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a message from the chairman



"We can neither confirm nor deny..."

Since the dawn of the Fandom there have been tales told of secret societies that operate in the shadows, just beyond the range of sight, organizations which quietly steer the direction in which Furry Fandom proceeds. Folks have whispered about a cabal of convention chairmen who meet under cover of darkness, never in the same place twice. They claim that there is a branch of the German government dedicated to studying these strange and fluffy creatures who are annually becoming more numerous. Rumors have even spread that Anthrocon's chairman

makes clandestine visits to Pittsburgh and gatherstogether representatives of all of the major hotels and of the city government itself for purposes no one can guess.

To every one of these rumors, our answer is always the same: "No comment."

It is, of course, no secret that Anthrocon is entering its eighth year in the Steel City. We have more than doubled in size since our arrival, and to the best of our ability to plan, we're

going to be here for quite a few years to come. This year we will continue our tradition of inviting luminary guests who have made great contributions to our Fandom – even those who never before knew that we existed. This year we are no longer a secret to two amazing actors whose faces you may not have seen but whose voices you have heard hundreds of times from almost as many characters. Please welcome Mr. Lee Tockar, whose voice talents have been featured in *My Little Pony - Friendship is Magic*, *Sonic the Hedgehog*, *Street Sharks* and dozens of other shows, and Mr. Jim

Cummings, whose voice has brought to life such memorable characters as Winnie the Pooh, the Tasmanian Devil, Ed the Hyena, Darkwing Duck, Don Karnage and others too numerous to list. These gentlemen are true legends in the field, and we hope that they will have a grand time in our company.

We have quite a lot of very special programming lined up for our attendees this year, not the least of which is a performance by Fox Amore, who will be honoring us with some selections from his album *Come Find Me*, recorded earlier this year at the famous Abbey Road Studios in London. He will be joined by the beloved Beltane Bard, Alexander Adams. And as always, 2 the Ranting Gryphon will be returning. There will surely be something for everyone.

We are very happy to offer our support this year to Pittsburgh's own National Aviary, which is both a haven for feathered friends and a place for us featherless sorts to learn more about them. Please be generous when you stop by their table!

Be generous, too, with your applause for our amazing staff and volunteers. These people put their lives on hold and use their own time and resources to create this amazing event that we call Anthrocon. Those of us who wear the "Director" ribbons are just the coaches. The rest are the players on the team, the ones who make it all happen, and we thank them from the bottom of our hearts.

guests of honor

JIM CUMMINGS

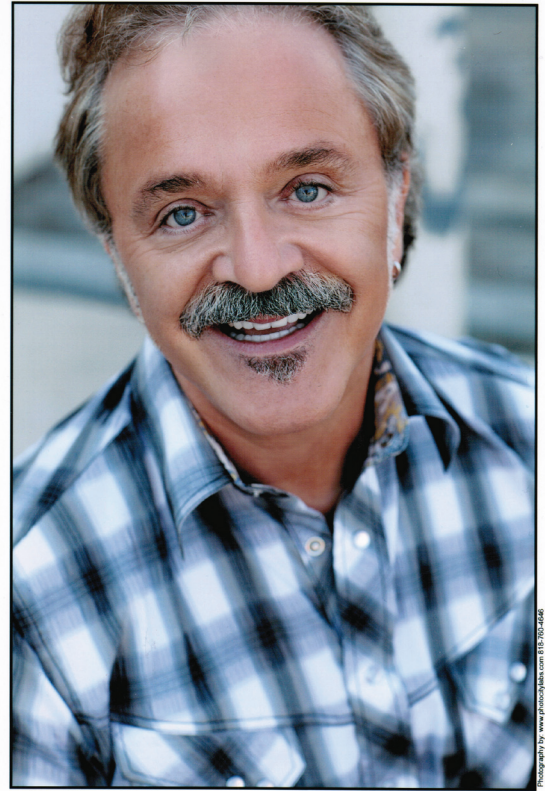
"Tell the kid he's got it," said legendary voice actor Mel Blanc with a smile, after listening to a young man's first demo tape of cartoon character voices. The year was 1984, and "the kid" was Jim Cummings. Since then, the kid has gone on to give life and voice to some of America's most beloved animal characters, including a few of the late Mel Blanc's. He was even nominated for an Emmy Award for his work as the lovable Tigger on Disney Channel's "My Friends Tigger and Pooh," in which he also voices everyone's favorite bear, Winnie the Pooh.

Born and raised in Youngstown, Ohio, Cummings spent Saturday mornings riveted to the TV screen as he mimicked the characters in his favorite cartoons, all the while dreaming that one day he would voice them himself. At age 19, he moved to New Orleans, where he performed as a drummer, a singer, a deck hand on riverboats, and even designed and created Mardi Gras floats, all the while absorbing the rich characters and accents that would someday find expression in animation. Years later, Cummings relocated to Southern California and managed a video store as he pursued his childhood dream. He gave his first demo to a customer who was also a movie producer, and the rest, as they say, is history. In 1984, Cummings landed his first role as Lionel the Lion, in Disney Channel's "Dumbo Circus."

During his illustrious career, he has worked extensively for Walt Disney Studios voicing classic characters such as Winnie the Pooh, Tigger, King Louie, Kaa the Snake, Pete (formerly peg-legged Pete), and more. His many other credits include Darkwing Duck, Bonkers, Fat Cat and Monterey Jack in "Chip 'n Dale: Rescue Rangers," and Don Karnage in "Talespin" among others.

Cummings has done scores of voices for Warner Bros. as well, including Taz the Tasmanian Devil himself, Steven Spielberg's "Animaniacs," "Tiny Toon Adventures," "Batman," "Pinky and the Brain," "Tazmania," "Duck Dodgers," and more. Other credits include "King of the Hill," "Bump in the Night," "Adventures of Jimmy Neutron: Boy Genius," "The Replacements," "The Addams Family," "Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles," "Star Wars: Clone Wars," "The Simpsons," "Barnyard," and "Catdog."

Not limited to the small screen, Cummings has acted in several blockbuster feature films for Dreamworks including "Shrek," "Antz," "Kung Fu Panda's Furious Five," "Hook," "Bee Movie," "Balto," and more. Cummings also played a part in the '90s Disney Renaissance, providing voices



for memorable characters in "The Little Mermaid," "Aladdin," "The Lion King," "Pocahontas," "Tarzan," and "The Hunchback of Notre Dame."

As of late, Jim is enjoying being the only American performer in the primary cast of "Gnomeo and Juliet," where he plays the amorous garden flamingo, Featherstone. He is excited for the release on July 15th of the sequel to the animated Disney classic, "Winnie the Pooh" in which he voices both Winnie the Pooh and Tigger, too! He will also be playing an evil African Warlord, Budzo, in the upcoming feature film "Zambezia" released later this year.

Cummings' work in voiceover includes hundreds of television and radio commercials, movie trailers, pro-

mos, and video games, but no matter how busy Cummings' schedule may be, it all stops when Famous Fone Friends of the Make-a-Wish Foundation call on behalf of a very ill child and distraught family in need of a phone call from their favorite cartoon character. "Just

bringing a respite, however brief, and perhaps a smile and giggle or two, means so much to the child and their family. I consider it a true blessing to be able to do that."

Cummings is a proud father of four and resides somewhere in California with his

beautiful two younger daughters Grace and Lulu Rose... and their critters.



LEE TOCKAR is a true fan favorite because of his hyper, bubbly, and seriously wacky personality. The Canadian-born Tockar, who currently resides in Vancouver, British Columbia, is incredibly generous with his time and energy at conventions and charity events. Possessing an impressive resume of voice roles, Tockar can be seen performing the roles of Doktor Frogg in "League of Super Evil," Snips in "My Little Pony: Friendship is Magic," Bling Bling Boy, The

General and Speed McCool in "Johnny Test," adding to an already incredible list of iconic characters in shows such as "Beast Wars," "X-Men," "The Incredible Hulk," "Iron Man," "Fantastic Four," "Dragon Booster," "Pucca" and "Eon Kid."

Among his shows presently in development, Lee has landed the part of Pronto the Magnificent in the upcoming Disney/Nerd Corps' co-production entitled "Slugterra." Currently, in addition to all his

voice roles, Tockar is working on an exciting project called FanBuilt (www.fanbuilt.com), which will bring together fans, animators, and voice actors in exciting collaboration and fun! In 2008, Tockar was presented with the Electronic Animation Award for "Best Male Voiceover Artist of the Year" for his portrayal of George in "George of the Jungle," and he was recently nominated for both an Emmy Award as well as a Leo Award for his work in "Slugterra."

were to go

eduardo soliz

The Council of the Ancient Order of Anthro was gathering. One by one, the councilmembers entered the meeting room, each one wearing a ceremonial robe and representing a different species. Among others, a wolf, cat, bear and mouse walked in, each one taking their seat behind a large round table. The chairs were made of dark, heavy wood and had high backs, upon which a carving of each animal was present. Younger animals came in to serve food and drink to the assembled.

After each person took their seat, the wolf stood up. The room became silent. He addressed everyone at the table in a somber tone:

"I thank you for coming, brothers and sisters, although I wish it was under better circumstances. We face trying times. As you are all aware, it is becoming increasingly difficult for us to remain hidden, and we are being forced farther and farther into the fringes of human society. Because of this, our youth are becoming restless. More of them wish to

expose their true selves to humanity, dooming our kind to lives of ridicule, servitude, or even extinction. We remember the fate of our long-lost dragon brothers and sisters and do not wish to repeat it."

He paused for effect. Murmuring and whispering could be heard around the table. The wolf loudly cleared his throat. The room became silent once again.

"Thus, my fellow Anthros, we must formulate a solution to this problem. I now open the floor to discussion.



Open your hearts and speak your minds,” he said, taking his seat.

The bear stood up, slammed a fist on the table, and loudly declared, “We should conquer the humans and claim this world for our own. We have been gifted with the abilities of both man and animal, and should rule the earth!” He roared to emphasize his point. A few people applauded, but most of the attendees sighed or shook their heads. The bear smiled and nodded his head, pleased with the minimal applause.

A mouse woman stood

up and spoke in a British accent, “Must we always have this tired argument? The humans outnumber us 300-to-one! We simply do not have the numbers to wage a war against them on any scale.” The animals that had been previously silent now applauded, louder than the first group.

The bear roared again, “I would rather die on my feet than live on my knees!”

“Your war would doom us all to extinction!” the mouse yelled back. Many of the animals around the table began to argue and shout back and forth.

The wolf stood up and raised his arms to get everyone’s attention. “Please, everyone, calm down! While you are free to speak, ursine, it was decided many generations ago that we would peacefully coexist with the humans. If your people do not agree with this, you will be asked to leave the Council.”

The bear glared at the wolf. “I will remain...for now,” he grumbled before taking his seat. The mouse and the wolf also sat down.

A male owl was the next to stand up and speak. “Our youth need to have a place



where they can roam free and be their true selves. Even though we adopt human forms in order to live amongst them, it is only when we are in our animal forms that we are truly happy.”

“Aye, but in these modern times, there no places that are completely isolated,” a dog countered.

Murmurs came from the gathered were-animals as they discussed the situation among themselves. Disappointed, the elder wolf slumped in his chair.

One of the servers, a young wolf, walked up to the elder wolf’s seat. “Uncle?” he asked.

The elder turned and looked at him for a few moments but did not recognize

him. He sniffed the air. “Jon, what is it?”

“Yes, uncle. Forgive my intrusion, but I heard you talking about finding a place where we could be ourselves.” He hesitated before continuing. “My friend Jordan knows some humans that actually like people like us. He says they are really nice.”

The elder’s eyes brightened. “I see. Find your friend and bring him to me.” The young werewolf nodded his head and dashed away. A few minutes later he returned, followed by a slightly older werewolf.

“You are Jordan?” the elder asked the newcomer.

“Yes, elder,” he replied.

“My nephew tells me that you have seen humans

that are not afraid of us?” the elder asked.

“Yes, elder. In fact, they love us,” Jordan answered.

“Tell me more,” the elder said. As the others in the room debated, the elder whispered back and forth with Jordan. After a few minutes, the elder stood up and raised his arms. The room became silent again.

“My friends, I believe that this youngster may have found a solution to our problem.” He motioned towards Jordan, who nervously stood next to him. “This wolf boy has spent time among humans that do not fear us. He has even gone as far as to expose his true self to them without incident.”

Gasps could be heard



throughout the room. Before the wolf elder could do anything, Jordan spoke up:

"It's true. There are humans that adore animal-people like us. They draw artwork and write stories about Anthros, and even create costumes so they can be us. I have come to know some of them and I reasoned that if I showed up in my wolf form they would think it was a costume, and they did," he said. "It is truly wonder-

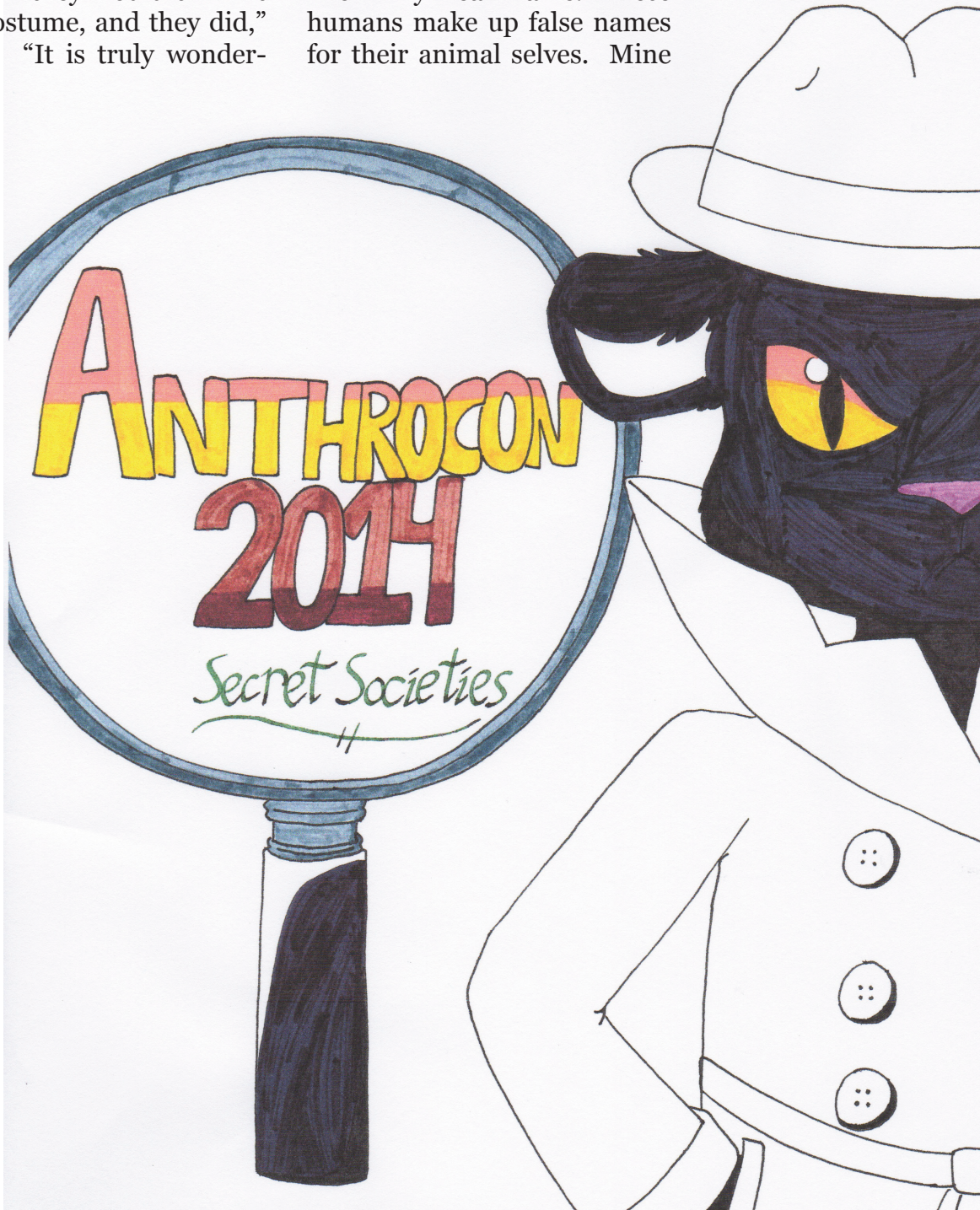
ful to be around these people! Some of them even think they are Anthros like us."

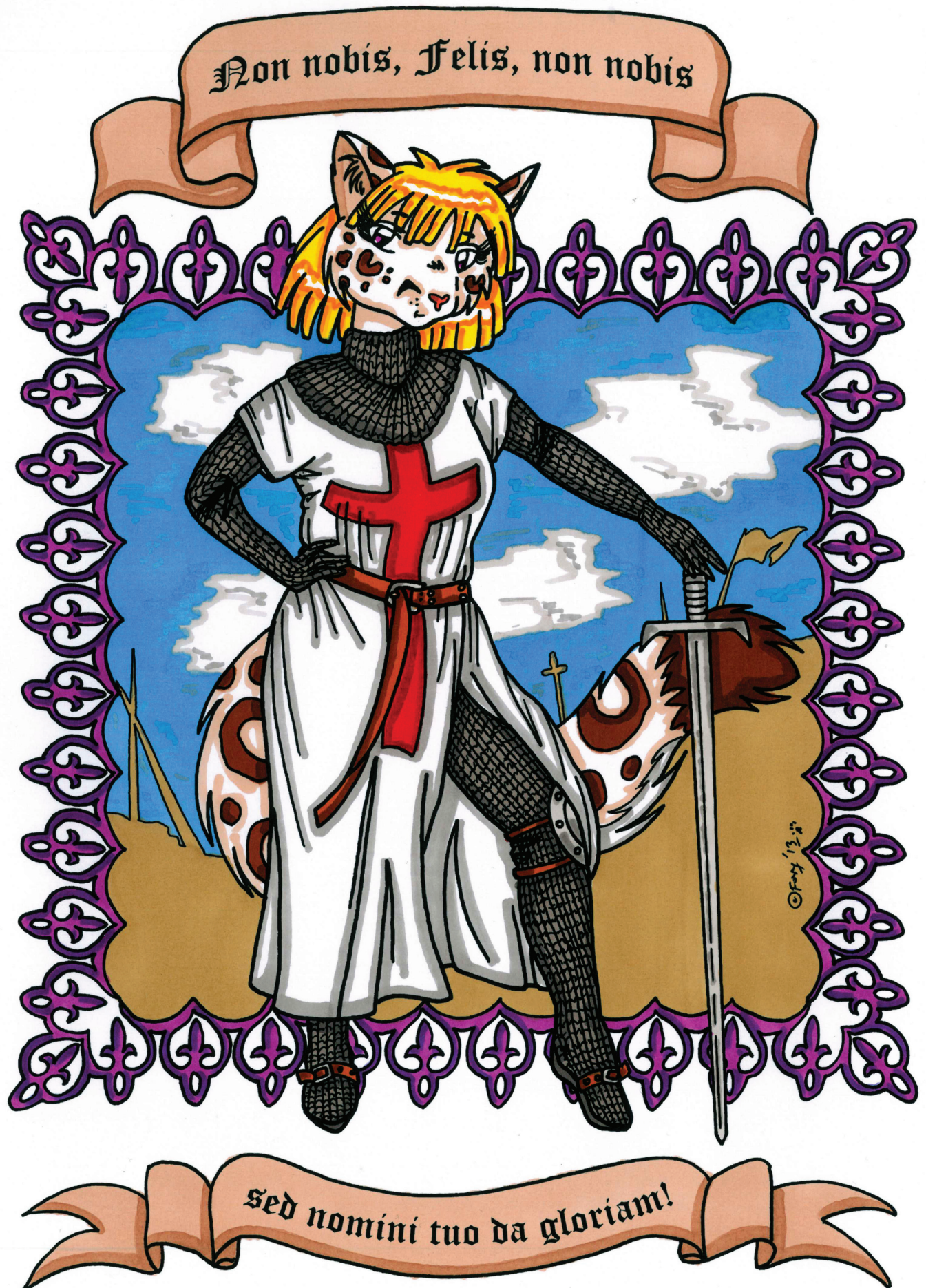
"But these humans now know your name. However benevolent they may be now, surely one will discover your secret and expose you for what you are!" a hyena cried from across the table.

"Actually, they do not know my real name. These humans make up false names for their animal selves. Mine

is, uhh... Spunks," Jordan said, looking a little uneasy. A few chuckles could be heard throughout the room.

"Your idea has merit, youngster. Who are these humans so that we can learn more about them?" the bear asked. The wolf elder spoke with a smile. "They call themselves, furries."





stepping up to the call

tw howle

Catty-corner to the overpriced coffee shop, the sign of the Interplanetary Forces Career Center shone crisp and clear over the large welcoming entranceway. Everything from the brochure stand to the large banners with empowering slogans behind the glass windows was inviting. They spoke of joining the forces to protect the Unified Planets with a backdrop of courageous soldiers in artistic battle-worn fatigues. Some of the banners had encouraging money amounts listed to try and entice poor high-schoolers and adults. Humanimals were allowed equally to apply and serve shoulder-to-shoulder with humans. The Species Equality Act guaranteed that no discrimination would be held against non-human applicants, but sometimes even that wasn't strong enough to overcome the disparaging looks and scornful words from fellow living creatures.

Higgs nervously tapped one of his claws against the coffee shop's tables with an even tak-tak-tak-tak as he studied the recruitment office nearby. He came to the megamall specifically to poke his long greyhound nose into the Career Center. As he sipped his already cold café au lait, he watched people walk busily through the shopping center. Occasionally his eyes would meet others in passing. Humans usually had a look of pity or fear with the occasional rude scowl. The years



of genetic experiments on the moons of Jupiter didn't sit well with most of the United Systems. The secrecy and cover-ups made the public restless and untrusting. When the government confirmed the experiments and even announced that many of the projects were successful, it led to numerous riots and political turmoil both in praise and against them.

Most the mall-goers were humans, but the occasional anthro would break up the pattern. He wondered if they were from a branch of the DOLLY projects or one of the results from the Cc projects. There were so many projects and experiments, it was hard to keep them in order. There were still many unaccounted for and hushed by the most secret parts of the military government. The distinct hoof-falls of an equine made his ears

twitch. It took his everything to not chase down every hum-animal that crossed his path to ask them questions and to hear their stories. It's been many years since the times of the track, but he could tell a fellow runner by the tiniest shadow in the eyes. He never saw the striped equine in the arena. He must have been from a different district.

The racetrack haunted him and all his brothers and sisters to this day, even after they started rebuilding their lives from the ground up. He hoped they were faring as well has him, tiny specks on far-off planets and moons. The United Protection Services saw to that. He would have to plan a trip to Earth to visit Planck or Europa to see how Laelaps is doing since joining the police force. It hurt that they have all grown so far apart in family

bonds as well as distance. He cherished the messages and packages from them.

His last conversation with Quanta was quite disastrous. Of all his littermates, Higgs was sure she would have enlisted alongside him. She would thrive in the environment and quickly scale the career ladder. Instead, he was met with all teeth and barking upset. Quanta couldn't fathom why he would want to be owned by the government who created him, whose system lead to them being puppy-snatched and then two-faced rescued years later. She didn't want to listen to anything he said, even if the branch he wanted to join was to help fellow humanimals still trapped in underground markets and seedy dark alleys. At least Tau and Muon got placed together. They didn't have to brave going to school

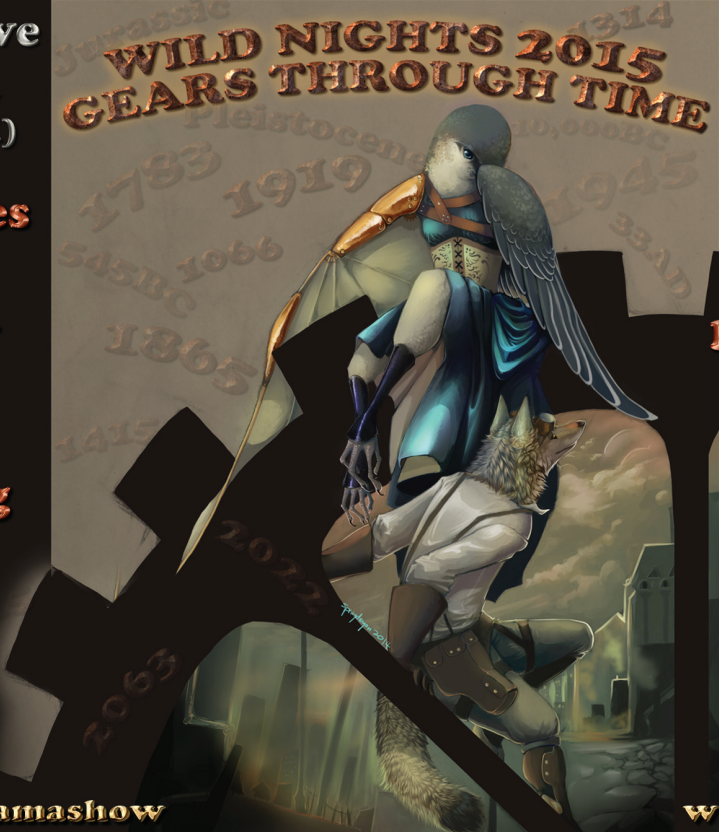
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alone as one of the few hum-animals enrolled. The thought always made him jealous and partly guilty for even thinking it. He should be happy for them. It wasn't their fault he was bullied.

His adoptive parents were kind and would support him in any path he chose. When Higgs blurted out across the dinner table he wanted to enlist and join the special Search and Rescue force, he was so afraid they wouldn't approve. His new father simply tousled his ears and smiled when his new mother rushed around the table to hug him. The memory always made him smile stupidly. They weren't his real parents, but they were enough. He wanted to make them proud.

"Do you need anything else, sir?" chimed a soft female voice, breaking Higgs out of his reverie. The feline held her ears shyly backwards and tightly grasped her bussing tray close to her body as he startled. Her sticker-label nametag confirmed her new-hire status. It read Clara. She was about to quickly apologize to the slender canine but he spoke first.

"I'm all right. I'm ready to pay if you need me to leave. I've occupied this chair long enough." His dark, brindled muzzle broke into a toothy smile as he chuckled under his breath. He pushed his chair out as he picked up his cup, swallowing the chilled coffee all at once. The less pleasant drink was his punishment for woolgathering instead of taking action.

Higgs was taking out his wallet when he saw the Angora cat staring up at his ripped ear. He turned his one whole ear towards her when she realized she was caught staring. "S-sorry. Your total is \$3.50. I didn't mean to stare. I'm sorry." Her drooped whiskers were a clear picture of apology as she looked down at her footpaws.

"Don't ruffle your tail over it," he said cheerily, quickly stomping down the dark memories she stirred up bringing attention to his ear.

He put a \$5 bill on the table before exiting the cafe. "Keep the change. We critters gotta stick together."

The dog winked at Clara before looking over her to wave at the cafe owner behind the counter. His antlers tapped the lighting fixture as he jumped up from slouching to wave back. His hands shot up to right the fixture automatically. His deep voice carried as he yelled across the store. "Good luck, Higgs!"

He turned about-face



and took bold pawsteps to the welcoming arch and emblazoned banners. He stopped right outside to look in awe at one of the posters he somehow missed. It showed the silhouettes of multiple subspecies of humanimals opposite humans. The phrase “Together we serve. United as One” was big and bright across the bottom. This is what it was all about. We all belong together in this world, fighting to keep the balance, and to protect our loved ones. It was so simple if you took away the uniforms and rifles. It was up to him, and those how followed, to take the first pawsteps to change the world. With his mind fixed, Higgs walked into the Career Center and shook hands with the man at the desk.



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Allison Ruby

Security

This is my sixth Anthrocon and I haven't learned my lesson yet! Here's to many more years!

Amaruq

Internet Room

Back for another year in the Internet Room and perusing the wine lists at local establishments.

Anita Muth

Artists' Alley / Con Store

Returning yet again for more fun.

Arc

Art Show

Back for his 19th consecutive year on staff, Arc has been with us since our start as "Albany Anthrocon '97". This year's Anthrocon is also Arc's 40th furry convention on staff or directing - which he will celebrate by working with us as usual!

Archai

Dance/AV, Photography

Arrow Quivershaft

Programming

An average techie hawk heading into the IT field. When he's not working at Anthrocon or doing schoolwork, he enjoys hanging with friends, listening to music, writing, and playing

video games. Feel free to say hi if you see him at the con!

Ashe Valisca

Programming

He just keeps coming back - as though some secret order keeps him hostage to keep doing this. Ashe is celebrating a long string of years coordinating the writing track. Come and find him in the Writing Room or hiding in the corner judging Iron Author.

Aurius

Logistics

B. Gabriel Helou

Security

Mr. Helou is known far and wide for his deaf-defying percussion activities. When not



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beating on the hides of dead trees and dead animals (no fursies were harmed), he is known to produce and consume inadvisable quantities of unconscionably strong coffee. On rare occasions where peace and tranquility occur at conventions, he is rumored to levitate slightly. He is owned by two felines, Hector and Hamish, who disapprove of his drumming and his coffee addiction.

BarkerJr

Programming

It is rumored that the purple dragon has been spotted at conventions across the country with official-looking badges. Clues lead to him having some association with the Headless Zone, possibly supplying it. There are also scraps of code sequences, presumably written in his paw, that resemble Java

and C#. What can these codes mean? Are there clues buried in the films or games he plays?

BGS

Gaming

Bismarck

Artists' Alley / Con Store

A snake that loves strong coffee, video games, and baking. When he's not rolling a d20 or in the kitchen, he's a lawyer in Detroit, MI. He's still trying to figure out where to go in the legal community, but his summons is always served with a side of cookies.

Blithe

Operations

Bob Earl

Security

Boven

Registration

Large mooing object.

Brian Harris

Board of Directors

(Charity Auction)

Brian Harris, originally from Rochester, NY, has been active in the fan community since 1992. He helped found Anthrocon in Albany, NY when he was a student at SUNY Albany and now resides in Leesburg, VA. He has been the Anthrocon Charity Director for 17 years, and has previously been a Masquerade director and DJ.

Cajun

Dealers' Room

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working at cons for more than a decade now and is still mostly sane! Don't let the mohawk scare you, feel free to stop by the Dealers' Room staff table and say hi!

Carol "Mamasan" Gobeyn
Security

Chanur
Operations

Most of this feline is back again and again hiding in places unseen to most. Send food please!

Chris "Nonsanity" Innanen
Programming

Puppeteer, programmer, writer, and father... not in that order. Nonsanity has been attending Anthrocon for over a decade and currently runs the puppetry track with the help of his wife, Cuddles. Best known for his series of Fluff & Such puppetry music videos, he also writes My Little Pony fan fiction on the side (with a little help from his daughter, Springy) and plays a lot of Minecraft. Someday he'll make more puppet videos, update his fursuit, and organize a large puppet production for Anthrocon. Whether that's this year or not... is a secret. Shhh!

Chris Foxx
Art Show

Author of the famous "Sabrina Online: The Story" and "Tabitha" stories who also draws under the fursona Bon-dofox, Chris is very approachable and always ready to help.

Chris Sandusky
Security

Crimson, D.I.
Security

Cave Lupum. Furry, working cons for a few years. Let us know if you have any questions. Shai Dorsai!

Cryo Cyberwolf
Logistics

Returning once again to tackle the logistics of the largest anthropomorphics con in the world, Cryo once again sets his freeze ray to "Chill".

Cuprohastes Dvanatrinodantan
Publications

Championship dinosaur hypnotist, world class freeform liar and pixel-stained graphics minion for AC. Yes, he would like a cup of tea.

D. Taylor Rodriguez
Security

Dan Jarrell
Security

I've been in fandom for more than 40 years - nearly 300 dog years. I've loved working with the fur community and been honored to be part of the D.I. In my life I've broken atoms, reassembled atoms and pushed atoms together to make new ones. I've written books, published poetry, stood in the moon's shadow, chased Russian submarines, and loved one woman for 34 years. My life is full of the most beautiful magic.

Dan Skunk
Art Show
Just a skunk.

Danruk Rooface
Masquerade

Danruk Rooface has been a very regular member of staff since Anthrocon began as Al-

bany Anthrocon in 1997. Last year marked the first year the kangaroo put on a fursuit and joined Anthrocon history in marking a Guinness World Record Parade of Costumed Performers. This year Danruk... OOOH FIREWORKS!! *pretty sparkly flashes*

David M. Stein, D.I.
Security

Five... Four... Three... Two... One! Thunderbirds Are Go!

David S. Hoyer
Security

Davin
Operations

Debbie G.
Security

Decker
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Security

Registering bidders, monitoring elevators, killing my knees, sleep and food negotiable... remind me again why I'm leaving vacation early for this?

Deuce Swift
Registration

Douglas Muth
Board of Directors (Operations)

Giza is the white mage leopard responsible for running the Operations Office, the Anthrocon website, and forums. Stop by either place and say hello! Find him on Twitter as @dmuth.

dryw

Art Show

Erik “Crossbow” Noble

Registration

Hugmonster’s other half, this year migrating to Registration for a change of scenery.

Erika Rosengarten

Operations, Registration

Falbert Forester

Art Show

Hailing from northern Maine, Falbert makes the trek each year to Anthrocon without the help of sled dogs. It’s summer-time, after all!

Fallout Coyote

Art Show

Speak in such a way that others love to listen to you, listen in such a way that others love

to speak to you -Anonymous

Fizz Otter

Dance/AV

Foxy: Mew!

Operations

A wild Irish foxkitten appears! Artist, publisher, furry costumer and cosplayer, Foxy has been highly active in the furry scene for 20 years. Chances are if you have furry fanzines, you’ve seen her artwork. No

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stranger to conventions, she's back staffing again this year and will probably be purring around in Operations. Come say hi, she'll meow!

FreezeFrame Fox

Dance/AV

I point cameras at things.

Gabi

Registration

Gabi is an all-purpose fox. Feel free to ask what that means - or anything else for that matter, that's the point. Among other things, she can help you register in English or in Spanish, talk about various subjects, and give you tea and cookies if you find her at the right time.

Galen

Security

Galen has been attending Anthrocon since it moved to PA, and has been working with

the Dorsai for many years. He is an actual member of an actual 'secret society,' which he might tell you about if you ask politely.

Gary Bratzel, D.I.

Security

A member of the Dorsai Irregulars since 1997, Gary works as a security architect for a large IT firm. He works as a Dorsai for the sheer fun of it. His hobbies include tabletop gaming, whiskey, scotch, and beer tasting.

Geemo

Artists' Alley / Con Store

Winged engineer dog thing. Mostly harmless.

Gen. Talon

Board of Directors

(Dance/AV)

Just your friendly neighborhood otter; returning to make

sure the dances are better than ever.

Gerry Felipe

Security

Glen "Swift Fox" Rockhill

Programming

Returning as Tabletop Gaming Track Lead, Swift Fox has been an active member of the fandom for over 15 years. During that time he has volunteered his time to Anthrocon and various other cons and has been instrumental in promoting fellowship among anthropomorphics fans in the Pittsburgh metro area. If you're interested in hosting a tabletop RPG, CCG or board game next year, contact him at tbltop.gaming@anthrocon.org.



Grandma Kage

Operations

Mother of the chairman and Anthrocon staffer since 1999. Don't mess with her; she'll stand on a chair and take you down with a broom.

Grandpa Kage

Operations

Father of the chairman and Anthrocon staffer since 1999. His primary job is keeping Grandma Kage in line.

Greyse

Publications

Halina K. Harding, D.O.D.I.

Security

Back again after a one-year hiatus (family calls) and ready to work hard, eat badly, not get enough sleep and have loads of fun. LOVE working this con!

Hawkeye

Security

SF fan since first grade, first convention was Boston in '71. Got tired of WorldCons after helping run five or six of them. Learned auctioneering from John Trimble at DisCon in '73. Still my best and favorite job. Found all the energy and fun that the WorldCons lost at Anthrocon. Couldn't keep me away with a regiment!

Hengstolf The Solf

Programming

Galloping out of the mysterious black forest is the ever illusive Solf, a majestic creature, half Clydesdale stallion, and half timber wolf. While large and intimidating, he is a kind-hearted soul, who can always be bought off with sugar cubes, beer, and a steak for that carnivorous side.

Hugmonster

Art Show

If you need me I'll be in the Art Show. ;)

Ian Webb

Security

Ianus J. Wolf

Programming

Ianus J. Wolf is a furry writer and editor helping to run Anthrocon's writing program. He's written several short stories for furry anthologies, is the editor of "Trick or Treat" and "Pulp!" anthologies for Rabbit Valley, and has a few novel projects in various stages of production. Currently he resides in the D.C. area most of the time with his mate Ashe Valisca.

Jade "Haybuck" Aurora

Operations

Addicted to convention work. Real life pony. (At least, that's what she wants you to think.)



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Jakferret

Masquerade

James J. Walton, D.I.

Security

Jason Williams

Internet Room

Darkclaw has been staffing AC with Tigerwolf, in the Tigerden since 2000. An ex-Brit fur, DC now lives in Virginia with his Gryphoness. Sadly no more weird British sweets. Still, come and say hi :)

Javanne, D.I.

Security

JD Puppy

Programming

JD is one of the co-organizers of the main stage fursuit dance competition event at AC. As a

dancer himself for nearly 10 years, he is happy to have had the pleasure and privilege of supporting this dance competition and those at other conventions as well! Now, go read far more interesting bios of other staff members!

Jenna Hoyer

Security

Runner chick lookin' for the clever boy with a big blue box. "Run you clever boy!"

John "Bear" Hall, D.I.

Security

John (Joatmon) Lindgren

Art Show

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John C. Magidson

Logistics

John Cole

Board of Directors

(Programming)

This year is KP's 16th consecutive Anthrocon. A longtime fursuiter and puppeteer on the Funday Pawpet Show, KP became Anthrocon's Programming Director in 2004. If you see him, be sure to say hi!

John George

Registration

John has attended Anthrocon twice before becoming a volunteer in 2013. This year is his first experience staffing a convention. When not roaming around conventions, John



enjoys practicing and coaching parkour, and has been doing so since 2005. John is employed in the web development field.

Johnny Not-so-Sane
Security

Joshua Dixon
Registration

I can't believe you're actually reading this. I'm just a nobody trying to be helpful.

JR
Masquerade

Founding member of the Funday Pawpet Show, standup comedian, podcaster and writer.

**Justin P. Reese -
Sonicgott**
*Board of Directors
(Registration)*

Doing what I love to do and then some, now for nine years. My goodness... it's been that long? Ooftah.

Kadamon Wolf
Masquerade, Programming
This will have been my second Anthrocon that I have attended and my third con in general. My first was at my local con (Midwest Fur Fest 2012), and ever since then I fell in love with the community and the people that make it up. This will be my first time on staff, and it is such an honor and privilege that I would even be considered for such an opportunity, thank you.

Kamau
Art Show

An aging but fun Barbary lion that came into furry back in the '90s. Interested in writing, fursuiting, puppets and art. He can take a joke and will give as good as he gets in puns. He is not a party animal, preferring

to share some good conversation with friends over a beer, or as he prefers, English cider. At work or emergencies he is single-minded doing the job.

**Karl Xydexx
Jorgensen**
*Board of Directors
(Publications)*

Karl has been an active and enthusiastic participant in Furry fandom for more than 20 years. This will be Karl's 11th year serving as Publications Director. In his free time, he enjoys riding his recumbent bicycle, exploring abandoned buildings, playing Minecraft, and creating mail art. He maintains a webpage about Furry fandom at www.furryfandom.info.

Kasi Frost
Operations
Kasi Frost is an IT Field Tech, Emergency Medical Technician, and furry/anime/costuming convention organizer from Bristol, CT. Kasi enjoys costume design, pop & alt. culture, and small business projects. Her personal interest in fantasy costuming, photography, emerging culture, and travel make her a community resource for networking and collaboration for newcomers to kigurumi and furry. Kasi has attended Anthrocon since 2000, and also staffed conventions across the United States.

**Kay Jarrell, D.I.
"Loadmistress"**
Security

Psyched to be back. I had to miss last year due to a broken foot. You should have seen me on wheels. It was hell, but in a fun way. This year I'm walking. I hope to find and enjoy a new Pittsburgh restaurant. If you



have made a find, especially if it is within sore-feet walking distance of the con, stop me and tell me about it.

Kevin Sonney
Security

Husband of UrsulaV, co-host of Kevin and Ursula Eat Cheap, host of Alchemist In The Evening, voice of Rev Mord on The Hidden Almanac, and coffee snob. You can find Kevin @ [ksonney](https://twitter.com/ksonney) on Twitter.

Kijani
Publications

A friendly lion and Guest of Honor at BLFC earlier this year, Kijani enjoys enriching the lives of others through fursuit performance at community and charity events in his hometown of Seattle, WA. Last September, he founded Emerald City Critters, a non-profit organization, to further that cause. Back for his fifth AC, he has been the con's Publications Editor since 2011. He loves bowling and organizes "When Furballs Strike," one of the largest fursuit bowling meets in the world.

Kiric
Gaming

Kit Drago
Security

Part of the furry community for the last 10 years. Convention chairman for Fur the 'More (furthermore.org). Man-

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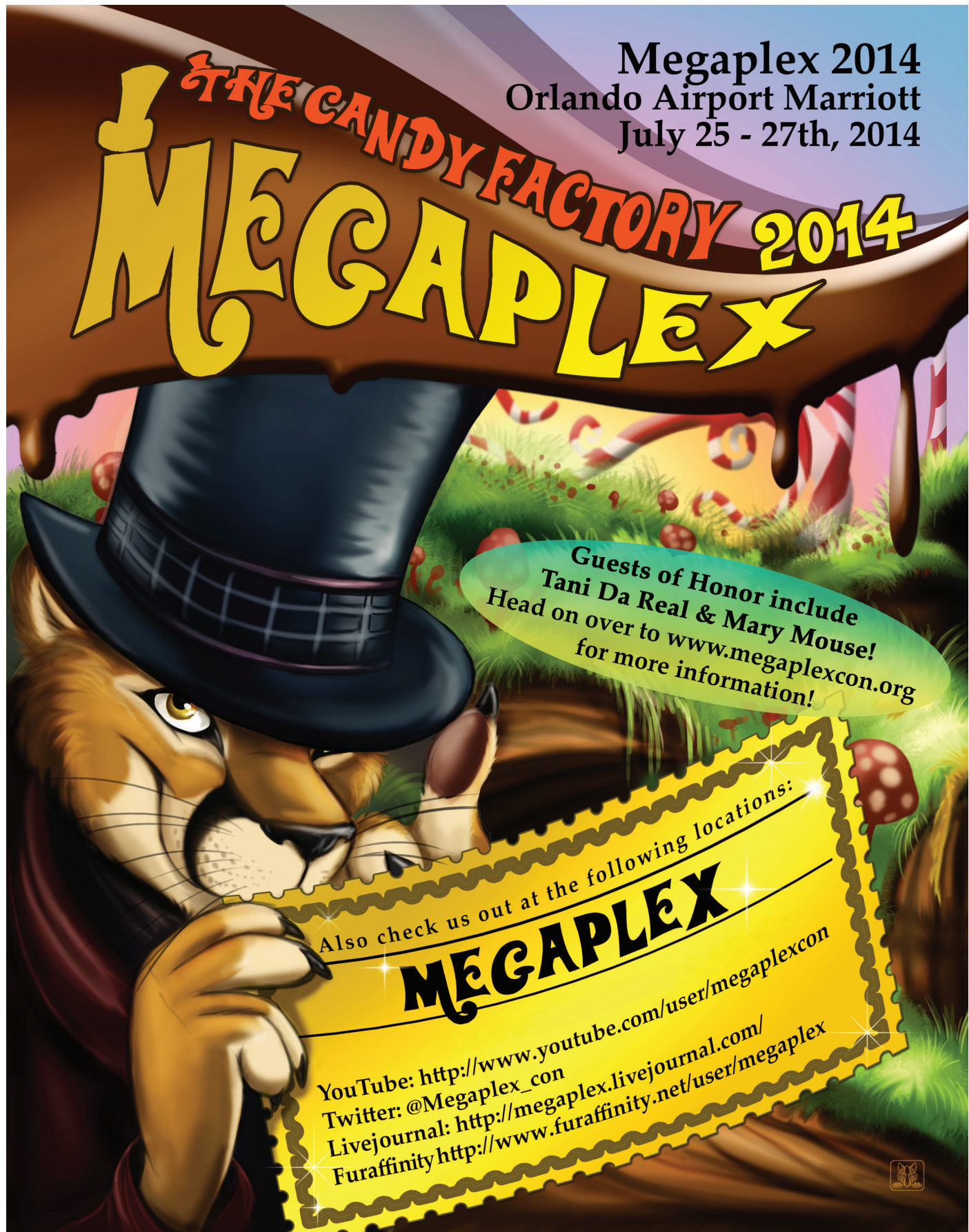
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Artists' Alley / Con Store

LeafGirl

Security

LeafGirl cannot tell you about her alter ego in the real world as then you will be able to figure out who this superhero is. But she can tell you about her alter-alter ego who isn't even sure she can make it this year as she is broke, even with completing school and getting a new career. She is also busily planning her wedding next year, which means she really needs to try and come this year because she will be very busy next year. Here is hoping to having money! Now she needs to go stop this bad guy from robbing the bank. Bye!

Leanna Hoyer

Security

My first time at Anthrocon, and I'm really excited to be here. Looking forward to many more conventions.

LeonFox

Dance/AV

Lincoln "JBadger" Kliman

Programming

I am a 53-year-old software engineer from Long Island. You may have seen me at the info desk handing out fursuiter

badges in past years, running around in a colorful zonkey fursuit, a wolf, or some honey badger with a purple back. Number of cons I have attended? Heck, I do not know. I lost count.

Mach Stormrunner

Operations

I build things. I throw parties. I'm the SuperHyperSpiffyPsychoSpeedyKitty. I help folks at cons, find me or anyone in Con Ops and we'll do our best to make your problems, smaller problems! Use at your own risk, do not taunt happyfunkitty.

Marauder

Art Show

Third-year staff member, ninth-year attendee, a black Labrador Retriever dog who wouldn't miss this convention for the world. Born and raised in southeast Oklahoma, Marauder is a 2003 graduate of Oklahoma State University. He also loves baseball, anything Sonic the Hedgehog related, and spends his free time playing at home with his dogs, Sadie, Taffy, and Buddy, and roleplaying online with his best friend, Gatorman.

Marc "CaptRoo" Wartenberg

Publications

This Roo makes his home just outside Philadelphia in NJ. I have been on staff for several years now and enjoy being able to give back to the fandom that has graciously given me so much! Feel free to say hi if you see me running around in suit! I am a ChiROOpractor by trade and love to take care of my furry friends!

Mark Bernstein

Security

Mark Bernstein knows what you did last Anthrocon.

Mascot

Security

Max Pollack

Dance/AV

Grammy-nominated artist known for such singles as "Where It's At," "Stairway to Heaven" and "Spanish Flea." Producer of Britney Spears' most recent album under her "Lady Gaga" alias. Oscar-nominated director of the upcoming Lord of the Rings/Avengers crossover. Internationally-recognized actor who played Robert Downey Jr. during his wild days. Currently on fire.

Max Sprinkle

Security

This is Max's eighth year on the security team at AnthroCon and he can't believe how quickly these years have gone by. As always, Max looks forward to seeing everyone again this year and wishes everyone a safe and pleasant con.

Meagan 'Magome' Wallace

Security

Michael "Lunos Nocturne" Friesen

Art Show

Whatever I put here I'm just going to regret when it's actually time for the convention anyway. Hi, I'm Lunos, and Anthrocon is my favorite part of the year. So all you fuzzies should stop by and say hello. And don't mind the mad science.

Michael J. Krafchik

Operations

Negative, I am a meat Popsicle.

Michael J. Pierce

Charity Auction

**Mike
(Alien)**

Security

Garrison

Mike Gucciard

Security

Miltonius Prime

Gaming

If you're wondering "Who the heck is this guy?", you probably don't visit the video gaming room. Turning it up to 11 with his 10+1th year at Anthrocon,

bringing all the loud plastic instruments that distract you from Brawl and a pointless number of retro games, pre-cleaned and IF YOU BLOW IN THEM I SWEAR TO GOD I'M REVOKING YOUR BADGE. Streetpasses for days.

Nevermint

Registration

Ouch! Stop beating me, I don't wanna do it this year... oh all right. FINE!

Nicona Shadowwolf

Registration

Nicona is a fursuiter who lives in Colorado with his wonderful mate SnowQueen TigerClaw. He discovered and became active in the fandom in 2007,

though looking back he has been a furry most of his life. In his spare time he enjoys photography and fursuiting at his local zoo where he loves making the little kids smile, and the hugs. This is his sixth year attending Anthrocon and second year as Assistant Director for registration.

Nightclaw Otter

Dance/AV

North

Programming

North comes to AC by way of Seattle, WA, where he is a founder and former Chairman of Rainfurest. North has been involved in Furry fandom since 1996 and especially enjoys puppetry and fursuiting, along with creating social events to bring the community together.

Not Sgt. Steve

Security

I haven't been working Anthrocon as long as Sgt. Steve, but I'm glad to be back anyway.

Octavia

Art Show

Instruments, bows, and melodious strings. These are a few of my favorite things.

Oddy

Dance/AV

Main Events Audio Engineer. Husky. Responsible for making your ears happy during concerts and dances.

Panda

Programming

Panzier

Internet Room

Its been a long and winding road through the years, always good to meet up and find new friends and old. Big thanks to





all the folks behind the scenes who keep everything running smoothly along. Hope to see you here, stop on by, say hi, take a load off, relax.

PeterCat

*Board of Directors
(Art Show)*

Pheagle Adler

Artists' Alley / Con Store

Joined the fandom in 2010. Enjoys watching football and hockey, and his fursona is an American Bald Eagle. First convention was last year's Anthrocon and he plans on going annually.

Phil Keck

Art Show

Rakedu

Art Show

Rakedu the tiger hails from Temperance, MI. He has attended AC for a while, and worked on staff at the art show for a while, too. Stop by and say hi when you check out the art.

RebelSquirl

Registration

Reb is a 20-year veteran of the Furry fandom, and is working his second year as part of Anthrocon's registration staff. He hopes y'all have a great time at the convention!

Reese Tora

Registration

Renegade, D.I.

Security

Rhonin, D.I.

Security

**Robert
"Chiaroscuro"**
Armstrong

Board of Directors (Dealers' Room, Photography)

Chiaroscuro is back again for his 15th year at Anthrocon, running the Dealers' Room and Photography departments, and still helping out in Registration here and there. He should be easily identifiable by the chef outfit and the bewildered, frantic expression on his face. Still cooking for a living out in Connecticut. o/~ I can't tell you what's in secret step five / You will know when you're no longer alive o/~



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Robert "Harbinger" Palmer

Security

Rooth

Artists' Alley / Con Store

Rooth, AKA Rooth'ragon or Rooth'roo, has been a community member since 1990. He attended and volunteered at many conventions over the decades, including his first visit to AC in 2006 and every AC since. He loves deserts, art-work, and costumes. He lives in beautiful Colorado, where he works as a senior IT professional. Find him leading an awesome team of staffers at Artists' Alley wearing his signature white dragon tail with the blue feathery mane.

Ryan

Security

Sage Firefox

Publications

Sage is ecstatic to be continuing on in the publications department. She is also excited about the continuing efforts of the Red Panda World Domination League. You should all bow before your Supreme Panda Overlord!

Salem Wolf

Programming

Anthrocon "The Fast and the Furriest" was my first and it seems I was being stalked – hunted to be more precise – by this Great White. Next thing I know this Sharky fellow invites me to join Programming staff for the fursuit games. Someone told me "When you say no, it means yes... sharks are known for stubborn persistence 'til the strongest of wills break. Respect the fin! Respect the grin!" How could I say no?

Sandy Schreiber

Security

Sandy has been an artist and dealer at AC for more years than she cares to recall. You can find her at many fur cons in the U.S. and Canada, drawing and hanging out with all the fun folk. Check out her website at www.sandyschreiber.com

Sapphire Avindar

Security

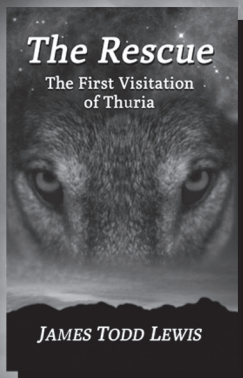
I am a mother of one six-year-old daughter named Alexia. I am an EMT and a surrogate. I live just southwest of Chicago and am part of the Lake Area Furs community. This is my second Anthrocon and love working with the Dorsai and other staff!

Scott "Talyn" Williams

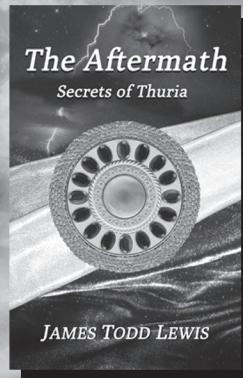
Logistics

Put things where they belong! Ha-ha! Multiple entendre.

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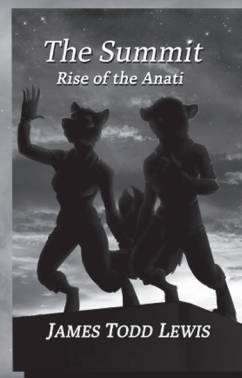
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Scruffy

Art Show

Sgt. Steve Simmons

Security

Sgt. Steve is now in his 40th year of attending conventions. The good news? They still surprise him occasionally. They bad news? Not often enough. Come on, Anthrocon, recalibrate my weirdness meter!

Shadow

Artists' Alley / Con Store

DJ, A/V guy (not for AC). Gray, black, and green fussy. Fursuiter. Party animal. 75 words? Ain't nobody got time for that! I've got stuff to do in the alley, bye!

Shadowwulf

Dance/AV

Sharky

Programming

Sharky arrived at the Adams Mark Hotel in 2001 for his con. He returned each year and expanded his role in the conventions. He has built fursuits; run panels and acted in the masquerades. In 2007 he was asked by Panda to join the Fursuit Games programming staff. Together they have been the founding team (or floundering team) of the event.

Sheri "Silaria" Rockhill

Programming

Silaria has been an active member of the fandom for over ten years. Over the last seven years she has volunteered her time and talents to Anthrocon's gaming and puppetry tracks. Since 2011 she has been Anthrocon's Puppetry Assistant Track Head. Within her local furry community, she helps to organize events. In addition to her

involvement in furry, Silaria trains and competes in various dog performance events with her Shetland Sheepdogs.

ShiroTora

Art Show

ShiroTora is an anthro white tiger cleverly disguised as a freakishly tall human. He has attended all of the Anthrocons and has been staff for most of them. He dabbles in voice acting, buttons, photomanipulation, and sculpting and can be reached at james.m.eden@gmail.com. This year he didn't use all 75 words.

Shy Matsi

Artists' Alley / Con Store

On 3 July 2014, Shy Matsi formed a secret society known as the "Order of Furies". He adopted the name of "Wolf Prince" within the order. The order seeks to promote the doctrines of social equality and freedom throughout the Furry fandom through Furry4Life.org and workshops at Anthrocon. The actual character of the order is an elaborate network of volunteers and staff members. Shy can be found often isolated at his register in Artist Alley, ask for the hug of the order.

Siekhal Husky

Logistics

AC 2014 will be my fourth year on staff, how time flies. I am a fursuiter with a plush suit named Nepal. If I'm not actually working in Logistics, I will be either at the bar or running around in suit being cute. I've been in the fandom for more than 12 years, there is nothing I like more than this group of creative people.

SnowQueen TigerClaw

Registration

Spangler

Security

Spikeo

Dance/AV

SteelTheWarrior

Gaming

Being an avid con-goer (one might even say a con-oisseur), Steel is the founder of Equestria Inspired Gaming. This will be his 10-year anniversary of bringing his love for gaming everywhere he goes, from video gaming, to LARPing, and tabletop to party gaming! An avid Furry and Brony alike, he's worked long and hard to fill the void of roleplaying game enjoyment in the fandoms. Developer of original titles "Inspireland", "Freedom Fighters", "Mass Effect: Unity" and the fan favorite "Are You A Changeling?" currently being playtested.

Steven "Tora" Sears

Security

Steven D.

Security

Involved in security for Anthrocon since 2011. Enjoys attending and working with the furies who are great people. A great lover of wolf shirts (approximately 18 and counting). Will buy more this year guaranteed.

SunnyPuppy

Operations

I have been coming to Anthrocon for four years now. I am 28 years old, I chose my character because I love dogs. In my free time I enjoy going to the mall and hanging out with friends.



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My job requires me to wear a fursuit and stand on the corner to hold a sign for a pet store. I volunteer for the Salvation Army and other local organizations.

Susan Smith Webb
Security

Tango

Programming

So, I know who the werewolves are - do you?

The family of the Felidae Panthera uncia

Art Show

Having been a member since the great migration to the Steel City, he takes great pride in following through the orders of the great Petercat. Residing on the eastern side within the border; he can be found riding his motorcycle or camping until his paws are frozen. One of his vast skills is "cooling off" suiters.

The Foxish

Dealers' Room

Once more into the breach goes The Foxish, the brave soul who spends his weekend making sure you have all the access to swag and gear you can handle. And he loves it. (Pity him.)

Thea

Security

Where are the doughnuts?

Theome

Programming

Theome is some type of dancing, raccoon person. He has been attending Anthrocon for over a decade now (oh wow!), and has helped alongside JD Puppy to put on an amazing dance competition, year after year.

Thomas Muth

Artists' Alley / Con Store

Thorfax

Registration

Tigerwolf (George Nemeyer)

Board of Directors (Internet Room)

Though a 'furry' inside since a kid, the Internet revealed others in 1993. Tigerden was founded in 1994 in part to contribute something back to the fandom. Since then, we've provided Internet room setups for various furry cons, web and MUCK hosting, and individual accounts for those lacking other facilities.

TimeSuppression

Dance/AV

Tora Fluffy

Operations

Just a fluffy tiger from Indiana who loves to help out where he can! I love my Sneppid <3

Trevor Boyd

Charity Auction, Masquerade

Trianine

Dealers' Room, Photography, Security

Just cuddle up in my soft fur and don't ask any questions about my lineage. It's easier this way. I promise I won't destroy you with lasers or robot claws. I am a cuddly creature just like you. Smile for the camera!

turtyl

Gaming, Programming

Don't let the Foot Clan destroy the dam. You have my support. Bombs are set up in the lake. Find entrance. You have my support. Good job! The dam is safe. Let's go home...here. Mas-

ter! This is Shredder. Listen to me. We have taken Splinter. To get him back, you must defeat the Foot Clan. We're waiting for you. Ha, ha, ha! Let's go and help Splinter.

Tyrrlin

Dealers' Room

Will submit something later.

Uncle Kage

Board of Directors (Chairman)

CEO of Anthrocon, Inc. and chairman of the convention since 1998. Wears a lab coat, likes to drink wine, tells stories incessantly. May be hard to keep up with at the convention.

Victoria Earl

Security

Walter Faddoul

Art Show

white_wer

Logistics

I am not made from bacon, though I am just as tasty and useful.

Witchiebunny

Dealers' Room, Registration

A little purple bunny who sometimes arts.

Yappy Fox

Dance/AV, Programming

Zylos

Dance/AV

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