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## Meeting Announcements

The January meeting will be held at Dee Beetem's house ([Map of 4737 Kingfisher](#)). The January Video Party will be held at Erika Frensey's house ([Map of 401 Kinglet](#)).

## January Birthdays

❖ Dee Beetem                      January 30

## Editor's Announcement

Due to the rising costs of postage, we are sending out newsletters electronically. For a mailed hardcopy, email [cekfrenzy@gmail.com](mailto:cekfrenzy@gmail.com), and you will be mailed a paper newsletter. The PDF of each newsletter is also posted on the Several Unlimited website and on the Several Unlimited Yahoo group.

## Club News

### Prez Mez January 2008

*Dee Beetem*

First off, thanks to Steve Dial for having another New Year's Day Open House. As always, it was a lot of fun. As usual, Erika contributed her Hoppin' John blackeyed-pea casserole. Along with our regulars, David D'Amico dropped in. He said he'll be moving back east after he finishes his media degree this spring.

### Planning for the New Year's Events

*Revelcon*—is coming up fast. Since we won't be running orphan zines, how about hosting a couple of parties. Let's do something more entertaining than just chips'n'dips. We can recycle whatever works best for parties at *Apollocon*.

We need to know:

- ❖ Who's planning to attend Revelcon?
- ❖ Who's getting a room?

Fannish Summer Party—we're beginning to plan for a party in July to balance Jennifer Hebert's Christmas party. Some suggestions that have been made:

- ❖ Side dish/dessert potluck (we could supply hot dogs, condiments and buns)
- ❖ Book/collectibles swap meet
- ❖ Publicizing the event through the fannish lists, (*Revelcon*, *Hou-Sf*, *Ilscifi*, etc.)

We need a site! An apartment/condo clubhouse would be ideal (electrical outlets needed!) A kitchen and a pool would be nice but not essential, also grass where we could throw frisbees.

Finally, please inform Margaret or me if you're willing to volunteer your home for a meeting or video party. Don't make us hunt you down...

### Don't forget the Yahoo Group for Several Unlimited!

If you find something interesting to do or talk about, you don't have to wait for the newsletter or a meeting. Post it on the Several Unlimited Yahoo Group at

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/severalunlimited/>

If you're not a member of the group, it's free to join, and you get to select how you want the messages delivered to you!

## Upcoming Events

### COSMIC EXPLORATIONS: A Speaker Series, Feb 7

*Submitted by Tom Wells*

The Lunar & Planetary Institute introduces the following lecture series:

#### LPI 40th Anniversary Speaker on February 7th

Forming the Planets: What's New with the Oldest Events in the Solar System with Dr. Bill Bottke

#### LPI 40th Anniversary Speaker on April 17<sup>th</sup> with Dr. Jeff Taylor

Each presentation will begin at 7:30 pm and will be followed by a light reception with the opportunity to meet the speaker. The Cosmic Explorations Speaker Series is free; all adults are welcome.

Location: The Lunar and Planetary Institute, USRA, 3600 Bay Area Blvd, Houston (Entrance via driveway on South side of Middlebrook Dr, just East of Bay Area Blvd. - See Map at <http://www.lpi.usra.edu/areamap.pdf>)

For more information, please call 281-486-2135 or visit:

- ❖ <http://www.lpi.usra.edu/education/lectures/>
- ❖ <http://www.lpi.usra.edu/lpi/seminars/>
- ❖ <http://www.lpi.usra.edu/>

## **OwlCon XXVII, February 8-10, 2008**

### **Gaming, Fantasy, & Science Fiction Convention**

<http://www.owlcon.com/>

RMC/Ley Student Center, Rice University, Houston, TX

OwlCon is an annual gaming convention at Rice University, Houston, TX, that features table top and live action role playing games, miniatures games and events, historical miniatures, board games, card games, a dealers' room, and more. OwlCon 2k2 gaming events will include RPGA events, official tournaments for Warhammer 40k, Warmaster, Shadowfist, and Mage Knight, Matchbox-scale Car Wars, World of Darkness tabletop games, a Vampire LARP, a Call of Cthulhu LARP, a Crossroads fantasy LARP, and many other games with prizes galore! OwlCon will once again be swarming with official demo folks for various game systems to give you a chance to try some of their great games. We will also have open gaming, an anime room, a TV lounge running movies, some "all nighter" events, and our second annual OwlCon party and costume contest in Valhalla.

For more information write to:

Rice University

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c/o Office of Student Activities

PO Box 1892

Houston, TX 77251-1892

ATTN. OwlCon

Or [send email to owlcon@owlcon.com](mailto:send_email_to_owlcon@owlcon.com)

## **Ikkicon 2, February 8-10, 2008**

### **Japanese Animation and Pop-Culture Convention**

<http://www.ikkicon.com/>

Doubletree Hotel, 6505 IH-35 North, Austin, Texas, USA 78752-4346

Dealers room, cosplay, and more!

## **ConDFW, February 22-24, 2008**

### **A Literary Science Fiction & Fantasy Event**

<http://www.condfw.org/>

Radisson Hotel Dallas North, 1981 North Central Expressway, Richardson, TX 75080

❖ **Author GOH: Peter S. Beagle**

❖ **Artist GOH: Donato Giancola**

The Expected Activities:

Art Show, Autographs, Dealer's Room, Con Suite, Panel Discussions, Gaming, Readings

And the Unexpected:

Cliche Challenge (NEW), 3rd Annual Sci-Fi Spelling Bee, Pro Artist Drawing Competition, Charity Book Swap, Hard Science Panels

For more information, write:

ConDFW

750 South Main-#14

Keller, TX 76248

Or [send email to info@condfw.org](mailto:send_email_to_info@condfw.org)

## REVELcon 19, March 14-16, 2008

### The Little Con with the Texas-Size Heart in Houston

<http://www.severalunlimited.com/revelcon/>

Revelcon is THE only fan-run relax-a-con/zinefest in the Southwest US. It's a fab weekend of vids, panels, art, zines, merchandise, food and fun! [Note - Revelcon is an adults-only/18-and-over con.]

For further information write:

Revelcon 19

c/o E.D. Pearlman

P.O. Box 130602

Houston, TX 77219-0602

Or send email to <mailto:Revelcon2007@gmail.com>

## Denvention 3, August 6-10, 2008

### 66th World Science Fiction Convention, Denver CO

<http://www.denvention.org/>

- ❖ **GOH: Lois McMaster Bujold**
- ❖ **Artist GOH: Rick Sternbach**
- ❖ **Toastmaster: Wil McCarthy**
- ❖ **Fan GOH: Tom Whitmore**
- ❖ **Ghost of Honor: Robert A. Heinlein**

Five days of programming on hundreds of topics from books to media, from art to costuming, from movies to television to anime, from science fiction to science fact, as well as an art show, masquerades, the Hugo Awards ceremony, dealer's rooms, and much more!

## Website of the Month



### A Doctor Who story: The Hopes and Fears of All the Years

<http://tinyurl.com/2j7uqf>

A Christmas Doctor Who story written by Paul Cornell and published in the London Daily Telegraph. The Doctor must watch over a family for 90 years to protect them from an unspecified danger.

**Note:** If the above link does not work, try the full link:

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/arts/main.jhtml;jsessionid=AJOFG0YDL4S0VQFIQMF SFF4AVCBQ0IV0?xml=/arts/2007/12/22/bowho122.xml&page=1>

### The 56 Geeks Project

<http://myextralife.com/56geeks/index.php>

[http://myextralife.com/56geeks/big\\_poster.php](http://myextralife.com/56geeks/big_poster.php)

The 56 Geeks Project started out as a doodle or two by Scott Johnson, and has grown to encompass cartoons of 56 types of Geeks. Check it out and see what your inner (or outer) geek looks like.

He also does custom geeks.

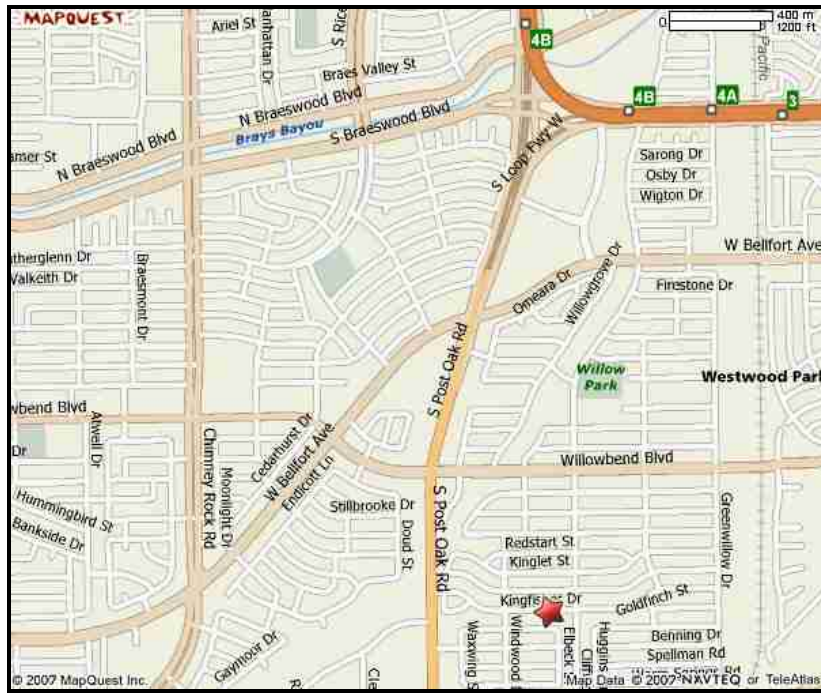
### Geek Hierarchy Chart version 2.0

<http://www.brunching.com/geekhierarchy.html>

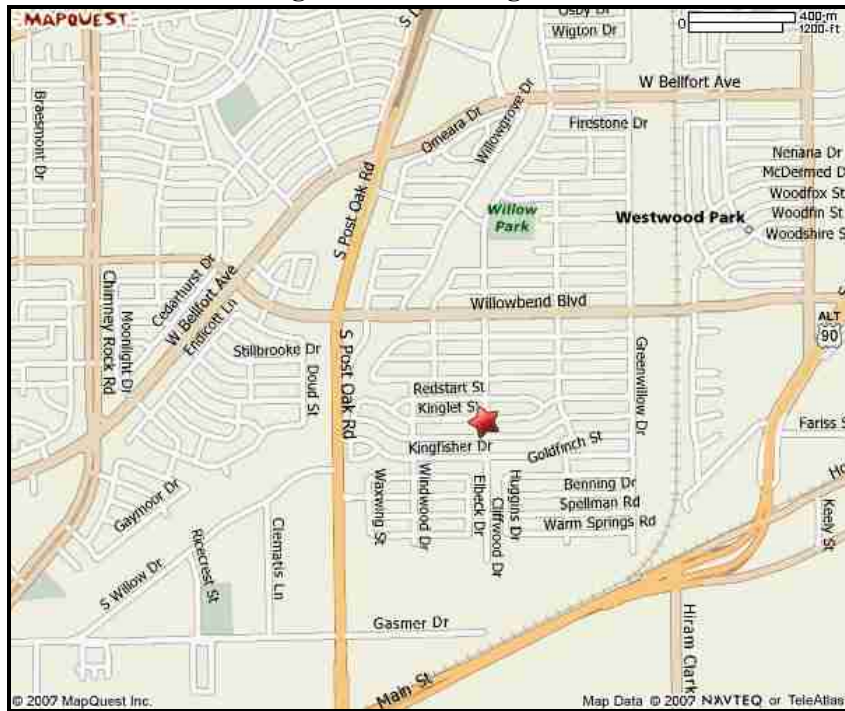
We know that some geeks are geekier than others, but here's a handy-dandy chart to help you evaluate how geeky you are.

# Calendar and Maps

<p><b>January 11, 2008</b></p>	<p><b>Several Unlimited Meeting Dee Beetem, 713-729-4716 4737 Kingfisher (Figure 1)</b></p>
<p><b>January 25, 2008</b></p>	<p><b>Several Unlimited Video Party Erika Frensley, 713-729-7211 4701 Kinglet (Figure 2)</b></p>



**Figure 1. 4737 Kingfisher**



**Figure 2. 4701 Kinglet**