

Program Changes

- The Readings and Kaffeeklatches listings in the Pocket Program pp. 116-121 have many wrong times. For correct times check the Program Grid or the Pocket Program's detailed descriptions.
- Cancel WSFS Thurs. noon meeting.
- Add Brotherhood Without Banners fan group gathering 7:30 p.m. Thurs. in Bronze West: Buckingham.
- Add GOH Presentation Rowena Morrill with Kathy and Rowena Morrill Thursday at 9:00 p.m. in Gold East: Columbus EF
- For more Thursday program changes, see Pink Sheet 01 at the Information Desk, newsletter distribution points, or the online Newsletter.

Credits

Tom Galloway, Michelle Melendez, Gary Blog, Lew Wolkoff, Jan van't Ent

David Malki on Worldcon

Last year at Renovation, cartoonist David Malki (www.wondermark.com) attended his first Worldcon. He wrote about his experience on his blog:

"Worldcon is nominally a gathering of science fiction fans, but that spreads to include fantasy, slipstream and horror, steampunk, and similar genres as well. It doesn't have a strong pop-culture component like SDCC or Dragon*Con; it prides itself on being a bit more literary."

"However, the thing that completely blindsided me

was the social component; the programming and the dealer activities all occur during the day, and then when the con ends, the parties begin."

"Entire hotel floors throw open their doors; hallways fill with people engaged in conversation; knots of congoers fill couches in lounge areas."

"Everyone leaves their badge on after hours — a thing that never happens at comic conventions. And people talk! Pros, fans, writers, editors, readers, vendors — they all just hang out and talk. All night long."

24 Or 6 2 1

The old *Chicago* song *25 Or 6 To 4* is close, but not quite the formula for how to take care of yourself at an extended convention.

Every 24 hours, get at least 6 hours of sleep, eat at least 2 full meals (a handful of snacks from the con suite is *not* a meal), and shower and change clothes at least once.

Note the use of "at least". If it's 90 de-

grees out with high humidity and you hike a half hour each way for a great Chicago pizza, you should shower and change again,

"Fan conventions were born out of a need for this connection; before the Internet, before Twitter, even before newsgroups and fanzines, the conventions were what brought like minds together. People showed up to meet other people like them. That is the heart of conventions — finding like minds; seeing something you love and finding other people who love it just as much."

Kaffeeklatch / Bheer Signups

Signups for Kaffeeklatches and Literary Bheers that start from 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. begin at 1 p.m. the previous day. Signups for ones starting at 3 p.m. or later begin at 9 a.m. the same day, both at the table near Registration.

R.I.P. Ken Hunt and Josepha Sherman. See p. 2



Obituaries

Ken Hunt 1955-2012

Chicon 7 Logistics head Ken Hunt died Aug. 20th of a cascading cardiac event. He was known for his love of science fiction, anime, and cooking. He once cooked 50 lbs. of potato pancakes for an X-Con.

Ken loved being with people, to the point where he considered his favorite bar to be his living room when filled with company.

He donated his organs, as well as donating any other remains to science.

Many on the Chicon concomm agreed that Ken “exuded an aura of calm that said ‘I’ve got this’ over everything he did”. He will be missed, both by Chicon 7 and the future cons he would’ve worked on and attended.

Josepha Sherman 1946-2012

SF and fantasy writer and folklorist Josepha Sherman died Aug. 23rd after a long illness. Winner of the 1990 Compton Crook Award for *The Shining Falcon*, she was also noted for her work as an editor at Tor and her Star Trek novels among numerous other works.

Jane Yolen described her as “irrepressible, unstoppable, and never quiet about books”. She was a welcome guest at many conventions.

First Night At The Adler Planetarium

Chicon 7 is pleased to present First Night at the Adler Planetarium. All Chicon 7 badges get you free admission to the Adler Friday through Monday, but Thursday night we’ll toss in free shuttles from the Hyatt to the Adler, telescope viewing sessions led by trained docents, and (for a \$5 charge) showings of *The Searcher*.

Shuttle service starts from Wacker Dr. in front of the East Tower at 6:00 p.m. and ends at 11:00 p.m.. The event itself lasts from 6:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m.. If you prefer to drive, parking will be available for \$13 at the lot off Solidarity Drive.

For more information, see www.chicon7.org/

Why-Fi? No, How Wi-Fi

The Hyatt is offering free Wi-Fi access in the convention function areas (It’s \$12.95 a day in the Hyatt hotel rooms). To access it:

- 1) Connect to the **Hyatt Conference** wireless network.
- 2) Start your web browser to access the login portal page.
- 3) Click on **High Speed Internet Access**.
- 4) Click **Have a username/password**.
- 5) Enter username **WSFS12** and password **scifi** (these are case sensitive).
- 6) Agree to the terms and select **Log In**.

Please be considerate of your fellow fen and do not overload the network by downloading large files.

The Chicago Code

Members are strongly urged to read Chicon 7’s Code of Conduct, either online at <http://www.chicon.org/code-of-conduct.php> or on page 6 of the Program Book. The rules stated in the Code will be enforced, and ignorance of them is no excuse.

Chicon Live

Chicon will be projecting images of the convention in the Concourse in the Riverside Center, but we need your help.

To share your photos of Chicon, please bring them by the Live Exhibit table in the Concourse. Or email live-exhibit@chicon.org You can also download them from a thumb drive at the table.

I’m Walkin’, Yes Indeed I’m Walkin’

A Worldcon tradition is the daily morning Stroll With The Stars. Each day, Friday through Monday, a different group of writers, artists, and editors meet at 9:00a.m. at the Big Front Door of the Hyatt (Main Entrance, Atrium Lobby, Green Level, East Tower, on Wacker Drive) to go on a group stroll for some-

where between a half hour and hour. Any convention member is welcome to join, and it’s a great chance to get to chat informally with people. Friday’s strollers are: Scott Edelman, Ellen Datlow, Edward James, Mary Robinette Kowal, Farah Mendlesohn, and Lawrence M. Schoen.

Submit!

Submit photos, news items, restaurant reviews, graft money (hey, it is Chicago), etc. to *The Write Stuff*, either at the email address in the page 2 masthead, or our Submissions Box at the Information Desk. Be sure to check out our online edition at www.chicon.org/newsletter with content we couldn’t fit here.

Parties

- Parties are all in the East Tower.
- Thursday, 11:00 p.m.: Geri Sullivan's 30th Fanniversary Party, in concert with the Minneapolis Party already running in 3471.
- 376—Filk Suite
- 9 p.m. 2970 Circlet Press 20th Anniversary.
- 9 p.m. 2976 Kansas City in 2016
- 9 p.m. 3471 MNSTF/Minicon/Minneapolis in 2073.
- 9 p.m. 3475 London in 2014.
- 9 p.m. 3473 Shamrocken: Dublin Eurocon in 2014
- Ongoing 376 Filk Suite.

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Hyatt Room Internet Errata; Newsletter Editor Tossed In Chicago River

The previous issue of *The Write Stuff* claimed the rate for Internet in your Hyatt Hotel room was \$8.95 a day (at least until corrected in later printings) This was in error...twice.

The editor got the rate from the Pocket Program, and then managed to typo that. However, the rate in the Pocket Program, \$9.95 a day, is also incorrect.

The correct rate is \$12.95. At least it better be, or the next issue of *The Write*

Stuff will have many mentions of moose, a la a certain Monty Python film's opening credits.

However, if you apply here for Hyatt's frequent stay program, Gold Passport, you will get free Internet in your room. If already a member, you must be Diamond or Platinum level for free Internet.

Please verify with the hotel Gold Passport membership prior to checkout regarding terms and costs.

... And Speaking of Hotel Rooms...

Be sure to leave a tip for Housekeeping. The usual is \$2/night/person in room, more if extra work is needed to clean your room. Particularly if you hosted a party.

Also, you should leave a separate tip each morning, rather than leaving one lump sum at the end of your stay. Different housekeepers may clean your room each day.

Rowena Morrill Update

Also in the previous issue, and on the Thursday Pink Sheet, a program change listed Artist Guest of Honor Rowena Morrill as appearing on "*GOH Presentation Rowena Morrill*" Thursday at 9:00 p.m..

Unfortunately, this change was in error. Ms. Morrill is still in the hospital, and will not be attending the convention. Her sister, Kathy, will do the presentation Rowena planned to make. That will take place in Gold East: Columbus.

Peter Sagal Update

As you may recall, former Special Guest Peter Sagal had to withdraw due to other obligations. Fortunately, he now will be

able to attend part of the convention. Look for Peter on *Hey Hey You TOLD ME*, Saturday at 9:00 a.m. in Green West: Crystal B.

WSFS Mark Protection Committee Meeting

The WSFS Mark Protection Committee (MPC), will meet at 6:00 p.m. Thursday in the Wright Room (West Tower, Silver Level). MPC is responsible for registering and protecting the intellectual property of WSFS, including the service marks on "Hugo Award" and "Worldcon." The meeting is open to every Worldcon member.

Opening Ceremonies



Opening ceremonies featured the debut of the Hugo base, a lovely glass and steel construct by Deb Kosiba, as inspired by Louis Sullivan (use of steel), Mies van der Rohe (glass and steel in skyscrapers), and Pablo Picasso (Cubist period). Kosiba previously designed the 2005 and 2006 Hugo bases.

Toastmaster Scalzi took the stage in his best (only?) suit jacket as a canonical talk show host, enjoying having a house band at his whim *way* too much. He proceeded to interview the various Guests of Honor, Special Guests, and under-the-weather GOH Rowena Morrill's sister.

A special guest was the co-chair of 1940's Chicon 1, Erie Korshak.

Panel Etiquette

1) Set your cell phone to vibrate or turn it off entirely. If it does go off and you do have to answer it, say as quietly as possible "Just a minute" and exit the room as discreetly as possible.

2) Do not yell out comments from the audience unless you're called upon. You are not on the panel.

3) Feel free to hold up your hand at any time...but Moderators are within their rights to ignore you or say something like "We'll be doing a Q&A later in the hour, but right now I'm going to let our panelists talk amongst themselves for a bit."

4) During the Q&A, a good moderator will give

preference to people who have not previously spoken, or those who have spoken less than others.

5) There are two types of things you can say when called on. A question or a comment.

a) Unfortunately, more and more people seem not to understand what a question is. To paraphrase from instructions given for a Q&A with Stephen Sondheim: "A question means you ask a question. A question is a sentence that begins with an interrogatory pronoun and it ends with a question mark and your voice goes up at the end. And it's one sentence. If it's more than one sentence, it's not a question. It

is not about you. We don't need to hear what the first Sondheim show was you saw and how it forever changed your life. Just ask a real question and sit down." Or, as another person once wrote, if your question wouldn't fit in a tweet, you might want to rethink it.

b) Similarly for a comment, unless it adds information to the discussion, your personal experiences aren't relevant. Comments should usually be brief; moderators are within their rights to ask that you get to the point. Honestly consider the question of "Does this comment add to the discussion, or am I just trying to impress people?"

Uncle Chicon Wants You!

It takes hundreds of people working hundreds of different jobs to make a Worldcon a success. If you're new to fandom, you may not know that everyone working on Chicon, from a door guarding gopher to Hizzoner the Convention Chair, is a volunteer. No one is being paid to work on the convention.

During Chicon, we still need fresh meat, er, new volunteers. In addition to helping out the con, it's also a great way to meet people as you work with them.

To volunteer, go to the Volunteer Desk in the Soldiers' Field Room on the Bronze Level of the West Tower.

What's Up Doc?

The Anime and Cartoons room is the Water Tower Room on Bronze Level West. For the room's schedule, see p. 169 in the Pocket Program.

Random Notes

- An English visitor, having had problems getting their Chip and Pin ATM card to work in US ATMs, reports having success with the ATMs at the nearby Chase Bank.
- Across the river, within a block of each other on N. Rush Street, are three restaurants suitable for fans with large appetites. Buca de Beppo features large portions of Italian food. Texas de Brazil is an all you can eat Brazilian churrascaria steakhouse. Heaven on Seven offers an all you can eat Cajun buffet (all at the table must participate) of fried chicken, catfish, jambalaya, and other dishes.
- Houlihan's on Wacker, below the Hyatt, has a breakfast buffet, drinks not included, for \$9.95.

Diamond Star Project [Not A Neil Diamond Cover Band]

Friday night at 7:30 p.m. in the Plaza Ballroom, Catherine Asaro will be performing the *Diamond Star Project*, a multi-media event combining rock music, dance, and readings from her book *Diamond Star*.

Performing with her will be Greg Adams, the keys player and band leader for the Diamond Star Ensemble which performs with Catherine in the Baltimore/Washington DC Area. As

special guest artists at Chicon, Catherine and Greg will be performing with the Chicago band Blue Soul, a rock and jazz band with David Berger on guitar and vocals, Michael Fiorino on bass, and Jack Skalon on drums.

Peter Sagal Update Update

We have been informed that although Peter Sagal will be attending Chicon over the course of the

weekend, his professional commitments do not allow him to participate on a predictable timeline, so he will not be appearing on any scheduled programming items. It's possible that he may participate in programming items or events on the spur of the moment.

In other news, a Møose once bit my sister ...

No realli!...(hopefully *not* to be continued....)

More Than Just Godzilla

If you'd like to learn more about science fiction in Japan, come to the combined *SF In Japan Update* panel and the *Seiun Awards* Friday 1:30-3:00 in Columbus E-F. This replaces the *SFWJ50* panel Monday at 9 a.m.

The Seiun Awards are the Japanese equivalents to the Hugos. Ironically, "seiun" most closely translates to English as "nebula".

Neil Reference #2 OF 3 My God, It's Full Of Fans! Collect Them All

Friday at 1:30 and 2:30, Chicago's famed Moebius Theater will present performances of two of Neil Gaiman's short stories, *Troll Bridge* and *Snow, Glass, Apples*.

They will also be performing the plays on Sunday.

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From First Night at the Adler Planetarium.

Members enjoying the stars or otherwise getting spaced out: 1360.

How many "My God, It's Full Of Stars!"? 6587.

Number of "BWA-HA-HA!"s by Chiconites? 42

And Now, A Word From Willow Rosenberg

"I think this line's mostly filler."

There's No Business Like WSFS Business...

WSFS (World Science Fiction Society), the governing body of the Worldcon, will be holding its annual business meetings at 10:30 a.m. Friday, 10:30 a.m. Saturday, and 10 a.m. Sunday in Columbus C-D. All Worldcon members are automatically members of WSFS and have both the right to be heard in the meetings and to vote on any matters that come to a vote.

This year's agenda is relatively light. The three main items are:

- 1) Final ratification for the addition of Best Fancast to the Hugo Awards (Hugo changes, and other significant matters, must be passed in two successive years to be ratified).
- 2) A "sunset" approval vote on the Best Graphic Story Hugo (when created, it was specified it would have to be re-ratified this year to be permanent).
- 3) A proposal for a new Young Adult Hugo Award, which if passed at Chicon must also be passed at next year's Worldcon to be added to the Hugo Awards.

Quantum Quest and Neil Armstrong

Friday at 6:00 p.m. in Columbus EF you can see the short animated educational film *Quantum Quest: A Cassini Space Odyssey* and hear a discussion about it by its creators. Of unfortunate particular interest at this time is that the film includes the voice of the recently deceased Neil Armstrong.

In addition to Armstrong, the film includes the voices of two Kirks (both Chris Pine and William Shatner), two Darth Vaders (Hayden Christensen and James Earl Jones), two Jedi (Mark Hamill and Samuel L. Jackson), and several other well known actors, both from science fiction and non-science fiction roles.

Dr. Harry Kloor, a personal friend of Neil Armstrong, will discuss Neil's role in the film and share memories of his conversations with Neil on space and science fiction.

There will also be time for the audience to share their experiences with Mr. Armstrong as well as their thoughts on his passing.



Voting The Chicon Party Ticket

Chicon will present awards at Closing Ceremonies for Best Overall Party, Best Food, and Best Themed Drink (all from Chicon 7, not whatever debauchery you pervesects engage in outside of the con. And yes, we mean pervesects. If you don't get the joke, read two Asprin and call us in the morning). One

vote per person per night, unless you happen to die on the same day after you voted, in which case, by Chicago law, you may vote again.

Ballots are at Registration and on the party floors. Ballot boxes will be on party floors in the evenings, otherwise at Registration and in the

Convention Office (Skyway 261) and Operations (Skyway 269).

PRs, Get Your PRs Here..

Copies of Chicon 7 Progress Reports 1-4 are available at the Registration Desk.

Parties

376	Filk Suite	
970	Hogwarts Reunion 18+	
2370	JASFIC Nippon 2007	
2558	Poly Chat	
2576	Night Bazaar	
2670	GT Party	
2676	Orlando in 2015	9:00
2770	Chicago.sf.org	9:00
2776	Reno Thanks	9:00
2777	Sim-Gen	8:00
2976	Mariehammin2016	9:00
3076	Heinlein Society	8:30
3077	Pirate Wedding Shower	9:00
3270	Repo the Genetic Opera	
3352	Westercon 66	8ish
3376	Spokane in 2015	
3472	Barfleet Party	8:00
3471	Seamstresses' Guild	9
3473	Shamroken	9:00
3475	London in 2014	9:00

Credits

Olaf Prot:
Special Moose Effects
Siggi Churchill:
Moose Costumes
Horst Prot III:
Moose Choreography
Hengst Douglas-Home:
Miss Taylor's Mooses
Jurgen Wigg:
Trained moose to mix concrete and sign complicated insurance forms
Bjorn Irkestom-Slater:
Mooses' noses wiper.

Theater Update

[We apologise for the fault in the subtitles. Those responsible have been sacked.]

This afternoon's plays based on Neil Gaiman's stories *Troll Bridge* and *Snow, Glass, Apples* were not performed by the Moebius Theater as previously reported. Rather, the performance was a collaboration of the Pintig Theatre, the Socratic Theatre Collective, and the Tattle Tale Theatre. The plays will also be performed Sunday at 1:30 in Columbus C-D (East: Gold).

Eating For The Weekend

Our Eyewitness Action News Investigative Reporter Unit reports that of the restaurants in the Illinois Center, the only ones open Saturday are:

- I Love Sushi 11a-3p
- Toyko Lunch 10a-2p
- Subway 10a-4p
- Sandwich Shop 10a-4p
- McDonalds 7a-3p

Sunday & Monday all are closed. Tokyo Lunch may be open on Sunday.

Moebius Theatre Performs The Island of Doctor Moreau

However, Moebius Theatre will be performing a live audio theatre adaptation of the H.G. Wells story *The Island of Doctor Moreau* at 8:30 p.m. Friday night in the Grand Ballroom.

We apologize to all four companies for the error.

Food Trucks, Glorious Food Trucks

Several food trucks will park near the Hyatt at the East end of Upper Wacker Drive (note: Upper. Be sure you're on the right one). Start times are approximate, and trucks may run of food before the end time.

Friday, 5-8 p.m. Pleasant House Bakery will serve pot pies and sweet pies, and Curried will serve Indian food.

Friday, 9-11:59 p.m. Babycakes will serve

Helsinki Joins 2015 Worldcon Race

At today's Fannish Inquisition, a panel where established and potential Worldcon bids present themselves for questioning by the audience, Helsinki, Finland joined the race for the 2015 Worldcon. Bid committee chair is Eemeli Aro.

Helsinki will be going up against Orlando and Spokane, WA for the 2015 Worldcon. Voting will take place at next year's Worldcon in San Antonio.

Also, Montreal announced its intent to begin bidding next year for 2017, going against Japan.

sweet & savory pancakes, Caponie's will serve Italian food.

Saturday, 9 p.m.-11:59 p.m., Caponie's returns with more Italian food.

Sunday, 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Curried returns, also at 5 p.m.-8:00 p.m.

Haggard Room Moved

The Haggard Room exhibit is now in the Art Show. All programming in the San Francisco room will continue as scheduled.

The Business OF WSFS Is Business

WSFS (World Science Fiction Society), the governing body of the Worldcon, held its first business meeting at Chicon Friday morning.

After heated debate, it was decided that Yngvi, declared a louse in de Camp and Pratt's *The Incompleat Enchanter*, remains a louse.

During the presentation of Worldcon financial reports, the chair of Nippon 2007 reported it has a debt of about \$84,000. Help is welcome to deal with this.

Saturday and Sunday's meetings start at 10:30 a.m. in Columbus C-D. Saturday's agenda is:

- Second ratification vote on creating Best Fancast Hugo (two "yes" votes at consecutive Worldcons are required).
- Restructure Semiprozine and Fanzine Hugos in accordance with Best Fancast, if passed.
- Ratification of Best Graphic Story Hugo, which has a sunset clause for this year.
- Create a new Young Adult Fiction Hugo (first vote, if passed would need to also be passed next year).

mmm. . . Chocolate

There will be a free chocolate tasting both Saturday and Sunday at 3:00 p.m. in the Con Suite. Attendance is limited to the first 50 to sign up at the Kaffee-klatsch table near Registration.

The tasting starts with a talk on chocolate origins and ends with sampling 5 different bars. Everyone gets a "Trained Chocolate Taster" ribbon.

Attention Former Worldcon Chairs

Pick up your packet and ribbon in Registration at the Program Participant station.

Earn Valuable Prizes! Volunteer!

Chicon still needs volunteers to make this the best con it can be. 10 hours of volunteer work for the con gets you a Mission Control lanyard, and 25 hours gets your membership fee reimbursed. Helping with move out after the con gets you double hours. To volunteer, go to the Soldiers' Field Room on the Bronze Level of the West Tower.

FREE BOOKS!!!

(If that doesn't get fans' attention, I don't know what will.) Several publishers have graciously donated several books for Chicon members. They can be found at the Science Fiction Outreach Project in the Fan Lounge in the Concourse and taken to a good home full of readers who will appreciate them. New and different titles each day!

Docent-Led Art Show Tours

Tour the Art Show with commentary by a knowledgeable docent.

Saturday, 10:00 a.m. Elizabeth Berrien

Saturday, 1:00 p.m. Mark Olson

Saturday, 3:00 p.m. John Hertz

Sunday, 10:00 a.m. Jane Frank

SFWA Table Author Signings

(Note: "Author Signings" means authors sign books or magazines or the like, not that you get to put your signature on the author. This explanation is required since the unfortunate Neil Gaiman incident.)

Saturday, 10:00 a.m. Mur Lafferty

Saturday, 10:30 a.m. Matthew Bennardo

Saturday, 11:00 a.m. David Brin

Saturday, 3:00 p.m. Lawrence M. Schoen

Saturday, 4:00 p.m. Lawrence C. Hines

Saturday, 5:00 p.m. Ellen Datlow

Sunday, 10:00 a.m. Cat Rambo, Catherine Lundoff

Sunday, 11:00 a.m. Seanan McGuire

Sunday, noon Lee Bardugo, 1:00 p.m. Jack McDevitt

Sunday, 3:00 p.m. Catherine Shaffer, Lissa Price

Sunday, 5:00 p.m. Jennifer Brozak

Monday, 10:00 a.m. Jack McDevitt

Fans On Film

There are various film crews filming the convention. Remember that the Code of Conduct (p. 6 in the Program Book) allows them to capture and broadcast your likeness.

Son of the Return to The Adler Planetarium

Remember, your Chicon 7 badge gets you free admission to the Adler through Monday.

ASFA Chesley Award

Winners

[For Work Done in 2011]

Best Cover Illustration: Hardback Book:
Tom Kidd for *Deathbird Stories*, by Harlan Ellison (Subterranean Press, March 2011)

Best Cover Illustration: Paperback Book
Matthew Stewart for *The Cloud Roads*, by Martha Wells (Night Shade, February 2011)

Best Cover Illustration: Magazine
Lee Moyer for *Weird Tales* #357 Winter 2010/2011

Best Interior Illustration
Julie Dillon for *The Dala Horse*, by Michael Swanwick (Tor.com, July 2011)

Best Gaming-Related Illustration
Michael C. Hayes for *Distress* (2012 Core Set Magic card), WotC, July 2011

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Child Care Available For Ages 6 Months-12 Years (Physical Age, Not Mental)

Parents, if you'd like to attend parties, the Masquerade, the Hugos, or actually see what's in the Art Show and your child is too young for ChiKidz, we have a solution for you. Kiddiecorp is providing licensed childcare in West Tower, Silver level, Burnham. Hours are Saturday and Sunday 9:30 a.m. to midnight and Monday 9:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Remember, if your child has a full membership, you have 10 pre-paid hours of childcare over the course

of the convention (usable only for the child, not one of the parents, no matter how much you need a liedown). Additional hours are available at \$12 an hour.

Kids-in-tow registered with the convention can also use Kiddiecorp's services for \$12 an hour.

Ask Not What Chicon Can Do For You, Ask What You Can Do For Chicon

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Tea For Two...Hundred?

Come join *Strange Horizons* for Saturday afternoon tea, from 4 to 6 p.m. in 2776 in the East Tower (aka a party floor, for those who recall where they were last night).

Help them celebrate twelve years of publishing great new fiction, nonfiction, and poetry every week.

Get Well, Stu!

Swing by the Fan Lounge on the Concourse and sign the Get Well Soon book for Hugo-winning fan artist Stu Shiffman who is recovering from a stroke.

Be Kind to Your Wheel-Footed Friends

Be courteous when using elevators in the Convention Center area. They are intended for people with mobility issues, particularly those using wheelchairs or mobies/scooters, or those with significant amounts of cargo. Please use escalators or stairs if possible.

Sunday Worship Service

While not in the Pocket Program, there will be an ecumenical Christian worship service 9:00 a.m. Sunday in Crystal C.

Long-time fan and Methodist minister Rev. Randy Smith will preside. Unlike in past years, we do not have a Catholic priest attending, but Catholic and Orthodox fans are still very welcome.

ASFA Chesley Award Winners (For Work Done in 2011)

Best Product Illustration
John Picacio for *George R.R. Martin: A Song of Ice and Fire*, 2012 Calendar, Random House, July 2011

Best Three-Dimensional Art
Tie: Michael Parkes for *Moonstruck*, bronze;
Vincent Villafranca for *Robotike*, bronze

Best Color Work: Unpublished
Omar Rayyan for *The Dragon and the Nightingale*

Best Monochrome Work: Unpublished
Raoul Vitale for *The Yeti*, pencil

Best Art Director
Irene Gallo for Tor

Award for Lifetime Artistic Achievement
Jean "Möbius" Giraud



A Chesley Award

A Resnick Life



Last night during his Guest of Honor speech, Mike Resnick covered topics ranging from remembering being born (pulled by his legs from a good place and screaming to be put back there) to what he now hopes to do at age 99.

On writing, he noted that being able to live from your writing, especially when supporting a family, depends on working under many pseudonyms in odd and not especially classy publications. To be proud of your work does require the good luck to be published, which also requires having a wonderful agent. It also helps to have talent and a great amount of perseverance.

It is possible to have great monetary success by working for Hollywood, although a good lawyer working with

you is a big help. It also can result in limited personal satisfaction. While one's name and fame can mean a lot, marketing is key; very moving scenes have been eliminated since they would've destroyed possible merchandising.

Finally Resnick stated that since he has achieved the ultimate writer's goal of being a Worldcon Guest of Honor, his new motivation is from his friend, Jack Williamson, whose last book at age 98 was dedicated to Resnick. He now plans to publish a book at age 99 dedicated to someone in this audience.

Autographings at the ISFiC Table

The following will be autographing at the ISFiC (*Illinois Science Fiction in Chicago*) table in the Dealers Room:

2 p.m. Jeff Duntemann
3 p.m. Harry Turtledove
4 p.m. Catherine Asaro

The Blind and the Masquerade

People with severe visual impairments will have the opportunity to touch and examine Masquerade costumes up close during the Masquerade's "halftime" period (after the presentation, while judges are deliberating).

To sign up for this opportunity, go to Disability Services by 6:00 p.m. Saturday.



SF at the
University of
Chicago

Many alumni attended, including John Scalzi.

06 The Write Stuff

Sat
PM

Moose Free Since Issue #4

Parties

- 376 Three Weird Sisters
5-7p
2370 Japan 10p
2376 ASFA until 12p
2470 JASFIC
2570 Great Dark
Horde 8-ish
2676 Orlando 2015 9p
2770 Immortal
Confusion 8p
2776 Commonwealth
2976 LoneStarCon 9p
3076 ChiZine 9p
3270 Repo: The
Genetic Opera/
Christopher Davis
3271 Pink & Blue -
Stina Leicht &
Cat Rambo 8p
3276 Brotherhood w/o
Banners 9p
3371 FenCon 9p
3376 Spokane 2015 9p
3471 Geek Partnership
Society (GPS)
After Masquerade
3470 The Barfleet 8p
3474 Baen Books/
Jim Minz 9p

Credits

Tom Galloway, Jan van't
Ent, Michelle Melendez,
Gary Blog, Lew Wolkoff,
Michael Schiffer

It's Just a Jump to the Left Timeline and a Step to the Right

The winners of the 2011
Sidewise Awards for alter-
nate history stories were:

Short Form:

Lisa Goldstein for *Para-
dise is a Walled Garden*,
in *Asimov's Science Fic-
tion*, August 2011.

Long Form:

Ian R. MacLeod for *Wake
Up and Dream* (PS Pub-
lishing).

The Day Chicago Strolled

Sunday's Stroll With The
Stars will be a half hour to
hour walk around the
neighborhood with Kate
Baker, Selena Chambers,
Gay and Joe Haldeman,
GOH Story Musgrave,
John Scalzi, Lawrence M.
Schoen, and Cat Valente.
To join in, meet at the Big
Front Door of the Hyatt
(Main Entrance, Atrium
Lobby, East Tower, on
Wacker Drive) at 9:00
a.m. (Editorial commen-
tary: Just stay up until then
instead of trying to wake
up then; it's easier.)

Literary Bheers Now Literary BYOBs

Due to a lack of demand,
there will no longer be
beer sold in the Con Suite
area. For the Literary
Bheers scheduled in that
area, attendees are encour-
aged to BYOB.

Interesting fact: Beers
bought in the hotel bars
can be carried to another
location in the hotel.

We're on a Mission From Chicon

Chicon is still looking for
volunteers. Note that use
of unnecessary violence in
the apprehension of volun-
teers HAS been ap-
proved. 10 hours of vol-
unteer work for the con
gets you a Mission Control
lanyard, and 25 hours gets
your membership fee reim-
bursed. Helping with move
out after the con gets you
double hours. To volun-
teer, go to the Soldier
Field Room on the Bronze
Level of the West Tower.

You People Are Wimps

Three days in a row now,
ye *The Right Stuff* editor
has set the day's high
score on the left Robotron
2084 machine.

No More Food Trucks

Due to a combination of
poor parking locations,
lack of demand, and the
illness of one of the own-
ers, there will be no more
food trucks for the rest of
Chicon.

Stanley Schmidt Retires As *Analog* Editor

Schmidt's successor is Tre-
vor Quachri, the managing
editor of *Asimov's* and *Ana-
log* for the last two years.

Schmidt said, "I have now
been editor of *Analog* for 34
years, tying or (depending on
how you count) slightly ex-
ceeding the previous longest-
tenure record of John W.
Campbell. I still enjoy it
thoroughly, but am leaving
to pursue a wide range of
other interests. Two of the
most important of these are
doing more of my own writ-
ing, and reading *Analog*
purely for the enjoyment of
it, which I expect to remain
at a high level under Trevor
Quachri's direction."

More Former Worldcon Chair Stuff

Former Worldcon Chairs'
packets are at the Chicon 7
Registration Desk, not at
Program Participants.

WSFS Business Meeting Results

Prior to the votes on ratifying the Best Fancast and ratifying the Best Graphic Story (under its sunset clause) Hugo categories, the current Hugo Administrator informed the meeting as to this year's nomination statistics for those categories.

The debate on Best Graphic Story featured an impassioned speech by multi-time category winner Phil Foglio. The result was that the category was ratified by a substantial majority.

The final ratification vote on the Best Fancast category resulted in a pass by acclamation. While it will appear on the Hugo ballot from now on, it must be re-ratified in 2016 under its sunset clause.

After minor amendments, the changes to the Fanzine and Semi-Prozine Hugo categories required by the creation of the Best Fancast Hugo were passed.

After considerable debate, the proposed Best Young Adult Hugo category failed 51-67.

Members of the Mark Protection Committee whose terms were expiring were re-elected by acclamation (Steve Dennis, Scott Boucher, and Don Eastlake).

Approximately 125 members attended the meeting.

Fen In Training



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WSFS Mark Protection Committee Meeting

The WSFS Mark Protection Committee will meet Sunday in Columbus CD after the 10:30 a.m. WSFS Business Meeting and the Worldcon Chairs Photo Opportunity. The Mark Protection meeting may have to move to a location to be determined "on the fly" should there be insufficient time remaining in the 10:30 programming slot in Columbus CD.

Renovation Gives Thanks

Renovation, 2011's Worldcon, thanks all its staff and volunteers who helped make it a success. If you are due a staff thank you t-shirt, please pick it up at the Fo' Paws table in the Dealers Room.



Former Worldcon

Chairs Photo Session

The traditional Worldcon Chairs Photo Opportunity will be held on Sunday morning in Columbus CD right after the Site Selection Business Meeting that starts at 10:30 AM. All former, current, and future Worldcon chairs are asked to attend if possible.

Lost an iPad Stylus?

Found: a Bamboo stylus for the iPad. If yours, mail samscheiner56@gmail.com

Aliens Among Us

The Mayor of Chicago is Rahm Emanuel. Therefore, the citizens are Rahmulons.

Masquerade Results

Presentation Awards

Most Compelling, Novice: *Prince Zuko of the Fire* by Torrey Stenmark

Most Humorous, Novice: *Dragon Rider of Pern* by Sharon Bass, Ita Vandenbroek

Best in Class, Novice: *Folken Fanel* by Mark Cloud

Best Re-Creation, Journeyman: *Sakura Hime from Tsubasa* by Michelle Mussoni

Best Original, Journeyman: *Mad Madame M's Marvelous Machine* by Margaret Gentile

Best in Class, Master: *Leather Sole Airship Pirates* by Charles, Kendra, Paul Wayman

Joni Stopa Award for Best in Show: *Lady of the Lake* by Aurora Celeste

Credits

Tom Galloway, Michelle Melendez, Gary Blog, Lew Wolkoff, Michael Schiffer, Jan van't Ent

London Worldcon Regenerates Again

In a completely expected result, London, the sole site on the ballot, will host the 2014 Worldcon under the name Loncon 3. London received 864 of the 932 votes cast. No Preference was second with 29, Peggy Rae's House third with 4, and Stockholm, Phoenix, and Minneapolis in '73 tied for fourth with 3 votes each. Minneapolis also received votes as "Minneapolis," "Minneapolis in 5773," and "Minneapolis in 2073." Perhaps the oddest vote was for "London in 2015".

This will be the third time Worldcon has been in London; previously it was there in 1957 and 1965. Worldcons were also held in Great Britain in 1979 and 1987 (Brighton) and 1995 and 2005 (Glasgow).

Guests of Honor will be Iain M Banks, John Clute, Malcolm Edwards, Chris Foss, Jeanne Gomoll, Robin Hobb, and Bryan Talbot. The convention will be co-chaired by Alice Lawson and Steve Cooper. Loncon will be doing Retrospective Hugo Awards for 1939.

Loncon 3 will happen the 14th through 18th of August, 2014 at ExCeL London, an exhibition centre in the east of London. Their website is www.loncon3.org, and they have a presence on social media sites Facebook, Twitter, LiveJournal, Dreamwidth, Flickr, and Tumblr.

Best In Show x 2

Aurora Celeste as the *Lady of the Lake*, winner of the Masquerade's Joni Stopa Award for Best in Show Presentation as well as the Best in Show Workmanship Award.

Judges were John Hertz, Bethany S. Padron, and Jon Stopa for Presentation, and Carole Parker and Gregory Rihn for Workmanship.



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Masquerade Results Workmanship Awards Novice Class

Folken Fanel for wing work.
Steampunk Kimono for dye work.
Sith Inquisitor for make-up.
Dragon Riders of Pern for pattern modification and repurposing of materials.
Suzaku the Phoenix for embroidery.
Sally Ragdoll for embroidery.
Phedre as Mara for most daring workmanship.
Suzaku the Phoenix for **Best Novice Workmanship**.

Journeyman Class

Gur for foam.
Sakura Hime for feathers.
Mad Madame M's Marvelous Machine for attention to detail and **Best Journeyman Workmanship**.

Master Class

Prince Zuko for nail work.
Leather Sole Airship Pirates for mechanical work.
Pleased To Meet You for their baby prop and a second award for their spinning wheel prop.
Welcome to the Future for hats.
Lady of the Lake: **Best In Show Workmanship**.



Folken Fanel
by Mark Cloud

Mad Madame M's Marvelous Machine by Margaret Gentile

Sakura Hime by Michelle Mussoni

Leather Sole Airship Pirates
by Charles, Kendra, & Paul Wayman



Pleased To Meet You
by Leah Reed, Janet Catherine Johnston, Carol Botteron, Donald Eastlake 3, Jill Eastlake

Steampunk Kimono
by Emma Roberts



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"Are you the police?" "No ma'am, we're Chicon volunteers."

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Parties

376 Filk Suite
2376 ASFA
2970 Arisia 2013 9p
2976 KC in 2016
3066 San Diego in 2015
Westercon
3070 Phoenix in 2014 9p
NASFiC Bid
3376 Spokane 2015 9p
3471 CONvergence
After Hugos
3473 Shamroken 9p
3475 Loncon 3 9p

Restaurants

The Subway in the Illinois Center will be open Monday 9 a.m.– 4 p.m.

The Subway on Michigan and South Water will be open tonight until midnight and Monday from 6 a.m. to midnight.

The Potbelly on Lake and State will be open tonight until 10 p.m. and Monday 6 a.m. to 10 p.m.

Credits

Tom Galloway, Gary Blog, Lew Wolkoff, Michael Schiffer, Jan van't Ent, Michelle Melendez

Pizza In The Con Suite

[The Good Stuff, Giordano's and Uno's]

Midnight tonight, there will be a pizza pajama party in the Con Suite. In addition to pizza from classic Chicago pizza institutions Giordano's and Pizzeria Uno's (editorial note: this is the original Uno's, not one of the nationwide franchises. It is not owned by the franchising company, and the pizzas from the original are, in my opinion, much better tasting), there will be prizes for the best pajamas (PG rated only!).

Artist Showcase Still Available

Copies of the 150 page, full color, *Artist Showcase* book spotlighting the work of artists in the Chicon 7 Art Show are still available for a mere \$10. Check in the Art Show or Sales To Members for copies.

¿Habla Español?

LoneStarCon 3 has announced that one of their programming tracks will be in Spanish.

As a side note, don't ever try to pull a joke on George (Mr. Sulu) Takei that assumes he doesn't speak Spanish like a native. Just trust the Editor on this, as he learned in Yokohama of all places.

It's 106 Miles to the Hyatt, We Got a Full Tank of Gas, Half a Con Suite Bagel, It's Dark... and We're Wearing Sunglasses and Neither One of Us Is Neil Gaiman

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Sweet, Sweet, Chocolate Vengeance

Despite taunting written by my own two level up superior in the Chicon org chart and arriving a half hour late due to the job Steven gave me, ye Editor still managed to win this year's Trivia For Chocolate. A free tip to the quizmasters; next time use up the comics questions before I get there. The top five scorers in terms of number of pieces of chocolate caught for a correct answer were:

Tom Galloway 32, Jordin Kare 29, Alan Zieberth 23, Rich Horton 22, and Fred Robinson 21.

George R. R. Martín Brings Dead Character Back to Life For Chicon

Ron Donachie, who played Ser Roderik Cassel in HBO's *Game of Thrones*, has had his head re-attached by GRRM. He will be signing autographs Monday 1:30-3:00

Masquerade Results Corrections

In the previous issue, we incorrectly identified the winner of the Most Compelling Novice category. The correct winner was *Sith Inquisitor* by S. Kay Nash.

The costume we did identify, *Prince Zuko of the Fire* by Torrey Stenmark, was actually the winner of Best Choreography, Master category.

We apologize to both costumers for the error.

The Masquerade program stated that *Dragon Rider of Pern* had only two people associated with it. Barbara Galler-Smith was also involved with the entry.

More Restaurants

The Halsted Street Deli at State and Lake and the Corner Bakery Cafe on Whacker report that they will be open on Labor Day.

Shipping Out

The Staples on Wabash and Washington will be open for shipping on Monday.

WSFS Update

The WSFS Mark Protection Committee will meet Monday, 10:30 AM, in Columbus CD, in the programming slot listed for the WSFS Business Meeting. There will be no WSFS Business Meeting on Monday.

Art Show Awards

The awards from the Chicon 7 Art Show are:

Judges' Awards:

Tom Kidd, *Abrizonde*

Butch Honeck, *Siege Turtle Catapult*

Elizabeth Berrien, *Body of Work*

Jean-Pierre Normand, *Cylinders*

Mitchell Bentley, *Sky Course Rivalry*

Richard Hescox, *Heart of Atlantis*

Delphyne Woods, *Jupiter From Io*

Caroline Nicita, *Primeval*

The Jane Frank Guest of Honor's Choice Award went to Rowena for *Permette Signorina*.

The Fan Choice Award went to Elizabeth Berrien for *Entwife, Tree Spirit*.

A Dying SF Fan's Last Stroll...or Shamble

Monday's Stroll With Stars is a half hour to hour walk around the neighborhood with Laura Anne Gilman, Liz Gorinsky, Stephen H. Segal, and Steven H Silver, people who have committed themselves to getting up at 9:00 a.m. after four days of a Worldcon `<editorial_comment>`as opposed to committing themselves to an asylum`</editorial_comment>`. If you would like to shuffle zombie-like with them, meet at the Big Front Door of the Hyatt (Main Entrance, Atrium Lobby, Green Level, East Tower, on Wacker Drive). Note that word has it that zombies may show up for this edition of the stroll.



Golden Duck Awards

This year's Golden Duck Awards for children's sf and fantasy works were given to the following:

Picture Book Award to *Earth to Clunk* by Pam Smallcomb, illustrated by Joe Berger.

Eleanor Cameron Middle Grades Award to *Worst-Case Scenario Ultimate Adventure #2: Mars!* By Hena Kahn and David Borgenicht.

Hal Clement Young Adult Award to co-winners *A Beautiful Friendship (Star Kingdom)* by David Weber and *A Long, Long Sleep* by Anna Sheehan.

Carl Brandon Society Awards

The 2010 (yes, that's the right year) Carl Brandon Parallax Award for a work of sf created by a self-identified person of color went to *Redemption in Indigo* by Karen Ford. The Kindred Award for a work of sf dealing with issues of race and ethnicity was awarded to *Who Fears Death* by Nnedi Okorafor.

To nominated works for the 2011 Awards (through next week!) or the 2012 (through March 2013), please visit the Society website at carlbrandon.org.

Parties

Con Suite: Dead Dog

Donations for Dead Dog should go to the New Orleans function room near Con Suite.

Staff Den will be open but unmanned from 2 p.m. to 10 p.m.. When the food placed out runs out, it will not be replenished.

Fire Sale

Bid on Chicon 7 office equipment and other leftover supplies, Mon. 1 p.m. in Grand B.

Explaining Stagg Field

The program items listed for Stagg Field were fictional dream program items, featuring three panelists; one dead, one alive, and one fictional.

Credits

Tom Galloway, Gary Blog Lew Wolkoff, Michael Schiffer, Jan van't Ent, Michelle Melendez

Apologies From The Editor

To start with, I apologize most sincerely for misspelling Juanita Coulson's last name in the Hugos issue. While there are a number of excuses I could make for this, it was inexcusable to do so, particularly given that she had won the Big Heart Award and for all her accomplishments and actions which led to her receiving it.

Second, I apologize for what turned out to be a non-existent to limited online presence for the Newsletter. I had some semi-grand plans to really expand the usual posted PDFs, but lack of time (for several reasons) and the addition of extra formatting and printing duties kept this from happening.

I take full responsibility, but the lesson I learned which future Worldcon newsletters may wish to follow is that one or two people should have had the sole job of being responsible for the online content, working in conjunction with the folk responsible for the print Newsletter.

— Tom Galloway

Dead Puppies Aren't Much Fun But Dead Dogs Are

The traditional post-con party, the Dead Dog, will take place in the Con Suite until at least midnight. If you have leftover party supplies to donate to it, please bring them to the New Orleans function room near the Con Suite.

How to Help Nippon 2007

Would you like to help clear the deficit that resulted from Nippon 2007, the Worldcon for that year? You can make a non-tax-deductible donation to help reduce the debt by sending a check payable to Nippon 2007 to BWAWA, P.O. Box 314, Annapolis Junction, MD 20701-0314 or see Peggy Rae Sapienza or Bob MacIntosh.

We Hate Illinois Nazis, But We Love Illinois Volunteers

(Yeah, we're stretching for Blues Brothers quotes here. Fortunately, this is the last issue.) Chicon is still looking for volunteers. 10 hours of volunteer work for the con gets you a Mission Control lanyard, and 25 hours gets your membership fee reimbursed. Helping with move out after the con gets you double hours. To volunteer, go to the Soldier Field Room on the Bronze Level

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It was either that or a tasteful selection of moose pictures and jokes.

Luna Project Prize Drawing Winners

1st prize, Sheila G. of Rochester, NY, badge number unknown.

2nd prize, Queen of the Universe, badge 6472

3rd prize, Laura Grossman, badge 4070

Please come by the Luna Project table to collect your prizes. Also, Chicon 7 Guests of Honor will receive a Luna Project medalet if they come by the Project's table in the Exhibits area.