

LUNACON 2000



Guest of Honor

GEORGE ALEC EFFINGER

Artist Guest of Honor

LISA SNELLINGS

Fan Guest of Honor

STU SHIFFMAN

Special Guest

BARBARA HAMBLY

MARCH 24TH - 26TH, 2000

RYE TOWN HILTON

RYE BROOK, NEW YORK

LUNACON 2000

March 24th - 26th, 2000
Hotel Reservation Form

Mail to: Rye Town Hilton
699 Westchester Avenue
Rye Brook, NY 10573
1-914 939-6300

Please print legibly

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone No.: (____) _____ HHonors No.: _____

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Arrival date/time: _____ Departure: _____

Room Type:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Single | \$104 | <input type="checkbox"/> Triple (two Double beds): | \$122 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Double: | \$110 | <input type="checkbox"/> Quad (two Double beds): | \$122 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Twin (two Double beds) | \$110 | | |

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Other Special Requests: _____

(The hotel will attempt, but cannot guarantee, to honor special requests.)

Reservations will be held until 6PM of the date of arrival unless guaranteed by a deposit check, or by one of the following credit cards:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> American Express | <input type="checkbox"/> Diners Club | <input type="checkbox"/> JCB | <input type="checkbox"/> Visa |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Carte Blanche | <input type="checkbox"/> Discover | <input type="checkbox"/> MasterCard | |

Card Number: _____ Exp. Date: _____

Cardholder Signature: _____

Please make checks or money orders payable to the *Rye Town Hilton*.

Do not send cash through the mail.

Notes: Reservations **MUST** be received by March 3, 2000.

Room rates quoted above do not include local taxes.

Check-in time is 3PM; check-out time is 1PM.

To avoid duplication, please submit only one reservation form for rooms shared by two or more people.

Suites are available only upon written request to the Convention Committee.

Any suites arranged directly with the hotel are subject to cancellation.

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WELCOME

*"It's all or nothing, and nothing's all I ever get
Every time I turn it on, I burn it up and burn it out
It's always something, there's always something going wrong
That's the only guarantee, that's what this is all about..."*

The above lines, courtesy of Jim Steinman, are a good statement on the last eighteen months and reflect part of why you are (hopefully) holding in your hands a very late **LUNACON 2000** Progress Report. We apologize for the delay and appreciate your patience as we managed to put this information together, and want to invite you to the last **LUNACON** of the 20th Century. Hey, if science fiction and fantasy fans cannot be accurate, who can?

As part of the ending of one century, and as a lead in to the next, we are working on making **LUNACON 2000** more enjoyable than before, with improving upon many of the things that are tradition, while we try some

new ideas and even bring back a few others that were popular in the past.

The 43rd **LUNACON** will be held, once again, at what has become our "home" since 1992, the Rye Town Hilton, in Rye Brook, New York, in Westchester County, a short trip north of New York City over the weekend of March 24 - 26, 2000. If this will be your first trip to the Hilton, make sure you ask about the trans-dimensional corridor that connects the 4th and 7th floors of the hotel. More information about the hotel and the special **LUNACON** room rates appear later in this Progress Report.

Want to tell us something? We want to hear from you. If you have any comments,

questions, suggestions, or even complaints, please feel free to contact us at any of the addresses listed later on. You may direct your correspondence to a particular department, to the Committee in general, or even the Chair, if that is your preference. We will do our best to help you.

We would also like to take this opportunity to ask for your assistance. **LUNACON** is a volunteer effort that requires the help of many people, such as yourself. The setup and tear down of the major fixed function Convention areas, such as the Art Show and Convention Hospitality Suite, as well as the general move-in on Thursday night and move-out on Sunday are in particular need of helpful bodies. See the section on Staff for the details on how to sign up. Thank you in advance for your assistance.

As always, we look forward to seeing you and your friends at **LUNACON 2000!**
– Stuart C. Hellinger, Chair

GUESTS OF HONOR

George Alec Effinger has published some twenty novels and six short story collections. His first story, "The Eight-Thirty to Nine Slor" was published in 1971. *What Entropy Means to Me*, his first novel, appeared a year later and was nominated for a Nebula Award. A Nebula nomination also went to "The Aliens Who Knew, I Mean, Everything". His novelette "Shrödinger's Kitten" won the Hugo and Nebula Awards, as well as the Theodore Sturgeon Memorial Award and the Japanese Seiun Award. His cyberpunk *Budayeen* series, which began with the Hugo- and Nebula-nominated *When Gravity Fails* and continued with *A Fire in the Sun*, which likewise received a Hugo nomination, was the basis for his first computer roleplaying game, *Circuit's Edge*. In addition, a novella from the series, "Marid Changes His Mind", received a Nebula nomination. (Yes, George is a quadruple

threat, having earned Nebula nominations in all four categories: short story, novelette, novella and novel.)

Other novels include *The Nick of Time*, *Those Gentle Voices*, *The Wolves of Memory* and four *Planet of the Apes* books. His immensely popular Maureen Birnbaum stories have been collected as *Maureen Birnbaum, Barbarian Swordsman*. In addition, George has published collaborations with Jack Chalker, Mike Resnick and Gardner Dozois. Outside of SF, he's also written two crime novels.

Join us in welcoming George to our colder climate and see why we all think he's well deserving of this honor.

Lisa Snellings is our first Artist Guest of Honor who is known primarily for her work in three dimensions. Lisa only started creating her fantasy figures in 1992 and burst upon the science fiction and fantasy convention scene in 1994, stopping fans in their tracks with an utterly fantastic carousel - a rich, gothic fantasy full of fantastic animals and riders. On top of that, the carousel moved! Ever since then, she has created many strange and haunting sculptures and has started to branch out into two dimensional illustrations, that are just as dark and haunting.

She carries the manner of southern feminine gentility about her, even as she calmly explains the rationale behind some of the more horrific aspects of her pieces. You can hear the same style as she explains how she finally gave in to the inevitable seduction by the callings of horror. It is quite a change from her previous job of photographing chromosomes! As a self-taught artist, she uses her incredible imagination to bring a growing sophistication to her works, showing us things that one would never expect from the person you meet.

Her talented works have lead to collaborations with Neil Gaiman and an original anthology titled *Strange Attraction* based on her kinetic sculpture "Crowded After Hours", a large carnival Ferris wheel, populated with all sorts of odd individuals all through the structure. This limited edition book, published by Bereshith Publishing, is edited by Ed Kramer and features stories by Harlan Ellison, Chet Williamson, S.P. Somtow, Neil Gaiman, Nina Kiriki Hoffman, Gene Wolfe, John Shirley and many others. The list of people writing stories based on the characters in her art is high praise for any artist.

We are pleased that Lisa will be joining us and displaying some of her amazing and fascinating works in our Art Show.

Stu Shiffman is a familiar name to New York Fandom where he was active for many years in, among other pursuits, Fanoclasts, fanzine publishing (he co-edited *Raffles*) and the Flushing in '80 Worldcon bid ("Wild moose races in Shea Stadium!"). His art has graced the covers and pages of innumerable fanzines and apas, as his writing has the interiors. In 1981, he was Trans-Atlantic Fan Fund (TAFF) delegate to the British National Convention (or "Eastercon") in York (Yorcon II). Stu received the Hugo Award from the 1990 World Science Fiction Convention (ConFiction) in the category of Best Fan Artist.

His "Saks and Violet" was a back-up feature in Will Shetterly's *Captain Confederacy* comic series during the 1980s. Alternate history is a passion of Stu's, and he is now one of the judges for the Sidewise Award for Alternate History (see <http://www.uchronia.net/sidewise>). He is also an ardent fan of Sherlock Holmes (a member of Hounds of the Internet and Puget Sound scion Hounds of the Baskervilles), P.G. Wodehouse (a member of PGWV-Net), classic cartoon animation and mystery and detective fiction (he worked as co-director of publications for the 1994 Bouchercon in Seattle).

Stu currently lives in Seattle with Andi Shechter. Check out their Roscoe Page website (www.members.home.net/roscoe10). We heartily welcome them both back to New York and **LUNACON**. Be sure to look for Stu in the Fan Lounge and elsewhere during the Convention.

Author Barbara Hambly, our Special Guest, is perhaps best-known for The Darwath Trilogy and The Windrose Chronicles, Barbara's works range from fantasy to historical murder mysteries (the Benjamin January series) to *Star Trek** (including *Ishmael*, *Ghost Walker* and *Crossroad*), *Beauty and the Beast* and *Star Wars** (two of which, *Children of the Jedi* and *Planet of Twilight*, made the *New York Times* bestseller lists), and even animation (for a show called *Jayce and the Wheeled Warriors*)

Barbara was first attracted to fantasy by *The Wizard of Oz*. In college, she specialized in medieval history, eventually earned a master's degree in the field. Both her influences and interests are evident in her work. Her many fantasies also include the Sun-Cross series, *Dragonsbane* (which was nominated for the Mythopoeic Award), *Dragonshadow* and the forthcoming *Knight of the Demon Queen*, the Sun-Wolf and Starhawk series, *Bride of the Rat God*, *Mother of Winter*, and the vampire series *Those Who Hunt the Night* (winner of the Locus Award for Best Horror Novel) and *Traveling With the Dead*.

She has been President of Science Fiction & Fantasy Writers of America (SFWA), holds a black belt in Shotokan Karate, and, oh yes, is married to George Alec Effinger, our Guest of Honor. We're delighted that Barbara will be joining us at the Convention, and you will be too.

PROGRAM

Hear authors, artists, editors, publishers, scientists and fans, including our Guests of Honor, talk about subjects as diverse and far-ranging as you can imagine. Our program will also include speeches, slide shows, workshops, panels, readings and presentations on SF, fantasy, horror, art, comics, media, fandom, fanzines and fan history, costuming, gaming, filk, humor, science, cyberspace, history, literature, music and more. Find out how to sell your story or artwork from pros in the field. See what your favorite author is up to as he or she reads from a story soon-to-be-published. Pick up handy tips at costuming and filksinging workshops. At **LUNACON**, you can expect lots of old-fashioned fun with some new twists.

If you have program suggestions or some new program ideas, contact us at any of our Convention addresses, Attn: Program.

MASQUERADE

Here's your chance to dazzle or be dazzled by costumes of the past, the future and the never-was. Come to the **LUNACON** Masquerade ... or be part of it. Let your imagination soar! Bring to life your favorite character from an SF/Fantasy novel or movie, or create an original character from the depths of your own mind. Amaze or amuse us, horrify or delight us. Put on a costume and give it a try!

The **LUNACON 2000** Masquerade will be held on Saturday night. Judging will be based on the experience skill division system, with separate divisions for Novice, Journeyman, Craftsman and Master-level costumers. There will also be a division for young fans (costumers aged 12 or under) to have their moment in the spotlight. (Costumes may be made by the child or by a parent.) We hope to see many new faces on stage this year, along with

familiar ones. Our official photographer will be there taking pictures; we hope to have photos available on Sunday for you to order copies.

Registration for the Masquerade will be at-the-con only, starting sometime Friday and ending at 3 pm on Saturday. Stop by the Masquerade Registration table early to pick up rules and entry forms. All contestants must attend the Masquerade Orientation Session at 4 pm, where they will be assigned sequence numbers and have an opportunity to talk with the technical folks and ask questions.

Any Masquerade costume including weapons of any kind must have the prior approval of the Masquerade Director. Please refer to the Convention's Weapons Policy below.

Hall costumes are welcomed at **LUNACON**; please remember, however, that nudity is not a costume, and to cover revealing costumes in the public areas of the hotel, such as the bar, restaurants and lobby.

Also note that, as part of the Convention Program, we'll have panels, discussions and workshops on costume creation and presentation.

For further details on the Masquerade, advance copies of the rules, or to volunteer to help, write to any of the Convention addresses, Attn: Masquerade, or visit us at our website at www.lunacon.org/masquerade.html.

WEAPONS POLICY

NO WEAPONS OF ANY KIND ARE PERMITTED. People with weapons will not be registered. Anyone carrying a weapon during **LUNACON** will have his/her membership revoked without compensation. The use of a weapon as part of a costume at the Masquerade must be approved by the Masquerade Director prior to the event. To and from the Masquerade, weapons must be carried in an opaque container (for

example: a paper bag). The Convention Committee considers a weapon to be anything classified as a weapon under New York State law, any object designed to cause bodily harm or any replica of such object, and any other object the Committee determines to be dangerous. This includes toy weapons of all types. The Committee reserves the right to amend this definition of a weapon, and to impound weapons for the duration of the Convention. Actions or behaviour which interfere with the enjoyment of the Convention by other attendees will also result in the revocation of membership without compensation. Please remember, if in doubt, ask us.

REGENCY DANCING

The hall overflows with elegance and grace as the ballroom dances of the era of Napoleon and the English Regency are re-created. Close your eyes and imagine that you are back in the early 1800s. **LUNACON's** Regency Dance is a treat to watch or take part in, dressed in period costume or in street clothes. If you don't know how to dance, John Hertz graciously will teach you. The Regency Dance is scheduled for Friday evening at 9 pm to allow you time to get settled in and to put on your dancing shoes.

ANIMÉ

LUNACON's Animé Video Program will again feature an entertaining mix of recent translations, old favorites and the latest titles to arrive in this country. Japanese videos will be dubbed or subtitled in English, or be accompanied by narrators providing running commentary. Since we try to get as much new material as possible, we cannot tell you what we will be showing as we write this. Check our Pocket Program at the Convention for schedules.

ART SHOW & PRINT SHOP

The **LUNACON** Art Show is one of the highest quality science fiction convention art shows in the country, displaying the finest works by amateur and professional artists working in the genre today. It seems that it just gets better each year! **LUNACON 2000** will have over 100 panels of original artwork, some tables for 3-D art, and a sizable Print Shop, where multiple copies of inexpensive reproductions are offered for sale. Original art pieces receiving five written bids will go to voice auction on Sunday afternoon. Bid on stunning original paintings or take home an inexpensive professional print - there's something to suit almost any taste ... and price range.

Exhibiting at **LUNACON** is a must for any sf or fantasy artist. If you'd like information on showing your work in our Art Show, please contact us at the Convention P.O. Box or e-mail address (be sure to include your mailing address) for the necessary forms.

BOOK EXHIBIT & RAFFLE

Want to win hundreds of dollars' worth of books? Our Book Exhibit will again feature a wide assortment of books by prominent SF and Fantasy authors, magazine subscriptions, role-playing games and computer software ... all donated by their respective publishers, and all to be raffled off. Find out why some consider our Book Raffle to be an entertainment high-light of **LUNACON**.

Surplus funds from the Raffle will be added to the *Lunarians'* Donald A. and Elsie B. Wollheim Memorial Scholarship Fund, which helps beginning SF and Fantasy writers from the New York metropolitan area attend the Clarion or Clarion West science fiction and fantasy writer's workshops.

When you buy a Raffle ticket, not only may you win a bundle of books, but you'll help a fellow fan become your favorite pro writer of tomorrow!

In addition, we will be conducting a special auction at the Convention to benefit the Scholarship Fund. Popular items for the Auction include signed books and manuscripts, and artwork. Contributions are tax-deductible. If you want to donate an item for the Auction, please send it to:

Donald A. and Elsie B. Wollheim
Memorial Scholarship Fund
c/o NYSFS - the Lunarians, Inc.
PMB 234, 847A Second Avenue
New York, NY 10017-2945

Please mark all donations to the attention of the Scholarship Fund Auction.

CONVENTION HOSPITALITY SUITE

When you want to relax and unwind from the hustle and bustle, snack or chat with your friends, the Convention Hospitality Suite is the place to be. Once again, for three days and two nights, Columbia University Games Club, Columbia University Science Fiction Society and the Animé Club of Columbia will be running the **LUNACON** Hospitality Suite. We'll have the usual assortment of food, drinks and snacks ... and much more!

Come to the Lounge, where you can hang out and sip, snack, or schmooze; the Food Room, where you will find a wide variety of home-made foods and perhaps even some Tranya; and the Baronial Hall, where the Changeling Live Action Role Playing game (LARP) will be based. On Friday night at midnight, Baronial Court will be held in the ballroom following the Regency Dance. On Saturday afternoon, we will have a Mad Tea Party. Don't forget to join us Sunday morning

for bagels and cream cheese. (Hey, this is New York, *bubbe!*.) Plus, Sunday morning, we will run Fuzzy Heros, so bring a stuffed animal! Additionally, as before, there will be a "Got Milk" party.

If you have any food allergies, especially an allergy to peanuts, or any special dietary requirements, please contact the Committee in advance so that we may provide for you. Drop a note, care of the Hospitality Suite director, to the Convention P.O. Box or e-mail address. If you are lactose intolerant or a vegetarian, don't worry. We will be providing ingredient lists for all of the food we serve.

The Con Suite will be closed for clean-up between 3 am and 7 am both Friday and Saturday nights.

DEALERS' ROOM

As always, our two Dealers' Rooms will offer an exciting and diverse selection of goods from filk tapes to jewelry, from t-shirts to stuffed animals, and from nostalgic videotapes to the latest new books - both paperback and hardcover - and used book bargains.

If you wish to be included on future Dealers' Room mailing lists, please write us at the Convention P.O. Box or e-mail address. Remember to give us your mailing address with your request.

FAN LOUNGE

The Fan Lounge is:
a place to warm up, chill out, and hang out, where you can meet some people whose paths you might not otherwise cross. Need some peace and quiet? Pull up a chair and grab a fanzine. Feeling boisterous? Come in and start a conversation: we dare you. No costumes required; singing is down the hall; videos around the corner. You don't have to have skill,

talent or looks to come and play (but if you do, see me after class).

The Fan Lounge will have:

Fanzines to peruse, take or buy (Please feel free to bring any of your own that you'd like to distribute. We'll also be happy to accept donations of zines you no longer want to keep.);

Comfy chairs (but don't expect The Spanish Inquisition¹);

A tea kettle on the boil, with appropriate snacks, implements² & accompaniments;

A couple of actual events, scheduled throughout the weekend. Check the Pocket Program when you arrive, look for signs, or just stick your head in from time to time and see if what we're doing looks interesting. If we're doing it on purpose, it's probably an event.

¹ Unless we get back issues from Jerry and Suzle.

² Still thinking about torture? Volunteer; it's almost as satisfying.

FILKSINGING

Filk is the folk music of Fandom, singing of SF/Fantasy, Fandom, media, computers and space. Songs may be serious or silly, parody existing songs or have original tunes, and be performed as solos or sing-alongs. This year, our filk program will include workshops and panel discussions, as well as the traditional nightly filksings that run into the wee small hours (or 3 am, whichever comes first).

FILMS

While **LUNACON** does not have an extensive film program, we will have an interesting assortment of recent and classic films, and even cartoons, at various times throughout the Convention. Check at the Convention for a full listing of what we will be showing and the schedule.

GAMING

LUNACON always surprises our devoted gamers with original and offbeat items. This year we are planning three different AD&D® adventures and an "Introduction to RPG" demonstration. Also, we'll be featuring four different styles of *Magic: The Gathering*® tournaments: Standard (Type II), Restricted (Type I.5), Booster Draft and Rath cycle pre-constructed. You will need to bring your own decks for all but the Booster Draft tournaments.

And for those of you who've gotta catch them all, on Saturday, there will be Pokémon™ at **LUNACON**! We hope to have both board and card games.

There will also be a Settlers of Catan game. As always, you'll find a wide assortment of traditional gaming fare, war games and other board games, with scheduled RPGA tournaments and prizes. Open gaming is always welcome, so bring your own equipment and run a game! Contact our Gaming Director, at the **LUNACON** P.O. Box or e-mail address, with suggestions or for more information.

INTERNET ROOM

One of our more popular recent additions, the Internet Room will be set up with multiple terminals connected through one of the local access providers giving you the ability to browse the World Wide Web. If the Internet is new to you, this is your chance to see what all the hype is about by talking to people who have been working with it first-hand. They will be glad to show you the basics of navigating the Information Superhighway. Sign up for one of our beginners' level workshops at the Internet room or at Member Services. If you're already familiar with the Internet, you'll find the Room a cozy place to hang out and play with network features (and discover some that you have never used before).

LARP (LIVE ACTION ROLE PLAYING GAME)

The background being used for this year's LARP is a modified version of *White Wolf's Changeling: The Dreaming*. The rules system will be similar to the ones used at the prior two **LUNACON** ChangelingLARPs. Plotting of the storyline is in its final stages, with characters being developed, and we expect to have this completed by the end of February.

Plans are in the works for a website for the LARP, and an exploration of the feasibility of e-mail character reservations is under discussion. If a website is created, it should be ready by mid-February. Check the **LUNACON** website for the link.

PARTIES

After scheduled events have shut down for the night (and even before), members get a chance to kick back, relax and have a good time. In addition to our Convention Hospitality Suite - one of the best parties around! - other people and groups at **LUNACON** will be hosting parties to which all Convention attendees are invited. Check the Convention Newszine and Bulletin Board for times and locations.

Please note that open parties may not serve alcoholic beverages; they will be asked to close if they do. Also remember that the legal drinking age in New York State is 21. The Hotel will be enforcing this law.

All parties **MUST** be held in designated party areas only. Parties in other areas will be closed down.

AT-CON SERVICES AND SALES

Attendees who need information or help at the Convention will find it at the Member Services table in the Assembly area in front of the Westchester Ballroom. It's the place to post messages on our Message Board,

leave copy for our Newszine, check Metro-North train schedules, coordinate handicapped services, or find out just what you want to know about the Convention. If you have questions, comments, or problems while at **LUNACON 2000**, stop by Member Services. If they cannot help you, they will direct you to someone who can.

The Convention Newszine will have the latest program changes, a listing of open parties and other information of note. Copies will be available at spots throughout the Convention.

The **LUNACON** Office is the operational center of the Convention. This is where you may leave copy for the Newszine, retrieve lost items, contact Committee Members or purchase Child Care tickets.

Convention Sales is the place to purchase the official **LUNACON 2000** t-shirt or Book Exhibit Raffle tickets. Also available are *Lunarians* tote bags, and a limited selection of t-shirts and Souvenir Books from past **LUNACONS**.

For Other Fan Groups, and as a service to the fannish community, **LUNACON** is making a number of tables available to bids and other conventions and clubs for promotional purposes only (not for sales). Stop by sometime during the Convention; the people there will be glad to chat with you. If your group would like to set up a table at **LUNACON**, please drop us a note at the P.O. Box or send us an e-mail request.

CHILD CARE

For those times that you want to go off to Convention activities or events without the kids, **LUNACON** has once again contracted with a professional babysitting service to provide Child Care. The rate is \$5 an hour, up to a maximum of \$60 per child.

Children left in Child care will be under adult supervision, and will be provided with juice

and healthy snacks, but not meals. Parents are asked to provide toys, diapers, etc.

Child care tickets will be sold in the Convention Office. Depending upon the demand, tickets may also be available in the Child Care Room.

Please pre-register your child for Child Care as soon as possible. By letting us know in advance, we can plan for adequately service.

Child Care Hours:

Friday	4 pm to 11 pm
Saturday	10 am to Midnight
Sunday	10 am to 4 pm

Reminder: ALL children must be registered with the Convention, and must, at all times, be under the supervision of an adult or in the **LUNACON** Child Care area.

STAFF

LUNACON is run entirely by volunteers. We depend on people like you to help make the Convention a success and we can use your assistance in all areas.

We particularly need help Thursday afternoon/night for Convention move-in and Art Show set-up, and Sunday night for Art Show tear-down and Convention move-out. Extra time credit will be given to anyone who helps out on Thursday or Sunday evening.

Those who work a sufficient number of hours will receive a special t-shirt with art by Stu Shiffman (available only to these qualified Staff), and those who put in an exceptional number of hours will get their membership refunded and our deep and heartfelt thanks.

LUNACON's Staff Den tries to provide all of our volunteers with a place to go for some relaxation and the occasional meal of good, substantial, nutritious food throughout the Convention.

For a fun, fascinating and unforgettable look at what goes on behind the scenes at a con, check the box on your Registration Form, write to the **LUNACON** P.O. Box or e-mail address, or sign up at our Staff table at the Convention. Please!

SOUVENIR PROGRAM BOOK ADVERTISING

The **LUNACON 2000** Souvenir Program Book will be 8 1/2" x 11", featuring cover art by our Artist Guest of Honor, Lisa Snellings, photos and articles about our Guests of Honor, and other items of interest. If you wish to place an advertisement in this year's Souvenir Program Book, write to the Convention P.O. Box or e-mail us for a Rate Card.

REGISTRATION

LUNACON 2000 memberships are available at the following rates:

Adult:

\$36 postmarked by March 3, 2000
\$45 at the door

Children aged 6-12 as of March 24, 2000:

\$18 postmarked by March 3, 2000
\$22.50 at the door

Children aged under 6:

Free (accompanied by a registered adult)

All children must be accompanied by a responsible adult. A limited amount of babysitting during Convention hours will be available; please see the section on Child Care for information. Children over 12 and under 18 are considered full Convention members, but must provide a parental release form waiving any liability of **LUNACON 2000** if they are attending unaccompanied.

Please fill out the enclosed Registration Form (or download a copy from our website), and mail it with a check, money order or completed credit card information

(including your signature) to the Convention address, Attn: Registration. All checks or money orders must be drawn on a US bank and payable in US dollars to **LUNACON 2000**. DO NOT SEND CASH THROUGH THE MAIL. Please be advised that we will collect a \$20 service fee for each bounced check.

A receipt will be mailed to you. Please bring it or other form of identification that includes your address to **LUNACON** to help speed your way through the registration process. If you are buying your membership at the door, please have proper ID that includes your address with you. For your convenience, we also accept Visa and MasterCard.

Refunds will not be given, but a membership may be transferred upon receipt of a written request from the current holder of the membership.

Registration will be open during the following hours:

Friday	3 pm to 10 pm
Saturday	9 am to 6 pm +
Sunday	9 am to mid-day

Signs posted in the hotel lobby will direct you to **LUNACON** Registration.

If any information on the mailing label on this Progress Report (if mailed to you) is incorrect or has changed, please let us know as soon as possible. If you've received a duplicate copy, please let us know which form of your name you prefer. (And do please pass on the extra copy to a friend who might be interested in our Convention.) If you move during the coming year, please send us your new address so that you may continue to receive information on upcoming **LUNACON**.

HOTEL INFORMATION

LUNACON 2000 will be held at the Rye Town Hilton, 699 Westchester Ave., Rye Brook, NY, in Westchester County, just north

of New York City. The Rye stop on Metro-North's New Haven line is the closest train station. The hotel offers two restaurants on-site, an indoor pool, a health club, plenty of free parking and, of course, bedrooms.

Special room rates (per night) for **LUNACON 2000** are: \$104 for a Single, \$110 for a Double (one or two beds, subject to availability) or Twin (two double beds), \$122 for a Triple or Quad (two double beds); these rates do not include taxes, currently 9.75% which will be added to these rates.

The hotel accepts American Express, Carte Blanche, Diners Club, Visa, MasterCard, JCB and Discover cards. When registering, you should request smoking or non-smoking floors, and hosting a party, near the party, or away from the party areas. (Again, please remember, all parties must be held in designated party areas only. Parties in other areas will be closed down.) You may register using the form we've provided or by phoning the hotel at 1-914 939-6300 (avoid using the Hilton 800 number - it should work, but sometimes...); and be sure to mention **LUNACON 2000**.

If you want to book your room on the web, click on the special link on our website, or go directly to www.hilton.com/groups/lunacon2000/index.html. Please remember to indicate your room location request (hosting a party, near the party, or away from the party areas) in the Special Comments section when making your reservations. There is no direct link to this web page from either the Hilton or Rye Town Hilton web pages. If you make your reservation through either of these other sites, you will *not* be able to get the special **LUNACON** rates.

There are also a limited number of suites available. If you are interested in one, please write or e-mail us (not the hotel). All suites must be booked through us. We control the horizontal. We control the vertical. (Oops, sorry.) All suites in the hotel are assigned to

and by the Convention, so please get your requests to us as soon as possible.

Under New York State law, no one under the age of 18 may be allowed to rent a room. An exception may be made if the minor's parent, guardian or another responsible adult accepts responsibility for all costs associated with the room in a signed and dated letter that includes a photocopy of both sides of a major credit card.

If you have any problems making your reservations, please contact us immediately so that we can resolve the issue as quickly as possible.

There are a number of places to eat in the area, several supermarkets and other stores to supply all your needs.

DIRECTIONS

By Car

From the South:

Take I-95 (New Jersey Turnpike/New England Thruway) north to Exit 21, Rye. Go west on I-287 (Cross Westchester Expressway) to Exit 10 (Bowman Avenue/Webb Avenue). Make a right at the second traffic light, then go three more traffic lights and turn left into the hotel entrance;

or take I-87 (New York Thruway), or the Hutchinson River Parkway, or the Saw Mill River Parkway north to I-287 east (Cross Westchester Expressway) to Exit 10 (Routes 120, 120A, Port Chester). Stay to the left, following the signs to Port Chester. Go under the highway and you are on Westchester Avenue. At the fourth traffic light, turn left into the hotel entrance.

From the North:

Take I-95 (New England Thruway) south to Exit 21 (Rye, Cross Westchester Expressway). Go west on I-287 (Cross Westchester Expressway) to Exit 10 (Bowman Avenue/Webb Avenue). Make a right at the second traffic light, then go

three more traffic lights and turn left into the hotel entrance;

or take I-87 (New York Thruway), or the Merritt Parkway, or the Saw Mill River Parkway, or I-684, or I-84 south to I-287 east (Cross Westchester Expressway) to Exit 10 (Routes 120, 120A, Port Chester). Stay to the left, following the signs to Port Chester. Go under the highway and you are on Westchester Avenue. At the fourth traffic light, turn left into the hotel entrance.

From the North and West of the Hudson River:

All major highways intersect with I-87 (New York Thruway). Go east on I-87/I-287 over the Tappan Zee Bridge and stay on I-287 east (Cross Westchester Expressway) and continue as above under "From the South".

By Rail

Take the Metro-North New Haven Line Local from Grand Central Terminal to the Rye Station. The hotel will be running a complimentary shuttle service to and from the station, coordinated with the train schedule. A taxi from the train station to the hotel is currently about \$12.

The #13 Westchester bus runs from the Port Chester Station and the hotel. Check with the Westchester Dept. of Transportation at 1-914 682-2020 for the latest schedules and fares.

By Bus

Buses are available from various points in Westchester and the Bronx. For current fares and schedules, contact the Westchester Department of Transportation at 1-914 682-2020.

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March 24th - 26th, 2000
Membership Registration Form

Mail to: **LUNACON 2000**

Attn: Registration
Post Office Box 3566
New York, NY 10008-3566

Please print legibly

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone No.: (____) _____ E-mail: _____

Badge Name: _____

Is this: Your first **LUNACON**? (Welcome!)

A new address since your last **LUNACON**?

If you are registering more than one person, including children, at the *same* address, please list all of the additional names below. If the additional memberships are for people at *different* addresses, please list the names and addresses of all additional members, including children, on a separate sheet of paper and enclose it with this registration form. Children under six will be registered free when accompanied by a paid adult.

Additional memberships: _____

Enclosed is: \$ _____ for _____ adult memberships at \$36 each

Enclosed is: \$ _____ for _____ children aged 6-12 as of 3/24/00 at \$18 each

I would also like to register _____ children under age 6.

Payment method: Check Money Order MasterCard Visa

Cardholder Signature: _____

Credit Card Number: _____ Expiration Date: _____

Notes: All checks and money orders must be drawn on a US bank and payable in US dollars to **LUNACON 2000**. Or complete the above credit card information and sign this form on the specified line.

Please mail this form no later than March 3, 2000.

All children, regardless of age, must be registered with the Convention and must be accompanied by an adult. Please include the ages, as of March 24, 2000, of all children.

I want to contribute to the success of **LUNACON 2000**! I'm volunteering to help in the following areas: _____

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