



DECEMBER 2015

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1	2	3 LASFS MEETING	4 - Open House - Board Gaming	5 Cosplay Sewing Circle
6	7	8	9	10 LASFS MEETING	11 - GIFT EXCHANGE	12 - Cinema Animé
13 - Board meeting - Open House	14	15	16	17 LASFS MEETING	18 - Open House --- Board Gaming	19 - CFO - Tom Safer Cartoons
20 Time Meddlers	21	22	23	24 LASFS MEETING	25 - WINTER HOLIDAY PARTY	26
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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
WINTER HOLIDAY PARTY - 2 pm

THURSDAY PROGRAMME ITEMS

DECEMBER 3 - Presidential Nominations open and are recessed;
 Tom Safer cartoon presentation.
DECEMBER 10 - Procedural Elections; Presidential nominations re-
 opened, Vice-president, Scribe, and Registrar candidates nominated
 and election of all four offices held.
DECEMBER 17 - BIG AUCTION.
DECEMBER 24 - No programme.
DECEMBER 31 - Special Surprise Programme.

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

CALENDAR DETAILS

BoD - 11:00 am, Open House starts at 2:00 pm
 Cinema Anime - 1:00 pm until it ends
 Work Party - 10:30 am
 Estrogen Zone - 2:00 pm
 FWEMS -

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LASFS' GIFT EXCHANGE - DECEMBER 11, 2015 (rules pgs. 2-5)
Doors open 6 pm, Exchange starts at 8 pm

DE PROFUNDIS - the *unofficial* newsletter of LASFS

COLOPHON

De Profundis 514— December 2015. 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.

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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 address: [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. *De Prof* is available on paper solely at cost: currently 75¢. Mailed copies, domestically, will be \$1.25. Subscriptions will be accepted; however, as prices are set at approximate 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 \(at\) sbglobal \(dot\) net](mailto:martyhoohah@sbglobal.net). December 2015. Hoo Hah Publication Number 1946. Thanks go to Elayne Pelz, Charlie Jackson, Karl Lembke, Kristen Gorlitz and Nick Smith, Lee and Barry Gold, and any others who are helping me in providing news to LASFS members.

LASFS OFFICERS

Elected Procedural Officers
July - December, 2015

President: Matthew B. Tepper. **Vice-President:** Debra Levin. **Registrar:** Ed Hooper. **Scribe:** Kristen Gorlitz & Nick Smith. **Treasurer:** (elected in mid-year, serves for full year) Elayne Pelz & Michelle Pincus.

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.

Official Committees

De Profundis Editor, Speaker to toners, LASFAPA/APA-L Liaison: Marty Cantor. **Librarian:** Whisky. **Assistant Librarians:** Elayne Pelz, Gavin Claypool, Ed Hooper. **Committee to Gouge Money from the LASFS:** Christian McGuire. **Eulogist, Public Relations, Video Collection Curator, Film Coord. Committee, & Party Rabbi:** Charles Lee Jackson II. **Assistant Video Curator:** Tom Khamis. **Asian Affairs Desk:** Brett Achorn. **Key Control:** Elayne Pelz, Christian McGuire. **Webmaster - <<http://www.lasfs.org>>:** Barry Gold. **Webmaster Assistant:** Lee Gold. **Sysadmin:** Chaz Baden. **Committee for Children's Literature:** Anne Morrel, **Editor, Computers & LASFS Archivist:** Christian McGuire. **LASFS Historian:** Fred Patten. **Westercon Liaison:** Christian McGuire. **Program:** 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

Date: Friday, the Eleventh of December, 2015
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 Hubbard Decology, unless Crud Insurance (high quality chocolate, for example) is included.

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS OFTEN ASKED

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

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

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

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

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

A. Only if you want to be ostracized by all of organ-

ized fandom. Most people don't have that much masochism in them, so you would be advised to simply give the Cover to someone who takes it more seriously than you do.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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 4076, August 6, 2015
President Matthew B. Tepper, presiding
Nick Smith, Scribe

President Matthew Tepper called the meeting out of the primordial chaos at: 8:00 pm.

Special Orders of Business: Marty Cantor: Cultural icon Yogi Berra passed away this week. He was going to object to Hanna Barbera's parody of him, until he found

out that his family liked the Yogi Bear cartoons. Yogi Berra was a fount of misphrased wisdom, but you could always understand what he meant, because he spoke to an entire nation from the heart. (Marty then quoted several of Yogi's more well-known sayings.)

Minutes of the last meeting were read and then named "With chocolate sauce" by June Moffatt.

Registrar: Guests: None that could be seen or described.

Patron Saint Ron Ellik: Milt Stevens: Fan writer and TAFF winner. Ron helped create a hoax fan (Carl Brandon) with Terry Carr. Nick Smith: Ron Co-wrote a book on E. E. Doc Smith, from Advent publishers, in 1974. It was a fannish reference book about the Lensman and Skylark series. June Moffatt: When Ron went to a con, he didn't bother sleeping. He would sleep on the plane on the way home. Matthew Tepper mentioned Ron's nickname of "Squirrel," but everyone got distracted.

Patron Saint Ron Ellik was given Three Cheers and nuts for the winter.

Patron Saint Barry Workman (aka Sarge): Nick Smith: Barry was a nice guy, and had a pyrotechnics license. He made the actual Hugos one year. Nick remembers Barry bringing his two children to the fannish bookstore where Nick worked, when the kids were very small. He got them off to a good start. Joe Zeff: mentioned his work in data recovery from hard drives, and the innovative techniques he used. June Moffatt: Barry built his own harpsichord. [From things he had at home?]

Jerry Pournelle: when Jerry was working in Baja, he talked Barry into being his driver on what was then a dirt road. The toilets there didn't work, and the campus was 30 miles north of Cabo San Lucas, which was not a big resort back then. They still remained friends even after that. Barry did a lot of work on the old clubhouse, to help get it up to code. Sarge went on many of Jerry's scout hikes. Gavin Claypool: Barry told people that his father was Martin Workman, the classical music host. This may have been a joke by Barry, who was known to cloud the boundaries of reality from time to time. On the other hand, Martin. Workman's obituary mentions an unnamed son...

Patron Saint Barry Workman was given Three Cheers and a controlled explosion, or a turned-down promotion.

Patron Saint Mike Donahue: Has been in England doing pre-production for Francis Hamit's film. John DeChancie: Mike is one of the few LASFASians who actually belongs to a movie industry guild, Director's Guild. He is very talented, and a really nice guy, to a fault. John moved into his house, and found two other tenants who had not been paying rent, and John had to convince him to kick out the deadbeats. George McUrso: Mike is one of the nicest, most pleasant individuals he's encountered. George enjoyed Mike's creation "Surge of Power." Hare: Mike worked very hard on fixing up this clubhouse, and

he hired a movie building crew to do some of the work. Gavin Claypool: he worked on the library shelving. Frank: Mike Donohue took charge when he wasn't being super-nice, to get things done...sort of the anti-Frank.

Jerry—When the 1991 eclipse happened, Jerry went to Baja to see it. Two cars. By then, the Baja road was paved, but Mike Donohue went on the trip. Jerry took people down a segment of the old dirt road. Jerry's wife and Mike were in the car ahead, and got up to the top of the hill. There was one other person there, so they hopped out of the car and said "Pardon me, do you have any Grey Poupon?"

Michael Workman—remembers Mike Donohue helping Sarge make the Hugos in 1996.

Patron Saint Mike Donahue was given Three Cheers in Technicolor, Cinemascope, and with stereophonic sound.

Time-Bound Announcements: Bill mentioned the total eclipse of the moon to be on Sunday the 27th. The full eclipse will be at 7:11 pm and will end at 8:23 pm. The partial eclipse will end at 9:47 pm.

Committee Reports: A Moment of Science, with David Okamura. If you're looking for a home where the buffalo roam, Chicago doesn't come to mind first, but there is now a herd of bison only 95 miles west of Chicago. They are doing quite well on the grasslands on the east side of the Mississippi. They hadn't been in that area since the 1830s. When you do introduce animals to an area, it affects other parts of the environment as well.

Take a look at the Orange County Great Park in October, where the Solar Decathlon will take place. International competition for college teams to create model solar homes, judged on energy efficiency and practicality. David was there in 2013 and was impressed.

Reviews and Miscellaneous: Karl has read *The Dark Forest*, and finds it to be more enjoyable than the first volume of the trilogy.

George found Reuben sandwich-flavored potato chips. They are in the back room. They really do taste like a Reuben sandwich. Truly frightening what you can do with chemistry nowadays.

There was a motion to be in motion. It was seconded and it passed unanimously.

We **adjourned** to the program at: 9:00 pm

Meeting 4077, October 1, 2015
President Matthew B. Tepper, presiding
Kristen Gorlitz, Scribe

Special Orders of Business: British fan artist is gone. Don West (D. West). He was a Very Assertive artist and a brilliant writer. His style was known as KTF (kill the fucker) writer. What he wrote was nasty but brilliant. D West died of lung cancer and he was about to start telling his fan friends of his illness when he passed away very

suddenly.

The **Menace** was read and David Okamura bid \$3 to name the **Minutes** "Here comes the bride"

Our **Registrar** reported on our Guests: There were 2 guests (plus 2 guests from last week were announced): Venus Rachal from Pasadena, brought by Mike Workman (they are engaged!). She was encouraged to visit because it was Barry Workman's Saints Day. She loves Star Trek. She is a writer, does Administration work and writes historical romances. Jason Ackerman: (No relation to Forry). Jason learned about us from Time Meddlers and he also went to LOSCON. Jason is interested in giant robots, time travel, and space travel. He is a media fan and is also a writer. He is an on-line toy retailer and is into local politics. Shawn Wilson: A Longtime local fan, he came for a chance to meet writers. Shawn is a Tech writer, and an aspiring Science Fiction writer. Tom Nicholaides: He was brought by Sandy. Had never been here before. He is Into hard SF and is an engineer and rocket scientist.

PATRON SAINTS: Patron Saint Steve Bilan: Scratch: had friends in low places, specifically our friendly neighborhood Klingon. One brother thought enough of his brothers to make 2 of his brothers **Patron Saints. Patron Saint Steve Bilan** was given Three Cheers and "lucrative nepotism."

Committee Reports: CLJII will be back for first week of Nov. for nomination of corporate officers. Members of the LASFS' Board of Directors are elected to 3-year terms and four directorships are up for election this year. If you are interested in running for the board, find someone to nominate you. Nominations open and close that night. The election takes place the 2nd week of November, unless the number of candidates equals the number of seats available. (And of course, we still need to auction off the ballots).

Matthew announced that the Board of Directors has decided to reverse the usual state of affairs; so, instead of not meeting in January it will have a meeting in January and will not meet in February. The January meeting is where bids for LOSCON 44 are to be submitted for Board Scrutiny. The Board will meet on the Second Sunday of January.

Treasurer's Report: There was no Treasurer's Report this meeting.

A Moment of Science, with David Okamura. NASA scientists have announced they have detected flowing liquid water on Mars (they have not actually seen it, but they have enough indirect evidence). Water flows during summer months of Mars though it is more of a seep than a flow). They see dark streaks on craters that appear every year, consistent with a liquid environment and they have found salts consistent with water formation. Warning, you may not want to drink water, it's heavily saturated with magnesium chlorates (good rocket fuel). (*Going to Mars for a drink of water might show that you have extreme thirst.* - ed.) We might be able to ex-

tract water for oxygen and use salts for solid rocket boosters in the future. One can make methane with carbon monoxide and water.

When the Rosetta Space probe encountered the comet, everyone was wondering how it, the comet not the space probe, could erode into a shape that looks like a duck. (*Maybe it saw a photograph of Matthew.* - ed.) Based on different strata, two objects had joined somewhere in primordial past (it is actually a comet with two heads instead of one). They named an object on the comet in Claudia Alexander's memory.

Remember the great white sharks feeding on the sting rays? We had around 30 stingray attacks this weekend. As for fish; be careful what you eat. We don't usually eat fish guts but they are finding more and more artificial fibers that the fish have been ingesting (stuff you would find in the lint trap of your clothes dryer). Be careful with oysters and stuff you eat whole. (*You will be better off eating crottled greeps - that is, if they do not eat you first.* -ed.)

It seems that King Tut's tomb is hiding an entranceway to another tomb; there is evidence of openings that have been plastered over. Tut's sudden death means that they had to do something quick, and now they think his tomb is annex of another tomb, possibly the tomb of queen Nefertiti or King Tut's actual mom, Queen Kia. They are doing radar studies on the tomb since they don't want to be too destructive. They will have the results of these probes in November.

Jerry: They have found a source of massive global cooling that is not yet met in the expensive climate models (not one that exists includes this new possibility). There are vast VOCs that are emitted into atmosphere from sea, and the existing climate models could not take account of it. Volatile organic compounds come from plant life (as CO2 increases, plants thrive, and they produce more Volatile organic compounds) The current models don't take account of clouds. Clouds reflect a lot of sunlight. Change solar input by reflecting it back to space. New process on sea and on land is more than enough to amount for the 19 or so years we have of neither cooling nor warming. As sea temp gets warmer again we get more generation of isoprenes and this could be massive feedback. Making clouds has a massive cooling possibility and might explain how we got out of ice ages. "Massive Global cooling process discovered as Paris climate" theregister.co.uk

Karl: had a comment on fibers in fish guts - interesting thing biologists do at sewage treatment plants, they go out on the ocean for fish and analyze tissue for chemicals showing up from sewage so they can keep track of chemicals that are going into the food chain. Maybe you want to consider giving up fish for lint. David: microbeads go into the ocean, bypassing filters, so those might also be consumed. (*So you might want to drink hydrochloric acid with your fish meal so as to better digest the microbeads. Or, at the very least, swallow some string so that you can defecate a necklace.* - ed.)

Reviews and Miscellaneous: Milt: "Affinities" by Wilson. Wilson has won a Hugo for Spin, nominated for Blind Lake. This is rather different and reads like a mainstream novel because the characters are just as important as ideas. In the very near future, someone analyzes the structure of the human brain in greater detail and people with certain sorts of brains tend to get along with people who have certain characteristics, so they form affinities. Community based policing is an idea that Milt has dealt with in the real world with a paper on how intentional groups are communities. In the book the idea is not making humans more intelligent, but we are organizing them better to see where they will go. This one has better writing.

Karl: Allied Integrated Marketing gave us 20 tickets to the movie *Martian* and about 12 LASFS members went. They got there early. Stood in line but did not get in. So Karl's review was that it was 2 hours long, had some nice conversation, it was very bright until the Sun went down, then it got kind of dark except for spotlights in ceiling. That was about it. CLJII: This show generated far more bad press than expected because David Gerrold was one of the people they turned away. Karl: He shared the review with Mike Glyer from File 770.

Matthew: regarding the perfect mystery, Matthew has now read all of Asimov's published fiction. The last one set up a tight mystery as to who is behind a particular plot and he went out on a high note. It is called Norby and the Court Jester. Scratch: What are the 3 suppressed titles of Asimov's? Matthew: Question, The Portable Star, A Woman's Heart (he decided it was too sexist.)

Jerry: a historical review - Alex Johnston series of short novellas, 99¢ each. Caesar's Ambassador is a good one. Johnston built the character into a historical character of some importance and he uses a colloquial style. Stories are quite reasonable.

CLJII: Announcement - Charlie's new book, *Mistress of Darkness*, is now available on Amazon for 99¢ for download. Another superhero, good reviews from publisher and proofreader.

There was a Motion to Adjourn and we adjourned the meeting at 9:25 pm.

**Board of Directors Meeting
October 11, 2015
Chairman of the Board, Karl Lembke
Board Secretary, Marty Cantor**

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

Members and Guests: Matthew B. Tepper, Dana Ginsberg, Frank Waller, June Moffatt, Joe Zeff.

Called to order: The meeting was called to order at

LAF
(Los Angeles Filkers Anonymous)

Saturday, December 12, 2015
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.

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

11:10 am. The Chairman welcomed us to the Sunday, October 11th, 2015 meeting of the Board of Directors.

Minutes: The minutes of the meeting of September 13th, 2015, were accepted as presented with one abstention.

New Members: There were 2 applications for membership from fans who paid their \$10 application fee: Marcus Jenkins and Jason Ackerman. Both were accepted unanimously.

Treasurer (Elayne Pelz): \$27,300.00 is the amount in the current treasury.

30-second Reports:

Chairman (Karl Lembke): No report.

Vice Chairman (Christian McGuire): No report.

Secretary (Marty Cantor): No report.

Publications (Marty Cantor): No report.

Comptroller (Gavin Claypool): Annenberg Leadership Seminar: the date will be announced in December with applications in January.

Quartermaster/Supplies (Mike Thorsen): This month: 218 units bringing in \$253.25. (The difference has to do with two items being sold at higher than the usual costs.) Total units to date: 34,245, and total monies to date: \$29,187.75 We have been well-stocked this

month so we did not have to purchase any supplies.

Library (Warren "Whisky" Johnson): (Gavin): South Pasadena Library had a very successful Friends Of The Library book sale.

Archives (Marcia Minsky): No report.

Physical Plant (Elayne Pelz): No report.

AV Equipment (Rob Powell): No updates at the moment.

Events (Nick Smith): (Marcia): LOSCON 42 is doing nicely with membership being up right now. // Nick has been investigating discount theatre tickets.

Recruitment, and Marketing Committee (Michelle Pincus): Michelle is working on things but no report right now.

(Significant Others)

Club President (Matthew B. Tepper): No prepared report but will answer any questions - there were no questions.

WEB MASTER (Barry Gold): (Not here.) Marty Cantor said that Barry is much better but no information had been passed on for him to give to the club.

AGENDA ITEMS:

75th Anniversary Award (Fear, Final Blackout, Typewriter in the Sky) (Michelle Pincus): Michelle Pincus reported that Galaxy Press wants LASFS to present L. Ron Hubbard with an award for the 75th Anniversary of these stories. It was moved, seconded and passed to do this with 1 nay and 1 abstention. (Galaxy Press will pay for this.)

OPEN FORUM:

Code of Conduct committee: (Gavin): It was moved to adopt a new Standing Rule of the Board of Directors: Number 8. This was seconded and passed with one abstention. The wording is as follows:

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 - D. Resolutions submitted by the trial committee in its report are acted upon by the Board of Directors.

E. If the penalty imposed is that of expulsion, a vote of the Society is required to terminate the membership.

F. The rules contained in the chapter entitled "Disciplinary Procedures" in the current edition of *Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised* shall govern the Society in all cases of discipline and in which they are not inconsistent with the Society bylaws, standing rules of the Society or of its Board of Directors, any special rules of order, and any statutes applicable to the Society (a California nonprofit public interest corporation) that do not authorize the provisions of the bylaws to take precedence.

Matthew recommended that this be read and explained to the general membership at a Thursday meeting. The *De Prof* editor said the wording would be in the next issue of that zine.

Gavin moved to appoint a committee of three to appoint an investigative committee to investigate rumors regarding the conduct of member Heidi Nichols which if true would tend to injure the good name of the organization, and the committee be instructed to if it concludes the allegations are well-founded to report resolutions covering its recommendations. This was seconded and passed with two abstentions. Karl will look for people to appoint. (Gavin said he would advise the committee.)

The next meeting will be on November 8, 2015.

TAKE-AWAYS:

The Board adjourned its meeting at 11:46 am. With one abstention.

Respectfully submitted,
Marty Cantor, Board Secretary

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 LASFS' 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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Adopted 10/11/15

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