

Parties

- Parties are all in the East Tower.
- Thursday, 11:00 p.m.: Geri Sullivan's 30th Fanniversary Party, in concert with the Minneapolis Party already running in 3471.
- 376—Filk Suite
- 9 p.m. 2970 Circlet Press 20th Anniversary.
- 9 p.m. 2976 Kansas City in 2016
- 9 p.m. 3471 MNSTF/Minicon/ Minneapolis in 2073.
- 9 p.m. 3475 London in 2014.
- 9 p.m. 3473 Shamrocken: Dublin Eurocon in 2014
- Ongoing 376 Filk Suite.

Credits

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Hyatt Room Internet Errata; Newsletter Editor Tossed In Chicago River

The previous issue of *The Write Stuff* claimed the rate for Internet in your Hyatt Hotel room was \$8.95 a day (at least until corrected in later printings) This was in error...twice.

The editor got the rate from the Pocket Program, and then managed to typo that. However, the rate in the Pocket Program, \$9.95 a day, is also incorrect.

The correct rate is \$12.95. At least it better be, or the next issue of *The Write*

Stuff will have many mentions of moose, a la a certain Monty Python film's opening credits.

However, if you apply here for Hyatt's frequent stay program, Gold Passport, you will get free Internet in your room. If already a member, you must be Diamond or Platinum level for free Internet.

Please verify with the hotel Gold Passport membership prior to checkout regarding terms and costs.

Rowena Morrill Update

Also in the previous issue, and on the Thursday Pink Sheet, a program change listed Artist Guest of Honor Rowena Morrill as appearing on "*GOH Presentation Rowena Morrill*" Thursday at 9:00 p.m..

Unfortunately, this change was in error. Ms. Morrill is still in the hospital, and will not be attending the convention. Her sister, Kathy, will do the presentation Rowena planned to make. That will take place in Gold East: Columbus.

Peter Sagal Update

As you may recall, former Special Guest Peter Sagal had to withdraw due to other obligations. Fortunately, he now will be

able to attend part of the convention. Look for Peter on *Hey Hey You TOLD ME*, Saturday at 9:00 a.m. in Green West: Crystal B.

... And Speaking of Hotel Rooms...

Be sure to leave a tip for Housekeeping. The usual is \$2/night/person in room, more if extra work is needed to clean your room. Particularly if you hosted a party.

Also, you should leave a separate tip each morning, rather than leaving one lump sum at the end of your stay. Different housekeepers may clean your room each day.

WSFS Mark Protection Committee Meeting

The WSFS Mark Protection Committee (MPC), will meet at 6:00 p.m. Thursday in the Wright Room (West Tower, Silver Level). MPC is responsible for registering and protecting the intellectual property of WSFS, including the service marks on "Hugo Award" and "Worldcon." The meeting is open to every Worldcon member.

Opening Ceremonies



Opening ceremonies featured the debut of the Hugo base, a lovely glass and steel construct by Deb Kosiba, as inspired by Louis Sullivan (use of steel), Mies van der Rohe (glass and steel in skyscrapers), and Pablo Picasso (Cubist period). Kosiba previously designed the 2005 and 2006 Hugo bases.

Toastmaster Scalzi took the stage in his best (only?) suit jacket as a canonical talk show host, enjoying having a house band at his whim *way* too much. He proceeded to interview the various Guests of Honor, Special Guests, and under-the-weather GOH Rowena Morrill's sister.

A special guest was the co-chair of 1940's Chicon 1, Erie Korshak.

Panel Etiquette

1) Set your cell phone to vibrate or turn it off entirely. If it does go off and you do have to answer it, say as quietly as possible "Just a minute" and exit the room as discreetly as possible.

2) Do not yell out comments from the audience unless you're called upon. You are not on the panel.

3) Feel free to hold up your hand at any time...but Moderators are within their rights to ignore you or say something like "We'll be doing a Q&A later in the hour, but right now I'm going to let our panelists talk amongst themselves for a bit."

4) During the Q&A, a good moderator will give

preference to people who have not previously spoken, or those who have spoken less than others.

5) There are two types of things you can say when called on. A question or a comment.

a) Unfortunately, more and more people seem not to understand what a question is. To paraphrase from instructions given for a Q&A with Stephen Sondheim: "A question means you ask a question. A question is a sentence that begins with an interrogatory pronoun and it ends with a question mark and your voice goes up at the end. And it's one sentence. If it's more than one sentence, it's not a question. It

is not about you. We don't need to hear what the first Sondheim show was you saw and how it forever changed your life. Just ask a real question and sit down." Or, as another person once wrote, if your question wouldn't fit in a tweet, you might want to rethink it.

b) Similarly for a comment, unless it adds information to the discussion, your personal experiences aren't relevant. Comments should usually be brief; moderators are within their rights to ask that you get to the point. Honestly consider the question of "Does this comment add to the discussion, or am I just trying to impress people?"

Uncle Chicon Wants You!

It takes hundreds of people working hundreds of different jobs to make a Worldcon a success. If you're new to fandom, you may not know that everyone working on Chicon, from a door guarding gopher to Hizzoner the Convention Chair, is a volunteer. No one is being paid to work on the convention.

During Chicon, we still need fresh meat, er, new volunteers. In addition to helping out the con, it's also a great way to meet people as you work with them.

To volunteer, go to the Volunteer Desk in the Soldiers' Field Room on the Bronze Level of the West Tower.

What's Up Doc?

The Anime and Cartoons room is the Water Tower Room on Bronze Level West. For the room's schedule, see p. 169 in the Pocket Program.