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BoD = Board of Directors - 11 am

### CALENDAR DETAILS

**Board of Directors meeting: 11 am**  
**Elayne Pelz' residence, 15931 Kalisher St., Granada Hills.**

**NO OPEN HOUSE AFTERWARDS.**

**Beware those with allergies: cats in house**

**Dreaming the Universe : Science Fiction Art Exhibit:**

**Pasadena Museum of History**

470 W. Walnut, Pasadena

**March 3, 2018 - September 2, 2018**

(There will be many other items of sf and fannish interest loaned by LASFS and other organizations.)

**Free Admission on March 3 - and the Museum will be open on that date until 7:00 pm**

### THURSDAY PROGRAMME ITEMS

**MARCH 1 - Special interview hosted by Kristen Gorlitz.**

**MARCH 8 - No programme set.**

**MARCH 15 - Big Auction**

**MARCH 22 - Vote to choose the Concom for the 2019 LOSCON**

**MARCH 29 - No programme set.**

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)

**MARCH 1 - at 7 pm (before the meeting)**  
**First of a series of interviews hosted by Kristen.**

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# DE PROFUNDIS - the *unofficial* newsletter of LASFS

## COLOPHON

*De Profundis* 539– March 2018. Publisher and Editor: **Marty Cantor**.

*De Profundis* is the unofficial newsletter of the Los Angeles Science Fantasy Society (No current permanent address) and the LASFS does not currently have a telephone number. 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: 75¢ in person, \$1.25 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 hand them to me at wherever LASFS meetings are being held. The editor, Marty Cantor, can be reached at his address: [martyhoohah \(at\) sbglobal \(dot\) net](mailto:martyhoohah@sbglobal.net) or at club meetings 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 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.

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## LASFS OFFICERS

Elected Procedural Officers

January - June, 2018

**President:** Michelle Pincus. **Vice-President:** Matthew B. Tepper. **Registrar:** Marty Cantor. **Scribe:** Karl Lembke. **Treasurer:** (elected in mid-year, serves for full year) Elayne Pelz and Michelle Pincus.

## Board of Directors

**Chairman:** Karl Lembke (2018). **Vice-Chairman:** Christian McGuire (2020).. **Comptroller:** Debra Levin (2018). **Secretary:** Marty Cantor (2018). **Other members:** Marcia Minsky (2018), Gavin Claypool (2019), Elayne Pelz (2020), Rob "Gizmo" Powell (2020), Mike Thorsen (2019), Kristen Gorlitz (2019), Nick Smith (2020). **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 Pro Tem:** Gavin Claypool. **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. **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.

## Honorary Officers

**Sergeant-at-Arms In Perpetuity:** Roy Tackett. **Windmill-at-Arms:** Kees van Toorn. **Samurai-at-Arms:** Takumi Shibano. **Librarian-at-Arms:** Heather Stern.

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

## LASFS' TEMPORARY MEETING PLACE

by Gavin Claypool and Elayne Pelz

### LASFS Returns to North Hollywood:

**Starting November 2, 2017, LASFS will be holding its Thursday night meetings at 10717 Chandler Blvd. (rear), North Hollywood 91601, from 6:30 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.**

**The building is located between Denny Ave. and Cartwright Ave. Entrance is from the alley in back. Going east from Denny Ave. along the alley, it is the second building.**

**There are comfy couches for people who want to sit and talk before or after the meeting proper. There is one restroom.**

**We will be allowed to bring in personal food and drink - NO communal food table - but must police our own trash.**

**We are renting the meeting space from Null Space Labs, the local maker group. House rules: No playing with the toys! There is quite a lot of equipment in the room. Leave**

it be.

**Parking is available in front on Chandler Blvd. and on the west side of Denny Ave. Parking is prohibited north of the alley on the east side of Denny Ave.**

**P.S.: There is WiFi access at the site.**

*There were no DE PROF disties in January and February because I got very ill just after mid December and was not at all feeling well for week after week - and got behind all sorts of things (in addition to having an apartment being vacated by tenants at the end of December and therefore having to prep the unit so that it could be rented).*

*Being all better now, here is the next disty in this series of DE PROFs.*

### 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 4169, July 6, 2017  
President Nick Smith, presiding  
Scribe Karl Lembke, scribbling**

President Smith set LASFS meeting #4169 running at 8:01 PM.

#### **Patron Saint**

This week's **Patron Saint** is **Doug Abe**. Marty - one interesting thing about Doug - he is of Japanese descent. A company he worked for sent him to Japan, but he does not speak Japanese, so he had a hell of a time with people trying to speak Japanese to him. // At LASFS, on his Saints Night, he would show up with a bunch of books to donate to club members.

**Patron Saint Doug Abe** was given Three rousing Cheers.

#### **Previous Menace**

The **Menace** was read, and smart comments were offered. (*I will point out that there is more than one definition for the word "smart."* - ed.)

Eric Hoffman bid \$1 to name the menace "I'll have to pay better attention next time."

#### **Registrar**

The registrar announced a new guest: Natalie Paniccia - she learned about us from a member.

Loves fantasy and science fiction. Interested in reading more science fiction classics.

Elayne declines to give an official report on what's going on.

#### **Moment of Science:**

Nick Smith reports:  
Scientists in Russia, who apparently take a very long view of things, have been working on the theory that the breeding of animals over time can produce desired inheritable traits.

An American team from Harvard is working on the domestication theory from a different perspective by asking - how did people become people? The same domestication traits they are identifying in animals looks like, if they are inheritable, connects with people grouping - because when you group / socialize you don't get in fights all the time. Or kill your own offspring.

Bill - saw something a few years back on the domestication of foxes in Siberia. Nick notes that the project has been going since 1960 - 57 years and 60 generations of foxes.

The committee to gouge held a small auction.

#### **Special Orders of Business:**

We lost Dwain Kaiser, LASFS member. He was killed in his home in Pomona. During much of his life he ran bookstores with the latest in the arts district of Pomona. He and his wife lived just above the store. He was killed on the 4th of July. Karl notes - A friend of his has started a GoFundMe account for final expenses. The community has rallied to raise money for them.

#### **Announcements:**

A few months ago, Nick announced that Paramount had cracked down on the amateur videos online. One of the fan film groups -- Star Trek Renegades - has re-edited the two episodes they had completed, filed off the Star Trek trademarks, and the result will be playing at the Laemmle NoHo next Wednesday night at 7:30 pm with the actors in attendance.

Animal Farm musical is playing out in Topanga.

#### **Reviews:**

Joe - for those of you interested in cooking of the disc-world. Nanny Ogg's cookbook - the recipes all look very good if you can translate from British.

George - was gifted a cookbook - The John Wayne way to barbecue. Looking forward to trying the wagon burgers. (*I do not think that even John Wayne would try to barbecue a wagon.* - ed.) June and George went to the 2012 Dum-dum, Tarzan convention on the centennial on the first release of Tarzan. They authorized a new book set in the Tarzan novel with Jane's point of view. Got around to reading the book. This version has changes but the changes make great sense. It's good once it gets going.

Eric - came across Cape's, Crook's & Cliffhanger's - says Charlie would appreciate this book on serials. Shoshana - Went to restaurant today - High Tea Cottage in Woodland Hills, took her mom for her birthday. It is really good. She didn't know there are so many different types of teas.

Nick - Just finished a book by S.M. Sterling - Conquistador. Portal through Oakland - Sets out to colonize North America with 20th Century technology. Creepy alternative history that is very well thought out.

Tom Safer - went on a whirlwind tour to Athens Greece and Southampton and London England. Went on a tour noting the places of Jack the Ripper. London aquarium, has a very beautiful display of sea creatures and are saving sharks. Very fun trip.

Milt - read Time's Eye by Arthur C Clarke and Stephen Baxter. There is some power that has scrambled the world. Alexander the Great and Genghis Khan end up in battle.

It being late, and chairs needing to be put away, motions to put away the chairs at the time and adjourn were entertained and acted upon 9:01 PM. Away with the chairs.

### **Board of Directors Meeting November 12, 2017**

**Karl Lembke, Chairman**  
**Marty Cantor, Secretary** (*There was no BoD meeting in October.*)

**Board Members in attendance:** Karl Lembke, Marty Cantor, Gavin Claypool, Marcia Minsky, Debra Levin, Christian McGuire, Mike Thorsen, Kristen Gorlitz, Elayne Pelz, and Rob "Gizmo" Powell. Absent: Nick Smith.

**Members and Guests:** Matthew. B. Tepper, Barry Gold, Lee Gold.

**Called to order:** The meeting was called to order at 11:09 am. The Chairman welcomed us to the Sunday, November 12, 2017 meeting of the Board of Directors, meeting at Elayne Pelz' house.

**Minutes:** The Secretary accidentally left the minutes in his collating rack but both sets of minutes had been emailed to the members of the Board. The minutes of the meeting of September 12, 2017, were accepted unanimously. The minutes of the Special meeting of September 24, 2017, were accepted unanimously. The Secretary apologized.

**New Members:** There were 2 applications for membership: Pam Marshall & Eric Greenfield. They paid their \$10 and were accepted unanimously.

**Treasurer: (Elayne Pelz):** No report.

**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):** We received 13 boxes of books from Ed Finkelstein and more from David Pass' widow and son and 16 boxes from Tim Kirk.

**Quartermaster/Supplies (Mike Thorsen):** No quarters & No report.

**Library (Marcia/Gavin Claypool):** The library books are in storage.

**Archives (Debra Levin):** The archives are in storage. Lee Gold discussed how Dik Daniels' photos on our web site should be handled. It was moved and seconded to attempt to get in contact with Dik Daniels' heirs and get permission to release the photos. The motion was passed unanimously.

**Physical Plant (Elayne Pelz):** No report. (Non-existent at the moment.) Stuff being used for conventions will be taken from its current storage unit and will be put into another storage unit. This way these items can be more easily acquired and used.

**AV Equipment (Rob Powell):** No report.

**Events (Nick Smith):** Karl reported there has been no LOSCON report from the chairs. There will be a Thanksgiving dinner at LOSCON and programming information is on-line. Room bloc closes tomorrow. Loading instructions have been sent to those who do the work.

**Recruitment, and Marketing Committee (Kristen Gorlitz):** No report.

**(Significant Others)**

**Club President (Nick Smith):** Karl: Our new meeting space seems to be working rather well and the Null Space people like us.

**WEB MASTER (Barry Gold, Lee Gold):** Kind of fun this past few months. The information about the move was immediately put on-line and spread everywhere.

**AGENDA ITEMS:**

**Search for a new clubhouse.** Nothing found. We

were outbid for the lot at the tax auction.

**GIFT EXCHANGE OPTIONS:** Moved to inquire of the Null Space Labs if they have a Friday night rental for a Gift Exchange in December - answer to be obtained by 19th. Passed with 3 abstentions. Lee and Barry Gold offered to pay for a Friday evening in December at the Null Space Labs so as to hold our Gift Exchange there. The decision about the date would be held by the Board via e-mail.

**LOSCON Weapon & policies committee report.** Gavin explained to the board a new LOSCON rule - G, 2: "The Board of Directors shall establish a Weapons Policy and a Conduct Policy for LOSCON and shall have the sole power to amend them." Gavin proposed the following: "Moved to send this amendment to the membership for approval." This was seconded and passed, unanimously.

There was also a draft proposal for a by-laws amendment about Board of Directors membership requirements and added Riverside to the list of counties from where a BoD member could reside. After discussion, this was moved to submit the draft proposal to the club for approval and this was seconded and passed.

The next BoD meeting will be on December 10, 2017.

#### **OPEN FORUM:**

#### **TAKE-AWAYS:**

Looking for property.

The Board adjourned its meeting at 12:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Marty Cantor,  
Board Secretary

**Board of Directors Meeting  
December 10, 2017  
Karl Lembke, Chairman  
Marty Cantor, Secretary**

**Board Members in attendance:** Karl Lembke, Marty Cantor, Gavin Claypool, Marcia Minsky, Debra Levin, Christian McGuire, Mike Thorsen, Kristen Gorlitz, Elayne Pelz, and Rob "Gizmo" Powell, and Nick Smith.

**Members and Guests:** Barry Gold, Lee Gold, Matthew B. Tepper.

**Called to order:** The meeting was called to order at 11:01 am. The Chairman welcomed us to the Sunday, December 10, 2017 meeting of the Board of Directors, meeting at Elayne Pelz' house. We applauded Barry Gold's awarding of the Evans-Freehafer Award.

**Minutes:** The minutes of November 12, 2017 were accepted with one abstention.

**New Members:** There was 1 application for member-

ship: Brad Goldberg. He paid his \$10 and was accepted unanimously.

**Treasurer: (Elayne Pelz):** (See the Treasurer for details about the money in our account.)

#### **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):** Book sale at LOSCON took in about \$600 and we moved about 1,000 books. That was about a third of the books that we had. (Karl) Elayne took it upon herself to start a fund to take advantage of matching funds from the Bill Gates Foundation and it has raised a little over \$3700 of the \$2500 goal. There was no cost to set up.

**Quartermaster/Supplies (Mike Thorsen):** No quarters & No report. Elayne recommended that Mike could start coming to meetings with a cold chest of drinks and Mike agreed.

**Library (Marcia/Gavin Claypool):** The library books are in storage.

**Archives (Debra Levin):** The archives are in storage. Lee Gold: handed the Daniel's address to Barry to mail, asking about the Daniel's photos. There has been no response at all. Nick mentioned that in the future we ask donors what we can do with donations.

**Physical Plant (Elayne Pelz):** No report. (Non-existent at the moment.) All we could find of con items out of the current storage unit and put it into another storage unit. This will make it easier to get con items to cons.

**AV Equipment (Rob Powell):** No report. Gavin reported that our blue-ray works with the Null Space equipment.

**Events (Nick Smith):** No official reports yet from either LOSCON committee. Gift Exchange: DVD not yet found but I found the Bah Humbug hat. Mike Thorsen has a copy of the DVD. Voting results: By-laws amendment and Standing rules amendment have passed the first reading and voting - report. The Interplanetary Board and game items are now on-loan to the Museum in Pasadena. (Possible new election for Christian's seat on the Board. Moved to hold a special election on Jan. 18, 2018. Passed.) // The By-Laws amendment passed and the standing rule amendment passed its first vote.

**Recruitment, and Marketing Committee (Kristen Gorlitz):** No report.  
**(Significant Others)**

**Club President (Nick Smith):** We continue to hold meetings at the Null Space Lab.

**WEB MASTER (Barry Gold, Lee Gold):** Host Color shut down because web site had been attacked. Call Gold's land-line phone if this is found again. (310) 306-7456 is the telephone number to use.

**AGENDA ITEMS:**

**Search for a new clubhouse.** Nothing found but Gavin mentioned an old, boarded-up DMV office on 6110 Winneka.

The next BoD meeting will be on January 14, 2018.

**OPEN FORUM:**

**TAKE-AWAYS:**

Looking for property.

The Board adjourned its meeting at 11:44 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Marty Cantor, Board Secretary

**Board of Directors Meeting  
January 14, 2018  
Karl Lembke, Chairman  
Marty Cantor, Secretary**

**Board Members in attendance:** Karl Lembke, Marty Cantor, Gavin Claypool, Marcia Minsky, Debra Levin, Mike Thorsen, Kristen Gorlitz, Elayne Pelz, Rob "Gizmo" Powell, Nick Smith, and Christian McGuire.

**Members and Guests:** Barry Gold, Lee Gold, Matthew B. Tepper, Michelle Pincus, Joe Zeff.

**Called to order:** The meeting was called to order at 11:01 am. The Chairman welcomed us to the Sunday, January 14, 2018 meeting of the Board of Directors, meeting at Elayne Pelz' house.

**Minutes:** The minutes of December 10, 2017 were accepted with minor corrections.

**Board Officers:** These Board members were elected to the following positions: Karl Lembke - Chairman. Gavin Claypool - Vice-Chairman. Secretary - Marty Cantor. Comptroller - Gavin Claypool. Cabinet positions were retained from last year.

**Librarian:** Gavin retains position for another year.

**Board Vacancy Election Schedule:** It was moved, seconded, and passed that an election be held on February 22nd, 2018, for the vacant seat.

**New Members:** There were no applications for membership.

**Treasurer: (Elayne Pelz):** (See the Treasurer for details about the money in our treasury.

**30-second Reports:**

**Chairman (Karl Lembke):** No report.

**Vice Chairman (Gavin Claypool):** None.

**Secretary (Marty Cantor):** I was too ill to run the Gift Exchange this year so Gavin (who has assisted me for several years) did a very good job of running it. I have since turned over running the Gift Exchange to him to run in the future. I was thanked for my service. Saturday, March 3 at 5:30 will be when the BoD is invited to the Museum in Pasadena.

**Publications (Marty Cantor):** I have been ill for over 3 weeks and am almost over it. This has kept me from producing the January issue of DE PROFUNDIS and may possibly keep me from producing a February issue as I am also busy, right now, in attempting to rent a 2 bedroom apartment in my building. However, I have no problem in sending e-mails to the DE PROF e-list if necessary. // In cooperation with Nick Smith, the Interplanetary game board, game pieces, and a copy of my game rules are at the Pasadena Museum of History. The LASFS' Board of Directors has been invited to attend the opening of the show on March 3, 2018 at 5:30 pm. All LASFS members are also invited.

**Comptroller (Gavin Claypool):** No report. Karl mentioned that we raised a little over \$4000 of the \$2500 goal of a fundraiser Elayne put on Facebook.

**Quartermaster/Supplies (Mike Thorsen):** Instituted the emergency holographic soda machine: monthly dollars were set at \$35. 1st month made \$94.29, to LASFS - \$27.50.

**Library (Marcia/Gavin Claypool):** No Report.

**Archives (Debra Levin):** The archives are in storage.

**Physical Plant (Elayne Pelz):** No report. (The Physical Plant, not Elayne, is Non-existent at the moment.)

**AV Equipment (Rob Powell):** No report.

**Events (Nick Smith):** Pasadena Museum of History: SF display starting at March 3.

**Recruitment, and Marketing Committee (Kristen Gorlitz):** It was moved, seconded, and passed that we continue the Meetup for another 6 months.

**(Significant Others)**

**Club President (Michelle Pincus):** We continue to hold meetings at the Null Space Lab and we still have members.

**WEB MASTER (Barry Gold, Lee Gold):** E-mail addresses for the new officers have been entered.

**AGENDA ITEMS:**

**Search for a new clubhouse.** Elayne has a new broker doing the looking for us even though he is not under contract.

**L.A. Vintage Paperback Show:** It costs \$141.00 to display at the show. It was moved, seconded, and passed that we spend \$450 to sell books at this show. LASFS and LOSCON will display at this show.

**LOSCON POLICIES DISCUSSION:** The committee report was deferred for a month. // LOSCON dates and location. Christian reported - there was a discussion about increasing the membership. // Parking is the major complaint at LOSCON. // We are looking at other options for hotel and dates.

**Kristen's Proposal (interviews):** Events being interviews with members of the club and/or members of the community -- for about an hour every other week.

The next BoD meeting will be on February 11, 2018.

**OPEN FORUM:**

Gavin: contact Null Space Labs to use Dec. 14 for the Gift Exchange.

Board: To Appoint a temporary member of the Board: Christian McGuire was appointed unanimously.

**TAKE-AWAYS:**

Looking for property.

The Board adjourned its meeting at 12:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Marty Cantor, Board Secretary

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**EDITORIAL**

Recently I sent an e-mail to those on my on-line, *De Prof* mailing list, not only giving notice of a special election for a position on the Board of Directors but also explaining why there were no issues of *De Prof* for either January or February. Simply put, I was VERY ILL for almost 4 weeks and was in no condition to fulfill all of my publication obligations.

No need to ask - I had a large cyst for many years, a cyst which just sat there doing nothing. Then, last December, it started hurting and then started draining - internally. There was something in that cyst which turned out to be inimical to me enjoying life as I was previously enjoying it, and I did not really feel well for almost 4 weeks. And, yes, I saw my regular doctor twice, had two blood-drawing sessions at Kaiser's lab, and had minor surgery

to remove the remainder of the cyst. Then, after I got well, I had several pressing items which had to be paid attention to (including preparing a vacant apartment for renting and then renting it, this in the building I manage). Now, though, I am finally commencing work on a March issue of *De Prof*.

Somebody once told me that there was an interesting word in the English language, a word whose meaning I seem to have missed. That word is "No." What it means in the context of this "editorial" is that I have gotten to an age where I have said "yes" to too many things and it is time to gradually say "no" to some of these obligations.

One of these things is DE PROFUNDIS but I fully intend to keep running (and pubbing zines for) APA-L and LASFAPA. Several years ago when the Board of Directors wanted to drop the newsletter because of cost and there was nobody who seemed willing to put it out, I asked the Board to give it to me and I have run *De Prof* as a pdf zine AND have produced paper copies for those who preferred to read it that way (but sold the paper copies at my cost of production). I promised to give the zine back to the club if asked. Well, I have not been asked but I really need to cut back on my obligations - getting old has its drawbacks - so I am now asking if anybody out there is interested in running *DE PROFUNDIS*.

(Um - most of the time I do not feel old, but with my 83rd birthday coming up in less than two months I really cannot consider myself a youngster anymore.)

I do not expect whoever takes it over from me to run it exactly as I would, but I hope that whoever it is to whom I turn it over will run it as a medium of information about the society for the edification of said members. If anybody is interested in running the zine they should contact me.

Now, the above editorial was an edited version of the e-mail I sent to the on-line recipients of *DE PROF*. I have received a few responses to it. So, as a longtime fanzine fan who not only produces zines for comment-oriented APAs but also has produced a couple of genzines since I was discovered to LASFS (and fandom) in 1975, I am dedicated to the give and take of written conversation.

As such, I have gotten addicted to LoCs - Letters of Comment - and so I will use this space to copy/paste some of them. *(My replies will be in brown italics.)*

**P J Evans:** I'm sorry that you've been ill. Great sympathy and good wishes to you! (I also have a clue - I've

LAFAs  
(Los Angeles Filkers Anonymous)

Saturday, March 3, 2018, 7:30 PM  
(or maybe later)  
Pre-filk dinner at 6 PM (see below)  
Alan and Gail Stillson  
5515 Keokuk Avenue, Woodland Hills, CA 91367  
(818) 884-4284

**Pre-filk dinner: 6 PM**  
Uncle Bernie's Deli in Encino, (818) 990-6346  
17615 Ventura Blvd., north side, just east of White Oak.  
We'll meet in the waiting area and go in as a group at 6PM,  
no reservations needed.

**Filk Style: Bardic ellipse**

**Notes:**

1. No crash space.
2. Please bring munchies and drinks to share.
3. Smoking outside only.
4. There are two computers with internet connections, for song purposes only, and a fax machine with very limited copying power.

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

Black Ace Books 39th ANNUAL

**VINTAGE PAPERBACK COLLECTORS SHOW & SALE**

ADMISSION STILL \$5

Sunday, March 18, 2018  
9:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.

Glendale Civic Auditorium  
1401 N. Verdugo Road  
Glendale CA 91208  
(818) 548-2147

FREE PARKING for attendees  
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**Guest authors and artists!**  
Bring your books for signing!

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**THE ABOVE SENT BY  
JOHN KING TARPINIAN**

been in chemo for the last three months. It ain't fun, even in a relatively mild version.)

*A few years ago I had a cancerous spot appear in my left ear-shell. MOHS surgery took care of it. So far there has not been a recurrence of it. I agree that cancer is no fun even if it is "minor."*

**Martha Stilson:** Thank you for all you do. I know I am basically invisible to you and the group, but this zine and the group 's existence matter very much to me out here in Florida. I had actually had a hint of worry.

*I thank you for your good words. I certainly hope that I can find a competent person to take over the running of this newsletter as LASFS really needs it to keep in touch with members and friends out there.*

**Sandy Cohen:** Thank you for all you've done. I certainly understand the travails of growing old. Do what is best for you and makes you happy.

*What would make me happy is not having to manage the building in which I live but I could not afford to live here if I had to pay the going rent. As for growing old, despite my hair turning grey, I still have a full head of it and I certainly do not look as old as I actually am.*

**John & Bjo Trimble:** Congrats on learning a new

word. We, too, have found that NO is a great way to enjoy our octogenarian years.

*I wish that I had learned that word before I became an octogenarian; at least I lived long enough to learn it.*

**Roger Hill:** I'm very sorry to hear about your illness and hope you have recovered from it.

I totally agree that it is too easy to take on "fun" things to the point where one doesn't have time or energy to do it all. When I retired, my already-retired colleagues said "You'll wonder how you ever found time to work!" This has certainly been true, and I'm not getting things done on hobbies that I originally had great plans of doing. I've decided that at some point I have to weigh my priorities and say "No" to things that would be "nice" to do but would take time away from other things that I really want to get done.

That said, I think you have done a great job of running De Profundis, and I enjoy getting the PDF versions. Of course you should do what is best for you, but I hope

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BY  
WILLIAM ROTSLER**

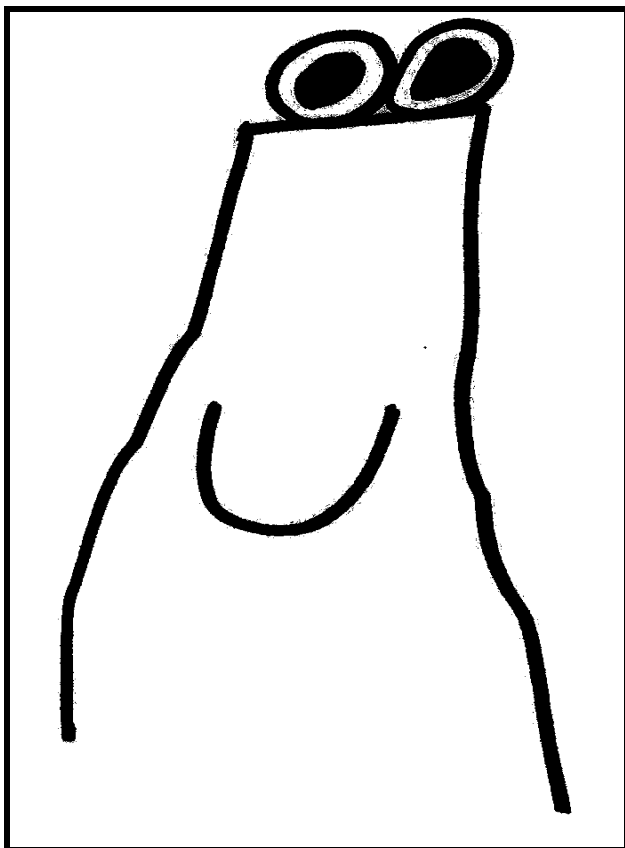


that whoever takes your place does it at least half as well as you have been doing.

Best of luck, and hope to see you at LASFS when I can get over there.

*Recovering from my illness has happened. Finally. And, as you found out from your friend, now that you are retired you now wonder how you ever found time for work. Indeed, after retiring in September of 1999, I now joke that I should find a full-time job so that I can have some free time for myself. I just wish that I did not have to go back to work in 2002, managing this building as I would love to be "fully retired." But then, as I earlier wrote, I could not live in this apartment if I had to pay the market rent. At least, as the building has only 16 units, my job is only a part-time one with many weeks of the year having me do almost no work for the building except walk around it and pick up some wind-blown papers and such.*

*I thank you for your good words about my running this newsletter. LASFS has done good things for me for more than half my life so running its necessary newsletter has been one way I have been able to pay back to the society a bit of what it has done for me.*



**MARCH 1 - at 7 pm (before the meeting)**  
First of a series of interviews hosted by Kristen.

## BOARD GAMING MEETUP

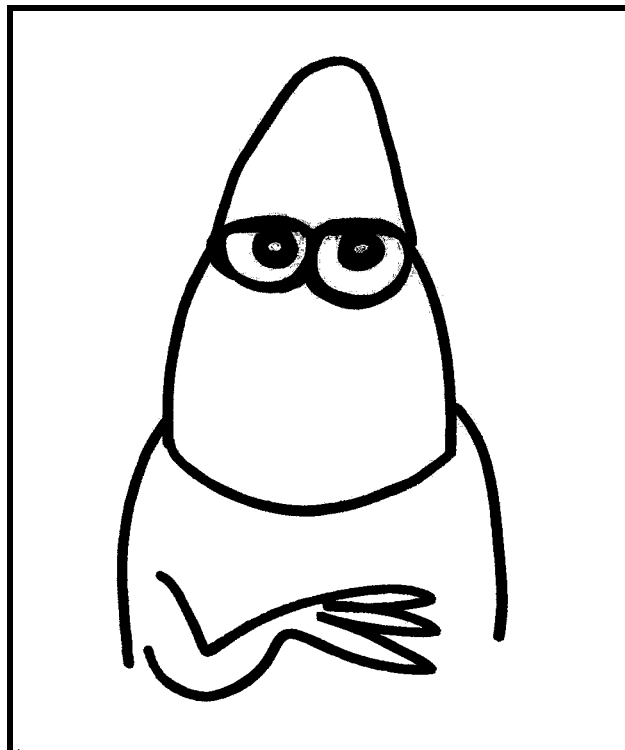
The board gaming Meetup which had been meeting at LASFS on Friday Nights has moved to a temporary venue, a game store in Sherman Oaks.

Paper Hero's Games is at 14109 Burbank Blvd., Sherman Oaks, 91401. The shop is in the interior juncture of an L-shaped strip mall on the Northwest corner of the intersection of Hazeltine and Burbank.

Our new hours are 4:00 pm to 9:30 pm.

We hope to see our regular gamers at that venue.

We shall move our gaming back to LASFS when the club moves into permanent quarters.



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