

Subject: Corflu 33 Chiflu Progress Report 2.42

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Corflu 33 - The Chiflu

Chicago Club Quarters Hotel Central Loop

May 13-15, 2016



The End is Nigh

Hello,

It is hard to believe that Corflu 33 the Chiflu, is almost upon us. Only eight days to go now, and I was reminded today that three years ago Corflu 30 was already underway in Portland.

This is an update on where things stand and a few announcements, requests, etc. The last "mini" Progress Report will be next week with last minute directions.

Membership Address List, Attendee Badges

I intend to continue the Corflu tradition of making available a printed list of all Corflu 33 members, both attending and supporting, with full postal and email address. This will only be available to registered members and not published or made available online.

The way your name is presented on the members list on the website, is how your name will be printed out on attendee badges and in the membership listing. If this should be different, or to correct any errors, please review.

If you wish to have your information, or some of your information withheld from this printed list, please let me know as quickly as possible.

Cubs Baseball

The Wrigley Chicago Cubs outing is scheduled with 8 lucky fans attending a game vs. The Pittsburgh Pirates on Friday afternoon. Hopefully in the warm sunshine. Tickets have been dispatched to everyone who requested them. If you haven't received these, please let me know asap.

Parking

After reviewing all the various options, there are now two options available: 1. \$26 a day with no in-out privileges in a secure covered garage two blocks from the hotel. 2. \$53 a day in the same garage, but with unlimited in-out privileges. These rates do not include taxes, fees, etc. There is a page on the Corflu website with full details, directions to/from the hotel, and a Google Maps link.

T-shirts

If you ordered shirts, these will be available at the con for pickup. The cost is \$20 for men's shirts, and \$18 for women's. As these shirts have been specially ordered, there will be limited opportunity to purchase if you haven't contacted me off-list to request one. All shirt orders have been confirmed by separate email, or will be shortly.

"The Ocean Called and They Want Their Lobsters Back!"

Despite an indication in PR2 that there might be fresh lobster at the Corflu banquet, this has now been confirmed as being a false hope. However other types of food will be available.

Pre-Con Party

On the Thursday evening before the con starts (May 12th) all attendees are invited to a special pre-con party. Please reply to this message with your RSVP, so I can provide details of where the party will be held. It is scheduled to start at 7:30 and go late. Already around 20 people have said they are planning to attend, but please RSVP to this notice.

Progress Report 2 Updated!

The eagle-eyed amongst you will have noticed that PR2 has gone through some slight changes. The latest iteration is now available on the website. Changes have included correcting some members names erroneously left-out of the original PDF (sorry Claire, Doug and Christina), and including the actual date of the con! Thanks to those who pointed out these errors (John D. and Grant.) The masthead of PR2 contains a slight notation as to this update. The editorial proofing board has been expanded for subsequent editions.

Don't forget the auction. Send auction materials to the con address on the website, or bring to Corflu. A list with descriptions of all items would be appreciated ahead of the con, to assist with auction prep.

Registration Is Still Open...

If you haven't registered yet to attend or support Corflu 33, please consider doing so ahead of the con. This helps us to provide accurate head counts to the hotel for food, chairs, bottled water, etc. And also ensures that publications are printed to meet the actual need rather than attempting to anticipate requirements.

Thanks and see you soon!

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Last Call for Baseball Tickets, Parking Requests, and t-shirts...

Hello,

We're counting down the days, and it's now only two weeks until we all get together in Chicago! So far size people have requested baseball tickets, and these will be ordered tomorrow. Hopefully there will still be seats available...

If you are planning on driving to the con, and require discounted parking please let me know. Currently there are two options, but I haven't given up hope of locating others:

1. Secure Parking Garage, two blocks from hotel. \$26 + taxes each day (typically \$50+ per day). No in-out privileges, but 24 hour access.
2. Surface lot, three blocks from hotel, next door to #1 actually. \$90 for entire weekend, plus taxes. 24 hour access, and in-out privileges. Across from highly-secured Federal Employee parking building.

T-Shirts will be ordered early next week. Please refer to ordering details in PR2. Need your requests for these beauties as quickly as possible.

Also, any last minute fond memories, anecdotes, wild innuendo, and outright slander from past Corflus are eagerly sought for a special publication. The deadline for this has already passed, but will be used if received by Monday.

Thanks for your help with these requests.

See you soon,

Cheers,

Nigel

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****Deadline for FAAn Awards is midnight your time Saturday April 23rd.****

Yes, it's that time again. Time to vote on the Fan Activity Achievement awards. Time for the administrator to beg, plead, cajole, threaten, apologise, pout, and eventually slump into an exhausted heap and pretend not to hear any future requests to take charge of the awards again.

'Would it save you a lot of time if I just gave up and went mad now?'

Go on, prove me wrong. Cast your ballots now. Don't forget. Don't decide it doesn't matter. Don't wait until the very last minute. Think how smug you'd be feeling now if you'd voted before you even saw this PR.

I'm not asking you to end world hunger or war, or to get everyone to agree about climate change. I'm not even asking you to produce a fanzine, or create a cover, or write a letter of comment. I'm just encouraging you to vote on the FAAn awards, and to do so in sufficient numbers that the people who win feel happy for a little while longer.

You're reading a progress report for Corflu, which must mean you're interested in fanzines or else that you've got very, very lost in the internet. You might even be planning to attend the convention. Are you really so disconnected from a fandom you'd spend money to go and hang out with in a plush hotel that you aren't motivated to express your views on whose fanzine activity you enjoyed last year?

Two weeks before today's deadline, 49 of the people listed on the Corflu membership list had not yet voted. And neither had considerably more than 49 other people who might count themselves as interested in SF fanzines. If you're not a member of Corflu, but you're interested in fanzines, don't think you're off the hook. You can still vote. Why let people who are going to Corflu have all the fun?

The FAAN Awards ballot form is available at: <http://www.corflu.org/Corflu33/2015FAAnBallot.pdf>

That ballot form tells you what the categories are - with more clarification than I expect most people will want or need - and how to vote, including a small set of things you can't vote for this time. You don't have to vote in every category. You don't have to award all the places in each category. Just vote for what you know about and what you liked.

If you've still got queries, email me: faansfor2015@gmail.com

Claire Brialey
FAAn Awards Administrator 2015

If you haven't registered yet as an attending or supporting member, visit www.corflu.org for registration information. PayPal is available as a payment option if desired.

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Progress Report 2 is almost ready to send out and will contain everything needed to get excited about the upcoming Chicago Corflu. Along with the latest con news, it has all the secret answers to enjoying the city, its architecture, food, entertainment and where to buy emergency supplies at midnight within a block or two of the con hotel.

But before this, there are five things you need to be aware of:

1. Vote for the 2015 FAAn Awards. Ballots and more details are available at www.corflu.org and must be completed and returned by midnight April 23rd to be counted. You do not have to be a member of Corflu to vote. It is open to anyone who knows how to spell the word fanzine and cares enough to share their opinions about such topics. You can even be picky about which categories to actually vote for. Don't delay.

2. A special publication is planned for all members of Corflu 33. Please take a few minutes to share your favourite Corflu memories, photos, third-hand stories, etc. Send all submissions to this email address as quickly as possible because time is also running out for this opportunity.

3. Are you planning on driving to Chicago? If you are, please let me know, so suitable arrangements can be made for inexpensive parking during the convention weekend. Like many older hotels, there is no hotel parking available, and unless using expensive valet parking is your style, I need to know how many spaces to reserve. Send me your expected arrival and departures times as well.

4. There will be a Fan Fund/Corflu 50/Corflu auction of fannish memorabilia. Many fun and rare items have been promised, but if you also have items to sell/donate, please send a description ahead of time so they can be properly promoted to all interested parties. Remote bidding will be accommodated, but all bidders in the auction will need to be a paid member of Corflu 33, or have donated auction items.

5. There will be t-shirts. Full details in PR2.

Remember, act on all or some of these items today or tomorrow to avoid disappointment later.

Stay tuned for the next real Progress Report over the next week.

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Hello,

This is just a quick interim progress report to remind everyone of the upcoming release of the Corflu hotel room block. You need to have a confirmed hotel reservation by April 1st, in order to secure rooms at our preferred rates.

To make a room reservation at the Club Quarters, Central Chicago Loop Hotel location, please use this link:

<https://gc.synxis.com/rez.aspx?Chain=14601&HOTEL=58314&template=CQmain&shell=CQmain1&locale=en-US&hotellist=WEB&group=UOI513>

Note there should be no spaces/line breaks when copying and pasting the link.

At the hotel site you will need to select the dates of the con (May 13-15th) to see the correct rates quoted, these are \$167 and \$182 respectively. Only two room types should be shown. If additional room nights are required, adjust your reservation accordingly, however the hotel doesn't guarantee the Corflu room rate will be available for additional nights.

There is an additional \$18 a night charge for another person to stay in the room. As this is a business-oriented hotel, this charge covers all the complimentary services that the hotel offers (free wi-fi, unrestricted use of business lounge, printers, etc. and a club lounge with complimentary drinks and snacks.)

All rooms are setup with a Queen bed as standard, but if two people are sharing a twin arrangement should be requested at the time of booking and confirmed with the hotel. Some suites are available at a higher rate, these come with an additional sofa bed.

Currently there are 48 members of Corflu 33, including 9 supporters.

PR 2 should be available in a few weeks and will contain other information about Corflu activities, Chicago attractions, travel details and more.

Remember the FAAn Awards deadline of April 23rd. Ballots and other details available at www.corflu.org

Take care and stay tuned for further news in early April.

Nigel

Fact:

Did you know that the hit TV show Married With Children was set in the Chicago suburbs? And that the actor who portrayed "Kramer" in Seinfeld two years later, Michael Richards originally auditioned for the role of long-suffering women's shoe salesman Al Bundy.

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