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WHAT'S NEW FOR 2010?

Capricon 30 is all about Celebrating! We are turning 30 years old this year, and want to celebrate with all of you that have made this event possible. Without you, Capricon would not have grown into the convention it is today! We are celebrating Capricons past by bringing back many former Guests of Honor, and our Fan Guest of Honor is one of the Chicagoans that helped start Capricon 30 years ago. Finally, we are celebrating the wonder that is science fiction and fantasy, the genre that brings us together each year at Capricon.

What would a convention be without its' fun and games. And this year we are here to CELEBRATE with lots of games and events. You might want to join us in our annual **"Dark and Stormy" writing contest** for the worst line never written, or you may wish to join us for the annual **Olympiad** of events. This year you might wish to try your hand at **Name That Tune Music Trivia**, or see if you can match our panelists at the **Match Game**. You might be brave enough to enter our **Gong Show**, or sing with a **live band at Klingon Karaoke**. Come play or watch the **Klingons vs. Humans in Family Feud** or join us for our **Trivia Contest** which will be full of 30 years of trivia.

Of course, we will top it all off with our **Birthday Bash Celebration complete with Birthday Cake**. There is so much to do, you might not know where to begin, but regardless, there will certainly be lots of choices and opportunities to help celebrate Capricon's 30 years!

RETURNING FAVORITES

- Teen Lounge
- Fan Tables
- Filk Concerts & Cireles
- The Capricon Caf 
- Anime Room
- Art Auction
- Euchre Tournaments
- Gaming
- Film Roast
- Book Discussions
- Writers' Workshop
- Consuite

ART SHOW & DEALERS ROOM

We want to have an amazing Art Show and Dealers Room for our 30th Birthday Celebration! If you are interested in submitting your art work (mail-in art is accepted) or participating in our Artist's Challenge, please email us at **artshow@capricon.org**. If you are interested in a Dealers Room table, please email **dealers@capricon.org**.

MORE WAYS TO CELEBRATE!

MIDWINTER FAIRE

Thursday afternoon of Capricon 30, we'll welcome our members with the Midwinter Faire. There will be games, events, and more for your enjoyment, and it's a great opportunity to meet new friends and reconnect with old ones! We are asking for people to volunteer their time and energy for two hours to provide the fun! If you have a skill or talent and you would like to share, please email **fair@capricon.org**.

FIVE FAB YEARS OF FILM!

Submit your short-form science fiction, fantasy, and horror/supernatural films and videos for screening at the **Fifth Annual Capricon Short Film Festival** (Sat. Feb. 13, at Capricon 30). Genre-themed films and videos of up to 20 minutes in length are eligible, as are trailers for feature films. All entries (DVD only please) must be received by Dec. 31, 2009. For details on how to submit your film, please contact us at **films@capricon.org**.

PARTY LIKE IT'S...!

We have 30 years of Capricon to celebrate! Interested in helping? Email **parties@capricon.org** to register your party and get the details. As we have for many years, we will be giving away awards for the Best Thursday Night Party, Best Drink with a Fizz, Best Overall Party, and Party Staff's Personal Choice.

PROGRAMMING ACTIVITIES

Do you have expertise, knowledge, or a deep abiding interest in SF, Fantasy, or Horror literature or media? How about anime or gaming? Would you like to be on a panel, do a reading, autograph your latest novel, or perform your latest masterpiece of interpretive dance at this year's Capricon? Email us at **programming@capricon.org** to sign up! In addition, we will reprise some of the most popular programming items from past Capricons, as well as doing some retro programming items based on the 1980's when Capricon started. If you have any programming items that you remember from the last 30 years and would like to see revisited, please email **programming@capricon.org**. We are also looking for ideas on late night "no children under 18" type program items. (This doesn't necessarily mean programming about sex. We're looking for adult topics like war, politics, religion etc.) Email any ideas to the above email address.

We plan on a full track of Children's Programming with something for everyone. We'll have more crafts, parties and playtime than before. If you have a request or idea, or want to share your time and volunteer to help please contact us at **kidsprogram@capricon.org**.

FREDERIK POHL
AUTHOR GOH

Frederik Pohl was the Guest of Honor at Capricon 5. He has been about everything that it is possible to be in the field of science fiction, from consecrated fan and struggling poet to critic, literary agent, teacher, book and magazine editor, and, above all, writer. His biography is too phenomenal and full to print in its entirety here, but he has been called “the most consistently able writer science fiction, in its modern form, has yet produced,” and is the winner of almost every major Science Fiction award in the world. A noted lecturer and teacher in the area of future studies, he makes his home in the suburbs of Chicago with his wife, Dr. Elizabeth Anne Hull. Additional information can be found at www.frederikpohl.com.

SPIDER AND JEANNE ROBINSON
AUTHOR GOHS

Spider and Jeanne Robinson were Guests of Honor at Capricon 24. Spider has been writing professionally since 1972, and has won numerous international awards and honors, including three Hugo Awards, a Nebula Award, and the Campbell Award. Most recently he was the recipient of the 2008 Robert A. Heinlein Award for Lifetime Excellence in Literature. Jeanne Robinson is a writer, choreographer, teacher, and dancer, who is also the founder of Nova Dance Theatre, a professional Modern dance company in Nova Scotia. In addition, Jeanne is a lay-ordained Soto Zen Buddhist monk. The Robinson collaborated on the Hugo-, Nebula-, and Locus-winning Stardance Trilogy, which created the concept and basic principles of zero-gravity dance. The Robinsons have been married for over 30 years, and reside on an island off the coast of British Columbia, Canada. Additional information on the Robinsons can be found at www.spiderrobinson.com.

ROBERT J SAWYER
AUTHOR GOH

Robert J Sawyer was the Guest of Honor at Capricon 17. A noted science fiction author and futurist, he is one of only seven writers in history—and the only Canadian—to win all three of the world’s top Science Fiction awards for best novel of the year: the Hugo, the Nebula, and the John W. Campbell Memorial Award. His novel FlashForward is the basis for the hit show currently airing on ABC. He lives in Mississauga, Ontario, Canada, just outside of Toronto, with his wife, Carolyn Clink. More information can be found at www.robertjsawyer.com.

LUCY SYNK
ARTIST GOH

Lucy Synk was the Guest of Honor at Capricon 15. She has exhibited work at conventions, art fairs, and galleries, as well as being an accomplished mural painter. She has sold illustrations in the U.S. and Europe to magazines and books, most notably the cover for Andre Norton’s Wizard’s Worlds. In addition to her artwork, she holds a Master’s Degree in Theology from Loyola University New Orleans. She currently lives in Champaign and works at an independent bookstore. Samples of Lucy’s works can be found at www.lucysynk.com.

ALICE BENTLEY
FAN GOH

Alice Bentley is probably best known as the proprietor of The Stars Our Destination, a science fiction specialty bookstore that was in Chicago from 1988 to 2000, and in Evanston from 2000 to 2003. But her involvement in fandom starts years before that, from her first con (The Star Trek thingie in 1975, then WindyCon 3 in 1976), to her first committee position (Art Show chair of Windycon at the tender age of barely 19) and rattling around the majority of MidWest conventions. She hangs out with the General Technics crowd, once worked at FermiLab, and currently lives on a woodsy island just south and west of Seattle. She would love to hear what webcomics you are reading, and some of your favorite iPhone apps.

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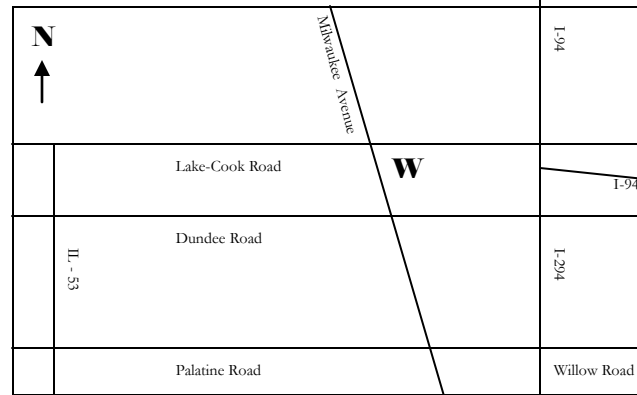
Capricon is again working hard to find ways to make the convention “green” and eco-friendly. There are many ways you can help (see our website!), including purchasing a carbon offset. If you use the mail-in form from this mailing, just add \$1 per person! If you wish to register online, you can purchase offsets in person at the convention.

VOLUNTEER!

Volunteers are the back-bone of all celebrations and conventions. By becoming one of our highly valued “gophers,” you become eligible for many gifts, prizes and special happenings as tokens of our appreciation. Additionally, with 12 hours of your time, you can get your membership reimbursed (Checks are mailed out after the convention.) Earn double time for Move-in/Move-out on Thursday and Sunday! If you are interested in making a difference by volunteering, please email us at gophers@capricon.org

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Capricon 30 is Celebrating at the Westin!

For our Capricon Celebration we will be returning to the Westin Northshore. There are many amenities available including dreamy beds, high speed internet, a pool and fitness center, and two restaurants to celebrate Capricious’ Birthday. Additionally, there are several other restaurants close to the hotel.

Rooms are either queen/queen or king with no additional charge for double, triple, and quad. It’s even possible to share with your four-legged friends, as the Westin is a pet-friendly hotel (although pets are not permitted in function space).

The Westin is a completely non-smoking hotel, and will charge large sums to any celebrant caught lighting up in their rooms. There is also a No Weapons policy at the Westin.

Book early, because once the block is closed, it’s closed! You can either call the hotel directly, or book through our website at www.capricon.org to get the convention rate.

CONVENTION REGISTRATION

\$45 per person until December 31, 2009.
\$55 per person from 1/1/2010 to 1/31/2010.
\$70 per person after 1/31/2010 and at the door.

Name: _____

Badge Name (max 25 char): _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

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(By giving us your email address, you consent to receive occasional email announcements.)

Additional Registrations at same address (Name and Badge Name)

Please contact me regarding:

Volunteering Programming Parties Fan Tables Advertising

Art Show Dealers Room Gaming Other: _____

Registration is also available online at www.capricon.org

Pre-Registration

\$45.00 per person until 12/31/09

\$55.00 per person from 1/1/10-1/31/10

\$70.00 per person after 1/31/10 and at the door

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