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during and even after the convention...)

SOCIAL

SOC/LIT – CHANGING FACE OF PUBLISHING. Electronic gadgets are the wave of the future and will be the changing face of publishing. Book readers are paving the way to how and where we can read our books. Webzine publishers, bloggers, and local E-book publishers discuss these changes in the future of books. We'll also discuss how the economic downturn is affecting the publishing industry and their niches.

Sun 1p-2p, Xavier room. PJ Hultstrand, Donald Jacques, Charles Burgess, Charles Leshner, Zoe Sherwood

SOC – CHARITY AUCTION. Beneficiaries are the local Challenger Space Center in Peoria, Arizona, and The Science Fiction and Fantasy Hall of Fame in Seattle. 100% of proceeds will be given equally to the beneficiaries. This auction will include a variety of items: books, games, toys, collectible items.

Sat 2p-4p, Abbey South room. Catherine Book, Bill Whitmore & Deb Paper. Auctioneers are Wombat, J.B. Talbot, and Cathie Yankovich.

SOC – CREATING YOUR OWN FLYER AND ADS FOR YOUR EVENTS. Simple computer demonstrations on creating a more professional look for your organization. We'll tell you where to find the best FREE graphics and software on the web, and how to get the most out of them. Helpful advice from over 30 years combined marketing experience. There is something for everyone, from the novice to even the seasoned designer.

Sun 10a-11a, Jokake room. Captain Leo Blackheart, Captain Marcel, First Mate Lady Brianna, Captain Jack Falcon from the Arizona Corsairs.

SOC/LIT - DIY MEDIA PROMOTION FOR AUTHORS. Ways that aspiring authors can use current internet social media tools - Twitter, podcasting, blogging, Facebook, Myspace, etc. - to draw attention and build fan communities around themselves and their works.

Sat 10a-11a, Capistrano room. Jack Mangan (moderator), Michael D'Ambrosio, Diana Gabaldon, Aprilynne Pike

SOC – EVOLUTION, INTELLIGENT DESIGN & NOODLETARIANISM. The "great debate" of Evolution vs. Creationism took an unexpected turn last year when His Noodliness, the Flying Spaghetti Monster, entered the Kansas State Board of Education debate. Representatives of the Noodletarian, Pastafarian and Raviolite sects will be on hand to discuss their concept of "Intelligent Design." Please note that a sense of humor is required to attend this panel.

Fri 5p-6p, Abbey South room. Michael Siladi (moderator), Jennifer Aronson, Kevin Andrew Murphy, Dani Kollin and Eytan Kollin will represent all the major sects except the Gnocchites (we don't talk about 'them')

SOC – FIRST EDITION BOOK CHARITY AUCTION. Beneficiaries are the local Challenger Space Center in Peoria, Arizona, and The Science Fiction and Fantasy Hall of Fame in Seattle. 100% of proceeds will be given equally to the beneficiaries. This auction is ONLY signed, first edition, hardcover books.

Fri 6p-8p, Xavier room. Catherine Book, Bill Whitmore. Auctioneers are J.B. Talbot & Michael Siladi

SOC/SCI – IF I HAD BILL GATES' MONEY or What Could I Do To Benefit Space Travel or Science?

Sun 2p-3p, Capistrano room. David Nelson, Steven Lopato, Eytan Kollin

SOC – MODERN DANCE

Sat 10p-2a, Palm E & F. Sponsored by ConFusion Crew: Shahn Cornell, Ethan Moe & Zack Beck.

SOC – PIRATES & GYPSIES OPEN DRUM & DANCE ROMP. This will be an open drum and dance jam session hosted by the AZ Corsairs with gypsies they found about their travels. Come join in the drumming if ya feel the rhythm or move your hips to the beat. Even if you're just a belly-dancer groupie, you're most welcome to cheer them on. It's a wonderful way to cap off a great night at the Con!

Sat 9p-2a, Abbey South room. Captain Aries of Arizona Corsairs

SOC/ LIT/ ERC – PORNOGRAPHY, HARD VS. SOFT. The difference in hard and soft porn is obviously a reflection of men's and women's different needs. What can we learn about the opposite sex by the type of porn they like? Adults Only.

Sat 10p-11p, Xavier room. James Daugherty (moderator), Richard Bolinski

SOC – PUN-FIGHT AT THE ADD CORRAL. For this outlaw gang, a battle of wits is a form of unarmed combat. Take a holiday, doc, and join us for an hour of free-flowing and completely unfocused wordplay. It's enough to make you earp...

Sat 11a-noon, Palm F. Randall Whitlock (moderator) Serge Mailloux, Tom Tuerff, Richard Christ

SOC – REGENCY DANCE. Hosted by John Hertz.

Fri 8pm 'til whenever we drop, Palm F. John Hertz

SOC/FAN – TRADITIONAL RELIGIONS IN FANDOM. Is there room in our genre fiction for the traditional religions? Can they contribute to a story? Or, is it distracting and possibly even detracting from a speculative fiction story? Use of allegory, comparison and getting the details right.

Fri 5p-6p, Jokake room. Teresa Nielsen Hayden-GoH (moderator), Jim Webbert-GoH, Maryeileen Flanagan

SOC – WHEN THE ZOMBIE APOCALYPSE COMES. You've seen all of the end-of-the-world scenarios, but they generally fail to show what you REALLY need to survive. Where to get fresh, clean water, food, medical supplies (and how to use them), and REALLY long-term planning for your future. Come see where the movies fall short. Rule Number 1: Run AWAY from the Monster.

Sat 3p-4p, Jokake room. Kay Pannell (moderator), Loretta McKibben, Michael Contos, W.A. Thomasson

SOC/SCI – WOULD YOU GO INTO SPACE? Bill Shatner reportedly turned down the opportunity to fly on Virgin's first passenger flight but Sigourney Weaver has already booked her ticket. Would you go if you could?

Sat 1p-2p, Xavier room. W.A. Thomasson (moderator), Louise Kleba, Dani & Eytan Kollin