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### **Recent Events**

Guildsters (Jean, Randall, Sharan, Tasha) attended Libcon west. It was nice to schmooze with other costume-atics. Randall (with help from Sharan and Tasha) presented a make-and-take on slouch 'pirate' hats which was well attended. Make-and-takes seem to go over particularly well. We discussed what we might do along those lines next year. There's a picture of Jean, Randall, Sharan, Tasha on the next page.



The December 'meeting' was a Christmas dinner at Paula's. The guild provided a ham, paula and Mahaila made several delightful side dishes, Randall brought his lemonade, and Tasha provided some desert. There was a formal meeting, but we did discuss the next few months events.

### **Minutes**

All we did was decide on the next three months – see calendar. Also, Tasha's old pool is now available again for the annual pool party.



### Calendar

Do you know an event of interest to Arizona costumers? Please contact your editor with the details. **Red text and an asterisk\*** designate an SWCG-sponsored event. *Unless otherwise noted, our monthly meetings start at 1PM.*

**\*January 5<sup>th</sup> – We're moving the meeting to Saturday to do a Victorian/Dickens walk through Glendale Glitters. Meet at Subway at 6pm**

**Jan 19<sup>th</sup> 2019** – Super hero Saturday 12pm-5pm 2200 N Central Ave, Phoenix – attendees are encouraged to come in costume, there will be a masquerade.

**January 26, 2019** from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. The Tempe Public Library is hosting its annual **Library FanCon** (formerly known as Comicon)

**\*Feb 3<sup>rd</sup> – Guild meeting at Tasha's.** election, brainstorming, and taking about Viking shoes.

**Feb 9<sup>th</sup> –8am – 6pm VNSA Used Book Sale** – Az State Fairgrounds

**Feb 17-25<sup>th</sup> SCA Estrella War** - Schneff Farms, Queen Creek

**Feb 18-24 SASS Winter Range** – Ben Avery Range, I-17 and Carefree Highway

**Feb 23-24 10am-5pm Matsuri Festival** 115 N 6<sup>th</sup> St, Phoenix

**\*March 17th - Guild meeting at Tasha's.** – St Patrick's day party – please come in related costume.

**March 22-25, 2019 - Costume-Con 37** Salem, MA

Attending Memberships are \$60 through at least 12/31/2016. \$45 for those that voted in the site-selection. Supporting Memberships are \$25, \$15 for voters. We hope to have online registration in place soon, even if it'll just be a paypal button, so please be patient. Or you can send a check (payable to Costume-Con 37) to MCFI PO Box 1010 Framingham, MA 01701 I'll be posting more information on a semi-regular basis. If there is something you would like to do for CC37, please email Aurora and myself. Sharon Sbarsky [sbarsky@gmail.com](mailto:sbarsky@gmail.com) or Aurora Celeste [auroraceleste@gmail.com](mailto:auroraceleste@gmail.com)

**March 30 2019 – Tucson Time Traveler's Masquerade.** 12pm – 11pm – 160 S Scott Ave, Tucson – theme is Heaven and Hell. 21 and over.

**APRIL 18-21, 2019 - LepreCon 45 –**

Doubletree by Hilton Phoenix North, 10220 N Metro Parkway E, Phoenix AZ. Rooms \$92, Suites \$102. There will be a charity auction and we welcome donations. Please contact our Charity Auction Director thru the website. More info at [www.leprecon.org](http://www.leprecon.org)

**July 4-7 Westercon, Layton Utah.** Combined with the 2019 North American Science Fiction Convention (NASFiC) and 1632 MiniCon under the convention name “SpikeCon”

**July 20-21 2019 – Ittty Bitty Fur Con** 11am – 5pm Mesa Convention Center

**August 15 – 19, 2019 Worldcon** - Convention Centre Dublin -

**Aug 30<sup>th</sup> -Sept 2nd 2019 CoKoCon**

Doubletree by Hilton Phoenix North, 10220 N Metro Parkway E, Phoenix AZ. Rooms \$92, Suites \$102. **Memberships limited to 500.** There will be a charity auction and we welcome donations. Please contact our Charity Auction Director thru the website. More info at [www.cokocon.org](http://www.cokocon.org)

**October 25<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> 2019 – Music Furstival – 11am – 6pm Arizona Furcon** 200 N Centennial way, Mesa

**Westercon 73, July 2-5, 2020,** Seattle (SeaTac) WA

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