



## FEBRUARY 2015

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1	2	3	4	5 LASFS MEETING	6 - Open House - Board Gaming	7 Cosplay Sewing Circle
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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 - A tribute to actress Martha Hyer

### THURSDAY PROGRAMME ITEMS

**FEBRUARY 5** - No programme  
**FEBRUARY 12** - Hugo nominees discussion with Milt Stevens and Whisky.  
**FEBRUARY 19** - **BIG** Auction  
**FEBRUARY 26** - Tom Khamis discusses Walt Lee, his life and tremendous reference work

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)

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**FRIDAY NIGHT BOARD GAMING Meetup at LASFS**

**4:30 pm TO 11:00 pm**

**Our experienced gamers are willing to teach these games to beginners.**

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

### COLOPHON

*De Profundis* 502– December 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, 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 75¢. Mailed copies, domestically, will be \$1.45. 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, 2015

**President: Matthew B. Tepper. Vice-President: Debra Levin. Scribe: Karl Lembke. Treasurer: (elected in mid-year, serves for full year) Elayne Pelz. Registrar: Ed Hooper.**

### Board of Directors

**Chairman: Karl Lembke (2015). Vice-Chairman: Christian McGuire (2017).. Comptroller: Gavin Claypool (2016). Secretary: Marty Cantor (2015). Other members: Marcia Minsky (2015), Warren "Whisky" Johnson (2015) Elayne Pelz (2017), Rob "Gizmo" Powell (2017), Mike Thorsen (2016), Michelle Pincus (2016), Nick Smith (2017). Special Advisor: Charles Lee Jackson II. Advisors: Forrest J Ackerman, Walt Daugherty, Len & June Moffatt, and Fred Patten.**

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

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

**Meeting 4023, September 18, 2014**  
**President Marty Cantor, presiding**  
**Karl Lembke, Scribe**

President Marty Cantor called meeting #4023 to order at 8:01

**Comments from the President:** Friday Night Dice, the Meetup group that's been meeting here, is now organized by Marty Cantor. It's now named Friday Night Board Gaming.

**Menace** from the previous meeting were read. Scratch bid \$4.50 name them "Name them again! I bid a quarter." They were so accepted.

**Treasurer's Report:** We have some money, and we could use some more.

**Patron Saint June Moffatt:** Let's say nice things about June, since that's all you can say about June. Scratch: She was a saint to make her husband happy and to be very good at the bits and pieces she did for the rest of the world Barbara Harmon: She's one of my closest and best friends. She's got a wonderful sense of humor,

and loves Barbara's dogs as much as Barbara does.

George McUrso: We've become closer over the past couple of years. She's intelligent, and always has something interesting to say. We share a lot of interests, both belong to Sherlock Holmes society. We've enjoyed some marvelous adventures, including the Heart Attack Grill, possibly the world's deadliest restaurant. Marty: Both she and Len were TAFF winners. She's currently in APA-L and produces a zine every week. CLJII: June has been with us for quite a while, almost long enough. Has a great track record of helping the society and has been a den mother for a number of young fans. She has a well deserved reputation as a vital member of the organization.

Christian: Lest we forget, June was instrumental in the creation of mystery fandom and Bouchercon. She is also a Baker Street Irregular (but there's kaopectate for that). She once made him a sugar free cheesecake.

**Patron Saint June Moffatt** was given Three Cheers and no question as to whether she is a good witch or a bad witch!

**Patron Saint Len Moffatt:** Marty serialized his fan-nish autobiography, and they are for sale at \$5 each. CLJII: Leonard J Moffatt is a thoroughly disreputable scumbag ... oh, that's the Bizarro Len Moffatt. He's a prince among men and a man among princes. He wrote verse and stories. He was instrumental in the creation of mystery fandom. Milt: he was a member of first fandom. He came west and was a Navy medic in WWII. He was a member of Carboniferous Amateur Press Alliance (CAPA), which had four members. Was active in the 58 Worldcon, back when the concom was 3-4 people.

Joe Zeff: First of all, if memory serves, Len was in the midst of a live fire exercise when they got the word Japan had surrendered. (*This was on Saipan*. - ed.) He was told to not stand up, because the exercise was still on and the pilots do not yet know of the surrender. Len was a fan of the movie King Kong. He decided he didn't want to see the latest version because the title character was a gorilla not an ape. Marty Cantor: Len didn't talk much about his service. He was shipped to Japan, and was in Nagasaki. Told not to treat the civilians, he and his fellow medics did anyway.

George: regrets not getting to know Len until the last few years of his life. He turns out to be an amazing writer, writing stories, poems, articles on topics of interest to him. (What, no monographs?) Barbara: Met Len years ago and he was a peacemaker at LASFS. He got along with everybody and made sure everybody was included and got their say. Later on, Len, June, and she and her husband started double dating. What she liked best was he had a good sense of humor, and a wicked one at that. He was one of the cleverest guys she knew. And they both liked the same authors.

**Patron Saint Len Moffatt** was given Three Cheers and a dirty limerick (but I repeat myself)!

**Board Member presentation:** We're proposing

changes to the by-laws. The written words of the proposal will be in *DE PROF*. We're going to do this on the ninth of October.

**Registrar** Michelle Pincus announced no guests.

David Okamura rose for a **Moment of Science**. Galen has some nice printouts of the NASA contracts to ferry astronauts back into space. 4.2 billion to Boeing, 2.6 billion to SpaceX. A third company, Sierra Nevada, did not win any contracts. Jeff Bezos pulled out of the final round, and we haven't heard much about that project.

Someone decided to test the first law of robotics. A researcher devised a test to see what a robot would do when faced with an ethical dilemma. When two humans were heading into danger, the robot would frequently be paralyzed with indecision. This is a major point when dealing with robot cars.

Second Law of Thermodynamics: when you get down to microscopic levels, the rules of QM take over. They've come up with theoretical engines that might exceed Carnot cycle efficiencies.

Crystal Light, not just a diet drink. Scientists have been able to entangle atoms and get them to do strange things. They have been able to get photons to form into a crystalline substance. A superconductor, containing 100 billion atoms engineered to act like a single atom, This might be useful for ultra efficient, ultra powerful supercomputers and room temperature superconductors.

**Announcements, Regular or Time Bound:** CLJII: a LASFS member won contests at LA County fair. 2 second place, 1 first place. Elayne Pelz. Pictures will be up on Facebook.

**Reviews:** Hare Hobbs read Amazon Women of Earth. Rather interesting reading about being 11 years old and being a foot taller than tallest boy and major bust development.

George McUrso. received a copy of A Study in Silks. Alternate universe steampunk featuring niece of Sherlock Holmes. Clever, witty, and gives an idea of what life must have been like in Victorian era London. It's part of a trilogy.

**Miscellaneous:** Tyrone Power station caught fire, we didn't.

Adjournment: It was moved and seconded, and we adjourned at 8:51 PM.

**Meeting 4024, September 25, 2014  
President Marty Cantor, presiding  
Karl Lembke, Scribe**

President Marty Cantor called meeting #4024 to order at 8:00.

In one **Special Order of Business**, Astrid Bear reports

Greg is almost out of the hospital, having gone in with some sort of heart problem. He's up and walking, but hasn't made it to the hospital exit yet.

**Menace** from the previous meeting were read. June Moffatt bid \$5 name them "Len". They were so accepted.

**Treasurer's Report:** We have money. You can't spend any of it.

**Patron Saint Ron Ellik ("The Squirrel"):** June Moffatt: Ron was known as the squirrel. He was a very jolly person. Didn't know him as well as she would have liked. On a plane ride, he had been up for three days and passed out as soon as he hit the seat. Barbara: found him very nice and pleasant. June Moffatt: He got transferred to Blue Bell PA for his job and encountered snow for the first time, sent a picture and asked "Why do they have a hyphen in front of the number?"

**Patron Saint Ron Ellik** was given Three Cheers and a very quiet squirrel!

**Patron Saint Karl Lembke:** This character to my right...

CLJII: Although not a crazed frothing leftist like some, I get along just fine with him. Politics haven't prevented him from being a rational human being. Known him for a long time and he's always been a nactive supporter of my projects. He's an anti-vampire in good standing, for which people who get injured are grateful. Thorson: an excellent cook, makes a pretty good mead, and is a pretty good Mah Jongg player, and has probably the most eye-catching Mah Jongg set of anyone in the club.

Hare: he's been driving me home, and he's a nice conversationalist. Now that they've decided losing his records is no longer an obstacle, he may have his riding service back. David Okamura: one of those responsible for the lemon tree in the patio. (insert song here)

He spent a great deal of time making sure the tree would survive in Van Nuys, and echoes the Mah Jongg compliments. Matthew Tepper: Expert and adept herder of cats, by which I refer to his masochistic continuing station of Chairman of LASFS BOD. Adept at getting consensus, getting people of different backgrounds and opinions to not be quite as loud as they could be. They keep re-electing him, so they either like him or really hate him. Excellent driver in case of emergency. Going out to dinner in a minivan, someone going the other way on the freeway crashed into the center divider, and Karl managed to avoid the crash quite adeptly.

Barbara: Karl does a nice service for those of us who don't do well reading on paper; he scans APA-L and sends copies to me and others with bad vision. Marty: those who read APA-L probably think Karl and I are ready to do mayhem on each other. He's as far to the right as he can get without falling off the planet and I am as far to the left. He's a nice person, he's a fine person, and we get along nicely.

Michelle: A lot of people do not see how much Karl does for the club. When he was honored with the Evans Freehafer club he very much earned it. I see what he does for conventions. (Marty: And his name is not even Bob Null.) Jerry Pournelle: doubts he's the most right wing on the club. Must be professionally competent, because there've been no epidemics or mass poisonings in the City of Los Angeles. Scratch: He's a nice guy.

**Patron Saint Karl Lembke** was given Three Cheers and a handful of hydrogen hydroxide!

**Two new Patron Saints:**

**Barry Workman (Sarge):** Scratch: Known him for years. Marvelous man for firearms, marvelous boy scout leader, opinionated, but nice about it. Only had one cross word from him in my life. Unfortunately, it was the last conversation we had. I miss him. Jerry Pournelle: Those who have read my books have seen Sarge Workman in a number of them. Interesting to see that both new saints have the same thing in common with me, both have been to the tip of Baja by car with him. Donahue went down for the eclipse in the 90s, and it was paved then. Sarge was on the trip with no roads. He even discovered a new species of brine shrimp, and got to name it. He was a very reliable man. Charles Fuller: Met Barry Workman when joining LASFS in 78. We were both crafts people, and this gave us a commonality, and both firearms people. We were also both saddled with under-the radar medical problems.

June Moffatt: Built his own harpsichord. Larry Niven: Hiked with him, and he was on at least one of the 7-day hikes with the Boy Scouts. I remember being near the tail of the train and Barry had run out of strength. Marsha Workman: Barry loved the idea of LASFS. The group encompassed him, and he could find his soul mates. The fact that people have come from out of state to honor him says so much. Jerry Pournelle: He, I, and Louis Gray were the ones who built the second clubhouse. (*Not to be nasty to anyone, but why do people forget the important work of Bill Warren?* - ed.)

**Patron Saint Barry Workman** was given Three Cheers and happy birthday!

**Patron Saint Mike Donahue:** Hare: Mike was heavily involved in this clubhouse. He put a lot of work into this building, and he was also instrumental in prodding us to move to the new building. Jerry Pournelle: Only member of the Director's Guild who's also a member. Mike Thorsen: Mike was involved in the design and construction of the library shelves that served at the old building and here.

John DeChancie: Mike is one of the most good-natured people I've seen. I've seen him angry but it takes a lot. Not much bothers him. He likes to leave people alone and likes to be left alone, and I treasure that in a person. Mike Thorsen: He is easily one of the most charismatic people I've met. At the old clubhouse, when it was necessary to get a big group together to swarm over it and fix

what was wrong with it, Mike was in charge of that.

**Patron Saint Mike Donahue** was given Three Cheers and a four-picture deal.

**Board Member presentation: The President made an announcement:** We are going to be working on the by-laws. The changes are in the current issue of De Profundis.

**Registrar** Michelle Pincus announced no guests at this time.

David Okamura rose to report on **A Moment of Science**. We stop to remember a Soviet pioneer, Oleg Ivanovsky, who helped create Sputnik 1 and Vostok 1.

Two satellites have slipped into orbit: MAVEN slipped into Mars orbit, and the Indian Mars Orbiter has completed its trip to Mars. (Matthew Tepper: they have excellent tech support.)

SpaceX has launched another resupply mission to the Space Station, including a 3-D printer. This is a test to see how well the process works in microgravity.

Jerry Pournelle added the Dragon carried a couple of tubes of his son's cube-sats, 10 CM satellites.

We had a small auction.

**Reviews:** Matthew Tepper: The I-phone 6 is extremely well designed, works very well and I am impressed with its facility. It's gorgeously produced.

**Miscellaneous:** Frank Waller reviewed a shop that has artwork. Creature Features. They have Art of the Weird. They have very good artwork. They have a load of genre books, figures, and CDs of everything. The shop is in Burbank, over on Magnolia and Catalina.

Frank also wasn't here last week because he was busy having a heart attack. Spent four days in the hospital. Two occlusions, at 100%.

Hare Hobbs: saw Scorpion, regrettably. Usually gives TV shows three episodes, but not this one.

Jerry Pournelle liked it. So there. The science talk is TV science, meaning to say it's made up. Characters are likeable, sort of like Big Bang Theory with Sheldon not thoroughly disabled. William: it's probably as good as the four previous series they cancelled.

Karl reviewed "Forever". Sherlock Holmes who is immortal.

Adjournment: It was moved and seconded, and we adjourned at 9:05 PM

**Meeting 4025, October 2, 2014**  
**President Marty Cantor, presiding**  
**Karl Lembke, Scribe**

President Marty Cantor called meeting #4025 to order at 8:00.

There will be no board-gaming tomorrow night because the tables will be in Granada Hills holding lots of books we want to sell.

The **Menace** from the previous meeting were read Marcia Minsky bid \$1 to name them "I wasn't here so I really don't know". They were so accepted.

**Treasurer's Report:** We have money. You can't spend it.

**Patron Saint Steve Bilan:** One of the brothers of Greg Bilan, who paid for his Sainthood after achieving his own.

**Patron Saint Steve Bilan** was given Three Cheers and Nice Klingon!

**Board Member presentation:** Proposed changes to the by-laws were read by Gavin Claypool. There were questions and comments, voting takes place next week

There will be a book sale on October 4, Saturday, 9-4.

David Okamura rose to report on some **Science**. We knew it was coming. We knew it was inevitable. We have the first confirmed case of Ebola in the US, shortly after the first confirmed case in the UK. Foul-ups did occur; the patient was sent home with antibiotics to spread the infection to more people. (*Antibiotics will spread the infection? Interesting kind of antibiotics, those ...* - ed.)

Nastier is the ED68 virus

One of the firms bidding for transport to the ISS is suing, saying it should have gotten some of the loot.

We had a small auction, with cows.

**Announcements, Regular or Time Bound:** Bill Green announced 10/8, there will be a total eclipse of the moon, 2:18 - 5:30 AM.

Scratch's official 70th birthday is tomorrow.

**Reviews:** Milt Stevens read The Glass Bead Game, by Herman Hesse. It took since college to make it to the top of the stack. It's for the hard core SF fan who's feeling jaded and looking for something different. It's about masters of a game who have developed a game that seeks to represent all knowledge.

Jerry Pournelle reviewed a book by Eric Kaplan, exec producer and writer of Big Bang Theory. He is a Berkeley philosophy graduate. Does Santa Claus Exist? It turns out to be a very profound work, and a good introduction to metaphysics and epistemology. He takes the question seriously and analyzes what the question means. It's probably the most painless introduction to a pretty deep subject he's ever seen.

**Miscellaneous:** Matthew Tepper reported on some good news about Greg Bear. Astrid reports Greg has improved considerably, gone home. She's posting step by step commentary on his improvement. Particularly notes a couple of comments: Gregory Benford says Killer Bee Slap, and another Killer Bee High Five.

Joe Zeff mentioned last Wednesday he had to go to the VA for an unspecified procedure. Everyone dealing with him requested full name, social security number, and procedure, just to make sure they were dealing with the right person. One nurse asked if he knew what the procedure was, because lots of people know the name of the procedure but not what it means in English. "This mask is oxygen. It's good for a lot of things, including breathing."

Larry Niven announced he was driving back from yoga and got a phone call from Robert Gleason. He's in Time Magazine. Lev Grossman wrote a write-up with a particular emphasis on Ringworld. It was as if he wrote it himself in a burst of egotism. He wishes he'd been told in time to buy current issues. This is the late, late, late news.

Fuzzy is using a walker, can't handle stairs, but is getting stronger.

In a message from the agent, there's been a movie sale for The Legacy of Heorot. They'll have to list three authors.

CLJII notes his publisher runs a blog, welcome to the Emperverse. As a marketing ploy, she's posted links to all twelve chapters of Flash Gordon conquers the universe.

Michelle Pincus announced a past LASFS president has a story in the current F&SF. David Gerrold. It's in the LASFS Library.

Doug Crepeau has been cured of his cancer, PSA is now down to 0.06.

We went through the procedure of nominating and voting for this year's recipient of the Forrest J Ackerman Award. The Forrest J Ackerman award winner for 2014 is Tim Powers!

Adjournment: It was moved and seconded, and we adjourned at 9:15 pm.

**Meeting 4026, October 9, 2014  
President Marty Cantor, presiding  
Karl Lembke, Scribe**

President Marty Cantor called meeting #4026 to order at 8:00

**Comments from the President:**

From Mike Morris -

JPL has open house next weekend. Show up early if you

want to park close.

On the 12th we have our board meeting, afterward at 2, open house etc.

The **Menace** from the previous meeting were read. Scratch Galloway bid \$0.75 name them "Now I'm stuck with something to say?". They were so accepted.

**Treasurer's Report:** The Book Sale was reasonably successful.

**Patron Saint Beverly Kanter:** Marty Cantor: She has never learned the correct spelling of her last name. Joe Zeff: She was able to put up with Harry Andruschak for a remarkable number of years. CLJII: When I first met her, it was through the Stine McDaniel axis of perfidy, she was a nude figure model. Jerry Pournelle: she was quite pleasant to talk to, once you got past her hard outer shell. She was in a profession for a while that gave her a deep distrust of men talking to her. Former photographer's model. Former consort of former Patron Saint Harry Andruschak. Serious reader of SF. Following a cutback in fan activities, she began avid reading of cookbooks and general non-fiction.

**Patron Saint Beverly Kanter** was given Three Cheers and diaphonous raiment!

**Registrar** Michelle announced last Friday's guest: Farid Ben Amor: Gamer, telecom strategist, and Ringworld addict.

**Committee Reports:**

David Okamura rose to report on some **Science**. It's Nobel Prize season. Science prizes have been announced. Physiology/medicine, three scientists studying how the brain processes the environment. Physics, three scientists for their work on blue LED. Chemistry, three scientists for their work on high-powered microscopes.

**Board Member presentation:** We had votes on the proposed by-laws changes. It was necessary to drag in more warm bodies from the other room, in order to make sure we have quorum.

This basically clarifies who the operating officers are for legal purposes and moves nominating procedure to the by-laws from the standing rules. The changes become effective upon passage. Comments and questions having been dealt with, the vote was held and the motion carried, most/1/1.

**Miscellaneous:** People made miscellaneous announcements.

CLJII: at county fair, they still make Mountain Bars candy bars. Brown and Haley company does sell them for \$17/box. On Facebook, an ad link to someone who sells for \$11/box. He ordered and they arrived today, by USPS.

Marty pointed out the tables are back, and some books

came back. There will be board-gaming tomorrow night.

Karl: Lifetime platelet total is 694. Regional lead is 750, and someone has 850.

Marcia mentioned there's a process called apheresis, and they take out back double the red blood cells and put everything else back. Karl looked it up and you can donate plasma every 28 days.

Jerry Pournelle notes the Dallas Patient's relatives should sue the hospital because they gave him inferior treatment because he was black.

Adjournment: It was moved and seconded, and we adjourned at 8:50 PM.

**Meeting 4027, October 16, 2014**  
**President Marty Cantor, presiding**  
**Karl Lembke, Scribe**

President Marty Cantor called meeting #4027 to order at 8:00.

**Comments from the President:** I hope people show up tomorrow night for gaming.

One of our members is poorly, but not as poorly as we feared. Harlan Ellison is in the hospital with a stroke.

John DeChancie visited him. Initial reports were few and far between. His right side was paralyzed, but his mind was as sharp as ever. After John had spent some time hunting for him, he turned out to be in a hospital. Bottom line, Harlan is fine -- laughing, talking, joking, insulting people. The pathways are there, but he needs rehab and practice using the right side of his body.

Jerry Pournelle commented, "he's not particularly slow. He can still dominate a conversation even when I'm in the room. Susan didn't sound particularly worried." CLJII: There was some discussion on Facebook about his recovery. On being able to lift his leg, he's qualified to be a film reviewer. So the stroke will have tamed his reviews quite a bit. Joe Zeff: send an inappropriate get well card. Jerry Pournelle amended to very appropriate card.

**Menace** from the previous meeting were read. Christian McGuire bid \$1 to name them "Next week's Minutes should reference Harlan". They were so accepted.

**Treasurer's Report:** We have money. You can't spend it.

Jerry Pournelle has a question about the Internet fund. This is to pay for our online access. It started with a gift from a couple of members, and people throw money at it. This is why we have wi-fi and access.

**Patron Saint Randy Greiner:** First to be known as "human wallet." Soft-spoken, lives in Glendale, and Milt Stevens recalls he'd been in the Navy.

**Patron Saint Randy Greiner** was given Three Cheers and a ginger snap!

**Patron Saint Michael Mason:** Eylat Poliner: we were very good friends, and he was very close to the family. He died too soon. He always felt like nobody liked him. Hare: Once on the subway coming to North Hollywood, I happened to mention sports, and Michael launched into a tirade about the referees. He had the sports gene! Christian: Michael was one of our longest serving and most dedicated librarians, Loscon chair, posthumous winner of the Evans Freehafer award. He may have helped talk people into founding Gallifrey One. He also produced amazing con suites.

Maryann Canfield: He had several close friends, and a number of casual friends. I always considered him a good friend. Joe Zeff: Michael was a fan of spicy food, the hotter the better. One year, he went to work for Halloween costumed as a Trappist monk, and stayed in character all day long.

Every year, the Michael Mason Foundation sends the club money.

**Patron Saint Michael Mason** was given Three Cheers and a Con Suite!

**Registrar** Michelle announced no guests

**Committee Reports:**

David Okamura rose to report on some **Science**.

More Nobel Prize winners? Maybe a future prize? Mass General in Boston has replicated Alzheimer's in a dish. Brain cells in a dish, with the Alzheimer's gene introduced, began to develop plaque and tangles seen in patients. By having the early stages replicated, they can test drugs for effectiveness in a fraction of the time and cost. Project will begin testing 12,000 on the market and 5,000 in development. (*This will be very important if we develop a need for dishes infected with Alzheimer's.* - ed.)

Other health news: you've heard of the grapefruit diet? (No, what is on a grapefruit's diet?) The juice is linked to changes in metabolism that can reduce weight in mice and adjust blood sugar levels and insulin sensitivity. Now they're working on a hybrid that doesn't interact with Statins.

Sunday's Parade magazine tells of the advances in 3-D printing. Used to print artificial limbs, much cheaper than the \$60K a non-printed one costs.

Dr. Pournelle may have some comments on this one. When Lockheed Martin skunk works announces a project, this raises eyebrows. A division is developing a reactor to harness fusion. Fusion is, as usual, ten years away.

Indeed Jerry Pournelle did have something to say. A chap named Rossi has had a lot to say about this, but he is getting out more energy than he puts in to the system.

Lockheed Martin used to be reliable.

When we get low cost high density power sources, it will have about the same effect on society as the quarter-inch drill did.

**Announcements, Regular or Time Bound:** Bill Green: 19th comet will pass very close to Mars. If you're on Mars, it will be quite a spectacle.

10/23, there will be a partial eclipse of the sun, 2:08 begin time.

Bill Ellern announced Heritage Auction House has an auction of space memorabilia, including stuff from Buzz Aldrin and other astronauts. It's worth looking at even if you can't afford it. It can be seen online.

**Reviews:** Milt Stevens started looking for Hugo nominees. Following NESFA list. Charles Stross novel, *The Rhesus Chart*. It's about a secret part of the British Government that deals with unspeakable horrors from beyond space. This one was very well done.

**Miscellaneous:** Michelle: If you go to Disneyland and ask for directions, they point with the whole hand because a single finger point can be insulting in some languages.

Doug Crepeau: A superneutrino of very high energy was discovered. (*Are they going to put this superneutrino into a zoo to study it? And, maybe, find it a mate so that it can reproduce?* - ed.) This tells us the source since neutrinos don't undergo course changes.

Adjournment: It was moved and seconded, and we adjourned at 8:50 pm.

**Meeting 4028, October 23, 2014  
President Marty Cantor, presiding  
Karl Lembke, Scribe**

President Marty Cantor called meeting #4028 to order at 8:00.

**Comments from the President: Special Orders of Business:** Velma "ViJay" Bowen, TAFF delegate, died Saturday Oct 18 of cancer. It hit harder and faster than was expected.

We're on Agenda Lite.

The **Menace** from the previous meeting were read. Peter Santel bid \$5 name them "Jerry went too!". They were so accepted.

**Treasurer's Report:** "I spent \$2000 last week!"

**Patron Saint Lee Jacobs:** Milt Stevens knew him. Fanzine fan, in FAPA and SAPS, tech writer by profession, ham radio operator, ran QSL cards through various APAs. Donated one share of stock to LASFS, and we made more from the schtick than from the schtock -- er

STOCK. We received dividend checks for 37¢ and auctioned them off. He was a card player, drinker, and a fun guy to have around.

From the Hagiography: Fan writer In FAPA and SAPS, responsible for the typo of "folk" into "filk" which was seized on by Karen Anderson to name fan-written songs, and he wrote the Muskeet Kid, which was made into a fan movie. A fan of games, he would enter tournaments to games even when he didn't know the rules. He was a ham radio operator and a good tech writer - good enough that he could write for a semester, and then vacation for the next three.

**Patron Saint Lee Jacobs** was given Three Cheers and an air check!

**Registrar** Michelle announced guest Michael Hall.

**Committee Reports:**

David Okamura rose to report on some **Science**.

This afternoon, things were dimmer because we had a partial eclipse of the sun. (*This did not help our dimmer members.* - ed.) We also had a couple of small earthquakes near Brea, CA.

Sunday or Monday, a comet came within 87,000 miles of Mars. Some of the orbiters and rovers on the planet did a duck and cover drill.

The Cassini spacecraft orbiting Saturn noticed something weird. Passing Hyperion, it was zapped. Hyperion gathers an electrostatic charge and can discharge. No damage to the space craft, but Hyperion is grounded. (*Will Saturn let it take off again to go back into orbit?* - ed.)

Mimas, the death star moon, turns out not to be a dead rock. The orbit has a wobble. Either the core is oblong, or there's a subterranean ocean sloshing inside.

X37B came back to earth after 674 days in orbit. The air force is not saying a word about the trip.

CLJII: A startlingly large number of people on TV called it a lunar eclipse, explained by the shadow of the moon falling on the sun. (Yes, I recall news people in Oregon referring to "Millennium Diving Reflex".)

**Miscellaneous:** Eylat Poliner had a food review. Tarzana Cafe Bakery has pastries that provoke mouth orgasms. They're a hole in the wall, word of mouth advertising only. (*They have a hole in their wall? Maybe they are serving what was the wall as food.* -ed.)

Milt Stevens held up a publication, December 1957 issue of Imagination. He would have sworn he'd never published a letter in a prozine. He would have been wrong. There's a letter in this letter column, published when he would have been 15 years of age. 55 years later, he's still a letter-hack. (*But is he still 15 years old?* - ed.)

Nick Smith showed off *A Call to Duty*. Apparently if you

put more than two authors' names on a book, they think it's an anthology. According to Baen books.

Fandom has won the marketing race to take over the world. There's a read-a-thon at bookstores all over the USA, where people will be reading "Hello Kitty" comics.

Bill Green saw the eclipse, including sun spots. This is the second largest sunspot group ever recorded. David Okamura notes there may be solar disturbances affecting satellites and the ISS.

CLJII noted as of today the LASFS library has *The Avenger of Olympus*, by CLJII.

Karl Lembke: 697 units of platelets donated as of Tuesday. Next visit takes up to 700.

Adjournment: It was moved and seconded, and we adjourned at 8:45 pm.

**Meeting 4029, October 30, 2014**  
**President Marty Cantor, presiding**  
**Karl Lembke, Scribe**

President Marty Cantor called meeting #4029 to order at 8:01.

The **Menace** from the previous meeting were read. Marcia Minsky bid \$1.50 name them "And the power really did fail". They were so accepted.

**Treasurer's Report:** We have money. You can't spend any.

**Patron Saint Francis Hamit:** Scratch: both he and I were Vietnam vets. I was Navy, He was Army. He gathered information, and has been a reasonably successful wordsmith in civilian life. We celebrate the same birthday week. This caused a 60th birthday party with 120 candles on a Bundt (or is that Burnt) cake. Joe Zeff: Francis was army, Joe was navy. We had two interestingly different impression of B-52 raids. He was in country walking the ground afterward.

[Cake for the 80th birthday of the club is now ready.]

Jerry Pournelle: Francis did some pioneer work on self publishing. He is a securities expert, and my favorite liberal. Hare Hobbs: He did writing in the Army, including stories about rock stars visiting troops overseas.

From the Hagiography: Historian, scriptwriter, playwright, columnist), and he has written a series called *The Shenandoah Spy*, (available electronically through Amazon). He is very involved with copyright issues and authors' rights, is knowledgeable about a broad range of subjects, and is an interesting raconteur and conversationalist.

**Patron Saint Francis Hamit** was given Three Cheers and a Civil War Spy Novel!

**Patron Saint Bill Rotsler:** He was a Renaissance man of sorts. Scratch: he would send out Rotsler Christmas cards. Hare: one of the cards was Rotsler book-ended by two topless models, "I hope Santa is as good to you as he was to me." Jerry Pournelle: Tasteful is how you define it. In Baja, he's standing in a circle of 30 nude models lying in a circle around him. "Having wonderful time. Wish you were here." Milt: He invited male friends to come and help set up. Even invited Milt to come along, but he realized the photos would show up when he least wanted it.

Ron Ellik was supposed to come by in a gorilla suit and pick up the model, but she was ticklish. Rotsler kept shooting, and the shots got better and better. Last shows woman and Ron sitting down, gorilla head is off, and both laughing. Marty Cantor: Bill once helped Marilyn Monroe house hunt. When he was at the clubhouse, Marty would ask him for a couple of covers, and Bill would produce two wonderful, complex covers, drawn while he was conversing. The Hugos in the cases are for Bill Rotsler.

Joe Zeff: Points out Rotsler was so prolific that still, long after he has passed away, he remains eligible for best fan artist Hugo because of the large number of unpublished illos that get published every year. Marty: Bill Warren and others went to Rotsler's house after his death, and found lots of illos. Bill Warren gave envelope after envelope after envelope to Marty. He's been distributing them around the world to faneds. In 2004, at Corflu, he brought two large stuffed Manila envelopes stuffed with illos. With the concom's permission, at the very end of the banquet, he said a few words about Rotsler, and then dumped two full envelopes of illos onto the table. There was a mad scramble for the illos, putting a nice ending to the usual Corflu Banquet festivities. As a person, he was a wonderful person.

Frank Waller: he came to one meeting Frank was present at, and he was just that phenomenal a person.

From the hagiography: Writer, storyteller, photographer, cartoonist, movie maker, raconteur, DUFF winner. He won many fan artist awards and drew a lot on lots of things. At the 1966 WesterCon, he drew faces on some hard-cooked eggs [No, sunny side up, not hard-cooked, ASAIK], after which Harlan Ellison exclaimed, "I can't eat these, they're looking at me!" Ellison took the eggs to the art show, where they interested the judges.

Bill also drew on plates, napkins etc. These spontaneous works of art are much treasured by fans who were lucky enough to grab them.

Rotsler was very generous with his art and left many drawings, with the request that they be distributed and published freely in fanzines. Some say that the publication of the last Rotsler cartoon will usher in the End Times.

**Patron Saint Bill Rotsler** was given Three Cheers and a reasonably clean butter dish!

**Registrar** Michelle announced no guests this week.

**Board Member comments:** There will be a Board meeting a week from Sunday.

CLJII: Board elections are coming up. These are important, as the Board is the interface between the club and the government, among other things. Show up next week, get to know the people running,

**Committee Reports:**

There is one city in California that uses the LASFS automatic run-off system -- Oakland.

David Okamura rose to report on some **Science**.

The commercial space launches have become so routine the media have ignored them. Orbital science had one that wasn't ignored. Their third launch to the ISS ended somewhat short of that goal. Space-X launches early next month.

There's been a lot of finger-pointing at the engines built by the Soviets. (*Why? Pointing fingers at engines never made them run more reliably.* - ed.)

The Chinese have launched an experimental craft to fly around the moon and back to Earth. This is in preparation for an unmanned return trip to the moon.

Tomorrow when going out for candy, remember: healthy people who drank chocolate for three months performed better in memory tasks, by a decade or three. Dose is 300 grams

Karl Lembke spotted an article stating that the vast majority of planets may be "rogue" - drifting through interstellar space. Satan's World from the Poul Anderson story may be the rule rather than the exception.

**Announcements, Regular or Time Bound:**

Oh yes, standard time begins this weekend.

**Reviews:**

CLJII: wanted to review the Autumn Holiday Party. Everyone was having a good time. We had films, we had food, we had Mah Jong, donations of food, a pumpkin patch. Thanks to Karl and Marcia and a couple of others for sticking around and tidying up. We had food left over. We have a head start on Christmas. (*We are saving the leftover food to serve two month's later? Tasty.....* - ed.)

Marcia: you forgot to mention the blackout. The lights went out all over the building, and people went "wooOOOOooooo". it happened in the scariest part of The Ghost and Mr. Chicken, just as the lawyer was about to be introduced.

**Miscellaneous:** CLJII misced about a recent discovery of why the return to standard time has been moved back: several years of lobbying by candy industry to get DST to

last through Halloween, giving kids more time to collect candy.

At a lecture on Halloween practices: money spent for Halloween has been going up in most sectors. Costumes purchased for adults now outnumber and out cost children's costumes by a significant fraction of a million dollars. Costumes for pets have increased. The decrease is in candy. Kids don't trick-or-treat all over. They go to hot spots and malls, and malls buy cheap stuff in bulk.

Adjournment: It was moved and seconded, and we adjourned at 8:55 pm.

**Meeting 4030, November 6, 2014  
President Marty Cantor, presiding  
Karl Lembke, Scribe**

President Marty Cantor called meeting #4030 to order at 8:00.

**Comments from the President:** This evening, we nominate for the Board of Directors.

Under **Special Orders of Business:**

George Edgar Slusser, whose determination to develop the study of science fiction as an academic discipline led to the growth in size, scope and international reputation of UC Riverside's Eaton Collection of Science Fiction & Fantasy, died Nov. 4 at his home in Highland, Calif. He was 75.

The **Menace** from the previous meeting were read. Nick Smith bid \$2.00 name them "These minutes are looking at me!" They were so accepted.

**Treasurer's Report:** We have money. You can't spend any of it.

**Patron Saint Woody Dodge:** From the hagiography: Fanac unknown. Old minutes note that he was in a Subaru commercial and once helped a fellow fan (Matthew Tepper) with his Subaru.

**Patron Saint Woody Dodge** was given Three Cheers and seven sisters!

**Registrar** Michelle announced guest Theresa C Trapp, referred by a friend.

**Board Member comments:** There is a Board Meeting this Sunday.

Elayne Pelz has the new donation list, current through Sept 30.

**Committee Reports:** David Okamura rose to report on some **Science**. One item this week. You've probably heard about last Friday's crash. The Chinese recovered the satellite they slingshot around the moon, and this was overshadowed by the crash. The Russian engines do seem to have caused the Orbital Sciences crash. OS wants

to fulfill its contract, but may have to contract out to another rocket company.

Jerry Pournelle rose to speak on the subject. One problem arises from the use of nitrous oxide as an oxidizer. We have very little industrial experience in handling the gas.

**Announcements, Regular or Time Bound** Tad Daily reported on a quote about the crash: In many ways the human future depends on hard days like these.

Tad Daily reported on last year's in DC gala dinner of the Arthur C Clarke foundation. He's got another ticket, this year's awardee is Larry Niven.

**Old Business:** We opened nominations for members of the board of Directors. Nominated were: Christian McGuire, Robert Powell, Elayne Pelz, Darnell Coleman, Charles Lee Jackson II, and Nick Smith.

Tad Daily suggested we find some way to rope in those under age 18 in service to the Board or the club.

There were no further nominations.

#### **Miscellaneous:**

Karl Lembke: 700 units of platelets in the bag. (*I certainly hope that the bag is sterile.* - ed.)

The President announced that anyone interested in Euro games, come by tomorrow after 4:30 PM.

Adjournment: It was moved and seconded, and we adjourned at 9:20 pm.

#### **Meeting 4031, November 13, 2014 President Marty Cantor, presiding Karl Lembke, Scribe**

President Marty Cantor called meeting #4031 to order at 8:01

**Comments from the President:** This evening, we vote for members of the Board of Directors.

Marty Cantor Will not be able to run board gaming tomorrow night due to mandatory attendance at a seminar.

Last week, Woody Dodge was our Patron Saint. He wasn't here, but was able to pass some words on to the club.

Matthew thanked Gavin for putting him through on the phone. Woody has had health setbacks in the last few years. He's hoping to be at LOSCON one day, Saturday in particular. He is in a nursing home in Torrance.

Jerry Pournelle asked the secretary to send a suitably unsuitable card. One was circulated for signatures and mailed off.

The **Menace** from the previous meeting were read.

Frank Waller bid \$1.00 to name them "Frank did it!" They were so accepted.

Due to the elections, we will have Agenda Light.

**Treasurer's Report:** We do have some money in the treasury: You can't spend any of it.

**Patron Saint John Trimble:** Scratch: he married his wife. He even stayed married. Jerry Pournelle: He sold rope. Nick Smith: he ran a fannish printing company, and was responsible for pubs Filkharmionics put out, since he had an offset press. (That's why he sold Marty Cantor his mimeo machine). Matthew Tepper: He was good to his mother. Karl Lembke: Loud herald in the SCA. (as John ap Griffin)

**Patron Saint John Trimble** was given Three Cheers and fan publications!

**Patron Saint Milt Stevens:** Milt has interesting and often funny stories from the time he was employed at the Police Department. Debra: Milt is a nice guy and an interesting person to talk to. knows more about history of the club than just about anybody, and knows a lot about history in general. Nick Smith: He's responsible for all the sofas. Eylat Poliner: He's a pure classic gentleman.

Marty: Milt is one of the finest fan writers of the generation. When I was putting out my fanzine, *No Award*, Milt provided some of the best writing to be had in the fanzine. His deconstructions of various books were classic. Matthew Tepper: Milt's contributions to LASFS and fandom are many and varied. He and Craig Miller were co-chairs of LA Con II in 1984. Milt's fan writing -- Matthew remembers *The Passing Parade* as particularly literate and witty. At meetings, he keeps us current with new books and old, odd movies. He tends to read the Hugo contenders every year, the ones he can stand to read. He has pretty much called it on a few occasions.

CLJII: Milt was a member of the Epitome of Evil, Ltd, appearing with Pelz, Miller, and Fox on Ed Buchman covers.

Milt, you're free to rebut any of these....

**Patron Saint Milt Stevens** was given Three Cheers and a fanac!

**Registrar** Michelle announced no guests.

#### **Committee Reports:**

David Okamura rose to report on some **Science**.

After 10 years looping around in the solar system, we have a comet landing. Several times. Because of the bouncing, they're not sure how much data they'll be able to get. Landing at all, though, is a major feat. "The marvelous thing about a dancing bear is not how gracefully it dances..."

Matthew Tepper noted the coverage seemed to be mis-

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1. Crash space available at the filk site--call in advance for arrangements.
2. There is a Feline Warning. The hosts will try to keep him them out of the filk room.
3. Bring healthy munchies, juices etc.
4. **No smoking -- period!!** (Except allowed outside.)
5. Bring all of your usual filk stuff.
6. There is a hot tub.
7. The filk site is air conditioned.

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LAF info: Barry & Lee Gold:

sion control people congratulating each other. Gene Turnbow: Krypton Radio has detailed coverage. Milt: If the Weekly World News were around, imagine how this would be reported. Good news, it reached the comet. Bad news, it's pregnant.

**Old Business:**

As per usual, we auctioned off the color of the ballot. David Okamura paid \$3 to color the ballot puce and purple plaid with petite pink and periwinkle polkadots.

CLJII explained the electoral process and the significance of the Board elections.

Voting is by the Alderson method, which is much safer than the Rhythm method.

We elected members of the board of Directors. Elected were: Elayne Pelz, Christian McGuire, Robert Powell, and Nick Smith. Congratulations were given to Darnell Coleman for not getting elected and we welcomed new Board Member Nick Smith and welcomed back continuing Board Members Elayne, Christian, and Rob.

**Reviews:**

Eric Hoffman came across *The Mummy Unwrapped*. (*He probably should have rewrapped it and put it back into its tomb.* - ed.) The author did a lot of research on what went on behind the scenes. Worth your while if you enjoy the old chillers.

**Miscellaneous:** Jerry Pournelle rose to read from

courthouse news service. Japanese Billionaire Sues 'Space Lawyer' A Houston attorney bought Russian capsules for a commercial spaceflight venture that "were only museum pieces," defrauding a Japanese investor of \$49 million, the billionaire investor claims in state court.

Hang down your head, Art Dula, Art Dula was on the committee Jerry Pournelle chaired, and his paper was part of what got Reagan to back private space exploitation instead of just government space exploitation.

Marty Cantor spoke about Net Neutrality. The FCC is coming up with a change, maybe bowing to big corporations to allow them to charge more to people who want a fast lane on the internet. Jerry Pournelle rose to speak against the "Net Neutrality" proposal. Most of the world operates on the premise that if you use more of a resource, you pay more.

Matthew Tepper mentioned cable companies, and notes people don't get charged for different viewing habits.

Joe Zeff's understanding was a matter of all information should flow at the same speed. Don't throttle bandwidth.

Karl: The LASFS has a web page with forums, and a page on Facebook where this argument can be continued ad libitum.

Adjournment: It was moved and seconded, and we adjourned at 9:20 PM

**Meeting #4032, November 20, 2015  
President Marty Cantor, presiding  
Karl Lembke, Scribe**

President Marty Cantor called meeting #4032 to order at 8:01.

**Comments from the President:** We're having the Gift Exchange on the 12th of next month. The info will be printed out RSN.

Next Thursday we have the official meeting here. The day after that, we have board gaming as usual for those who don't feel like fighting traffic to LOSCON.

*De Profundis* will be having a temporary a price increase because there'll be a temporary size increase. Needs room for meeting Menace.

The **Menace** from the previous meeting were read. June Moffatt bid \$2 name them "Harvey" They were so accepted.

We have a big auction, three tables.

**Treasurer's Report:** We do have some money in the treasury: You can't spend any of it.

**Patron Saint Jim Tanenbaum:** He got tired of people misspelling his name with three "n"s, so he took to writing his name with one of the letters crossed out. (An N

with a strike through it? CLJII didn't know it had been unionized.) Professional sound tech and APA-L contributor. Hare: unofficial science consultant for Avatar.

**Patron Saint Jim Tanenbaum** was given three cheers and no double N!

**Registrar** Michelle announced we have guests: Jay Arcilla, who found us by driving by, and John Cussick.

#### Committee Reports:

David Okamura rose to report on some **Science**. As anticipated, the comet lander has ceased to send data, due to lack of solar power availability. It may get enough sun power to recharge battery as it gets closer to the sun.

#### Announcements, Regular or Time Bound

Eylat Poliner announced LOSCON coming up. Saturday is Monstro load-out. Wednesday is truck loading. Thursday unload at LAX Marriott. Sunday at 4PM-5PM, truck loading. Monday at 7PM truck unloading at the clubhouse.

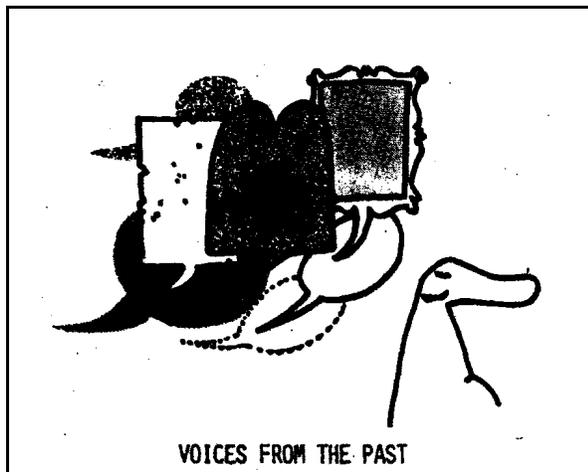
June Moffatt announced today is Len Moffatt's 91st Birthday. There is cake in the back. (*Actually, there is cake on the food table; unless, that is, it is actually in somebody's back if that back got hungry and ate the cake.* - ed.)

George McUrso announced there will be a toy drive at LOSCON.

**Reviews:** Scratch reviewed the video the British company made talking about the comet landing. It's a beautiful sci-fi presentation.

**Mixcellaneous:** Francis Hamit has a charitable thingy. Christopher Marlowe, the movie. For the Shakespeare Society, there is a t-shirt available online. \$25 each. All proceeds go to the Shakespeare Society.

Adjournment: It was moved and seconded, and we adjourned to the auction at 8:28 pm.



### Friday night board gaming

Friday Night Board Gaming is a Meetup which meets at LASFS most every Friday evening, usually starting around 4:30 and ending around 11:00.

All LASFS members are invited to play these modern, mostly European, board games. There is no charge for gaming but members are responsible for any dues which must be paid.

Members of the Meetup game at LASFS the same way other guests visit the club: 3 free meetings and then joining the club if they continue to like coming here. After they join the club they pay dues like any other member.

(Our experienced gamers are willing to teach these games to beginners.)

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