

## DE PROFUNDIS 66

This is the newsletter of the Los Angeles Science Fantasy Society. It is now on an irregular schedule, published by Editor Bill Warren and Craig Miller. This issue is being assembled November 11.

We would like to thank Forry Ackerman, Bill & Terry Welden, Ed Finkelstein, and Vanessa for their help on the last issue.

De Profundis is free to Active Members of the LASFS, and to those who have paid their annual Voluntary Active Membership Fee of \$3.00; subscriptions to DP are available at 4 for \$1.00, and we do make trades.

The LASFS meets every Thursday evening at 8:00 at Freehafer Hall, 11360 Ventura Bl., Studio City. The phone number is (213) SO-WUT-IF.

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### OPEN HOUSE AT CLUBHOUSE

Sunday, November 18, from 10am on, there will be an Open House at the LASFS Clubhouse (address given above). This is the official dedication of the clubhouse, and all interested parties are urged to attend. ((Come and see the clubhouse without soooo many people there at once!)) Refreshments will be served.

### YARD/GARAGE SALE

In an effort to raise money to meet the operating expenses of the clubhouse, the Trimbles of Mathom House have agreed to sell some items for the LASFS at their house, 696 So. Bronson Av., Los Angeles. Call 386-1454 for more information.

### HUGE FIRST MEETING

The first meeting at the LASFS Clubhouse was attended by well over 100 people, including many local pro writers, such as Ray Bradbury, Harlan Ellison, Robert Bloch, Theodore Sturgeon, and A.E. van Vogt; pros who normally attend meetings, Larry Niven and Jerry Pournelle, also were there. Jerry, in his capacity as President of the Science Fiction Writers of America, read the following two messages:

#### TO THE LOS ANGELES SCIENCE FANTASY SOCIETY, INC.

from the Science Fiction Writers of America.

Science fiction clubs and SF fandom are a nearly unique phenomenon. Few other literary genre enjoy this kind of enthusiastic support from their readers. Not long ago, the Los Angeles Shakespeare Society lost its clubhouse -- and here is LASFS moving into its own.

We're the wave of the future, all right. We presume that within a few years, you will install a Dean Drive or Daletch Effect engines or some other means of locomotion for a tour of the solar system.

We trust that we'll be invited for the second cruise.

On behalf of all the members of SFWA, congratulations to LASFS, Inc. on the realization of a dream.

/signed/

Jerry Pournelle

25 October 1973

To the Officers and Members of LASFS:

At last a home of our own!!! I joined the LASFS in December of 1938, or possibly January, 1939. It was at a meeting of the Hollywood chapter at which Forrest J. announced that a new magazine -- UNKNOWN WORLDS -- would be on the stands in February, 1939; so that makes me a junior member, as the club was established five years earlier.

I met Russ Hodgkins that night, and other old timers. Morajo, Forrest J., Doc Daugherty, and others -- then started attending meetings at Clifton's Cafeteria and met Hank Kuttner, Jack Williamson, Julie Schwartz, Bob Olson, Frank Brady, Ray Bradbury, Bruce Yerke, Pogo, and many others. I remained active until Pearl Harbor, then settled in Colorado after the war -- and have never joined any other SF club, and thought of myself as still a member. In fact I was told so several years running.

What is your lifetime non-resident fee for an old crotch whose life expectancy is now 13 years, if they don't lynch him first? I'll pay it.

Again, congratulations to us all on achieving a dream that started almost 40 years ago -- and seemed as fantastic then as atomic bombs, nuclear power, men on the moon, and other such nonsense -- nonsense to all practical, clearthinking, sober citizens who wouldn't be caught dead reading one of those silly magazines with space ships on the cover.

Warmest greetings to my fellow dreamers

/s/

Robert A. Heinlein

Ted Sturgeon presented the club with a framed and illustrated letter; the message reads:

Dear and valued LASFS.

Without readers a writer would be somewhat less than nothing. Without the SF reader, the most passionate and talented SF writer would have nowhere to go. Without the SF fan, who is the most ardent and the most articulate of all readers, I would have been without the notice and encouragement which has been so valuable to me all my writing life.

LASFS is the archetype of fandom, and as I celebrate this occasion with you, I welcome the chance to express my gratitude. Thank you.

/signed/

Theodore Sturgeon

Forry Ackerman read a 4-page commentary on his years in LASFS, about his own main memories of the history of the club. Lee Gold will print the speech in its entirety in the special edition of the MENACE OF THE LASFS for 25 October 1973, to sell for 50¢.

## PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE BYLAWS

At the meeting of November 22, the following amendment will be proposed; it will be voted on the following week, November 29, at a special meeting.

Moved to amend Article II, Section I, Paragraph A by the addition of the following phrase:

"or a \$30.00 Lifetime Voluntary Active Renewal Fee."

The intention of this motion is to meet the request made by Robert A. Heinlein in the message quoted above.

## UPCOMING MEETING PROGRAMS

- November 29 -- Mixed-media presentation of photos, etc. taken at first meeting at the clubhouse.
- December 6 -- Nominations and campaign speeches for Procedural Director the January-June 1974 term of office.
- December 13 -- Elections of all procedural officers for January-June term.
- December 20 -- Annual LASFS/Christmas Gift Exchange. (Bring an inexpensive gift -- approximately \$1-2.00. On entering the club, you will be given a number. When all the gifts have arrived, numbers will be called at random, and the designated person will be able to choose from any of the wrapped gifts. If he does not want it, he may force-trade it with any of the gifts that have already been opened; the person whose number is chosen first may select from any of the gifts after all have been opened.

## MONEY-RAISING PROJECTS

There is a raffle underway now -- chances are being sold on a Cathy Hill drawing (on exhibit at the clubhouse) at 50¢ each.

The Fughead of the Year Contest is underway again. Nominate/vote early and often.

## EVANS-FREEHAFFER AWARD

This year, the annual Evans-Freehafer award, presented for service to the LASFS, was awarded to Bill Warren.

## ALSO OF INTEREST

Kees van Toorn, Dutch fan, will be in Los Angeles during December. Look for announcements of fannish outings and gatherings in these pages; next month.

FILMCON 2 will be taking place over the Thanksgiving weekend -- November 23-25 -- at the Hyatt Regency Hotel, 7th & Hope Streets, in Los Angeles. SF, Fantasy, & Horror Films will be shown. Also, Exhibits, Sales, Speakers, a Masquerade, etc. \$10 for all 3 days; \$5 for dailies.

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