



## JUNE 2014

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1	2	3	4	5 LASFS MEETING	6 Open House	7 - Cosplay Sewing Circle
8 - BoD Second Sunday Open House	9	10	11	12 LASFS MEETING	13 Open House	14 Cinema Animé
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### KEY TO CALENDAR & OTHER IMPEDIMENTA

Estrogen Zone = Ladies Auxiliary Sewing and Fallout Society  
 BoD = Board of Directors - 11 am  
 2nd Sunday Open House = Board and other gaming - 2 pm  
 Cinema Anime = Japanimation - 1 pm  
 CFO = Cartoon Fantasy Organisation - 1 pm to 8 pm  
 Work Party = Varies with what needs doing  
 FWEMS = Fourth Sunday Movies - 2 pm  
 Time Meddlers = Dr. Who club - 11 am  
 Tom Safer Cartoons = 10 am

### THURSDAY PROGRAMME ITEMS

**JUNE 5** - Nominations for Procedural President; also, Tim Griffin presents  
**JUNE 12** - Nominations and elections of all Procedural officers  
**JUNE 19 - BIG** Auction  
**JUNE 26** - NASA Space Pilot Charles Justiz presents

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  
 Work Party - 10:30 am  
 Estrogen Zone - 2:00 pm  
 FWEMS -



**THE EDITOR OF THIS RAG IS RUNNING FOR LASFS' PRESIDENT  
 SEE PAGE 8 FOR BLATANT ELECTIONEERING!!!**

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

### COLOPHON

*De Profundis* 496– May 2014. 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 \(at\) 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, 2014

**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), Milt Stevens (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 toners, 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; **Parking/MTA Liaison,** Milt Stevens.

### 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 \_\_\_\_

**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 3990, January 30, 2014**  
**President Eylat Poliner, presiding**  
**Karl Lembke, Scribe**

President Eylat Poliner interrupted a Gallifrey One planning meeting in order to call meeting #3990 to order at five minutes after 8.

The **Menace** were read. David Okamura bid \$0.50 to call the Menace " I think I overpaid " .

**Patron Saint Mike Luwish:** Son of Emil Luwish, bought himself and his father sainthood in the LASFS. **Patron Saint Mike Luwish** was given Three Cheers and "Funny, he doesn't look Luwish" (pay 50¢).

**Patron Saint Gary Louie:** Joe Zeff: There was a time when Gary was at work and something happened that might have been a stroke. He found himself unable to speak. HE wrote up a description of what was going on, printed out a large number of copies, handed one to his boss, and every time someone asked what was wrong, he handed that person another copy. This was typical of the way he thought. Milt Stevens: He didn't look louie-ish. (Pay 25¢)

Hare Hobbs: Gary was a nice, soft-spoken guy but was one of those guys who did lots of things for the club. He worked very hard for the library. Matthew Tepper: he is one of two people who made a point of greeting him with a gentle quack. Praise the work done for a couple of books by SCIFI Press. His research was careful and thorough. CLJII: Gary was briefly owner of a piece of property in China. A property was being transferred from one family member to another, and Gary owned the property for a few minutes. Joe Zeff: During the transfer there was a 10-minute period when he had physical custody of the deed. In China, whoever has physical possession of the deed owns the property.

Scratch: He had a collection of Legos. Eylat: He was a very generous person, an Evans Freehafer Award winner. Christian: He was a better runner of the Committee to Gouge than I or many others. Before computers were simple or fun, he kept his complete collection of books on a printout so he could fill in blanks and not duplicate stuff he already had. He was not a Dr Who fan, but ended up working Gallifrey One. His funeral was during Gallifrey One, and half the committee left the convention in the middle of the con to attend. He cooked healthy. He cooked with the 50% fat Chinese sausages.

Scott Beckstead: first LOSCON he attended, walked into Art Show and Gary (who knew him from Gally) grabbed him and said "Here, we need help". Scott worked the art show for the rest of the con. Didn't see the rest of the con. Then Gary dragged him to Smofcon. Once he and Gary walked half a mile through snow to get to a sushi restaurant in Colorado Springs he wanted to try. Not recommended. (*What is not recommended: walking half a mile, Colorado Springs, snow, or that sushi restaurant?*-ed.)

**Patron Saint Gary Louie** was given Three Cheers and a movie about Legos.

**Old Business:** We had the second vote on Resolution #2, the amendment for Standing Rule 4:

Resolved: That Society Standing Rule #4 be amended by adding the following clause, effective March 1, 2014:

4. ... Children under thirteen years of age are not required to apply for membership.

[The effect is to clarify the membership status of minors; now children thirteen 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.]

Election results: For: 23: Against: 1, Abstaining 2. The change is now official.

**Registrar** Michelle announced we had guests on Sunday, Gabriel Orgal, Msaade Nia, and today's guest, Monte Thrasher.

**Science Report:** David Okamura reports that we all know a spoonful of sugar helps the medicine go down. In the near future, it may power your smart phone. (*But only if you take a spoonful of sugar when you swallow your smart phone.* - ed.) A sugar powered bio-battery converts a sugar solution into electric power. It has a higher energy density than lithium batteries, the waste product is water, and there are factories that produce it.

There are other ways to power cars with sugar. Global Bio Energies, a French company, is trying to make synthetic gasoline using genetically modified e-coli to produce isobutane gas.. This avoids the problem with ethanol poisoning the critters producing it.

For those who have a hard time metabolizing sugar, British researchers will start testing an artificial pancreas in about 2 years. It is implantable and has no moving parts. (*A corpse also has no moving parts. Usually.* - ed.)

In today's news: scientists have managed to convert blood cells into stem cells by shocking them with acid. This promises to accelerate research into stem cells.

Matthew Tepper is returning to being the Committee to Report on Area Bookstores. Ten Dollar or Less Bookstore, seems to have opened in October. Corner of Tampa and Nordhoff. It seems to have a lot of remaindered stuff, used books. It's so-so, but has an excellent SF section.

**Reviews:** Nick Smith reviewed a book he picked up from LOSCON. A Plague of Vampires, written by a couple of LOSCON dealers. SFf medical investigation police procedure with vampires. Trying to develop a disease to block other diseases, but you need regular transfusions of blood to survive.

Milt, in his continuing search for Hugo Nominees: The Ocean at the End of the Lane, by Gaiman. This avoids the same-old zombies, vampires, werewolves, etc. A middle aged man remembers something that happened when he was seven. He witnesses a suicide, and this attracts something unusual.

**Miscellaneous:** Mike Thorson's brother is out of the hospital, and he did not have a cardiac condition. Rather, his stents were being compressed by his arteries. It's been fixed.

Eylat announced that Bill Ellern is recovering nicely, and back to taking care of Anne, partially.

Debra Levin moved to adjourn. It was seconded. And so we adjourned at 9:05 PM.

### **Meeting 3991, February 6, 2014 Vice President Debra Levin, presiding Karl Lembke, Scribe**

President Eylat Poliner interrupted a Gallifrey One planning meeting in order to call meeting #3991 to order at 8.

The **Menace** were read. Joe Zeff bid \$1.25 to call the

Menace "Funny, they didn't sound Luwish". Scratch abstained, and then voted nay, creating an abstain on his character.

Joan Steward rose to announce the passing of fan and Time Meddler Michael Pell. He had been seen at the hospital, diagnosed with kidney stones, released this very morning, and died on the way home. There is an autopsy planned. Joe Zeff moved we send an appropriate condolence card to Joyce Sperling. We had a moment of silence in Mr. Pell's honor. Puns to be added later.

**Patron Saint Frank Waller:** Karl: Harcourt Fenton Mudd, have you been drinking again? Zeff: He financed his sainthood in a sensible way. He donated gourmet potato chips and let others pay money for them. David Okamura: He's helped keep the LASFS clean after hours, and we appreciate that. Marty: He's under appreciated in many ways. One thing he does is he goes out of his way to empty the trash cans after every meeting and every affair he happens to be at.

Matthew Tepper: His geniality and warmth are pluses when he attends LASFS functions. He occasionally makes special trips to LASFS just to take out the trash. We officially thank him for that. (Yes, I am the trash Fairy. -- Frank) **Patron Saint Frank Waller** was given Three Cheers and all this and a bag of chips.

**Patron Saint Albert Sheehan:** Matthew Tepper: He was one of the purchasers and deliverers of donuts for a while. He and his daughter Krystal Mae are wonderful additions to the club. Mark Poliner: He's always good for a good story in the library and he enjoys good beer. Michelle: He's an amateur paleontologist. (*He digs up amateur bones?* - ed.)

**Patron Saint Albert Sheehan** was given Three Cheers and atomite fossil.

**Patron Saint Mike Glycer:** Milt Stevens: contender for greatest fan who ever lived, won many Hugos, chaired a Worldcon, and won DUFF but was unable to make the trip. Marty Cantor: A friend for a long time, he pubs File 770, newsletter for fandom, and Marty wishes he'd show up at the club more often. He's one of the best Scribes we've ever had. He would write the Minutes in longhand and read them back without correction the following week, they'd be accurate and the funniest you've ever heard. There have been Scribes whose Menaces are very hard to edit, what do you leave out? Mike Glycer and John Dechancie are the two hardest Scribes to edit.

Matthew Tepper: File 770, in its years of paper existence, was the foremost journal of fannish news (It's still around in paper -- Marty Cantor) His reach is worldwide, and certainly includes Sacramento. Jerry Pournelle: as a reviewer, can say he's good enough that one of his reviews, well ... He reviewed a novella he (Jerry) published in Analog, and that prompted him to rewrite it before it went to publication as a novel.

Joe Zeff: When Marty spoke of Glycer writing the Menace in longhand, he did this during the meeting on the fly.

(*Nah, he used paper.* - ed.) What you heard at the next meeting was what he had written at the previous meeting, unedited.

Pournelle: When people asked him who he was, he'd say he's a character in a Niven and Pournelle novel. Eylat Poliner: Sometimes he'd e-mail her File 770. She'd ask why, and he'd say he read about her. He would notice her doing impressive things at conventions. He's a very sweet person. CLJII: During part of his, CLJII's, term as President, Mike was Scribe. One week he specifically referred to him and his heritage, Mike wasn't there and he had to change the script to describe Matthew instead.

**Patron Saint Mike Glycer** was given three cheers and "A LASFS Rex Rotary that works".

**Registrar** Michelle introduced Amber Weldo, Justin Swoboda was a guest Sunday.

**Reviews:** Mark Bondurant showed off his book, just out. The Rose of the West

**Parking:** Milt Stevens announced we can now park in the MTA lot across from the power station. We thanked Milt for his incredibly hard work in the Quest for Space.

**More Reviews:** Matthew Tepper reviewed a restaurant called PizzaRev. One opened just today at Burbank and Van Nuys. Tell the people what toppings you want on your pizza, and they put it together. It's reasonably priced, the place is well lit and clean. It opened just in time for Ben's 15th birthday.

Milt Stevens came across a novel, Ancillary Justice by Anne Leckie. An ancillary is a corpse soldier. The story features a distasteful government that uses frozen POWs, revived to make military units. It's a story of revenge. It's a very good first novel. They also have a political plot that could only exist in SF.

Larry Niven held up a book he was given, Wizards, Aliens and Starships. It's a textbook. Charles Adler. He mentioned Dan Alderson who developed a Ringworld with three rings. One of the rings was built by Mesklinites. It's chock full of ideas.

David Okamura had a **Moment of Science**. More on the uses of sugar: Sugar can be put into us. It's happening a lot, and it looks like a bad idea. Sugar has been linked with fatal heart problems. It increases blood pressure and LDL, and may provoke inflammation that leads to heart disease. (*And it is not too friendly towards diabetics.* - ed.)

On a more encouraging note, scientists have experimented with adding a sense of touch to artificial hands. A test subject was capable of distinguishing a large number of objects by touch.

Matthew Tepper reviewed a new IOS app: a new way of addressing Facebook. It's called Paper. (*How I address Facebook is not fit for a family publication like DE PROF. Anyway, the best use of paper is for fanzines.* -

ed.) It's free, and it's a very nice graphic interface. It's very usable on the iPad. Only thing missing from it is Messenger.

**Medical Stuff:** Matthew Tepper mentioned Jim Daniel stated on Facebook he has to have surgery to implant a defibrillator unit. LASFS members are going bionic.

Hare reported they're experimenting with his meds again.

Joe Zeff: started clinical study. Investigational and control drugs are very similar, and he's putting on weight.

CLJII: saw his doctor, got tests done, and his health is excellent.

Karl Lembke: Recently received a certificate honoring his donation of 650 units of platelets.

Tom Safer moved to adjourn. It was seconded. And so we adjourned at 9:05 PM.

**Meeting 3992, February 13, 2014**  
**Debra Levin, Vice President, presiding**  
**Matthew B. Tepper, Scribe**

The meeting was called to order at a balmy 8:03 p.m. by Vice President Levin, who had managed to draft a substitute Scribe she felt she could deal with. Meanwhile, the actual Scribe, Karl Lembke, had sent minutes electronically, and these were read and approved, with Michelle Pincus paying a buck to call them "Meh."

The evening's sole **Patron Saint** was **Craig Miller**. Hare Hobbs said that Craig had gotten him to volunteer at cons. Frank Waller averred that he's a nice person. Matthew noted he and Craig had joined LASFS around the same time, but Craig had worked his way up the fan-nish ladder to become co-chair of the 1984 Worldcon. Craig's one-time hairstyle was something wild and free, but with his present clean-pate look, it's easy to imagine him wearing a white suit, sitting in a swivel chair, and gently stroking a fluffy white cat.

Marty Cantor called Craig "one of the best hotel liaisons, ever," along with his other talents as a writer and an agent. Hare mentioned Craig's stint doing special advertising for "Star Wars." Jerry Pournelle described Craig as "special envoy to the geeks." He also reminded us of Craig's secret identity as "Mrs. Cecy Miller" back when the LASFS met at the Palms Playground and his signature on a letter to the Park authorities was less than clear.

Finally, we gave **Patron Saint Craig Miller** Three Cheers and "another movie to run."

**Registrar** Michelle said we had a new member, Heather "Scooter" Milne (no relation). A first-time guest was Dino Mascolo, who had learned about LASFS from Matthew last year at Mysterious Galaxy in Redondo Beach.

David Okamura had a **Moment of Science**, several of

them in fact. Remember those remains of Richard the Thrid that were identified? Scientists are sequencing his DNA, to find out what his hair was like, his eye color, and even whatever infectious material he may have been hosting. There is still some controversy over where his remains are to be put to rest, either York or Leicester, so we are still awaiting his "final act."

David also reported the Chinese Moon rover, Jade Rabbit, was dead, but Matthew had seen a more recent item suggesting that it's only "mostly dead." The International Space Station crew members are conducting experiments on microgravity and absolute zero. The rabbit died? Who's pregnant?

Meanwhile, that long-hoped-for goal, controlled fusion power, may be getting a little closer. It's still not entirely practical, but there's a start. Jerry says his neighbor Ed Begley, Jr., has been using fusion energy for years – solar panels on his house.

David noted that Tom Safer has generously offered to pay the club's annual film license, which allows us (and our renters) to show these films legally, and his offer was accepted by the Board. Tom received the attendees' applause.

In a stunning revelation, we had no **Old Business**. By a wild coincidence, were was no **New Business**, either.

**Announcements:** Club Librarian Warren "Whisky" Johnson has scheduled a work party, Sunday, 23 February, beginning at noon, to clean out the Library's excess storage room.

Due to vermin infestation on the premises, the LASFS Board of Directors will have professional exterminators come in deal with the situation. Starting 1 March, there will be a ban on food anywhere on the premises. Michelle said it is thought that this will last a minimum of six weeks. Drinks will still be permitted. Groups found to be in violation of the food ban may be sent away, and key-holders found to be in violation will have to surrender their keys. The two already-scheduled events, the SoCal Pan Fandom Spring Formal and L.A. 4000 are excepted from the food ban, provided the organizers provide a thorough cleaning of the premises afterwards. Chaz Baden has said he will bring in his own professional cleaners, which Debra said was appreciated.

**Miscellaneous:** "Quiet crowd," mused Vice President Levin, and after various motions were fielded, we adjourned at 8:48 p.m.

**Meeting 3993, February 20, 2014**  
**President Eylat Poliner, presiding**  
**Karl Lembke, Scribe**

President Eylat Poliner interrupted a Gallifrey One wrap-up meeting in order to call palindromic meeting #3993 to order at 8:05.

The **Menace** were read. David Okamura bid \$4 to call

the Menace "Rats Live On No Evil Star, and neither are they welcome at LASFS".

The work party on the 23rd has been canceled due to the work having been done.

Effective immediately, the parking issue has been resolved. We are allowed to use the MTA lot just north of the power station. Don't park on Aetna after 9 PM. Thanks to Milt Stevens. (Standing Ovation!) Milt has also agreed to be the liaison to MTA. We can also park Friday nights and weekends.

We have a food ban, don't bring in food. Drinks are OK, but leave food in the car. This begins March 1, and lasts UFN.

**Patron Saint Maureen Garrett:** Matthew Tepper: Maureen is a sweet and pleasant person who attended LOSCONs in the 80s and early 90s. She ran the official Star Wars fan club for a time. She is known for her beautiful and eclectic outfits, and her art -- describing a circle, and filling it in with unearthly landscapes. She has not been seen since the O6 Worldcon. Nick Smith: met her in the 1980s because of hotel room mixups. She and Meg Garrett would be mixed up by hotels. She went to a Filk-harmonic concert to find out who this other Garrett was, and wound up taking a songbook with her to share at work. **Patron Saint Maureen Garrett** was given Three Cheers and all this and a bag of chips.

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

**Miscellaneous:** Matthew Tepper announced there will be a paperback something March 16, 2014. Vintage paperback show and sale, venue is The Glendale Civic Auditorium.

Tom Safer had a surrealism report: A vending machine candy bar refuses to drop. Robert McKeivitt of Spirit Lake went after the machine with a forklift. He lifted the machine 2 feet up and let it drop. After six drops, three candy bars had dropped into the tray. He was fired five days later. His claim for unemployment benefits was denied. "You're just not yourself when you're hungry!" -- Karl.

Someone moved to adjourn. It was seconded. And so we adjourned at 9:40 PM.

### **Meeting 3994, February 27, 2014 President Eylat Poliner, Presiding Karl Lembke, Scribe**

President Marjii Ellers' "R" having been stolen by pirates, Eylat Poliner called meeting #3994 to order at 8:03.

The **Menace** were read. Milt Stevens bid \$4 to call the Menace "The Giant Rat of LASFS". Eylat had some announcements.

**Special Orders of Business:** Matthew Tepper announced the passing of Martin Greenberg, co-founded

Gnome press. Published books by the great names of SF. He even paid some of them.

**Patron Saint Bill Ellern:** Debra: Bill is one of the most generous people she knows. A lot of people get irritated when he outbids them in the auction, but he really wants to support the club. Christian: Bill is a published writer, as well as a fan. He wrote a Lensman novel. It began as a novelette published in Analog, and expanded into New Lensman (1976). Jerry Pournelle: Bill was twice a colleague, he was a professional sf writer and he was also a professional aerospace engineer. He was part of the committee to provide adult supervision to the LASFS. He's married to one of my favorite people.

Tepper: Historical note: when we moved out of the Burbank Blvd clubhouse, there were a few on the premises to document the close-up. Bill was the most senior present and it was his job to turn off the lights in each building and lock up. And it's been photographed. Mike Thorson: Bill, along with his wife Anne, have given out Hall Costume awards encouraging people to be creative and detailed in their costumes. He was also part of the committee to affix things to the walls of the LASFS. Eylat: She's been working for him for almost three months under trying circumstances. The man has the most amazing amount of patience she's seen in any one person. He is a saint just for that. He believes that no LASFSian or fan should ever go hungry.

**Patron Saint Bill Ellern** was given Three Cheers and never going hungry.

**Patron Saint Marjii Ellers:** Hare remembers Marjii as one of the nicest people here. When his sister forgot and left her dress at a hotel, Marjii ran it down at the hotel. (*The hotel let her drive her car inside?* - ed.) When she was LOSCON Guest of Honor, she gave a 10# bar of chocolate to the con suite each day of the convention. Scratch: she was a grand lady, always gentle and courteous, a master of costumes, and often used as a masquerade judge. She loved to dance in the Regency dances, but would dress as a male because there were never enough male dancers at these things. In the cabinet, we have a photo of her in her Barbarella costume, but this is the PG version. She masqueraded without the front cover, but carried it off with such aplomb there were no negative comments. She re-did the bathroom in the front building, laying the tile and applying the space wallpaper that was used.

Pournelle: On top of that she was a dish and didn't mind you knowing it. Tepper: has not followed a number of costumers, but her Queen of Air and Darkness was a marvelous costume.

**Patron Saint Marjii Ellers** was given Three Cheers and class.

Aldo Spadoni rose to announce his program. A visual history of recent space launch programs.

**Reviews:** Milt Stevens reviewed possible Hugo nominees. The Arrows of Time by Greg Egan. There are no

human characters, and it's a part of the universe where the rules of physics are very different. from ours. The aliens are very different as well.

Matthew Tepper mentioned Nebula Award nominations are out. A LASFS member, Lawrence Schoen is among the nominees for Trial of the Century.

David Okamura announced: The Orange Empire Railway Museum has a steampunk carnival on March 16, 17. Last night, attended Orange County SF club, in the meeting room at Denny's where there's no food ban. John Hertz was a speaker there. Kepler scope had trouble when two gyroscopes failed. The data processed over the last couple of years has been looked at again. They found 715 planets huddled around 305 stars. 95 are smaller than Neptune, and 4 are in the habitable zone. This is a major development.

In the US, polio has been pretty much eradicated. In Northern CA, some 20 children have come down with a polio-like ailment. Median age of the kids is 12, and they were vaccinated against Polio. This is worrisome.

Scratch: They also found it in Australia and the Orient.

Marcia Minsky: two weeks from today will be her final class at school, and she expects to walk the stage with honors, and have her BS in health care administration.

David Okamura: found a major article on the Harry Potter series. Eylat asked to take it home for her daughter. Scratch: speaking of Harry Potter fans -- he used to teach D&D. Has never seen a book series that had such a tremendous impact on kids. Seen 400 kids standing in line for bookstores to open. Jerry Pournelle: And the literary critical world has run a big article in the Huntington Post saying of she loves writing, she should stop so she can make room for people to step in and make money. She should use Jerry Pournelle's response: "Look, I'm making them enough profit they can afford to buy our miserable works."

Jerry rose to speak about life as it's been for him for the past two weeks, beginning with his Harry Potter scar and ending with the passing of his dog.

Matthew Tepper moved to adjourn to the program. It was seconded. And so we adjourned at 9:00 PM.

**Meeting 3995, March 6, 2014**  
**President Eylat Poliner, Presiding**  
**Karl Lembke, Scribe**

Eylat Poliner did not go up in smoke, but instead called meeting #3995 to order at 8:03.

The **Menace** were read. Michelle Pincus bid \$1.50 to call the Menace "That could be a problem".

We have a **Patron Saint, Dave Fox**: Hare Hobbs: Dave Fox was one of those nice guys who educated him on LASFS that led to scientology, and told him the stories concerning L. Ron Hubbard. When he died, he was

known as the dirty old man of LASFS. The strip club down the street closed a couple of weeks after he died. Michelle: He is no relation to Susan Fox. (I'm sure if you go back far enough...) Mike Thorsen: We still get plenty of use out of his power tools. He produced stories about a land called Khorlia, which were printed in APA-L.

Marty Cantor: He used a hearing aid in his later years. If you were talking to him and he got tired of listening, he'd very ostentatiously reach into his pocket and turn off his hearing aid. Joe Zeff: Back when he, Joe, was working at Earthlink, he wanted to give his computer its own network ID. Most of the Earthlink computers were named after countries, and he wanted to go with the trend. He named his computer Khorlia, a name guaranteed not to conflict with any other machine. Since then, he makes a practice of naming his computers after places you can't visit.

**Patron Saint Dave Fox** was given Three Cheers and a strip club.

**Registrar** Michelle announced a guest: Tine Hutchinson, who found us on a Google search.

We do have **New Business**...

Marcia Minsky yielded the floor to Marvin The Paranoid Robot, who presented the LOSCON 42 bid... After some parliamentary gymnastics, we voted. Everyone voting assented, so Marcia Minsky and Robbie Bourget are now chairing LOSCON 42.

The LASFS has been debugged, thanks to an anonymous donor.

David Okamura had a **Moment of Science**: a second baby born with the AIDS virus may have been cured by a massive amount of drugs. It looks like massive intervention right away may have promise.

Next month's Space-X rocket: they're experimenting on forming space crystals. Crystals grown in space are expected to be larger and have a more regular molecular structure, allowing for easier visualization.

Elon Musk is everywhere. He has announced a large battery factory to hopefully bring down the cost of batteries for his Tesla car. What if someone decides to charge up batteries at night and sell power back to the system in the day time.

**Miscellaneous**: One of the autonomous robots Jim Ubersetzig designed won a contest. Robotics society of So Cal had a contest. Monty asked if they could use GPS.

Milt Stevens has added Burning Paradise by Robert Charles Wilson, set in an alternate USA in 2014.

Joe Zeff: Someone sent e-mail labeled "Urgent Massage." (*Go ahead, Joe - do you have to rub it in?* - ed.) Boss wanted something yesterday. "Not enough in the budget for a TARDIS."

LAFAs  
(Los Angeles Filkers Anonymous)

Saturday, June 7, 2014  
Filk: 7 PM to ???  
Pre-Filk Dinner: 5 PM, Hill Street Cafe  
(See below for location & directions.)  
Casa Griffin - host: Tim Griffin  
<http://www.griffined.org/>  
1227 Flanders Rd.,  
La Cañada-Flintridge, CA 91011  
Home phone: (818) 952-8983  
Tim's cell phone # (818) 468-6721

**Pre-filk dinner:** 5 PM, at the Hill Street Cafe, 1004 Foothill Boulevard, La Cañada Flintridge, CA 91011 (818) 952-1019

Here's the tricky part: the house is not on Flanders road but rather on Flanders LANE, which does not look like much from Flanders road proper. On Flanders Road about 50 yards West Of La Canada blvd, you will find a telephone pole on your right (North side of Flanders) with a small paved lane immediately next to it. That's Flanders Lane. Tim will put up a sign on the telephone pole with the word FILK in big letters to make the site easier to find. If you have trouble finding the filksite, call Tim and he'll talk you in.

**Filk style:** Host's choice

1. No Smoking Indoors! There is a small patio in front where people may smoke.
2. Please bring munchies & drinks to share.
3. There are three large, friendly dogs. They will remain outside unless we get a consensus that we want dogs inside. There may also be several rescued birds in the house. There will be a HEPA filter running to reduce allergy issues.
4. Because there are non-filkers in the family, the filking will end no later than 12:30 am.
5. A computer with internet access is available, and there is a printer for lyrics.
6. We are not normally a Kosher household, but out of respect for our diverse guests we will be serving Kosher snacks for the evening.

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

Scott Beckstead: he reported on a job requiring 5 years' experience with a program written in 2012.

Eylat went with Mark to a "sweetheart's brunch" and they met a doctor. Asked if it's bigger on the outside, he replied his TARDIS is, to the mystification of others at the table.

Eylat announced her daughter is playing the rabbi's son in Fiddler on the Roof. It's the full production, and a real Broadway Producer is volunteering her time to run it. Show opens 4/10, 4/11, 4/12.

Jerry Pournelle rose to tell of his life. A month ago, he

had hearing aids which gave him normal hearing. Then he went stone deaf in his left ear. He's been getting steroid injections

Scott Beckstead moved to adjourn to the program. It was seconded. And so we adjourned at 9:12 PM.

## SPECIAL ELECTION BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The result of the Special Election to the LASFS' Board of Directors was that Milt Stevens was elected to fill out the remainder of Eylat Poliner's term. This term will end on December 31, 2014.

### NOMINATIONS FOR LASFS' PROCEDURAL PRESIDENT June 5 ELECTIONS FOR LASFS' PROCEDURAL OFFICERS JUNE 12

May 8, 1975 was the day I joined LASFS.

And I am on my third term on the LASFS' Board of Directors (where I am currently Secretary).

Also, I took over DE PROF when the Board gave it up as I felt that the club needed a newsletter that would be both electronic and printed on paper so that ALL interested members could read it.

I am the Official Collator of APA-L and The Little Tin God of LASFAPA, the two Amateur Press Associations associated with LASFS.

Plus, as I collate APA-L at the club on Thanksgiving, for the past several years I have been also running the club meetings on that day, allowing the regular officers to enjoy Thanksgiving either at LOSCON or with their families. And I enjoy the experience.

So, I think that I would like to be the LASFS' Procedural President for a full, 6-month term.

PLEASE, EVERYBODY, SHOW UP AND VOTE FOR ME - OR FOR AN OPPONENT - ON JUNE 12. ELECTIONS ARE IMPORTANT.



## BOARD GAMING AT LASFS

As long as I have been a member of LASFS, board gaming has been a subsidiary interest of many club members. Over the years, though, board-gaming at LASFS has been dwindling until that activity at Second Sunday is usually down to one table of 3 or 4 people. Also, Friday evening board-gaming has often been just two people.

About 6 or so miles from the club is a location in Sun Valley where a board-gaming Meet Up called Friday Night Dice has been holding gaming sessions for several years. Not long ago that group was put on temporary hold as the organizers had a new business interest which was keeping them from holding the Meet Up.

However, they have made their web site available to those FND members who want to hold Friday Night gaming sessions at other venues.

With permission of the LASFS' Board of Directors, I have been inviting members of FND to game at LASFS on Friday Nights, posting the invitation on the FND home page. I explain that after three visits to the club they have to join if they want to continue gaming here, several of these FND board-gamers have been coming to the club and a few have joined.

There are other places where these people can game, but some of them seem happy to come to the LASFS clubhouse.

Please consider this an invitation to all LASFS members who used to board-game at the club to come down to meet the new members on Friday nights - and join in to play the newer games.

**Petitions proposing by-laws changes have been signed by at least 15 Standard Members. The proposed amendments will be read at the May 29 Society meeting, and voted on at the June 5 meeting.**

*(Proposed changes are italicized)*

Article IV: Procedural Officers.

Section 1: General.

A. The elective procedural officers of the Society shall be a President, a Vice-President, a Registrar, a Scribe, and a Treasurer.

B. *When elected, and continuously while serving, each procedural officer shall meet the following requirements: be 18 years of age or older, and otherwise legally competent.*

Section 2: Election.

The procedural officers shall be elected from the Standard Membership. The Treasurer shall be elected at the second regular Society meeting of June. The other elective procedural officers shall be elected at the second regular Society meeting of June and at the second regular Society meeting of December. Nominations for President may be made at both the election meeting and the last previous regular Society meeting. Election of the President shall be followed by nominations for and election of the remaining elective procedural officers in the following order: *Vice-President, Registrar, Scribe, and Treasurer (in June only)*. All elective procedural officers shall take office at the first regular Society meeting of the month following their election, and shall serve until they die, resign, or are removed from office, or until their elected replacements take office. Election of procedural officers shall follow the procedure given in Article X. [...]

Section 6: Registrar.

The Registrar:

A. shall welcome new members and guests;

B. shall supply the Secretary with guest attendance information;

C. *shall respond appropriately to personal and electronic correspondence addressed to the Registrar; and*

D. shall, in the absence or disability of both the President and the Vice-President, perform all duties of the President. When acting in place of the President as described above, the Registrar shall have all the powers and be subject to the restrictions on, the President.

### LASFS MERCHANDISE NOW AVAILABLE!

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

20% of the proceeds go to benefit the LASFS.

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

# **PARKING**

## **THE ISSUE HAS BEEN RESOLVED**

**NO, NOT ON AETNA**

The MTA (which controls parking for the Orange Line bus) has graciously allowed LASFS to use the lot to the northwest of the clubhouse. From Tyrone, just drive west on Aetna until you get to the entrance to the parking lot (which will be on your right). The after 9 pm restriction on Aetna does not apply to this lot, so those parking in that lot need not move their car at 9 pm.

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

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