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

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NEXT CLUB MEETING IS THIS WEEKEND

Sunday, January 14

1:00PM-5:00PM

**Room 542 (Fifth Floor Suite)
Hôtel Espresso, 1005 Guy St.
Downtown Montreal**

MEETING THEME: Be prepared to help complete planning for the coming year's meeting programming! We need and want your input!

PROGRAMME

1:00PM-2:30PM

FOR THE LOVE OF LOVECRAFT!:

From relative unknown to ubiquitous inspiration of the fantastic—a retrospective on the works, influence, and life of Howard Phillips Lovecraft, Master of Weird Tales and father of modern supernatural horror.

2:30PM-3:00PM

MID-MEETING BREAK: Fund-raising raffle, club elections, update and discussion of club business

3:00PM-3:30PM

A PERSONAL JOURNEY: One of our own offers a brief account of his involvement with MonSFFA over the years, highlighting the fun and satisfaction it has brought him!

3:30PM-5:00PM

MEETING AND EVENTS PLANNING:

We cross the "T"s and dot the "I"s" on our 2018 activities!

2018 MEETING SCHEDULE AND PROGRAMMING

IMPORTANT: we have received word from the Hôtel Espresso that the meeting rooms we've been using to date will no longer be available to us on Sundays! Saturday's have been offered as an alternative, and we are currently working with the hotel to figure something out.

Be advised that as of this writing, we have not conclusively booked a regular meeting room.

We may end up gathering in a hotel room this weekend, if group meeting space cannot be secured before the weekend. We plan to poll members on the idea of moving our regular monthly meetings to Saturdays. As soon as we have further information, we will update the membership via the club's Web site.

And so, while this schedule will, in all likelihood, change, nevertheless, these are the meeting dates we've requested for 2018:

January 14
February 11
March 11
April 8
May 27
June 10
August 12
September 9
October 14
November 18

We'll hold our summer barbecue at Parc Angrignon on July 22, and our 2018 Christmas Dinner/Party on Saturday evening, December 8. These two dates are firm, barring inclement weather in the case of the barbecue, in which case we'd move the event to the following

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

Overdue:

BENNETT, Paul
DUROCHER, Dominique
DUROCHER, Marc
GLOVER, Wayne
GRAND, Jason
McCULLOGH, Brian
PELLEY, Lynda
PICARD, Shawn

Due This Month, January:

NOVO, Alice
PALMER-LISTER, Cathy

Due Next Month, February:

HAMMOCK, Christopher
MOIR, L. E.
RUFIANGE, Yolande

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MonSFFA c/o
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Province _____ Postal Code/Code Postal _____ E-MAIL/COURRIEL: _____

INTERESTS/INTERETS: _____

Sunday, the 29th. Also, either the May 27 or June 10 meeting will likely be replaced by a group field trip, as is our custom, but this has yet to be determined; stay tuned.

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

MonSFFen Celebrate Around Club Christmas Tree at 2017 Holiday Dinner

We celebrated the 2017 festive season by again returning to the always welcoming Irish Embassy Pub and Grill downtown. Some 20 or so MonSFFen and guests gathered at 6:00PM on Saturday evening, December 9 for our traditional Christmas Dinner/Party.

All enjoyed a fine meal, drinks, good company, and holiday cheer. Atop a bar stool, we set up a small Christmas tree, complete with lights and decorations, under which were displayed a bounty of gift-wrapped raffle prizes! We handed out a thank-you gift, also, to the winner of a small raffle exclusively for members who had renewed their memberships early last year, and to several more folk via our special thanks-to-volunteer-members draw. The fund-raising raffle itself raised \$99 for the club, monies to be directed to the club's operating budget.

We proffer thanks to club president Cathy Palmer-Lister for making the dinner arrangements with the Irish Embassy, and to vice-president Keith Braithwaite and member Josee Bellemare for seeing to our raffles and Christmas tree.

Club Elections

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; 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:

► We are informed that club treasurer Sylvain St-Pierre may be absent club activities for a time as he attends to family matters. We wish him and his family best wishes and look forward to his eventual return. In the meantime, the club's president and vice-president will act in his stead, sharing the responsibilities of club treasurer.

► Over the Christmas season, Keith Braithwaite produced a limited run of MonSFFilms coffee mugs (pictured), featuring poster art for the club's fan films *Encounters of the Very Close Kind*, *Beavra*, and *MooseMan*. One of these mugs was included as a raffle prize at the club's Christmas Dinner/Party, several more were sold. There are only a few left, and they will be available for purchase at the club's January 14 meeting at \$15 each (cash only, please). The club receives a percentage of each sale. Get yours while the gettin' is good!



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