

## 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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**NEXT  
CLUB MEETING  
IS THIS WEEKEND****Saturday, November 17****10:00AM-5:00PM****St-François Room (second floor)  
Hôtel Espresso, 1005 Guy St.  
Downtown Montreal**

*MEETING THEME: MonSFFen are asked simply to help out with the club's fund-raising Super Sci-Fi Book Sale! And of course, feel free to take advantage of the amazing bargains on offer!*

**PROGRAMME****10:00AM-1:00PM****SET-UP FOR BOOK SALE/PRE-SALE!:**

MonSFFen and friends are asked to help us set up for this club fund-raiser! (See also lead item)

**1:00PM-4:00PM****THE SUPER SCI-FI BOOK SALE BREATHES**

**AGAIN!:** Fund-raiser, MonSFFA's annual used SF/F book sale! All welcome! (See ad, page 2)

**3:00PM-3:30PM**

**MID-MEETING BREAK:** Discussion of and information on club business

**3:30PM-4:30PM**

**SCI-FI BALDERDASH:** We put a sci-fi twist on the popular parlour game of trivia and bluffing!

**MonSFFA's 2018  
Christmas Lunch/Party!****Saturday, December 8****1:00PM, Downtown Montreal****BATON ROUGE STEAKHOUSE  
& BAR, 1050 RUE DE LA MONTAGNE**

Just south of corner René-Lévesque,  
beside Centre Bell (Lucien-L'Allier Metro)

- MonSFFA Christmas Raffle!
- Rewards Raffle for Volunteer Members!
- And More!

See Item "Christmas Party 2018"  
(right) for details

**SUPER SCI-FI BOOK SALE!**

MonSFFA hosts the latest in its popular series of SF/F used book sales on Saturday, November 17, just in time for the Christmas shopping season! Locale: the downtown Hôtel Espresso, 1005 Guy St. (corner René-Lévesque), St-François Room (the club's usual meeting room) on the second floor.

Benefit from our astounding bargains! Pick up a handful or a whole box of science fiction and fantasy paperbacks and hardcovers at incredible discounts, as outlined in our ad, page 2!

The sale opens to the public at 1:00PM, to MonSFFA members and set-up volunteers an hour earlier, and runs until 4:00PM.

*Cash sales only, please!*

We suggest that you bring along a few grocery bags in which to tote home all of your bargain books!

We ask those who so very kindly offer to help us unpack our boxes of books and set up our sales tables to please arrive as early as possible, 10:00-10:30AM-ish.

Note that we are accepting donations of any used sci-fi books, magazines, or comics you may wish to gift to the club to augment our stock; please bag or box and deliver them to the sale before noon. We thank you for your donations.

All funds raised at this sale will be directed to MonSFFA's operating budget.

**CHRISTMAS PARTY 2018**

With our usual Irish Embassy Christmas-Party locale currently closed while undergoing renovations after fire gutted their building earlier this year, we have selected a nearby restaurant and bar at which to host our 2018 holiday celebrations. We'll be meeting at the downtown Baton Rouge Steakhouse & Bar, located at 1050 de la Montagne (Mountain), just south of the corner of Boul. René-Lévesque, downtown—it's beside the Bell Centre; nearest Metro station is Lucien-L'Allier. Menu is varied, food is of excellent quality, and reasonably priced.

So mark Saturday, December 8, in your calendars! But please note: we'll be holding our get-together in the *afternoon* this year, not the evening. Unfortunately, the Baton Rouge does not take reservations on Saturday evenings due to a busy walk-in business surrounding hockey games and other Bell Centre events.

And so, we'll meet at the restaurant at 1:00PM to enjoy a festive *lunch* rather than a dinner (reservations

**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!:**

DUFOUR, Paula  
DUROCHER, Marc  
GLOVER, Wayne  
HAMMOCK, Christopher  
McCULLOGH, Brian  
PICARD, Shawn

**Due This Month, November:**

ANTONOW, Agata  
DESPLAND, Alexis  
KNAPP, Brian K.  
KNAPP, Cathy  
LAWRENCE, Adam  
JANSSEN, Steven

**Due Next Month, December:**

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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**

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

**AMonSFF FORMULAIRE D'INSCRIPTION**

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: \_\_\_\_\_

have been made under the name “Cathy Palmer-Lister/MonSFFA”). But all of our usual “Christmas Party” features will take place, as always—Volunteer-Members’ Rewards Raffle, MonSFFA Christmas Raffle, Christmas tree, etc. (remember to bring a few extra dollars with you for our Christmas Raffle, a club fund-raiser)!

A bonus, here, is that for those driving in, indoor parking is available right next door! Hand your parking stub to the Baton Rouge’s cashier when paying your bill, and as long as your total is \$25 or more, you’ll park for free! The parking garage is accessed from de la Montagne, just south of René-Lévesque, under the TD Bank branch located in the corner office tower there. The garage entrance is well indicated with signage.

That said, we take this opportunity to issue the following:

*An invitation to all MonSFFers, their families and the club's friends, to join us in celebration of the festive season! And our best wishes to all for a very Merry Christmas and a peaceful, healthy, and Happy New Year!*

And lastly, in the spirit of the season, we encourage MonSFFers to donate to a local food bank or toy drive.

## Club Elections

MonSFFA begins a new year with the election of its Executive Committee for that year. These elections always take place at our first meeting of the year, in January, 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.

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).

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:

► Space is at a premium this issue so suffice it report that our October 20 meeting began with the year’s final installment of Saturday Sci-Fi Cinema Matinée, featuring, for Halloween, a choice of the worst of the worst in vintage sci-fi/horror, including the “classic” Plan 9 From Outer Space! Folks reviewed Attack of the Giant Leeches (1959), commenting on the low-rent production values and hard-to-ignore errors of this so-bad-it’s-good flick. Two excellent presentations followed, well researched and detailed, the first by Sylvain St-Pierre on the Golden Age of the Pulp, tracing the evolution of colourful pulp sci-fi magazines as far back as the so-called Penny Dreadfuls of 19th century Britain. Adam Lawrence was up next, offering a treatise on the “family resemblances” of changeling legends and SF/F, outlining the folklore from which stem changeling myths, and the ways in which SF/F writers have tapped into and adapted these to their own purposes, citing numerous examples. Many thanks to Sylvain, Adam, and all the usual suspects!

► Stan Lee has died. The comics superstar, co-creator of many of Marvel’s most popular superheroes—Spider-Man, The Fantastic Four, The X-Men, Ironman, The Incredible Hulk, Black Panther, and Daredevil, to name a few—had recently been ill and was taken to hospital in Los Angeles early Monday morning, November 12, where he ultimately passed away. He was 95. His characters live on not only in comic books, but on television and in the lucrative entertainment juggernaut that is the Marvel Cinematic Universe. To the delight of fans, Stan Lee cameoed in each of these Marvel movies.

► We reported last issue that Walking Dead star Andrew Lincoln’s character, Rick Grimes, was to be killed off. Well, not quite, it turns out! In a recent episode, he seemingly died in an explosion but unknown to the show’s other characters, he has, in fact survived and was whisked away aboard the mysterious helicopter that has shown up sporadically of late. He won’t return to the TV series but apparently, Rick Grimes will appear again in several Walking Dead movies!

## The **SUPER SCI-FI BOOK SALE...** Breathes Anew!

Attention SF&F Readers:

**AMAZING PRICES** on Thousands of Amazing Stories by Science Fiction and Fantasy Authors from Asimov to Zelazny!

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<b>Hardcovers:</b>	\$3.00 each	
<b>BIG BULK BARGAIN:</b>	\$10.00 for a whole BIG box full of books!	
<b>Select Specialty Books:</b>	as marked	
<b>Magazines and Comics:</b>	10¢ each	<b>EVERYTHING! MUST! GO!</b>

**Open to the Public! Spread the Word! Bring a Friend!**

**STOCK UP NOW FOR YOUR HOLIDAY READING!**

**Saturday, NOVEMBER 17, 2018, 1:00-4:00PM Hôtel Espresso (2nd Floor), 1005 rue Guy, corner Boul. René-Lévesque (Metro Guy/Concordia or Lucien L’Allier)**

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