

# Goat Droppings



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## We partied like it was our last night on Earth...

... and as it turns out, it just might be. Seems we all got a bit carried away with our celebration and we've been banished from the Earth, but that's a problem for next year!

We'd like to thank all of you for an excellent year. As much as it takes the ConCom and the Gophers to put on the convention each year, there wouldn't be much point if it weren't for all of you. Just walking through the halls listening to how much fun everyone is having makes it all worthwhile.

And since Capricon truly is a four day convention, here are some of the highlights from Sunday. The morning kicked off early with our annual **Critter Crunch**. There was mayhem, and robot parts flying everywhere. Or at least that's what I'd like to believe happened. Phandemonium, Capricon's parent organization, also held their annual board meeting, where **Jerry Gilio** and **Mike Unger** were elected to serve on the Board of Directors. And sadly then there were the **Closing Ceremonies**, where we were put on notice that we are no longer welcome on Earth, but fear not we have an **Escape!** plan.

### Thank You

The ConCom and Staff would like to thank this year's Guests of Honor:

- Frederik Pohl and his wife, Elizabeth Anne Hull
- Spider and Jeanne Robinson
- Robert J. Sawyer and his wife, Carolyn Clink
- Lucy Synk
- Alice Bentley and her husband, Michael Bentley

We would also like to thank our Special Guests and returning Guests of Honor:

- Gene Wolfe
- delphyne woods
- Lawrence Watt-Evans
- Kathleen Meyer
- Bill Higgins
- Becky Thomson
- Jim Landis
- Phoenix
- Joseph "Uncle Vlad" Stockman
- Ray VanTilburg
- David Abzug
- Bill Roper

### Gopher of the Year!

Congratulations to Edward Tolley!



## Phandemonium Board

Congratulations to our two newly elected Phandemonium Board Members who will serve a three year term beginning April 1st: **Michael Unger** and **Jerry Gilio**. Thank you also to **Pat Nuccio** for running for the board.

We would also like to thank **Lois Ray** and **Krista Cobb**, our two board members who are retiring after serving three years on the board. For questions and information on our year-round Phandemonium activities, please contact [board@phandemonium.org](mailto:board@phandemonium.org) or visit our forums at [www.capricon.org/forums](http://www.capricon.org/forums).

### A Goat's Tale:

Capricious may have had just a wee bit too much fun at Capricon this year. He still doesn't know how he ended up sleeping it off on the giant cake. He's pretty sure that in a couple of days he'll be as good as new again. But in the meantime, can you all talk a bit more quietly... his head hurts something fierce.

# Fred Pohl

Unfortunately due to health reasons Fred Pohl was unable to join us this weekend. However he did take the time to show off his new t-shirt from Capricon 30!



## Awards

Every year at Capricon there are various competitions and special events over the course of the weekend. Here is the list of the various winners:

### Special Events

- Euchre Tournament winners – Sondra de Jong & Liz Gilio (Friday), Donna White & Cindy Kuntzelman (Saturday)  
Critter Crunch – Mini Bean 4 Ever (1st), Kristin (2nd)  
Family Feud – Bluebeard's Klingon Family  
Match Game – tie between Tim and Dawn  
Olympiad – Team Headsmash  
Gong Show – Greg & Dawn for their modern interpretation of the Peanuts cartoons

### Art Show

- Best Fan Artist – Moira Coon (Andrea Allen)  
Best Pro Artist – Jan Gephardt  
Best Met Artist's Challenge – Cheryl Storm  
Best in Show – Lucy Synk  
\$186.00 raised for the American Brain Tumor Association

### Party Awards

- Best Thursday Night Party – Minicon  
Best Drink with a Fizz – Barfleet (XX)  
Party Staff's Choice – OddCon / Mad Cow Asylum  
Best Party – MIB / Pirate Party

## Greening

This year's greening efforts built on the success of last year's results.

- 60 members earned their "It's Easy Being Green" ribbon by participating in 3 or more Greening action items
- 30 members purchased carbon offsets
- 12 large garbage bags of aluminum cans were collected for recycling
- many, many books were donated to the Evanston Rotary
- a small buffett of food was donated to the Vernon Hills Township food pantry

## Out of CONtext...

- "Some times we're easy."  
- Sondra de Jong
- "He's much softer and fuzzier than I imagined."  
- Michael P
- "I'm not a fan of my neck being punched."  
- Nathan Skerbinc
- "If you don't get enough of the Fruit Loops, it's too salty."  
- Michelle Morlan
- "I want to watch these guys destroy stuff."  
- Alex Heltzer
- "It's the first Sunday in March... you know... February 6th."  
- Helen Montgomery
- "You're much quicker at getting your tools out than I am."  
- Leah Roman
- "Once they actually come, we'll go."  
- Sondra de Jong
- "I will punch you in the face."  
- Greg Williams
- "Hasn't everybody had Peter?"  
- Michelle Morlan



## More Thanks!

We'd like to express our thanks to the following:

All of you who attended - All **933** of you who registered for Capricon this year!!!

The Westin Chicago Northshore

Boskone for working with us on some excellent video cross-programming. Especially **Robert Luoma, Jim Mann, and Priscilla Olson.**

**OffWorld Designs** for the wonderful Capricon 30 t-shirts and other merchandise.

To everyone who donated to **Jeanne Robinson's** medical fund.... we raised over **\$800!**

And of course all of our wonderful **Gophers**, we couldn't do it without you!. This year **56** gophers provided over **500** hours of service to the convention! Thank you very, very much!!!

## Phandemonium Announcements

**FEAST/ Theater Outing** - Join us on March 7, at 4pm to see Lifeline Theatre's production of **Mrs. Caliban** by Rachel Ingalls, a remarkable story acclaimed as one of the greatest post-war American novels. The show will be followed by a discussion with the director. After the show we're gathering at Pupuseria Los Planes for a Salvadorian FEAST.

**Phandemonium Book Club** - The book club will be meeting on Sunday, March 21 at 6:30pm at the Borders in Evanston. Our book this month is [The Lies of Locke Lamora](#) by Scott Lynch.

**Euchre Club** - The Euchre club will be meeting again on Sunday, April 11 at 5pm at The Grafton pub. Come join us and keep your Euchre skills in peak form so maybe next year you can win the Euchre tournament!

## Stay in Touch!

Stay in touch with Capricon and Phandemonium throughout the year with one or more of the following methods:

- Facebook:** Capricious G Oat  
**Twitter:** @CapriciousGoat  
**LiveJournal:** CapriconUpdate  
**Forums:** [www.capricon.org/forums](http://www.capricon.org/forums)

## Capricon 31

**ESCAPE!**  
**February 10-13, 2011**

**Author Guest of Honor - John Scalzi**

**Artist Guest of Honor - John Picacio**

**Fan GoHs - Janice Gelb and Stephen Boucher**