

# DE PROFUNDIS

This is De Profundis #71, the official newsletter of the Los Angeles Science Fantasy Society. It is published irregularly, and has been edited by Bill Warren. It is free to all active members of the LASFS, including those who have paid their Voluntary Active Membership Fee. It is also available for trades, contributions, artwork, etc. The LASFS meets every Thursday night at 8:00 at the LASFS Clubhouse, 11360 Ventura Blvd, Studio City, 91604. Telephone: SO WUT IF.

## 40th ANNIVERSARY

1974 marks the 40th Anniversary of the founding of LASFS. To mark the occasion, program director Len Moffatt has planned a series of programs at meetings. The basic idea is to have a panel of members of the club who were most active at different times in the club's history, and who were active in different phases of the club's activities. The subjects to be discussed include LASFS meetings over the years -- how they looked, felt, etc.; the LASFS in fannish organizing; the LASFS & Fanzines; Conventions; and LASFS Members who have become professional writers. One night will be devoted to an auction of fannish material. These meetings are scheduled for September 26th, October 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th, and 31st. Panelists who have been invited to participate include Forry Ackerman, Ray Bradbury, Greg Chalfin, Walt Daugherty, Bill Ellern, Dave Fox, Jack Harness, Al Lewis, Craig Miller, Larry Niven, Bruce Pelz, Bill Rotsler (who did the logo for this), Rick Sneary, Milt Stevens, Bjo Trimble, John Trimble, and A.E. van Vogt. In addition to the programs on meeting nights, on October 5th and October 19th at the clubhouse will be programs of slides and movies from various eras in the club's history. If you have any of these you wish to share, bring them to the club on the appropriate night.

The Annual Anniversary Banquet, this year more significant than usual because of the 40th Anniversary, will be held on October 25th, a Friday, at 8:00, in the Regency Room of the International Hotel. Tickets are \$8.00, and should be obtained from Treasurer Bruce Pelz at a club meeting, or from his home address, 15931 Kalisher, Granada Hills, CA 91344 (361-7827). He must receive orders no later than 23 October. Both the Forry Award, for service to science fiction, and the Evans-Freehafer Award, for service to the LASFS, will be presented at the banquet. Guest speaker & guest of honor will be none other than the ever-loving, devil-may-care, dashing man-about-town, ROBERT BLOCH.

## LIBRARY & LIBRARIAN

Because of time limitations, Phil Castora was forced to resign as the LASFS Librarian. Lee Gold has now assumed the post, and is trying to get the library into usable shape. Forthcoming issues of De Profundis will carry details of the book-loan plan.

## SPECIAL VOTES TO BE TAKEN

On August 22nd, the LACon closed its books by presenting to the LASFS all assets and liabilities still outstanding. The LASFS voted to accept these and place all funds in a special account, after cancelling the \$1300.00 debt owed by the LASFS to the LACon. The funds in the account are to be withdrawn only after voting at 2 consecutive meetings

and the Board of Directors agreed to their use. The membership was to be notified of these votes. It was immediately moved to hold special meetings for these votes; they will be held on September 26th and October 3rd. These are important meetings; if you are at all interested, please be sure to attend.

#### NEW EDITOR NEXT ISSUE

I've had a good time on this newsletter the past several years, but outside interests & pressures have now precluded the time that must be spent to do with job right. A new editor will be selected in the near future. Goodbye.

#### BOOKCASE SPONSORS NEEDED

To help defray the cost of constructing the bookcases in the LASFS library, sponsors for the bookcases are needed. To sponsor a case costs \$28.00 (\* two at \$43.00). Your name will go on a plaque on the bookcase as the sponsor of that one. Send the money to Bruce Pelz at the club address.

#### PROJECTOR FUND

When Ray Bradbury gave the club an old 16mm projector earlier this year, he warned us that it wasn't any good. After it was examined by Bob Greenberg, we discovered that Ray was right. So now, for LASFS movie nights, we need to obtain a good 16mm sound projector. Therefore, the Projector Fund has been started; if you wish to donate money to this, send it to the club address in care of Bill Warren (that's me). If you wish to donate material to be auctioned off to raise money for the projector purchase, please notify Bruce of this when you give the material to him.

#### NEW PATRON SAINT

By donating \$500.00 to the LASFS, DOUG ABE recently became the club's 6th Patron Saint. He selected the 27th meeting as Saint Doug's Day.

#### PERSONAL NEWS

Jim Hollander & Stasia Spade have announced their engagement. // Freff has been accepted as a student at Florida's Clown College. // Barry & Lee Gold will hold their Fourth Sunday Party on Sept. 22nd, at 2471 Oak St, Santa Monica, CA 90405. Call KX 2-4458 for details.

#### BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

The next regular meeting of the LASFS Board of Directors will be held Sunday October 6th at 2:00 at the clubhouse. All members are welcome.

#### FUGGHEAD OF THE YEAR CONTEST

It's that time of year again, folks, when you can exorcise all those petty hostilities by nominating your friends and fellow club-members as Fugghead of the Year. It costs 50¢ to nominate a LASFS Member (and \$3.50 to nominate a non-member); votes thereafter are 1¢ each for positive, 2¢ each for negative. Be a LASFS hostility exorcist.

#### FORRY NEWS

In March, Perry Rhodan will be stepped up to 3 novels a month, and in May, the Atlan series will begin on a monthly basis. // Esquire magazine photoed and interviewed Forry for its December issue.

#### HUGO WINNERS

Novel: Rendezvous with Rama, Clarke; Novelet: "Deathbird," Ellison; Novella: "The Girl Who Was Plugged In," Tiptree; Short story: "The Ones Who Walk Away from Omlas," LeGuin; Dramatic: SLEEPER; Fan Artist: Tim Kirk; Pro Artist: Kelly Freas; Fan Writer: Susan Wood; Pro Editor: Ben Bova; Fanzine: tie - ALGOL and THE ALIEN CRITIC; Special Hugo: Chesley Bonestell.