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ESTROGEN ZONE

New Group at LASFS Just Formed

Meetings will be on the first Saturday of each month. There will be a themed triple-feature of films running concurrently with the monthly meeting of the Ladies Auxiliary Sewing and Fallout Society (LASFS). All members are welcome to attend and bring craft projects on which they wish to work. Donations of Midol, Pamprin, Kleenex, and chocolate will always be welcomed.

SOMETHING NEW - AN INVITATION TO JOIN

APA-LASFS

This is a new web site where LASFS members and other fen, both local and from around the world, can connect with one another and with other fans who are interested in LASFS, things LASFASian, and all other fannish topics.

Set up by Tim Merrigan, you can join by going to:

APA-LASFS at APA-LASFS-subscribe@egroups.com or
<http://www.egroups.com/group/APA-LASFS>

October 2000

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KEY TO CALENDAR & OTHER IMPEDIMENTA

LADWVS = L.A. Dr. Who Viewing Society
 ESTROGEN ZONE = Ladies Auxiliary Sewing and
 Fallout Society
 TRIPE = Temporal Retrieval of Information
 Programming and Entertainment.
 BOD = Board of Directors
 2nd Sunday = Board and other gaming
 Cinema Anime = Japanimation
 CFO = Cartoon Fantasy Organization
 Work Party = General cleanup
 FWEMS = Fourth WeekEnd Movies
 FUCC = Fandom Universal Computer Club
 TIME MEDDLERS = Dr. Who Club

CALENDAR DETAILS

LADWVS - 7:30 pm
 FWEMS - '90s F & SF films
 TRIPE - Noon until whenever
 BOD - 11:00 am, games start at 2:00 pm
 Cinema Anime - 1:00 pm until it ends
 CFO - 1 pm to 8 pm
 Work Party - 10:30 am
 Autumn Holiday Party - 3:00 pm to midnight
 FUCC -
 TIME MEDDLERS - 12:30 pm
 ESTROGEN ZONE - 1:00 pm
 OCT. 12 MEET.- Forry Award Nom. & Voting

BOOK SIGNING

Dangerous Visions

13563 Ventura Blvd.

Sherman Oaks, CA 91423

Monday, October 9, from 6 - 8 pm

Lauren Hamilton signs *A Kiss of Shadows*

MEET . . .

*(Occasionally I will be able to corner a member who is a regular attendee and get them to write something about themselves. If that person is an officer of the club, this may take the form of writing about their job. The entry this time is from **Bill Ellern**, a member of our Board of Directors. If any regular attendee wants to write about some personal information, please get me a short piece of material. Remember, I may be ruthless in my editing, so do not write about Ruth.)*

Growing the LASFS - 5

by William B. Ellern

OK. So now we're going to define our purpose. Now everyone is standing around looking at a blank piece of paper and waiting for someone to tell them what to write on it. It doesn't work that way.

A purpose is not created, YOU have to discover it. There are these thousands of people out there who are potential club members. Which ones do we want, and how will we be a help them? How will they help us? What needs to be done? To them. For them. Together with them. There are all kinds of ways to bring people to the club — once! We want to be something special, so they'll want to come back, and join us in our quest for a dream. To do this we, not just me but you too, WE will have to put down on paper the answers to some questions. These are hard questions, and they deserve serious answers.

1. Why does the LASFS exist? Yeah, I know. Sixty-five years ago a bunch or characters met in Clifton's Cafeteria and etc., etc., etc. Why does it exist now? What is it we do that is important to YOU right now?

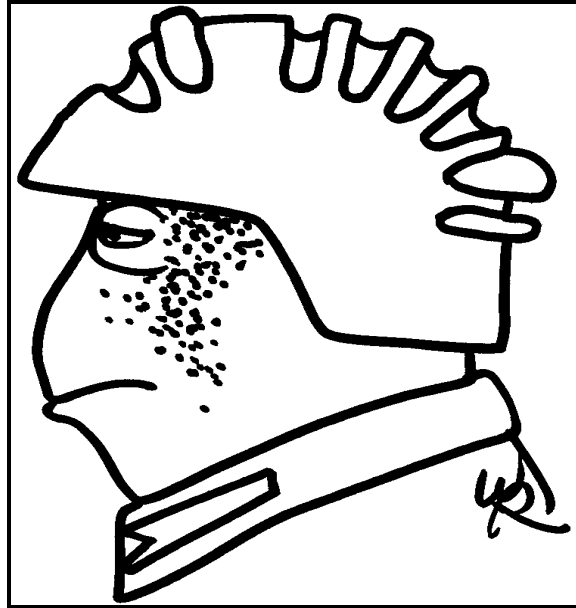
2. What are we going to be as an organization? Who are we, and what are we? What should we be? What do we stand for (if that helps)? What do we represent? What do we want to represent? Is that too limited?

3. What are we going to do as an organization? What needs to be done? What have we been doing? What have you been doing? What are we going to do in the future? Do you feel strong enough about it that YOU want to be part of it?

4. How can we do it? What do the members need to know, learn, understand and do, that will help us gain our purpose? What tools and knowledge do we as members need to help the organization. How does the organization get those tools and knowledge to us as members.

I would like to organize a series of study groups (6 to 8 people at a time) to work on these questions. I will host them. I am volunteering my house, and my dining room table for the purpose. Anything coming out of those groups will be written down, summarized and published here in DP for your review. If you have an interest in joining a study group, tell me. This will not be completed overnight. I do not know how long it will take. Remember it is to be a foundation to support everything else we do for years to come. It is vital for the membership to understand what comes out of these discussions, and to have their input.

The end result will be edited down to a single sentence. Why? Because it will have little value if no



one can remember it. If you can say it and write it down, you can do it. If you haven't put it down on paper, you haven't worked it out.

There are four touchstones to determine if the purpose statement has been done right, and isn't just some good sounding words, signifying nothing:

- Is it appropriate? (Is it what LASFS should do? Do you want to be part of it?)
- Is it specific? (Do you understand what is to be done? How do you do it?)
- Is it transferable? (Do you understand it? Can you explain it to others?)
- Is it measurable? (How far have we come?)

With this I am going to shut down this series of articles for a while, and start a new series called "Investigating Our Purposes".

WBE

(The editor of De Profundis will now be the first person to volunteer for the first of these study groups.)

CONDENSED CREAM OF MENACE
(complete minutes can be read in APA-L and are filed in the archives)

*Meeting #3287, August 10, 2000
Cathy Beckstead, presiding
Karl Lembke, scribing*

Having found yet another button that needs to be tweaked in order for the microphone to work, President Beckstead called meeting number 3287 to order at 20:22:05. The **Menace** were read and approved as “Forgettable.”

Patron Saint Jerry Pournelle: What to say about him that he hasn't already said about himself? He is a genuinely nice person. And he gave the club money. He was given three loud cheers and a Hugo of his very own. (The week these were read, Dr. Pournelle remarked that he usually tried to make to his saint's meeting, but on this occasion, he was with Larry Niven, and wrote about 10,000 words.) *(He also sputtered after the line about him being a genuinely nice person. -- ed.)*

Registrar: Lynx announced the presence of Keith Hartman, whose interests include gaming, reading, and literature.

Bret Achorn announced that Cinema Anime would take place Saturday at 1:00 pm. (Military time used to irritate Marty.) *(Correct time inserted by editor to irritate the Scribe. The editor always has the last word. - ed.)*

A motion to adjourn passed at 21:12:02.

Meeting #3288, August 17, 2000
Cathy Beckstead, presiding
Karl Lembke, scribing

“All right, show's over. There's nothing to see here,” said President Cathy Beckstead. When this failed to disperse the crowd, she proceeded to Emergency Plan B, starting a LASFS meeting. The meeting was started at 20:08:51. The **Menace** were read and approved as “Umm . . . Chocolate.”

Patron Saint Bjo Trimble: The woman who saved Star Trek, and who helped make the world safe for democracy and freckles. During the '80s, Jerry Pournelle and Harry Stine decided to write some policy papers for the incoming White House, and wound up having meetings to hash out what they wanted to say. Bjo Trimble was the recording secretary at these meetings. She also worked on the costuming and make-up for “Flesh Gordon,” and was a pioneer of the same sort of family recreation that Matthew Tepper ‘afiated from LASFS for. She was also very active in the early SCA She was given three cheers and many pieces of the Berlin Wall.

Registrar Beckie introduced Matthew and Sarah, whose interests are furry.

Registrar Lynx introduced J. Moys, who's interested in art and animation, Adam Tilghman, who's interested in the works of John Norman, and Allison Lawnsdale who enjoys Hong Kong action films, RPGs, and nanotech.

Neighbor Relations: Mike Stern advised the club members to be nice to our new neighbor. Remember, not everyone can handle what passes for normal fannish behavior. consider this a stern warning.

After a giant auction, a motion to adjourn passed at 21:46:09.

Meeting #3289 - August 24, 2000
Bob Null, presiding
Karl Lembke, scribing

“Are you happy?” asked President Cathy Beckstead. “Don't get any happier, 'cause if you start singing, I'll have to kill you.” And to prove she meant business, she then proceeded to start Los Angeles Science Fantasy Society meeting #3289 at 20:15:47.

Special Orders of Business: We have lost Emil Petaja, a pulp SF and fantasy writer, who wrote a number of stories based on the Kalevala. He also wrote under the name of Theodore Pine. He died Thursday, August 17.

The **Menace** were read and approved as “as they aren't.”

Registrar Lynx announced the presence of Michelle Clark, whose interests are “lots.”

Fannish Committee Reports: Joe Zeff, while in a liquor store, saw and couldn't resist buying an energy drink branded “Whup-Ass.”

Karl Lembke pointed out a newspaper article which described how Chinese children, on account of the one-child policy and rising prosperity, were getting quite fat and being sent to diet camps. So, contrary to the advice everyone heard while growing up, “go on a diet, because there are fat children in China!”

Mike Stern announced that one of the secrets that leaked out of the Los Alamos Labs during the fires was the account of the new heaviest element, “Governmentium.” It has many interesting and useless properties.

Phil Castora found a shop on Burbank Blvd.: The Best Little Hairhouse in Burbank.

At this point, **Patron Saint Fuzzy Pink Niven** walked in, and was given three cheers by the club, and a President who had cleverly forgotten about the Patron Saint until that very moment. Fuzzy Pink Niven is a UCLA basketball fan, and therefore a wonderful human being, she's a great cook and lace maker, and she's married to some writer dude. She was given three cheers and an early happy birthday.

Hare noted that a warehouse with 400 tapes of the "Ed Sullivan" show had burned down. (*Must be hot stuff - ed.*)

CLJII announced that there was a lizard hiding in the video cabinet.

At the mention of hiding, it was moved that we all go and hide from the meeting, which was brought to an end at 21:12:37.

Meeting 3290, August 31, 2000

Bob Null, presiding
Karl Lembke, scribing

After conducting the null set of pre-meeting foolishness, Meeting #3290 of the Los Angeles Science Fantasy Society was gaveled to order at 20:11:39. The **Menace** were read and approved as "Should have been in the warehouse with the Ed Sullivan tapes."

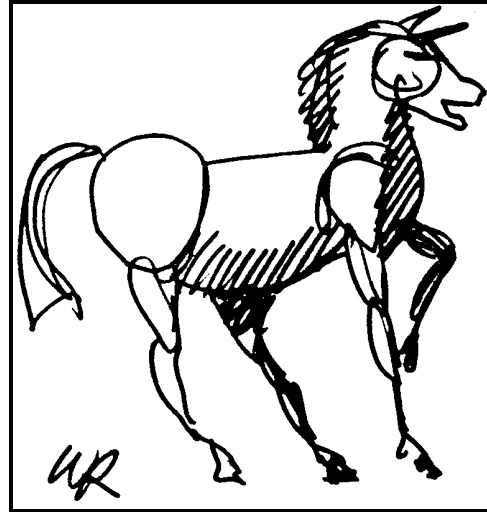
Patron Saint John Trimble: We can't find him at the moment, but we're sure he's around here someplace. He is known for being good to his mother. He is known in the SCA as John ap Griffin. He was given three cheers and a loose freckle eradicator.

Registrar: This week, the registrar announced the presence of Lynn R., whose interest is osmosis.

Committee to Gouge: Did.

Tadao Tomomatsu gave a brief report on the trials and tribulations of helping out in a laundry trade show. Many people attending had brought their kids with them, and Tadao was about the only kid-friendly part of the show, so they stuck to him like a laundry marker. Does this mean Tadao's all washed up?

A motion was made to watch cartoons, and the meeting yielded to serious silliness (as opposed to what we'd be doing before) at 21:13:46.



BoD Meeting, July 9, 2000

Mike Stern, Chairman
Starting Secretary, Mike Glycer

ATTENDANCE: (Board) Bill Ellern, Mike Thorsen, Joe Zeff, Bob Null, Mike Stern, Mike Glycer, Bruce Pelz, Elayne Pelz. (Absent: Shaun Lyon, Liz Mortensen, Kim Marks Brown.) (Others) S. Benoun, T. Benoun, J. Sperling, E. Hooper, M. Cantor, K. Lembke, B. Barber, S. Beckstead.

MINUTES: Glycer's minutes were approved as corrected.

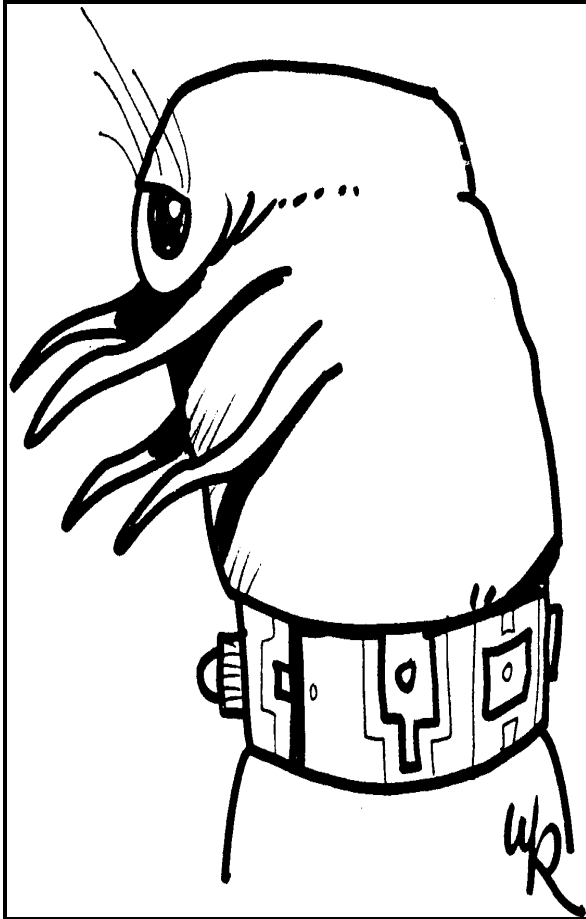
NEW MEMBERS: Applications were received from Anna Kashina, Maria Rodriguez, Wendy Levin, Samantha Sheffield, Manuel V. Cabrera, Jr., and Tony Young. All were approved by voice vote without opposition.

TREASURER'S REPORT: No report.

SERVICE MARKS: Glycer reported how Kevin Standlee had used the USPTO web site to research the Westercon and West Coast Science Fantasy Conference service marks, and discovered both are dead. Glycer has downloaded some material from the site and believes a total of \$650 of application fees will need to be paid to reregister the marks. The amount will need to be appropriated by a vote of the club.

ARCHIVES: Bruce Pelz had found a volunteer Westercon archivist - Anne Morrell. Bruce has turned over to her an accumulation of Westercon stuff he had saved for the archive, plus stuff from Hawaii. The archive will need storage space at the clubhouse, and space to store display board.

CLUB MACHINES: Gestetner: Bob Null hadn't had anybody come in yet. He is still going to



schedule a service call.

Computers: Bob found a place to recycle dead computer monitors.

Audio Visual: After working with various components of the PA system, Thorsen has narrowed the problem down to the microphone.

Other: There was a discussion about where to store the electronic cash registers.

HALL RECONSTRUCTION: Bob said Scratch has been working under the front building, pulling out stuff to put in the dumpster.

Bob has replaced tubes in one ballast with lower glare tubes. He talked about the expense of replacing the light fixtures, which isn't all that much.

Bob said Kim's plumber had not yet come over and estimated our job.

Mike Stern, about the ADA thing, said he's still waiting for Alison's boss to give him an estimate. He thinks it can be done without the permits.

LIBRARY: We still have one.

LISTS: We were listless.

LASFS.ORG: Stern said he'll get Heather to do something about the addresses. He got a call from Greg Barrett that Loscon 27 info e-mail wasn't working. So now that's corrected to go to Loscon.org. Joe Zeff said the POP server was timing out this morning.

LOSCON.ORG: Stern reported that Chaz said he will change the service but the \$70 already paid will be effectively lost. He said we might wait until the end of the 2-year period before making the change. Stern reminded Chaz to get reimbursed.

LOSCON 27: Karl Lembke said there would be a meeting on July 29.

LOSCON 28: No report.

LOSCONS OF THE FUTURE: Bruce said the meeting with the Burbank Hilton was coming up this week, to be attended by Mr. McGuire and a "good cop."

LALACON: Vital numbers next meeting.

PRECINCTS OF FELICITY: Mike Stern said that on Friday a cop drove up, made a U-turn and stopped to wonder what we were all about. People were busy

SPECIAL NOTIFICATION

(as per by-laws requirements)

At its September 10, 2000 meeting, the LASFS Board of Directors voted to censure three members who availed themselves of 1999 Loscon membership privileges without buying a membership - Drew Rhine, Eric Kellstrom, and Lee Downing.

Letters have been sent to each of them at their last known address notifying them of the action.

Moved, by the Board, that the club vote to ratify the action of the Board of Directors in censuring the three members.

Also moved, by the Board, that these three memberships be terminated as provided for in the By Laws. The motion to terminate will first be voted on at the October 19, 2000 meeting of the club.

At the club meeting of September 15, 2000, the club voted to pass this motion. All present voted in favor of the motion with three abstentions.

playing mah jongg. The cop is an sf reader with Thursday nights off.

NEW BUSINESS: Chaz wanted to borrow the club Gestetner for Chicon 2000. He explained his plans to do color printing on the daily newszine. He said the machine would be shipped insured.

Alternatively, there was a discussion of Chaz preprinting the "watermarked" issue numbers on his stock here and shipping the paper to Chicon. Bruce did a quick calculation and felt the latter would be cheaper and simpler. Chaz accepted the suggestion. The meeting adjourned.

FANZINES

*The production of fanzines is an old fannish tradition and De Profundis is a zine in that tradition. Many of the regularly attending club members may not be aware of the vast number of zines which have been produced in fandom's past. Many may not realise that not everybody has moved their written fanac to the web and that there are many fanzines still being produced. Here is a list of the zines which the club gets in trade. I want to point out that **any zines for which the club trades can be picked up from the De Prof mailbox and can be read at your leisure.** For those of you who want to explore the universe of fanzines, I shall be most happy to make recommendations of available zines.*

zines received in trade

(All zines are available to read and are in the *De Profundis* mailbox and can be taken out for a week)

club zines: DASFAx Vol. 32, No. 9: (DASFA) EINBLATT!, SEPTEMBER 2000: (MINNSTF). FOSFAX #200: (FOSFA). INSTANT MESSAGE #671: (NESFA). LUNARIANS MEETING NOTICE: (NYSFS). MEMPHEN #269: (MSFA). PSFS News, September 2000: (PSFS). WESTWIND #251: (NWSFS).

NEW BOOKS

(This is a section devoted to listing new books and other items received by the LASFS Library. Our extensive library is not just for collecting and looking at that wonderful collection of books on shelves. Members may take them out and read them. Here are some of the newest additions.)

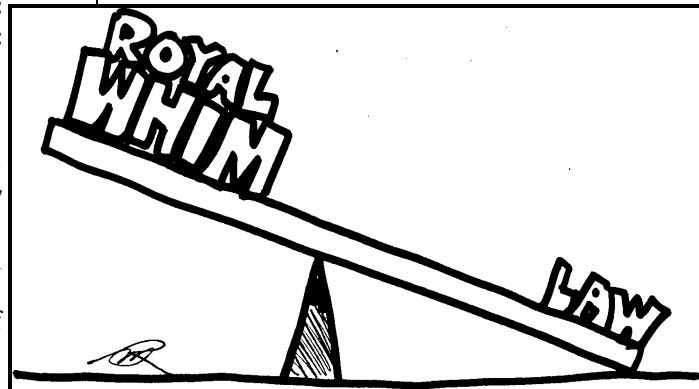
Clement, Hal - **Music of Many Spheres: The Essential Hal Clement Vol. 2.** DiNeiro, R.J. - **01-01-00.** Drake, David - **Servant of the Dragon: Lord of the Isles #3.** Gibson, William - **All Tomorrow's Parties.** Niven, Larry & Barnes, Steven - **Saturn's Race.** Sawyer, Robert J. - **Flash Forward.** Simmons, Dan - **The Crook Factory.** Stableford, Brian - **Architects of Emortality.** Tarr, Judith & Turtledove, Harry - **Household Gods.** Turtledove, Harry - **Into the Darkness.** Verne, Jules - **Paris in the Twentieth Century.** Vonnegut, Kurt - **Bagombo Snuff Box.** Witch, Terry - **The Voyage of the Jerle Shanmaru.** Wolfe, Gene - **In Green's Jungles.**

Ferman, Edward L. & van Gelder, Gordon - **The Best from Fantasy & Science Fiction: 50th Anniversary Anthology.** Hartwell, David - **Year's Best SF 4.**

Recent Additions to the Video Collection

Batman: Mask of the Phantom.
Quatermass and the Pit.
Mandrake the Magician (serial).
Flash Gordon (serial).
Dr. Jekyll and Sister Hyde.
Captain Midnight (serial).
Didley Do-right.
Rebirth of Mothra.
Rebirth of Mothra II.
The Matrix.
The Mummy ('99).

(Special Note to Contributors: please try to get me material before the absolutely last minute so that I have some time to check spelling with you instead of guessing. Otherwise, spelling errors are your fault.)





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