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A free, quarterly publication chronicling the activities, events, and personal happenings of the members and friends of the Des Moines Science Fiction Society, Ltd.

New Year's SACC Party Information Coming Soon!

The low-down on the annual DMSFS New Year's Winter SACC party was not available as the Paradox went to press.

As soon as the party hosts work out the details, the information will be posted on the DMSFS web page and the DMSFS Facebook page.



DemiCon 23 Volunteers Thank You Party

Mark Your Calendars *All Who Volunteer or Will be Volunteering at the Next DemiCon!*

On Saturday, December 17, 1 to 5 p.m. at the West Des Moines Community Center on 217 5th Street, WDM in Valley Junction Historical Area, DemiCon 23 ConCom wants to say thank you. Please join us for an open house with gaming, food, fun and a little bit of business so we are ready for the new year.

DemiCon is run by many and all of them are volunteers - we just want to say thanks for helping make DemiCon special.

All ages invited and if you have a favorite game you want to play please bring it to share.

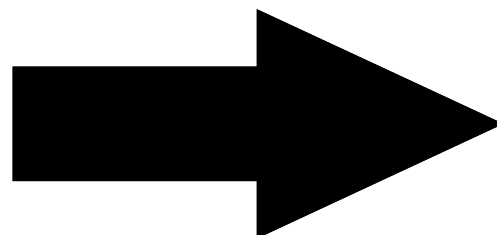
Please RSVP to concom@demicon.org if you can join us.

Hope to see you there... and thanks!

Mandi, Jon and Susan - ConCom DemiCon 23
www.demicon.org

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- **DemiCon 23 Blood Drive news**
- **Filk by Eric Oppen**
- **And much more!**



DemiCon 23 Blood Drive

Back in 2005, at DemiCon 16, we held our first blood drive. It was patterned after the Heinlein Society "Pay It Forward" concept. This quote states the purpose clearly and should remind us all.

The Banker reached into the folds of his gown, pulled out a single credit note. "But eat first—a full belly steadies the judgment. Do me the honor of accepting this as our welcome to the newcomer." His pride said no his stomach said YES! Don took it and said "Uh, thanks! That's awfully kind of you. I'll pay it back, first chance." "Instead, **pay it forward** to some other brother who needs it." (*Between the Planets* by Robert A. Heinlein)

This year marks our eighth blood drive. While our numbers may have dwindled a bit from the beginning, every unit of blood obtained at a blood drive has the potential to help up to 3 patients. This year's Blood Drive will be held on Saturday May 5, 2012, from 9:00 AM to Noon. The Blood Center will be using their "Bloodmobile Bus" this year.

Each year, thousands of people in Iowa, Nebraska and South Dakota give selflessly of themselves by making a blood donation with Life Serve Blood Center. Through this simple act, donors create the vital link between life-giving blood and the hospital patient who needs it.

Every two seconds, someone, somewhere needs blood. The rarest type is the one not on the shelf when a patient needs it. At Life Serve Blood Center, we strive to help these people every day; therefore we need donors every day. We need neighbors helping neighbors and people who want to make an impact on a local level.

Some Interesting Facts:

- Only 38 percent of the U.S. population is eligible to donate blood but less than 10 percent donate annually.
- There is no substitute for human blood.
- You cannot get AIDS or any other infectious disease by donating blood.
- Healthy adults who are 16 years old and weigh at least 120 pounds may donate one pint of whole blood – the most common form of donation – every 56 days.
- One unit of whole blood is roughly the equivalent of one pint.
- About 1 in 7 people entering a hospital need blood.
- Females receive 53 percent of blood transfusions; males receive 47 percent.
- One unit of blood can be separated into several components: red blood cells, plasma, platelets.
- Fourteen lab tests (11 for infectious diseases) are performed on each unit of donated blood.

More than 3,000 units of blood are needed each week to maintain an adequate blood supply in our community and to meet rising transfusion demands across the country. In fact, nine out of ten people who live to age 70 will use blood during their lifetime. New, first time donors, as well as established donors, are needed to expand and sustain the donor base. There is no substitute for human blood, which is why blood donation is so important in helping to save lives. When you give blood, you give someone another laugh, another hug, another chance. Help make a difference to patients in need of blood throughout Iowa!

By Sheril Harper - DemiCon 23 Blood Drive Chairperson

And Now a Couple of Filk Songs by Eric Oppen

My Baby's In The Jar

Set to Whiskey In The Jar

As I was riding over
The high Dendarii mountains,
I had Sergeant Bothari,
On his help we were countin',
My husband and his father,
And young Emperor Gregor,
I'd gone in a few hours
From a Lady to a beggar,
And it's
Whack for the dairy-o,
Whack for the dairy-o,
My baby's in a jar!

It started just that morning,
At Vorkosigan Surleau,
I wasn't quite in mourning,
But I was feeling sure low,
When Negri came in flying,
With Gregor there beside him,
His last words, to me, dying,
Were "Take this boy and hide him,"
And it's
Whack for the dairy-o,
Whack for the dairy-o,
My baby's in a jar!

We fled the scene on horseback,
And lost them in the hills there,
Decoyed them down a cavern
Just the thought gives me the chills there,
Gregor stayed with a family,
My man and I united,
But when I heard what he knew
I was terribly affrighted,
And it's
Whack for the dairy-o,
Whack for the dairy-o,
My baby's in a jar!

And now we're headed back there,
Vorbarr Sultana city,
If anyone impedes me,
It's them that you should pity,
With Kou and Droushnakovi,
Bothari's here beside me,
Bothari's here for safety,
And Kou and Drou can guide me,
And it's
Whack for the dairy-o,
Whack for the dairy-o,
My baby's in a jar!



One Small Child

Set to One Tin Soldier

Listen, Aurors, to my story
Heed you well this stirring tale
Of the Dark Lord, in his glory
Who thought he would never fail
Now the Dark Lord in his power
Possessed magicks dark and grim
Until in a fated hour
A baby in a cot foiled him!

Chorus:
The Dark Lord wanted to lead us,
Rule us with a rod of might,
We would never let him bleed us,
Though it seemed a hopeless fight,
But the Dark Lord was defeated,
How it was, no one can say,
Sitting blinking in the ruins,
Harry Potter saved the day!

When the Dark Lord came from nowhere,
Wielding powers quite arcane,
Many wizards joined with him there,
To help him achieve his reign,
Curses that should not be written
Slaughtered those who would not yield
And our peaceful Wizard Britain
Turned into a battlefield.

(Chorus)

Barty Crouch soon rose to power
Fighting on the side of good,
Strong as any stone-built tower,
Doing things none thought he could!
Gave the Aurors legal freedom
To use curses none may use
Swore they'd very seldom need 'em
Swore they'd not stoop to abuse.

(Chorus)



The Dark Lord hit Godric's Hollow,
On a fateful autumn night,
His "Trick-or-Treat" death would follow,
He was spreading evil's blight.
He killed James and Lily Potter,
Then he tried to kill their boy,
But the spell he used to slaughter
Reflected, did not destroy!

((Chorus))

Now all magic folk be joyous,
The Dark Mark no more we'll see
No more evil will destroy us,
Of our fears at last we're free!
Raise a glass to Harry Potter,
Whom the Dark Lord could not slay,
Butterbeer, beer, wine or water,
Drink to "Harry Potter Day!"

(Chorus)



Calendars and Milestones

December 2011

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

Birthdays
 Michael Hagerman
 December 1
 Martin McClure
 December 2
 Bo3b Harper
 December 3
 Jonathon Bement
 December 5
 Bill Griffey
 December 14
 Jon Mohning
 December 15
 Naomi Adams
 January 7
 Sallie Abba
 Eric McDonald
 January 12

Les Roth
 January 14


January 2012

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

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February 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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Capricon 32				Capricon 32 Westin Chicago North Shore Wheeling, IL http://capricon.org/capricon32/		
19	20	21	22	23	24 DMSFS Meeting	25
26	27	28	29			

Anniversaries

James & Marion Webster
December 20

Al Hohrmann & Diane Dunlap
December 28

Martin & Nancy Wirsig McClure
December 29

Gene & Margaret Miller
January 1

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Down the Convention Road

Marscon 2012: March 9-11, 2012 at the Crown Plaza Hotel & Suites, Bloomington, MN.

Minicon 47: April 6-8, 2012, at the Sheraton Bloomington Hotel, Minneapolis South, Bloomington, MN .

Willycon XIV: April 20-22, 2012 at Wayne State College in Wayne, NE.

DemiCon 23: May 4-6, 2012 at the Holiday Inn Northwest, Des Moines, IA.

ConQuest 43: May 25-27, 2012 at the Hyatt Regency Crown Center, Kansas City, MO

CONvergence 2012: July 5-8, 2012 at the Double Tree Hotel, Bloomington, MN.

Chicon 7 The 58th World Science Fiction Convention: Aug 30-Sept 3 at the Hyatt Regency Chicago, Chicago, IL

Paradox Time Warping

Highlights From Last Year's Winter 2010-2011 Paradox Included:

- DemiCon 22's First Department Head Meeting report with pictures.
- ICON 35 pictures.

Highlights From Winter 2006-2007 Paradox Included:

- DemiCon 17 Drambuie Truffles & Scotch Doubles Panel Drink Recipes.
- Pictures of the award-winning DMSFS masquerade entries at Archon 30.
- Rose Field's book review of "The Oracle's Queen (Tamir Trilogy Book 3).

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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

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Thank you one and all!

Deadline for Spring 2012 Paradox submissions: February 10, 2012. Articles, reviews, photos, etc., can be e-mailed to paradox@dmsfs.org or sent to the DMSFS mailing address mentioned above.