



DECEMBER 2014

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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

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 -

THURSDAY PROGRAMME ITEMS

DECEMBER 4 - Nominations for LASFS President and Power-point presentation on "Christmas Carols, Confections, and Caprices" Facebook page
DECEMBER 11 - Procedural Elections (including additional nominations) for President, Vice President, Scribe, and Registrar
DECEMBER 18 - BIG Auction
DECEMBER 25 - Tom Safer presents Cartoons AND **Winter Holiday Party**, 2 PM to 11 PM, at the clubhouse (with a partial recess in Freehafer Hall for the regular meeting 8 to 9-ish)

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

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**LASFS' GIFT EXCHANGE IS ON, FRIDAY, DECEMBER 12 -
 See details of the Gift Exchange on pages 2, 3, and 4**

DE PROFUNDIS - the *unofficial* newsletter of LASFS

COLOPHON

De Profundis 502– November 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. *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@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, DELL Workstation (using the Windows 7 Professional 64 bit 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.

Marty Cantor, 11825 Gilmore Street #105, North Hollywood, CA 91606, USA. (818) 761-9401. [martyhoohah \(at\) sbcglobal \(dot\) net](mailto:martyhoohah@sbglobal.net). November 2014. Hoo Hah Publication Number 1863. Thanks go to Elayne Pelz, Charlie Jackson, Karl Lembke, Lee and Barry Gold, and any others who are helping me in providing news to LASFS members.

LASFS OFFICERS

Elected Procedural Officers
July - December, 2014

President: Marty Cantor. **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, Gavin Claypool, Ed Hooper. **Committee to Gouge Money from the LASFS:** Elayne Pelz. **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:** Charles Lee Jackson II. **Hall Decoration:** C.B. McGuire, Charles Lee Jackson II. **Science Officer:** David Okamura (with Karl Lembke). **Marketing and Promotion:** Michelle Pincus; **Parking/MTA Liaison,** Milt Stevens.

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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 - 2014

Date: Friday, The Twelfth 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 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 already 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 Exchange. 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 Hub-

bard 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 sometimes 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 ADDITION 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)

Meeting 4015, July 24, 2014
President Marty Cantor, presiding
Karl Lembke, Scribe

President Marty Cantor called meeting #4015 to order at 8:01.

Comments from the President: A lot of the people who would be here are in San Diego at ComiCon. Despite that, tomorrow night, some who will be playing Mah Jong or Hell will be down there, but Board Gamers will be here. If you don't know what Euro-games are, show up.

Menace from the previous meeting were read. June Moffatt bid \$1 name them "Herman" They were so accepted.

Treasurer's Report: We have some money, don't spend any of it.

Patron Saint Ed Green: From the Hagiography: Ed served multiple terms as club president, Board member and, Board Chairman. He was a LOSCON chairman. Ed was always willing to share info about comics or military matters, two things he knows a lot about.

Matthew Tepper considers his absence a great loss. He was one who helped guide the LASFS for several years. One time, Ed and Matthew ran as a team. Tom credits Ed for helping him get started on TSPC. CLJII: Ed Green is featured in a book in the library, he appears in Blonde Bombshells.

Anna Safer: Ed Green's name was mentioned in an Odd Couple episode. Tony Randall's insurance agent was Ed Green. Thorson: If you want to Google him, include his middle initial L. And you need to spell his name properly G-R-E-E-N. Spelled out so the people listening in on our meeting can get it properly. Karl: He's in acting, and might some day be the Ed Green in a TV show might be ours. Thorson: After weaning himself off comics, Ed brought in Hero Clix, a game centered around comic book characters.

Patron Saint Ed Green was given Three Cheers and a secret chevron.

Patron Saint Tom Safer: Anna Safer spoke: He's the best husband in the whole wide world. He

takes very good care of her. Eric Hoffman: Besides being a good friend, is as crazy as I am about movies. He's a living animated cartoons. He knows more about the Warner Brother cartoons than anyone I've known in a long time Mike Thorson: because of his proclivity with Warner Bros cartoons, Tom is not only a patron saint, he's our sacred video projector. Last year he paid for our license so we can show many of these things.

Scratch: He's a nice guy. Matthew Tepper: Tom and Anna are dear friends of him and Debra. He's the lifeline for anything having to do with cartoons. Jerry: He sings pretty good. He's in three choruses. (Anna is the stage manager for one of them) Joe Zeff: he's very conscientious about taking requests and making sure they get into the show. Peter Santell: Loves the movies he shows, and actually sings to the movies when they're on.

From the Hagiography: Fan of Bugs Bunny and other cartoons of Chuck Jones. Frequently shows these cartoons at the club and other venues. Has a singing voice good enough to get him membership in several local choruses. Married to Anna Safer and devoted to her. He's also a sacred object. He's the sacred video projector. Still dithering over his \$3K choice.

Patron Saint Tom Safer was given Three Cheers and that wascal wabbit.

We don't have a **Registrar**, but we have no guests either.

Board Member presentation: Thorson: this club is supported by member donations and internal fundraisers, but also by trying to stem the tide of waste. In the last several months, there have been a few things happening. We've had troubles like: during the food ban when we had the coffee service out, someone came in and took away the contents of the instant coffee, instant soup, and creamer. Recently, this was found to have happened in the kitchen. // We also need to find out who went in and diluted the liquid soap. // We have a nice thing going here, and we need to not ruin it by costing the club money it shouldn't have to spend.

We also have the problem of people donating DVDs to the club by putting them on the shelves of the library. We find DVDs that aren't in the database.

At this point we'd normally have a small action, but it was so small we couldn't find it.

Announcements, Regular or Time Bound:

David Okamura had a **Moment of Science**. Sad news of the passing of test pilot Henry Hank Hartzfield Jr, co-pilot of Columbia, commanded Discovery, and Challenger on its penultimate flight. He joined NASA in 69, but had to wait 13 years to get into space.

Tech News: Toyota has been doing well with the Prius, and is now making a hydrogen fuel cell car to be introduced in Japan next year. It will be an expensive proposition for them. Hydrogen fuel cells can get 430 miles on a single fueling. Problem: infrastructure isn't there yet.

Long-belated honor: the first airplane technician. In addition to the Wright brothers, Charles Taylor was a self-taught mechanic who was able to create a gasoline powered engine that was very lightweight and got the plane off the ground. He has finally been recognized.

Jerry Pournelle: a week ago, three days of zero sunspots. In 2012 was a huge solar flare that missed the Earth by 10 days. This would have knocked out the electrical grid. Someone calculated a 10% chance something like that will happen in the next 20 years. This might be a good time to start going survivalist. Good writing opportunity.

Bill Green: Kepler satellite has detected those flares on stars in its field of view. For stars like the Sun, we get a Carrington type event ever 450 years or so. Jerry Pournelle: The way you calculate probabilities has to be indirect. Based on observations of the aurora sightings in low latitudes, we figure these events occur about every 2-3 hundred years.

Reviews: Eric Hoffman: The good, the bad, the ugly. Good: likes to listen to old radio programs, and is now listening to Captain Midnight shows. Came across a book, "Radio's Captain Midnight" the wartime biography.

Bad and Ugly: Alaine Silver has written good books about movies: The Zombie Film from White Zombie to World War Z.

CLJII: The Avenger of Olympus, a book put together using the silhouette he drew for one of his characters. It's a very striking cover and he's really pleased.

Miscellaneous: Milt Stevens learned something new from a Steve Stiles fanzine. There are ouija boards online. He asked one "should I boil my headphones". "Yes, that seems like a good idea."

Stiles included a cartoon suggesting he'd better win the Hugo this year or he'll start turning people into Smurfs.

Anna Safer: Not a Darwin Award, but an honorable mention. A guy trying to kill a spider with an aerosol can and a lighter. Burned down the house. Not his. Marty reported on a lady who poured gasoline on a snake to kill it. It crawled into the house and set it on fire.

Adjournment: It was moved and seconded, and we adjourned at 8:35

**Meeting 4016, July 31, 2014
President Marty Cantor, presiding
Karl Lembke, Scribe**

President Marty Cantor called meeting #4016 to order at 8:01.

Comments from the President: We have a new saint: Joyce Lloyd, to be honored on Week 21.

Those who are not aware, we had one of the water mains break in the building. Water to the back building is off, and will be fixed Saturday. This is going to cost a lot of money to fix. People who like to donate money to the club, we appreciate it.

Menace from the previous meeting were read. Tom Safer bid \$7 name them "Bricka bracka firecracker sis boom bah! Bugs Bunny! Bugs Bunny! RAH RAH RAH!" They were so accepted.

Treasurer's Report: This looks nice, but we haven't paid for the plumbing repair yet.

Patron Saint David Okamura: Scratch: He's a man of unusual talents, brings us news. Thorson: He's a phenomenal graphic artist, done a number of things for the club, created Thorson's gavel for his two terms of president, does a lot of work in the courtyard, trying to keep our plants from dying. To the best of my knowledge, he has never done any of this in work clothes. Debra Levin: He keeps the place looking nice, gives us wonderful science reports, is a nice guy, and does cool models.

Kay Shapero: he writes impressive filk songs, makes impressive paper models, and is a nice guy. Scratch: he makes impressive paper models. Glen Olson: He talks purty too. Marcia Minsky: He's a heck of a Mah Jong player. Safer: keeps his eyes open for good things to attend, such as the animation exhibit at the LA County Fair last year.

From the Hagiography: Origami king. Evans Free-

hafer Award Recipient. Science Monitor.

David helps maintain the plants in the patio and does many other things around the club.

Patron Saint David Okamura was given Three Cheers and being unblinded by science.

Patron Saint Sean Cleary: David Okamura: known mainly through filk circles. He's always been a wonderful person. Kay Shapero: Sean has an interesting combination of luck. He thought he was creating a subclub of friends who were filkers but what he did was create a group called Filkers, and added everyone to it. It was one of the finest accidents she ever encountered.

Filker, gamer, Go player. **Patron Saint Sean Cleary** was given Three Cheers and a filk book with blank pages to fill in.

Registrar Michelle introduced some guests: Jay. P. Africa, came for Friday Night Dice. Michael Andreas, and Matt Blitz. and a new member, Chris Horrocks!

Board Member presentation: Elayne: we will have water by Saturday evening.

Moment of Science: David Okamura rose to give some sad medical news. The Ebola outbreak is becoming serious in three nations. One of the most high profile doctors died of that disease. Two American medical professionals have tested positive. They seem to be doing well. One is here in a tightly quarantined facility.

A second medical thing: someone coined a phrase, "Organlegging" some years ago. Unfortunately, a special EU prosecutor investigating war crimes things this has happened in Kosovo in 1998-1999. 10 case where people were executed and organs went missing. We suspect executions may have been timed for transplant operations, but this may be the first time we've seen it as a war crime. We hope stem cells and 3-D printing of organs will put a stop to this.

Tom Locke: The more hard science item is about NASA designing a Mars rover to land on Mars in 2021. It will include a device called Moxie, converting CO2 into oxygen to use as an oxidizer, burning hydrogen brought from Earth, but maybe extracting something from Mars to use.

STNG did not want to spend money on sets including buttons and switches, so they had everything as

LAFAs
(Los Angeles Filkers Anonymous)

Saturday, December 13, 2014
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

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 & drinks to share.
3. There are no domestic animals in residence.
4. Crash space available (couch, recliner, floor space).
5. Two Silicon life-forms are present. The old photocopier is gone, but we have an all-in-one scanner/printer/FAX machine.

LAFAs info: Barry & Lee Gold:

touch screen graphic displays. This will be featured in the Orion space craft.

It being the end of the month, we had a tiny little auction.

For the soda auction, Mike Thorson explained that all's well that vends well.

Announcements, Regular or Time Bound:
Barbara Harmon: Her husband has an article in August Alter Ego "I remember comic books" a reprint of his 1957 piece. This triggered the re-interest in comic books.

Kay Shapero: those familiar with Victoria -- she is performing as an operatic poodle at Santa Monica college this weekend.

Adjournment: It was moved and seconded, and we adjourned at 8:44

**Board of Directors Meeting
October 12, 2014
Karl Lembke, Chairman
Marty Cantor, Secretary**

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

Members and Guests: Frank Waller, Joe Zeff, Matthew B. Tepper, Tony Benoun, Sherri Benoun, Ed Hooper,

Called to order: The meeting was called to order at 11:01 am. The Chairman welcomed us to the Sunday, October 12th, Columbus Day, meeting of the Board of Directors.

Minutes: The minutes of the meeting of September 14, 2014 were accepted as presented.

New Members: There was 1 application for membership with this being submitted by Larry Davidson. He has paid his \$10 and was accepted.

Treasurer: (Elayne Pelz): We had money. We now have less. (See the Treasurer for details.)

30 Second Reports:

Chairman (Karl Lembke): John Hertz is still working on a Harassment Policy. Hertz needs to have a deadline - next meeting - and Karl said he would give him this deadline.

Vice Chairman (Christian McGuire): No report.

Secretary (Marty Cantor): No report.

Publications (Marty Cantor): No report.

Comptroller (Gavin Claypool): The proposed by-laws changes have been passed by the club.

Quartermaster/Supplies (Mike Thorsen): This month: 236 units bringing in \$236. Total units to date: 30,932, and total monies to date: \$25,714. We have purchased paper towels.

Library (Warren "Whisky" Johnson): (Acting temporary librarian Gavin Claypool): Magazines are still being processed and he hopes to have this done by the end of the month.

Archives (Marcia Minsky): No report.

Physical Plant (Elayne Pelz): We have termites and these deadbeats will be removed on Tuesday. // The toilet in north bathroom did not have a broken seal - it was clogged and overflowed. Also, the blue items which are put into toilets ruins the toilets and should no longer be used. // We discussed increasing the lighting in Freehafer Hall. The electrician recommended getting lighting kits which would put 4 spots on both fans - using Sunlight LED bulbs - the cost being \$30-\$35 per kit - plus about \$12 per bulb.

AV Equipment (Rob Powell): No report.

Events (Milt Stevens): No events. // Parking: trash has been removed from Aetna and there was some discussion about the on-going situation with homeless persons generating piles of trash on sidewalks in the neighborhood. // LOSCON: Elayne mentioned that membership is still increasing.

Fund-raising, Recruitment, and Marketing Committee: (Michelle Pincus): (Michelle is at CONJECTURE.) Publications made up some signs for Michelle to take to the con. Chaz also made up some signs. // We made \$239 with our book sale - we started with 30 boxes of books and we sold 5 boxes of books - all of the comic books sold for \$500. The rest of the books were donated to the Mid-Valley Library. // We talked about GoodShop.

Club President (Marty Cantor): We are still holding meetings and people seem to be enjoying themselves.

WEB MASTER (Barry Gold): The webmaster was not here but Karl reminded us that we still have a web site.

AGENDA ITEMS:

The next meeting of the Board will be on November 9, 2014.

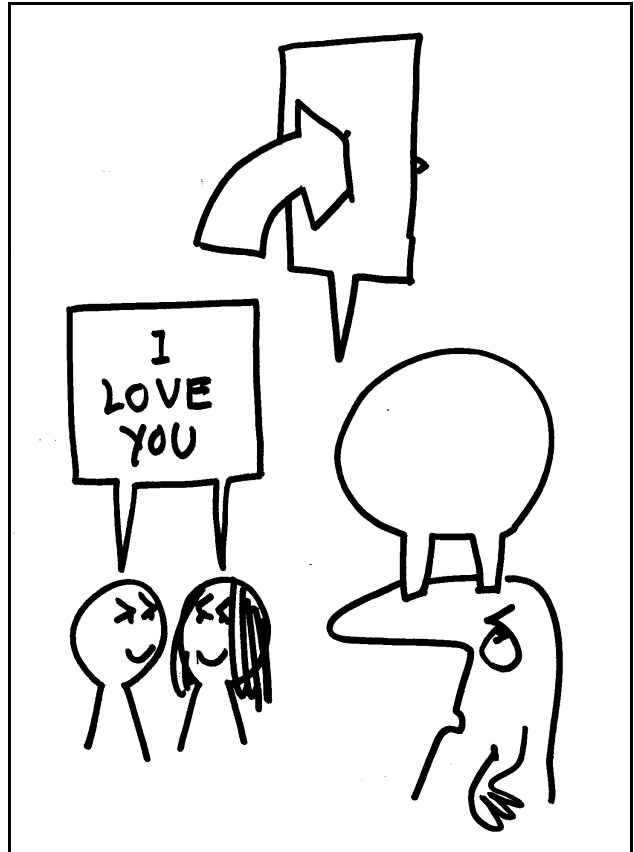
OPEN FORUM:

Gavin mentioned that the 80th Anniversary of the club is coming up October 27th.

TAKE-AWAYS:

Adjournment: The Board adjourned its meeting at 1133: pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Marty Cantor, Board Secretary



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