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De Profundis is the newsletter of the Los Angeles Science Fantasy Society, now at last with a home of its own. We are located at 11360 Ventura Boulevard in Studio City in the San Fernando Valley, across the street from The Point After night club. This newsletter is published irregularly by Editor Bill Warren and Assistant Craig Miller; this issue is #65 and is being mailed in October for the Big News.

BIG NEWS --- A CLUBHOUSE AT LAST

This issue is intended to reach for more people than is usual for an issue of De Profundis. We've made an effort to find the addresses of all people who might be interested in the news that, at long last, after 39 years in fact, the Los Angeles Science Fantasy Society has finally found a permanent home, a clubhouse we own, one that is all ours. You may find this news of little interest now, but LASFS, once upon a time, was important to you. It has changed, of course -- everything changes. But the club still serves the same function for the current membership as it did for the membership of your time.

We don't ask that once again you make LASFS attendance a regular habit -- that's for you to decide. But please attend the first meeting in our own clubhouse. In one way or another, this is something you worked for, and we invite you to see what we have. The first meeting in the clubhouse will be the club's anniversary meeting, October 25th, Thursday night, at 8:00, just like always. The address is 11360 Ventura Boulevard.

The clubhouse can be reached easily from the Hollywood Freeway, Northbound, by taking the Ventura Boulevard offramp; turn right at the bottom of the ramp and proceed to 11360. Southbound on the same freeway, take the Vineland offramp, turn right onto Vineland, and right again at the first light, onto Ventura. Westbound on the Ventura Freeway, take the Laurel Canyon Boulevard offramp, turn left and go to Ventura Boulevard, turn left at that corner, and proceed to the clubhouse. Eastbound on the Ventura Freeway, take the Laurel Canyon Boulevard offramp, turn right onto Laurel Canyon, and left at Ventura. By bus: the 81 line from Hollywood or from out in the Valley goes along Ventura Boulevard. The 93 line from Downtown or Pacoima goes to Vineland & Ventura; get off at that corner.

The clubhouse is on the South side of the street, against a hill. It is one story, stucco, with a black metal railing & baffles on the windows. Please arrive by eight o'clock since the nightclub across the street fills up most street parking by 9:30; do not park in the supermarket parking lot.

Even if you never attend another LASFS meeting or any other fan function, please attend this meeting, the most important in the history of the club. The LASFS has a home now.

ELECTIONS

Nominations for procedural officers will be on the 6th of December, the first Thursday in the month; elections will be held the following week (Dec 13th).

MORE CLUBHOUSE NEWS

Just because we now have a clubhouse, our debts are not over. To make the price of the building, we had to borrow \$7,000.00 from various members and organizations. Furthermore, we will need money all the time anyway -- for taxes, maintenance, taxes, insurance, taxes, food for parties, taxes, to buy books for the library, etc. taxes etc. taxes etc. No donation is too small, no donation is too large, and all donations are completely tax-deductible. In fact, a donation of \$500.00 or more will make you a Patron Saint, and you will get a plaque saying so, and will be able to choose a meeting out of the year for your very own -- it will thereafter be Saint Your Day.

Furthermore, the LASFS is buying padded folding chairs for the clubhouse, and is requesting endowments of chairs, to defray some of the cost. For \$8.00, a sign will be placed on the back of the chair reading "This Chair Donated By..."whoever; you can endow a chair in your name or in the name of anyone you wish -- including hoaxes, objects, or anything.

Also, it would be nice if someone bought subscriptions to all the SF magazines in the name of the LASFS and to be mailed to our current address. However, please check with us to find out if someone has beaten you to it. Furthermore, we hope that fanzine editors will send us their zines for inclusion in the LASFS library.

If you (whoever you might be) have anything at all belonging to the LASFS, now is the time to bring it to the clubhouse -- preferably to the first meeting. We now have a place for everything and want to put everything in its place. Note: this does not yet apply to material in/for the library -- that is not yet ready for installation.

Until we can buy a stove, we would like to borrow or be given a hot plate and tea kettle. We are also looking for an icebox or a refrigerator. And we are possibly interested in buying a used or reconditioned mimeograph, possibly also a ditto machine.

It has been suggested that the clubhouse be made a permanent floating art gallery, displaying (for sale) works by local fan artists, with bid sheets a la convention art shows. If you are a fan artist interested in this idea, come to a meeting and talk about it with Board Chairman Milt Stevens.

We could also use donations of paper plates, plastic drinking cups, plastic tableware, etc. Further calls for donations will go out as needed things are decided upon.

HALLOWEEN PARTY

The Halloween party will be held again this year at the home of Barry and Lee Gold, 2471 Oak Street, Santa Monica, on Saturday, October 27th, at 8:00. Prizes will be awarded for costumes, but there is no general theme this year. The party will continue until the next day at least, and you are welcome to stay overnight, sleeping on the floor. Phone number for lost people: 392-4458.

HISTORY PROGRAMS PLANNED

Greg Chalfin, currently in charge of meeting programs, is trying to put together a program (or several of them) on the history of the club. He needs photos of past regular meeting places, inside & out, as far back as there were meetings; he also needs a list of all these places. He would prefer slides, but photos, engravings, paintings, rude sketches, anything will do; he would like to borrow the slides, or to copy photos as slides; if you have material that cannot be loaned safely, Greg would come there and make slides of it. He needs to have access to this material in advance of the meeting. Please contact Greg at 87 N. Wilson Ave Apt 19, Pasadena, CA 91106, 793-0417. He is also looking for photos taken at meetings, showing how they looked then, of the procedural officers, the membership in general, etc. Furthermore, any movies taken at club meetings are very eagerly sought by Greg -- either in 8mm or 16mm. We understand that Morrie Dollens & Walt Daugherty began a featurette on the LASFS when Alan Hershey was director, but that neither of them know where the footage is now. Also, there are dark rumors that movies were taken at the club meetings in the 1940s. If anyone out there has any idea whatsoever about the location of such film, please contact Greg at your earliest convenience.

TAPE LIBRARY

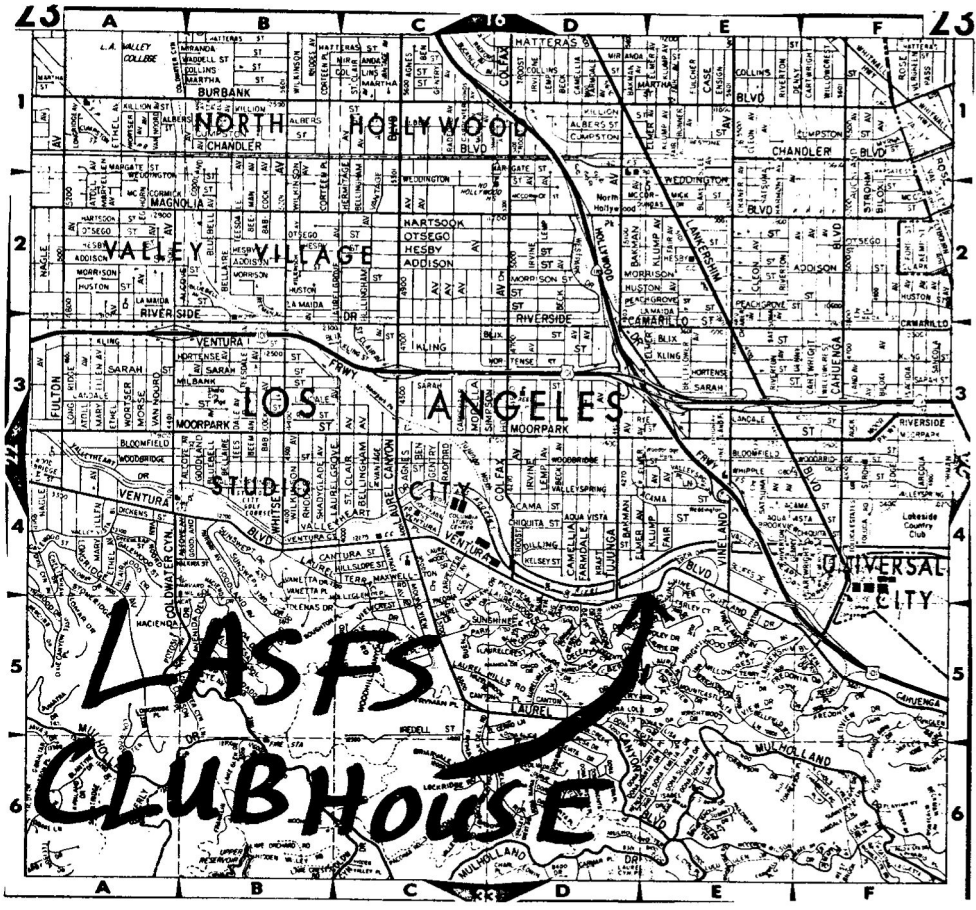
Walt Daugherty has proposed the formation of a LASFS tape library, consisting of musings of old members on club history, possibly historic or otherwise significant meetings, of convention held in the area, and so forth. If you already have such tapes, please contact us at the clubhouse as soon as you can. We will see about duping these tapes into a standard format, possibly cassette. The tapes will then be placed in the library for future use.

DIRECTORS DINNER -- ANNIVERSARY BANQUET

This year, C.L. MOORE, one of the first major women writers of SF will be the recipient of the Forry Award for service to science fiction, and the guest speaker. She is known as the author of two major series, dealing with Jirel of Joiry, swashbuckling female adventurer, and Northwest Smith, an adventuring man. Her most famous story is probably "Shambleau." She was married for years to the late Henry Kuttner, and was co-author of most of the stories which appeared under the pseudonyms which have usually been credited to him alone. The dinner will be \$6.00, pot roast, at the Taix Restaurant, 1911 Sunset Boulevard; it will be held Friday, October 26th, at 8:00. Please send your checks right away to LASFS, Inc, P.O. Box 3004, Santa Monica, CA 90403. Tickets can also be bought from Bruce Pelz at club meetings. Please buy your tickets as soon as possible.

ART NEEDED

The De Profundis art file is depleted; if you would like to contribute any art to future issues of this newsletter, please send it to Bill Warren, c/o Los Angeles Science Fantasy Society, 11360 Ventura Boulevard, Studio City, CA 91604. We need black-and-white ink drawings, not too large; the art cannot be returned. We encourage contributions from members who have not had things published before, but pro art won't be refused, of course.



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