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FROM THE CENTER SEAT

What a great turn-out for the DaVinci's first Thanksgiving feast! Over 25 crew members attended for good food and holiday celebration. The bird was delicious (and big!) and the food was more than plentiful. A BIG Bajoran thanks to all who attended. The Reese Road Senior Center was the ideal place to hold an event such as this. Too bad we cannot use it for our monthly meetings, but the days it is available (Tuesday, Wednesday, and Saturday) are not convenient for much of the crew. But, we can use it for all other ship functions. If you did not attend the Thanksgiving get-together, please note that the next general membership meeting will be held at the **Senior Center**, in conjunction with our **Christmas party**, on

16 DECEMBER AT 2 P.M. THERE WILL BE NO MEETING AT THE LIBRARY!!

There was also a great turn-out at the November DaVinci Night Out! There were 18 crew members plus one guest to socialize and bid farewell to Crewman Dan Palmer. The food at Hunan's was both plentiful and delicious. In fact, the portions were so big that sharing of platters was the rule of the evening. After the meal, a Star Trek cake was brought out in honor of Dan's departure. I had to use one of my pewter ships, the Enterprise "D", for decoration as the bakery ran out of the Star Trek decoration kits. The cake caught Dan off guard and he was visibly moved by the gesture. It was a fun evening. **The first DaVinci Night Out of the new year will be at 7:00 P.M. on 8 January** (the first Monday is New Year's Day) at the Airport Thruway Shoney's. Hope to see you there!

I would like to let all crew personnel know that articles for the DaVinci Pilot are welcome from any crew member who has something interesting they wish to report. One thing I would like to add to the newsletter is a monthly review column.

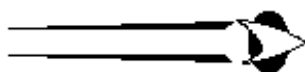
The reviewer or reviewers would give their opinion on anything in the Star Trek or Science Fiction universe. For example, what do you think of Fox's new show Space: Above and Beyond? Personally, I think it is great but that may not be the opinion of the reviewer. So, if you always wanted to be a critic here is your chance. The only requirement is that I must have an article every month. Remember, the article can be on anything.

One of the things I really dislike doing is replacing the head of a Division or Section. I especially did not think I would have to do it so soon after becoming a shuttle. Keith Doughty has asked to step down from his position of Science Officer. His work schedule is such that he cannot devote as much time to the club as he would like. I hate to see Keith go but I can understand his wishes. I believe the best person to replace Keith is LTCMDR Joe Perry. Joe is a long time Starfleet member and has been a member of several ships over the years. I am sure Joe will take Science "where no one has gone before".

While browsing the magazine rack at Waldenbooks, I discovered that the film "Heavy Metal" is being re-released sometime in the near future. This updated version will have segments not shown in the original version. Naturally, the cities listed do not include Columbus, but I am sure that sooner or later it will come to one of the theaters in the area. "Heavy Metal" is a great film - a cult classic - not available on video.

See y'all at the December meeting/party.

CMDR *Freddy Heller*
Commanding Officer



FROM THE OPS DESK

MY FELLOW SHIPMATES - NOOKH NEK!

For this time, my fellow travelers, the word is **IMAGINE**. Did anyone happen to see Star Trek: The Next Generation on the 29th? It was the one in which Worf was coming back from the BAT LEF tournament and was zapped by a disruption in the space time continuum. He kept finding himself in strange and changing situations. At one moment, he would be at a surprise birthday party with Captain Picard there and a specific painting on the wall. Worf would feel dizzy and then wake up in a completely different situation. Two times, he even woke up married to Deanna Troy! And now to the main point.

Open your minds and imaginations and think about this: what if it IS true that for every action you might take or not take, there are an infinite number of different universes where you did "the other thing." What if you didn't pick the Dachshund but had picked the Wolf-Rottweiler you wanted? Then what if the W-R had bitten a policeman. Then what if you were arrested and went to prison. Then what if in prison you met someone who turned you on to a scam. What if the scam netted you \$20 billion dollars and you felt a little guilty but lived on your island in the Bahamas with your 300 servants? All that instead of going to high school, working at Winn Dixie, and living in the same neighborhood all your life. What if???

And now the other thing. The world is changing. Think about this one. We have Worf, a Klingon, married to and having offspring with a half-human, half-Betazed. This Terra Firma has certainly changed in 40 years! Imagine a dark skinned alien kissing and married to a white skinned alien 40 years ago on TV. It never would

have happened! We have come a long way and much is good.

Also, think about technology! How far we have come! In 1977, I had to report to sick bay for surgical adjustment at a Terran (spit) hospital. After the stone age surgery, I could barely walk three weeks later. During my most recent surgery, I walked 5 miles 10 days after I left sick bay! Think what that means for the future?

But more on technology next time. For this time, let your imagination fly and think about what you think "is" in your normal daily life and then think what you might be in all the other universes!

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LT(JG) *Randy Kranephul*
Operations Officer

PENNY JAR WINNER

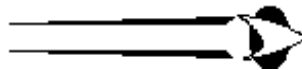
This is the second time that my personal favorite has gone down to defeat! It is also the second time that an Original Series star has taken the top prize! Yes, that logical first officer, Mr Spock seems to be the crew favorite (Kira will have her revenge). Nearly \$40.00 was raised this time which will cover the expense of the Thanksgiving get-together. The results of the penny jar are as follows: Spock had a negative \$.39 (pennies \$5.21, silver \$5.60) to win the top position hands-down. In second place (only because your Commander forgot to dump in a massive amount of pennies into her jar and will not forget this slip up in the next contest) MAJ Kira Nerys with a negative \$1.67 (pennies \$1.33, silver \$3.00). In third, CMDR William Riker of the Enterprise-D with a negative \$4.49 (pennies \$6.41, silver \$10.90). And last, to the utter dismay of our Finance Officer, in LAST place, CMDR Chakotay of the USS Voyager with a negative \$5.28 (pennies \$.32, silver \$5.60). The next contest will be for favorite Engineer!

MORE FROM THE CENTER SEAT

I have had many of our younger crew members come to me and ask if they had to be in the Cadet Corps. My first response to this question was yes, but as I began to think about how old these cadets were, I began to rethink the DaVinci's policy. Beginning 1 January all crew members from the ages of 13-15 will no longer be considered as "cadets". These members will be allowed to join what ever Division (Science, Engineering, etc) they wish. Although they cannot become officers within the club until they turn 16, it is possible that they can earn the rank of "acting Ensign". This rank is earned by showing initiative within the ship. Things such as coming to meetings, volunteering for activities, joining Starfleet, and working hard within your Division and Section. If you do this your Section Chief will recommend to your Division Head that you be promoted.

We have adopted a family for the holidays. She is a single mother with two small boys (ages 4 and 2). When I spoke to her on the telephone she seemed quite excited about the DaVinci adopting her family. She will be attending our Christmas party and the DaVinci will get gifts for her and her children. We will also make her honorary members of the DaVinci. So, make sure you come to the meeting/party to say hello to the Davinci's newest family.

CMDR *Freddy Heller*
Commanding Officer



DECEMBER CREW BIRTHDAYS

Cadet Holly Green	6th
Crewman Kim Townsend	13th
Crewman Martha McCart	13th
Crewman Patty Williams	18th
Crewman Kenny Thompson	17th
Crewman Randy Dunn	31st
Crewman Joseph McCullough	31st

WELCOME to the DaVinci!

The following new crew members joined since the last meeting. Welcome to the DaVinci, the finest ship in the fleet!

Joey Allcorn
Kenny Thompson

REMEMBER!

**THE XMAS PARTY
FOR THE CREW OF
THE DaVINCI WILL
BE ON THE 16TH OF
DECEMBER AT 2
P.M. AT THE SENIOR
CENTER.**

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THE CARGO BAY

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Science Officer:	LTCMDR Joe Perry	327-5888
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