

WSFS Business Meeting

The deadline for submitting new business to the World Science Fiction Society is Thursday at 10 p.m. Submit 200 identical copies, with the original signed by at least two Torcon 3 members, to the convention office (the Kingsway Room at the Crowne Plaza); or bring them to the WSFS Mark Protection Committee meeting (Thursday, 6 p.m., British Columbia Room at the Royal York), or give them to Pat McMurray, WSFS Secretary.

The WSFS Business Meetings will be in the Ontario Room at the Royal York (not the British Columbia room as previously announced) on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday at 10 a.m.

The Business Meeting is where changes to the WSFS Constitution, including Hugo Awards rules and rules for selection of future Worldcons, are considered. Every member of Torcon 3 is a member of WSFS and may attend, participate in, and vote at the Business Meeting.

Free Films!

The National Film Board of Canada (NFB) has graciously invited Torcon 3 members to view movies free of charge at their offices at 150 John Street (just up the street from the Convention Centre) on their 22 state-of-the-art viewing stations.

Have coffee with your favourite pro!

Kaffeeklatsches are small group discussions that take place between authors, artists and fans. The next meeting is this Friday at the Royal York Hotel. Featured panelists this meeting include Paul Barnett, Hal Clement, Esther Friesner, James Gardener, Terence Green, Elizabeth Hand, Harry Harrison, and more. Secure your seat by visiting the Info Desk in the Convention Centre and signing up or for more information.

Sites of Fannish Interest in Toronto

The Merrill Collection of Science Fiction. At Lillian H. Smith Branch, 239 College Street (3rd floor).

Osbourne Collection of Early Children's Books. Features "Architects of the Moon." 239 College street (4th floor).

Both are well worth the visit.

Meals Fit for a King

As some of you may already know, the restaurant in the lobby of the Crowne Plaza is closed due to construction. But don't run screaming to McDonalds just yet! The Crowne Plaza has opened up its downstairs Ballroom A for buffet-style breakfasts, lunches, and dinners. Rates and hours are as follows:

	Times	Continental/Cold Rate	Full Buffet Rate
Breakfast	7 to 11 a.m.	\$12	\$16
Lunch	12 noon to 3 p.m.	\$14	\$20
Dinner	6 to 10 p.m.	\$14	\$20

The entrance to Ballroom A is located behind the escalators in the lower lobby of the Crowne Plaza. *Bon appetit!*

Moven Moven Movenpick, Hoo-ah!!

Coupons for the Movenpick restaurant are available to Torcon 3 members at the Info Desk in the Convention Centre. Movenpick is located across the street from the Crowne Plaza Hotel. Please visit the Info Desk for more information.

Please tip the Maids

The maids, bellhops and other serving staff rely on tips to supplement their salary. It's customary to leave daily gratuities for hotel housekeeping staff of at least \$1 per person per day. Please do not wait until you check out - staff changes daily. Thanks.

Dam Write Daily

The official newsletter of Torcon 3

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Buying All the Chocolate:

Where to Shop for Parties at Torcon

So you're throwing a party? Here's where to get supplies.

Four blocks east of the Royal York is St. Lawrence Market, an excellent source for very fresh fruit, vegetables, meat, seafood, cheese, baked goods, coffees and prepared foods of the highest quality, at prices much more reasonable than similar items at a typical grocery store. If you go on Saturday, get there very early, as it gets really busy by 9 a.m.

Across the street from St. Lawrence (next door to the North Hall) is A&P's Front Street Market. It is open 24 hours and has a good selection of fresh produce, cheese and bulk foods at better prices than many other places. This is 800 meters west of the Royal York (about a nine minute walk).

A couple blocks south at Queen's Quay and Jarvis is the massive Loblaw's Queen's Quay Market. It has everything. Loblaw's "no name" products are better quality than most brand names, and their President's Choice line - well, we never threw a bid party without some of their cookies. The store is open only until 10 p.m. every day, but they have free parking (which is almost science fiction in downtown Toronto), so you can fill the big party vans here.

Rabba Fine Foods, an expensive but convenient 24 hour food store, is about 600 meters due south of the Royal York (go



down York Street) at 252 Queen's Quay West in the Harbourfront area.

For some, though, it isn't a party without the alcohol. There is a liquor store in Union Station, located below street level under the southwest corner of Bay and Front (across the street from the Royal York). It is open until 9 p.m. on weekdays and Saturdays and until 5 p.m. on Sundays and holidays. There are also liquor stores in the Loblaw's on Queen's Quay, in St. Lawrence Market, and in First Canadian Place (two blocks north and connected underground).

If your party has to have beer by the truckload, the nearest Beer Store is at 350 Queen's Quay West, south of the Skydome. This store has one of the best selections in Ontario of domestic and imported beers. There is a good selection of microbrews here, as well as all the regular brands.

But the true fannish vice is candy, and the Mecca of sweets is Sugar Mountain, located at 320 Richmond Street West, about nine blocks (1.8 kilometers) northwest of the Royal York, just past the popular Paramount Theatre. They have over a thousand different kinds of candy in bulk or packages. If you're looking for a better class of chocolates, the Nutty Chocolatier at 144 Yonge Street, south of Richmond (five blocks north and one east of the Royal York), is closer and a much nicer place, with a great selection of milk and dark chocolates and truffles.

But your efforts will be in vain if nobody knows where the party is. The Printing House is a good copy shop; the nearest one is located at the southwest corner of Bay and York Street in the Citibank building in the concourse level (be-

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Members

Giving To Others in 2003 (Will You Serve?)

Other than a four-year break during World War II (1941-1945), the World Science Fiction Convention has convened annually for the past sixty-five years. Volunteers are the glue who hold this unique organization together. At Torcon 3, Peggy Ray Sapienza is in charge of the vital Volunteer office; Sharon Pierce and Dawn Plaskon complement Peggy Ray in her gigantic task of volunteer service coordinator. The bulk of the volunteer unit is composed of convention attendees who willingly give hours of their valuable time to serve in many necessary positions.

Volunteers are compensated in unique ways for their unpaid service. Convention members who volunteer more than 10 hours will receive a special T-shirt; there are two distinct designs this year. (This is nice souvenir for your tomorrows.) Volunteers who serve more than 30 hours may receive reimbursement for their registration fee (if the convention is able to do so) after the convention is over. The volunteer office will also be conducting drawings daily; winners are given an opportunity to select a prize. One is a set of 2 tickets for *The Lion King* for this Friday evening.) This Tony Award - Winning Best Musical is at the **Princess of Wales Theatre**. There are over a hundred other prizes, including four 'Dinners for Two' from the **Holiday Inn**, books, magic card games, an original autographed sketch by Kelly Freas, autographed pictures, a one-night stay at the **Crowne Plaza** in "Executive Class," etc.

The best way to meet people and get a glimpse behind the scenes at Torcon 3 is to serve as a volunteer. You will meet interesting people and add another facet to your fannish life. If you're game, come to the Grenadier Room in the **Crowne Plaza** to register; office hours are from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. daily.

Need a Little Cool in your Con?

For all of you with party plans during Torcon, the Royal York Hotel is selling bags of ice at \$1 per pound. Please contact them for more information.

Great Food for a Good Price

The Armadillo, a family-friendly restaurant (across the street from the Crowne Plaza), is offering a 15% discount to all Torcon 3 members. No coupon is required; just flash your convention badge (and hopefully a smile). The Armadillo is open from 11 a.m. to 12 midnight Monday through Thursday; 11 a.m. to 12:30 a.m. on Friday; 12 noon to 12:30 p.m. on Saturday; and 12 noon to 10:30 p.m. on Sunday. For more information, contact the Armadillo at 416-977-8840.

Weapons Policy

It is the policy of Torcon that no real or realistic looking edged or projectile weapons may be carried anywhere within the convention. Exceptions will be made at the Masquerade when approved by the Masquerade Director, or for special events when approved by the Masquerade Director, or for special events when approved by Programming or Events. In any case where an exception is made, the head of Rangers must be notified.

Torcon defines a weapon as: any object designed to cause damage, or any replica of such an object; or any object that the committee determines poses a risk or perceived risk to the safety of others or to personal or hotel or Convention Centre property. Failure to put away an object that violates this policy when directed to do so is grounds for immediate revocation of membership without a refund and expulsion from the convention.

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Signs of the times

Here are the policies of the two convention hotels for posting signs, posters, and flyers:

Fairmont Royal York: The first and second floors (that's second and third floors to you Yanks) are the party floors. The big boards on these floors near the main bank of elevators (west end) and the smaller bank of elevators (east end) are where you can post announcements. The hotel also has free easels on the Main Mezzanine and Convention floors for printed signs. Contact Bob Palmer (416-569-5744).

Crowne Plaza: No hand-written signs. No signs in the lobby. No signs on guestroom floors. Printed signs may be posted in the upper and lower lobby and outside meeting rooms.

Metro Toronto Convention Centre: Flyers only on the pillars. If it's not a pillar, do not attach a flyer.

For professional, printed signs, contact the Newsletter/Signs office, Halton Road, Crowne Plaza.

Mars Approaches!

That's right, the home of the little green men is as close to Earth as it's been in almost 70,000 years. If you didn't see it Wednesday evening between eight and nine p.m. when it was at its closest, we suggest that you go outside and look up sometime during Torcon 3. Mars will appear as a very bright red dot (something like an airplane light but completely stationary, of course) in the southern sky. It is leading the Moon by about 10-12 degrees. Go down by the lake for viewing purposes so the city lights don't interfere. Bring a telescope if you've got one.

WOOF's One Shot APA

WOOF, the annual Worldcon one-shot APA of the Worldcon Order Of Faneditors, will be collated Sunday at noon in the "Fanzine Lounge" (Room 1-180) in the Royal York. If you want to be listed in the table of contents, please drop off your tribs (copy count 100) by 6 p.m. Sunday.

Submit! (News, that is)

Unlock the Writer in you!

A newsletter is only as good as its content, and you want a good newsletter, don't you? Well, to do that we want - we *need* - your input. To submit to *Dam Write Daily*, visit the Publications Office in the Halton Room at the Crowne Plaza and drop off a printed or *legibly written* form in our box. Or go to <http://www.torcon3.com/publications/newsform.html> and fill out the online form. All submissions are welcome.

Deadline for the evening edition is 11am; for the morning edition it's 9pm.

The Unpretentious Tomato

The Red Tomato: 321 King St W. (416-971-9155)

Just two blocks north of the west end of the convention center is a lovely, unpretentious, restaurant. **The Red Tomato** is on the lower level of **Fred's Not Here**. The menu ranges from Asian to Italian with a specialty range of some very spicy items. Prices range from C\$7 to C\$20 with most in the C\$14 range. The range of items offered was from mild to "bombs," with each huge plate containing both the entrée and vegetables. Only two in our group had any room left for dessert, but the chocolate bombe and raspberry sorbet were both very good. We were all pleased with our meals and service. But please note the restaurant is restricted to ages 19 and over, and smoking is allowed, but the ventilation is reasonable.

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low the street); it is connected to the train station. It's open until midnight on weekdays, until 4 PM on weekends. There are other Printing Houses in the Canadian Pacific building one block north at York and Wellington and in the TD Centre and First Canadian Place bank towers. There's also a Kinko's at 505 University Avenue, less than two kilometers straight up York Street and then University.

So you can find everything you'd need to buy convenient to the party hotel. All you need to complete the party is money, people, enthusiasm, and imagination. So let's bring it on and begin the festivities! It is, after all, your turn. :)