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[CoKoCon](#) is your general science fiction/fantasy convention in Phoenix, AZ with a slight focus on authors! Here's your update for Monday, December 23.

Attendance will be **capped at 500** so get your membership soon!

### **MEMBERSHIP PRICE INCREASE**

Please be aware that memberships will increase in price with the new year.

Currently adult memberships (over 12) are \$40 with youths (7-12) half price and kids-in-tow (under 7) free (but limited to 2 per adult).

On New Year's Day, adult memberships will go up to \$50. Youths will remain half price and kids-in-tow will remain free and limited in the same way.

Membership gets you full access to all four days of the convention and to everything happening within it.

### **HOTEL**

While we'd love to find a hotel at which we can host CoKoCon forever, it was clear that we would have to find a new hotel for 2020 and we've been on the hunt ever since the end of CoKoCon 2019.

Well, we've now found that hotel and it's another DoubleTree with quick and easy access from an interstate. It's the DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Phoenix Tempe, which is at Priest & Broadway, right off I-10. Their address is 2100 S Priest Dr, Tempe, AZ 85282. Here are links to [their website](#) and [Google Maps](#).

Rooms will remain at \$92 per night for single and double, with \$102 for triple and \$112 for quad. We should have a booking link on the website later in the holidays

and we'll share that in the next newsletter.

We're looking forward to this new hotel, which has more function space that's closer together.

## **STEVEN BARNES**

As previously mentioned, we're very happy to welcome Steven Barnes as our Author Guest of Honor.

Steven has published thirty-three novels and over three million words of science fiction and fantasy. He's been nominated for Hugo, Nebula, and Cable Ace awards.

While his television work includes *The Twilight Zone*, *Stargate* and *Andromeda*, his *A Stitch In Time* episode of *The Outer Limits* won the Emmy Award and his alternate history novel *Lion's Blood* won the 2003 Endeavor.

*Casanegra*, an erotic mystery novel written with his wife, American Book Award-winning novelist Tananarive Due, won the 2009 NAACP Image Award.

Barnes also holds three black belts and was for three years Kung Fu columnist for *Black Belt Magazine*. He lives in Los Angeles with his wife and son Jason. He has a daughter, Nicki, who lives in San Diego.

2020 co-chair Hal Astell will be exploring his books, one title a month, at the Nameless Zine, as of January, and the CASFS Book Social will be discussing his *Dream Park* (co-written with Larry Niven) on June 16.

## **PARTICIPANTS**

Our programming team has been busy confirming participants for CoKoCon 2020 and we're adding them to the Participants page as they come in.

Many authors have already been added, so you can start to think about what to bring with you to CoKoCon to get signed!

## **GENERAL**

CoKoCon is a general science fiction/fantasy convention jointly sponsored by CASFS and WesternSFA. Our 2020 event will be held over the four day Labor Day

weekend (Sep 4-7) at the DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Phoenix Tempe at 2100 S Priest Dr, Tempe, AZ 85282. Adult memberships (over 12) are \$40 until the end of 2019 (\$50 as of New Year's Day) with youths (7-12) half price and kids-in-tow (under 7) free (but limited to 2 per adult). Hotel room prices are \$92 (single/double), \$102 (triple) or \$112 (quad). Membership will be capped at 500. All details are on our website.

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