

**I M P U L S E**

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

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**CLUB'S CHRISTMAS DINNER/PARTY IS THIS WEEKEND**

**Saturday, December 9 6:00PM, Downtown Montreal**

**IRISH EMBASSY PUB & GRILL 1234 RUE BISHOP**

Guy-Concordia Metro; two streets east of Guy, near corner Sainte-Catherine  
 Telephone: 514-875-8777  
 Web site: www.irish-embassy.com

*PARTY THEME: Wear your silliest, gaudiest, loudest, most colourful seasonal sweater or hat!*

*MONSFFEN, THEIR FAMILIES, AND THE CLUB'S FRIENDS, ARE INVITED TO JOIN US IN CELEBRATION OF THE FESTIVE SEASON!*

- Dinner and Drinks!
- MonSFFA Christmas Raffle!
- Rewards Raffle for Volunteer Members!
- And More!

*Reservations have been made under the name "MonSFFA/Cathy Palmer-Lister"*

**In the spirit of the season, we encourage MonSFFen to donate to a local food bank or toy drive**

*Have a Very Merry Christmas, and a Peaceful, Healthy, and Happy New Year!*

*(See also lead item, center)*

**MonSFFA'S 2017 CHRISTMAS DINNER/PARTY**

MonSFFA's annual Christmas Dinner/Party is scheduled, this year, for Saturday evening, December 9. We will return, once again, to the always welcoming Irish Embassy Pub and Grill downtown.

All MonSFFen, their families, and the club's many friends, are hereby cordially and officially invited to MonSFFA's 2017 Christmas Dinner/Party! Do join us in celebrating this festive season!

We will gather at 6:00PM on Saturday, the 9th, at the Irish Embassy, 1234 Bishop Street (near the corner of Ste-Catherine) to enjoy a fine meal, drinks, good company, and holiday cheer. Tables will be reserved for our group; please arrive on time in order to facilitate prompt seating.

Main courses available on the Pub's Holiday Menu include prime rib, turkey, maple-glazed salmon, and a vegetarian dish, Linguine Pomodoro. The price of your meal, including taxes and tip, should come to about \$35, give or take, a bit less for the vegetarian option. Drinks are extra.

We will have a number of special gift-wrapped prizes on offer as part of our traditional Christmas fund-raising raffle, as well as our special thanks-to-volunteer-members draw. So bring along a little extra cash, people, with which to buy raffle tickets!

Lastly, with those in our community less fortunate in mind, and in the spirit of the season, we encourage MonSFFen to donate to a local food bank or toy drive.

We offer thanks to club president Cathy Palmer-Lister for making the dinner arrangements with the Irish Embassy, and we take this opportunity to wish all MonSFFA

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

*The Annual Membership Fees of the Following Club Members are...*

**Overdue:**

- BENNETT, Paul
- DUROCHER, Dominique
- DUROCHER, Marc
- GLOVER, Wayne
- GRAND, Jason
- KNAPP, Brian K.
- KNAPP, Cathy
- McCULLOGH, Brian
- PELLEY, Lynda
- PICARD, Shawn

**Due This Month, December:**  
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**Due Next Month, January:**  
 NOVO, Alice  
 PALMER-LISTER, Cathy

Standard membership is only \$25 annually. We offer a family rate of \$40. Add \$10 to either of these to enjoy our premium "Platinum" membership level. Please complete the form below, 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 your patronage*

**MonSFFA MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION**

**AMonSFF FORMULAIRE D'INSCRIPTION**

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

Complétez lisiblement. Découpez le coupon et postez tel qu'indiqué.

NAME/NOM: \_\_\_\_\_ AGE/ÂGE: \_\_\_\_\_ TEL./TEL.: \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS/ADRESSE: \_\_\_\_\_  
 No. & Street/N° et Rue Apt./App. City/Ville

Province Postal Code/Code Postal E-MAIL/COURRIEL: \_\_\_\_\_

INTERESTS/INTERETS: \_\_\_\_\_

members and friends of the club a very Merry Christmas and a peaceful, healthy, Happy New Year!

## Next Year's Programming

We have been working on and plan to finalize our 2018 MonSFFA meeting programming at our January meeting in the New Year. In October, we asked MonSFFen to suggest topics they would like to see explored at our meetings next year. We'll open the floor to any further proposals, updates, or amendments to the list. And if you are so inclined, please consider, as well, participating next year in one or more programming items as a presenter or panellist.

## Club's Sci-Fi Book Sale Matches Last Year's Take!

The opening weeks of the Christmas shopping season proved profitable for MonSFFA, which held the 2017 installment in its popular series of SF/F used book sales on Sunday, November 12, from 1:00-4:00PM. As always, astounding bargains were available on the club's sizable inventory of second-hand science fiction and fantasy books, comics, and magazines.

While attendance was less robust than that of last year's book sale, this 2017 edition ended the afternoon matching the funds raised in 2016: \$300! Given that a good book makes a great Christmas Gift, it seems patrons took the opportunity to pick up a few seasonal gifts for friends and family, or perhaps for themselves!

We take this opportunity to thank all those who donated books to the cause, and the many folk who showed up early to help us set up, and at the end of the day, take down the sale. We couldn't manage the job without all of your help, people, and your efforts are greatly appreciated!

All funds raised at this sale have been directed to MonSFFA's operating budget.

## Trial Sci-Fi and Holiday Craft Sale Quiet

In conjunction with the above-mentioned SF/F book sale, a Sci-Fi/Holiday Craft Sale was held. This was the club's first try at a craft sale, showcasing some of the handmade SF/F- and Christmas-themed treasures handcrafted by MonSFFen, wooden dinosaur puzzles, magic wands, jewellery, Christmas-themed knitted cat toys, and decoratively etched glasses among the items on offer.

While there was interest from folk browsing the sales tables, our vendors reported that business was slow, some speculating that this was perhaps because customers were more focused on the many book bargains to be had.

Sales were light and MonSFFA netted but a few dollars for the effort, so it is unlikely that we'll stage another such craft sale, or at least not one patterned on this particular model. Perhaps another approach entirely to marketing the crafting talents of our members is in order; we're open to suggestions!

All Sci-Fi and Holiday Craft Sale monies raised by MonSFFA through saleable rental fees and sales commissions have been directed to the club's coffers.

## Club Elections Upcoming in January

The first order of business as the club begins a new year is traditionally the election of MonSFFA's Executive Committee for that year. These elections always take place in January, at our first meeting of the year, and are officially confirmed by the following meeting, in February. All MonSFFA members in good standing, having paid in full their annual membership fees, are encouraged to participate.

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. These executives recruit advisors and appoint officers to assist them in carrying out this responsibility. On occasion, a second vice-president may be elected, as well, usually to handle an important, specific task, or to take the reins on a special project.

Our sitting Executive is as follows: Cathy Palmer-Lister, president; Keith Braithwaite, vice-president; Sylvain St-Pierre, treasurer.

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.

Long-time MonSFFAn Josée Bellemare is currently serving as our CRO.

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, except under special circumstances and by approval of the CRO (out-of-town members unable to attend the vote, for example, may have their ballots cast by the CRO in their absence, or make their choices via e-mail or other form of communication outside of the designated voting hour).

Potential candidates are encouraged to advise the CRO of their intention to run for one of the three specified offices as soon as possible. See the CRO in person at a club meeting or function; or contact the club via our Web Site at: [webmaster@monsffa.ca](mailto:webmaster@monsffa.ca); or by standard post at: MonSFFA, c/o 4456 Boul. Ste-Rose, Laval, Québec, Canada, H7R 1Y6. Mark any correspondence to the attention of the CRO.

## Briefly:

► November's MonSFFA meeting was given over to our used book sale, and our new craft sale. So, none of our usual programming was scheduled. Keith Braithwaite did set up a small TV and provided as background a run of sci-fi movie trailers, music videos and other short subjects for the duration of the 3-hour sales. The club's regular meeting schedule resumes in January 2018; watch this space, or check the club's Web Site regularly for updates. Impulse will publish next shortly before our January 2018 meeting.

► Please note: while we usually meet on the second floor of the Hôtel Espresso in the Grand Salon ballroom, as advertised, the hotel's banquets manager sometimes rejigs things at the last minute and relocates us. On occasion, we've enjoyed the use of a 7th-floor luxury suite, Room 700. If you find that we're not set up in our regular Grand Salon locale, check with the front desk, located downstairs in the main lobby; they'll point you in the right direction.

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