

# NEWS BULLETIN

**LOS ANGELES CINEMA CLUB**

**VIDEO WORK SHOP**

**"OUR 77th YEAR"**

**SEPTEMBER, 2008**

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

**WALT GILMORE**



September again and this will be a bit short as we are in the midst of many things... Pam's special birthday, with a ton of visitors from England, The AMMA video contest and the Ten Best Of The West Convention.

Speaking of birthdays wasn't it grand to celebrate with **Leosia Shirley Wentink** and **Marian Houck** at last month's meeting. Many more to each of you.

Thanks to **Joyce Smith** and **The Lockwoods** (especially Howard's Pecan Pie, the other volunteers who brought extra goodies (sorry, I did not get a list). A reminder please Joyce does need volunteers for the upcoming months so don't be bashful about coming forward (hint!!).

I want to welcome aboard our new member who joined at the last meeting, **Barbara Wilks**. We look forward to seeing her first efforts at video.

I hope you have all had a look at the website ([www.lacinemaclub.com](http://www.lacinemaclub.com) or [www.lacinemaclub.org](http://www.lacinemaclub.org)), **Dara Pettinato** has done such a nice job with it. And **Eric Manacsca** will be working our google group (<http://groups.google.com/group/lacinemaclub>) and starting a U-Tube connection for our videos. No activity there yet but I hope to see you all checking in SOON!

Well, I said this would be short and so I will end here; see you at the meeting on September 24<sup>th</sup>.

Reach Walt at (818) 842-3820 or email [gilko.burbank@gmail.com](mailto:gilko.burbank@gmail.com)

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## **MAN'S WORLD/DOG'S LIFE**

**These days unfairness is a trend,**

**That has me all agog.**

**While diamonds are a girl's best friend,**

**A man is stuck with dog.**

## HOW TO FIND US

The Los Angeles Cinema Club Workshop's regular meeting is held at **7:30 P.M. on the fourth Wednesday of each month** in the social hall of the **Little White Chapel** on Jeffries just East of Hollywood Way in Burbank. There is a parking lot on the corner across the alley from the hall.

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## PROGRAM CALENDAR

Paul Hansen

SEPT 24th.....Already, the summer of 2008 is slipping into memory. I'll bet many of you have had great vacations and seen some incredible "Natural Wonders". Let's bring in videos having to do with those "Natural Wonders", whether they be something that bloomed in your backyard, "Thrills at the Beach", or "Getting lost in the Amazon rain forest!" ...More ideas? Call me ....Paul Hansen (323) 663-5414

## KUDOS IN ORDER

Our **Howard Lockwood** has been named western Clubs editor for the **AMMA Monitor**, magazine of the **Amateur Movie Makers Association (AMMA)**. You can read his report to the world in the Autumn, 2008 issue of the Monitor. The previous editor has been seriously ill and our club has been getting short shrift in the report on club activities. Congratulations Howard on the splendid coverage of Western club activities.

## LEST YOU FORGET

For the next few months volunteers are needed to provide fodder for the refreshment bar at the club meetings. Prospective Vols get in touch with **Joyce Smith** at 818-848-7293.

*note: Don't pass up those broken cookies at the refreshment table. Scientific studies prove cookie pieces have no calories. The process of breaking causes calorie leakage*

## **CHASING THE SUN (In search of an eclipse )      Ron Rennie**

We went with a group and had a very interesting trip besides the eclipse. We spent three nights in Moscow and visited a host of places like: Red Square, the Kremlin, St Basil's Cathedral (you know the one with the fancy colored onion domes), and the Tretyakov Art Gallery, for a bit of culture. Also a day trip out to Star City where the Russian space system is based, and saw much of their equipment, including actual Vostock and Soyuz spacecraft and a full size MIR satellite mock-up in a neutral bouyancy tank.

We then flew on an old Illyushan 86 across four time zones to spend three nights at **Novosibirsk** in Siberia, a city that started out as a depot on the Trans-Siberian Railway. During WWII Stalin moved most of his military production factories there to be out of reach of Hitler's advancing army. It has now grown to be the third largest city in Russia.

I don't think they were prepared the thousands of people that travelled from all over the world (most from the U.S.) to see the eclipse. We observed the eclipse, in a cloudless sky, from the shore of a lake on the **River Ob**.

We then flew to St. Petersburg for more culture, visiting several cathedrals and palaces, including Catherine the Great's palace and the famous Hermitage, also known as the Winter Palace. It was a busy tour which we all enjoyed.

## **ANOTHER NAIL IN THE COFFIN**

Word has reached me that another movie club has fallen by the wayside. The **Utah Movie Makers**, in the Salt Lake area, are throwing in the towel after sixty years. I receive this news with great sadness, because over the years I have known many of their members who have submitted some of the most creative films to our festivals,

## **THE BETTER PART OF VALOR**

**If when you argue with your wife,  
And win.....it's always wise,  
Forget the gloat, avoid the strife,  
Be big!.....Apologize.**

## **FRANK AND DARA PETTINATO**

**By Howard Lockwood**

Frank and Dara were born and raised near Chicago, but did not meet until they moved to California.

They met when Frank, an off-duty L.A. Police Officer, was hired to give security to a synagogue during the Jewish High Holy Days. Dara was the assistant director. Frank's "in" to start dating Dara was when they found they were both from Illinois.



After eight months they were married, each bringing a son into the marriage. Dana's son, Jim, is attending CSUN as a computer engineering major. Frank's son, Michael, is following in Frank's footsteps as an L.A. Police Officer. Frank and Donna have been married 12 years.

Dara is the Administrative Director for the Synagogue for the Performing Arts. She is responsible for the technological administration of three temples. She enjoys artistic pursuits such as graphic design, handmade crafts and using her digital camera to make photo albums for the family.

In May 2006 Frank retired as an L.A. Police Officer after 39 ½ years. Some time before that he had been developing an interest in videography. He began video taping many of the retiring officers retirement dinners. He also enjoys taping family events, and each Christmas he makes a two minute video card which he sends to his 96 year old aunt. Soon he hopes to enter one of our club's contests.

Frank was elected Secretary of the Italian American Police Officers in 2008. Dara developed a website for it. He is also an amateur radio operator with an advance class license. His call sign is WB6ELR. Although retired, he still works several days a week as a member of the Reserve Police Officer Corps. He has assisted in the preparation of presentations for upper level management, as well as the development of database programs. Another interest is computers and he occasionally likes to cook.

Wanting to know more about video making Frank searched the internet and found L.A. Cinema Club. After attending about a year he convinced Dara to attend. She not only joined, but now maintains our website, for which we are very appreciative. Her e-mail is [darapettinato@gmail.com](mailto:darapettinato@gmail.com). His is: [wb6elr@gmail.com](mailto:wb6elr@gmail.com)

# LOOKING AHEAD IN ZERO EIGHT

SEP 24 Monthly meeting

OCT 12 Columbuus Day.....Look for tribute in next issue of this ABPP

OCT 13 Board of Governor 's Meeting. ....At the Gilmore residence

OCT 10-11 **AMMA, AMPS-TEN BEST** Annual Convention at Buena Park.  
More info later. Save the date.

OCT 22 Monthly meeting.....Year End Contest

NOV (?) Regular meeting night falls on the night before Thanksgiving,  
so will probably be re-scheduled.

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## ADDRESS CHANGES

If you have a change of address, phone, or e-mail, please notify your editor so we can keep everyone current.

note: **Bob and Betty leh's** new numbers are:

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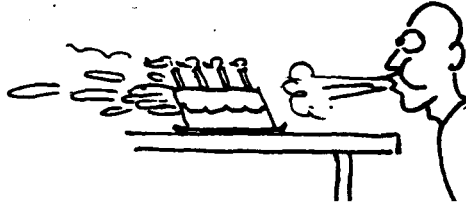
(714) 635-1662

## INTERESTING OBSERVATION

The following quote is something I read recently that relates to our quest to find interesting subjects for our movies. (I don't remember the author)

*"On TV there are 200 channels with 24 hours of air space to fill every day. One has to know that there is not enough interesting stuff to fill out all those hours. The available subject matter and talent is diluted to such an extent that every interesting person or topic is chewed up and regurgitated over and over."*

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## **HAPPY 93<sup>RD</sup> BIRTHDAY, LEOSIA! By Howard Lockwood**

We are so pleased we could help Leosia (Lee) Shirley Wentink celebrate her 93<sup>rd</sup> birthday at our last meeting. Lee has been a member for over 25 years. Her early participation was the presenting of slide shows with her husband, of extensive travels to Cambodia, Thailand, Europe, China, Japan, Egypt, Iran, etc.! ( Why don't you bring one of those in some time, Lee? Maybe someone could help you.)



Lee was born in Seattle, majored in English at the University of Washington, and came to California in 1936. She married Dr. Herbert Shirley , in 1940, who passed away in 1980. They had two daughters, one of whom died in 2000. Lee has two grandsons who have provided her with three great-grandsons. She remarried in 1985. Her husband, Herbert Wentink, "a Navy man," passed away about ten years ago.

Lee is an expert in growing camellias, many of which were grafted by her late husband. She has over 50 plants, and this year was shown on the cover of the Toluca Lake Garden Club magazine. (Yore scribe apologizes for the fuzzy photo. It wasn't Shirley! Still learning.)

## **THE LAST WORD**

**Some times it's better to put off until tomorrow what you are likely to screw up today .**

**If you are going to try cross country skiing,..start with a small country.**

**No husband has ever been shot while doing the dishes.**

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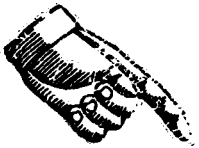
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