

DUFF Newsletter #6, March 1981. This issue edited by Ken Fletcher, 341 East 19th Street, Minneapolis, MN 55404, USA, for the Down Under Fan Fund (DUFF). Co-administered in North America by Linda Lounsbury and in Australia by Keith Curtis, Box J175, Brickfield Hill, NSW 2000 AUSTRALIA. As of June, the North American DUFF Administrator will be Joyce Scrivner, 2528 15th Ave. S., Minneapolis, MN 55404. DUFF was started in 1972 to support and subsidize an exchange of science fiction fans between Australia and North America. (Hm. That sounds too much like an exchange of prisoners....) Australia Worldcon in 1983!



Joyce Scrivner is the 1981 DUFF representative. Great marsupial willing, she will travel from Minneapolis to Melbourne (via LA and Sydney) and then on to Adelaide for the Australian National SF Convention (where she will be wined and dined as a de facto Guest of Honor-- South Australia is a good place to be wined, too!). On her leisurely, regenerative way home she will linger to visit in Melbourne, Canberra, and Sydney. She's looking forward to meeting face-to-face many fans that she knows only thru apazines, fanzines, & other correspondence.

Voting

Joyce had a total of 80 votes; Jon Singer had 40. There were 6 write-in votes, making a total of 126 votes cast.

Australian votes:

Joyce Scrivner: 34 Jon Singer: 20 write-ins: John Berry; Hold Over Funds; "Write In".

North American votes:

Joyce Scrivner: 46 Jon Singer: 20 write-ins: Hugo Wombat; Hold Over Funds; No Award

1981 North American DUFF voters: Alyson Abramowitz, Sharron Albert, Clifton Amsbury, Harry Andruschak, Carol Anndy, Michael Aurelius, Gerri Balter, Marie Bartlett, Harry Bell, Janet Bellwether, T. L. Bohman, Alan Bostick, David Broadbent, Linda Bushyager, David Clark, Rich Coad, Eli Cohen, Lea Day, Robert Doyle, G.A. England, Moshe Feder, Jan Howard FINDER, George Flynn, Donald Franson, Gilbert Gaier, Mike Glicksohn, Mike Glycer, Seth Goldberg, Arthur Hlavaty, Terry Hughes, Gayle Kaplan, Ken Konkol, Fred Haskell, Douglas Hoylman, Jane Jewell, Jerry Kaufman, Rebecca Lesses, Dennis Lien, Lesleigh Luttrell, John Miesel, Sandra Miesel, John Millard, Joyce Odum, Bruce Pelz, D. Potter, Pat Potts, Kennedy Poyser, Grace Riger, William Rotsler, Ronald Salomon, Joyce Scrivner, Kristen Sellgren, Andi Shechter, T. L. Sherred, Al Sirois, Richard H.E. Smith, Frank Sobolewski, Richard Tatge, Matthew Tepper, Suzanne Tompkins, Bruce Townley, Gregg Trend, Laurraine Tutihasi, Joan Marie Verba, Thomas Walls, George H. Wells, Dave Wixon, Ben Yalow, Judy Zelazny, Roger Zelazny! ((Whew! Now I remember one of the reasons we didn't do this last year! Apologies for any clerical errors or misplaced letters.))

More Cosmic DUFF Finance - stuff

Balance as of 1 December, 1980 was \$968.85, in the DUFF savings account. As of 9 February, 1981 that total had increased to \$1196.00, with most of the additional funds coming from donations sent with the DUFF ballots. \$920.00 was withdrawn and sent to Australia for the purchase of round-trip trans-Pacific airfares (Robin Johnson, agent). As of 1 March, 1981, balance in the DUFF savings account is \$276.00. North American DUFF will attempt to purchase round-trip airfare for Joyce (Minneapolis-Los Angeles) from the balance, plus part of auction proceeds or donations that may come in before June. Australian DUFF is assisting with Joyce's expenses within Australia.

For your general information and to provide a base for comparison, I'm going to pass on a summary prepared by Linda Lounsbury of our DUFF trip in 1979. Bear in mind: inflation (especially in transport prices) Australia's size (continental U.S.), and that this is more in the form of notes based on information easily at hand--much like last issue's notes on the 1980 DUFF trip. Our trip lasted one month.

Income: From North American DUFF: \$1500.00. From Aussie DUFF: approximately \$750.00 in the form of a trans-pacific airfare for Ken. The Better Half Transfer Fund (Linda & me, & mostly Linda): \$800.00 (a lot from Mpls.). A gift from my parents: \$5000.00. Tot: \$3550.00

Expenses: Airfare (Mpls.-Sydney) approx. \$2000.00; Railpasses, \$500.00; train berths, approx. \$175.00; taxis/subways/etc., approx. \$100.00; Lodging, \$85.00; Food (inc. train), \$350.00; Misc., \$30.00; Entertainment, \$35.00; Gifts/souvenirs, \$315.00. Total: \$3600.00

Pre-travel expenses: approx. \$130.00.

The train was usually comfortable, but no bargain. Our travels were a step above spartan. It was fortunate we had hospitable fans to visit with....Wait a minute! This is turning into a *trip report!* Can't have that. Real soon now, tho....

DUFF candidates? Are you there?

If you are corresponding with an Aussie fan (or mob of them) help DUFF out by recruiting some of them to run for DUFF. Next DUFF race will bring an Aussie to a North American Worldcon--Chicago, looks like. If you aren't in contact with an Australian sf fan or five, try it! If nothing else, you can probably meet a few at the Denvention Worldcon. There'll probably be a batch there (having cleaned out their savings for the trip) bidding for the 1983 Worldcon in Sydney. A nice place to visit & you might want to give the people who live there a chance to show you how nice a Worldcon can be.

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