



DOWN UNDER FAN FUND

Corroboree #4

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DICK AND LEAH WIN BIG

Campaigning hard all the way, distributing more than a hundred ballots thruout their stronghold in the Midwest, the Smiths surged into an early lead and won handily on the first ballot. And in spite of the confusion following Roger's sudden death, Dick and Leah had substantially the same majority in Australia. A gratifying total of over 200 votes were cast.

	US	Aus	Total
Dick & Leah Smith	129	38	167
Richard Brandt	38	6	44
Charlotte Proctor	18	9	27

Since No Preference, Hold Over Funds and Write-ins didn't receive any first place votes, they are not recorded. There were a few write-ins in the lower ranks, mostly joke votes, "Yngvi" etc. Among the serious ones, Taral led with 2.

Two voters took the "Vote early and often" gag literally and tried to vote twice. I don't think they did it deliberately. In both cases, they had voted back in October, then presumably got caught up in a last minute drive at Confusion or a CFG meeting. Further indication of Alzheimer's was the fact that their donations and voting order were different each time. Needless to say, the second votes were not counted, but the donations were kept.

Two voters had such illegible scrawls--even the "printing"--that I had to inquire of the person who had sent them in. Fortunately, the courier remembered. They turned out to be a doctor and an engineer who have become so computerized that they have lost the ability to use a pen!

Another caution for voting in the future is providing references. One former BNF was insulted, and said if I didnt know who he was I shd send the

two bucks back! It so happens that I knew him becoz he's in FAPA, but otherwise, his main activity occurred during the years when I was gafiated. Even a BNF of this era might not have heard of him. There were others I almost didnt count for lack of references, but finally did, since they came in a batch from somebody I did know. But watch it in the future, you guys! In a close race, I would have been a lot stricter. Fandom is a lot bigger than it used to be, and there's no guarantee that you may be known outside of your little circle. This applies particularly to Midwestern fen, many of whom seem to think that their part of fandom is IT.

Congratulations! Only three votes came in late and werent counted. One last nitpick and I'm thru withis part. Too many of you sent cash. I know its a hassle to write a check or MO for a small amount, but not only could it get stolen, you have no proof that you voted in case an all too human administrator misplaces your ballot. I still wonder if I gottem all. The other night I upended my recliner looking for something else and an envelope fell out with a fair sized donation in it. I'm sure that the bean counters who like that sort of thing will find some discrepancies somewhere. My only solace is that I'm pretty sure they will be small ones that wont affect the results. If I'm short a few dollars, I'll be happy to take it out of my pocket. If I'm long, DUFF can keep it. Thank you all, and now I can get on with my trip report.

MONEY

Balance 7 Oct 92	1600.49
Income	988.12
Miscellaneous	66.25
Ditto auction etc.	172.25
Ballots	727.00
Donations	12.70
Interest & late votes	9.92
Total	2588.61

ERRATA

The ballot that I sent out had a huge goof, albeit in fine print, that Moshe Feder and other alert readers at Ditto detected.

It seems that I had been sleepily typing the platforms and nominators in the wee sma hours and had those of Dick and Leah on a hastily scribbled scrap from a phone call from Roger. Somehow I balked at Stephen Boucher, whom I had not heard of before, and whose endorsement I did not have in writing, got up to get some tea and a snack, and when I came back inadvertently typed Roger's name in the space.

There was never any doubt of the Smiths' credentials, since they had Jean Weber as a backup, but at the time it had vanished in the weird folds of an aerogram from Eric Lindsay. Apologies to all concerned.

HONOR ROLL

The response to my call to fish a little deeper in the old sock was most gratifying. Not only did most of you come up with the extra dollar suggested, but many responded far above and beyond the trufannish call of duty, so I think a little recognition is due. But by no means should this be taken as demeaning all those bedrock \$2 votes, without which we'd have to close up shop.

HEAD OF THE CLASS once again is Elsie Wollheim, who not only repeated her most generous donation of last year, but also voted and accompanied that with another heavy check.

SUMMA CUM LAUDE: Ben Yalow, Bill Bodden, Russ Chauvenet, Linda Bushyager, John Berry, Hope Leibowitz, Lesleigh Luttrell

MAGNA CUM LAUDE: Amy Thomson, Dennis Virzi, John Foyster, Yvonne Rousseau, Vicky Rosenzweig, Allan Burrows, Andy Porter, Don Franson, Charlene Taylor, Roy Lavender, Janice Murray, Tom Feller, Neil Rest, Jeanne Mealy, Leslie Smith, Ken Josenhans, David Bratman, John Herz.

Distinguished Grads: R Goudriaan, L Morse, M Manning, D Clark, A Rosenthal, S Crites, E Vick, K Williams, C Doyle, J Scrivner, C Burbee, R Smith, L Smith, J Zakem, J Gomoll, S Birkhead, P Pavlat, R Sims, P Sims, R Spelman, G Haldeman, C Mintz, N Brooks, R Lynch, N Lynch, A Gilliland, J Millard, G Carr, D Glover, L Moffatt, J Moffatt, R Lichtman, V Bowen, M Richards, M Lockhart, P Parsons, B Pelz, L Huntzinger, D Wixon, L Lounsbury, W Higgins, W Bowers, R Webber, S Jordan, G Lillian.

And Loyal Supporters & Henchmen All: W Ganley, M Glicksohn, M. C. & A Sinclair, V Hoski, M Strickert, J Schurman, D MacDonald, K Brown, G Allen, R Levin, Carolyn Doyle, D Rowe, D Herron, B Girard, K Bailey, W Cavin, Larry Smith, Ralph Smith, S Kobee, K Wagle, L Hickman, A Darden, S Leigh, DP Leigh, jh finder, M Best, D Rike, M Beck, H Beck, L&M Aronson, L Tutihasi, J Maraglino, L Michaels, J Kaufman, S Tompkins, D Langford, D Axler Y&L Penney, K Forman, C Chauvin, L Sapiro, T Hanlon, J Bowman, B Westervelt, W Counsil, P Ralph, G Wolfe, E Osbourne, J Fleischmann, B & M Lyn-Waitsman, A Gazizov, L Resnick, P Tortorici, E Hull, P&A Eisenstein, C Hoynowski, T Weisskopf, S Stratmoen, M Wooster, D Thayer, B Indick, D Haugh G&R McMillan, B Schilling, B Schneider, M Frierson,

C Hinz, B Liberman, G Flynn, R Salomon, S Shiffman, A Shechter, T Cvetko, K Babich, N Rowe, J Widmer P&C Skellon, Evan, Eric & C Siegling, K Erichsen, P Smith, J Huttnet, B Gehm, C Yoder, S Cook, J Barnard, M Farnelli, W Roper, I Offut, G Vanhorn C Crockett, D Price, Jane Haldeman, M Holmann, J Donnelly, J Schalles, F Prophet, A Hooper, T Sadler, S&J Dennis, N,R&L Tucker, M Linneman, H DeVore, J Rittenhouse.

Many others have written memorials for Roger Weddall, our recent guest and Australian administrator, who died shortly after his return home (for those who may not have heard). I just got to know him over the past two years, but I will not soon forget his warm, good-hearted impulsive nature. Where others hemmed and hawed and made excuses, he acted, and to my knowledge, did "the right thing." When I arrived in Brisbane to attend a con that almost didnt happen, and nearly broke from my side trip to New Zealand and the Oz administrator wasnt there nor were the funds I was expecting with which to continue my travels, weary and worried, it was Roger who dug down into his own pocket-- without being asked!--and loaned me A\$1000 until the organizations could get things straightened out. His last act as administrator, while I dithered and hedged about it, was to grasp the nettle firmly and make the necessary increase in the voting fee to A\$5. So in his honor, as my last act as administrator, I hereby declare the equivalent fee of US\$4. So long, Rog. Have a ball out there among the stars. It wont be too long before I can say again, "G'day, mate!" *sniff*

P. 5: 25 Feb. DUFF account in West America Bank closed out and \$2588.61 cashier's check sent to the new administrators, Dick and Leah Smith, 17 Kerry Lane, Wheeling, IL 60090-6415. Phone: (708) 537-1306. Send them materials suitable for auction in Australia, but keep stuff for auction in US until they return from their trip, or bring to Corflu 10 in Madison, WI.