

Thursday, August 7, 2008

Evening Edition

Parties Listing Thursday

1pm-2am, Sheraton Majestic (Level 2): Con Suite
 9pm; Sheraton Vail (Level 2): - Australia in 2010
 9pm, Sheraton (Room TBA): Arisia Time Warp
 9pm, Sheraton 1623: Barack Obama for President
 9pm, Sheraton 2122: Seattle in 2011
 8pm, Sheraton 2201: Peggy Rae's House in 2010 bid party
 9pm, Sheraton 2209: Reno in 2011 ...to the stars!
 Unreported time, Sheraton 2211: clonepod.org promo party
 9pm, Sheraton 2215: Xerps in 2010
 9pm, Sheraton 2236: Friends of Liad

Please Note: someone will key party-goers up from the Tower Lobby, not the 2nd Floor!

Bags Away

Audience members, when you put your bags in the aisles, you make it very difficult for your fellow audience members with scooters to navigate. Please think of your seats as airplane seats, only wider: stow your bags under the seat in front of you.

Volunteer Raffle Winner!

The winner of the 11am volunteer raffle is Helen Patrice of Glen Waverly, Victoria, Australia. Badge #2460. You can pick up your prize at the

Mr Brad Krentz please pick up your passport at Registration.

Philip K. Dick Is Dead, Alas

Philip K. Dick is buried at Fort Morgan, a short drive from here. Contact Roger Story for directions to his gravesite. 970-481-6897.

Shhh-- Silent Auction in Progress

Denvention 3 will offer slightly used equipment and supplies for sale via a silent auction. Items will include PCs, printers, etc. and will be available for pickup Sunday after closing ceremonies. A silent auction

notebook, with a description of the available items, and bid sheets will be at the Information Desk at the CCC. The Auction will close 10pm Saturday and results will be announced in the Sunday newsletter.



Fans Line Up (Alphabetically) to Register at Denvention

Wednesday Parties Review

The down side of throwing a party at a Worldcon is that you don't get much of an opportunity to go to the other parties. However, even though I am blowing my own horn, I can honestly say that the party thrown by WSFAns Bill Lawhorn, Sarah Mitchell and me was a success. We hosted a retro Worldcon bid "Brave New Worldcon in 1984." Partygoers rolled the dice to choose their fate and join the party. Depending on the number rolled, we classified people as alphas, betas, gammas, deltas, or epsilons and gave them a sticker with the appropriate letter and a string of beads of the appropriate color. Because of the use of the stickers, I am able to report that 365 people attended the party over the course of the evening. We were also the last party standing on the 22nd floor, outlasting Xerps. There were still people at the party when I left at 3am.

When things were not too hectic, I was able to get away briefly to check out the other parties. As always, the Xerps had fantastic decorations. I'm not sure how the Chernobyl party got their signature drink to glow in the dark (and I don't want to know) but it was definitely tasty. The Buffalogistics launch party had tasty cookies and chocolates and the Scandinavian party was offering aquavit. Both Seattle and Reno threw excellent well decorate bid parties. I was unable to make it to the 8th floor.

The Friendly Texans and Chicago in 2012 combined party in the Vail room was fantastic. The daring could try different types of beef jerky, Coca-cola from Mexico (with real sugar) and various types of hot sauce. For those trying to stay healthy there were fruit bouquets and fruit smoothies. The decorations showed the many conventions being held in Texas. —Cathy Green

Program Changes

David Anthony Durham is not able to attend.

"New Books from Del Rey" (Item 231) at 5:30pm is cancelled for today; they are attempting to reschedule. Stay tuned.



Filk Fantastic

Filk is the music of science fiction. It is a cousin to folk music, but practiced in, by, and for the science fiction community. People who write or sing filk are called filkers. They often write parodies of existing tunes or put science fiction lyrics to traditional tunes, but they also write completely original words and music. Songs are frequently about characters and settings from science fiction and fantasy books, movies, and TV, not to mention the ubiquitous computer songs, but everything is fair game for a song. Denvention has lots of filk programming and concerts, so why not give it a listen?

Filk programming at Denvention generally will be of four types: (1) concerts by a single filker; (2) theme circles, where filkers take turns with songs on one theme; (3) chaos open filk, where people sing in random order, making sure everyone who wants a turn gets one; (4) bardic open filk, where everyone sits in a circle and is given a turn to sing, pass, or choose a song or performer that person wants to hear.

The schedule for filk concerts in Sheraton Tower A has been changed since the pocket program was printed:

Thursday

4pm Paul "Dr. Snark" Estin
 4:30-5pm Joey Shoji
 5:30pm Kathy Mar (not changed)
 8:30-9:30pm Brooke Lunderville and John Caspell

Friday

3pm Mark Bernstein
 3:30pm Gary Ehrlich
 4pm Andrew Ross
 4:30pm Mary Miller
 5pm Char McKay
 5:30-6pm Terence Chua

Saturday

4pm Roberta Rogow
 4:30pm Lynn Gold
 5 pm Cheryl Clark
 5:30-6pm Kathy Sands

Volunteers

The volunteers desk is upstairs in Lobby D outside the exhibit hall, not next to registration. Come on by!

Artists Assemble! ASFA Artists Annual Meeting

Annual Meeting: 2:30pm Sheraton 2nd Level, Tower Court C
 Chesley Nomination Presentation: 7:30pm, CCC Korbel 3A
 Artist Reception: 9:30pm, Art Show CCC Exhibit Hall D

ASFA Suite Sheraton Room 3312

Thursday Open 11pm—2am Friday 8am—2am
 Saturday 8am—2am Sunday 8am—????

The Imperial Auditor

Cheesecake with a Side of Diner

Cheesecake Factory

Location: 1201 16th Street Mall

As for other locations in the chain, the prices may be a bit high by some fannish standards, but the portions are huge, so if you want to you can probably order an entree to share. This will help you if you want to order dessert (which you should, why else are you going to some place named the Cheesecake Factory?). The hit entree in our group was the chicken and biscuits. Give the pasta with marinara sauce a miss, though — not terribly flavorful. The iced green tea was exquisite and the one person who ordered an "adult beverage" liked his martini. No one in our party ordered any of their signature cheesecakes, but the two kinds of chocolate cake that were at the table were both scrumptious. There will likely be a wait to be seated during dinner hours.

Denver Diner

Location: 740 W. Colfax Avenue

The location of this 24-hour diner is very convenient to the con, at the southeast corner of Colfax and Speer "behind" the CCC. All the food my party ordered (chicken-fried steak, meatloaf, mashed potatoes, whole-kernel corn, BLT, garden salad, split pea soup, cherry pie) was very good diner food with pretty generous servings. Prices were good, you could easily eat a light meal for under \$10 including tax and tip; our party of 3 spent about \$35 with tax but before tip. The only thing I'd give a miss to was the iced

tea which was rather strong for my taste and with a distinct bitterness. Soft drinks get only one free refill. Service was good though admittedly we were there in the middle of the afternoon and there were only a few other patrons.

—Mike Kennedy

Tech Crew Wants You!

Help wanted, especially Friday. Training provided. Please report to the volunteer or events office in the CCC. Thank you!

Participants Changed

Jane Jewell, Peter Heck, and Russell Davis were added to "What if I Don't Know What Comes Next? Teen Writers Workshop" CCC Korbel 1A at 4pm.

Lisa Deutsch Harrigan has been dropped from "Sex and Perversion in The Lord of the Rings," Thursday at 11:30pm

