



THE SFSFS SHUTTLE

The Official Newszine of the South Florida Science Fiction Society

■ SFSFS TAX-EXEMPT!

Treasurer Peggy Dolan reports (joyously) that a letter received from the Internal Revenue Service shortly after the last meeting states that SFSFS has been granted tax-exempt status. It has been a long, hard fight over a number of years, but at last the IRS has given our fine group an exemption from federal taxes under section 501 (c)(3) of the tax law. This also means that contributions to SFSFS are now to be considered tax-deductible. This is certainly welcome news, and we all owe a debt of thanks to everyone who worked so hard to bring this about. Onward and upward!

■ APRIL MEETING

The next SFSFS meeting will be held Saturday, April 23, 2 p.m., at the Coral Springs Library, Main Branch, in Coral Springs. The address is 10077 NW 29th Street. The phone is 752-4080.

DIRECTIONS: Take I-95 to Sample Road. Take Sample Road west past University Drive. The first left is Coral Hills Drive. Take Coral Hills Drive to 29th Street, then take a right. The library is one block past the hospital.

PROGRAM: The subject will be the Well-Read Fan and Florida Writers. Be there or be square!

MAY 14th MEETING: Time and location TBA; Judy Bemis will take us on a trip through the wonderful world of newzines (...I have a feeling this isn't Kansas, Toto...).

■ LIGHTS...CAMERA...



The next Video Production Meeting will be held at Peggy Gemigani's, 3200 NE 18th Ave. #10, April 4 at 7 p.m.. Call 771-4658 for directions. The production is moving along nicely, and filming should start soon.

■ BORED MEETING TIME

No, no---that's *Board* Meeting! Silly me. There will be a board meeting at Bill Wilson's place, April 6th at 7 p.m. Topics under discussion will be the chair for Tropicon 8, the SFSFS library, the media research film, and if the Traveling Fete Chair should sit on the board (don't most chairs sit on the floor??). For directions, call 983-0749.



■ HEAR YE! HEAR YE!

(Your Editor Speaks) Hard to believe another month has gone by. Here we are back for a second flight on the Shuttle (that will teach me to volunteer...). Caught up in the first throes of Spring (and the first groans of Daylight Saving Time), our organization is facing a lot of promising new changes, not the least of which is the long-delayed, but welcome resolution to the matter of tax-exemption for SFSFS. The group's increasing work with, and recognition from, Channel 2 increases our viability and effectiveness, and our special projects are expanding. The future looks promising indeed, so let's keep the ball rolling, gang!

■ Sing Along with Fran

The next folksinging meeting will be held April 9th at 7 p.m. at the Phillips/Mullen residence, 1611 SW 120th Ave., Pembroke Pines. Call 435-9572 for directions.



Francine Mullen states that she is trying to raise money for a folk guest for Tropicon VII. Contributions for such a venture, as was done for Leslie Fish, may be given to Fran.

MORE NEWS INSIDE..... ➡

■ The Write Stuff?

The next Creative Writing meeting will be held April 10, 2 p.m., at Doug and Kathy Wu's. Call 737-8028 for directions. Their address is 520 NW 7th Street, Boynton Beach.

■ Media Research



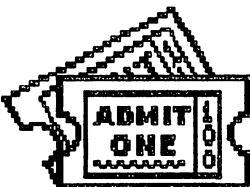
The next Media Research meeting will be held on April 29, at 7:30 p.m.. The topic will be women writers, to concur with the literary discussion group's theme. Time and place TBA.

■ Feeling Bookish?

The next literary discussion meeting will occur on April 15th at 7 p.m. (assuming that everyone has their taxes done by then!). The place: the Miranda/Clemens residence in W. Palm Beach, 4700 Jeffery Avenue. Call them at 848-3068 for directions. *Please RSVP.* The June and September meetings will be held at the Klein/Max residence (so don't say we didn't warn you early enough!).

■ London, Anyone...?

Mark Baumgarten is still selling raffle tickets for the *Dr. Who* trip to London (including lunch with the *Dr. Who* team!). The price? A paltry \$3.50 for one ticket, or two tickets for \$5.00. Deadling for buying is April 14th, and the winner will be announced on April 15th. *What are you waiting for??* For more information, call Mark at 651-5259. If he is not home, leave a message.



■ Fete Complete...

The Traveling Fete will take place at the Holiday Inn on Merritt Island (260 East Merritt Causeway, Merritt Island, FL 32952. On Friday, July 15th, Joseph Green will conduct a tour of the space center (not to be missed). There will be a banquet with a choice of entrees---chicken cordeau bleu, fish, or meat, priced at \$13.50 per person. Room rate at the Holiday Inn is \$39.00 per day, single through quad (so find three friends you can stand).



■ March Meeting Revisited

The meeting was held at WPBT, Channel 2, at 2 p.m.. Total attendance was 20 members, including writer Lee Hoffman, and 3 guests. Current membership is 69; 26 of those are general; 26 are regular (including 12 founding members; there are 4 child, 7 honorary, and 6 business members. Kat Max stated that the directory was under way, but needed the Chairman's (Chairperson's) message. Minutes are available on request from Kat Max.

PROGRAM: Mary Souder led us on a very interesting trip through WPBT, Ch. 2's various rooms. We got to watch the employees do their jobs in monitoring and airing the programs for Ch. 2. This included a walk down the halls and into some of the station's studios. One employee showed us how she used a control board, a switcher, and how she generated special effects. Another kept an eye on the aired program to make sure levels and programming were acceptable. We also saw how a computer works to accept telephone calls for pledges. Many thanks to Mary and the employees of Ch. 2 for an enjoyable tour through the station.

NO PUN FINES WERE COLLECTED! This is owing to the fact that Mitch Silverman was not in attendance at this meeting.

■ Take a Flyer!

Tropicon VI has new flyers. Get them from Edie Stern and put them in your favorite store. Local publicity will be done by Carol Porter (*who?*). Tropicon has picked its hotel (and it's not Holiday Inn Oceanside!). It is the Lauderdale Surf Hotel & Marina, a Days Inn Property, located at 440 Seabreeze Boulevard, Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33316. Phone: 462-5555. Rooms are \$47.00 a night, single through quad, and we suggest you reserve a room early.

■ Games People Play

The Gaming Committee is considering a *Star Wars*, *Star Trek*, or *Dr. Who* role playing game to be held at Under the Stars, either Friday or Sunday nights. For more info, call Peggy Gemigani at 771-4658.

■ Who??

TRI, the *Dr. Who* Club of Dade County, holds its next meeting at the W. Dade Regional Library, Coral Way & 94th Ave., April 16, at 12 noon. Future meetings may be held at other libraries.

9th International Conference on the Fantastic Comes to Dania

By Carol Porter

The 9th International Conference on the Fantastic in the Arts came to Dania, Florida March 16-20, after a long period of time during which the conference had visited other states. The conference brought such well-known writers as Peter Beagle, Stephen Donaldson, Brian Stableford, Brian Aldiss, Harlan Ellison, Octavia Butler, Tom Maddox, Justin Leiber, Joe Haldeman, editor David Hartwell, writer and scholar Kathryn Hume, and other writers, teachers, and attendees.

Special programs included a keynote address by Harlan Ellison, a scholarly address and luncheon with Kathryn Hume, films by Ellison (mostly from *The Twilight Zone*), and Beagle's *The Last Unicorn*. A program on computer graphics was presented by Donna Cox which showed graphics being used in such diverse subjects as grain studies and a hypothetical trip through a black hole.

Teachers from across the nation came to the conference to read papers on the fantastic in literature, films, and television. Subjects ranged from Dante to Stephen King. Many of the writers also read from their works---either those in progress or ones recently published.

One of the themes for the weekend was the censorship felt by authors when they tried to publish their work as expressed in Ellison's keynote address and also in an author's panel with Beagle, Stableford, Aldiss, Donaldson, Butler and Ellison. Each writer had a bad experience. Ellison related an experience when introductions to his stories were left out in England because British readers thought they were extraneous.

Donaldson concurred with Ellison, telling the audience about the publisher who wanted to break up the second book of his Thomas Covenant series (*A Man Rides Through*) into a third. He fought hard, but said he felt he was lucky to be able to keep the book in the manner he wanted it to be presented.

On a better note, the writers mentioned some good experiences with copy editors who were a help rather than a hindrance. It was thought

that if writer and editor worked as a team, the marketplace would be an easier place to work.

Awards were presented Saturday night with a speech by Guest of Honor, Peter Beagle. The conference concluded Sunday with a meeting of the International Association for the Fantastic in the Arts. 🐾

Who's Who at Two

On March 19th at 9 p.m., SFSFS members appeared at the *Dr. Who* event in Miami at Channel 2. The event featured Terry Nation of *Dr. Who* and *Blake's 7*; Eric Luskin, *Dr. Who* Producer; Jack Horkheimer of Channel 2's *Star Hustler*, and Channel 2's Mary Souder.

Prior to the event, there was a wine and cheese reception.

The program included taped interviews with Sylvester McCoy, the seventh doctor, questions and answers with Terry Nation, airing of *Time and the Rani*, the first McCoy episode, and interviews with local clubs, Omnicon and SFSFS being examples. Carol Gibson was interviewed about SFSFS.

The final total raised was \$19,300, which will go toward more SF programming on Channel 2. The event concluded sometime around 1:30 a.m.

Now Hear This!

Last minute news from Kat Max: the new SFSFS Directory is ready! Pick up your copy at the next general meeting. Copies will only be mailed if Kat Max is notified in writing (new rule). So come and get it while it's hot!

ALSO: Committee heads are instructed that they are supposed to keep track of committee meeting attendance, time, what's done, etc., and turn in the info to the SFSFS Secretary via the P.O. Box address below.

AND A WELCOME to new honorary members, GEORGE R.R. MARTIN and FRANK KELLY FREAS.

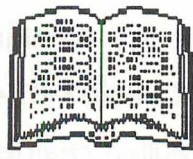
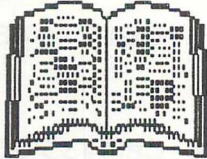
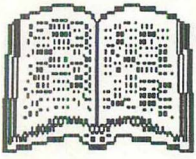
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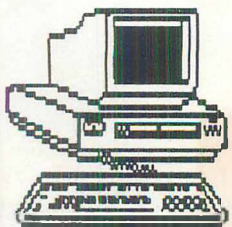
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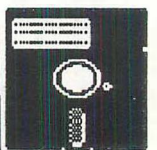
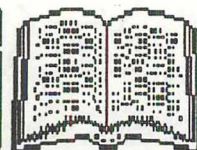
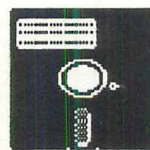
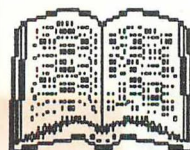
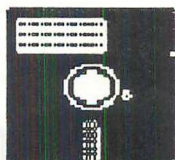


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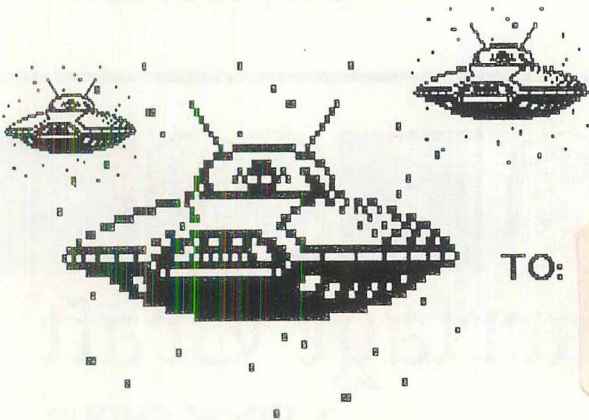
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