



# Goat Droppings

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Thank you to everyone who voted at Capricon 29 for the Capricon 30 Guests of Honor. We have a great slate of guests confirmed, and are still working to add more! Without further ado, we are delighted to announce our Guests of Honor for Capricon 30: Celebration!

### Capricon 30: Celebration!

February 11-14, 2010  
Preregistration: \$45

The Capricon 30 Website  
is up and running!

Online Registration and  
Hotel Booking is up!

Visit us today at  
[www.capricon.org](http://www.capricon.org)

### Capricon 30 will be held at:

**Westin Chicago  
North Shore  
601 N Milwaukee  
Ave, Wheeling, IL  
60090  
847-777-6570**

[www.westin.com/  
ChicagoNorthShore](http://www.westin.com/ChicagoNorthShore)

**Room Block closes  
January 21, 2010**

### Author Guests of Honor

Frederik Pohl  
Capricon V Guest of Honor

Spider and Jeanne Robinson  
Capricon XXIV Guests of Honor

Robert J. Sawyer  
Capricon XVII Guest of Honor

### Artist Guest of Honor

Lucy Synk  
Capricon XV Artist Guest of Honor

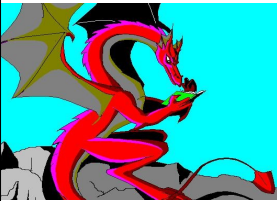
### Fan Guest of Honor

Alice Bentley  
Chair—Capricon VIII, IX, XI

We're thrilled to welcome back all of these past Guests! For more information on our Guests of Honor, please visit our website at [www.capricon.org](http://www.capricon.org)! We will continue to update the website as more Guests confirm that they will be attending.

Keep in touch all year long! See Page 2 to find out how!

## Phandemonium Book Club



Welcome to the Phandemonium Book Club! We've been having a great time for almost five years, and hope you'll join us!

We meet bimonthly at Borders Books & Music, 1700 Maple Avenue, Evanston, IL 60201 (Phone: 847-733-8852). We meet upstairs in the café. Look for the Capricon

t-shirts! (If we aren't there, look across the street in The Rhythm Room.)

Our next meet-up at Borders is Sunday, May 3 at 6:30pm. We will be reading The Engines of God by Jack McDevitt.

We will also meet Sunday, July 12 at 6:30pm, and will read Red Mars by Kim Stanley Robinson.

For up-to-date info, check the Capricon forums ([www.capricon.org/forums](http://www.capricon.org/forums)) There is an email list that you can join as well—just email [bookclub-list-join@phandemonium.org](mailto:bookclub-list-join@phandemonium.org) and you will get email notices about the club. You can also email [bookclub@capricon.org](mailto:bookclub@capricon.org). Hope to see you soon!

## Phandemonium Euchre Club

The Euchre Club is up and running on a bimonthly basis, Sundays at 5pm. We're still seeking a permanent home, so you should check the forums ([www.capricon.org/forums](http://www.capricon.org/forums)) for details.



You can also subscribe to our new email list, which will send you reminders & updates about the euchre club.

Just send an email to [euchre-list-join@phandemonium.org](mailto:euchre-list-join@phandemonium.org) and you'll be all set! You can also email [euchre@phandemonium.org](mailto:euchre@phandemonium.org) if you have questions.

Our next meet up will be June 7, 2009, at Bad Dog Tavern, 4535 N. Lincoln, Chicago. Directions are on the forums. Shuffle up and deal!

## FEAST / Theater Outing



Phandemonium's Ethnic Dining Club has a new name! We call it FEAST—Fans Eating All Sorts of Things\*. It is for fen who would like to meet new people and explore the worlds of good ethnic food. If you would like to be added to the FEAST Outings email list, sign up by emailing

[dining-list-join@phandemonium.org](mailto:dining-list-join@phandemonium.org).

We're excited to partner our **Sunday, May 31<sup>st</sup> FEAST Outing** with a trip to see "Bat Boy—The Musical" in Oak Park. The performance is at 3pm. Presuming we get enough people, tickets will be \$20 (group rate). Info on reserving a ticket can be found on our forums in the Phandemonium section.

Dinner will follow at PapaSpiros (Greek food) at 5pm. PapaSpiros is located at 733 Lake Street in Oak Park.

As always, if you know of any good ethnic restaurants that you think we should try, please post your suggestions on the forums!

\*Thanks to Glenn Glazer of California and Dave McCarty of Chicago for the name and acronym FEAST.

## Follow Capricon On the Web!

In an effort to stay in touch with our members and to keep you all informed of the latest news and happenings with Capricon and Phandemonium, we have several online options that you can utilize.

For many years, Capricon has had an online bulletin board community—the Forums. Anyone can read the posts without creating a login. Our forums can be found at [www.capricon.org/forums](http://www.capricon.org/forums)

For Capricon 30, we've decided to start making use of some online social networking sites as well. This year, Capricon can be found on Facebook, Twitter, and LiveJournal. On Facebook and Twitter we are operating under the name Capricious Goat.

To add us as a friend on Facebook you can use the following address: <http://www.facebook.com/addfriend.php?id=1437232679>

To follow us on Twitter use this address: <http://twitter.com/CapriciousGoat>

On LiveJournal we have an RSS feed coming from the What's New Section of the Capricon Website. The RSS feed can be found here: <http://syndicated.livejournal.com/capriciconupdate>

We promise not to abuse the privilege you've given us by letting us reach out to you in new ways. We're also looking at the possibility of using Twitter at the convention to send out programming changes and other important information in as close to real time as is practical.

Questions? Email [capricious@capricon.org](mailto:capricious@capricon.org) for the answers!

## If I Ran the zoe con...

Capricon 30 is seeking volunteers for this year's convention committee, both department heads and staff. If anything strikes your fancy, please email [chair@capricon.org](mailto:chair@capricon.org) for more information!

Art Show (Dept. Head)	Open Phandemonium (corporate positions):
Capricon Café (Dept. Head)	
Consuite (Dept. Head)	Community Outreach (Coordinator and Staff)
Equipment (Second)	
Films (Second)	
Guest Liaison (staff)	Webmaster
Programming (staff)	
Publications (Dept. Head)	
Teen Lounge (Dept. Head)	

## Out of CON-text

"I'm holding this really valuable thing." - Helen Montgomery

"Women are a hot commodity." - Isabel Schechter

"Tim has a pineapple!" - Anonymous

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