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OF THE MONTREAL
SCIENCE FICTION
AND FANTASY
ASSOCIATION

LE BULLETIN
D'INFORMATION
DE L'ASSOCIATION
MONTRÉLAISE DE
SCIENCE-FICTION ET
DE FANTASTIQUE

NEXT MonSFFA MEETING IS THIS WEEKEND

Sunday, November 18

11:00AM-5:00PM

St-François Room, Days Hotel
1005 Guy Street, Montreal

SCHEDULED PROGRAMMING

11:00AM

BOARD OF ADVISORS MEETING:

The club's BoA meets to plot
next year's meeting programming.

1:00PM

TRIP REPORT, NIPPON 2007:

A review of the recent Japanese
Worldcon, with photos and video.

2:45PM

SCI-FI Pictionary:

Game in
which teams compete against
each other and the clock to
correctly name SF/F book,
movie, or TV-episode titles;
clues are provided in the form
of drawings made on an easel.

NEXT MONTH:

**MonSFFA's 20th
Anniversary/
Christmas Dinner
and Party**

December 8

*See ad next page
for complete information*

No Impulse Next Month

Note that *Impulse* will not publish next month,
December. This edition, therefore, has been designated
our November-December 2007 issue. Information on our
20th Anniversary/Christmas Dinner and Party, scheduled
for Saturday evening, December 8, is published herein.

MonSFFA's 20th Anniversary/Christmas Dinner and Party Tickets Now \$35; Price to Rise After November Club Meeting

We encourage MonSFFA's members, past members,
their family members and friends, to purchase tickets to
the club's 20th Anniversary/Christmas Dinner and Party
in advance of the event, scheduled for Saturday evening,
December 8, 2007.

Tickets are currently \$35 each and pay for your
meal and cover charge. We'll have them on sale at this
price until the close of our November 18 club meeting.
Thereafter, the price rises to \$40 so don't wait until the
last minute! But should you purchase your ticket after
November 18, we ask that you please make payment in
cash at the door on the evening of the party. Also, please
let us know by no later than December 1st if you plan to
attend so that we may advise the restaurant as to expected
numbers re the buffet—e-mail club vice-president Keith
Braithwaite at: bigewok@total.net

Festivities will take place at the familiar Days Hotel
(1005 Guy Street, downtown) in the St-Laurent room,
adjoining the hotel's restaurant/bar. We'll enjoy a hot
buffet and cash bar, and later, hold a special raffle draw
and more. Con•Cept DJ Andrew Gurudata will spin the
discs for the evening.

DOES YOUR NAME APPEAR BELOW? WATCH THIS SPACE TO KNOW IF YOUR ANNUAL MonSFFA MEMBERSHIP FEES ARE DUE.

The annual membership fees
of the following MonSFFA
members are *overdue*:

AUBIN, Debra
BLOOM, Hendrik
ETTINGER, Sheila
MURPHY, Tim
NADEAU, Marc
SHAINBLUM, Mark

**Annual membership fees
are due this month, November,
from the following MonSFFA
members:**

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Annual membership fees
will become due next month
(December) from the following
MonSFFA members:

HUOT, Geneviève
RUFIANGE, Yolande

Please renew your MonSFFA
membership in timely fashion.
Annual dues for a regular
membership are \$25. Fill out the
application form, bottom of page,
include payment (cheque or money
order made out to MonSFFA), and
mail to:

**MonSFFA c/o
4456 Boul. Ste-Rose
Laval, Québec, Canada
H7R 1Y6**

Thank you for renewing your
membership in MonSFFA,
Montreal's premiere SF/F fan club.

MonSFFA MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Please print legibly. Cut out form and mail as per directions.

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October MonSFFA Meeting

MonSFFA's October 21 meeting featured a busy agenda, beginning with an information session on Anticipation, the recently announced Montreal Worldcon, to be held in August of 2009. A comprehensive presentation on advertising and science fiction followed, with a brief talk on animal motifs in ancient mythology capping the afternoon. We're tight on space this issue, so we'll keep it short.

Our own René Walling, co-chair of Anticipation, led off, briefly taking his audience along the road which has resulted in Montreal successfully winning its bid to host what will be the 67th Worldcon. He spoke of the plans his committee has put together for the event, and progress to date. There were many questions from the assembled MonSFFen and René dutifully fielded them all, detailing how things run at the Worldcon level, where the operating budget approaches \$1 million! As always when running an SF convention—even a Worldcon—volunteers are needed and welcome, and René explained how folk could become involved.

Sylvain St-Pierre was up next with a detailed slide and video-supported presentation on advertising in SF, and the flip side, SF in advertising. Screening numerous images illustrating the look of advertising in the imagined futures of the genre, Sylvain took MonSFFen from 19th-century SF stories featuring giant airships sporting ads on their hulls to the “blipverts” of *Max Headroom*. The other side of the coin sees advertisers using science fiction themes and imagery to promote everything from automobiles to snack foods. Sylvain had a number of examples on hand for all to see—newspaper ads, promotional calendars, etc.

Closing the meeting was Barbara Silverman's panel on animals in ancient mythology—the cat in Egyptian legend, for example. The ancients invested in their various deities the attributes of certain animals—bulls, snakes, bears—and left for archeologists many wonderful artifacts replete with animal iconography. Barbara

**MonSFFA Invites its
Members, Past Members,
and their Families
and Friends, to:**

**MonSFFA's 20th
Anniversary/Christmas
Dinner and Party**

Saturday, December 8, 2007

Dinner: 6:00PM

Party: 8:00PM

**St-Laurent Room
Days Hotel
1005 Guy Street, Montreal
(downtown)**

**Hot Buffet • Cash Bar
Raffle Prizes • DJ & Dancing**

*As is our tradition, we will
be collecting toys and items of
non-perishable food for donation
to Sun Youth's Christmas Basket
Drive. In the spirit of the season,
please give to benefit those less
fortunate in our community.*

**DINNER TICKETS
NOW \$35 EACH
Available at November 18
MonSFFA Meeting**

**At-the-Door Cost:..... \$40
Cover Charge, Party Only:.. \$5**

*Hotel sleeping rooms available
at special rate of \$70! mention
MonSFFA party when making
reservation. Call: 514-938-4611*

**MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A
HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL!**

showed the group slides of some of these as she spoke of the different cultures and their gods.

We thank our panelists for their contributions to our October meeting and as always, offer a nod of appreciation to the usual suspects who regularly help to plan and run our meetings and events.

2008 Club Elections

As the club convenes for its first meeting of the New Year in January (date yet to be determined; watch for announcement, January *Impulse*), the first order of business will be the selection of MonSFFA's 2008 Executive Committee. All club members in good standing are encouraged to participate in this process.

MonSFFA elects annually a president, vice-president, and treasurer—who together form the Executive Committee—and charges them with the responsibility of running the club on behalf of the membership. The three executives recruit advisors and appoint officers to assist them in carrying out this responsibility.

Any MonSFFA member in good standing who is responsibly and reliably able to carry out the duties of office may run for any one of the executive posts. Candidates may nominate themselves or accept nomination from another member in good standing. Nominations are received by the chief returning officer, or CRO, usually just before the commencement of voting on election day.

All MonSFFA members in good standing are eligible to cast a ballot. Members are asked to be present at the designated place and time in order to exercise their right to vote. Proxy voting is *not* permitted.

Reminder: New Club Address

MonSFFA has recently changed its mailing address. Please remember to direct all mail to the club's *new* address:

**MonSFFA c/o
4456 Boul. Ste-Rose
Laval, Québec, Canada
H7R 1Y6**

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