

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, January 19****1:00PM-5:00PM
St-François Room (second floor)
Hôtel Espresso, 1005 Guy St.
Downtown Montreal**

MEETING THEME: MonSFFers are asked to proffer ideas for meeting programming in the coming year—presentations, discussion panels and debates, hands-on workshops and group projects, games! Put your thinking caps on, folks!

PROGRAMME**1:00PM-1:15PM**

2019 MONSFFA ELECTIONS: Time to vote! We select our 2019 Executive Committee! (See also "2019 Club Elections," page 2)

1:15PM-2:15PM

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

2:15PM-2:30PM

MID-MEETING BREAK: Discussion of and information on club business; fund-raising raffle

2:30PM-4:30PM

PLANNING SESSION, 2019 MEETING PROGRAMMING: We put together the programming for our 2019 meetings! The club welcomes from the membership ideas for presentations, discussion panels and debates, hands-on workshops, group projects, and games! Collectively, we'll build the coming year's programming. Tell us what topics you'd like to explore in 2019!

NEXT MONTH:**FEBRUARY 9: Time Travel!****2019 MEETING SCHEDULE AND PROGRAMMING**

We have received word from the Hôtel Espresso that our January and February 2019 meetings have been booked; once we have finalized our 2019 meeting schedule, we will submit requested dates for the remainder of the year. The second-floor St-François room will again this year be our regular meeting room; all meetings will there take place, unless otherwise indicated (occasionally, the St-François may be unavailable for one reason or another, at which times we are transferred to an alternate room).

Here, then, is our tentative 2019 Meeting Schedule (all meetings Saturdays):

January 19 (confirmed)**February 9** (confirmed)**March 9** (to be confirmed)**April 13** (to be confirmed)**May 11** (to be confirmed)**August 10** (to be confirmed)**September 14** (to be confirmed)**October 5 or 26** (to be determined and confirmed)**November 9** (annual Sci-Fi Book Sale; to be confirmed)

In addition to these regular meetings, we'll also, of course, hold our annual club Barbecue-in-the-Park (Parc Angrignon) on either Saturday, July 20th, or Sunday July 21st (to be determined).

We may hold a June meeting on either Saturday the 8th or the 15th, or instead, organize a club field trip on one of those dates, or alternately, on Sunday the 9th or the 16th (to be determined).

And, our 2019 Christmas Dinner/Party will take place either on Saturday, December 8th or 15th. We'll also consider a locale for the party, be it our traditional Irish Embassy Pub and Grill (which is scheduled to reopen early this year), the downtown Baton Rouge at which we held our 2018 Christmas celebrations, or another locale entirely. All of this will be discussed and finalized at our upcoming January 19 meeting; stay tuned.

We will also put together our 2019 meeting programming at January's gathering. We ask

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Overdue!:

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DUROCHER, Marc
GLOVER, Wayne
JANSSEN, Steven
KNAPP, Brian K.
KNAPP, Cathy
HAMMOCK, Christopher
PICARD, Shawn

Due This Month, January:

NOVO, Alice
PALMER-LISTER, Cathy

Due Next Month, February:

MOIR, L. E.
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MonSFFen to suggest topics they would like to see explored during 2019. We'll open the floor to any ideas, suggestions, or proposals for presentations, discussion panels, debates, games, workshops or group projects. And remember, if you are so inclined, please consider participating in one or more of our programming items as a presenter or panellist!

2019 Club Elections

MonSFFA begins each 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 MonSFFA An 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; 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.

"The Super Sci-Fi Book Sale Breathes Anew" Nets Hundreds!

MonSFFA's final meeting of the year, on November 17, was given over to the club's annual fund-raising Sci-Fi Book Sale, 2018's edition having been dubbed The Super Sci-Fi Book Sale Breathes Anew!

Patrons benefitted from astounding bargains on a wide variety of SF/F hardcovers and paperbacks, totting home grocery bags-full of books after perusing

the many sales tables displaying the club's considerable stock!

This sale proved one of our most successful ever, adding a sizable sack of lucre to the club's coffers: \$800!

We thank the many volunteers who helped set up and take down the sale, and those club members and friends who very kindly donated books to the cause.

All funds raised are to be directed to MonSFFA's operating budget.

Club Celebrates Christmas 2018 with Lunch/Party

A devastating fire having shuttered our usual Irish Embassy Christmas-Party locale last year, some two dozen club members and guests gathered a few blocks east at the downtown Baton Rouge Steakhouse & Bar on de la Montagne for MonSFFA's 2018 Christmas get-together. The date was Saturday, December 8 and this was a lunchtime rather than our traditional evening holiday celebration.

Folk enjoyed a fine meal and seasonal cheer in the glow of the club's portable, fully-illuminated and decorated Christmas tree, under which were arrayed a variety of gift items/raffle prizes, beautifully wrapped for the occasion by club VP Keith Braithwaite, who unfortunately was absent the festivities due to a broken foot sustained just a week earlier! President Cathy Palmer-Lister had visited Keith at home the day before to pick up the gifts and tree for our party and reported on his condition to the gathered MonSFFen, who toasted their VP and expressed wishes for his speedy recovery.

The traditional Volunteer-Members' Rewards Raffle was drawn, gifting a representative few club members with token thank-you gifts for having helped to organize and run the club's activities throughout the calendar year. A special prize was awarded Leslie Perryon for having renewed his membership early in 2018! Treasurer Sylvain St-Pierre oversaw the club's annual Christmas Raffle, which raised \$116 for the club—congratulations to all the winners and our thanks to all those who donated gifts/raffle prizes to the cause! A nod, as well, to Josée Bellemare, who coordinated our Rewards Raffle, and another to Cathy, who made all the arrangements with the restaurant.

A merry, festive time was had by all!

Briefly:

► With a new meeting-room rental contract comes a price increase; the club will now be laying out \$160, plus taxes, for each monthly reservation of our Hôtel Espresso meeting room. Fortunately, the club's finances are fairly healthy, having ended 2018 with over \$2000 in the bank. We take this opportunity to remind MonSFFen of the importance of renewing their memberships in a timely manner in order to insure cash flow throughout the year. Remember, no bucks, no Buck Rogers!

► Star Trek: Discovery steers a course into its second season this month with promises of moving the series away from the dark tone of season one to a more optimistic tenor, in line with the original series, of which Discovery is a prequel. Look for Captain Christopher Pike and the Enterprise to join forces with Discovery for a run of episodes. Cast as Pike is Anson Mount, formerly Black Bolt in the now-cancelled Marvel's Inhumans. His "Number One" will be played by another Marvel alumni, Rebecca "Mystique" Romijn. Majel Barrett originally portrayed the character. Expect, also, a visit to Saru's homeworld, the return of mirror-universe Georgiou and the real Captain Lorca, and perhaps most anticipated, the first appearance of Michael Burnham's brother, Spock, interpreted by Ethan Peck.

► A fourth installment of the rebooted Star Trek film series seems uncertain at this juncture, given that contract negotiations with star Chris "Captain Kirk" Pine and Chris Hemsworth, who was to reprise his brief 2009 turn as Kirk's heroic father, George, have apparently gone south! George Kirk was bleedin' demised at last report, but would have, presumably, come back from the dead, somehow! In addition, the director attached to the production, S. J. Clarkson, who would have been the movie franchise's first female director, has now left the ship amid rumours suggesting that Star Trek 4 has been shelved—she was quickly recruited by HBO to serve as an executive producer and director on the upcoming Game of Thrones spin-off. Paramount representatives are not offering any comment on any of these developments at this time.

► And speaking of Chris Pine, his Steve Trevor character, presumed dead in the closing moments of Wonder Woman, is somehow back from the dead, and *unaged*, in sequel Wonder Woman 1984, set 70 years after the events of the first Wonder Woman film!

► We wish MonSFFA VP and Impulse editor Keith Braithwaite a speedy recovery from the broken ankle he recently suffered.

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