and listening to a verbal listing of book after book after book is not only *not* reading books but is also somewhat boring and is also a vast slow-down of the proceedings.

Therefore, there is a new rule. **After a gift is opened, if it contains books, the person opening the gift can announce the type of books and show 3 or 4 of the books, read-out the titles of those books and names of the authors of these 3 or 4 books - but not the names and titles of any of the others.**

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*If there is something special in a gift, put a note in the package to let the opener know of it.*

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
ELECTION**

The following directors were re-elected to new, 3-year terms:

**Gavin Claypool  
Michelle Pincus  
Mike Thorsen**



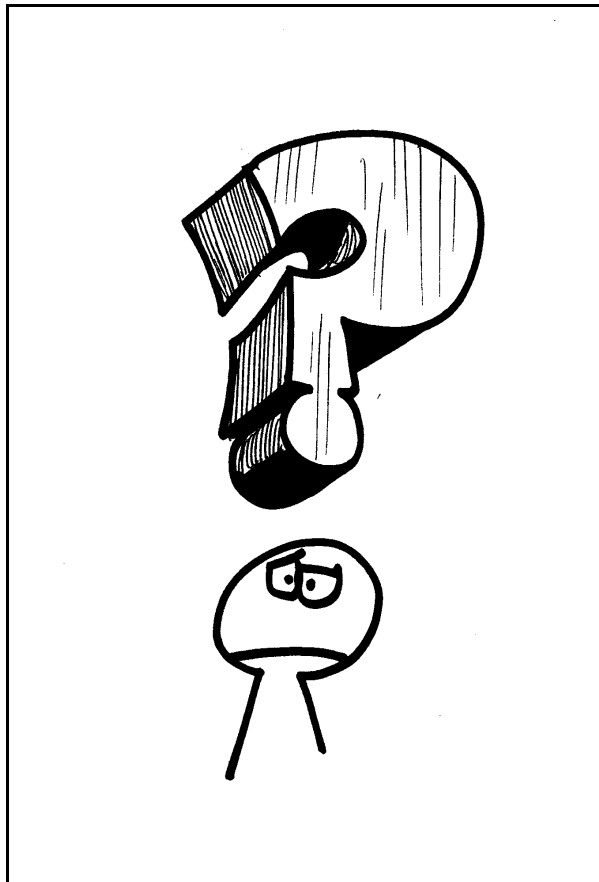


## LASFS GIFT EXCHANGE

The LASFS GIFT EXCHANGE is a tradition which continues every December. In recent years there have been fewer attendees than previously, due in part to some long-time attendees no longer showing up and newer members seemingly unaware of this fun-time event.

I would like to invite back all those who once attended the event - and I would like to issue a personal invitation to new members of the society and to any LASFS member who has never attended this Winter-season party.

The rules of the LASFS Gift Exchange have been printed in this issue of *DE PROFUNDIS*; and, this year, there will be two small changes in the rules of the Gift Exchange, mostly designed to make the event more fun. Stay tuned.



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edited and pubbed by Marty Cantor  
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paper copies from Marty Cantor for \$5.00

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

**LASFS  
GIFT EXCHANGE  
FRIDAY THE 13TH  
IN  
DECEMBER**

**Details and The Rules  
ARE IN THIS *DE PROF.***

**NEW  
LASFS  
DIRECTORY**

The directory is now available.  
Elayne will e-mail  
the following directory files, free,  
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