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EDITORIAL

There are a few of you who receive *De Prof* who may not know me; so, very briefly, a little background. Twenty-five years in fandom, former OC of APA-L, past and current Little Tin God of LAS-FAPA, faneditor of *HOLIER THAN THOU*, faneditor of *NO AWARD*, winner of DUFF, perpetual gadfly around LASFS, and an incurable smartass.

My goal in taking over the editorship of *De Prof* is to bring it out on a monthly schedule and to make it informative in regards to things LASFSian whilst attempting to make it, at the same time, entertaining. The extent in which I succeed in these goals and, at the same time, use the zine as an outreach to other parts of fandom (simultaneously showing local members that there are more fans out there), will be the measure of my success as the editor. I hope that most of the readers are happy with these results, and I await your feedback.

KEY TO MAILING LABEL CODES

P = Patron Saint
F = Trade
D = De Prof (meeting attended within 3 months)
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(If you feel that your label code is in error, please contact the DE PROF editor so that I can make the appropriate changes.)

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KEY TO CALENDAR & OTHER IMPEDIMENTA

LADWVS = L.A. Dr. Who Viewing Society
 TRIPE = Temporal Retrieval of Information Pro-
 gramming and Entertainment.
 BOD = Board of Directors
 2nd Sunday = Board and other gaming
 Cinema Anime = Japanimation
 HU-LA-LA-CON = LASFS in-house con
 Work Party = General cleanup
 FWEMS = Fourth WeekEnd Movies
 FUCC = Fandom Universal Computer Club

CALENDAR DETAILS

FWMS - Fantasy & Science of the '50s (B pictures)

LASFS PICNIC - LASFS' "Summer" party and pic-
 nic at Vasquez Rocks County Park (off Rt 14 Fwy in
 northern L.A. county) - 2:00 pm. Meet at LASFS at
 2:00 am for "civilised" luncheon, then caravan to
 park.

HU-LA-LA CON (LA-LA-CON #6). GoH: Marv
 Wolfman. FGoH: Noel Wolfman. AGoHs: Kelly
 Freas and Laura Brodian-Freas. Starts at midnight on
 Friday. Chili Cook-off Sat. at noon. Ice Cream So-
 cial at 7 pm. Auction Sun. at 3 pm. Banquet at 6 pm

Sun. All at LASFS. Registration limit - 150. e-mail
 to treasurer: treasurer@lasfs.org. \$14.14 until 5/18,
 \$19.59 at the door. \$6.00 Banquet. Come one, come
 all, come often.

CONDENSED CREAM OF MENACE

(complete minutes can be read in APA-L)

Meeting #3260

Cathy Beckstead, presiding

Karl Lembke, secretarying

"Has it been a long week today?" asked Karl.

"It's been a loooong week today," replied Cathy. "I
 love my job, I get to think."

Rather than attempt to explain thinking - a new con-
 cept - to the club, President Beckstead decided to
 open the meeting, and did so at 20:17:05.

Tonight's Patron Saints: Mike Luwish, son of Emil,
 gave the club a lot of money, one batch to buy his
 father a sainthood, and then another batch to buy one
 for himself.

Gary Louie was honored this week. A statement was
 read to the club. [*Statement at end of this Menace-
 ed.*]

The Committee to Gouge the LASFS took a break

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this week.

Summer Holiday: Still on track for Vasquez Rocks. We have not yet decided who will provide the wasps.

Hu-La-La-Con: Tadao announced that the minicon would take place over the weekend of May 20-21. There will be guests, and a luau banquet. He did not promise that guests would be lei'd.

Eylat reported on the results of a recent job interview. She finds that she didn't land the job she was interviewing for, because she was considered "shy and timid." Jerry Pournelle wanted to know, in that case, what did they consider "outspoken?"

Someone made a motion to slant, which was seconded and passed. Cathy slanted the gavel down on the table at 21:02:51.

Gary Louie (3/31/57 - 2/2/99, Patron Saint, week #5)

Gary joined the LASFS on Jan 24, 1985, and over the following fourteen years served the club in many ways. He was not yet a Patron Saint at the time of his death, but became one shortly thereafter through the donations of many individual LASFS members and of the GallifreyOne Committee.

Gary was a member of the LASFS Board of Directors from 1988. He served as either Staff or Committee on most Loscons from 1987 through 1998, as well as on the 1996 Worldcon, on both Los Angeles Westercons, and on many GallifreyOne conventions. Outside Los Angeles, he was considered part of the "Permanent Floating Worldcon Committee," working at various levels on Worldcons from 1988 to 1998.

Gary won the LASFS Evans-Freehafer Award, for service to the club, in 1990.

Gary may have been single-handedly responsible for the development of the small set of local fans that became fanatic LEGO toy collectors in the late 1990s.

He was a skillful - and sometimes ferocious - Mah Jongg player.

He was also a voracious reader, appreciator, and collector of books, and had one of the largest collections of science fiction books in the area. He researched the Sector General books of LACon III's Guest of Honor, James White, and contributed a Timeline and Classification System section to The White Papers, the book published for James by LA-Con III.

The above list deals with public accomplishments. The private ones, in the memories of his friends, are an even longer list.

Meeting #3261, Feb. 10, 2000
Cathy Beckstead, presiding
Karl Lembke, secretarying

"How's my diction? I think I should take the marbles out now," mumbled President Cathy.

"A nickle for the gavel!" bid Scratch.

With excellent diction, President Cathy gaveled the meeting to order at 20:11:55.

A motion was made to impeach the President for her mispronunciation of "oneth."

"I can't say that without sounding silly!" protested the President.

"When's that ever stopped you before?" was the response.

Patron Saints Mike Glycer and Frank Waller were both honored. Frank was given three cheers and a bag of chips, Mike was given three cheers and a fire extinguisher.

Ed Hooper stated that Chewbacca is still dead.

A motion to rain on the parade was made, and the parade was dampened at 21:34:19.

Meeting #3262, February 17, 2000
Cathy Beckstead, presiding
Karl Lembke, secretarying

After calling out the auxiliary, President Beckstead tried to call the meeting to order. Some degree of success was achieved at 20:17:13.

The Menace were read and approved as "Rained on."

Mike Stern read excerpts from an article about Godzilla's 45th birthday and midlife crises.

A motion to go further was made, seconded, thriddled and passed at 21:30:06.

Meeting #3263, February 24, 2000
Cathy Beckstead, presiding
Karl Lembke, secretarying

"Here, you can have the BIG gavel!" "It's the LASFS Fan-O-Matic!"

Some trouble with the PA system was resolved before President Beckstead decided to take the Fan-O-Matic to it, and the meeting was gaveled to order at 20:17:45.

The usual motion was made, prompting Cathy to threaten with the BIG gavel. A motion was made to hit someone with it, and the winning bidder paid \$1.50 to have Sundance hit. He was hit with the BIG gavel, and created Sir Sundance - not knighted, but dazed.

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Committee to roll heavy balls into wooden objects: Greg Bilan and Liz Mortensen have a sign-up sheet for the LASFS bowling tournament.

The auction took place. (In the absence of Christian, should it be called a Pagan auction?)

The Registrar announced some guests. Jim Bloomquist, P.J. Monroe, and Andrew and Adam, returning for more.

Hare Hobbs reviewed the accident that led to his appearing with his foot bandaged. Bill Ellern, commenting on Hare's foot review, noted that LASFS nearly had its very own rabbit's foot.

Sir Sundance announced, "You're all going to hell." No, Sundance, that was **last** LosCon.

In the absence of a program, a motion was made to re-hit the table so we can have another meeting next week. The table was re-hit at 21:15:35.

Meeting #3264, March 2, 2000
Cathy Beckstead, presiding
Karl Lembke, secretarying

And the Lord said, "Let there be a meeting and let it be good." "Anyone who thinks any good will come from having a LASFS meeting hasn't been to one."

The God-forsaken three thousand, two hundred and sixty-fourth meeting of the LASFS was pummeled into submission order at 20:17:01.

Patron Saint Marjii Ellers, one of the best costumers in SF, and one classy lady. She had the ability to make a room feel warmer and more inviting just by being in it, and will be sorely missed. She was given three cheers and practically nothing to wear.

The Committee to Imitate Jerry Pournelle. Jerry Pournelle did his usual excellent job of imitating Jerry Pournelle when he announced that *Burning City* is now out, and that everyone should buy at least one copy immediately. He then went on to describe a problem he had with his Earthlink account. It seems he received a phone call claiming he woad money. Since he was paying a heft sum for services, he threatened to cancel his payment. This resulted in a phone call from Sky Dayton, asking "What did we do now? Help!!"

Mike Stern reported that in this month's Scientific American, someone has written a program to detect when a cat is walking on the keys of your computer. It then displays the message "CAT DETECTED," and makes noise to scare the cat off your keyboard. To deactivate it, the user has to type "HUMAN" at

the keyboard.

The meeting was adjourned at 21:33:52.

Meeting #3265, March 9, 2000
Cathy Beckstead, presiding
Karl Lembke, secretarying

With a long, drawn-out hiss, a slow leak announced itself to the assembled crowd. What to do? "I know, let's have a meeting!"

We managed to find a meeting, and call it to chaos at 20:17:04.

The usual motion was made by Rob Cole, followed shortly by Ed Hooper. To Ed, the President said, "I never listen to him, why should I listen to you?"

The Menace were read, corrected, and approved as "Free Samples Cost Too Much."

Patron Saint Dave Fox, probably LASFS's most active fan, was voted LASFS's Official Dirty Old Man. When he died, the girlie bar he patronized went out of business.

The Registrar introduced Scott Busman, here, no doubt, on a Busman's holiday.

Leigh Strother-Vien announced that her Avon Fund-raiser netted LASFS a cool \$62.45.

A letter from NESFA was read to the club. A NESFAn has sent LASFS an unboxed copy of the Boskone's GoH book, in honour of the fact that every year, Gary Louie would order two copies, one for himself and one for LASFS. The secretary was directed to write a letter in reply to NESFA. The secretary stated that the letter would be ready for signatures at the Board Meeting Sunday.

In light of the mishap at the Burbank Airport, it was noted that it was fortunate that the runway doesn't point at the airport, and in any case, the convention will be equipped with lots of airbags.

Karl mentioned that his first call of the morning was from a crazy person who accused him of tying bags of sulfur to her water main in order to poison her. Obviously, it isn't working fast enough.

Charlie Jackson announced that tonight's programme was the auction, which has already taken place.

A motion was made to Marty Cantor at 21:17:59.

Meeting #3266, March 16, 2000
Bob Null, vice-presiding (to start)
Cathy Beckstead, presiding (to finish)
Karl Lembke, secretarying

"I'm not sure they're ready," opined Veep Bob Null.

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Well, ready or not, here comes the dreaded announcement: "Time to pay dues!"

LASFS Meeting number 3266 was called into something resembling order at 20:08:42.

Patron Saint was Gavin Claypool. This fellow surreptitiously replaces phone books in the front building on occasion. He has started any number of book projects, and finished some of them. He was given three cheers, led by Madame President, as she returned from a rat funeral.

New Business. MSP: 1) That LASFS send the following letter to NESFA:

Dear NESFA:

Thank you again for your generous gift to the memory of Gary Louie. We imagine you must deeply miss the shaft, which you sent us so many years ago, and we're sure Gary would have very much wanted you to have it back. Unfortunately, it was accidentally sent to the recycler and made into paperclips. We Therefore propose to mail you a box of paperclips every month until the entire shaft has been returned to your care.

Very truly yours, etc. etc. etc.

2) That LASFS allocate funds to obtain and mail one box of paperclips every month, and that these clips be mailed to NESFA at or before the first meeting of every month.

Jerry Pournelle reviewed a book by Charles Sheffield, called *Borderlands of Science*. It's a very good book for SF writers who want to sound like they know what they're talking about.

Mike Thorsen announced that Len Moffatt's chair is back in service. Hopefully, Len himself will join his chair soon.

The meeting was adjourned at 21:24:47.

Meeting #3267, March 23, 2000

***Cathy Beckstead, presiding
Karl Lembke, secretarying***

"All hail the great leader!"

"What?"

"That's you, shorty!"

"Oh, okay. 'Shorty' I understand."

Meeting number 3267 of the LASFS was gavelled into order in short order at 20:16:31.

The Menace were read, corrected and approved as "Some Things man was just not meant to know."

Three guests were announced. Welcome Crystal, Jack, and Shelly.

Time Meddlers reported that they had a successful meeting. It was so successful, they'll be doing it again of the third Sunday of next month.

Tonight, CLJ II will be showing animated shirts shorts.

An auction took place.

Suze announced that Time Meddlers has contributed a sum of \$400 to LASFS.

Joe Zeff announced that the Proxy Atomic Clock has been installed and is functioning quite well. It calibrates itself from the radio signal from Colorado. (How does it correct for the lightspeed signal delay, I wonder?) [*There is probably a machine somewhere between here and there which slightly speeds up the signal—ed.*]

Mike Stern announced that Freeman Dyson had won the Templeton Prize for contributions to religion and spirituality. Although he has not considered himself that religious or spiritual, and is puzzled about why he received the prize, he has announced no plans to give back the \$980K.

Mike Stern opined that if *Mission to Mars* had only had a plot, it would have been good.

It was moved and seconded that Sundance be allowed to make a motion.

It was moved and seconded that the meeting be restarted in 167 hours. The meeting adjourned at 21:15:46.

Meeting #3268, March 30, 2000

***Cathy Beckstead, presiding
Karl Lembke, secretarying***

Whip in hand, Madame President was ready to sling it. The bull. Whip, that is. Meeting number 3268 of the LASFS was gavelled into order in short order at 20:15:16.

The Menace were read, corrected and approved as "More plot than a martial arts movie."

It was announced that tonight's programme will be a monster auction.

Tadao Tomomatsu did not announce that Hu-La-La-Con would be taking place on May 20 - 21.

The Registrar announced, "WE have guests!" Jason Strong, Lisa Hillenberg, Shandis Williamson, Eleanor Thorsen, and Scott and Eric. We also have Jason

Ray, returning from a couple of decades ago.

Doug Crepeau announced that the End of the World as we know it may be taking place at the Relativistic High Energy Collider. Stay tuned for more strange matters. Doug also reported that the swallows at Capistrano, not having proxy atomic clocks installed, were a day late for their return. They hadn't taken leap year into account.

Scratch announced that the Girl Scout Cookie Person was here. (Is she made from real girl scout cookies?)

Darcie reviewed a book by Mike Resnick, "Girls for the Slime God."

Greg Bilan noted that "The Matrix" won Oscars for special effects, sound, and visual editing. But Greg, they don't have an Oscar for "biggest plot hole."

The meeting adjourned at 20:57:23.

LETTER OF COMMENT

dated Dec. 12, 1999

John Thiel: 30 N. 19th St., Lafayette, IN 47904

It is frank and open of you to point out that Gestetner does not talk to its delivery company. That's the problem with everything around here. There is no interaction or any possibility of it even where it's most expected. Of course LoCs are not fully commented upon when printed; if answered at all one or two points are answered. Usually there are not the same discussions there have been at times in the past.

((Commentary by ye ed. Whether in this small pub or in even larger zines, it is rarely possible that complete locs can be printed in their entirety. Firstly, most publications of whatever size, there is rarely enough room for this. Secondly, in zines which get many locs, many of this locs contain similar commentary and it soon gets redundant (and, possibly, boring) with a multitude of locs saying essentially the same thing). In other words, it is incumbent upon the editor to actually edit.)) ((Further editorial fluffery. It is the intention of the current editor to pub at least part of as many locs he receives - and he solicits locs from Allen Sundry.))

The previous editor mentioned that he was going to be printing poetry and fiction. I shall now tell you why I am not going to accept either of those items - after I tell you that I have nothing at all against them. I just feel that they are out of place in this zine. *De Prof* is, primarily, the newsletter of the LASFS. My purpose here is to inform the club - and the rest of

fandom - of what is happening in the club. In addition to the Menace and calendar, articles and related materials about the club's past, present, and future and related articles by and about club members fit right into the mix, but fiction and poetry do not. There are markets for these kinds of things but this editor feels that they are out of place here. Twenty-five years of fanning have shown me (I hope) what fits into which kind of fanzine. I hope that what I select for inclusion in *De Prof* will make the zine something useful to both club members and the others who read it. I thank you for your attention.

FANZINES

The production of fanzines is an old fannish tradition and De Profundis is a zine in that tradition. Many of the regularly attending club members may not be aware of the vast number of zines which have been produced in fandom's past. Many may not realise that not everybody has moved their written fanac to the web and that there are many fanzines still being produced. Later in this zine I will be listing some of the zines which the club gets in trade. I also want to point out that any zines for which the club trades can be picked up from the De Prof mailbox and can be read at your leisure. For those of you who want to explore the universe of fanzines, I shall be most happy to make recommendations of available zines. Next, though, I want to present a short article by Michael J. Lowrey. This article will explain how one goes about getting fanzines. This slightly edited article was posted on the Memory Hole Mailing List and is reprinted by permission of the author.

HOW TO GET FANZINES:

"THE USUAL"

by Michael J. Lowrey, Editor-in-Chief

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"The Usual" means, in essence, feedback: some form of contribution to the discourse, the long conversation which is Fandom. The standard forms it takes are of three sorts:

- 1) the LoC (Letter of Comment), which ideally should be witty, insightful, moving and/or informative (some people have become world famous all over Fandom almost purely on the basis of their LoCs); or

- 2) a contribution for the next issue: an article, column or illustration(s) suitable for this publication; or
- 3) a trade: my fanzine for yours. (Most editors have their own standards as to what they will or won't trade with; some feel an obligation to trade with all comers.)

Thus, when a fanzine editor like myself states that her/his zine is available for \$2 or "The Usual" you are being told that the editor would rather get a Letter of Comment from you, a zine of your own in trade, or a contribution of material suitable for inclusion in a subsequent issue; but, if necessary, the editor will settle for a couple of Sacajaweas taped to a 3x5 card.

zines received in trade

(All zines are available to read and are in the *De Profundis* mailbox and can be taken out for a week)

STET #9 (Dick & Leah Zeldes Smith): If this is not a Hugo nominee, there is no justice in this world.

MIMOSA #25 (Nicki & Richard Lynch): Another fine issue of a 5-time Hugo-winning zine.

THE GEIS LETTER #71 (Richard Geis): The latest ish from a long-time BNF who has had to stop zining because of health problems.

DEROGATORY REFERENCE #94 (Arthur D. Hlavaty): Personal zine from one of fandom's most perceptive minds.

CHALLENGER #10 (Guy H. Lillian III): This zine is Hugo-nominated this year.

THYME: (Alan Stewart): The premier Australian Newszine.

club zines:

FOSFAX: Falls of the Ohio Science Fiction and Fantasy Association (FOSFA).

BCSFAZINE: West Coast Science Fiction Association (Vancouver, BC, Canada).

DASFax: Denver Area Science Fiction Association.

EINBLATT!: Minnesota Science Fiction Society (MinnStf).

WARP: Montreal Science Fiction and Fantasy Association (MonSFFA).

MEMPHEN: Memphis Science Fiction Association.

TIGHBAM: National Fantasy Fan Federation (N3F).

NASFA SHUTTLE: North Alabama Science Fiction Association.

INSTANT MESSAGE: New England Science Fiction Association.

WESTWIND: Northwest Science Fiction Association.

LUNARIANS, INC: New York Science Fiction Association.

PULSAR: Portland Science Fiction Association.

PSFS NEWS: Philadelphia Science Fiction Society.

SOUTHERN FANDOM CONFEDERATION BULLETIN: Southern Fandom Confederation.

SFSFS SHUTTLE: South Florida Science Fiction Society.

MEET . . .

*(Occasionally I will be able to corner a member who is a regular attendee and get them to write something about themselves. If that person is an officer of the club, this may take the form of writing about their job. Our first entry is from **Becky Barber**, our Registrar, writing about what she does at the club. If any regular attendee wants to write about some personal information, please get me a short piece of material. Remember, I may be ruthless in my editing, so do not write about Ruth.)*

I generally arrive at the clubhouse around 7. When new people show up I get them to fill out the appropriate card and then tell them about club activities (*which can be seen on the calendar - ed.*) I will tell them also tell them about LOSCON and special events. I show them both buildings and hope the door is open to the library so that I can show off our wonderful collection. I try to find out what they might be interested in so that I can steer them towards someone with a similar interest. I will introduce them to the general meeting, hoping that this does not scare them off.

In general, I try to be informative and also make them feel welcome, hoping that they will come back again and eventually join the club. I have found that, many times, these new people do come back more than once.

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