

DMSES

Winter 2007 - 2008

PARADOX



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December 2007, January, February 2008

Winter SACC & New Year's Eve Party

This year's festivities will again be held at the Roth Hotel and Convention Center, 1304 20th Street, West Des Moines. This year the event will run from Saturday, December 29th, through Tuesday, January 1st.

Activities kick off on Saturday afternoon at 3:00 pm. This will be our no-kids night. We ask that you be 18 or older to attend Saturday. The theme this year is a Toga Party. Please wear your favorite toga or other Grecian or Roman attire. Even though it's from farther East, we will be sampling various sakes and sake drinks that evening. If you have a favorite sake, or other ingredients that might make a great sake-tini, please bring them along. I expect there will be various vodkas hanging around as well. We'll be showing episodes of the HBO Miniseries "Rome."

The whole family is invited to join us for the rest of the weekend, beginning on Sunday. The rules remain pretty much the same from previous years:

- Please bring food and drink to share. I am looking for folks to host specific meals -- none have been spoken for as of yet. Please contact me directly if you'd like to host a meal.
- The Roth Hotel is smoking and illicit drug free. Enough said.
- While children are most welcome here, parents are responsible for their actions. We don't provide babysitting services. In fact, unruly children of all ages will be asked to leave.
- The hot tub may or may not be available for the party. More details will be available at the party.
- We will again be using the garage to serve the food. The green refrigerator in the basement will be available for food and drink to share.
- Please enter and exit the hotel through the lower entrance. The front door may be used for those needing assistance or to unload vast supplies of goodies.
- You are welcome to bring DVDs to show or games to play. The hosts reserve the right to select which DVDs are played. A Soul Calibur II tournament may be held.

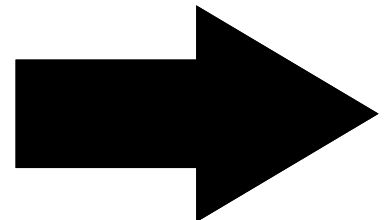
Monday evening (New Year's Eve) will be our **Overdresser's Evening**. Please dress in your party finery.

The party wraps up when we ask everyone to go home on Tuesday. Please be considerate when we do.

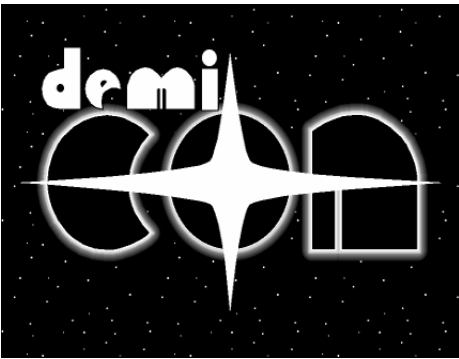
If you have any questions, concerns, or would like to volunteer please contact me by email at les@trans-iowa.org or by phone at 224-7654.

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DemiCon 19 Status Report



May 2nd - 4th, 2008, at the Hotel Fort Des Moines,
Des Moines, Iowa

Writer Guest of Honor: Steven Barnes

Artist Guest of Honor: Mitchell Davidson Bentley

Fan Guests of Honor: Joe & Inger Myers

Toastmaster Emeritus: Rusty Hevelin

Toastmaster: Tadao Tomomatsu

ConCom: Sheril Harper, Ann Totusek, Jon Mohning

DemiCon 19's first department head meeting was held November 17th at the home of Tammy & Jon Mohning.

This meeting was to introduce the department heads to each other, especially since we have several new faces serving as DemiCon 19 department heads. We also briefly discussed the logistics of a stage ramp in the Main Programming Room. Database DH Les Roth described the conversion of the current Filemaker Pro-based DMSFS database to a web-based format. Department heads asked each other questions about convention procedures.

The next DemiCon 19 Department Head Meeting will be December 15th from 2pm - 4pm at the home of Tammy & Jon Mohning.

By Jon Mohning



**Highlights from
the Department
Head meeting.**



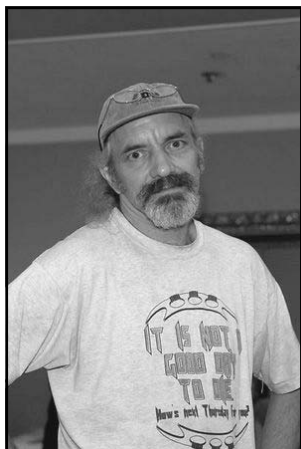
DemiCon 19 Department Heads

Department	Department Head(s)
Anime	<i>Open</i>
Art Show	Jeannette Roth Nikki Harper
Consuite	Al Hohrmann-Alcohol Andy Wheeler-Food
Database/Venue D	Les Roth
Dealers/DMSFS	Scott & Wendy Arnberg
Finance	Mark Hagerman
Gaming	Alan Guile
Guests	Sheril Harper
Hotel	Sheril Harper
Parties	Rachelle Hrubetz
Music	Eric Coleman
Filk	Robert Uy
Programming	Bo3b Harper
Blood Drive	Sheril Harper
Fannish Film	Mandi Arthur
Masquerade	Megan Harper
Publicity	Jon Mohning
Publications	Max Rauer Jr
Registration	Tammy Mohning
Security	Greg Abba
Quartermaster	Greg Abba
Volunteers	Ann Totusek Marah Searle-Kovaaevic Alex Von Thorn
Website	Bill Davis

Note: Sallie Abba will help with preliminary setup of the point-of-sale software for the DMSFS Table, and Susan Stewart will help with preliminary food preparation for the Con Suite

DMSFS Officer Election Results

The results of the September 28th, 2007 DMSFS officer elections are:



President
Greg Abba



Vice President
Bill Davis



Secretary
Ida Jones



Property Manager
Josh More

ICON 32 Masquerade Picture Highlights



Photos by
Nikki Harper

Calendars and Milestones

December 2007

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13 <i>DemiCon 19 Con Com Meeting</i>	14 DMSFS Meeting	15 <i>DemiCon 19 Dept Head Meeting</i>
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25 	26	27	28	29
30	31					Winter SACC & New Year's Party Roth Hotel & Convention Center <i>Adults Only Night</i>
Winter SACC & NY Party						

Birthdays

Martin McClure
December 2

Bo3b Harper
December 3

Jonathon Bement
December 5

Bill Griffey
December 14

Jon Mohning
December 15

Peg Brandt Zea
December 28

Naomi Adams
January 7

Sallie Abba
January 12

Les Roth
January 14

January 2008

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1  Winter SACC & NY Party	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11 DMSFS Meeting	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25 DMSFS Meeting	26
27	28	29	30	31		

Mitch Thompson
January 19

Sam Abba
February 5

Mark A. Jones
February 8

Thomas Roach
February 10


Alan Guile
February 11

Christina Miller
February 14

Ida Jones
February 22

Calendars and Milestones

February 2008

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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					SuperCon XV Brentwood Courtyard Suites, Rochester, MN http://supercon.info/	
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
SuperCon XV					DMSFS Meeting	CapriCon Sheraton Chicago Northwest, Arlington Heights, IL http://www.capricon.org
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
CapriCon						
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
					DMSFS Meeting	
24	25	26	27	28	29	Mar 1
					MarsCon Holiday Inn Select & Suites Minneapolis International Airport-Mall of America, Bloomington, MN http://marscon.org	

Anniversaries

James & Marion Webster
December 20

Al Hohrmann & Diane Dunlap
December 28

Martin & Nancy Wirsig McClure
December 29

Gene & Margaret Miller
January 1

DMSFS meetings are held at the West Des Moines Community Center 217 5th St.
There is parking and a covered entrance at the rear of the building off of 4th St.

Down the Convention Road

Costume Con 26: April 25th - 28th, 2008 at the Doubletree San Jose, San Jose, CA

DemiCon 19: May 2nd - 4th, 2008 at the Hotel Fort Des Moines, Des Moines, Iowa

Denvention 3 - 66th World Science Fiction Convention: Aug 6th - 10th, 2008 at Denver, CO

Animelowa: Aug 15th - 17th, 2008 at the Coralville Marriott Hotel & Conference Center, Coralville, IA

ICON 33: Oct 31st - Nov 2nd, 2008 at the Coralville Marriott Hotel & Conference Center, Coralville, IA

Paradox Time Warping

Highlights From Last Year's Winter 2006-2007 Paradox Included:

- Pictures of the award-winning Archon 29 Masquerade entries by the Des Moines area participants.
- DemiCon 17 Drink Panel recipes.
- Book review of The Oracle's Queen (Tamir Trilogy, Book 3) by Rose Field.

Highlights From Winter 2002's Paradox Included:

- "Hotel Sarajavo" filk by Paul Clites.
- "The Black Hole" poem by Laurre Bremen.
- Highlights from ICON 26 & Archon 25
- DemiCon the 13th update.

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If you need to contact the Des Moines Science Fiction Society for any reason, including subscription to this newsletter and submission of newsletter articles or information, you may do so via any of the following methods:

DMSFS meets twice a month at the **West Des Moines Community Center 217 5th St.** There is parking and a covered entrance at the rear of the building off of 4th St. The business meeting begins at 6:30pm and the fun stuff starts at 7:00pm. Around 8:00pm we go out to dinner as a group.

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Thank you one and all!

Deadline for Spring 2008 Paradox submissions: February 8, 2008. Articles, reviews, photos, etc., can be e-mailed to paradoxwrangler@dmsfs.org or sent to the DMSFS mailing address mentioned above.