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FROM THE CENTER SEAT

Congratulations to the USS DaVinci for winning the Stellar Award from the Overseas Coupon Project. To be eligible for this award a ship had to donate at least \$25,000 in coupons. From 1995 to 1997 the DaVinci donated \$28,259 in coupons to the OCP. This is a great award, but I know we can do better. Most of the coupons collected in 1997 came from what I could gather; very little came from other sources. This year, I would love to see greater participation in the OCP by the DaVinci. Save those Sunday coupon inserts. How hard can that be? Naturally, I would prefer you cut them out, separate them into food and non-food items, and add the total of each. Okay, if you really do not want to spend your free time doing this, just save whatever coupons you can and bring them to the night out or meeting. If two or three personnel on the ship can send in nearly \$30,000 worth, just think what five or even 10 crew members can do!

Okay crew, get your clean-up clothes out of the closet. On the 28th of March at 8:00 A.M. we will meet at the Burger King on Veterans Parkway. I drove by the intersection the other day and it looked as if someone decided it was a good location to dump their trash! It was a mess! Remember to park your vehicle in the back parking lot. See you there.

On that same note, the "Let's Keep Georgia Peachy Clean" statewide cleanup is scheduled for the week of 18-25 April. I have volunteered the DaVinci to participate. Our responsibility will be our intersection. What will be different about this cleanup, is that we will take the trash to Oxbow Meadows for disposal and an after-the-cleanup celebration. So, mark your calendar for this one!

If you have not already given me your e-mail address or if you have recently changed your address, please let me know. I would like to begin to send out the Pilot via e-mail Thanks!

FCPT Freddy Heller

SECOND THOUGHTS

Last August, I attended the Starfleet International Conference in New Jersey. During one of the panels, the question came up about what we should do to recruit and retain members, given the problems Fleet was having during the last administration. The consensus reached was that the best thing we could do was to try to get the members involved in regional and Fleet activities. Those people who paid their dues and only expected to receive the newsletter and membership packet were very put out that they paid their money and did not get anything for it. Those people who were active in fleet and regional functions were more likely to allow some slack. They were getting benefits from membership besides the newsletter.

Some of you may not know, but I was once in a similar situation and was one of the people last year who did not receive anything from Fleet for my yearly dues. I might have received two newsletters the entire year. Before the formation of the DaVinci, there was another ship in Columbus. This was the USS Ingram.

I am the only member of the Ingram currently serving aboard the DaVinci. For a number of reasons, the Ingram was decommissioned. During this time, I was active in the local club, but was not active in regional or fleet activities. When the Ingram was decommissioned, I decided not to renew my membership in Starfleet. I was not interested in being in Starfleet without a local ship.

I renewed my membership when I heard that Freddy was starting another local club. I renewed my yearly membership in September 1996 and it was not until March 1997 that I had any indication the Fleet had even received my application. I was informed at the regional summit that my membership had been processed and I was considered a full member in Starfleet. It was not until August that I received my membership certificate. Since I had attended regional and fleet summits, and had been looking for the opportunity

to be active at the regional level, I was not that upset that I had not received anything from Fleet. If this had happened while I was a member of the Ingram, I probably would have dropped from Fleet, never to renew my membership.

Freddy and I both agree that every member must decide what level of involvement is right for them. If you are happy with paying your local dues, receiving the newsletter, and that is all that you want out of Starfleet, that is fine with us.

I would like you to consider increasing your level of involvement; you will get more out of your membership if you do. Let me repeat, you must decide your level of involvement; nobody from this ship will require you to maintain a minimum level. Each year in March, our region has a summit/conference called the Sunny Summit. The summit rotates between the four states comprising our region (Florida, Georgia, Alabama, Mississippi)

The first summit was two years ago in Florida. It was at this summit that the DaVinci was commissioned. Last year it was in Atlanta. This year it was in Birmingham. Next year it will be in Mississippi. It is scheduled to return to Georgia in March 2001. I have discussed this with Freddy, and I would like to have to DaVinci host the summit at that time.

This is the official call for participants in the various committees to place a bid for hosting the Sunny Summit VI in March 2001. Contact me at the meeting or the night out if you wish to help in this endeavor.. We will probably have a general committee meeting later this year, with individual committee meetings coming at later date.

Live Long and Prosper

CPT Joe Perry

NEXT MEETING WILL BE HELD AT THE CAPTAIN'S HOUSE ON APRIL 16TH AT 7:00 P.M. COME FOR GOOD TIMES AND COMRADESHIP.

NEXT DaVINCI NIGHT OUT WILL BE AT SCHLOTZSKY'S DELI ON APRIL 6TH AT 7:00 P.M. Y'ALL COME!!!

CONVENTIONAL WISDOM

There has been a change for the Atlanta convention in May. The guest line-up has been changed. The new guest will be Ethan Phillips! None other than Neelix himself! In addition, Robin Downes from Babylon 5 will also appear. Ethan is an absolute riot at conventions and should not be missed! Tickets are \$30 for the weekend or \$20 for Saturday or Sunday only. Reserved seating is an additional \$10 and well worth the price. Write your check payable to Vulkan and be sure to write "Atlanta-May" on the check! Send to: Vulkan; c/o Joe Motes; 12237 SW 50th Street; Cooper City, FL 33330-5406. As usual, we will have a car pool from my house to the convention on Saturday. Hope to see you there!

TREK BUZZ

The big news over the past few months has been the fate of Terry Farrell on Deep Space Nine. Since her contract negotiations have been stalled, it appears that she will not be part of DS9's final season!

Kate Mulgrew won Best Actress in a Series Drama at the International Press Academy's Golden Satellite Awards.

Star Trek will be saluted in an upcoming special entitled "Hollywood Salutes Easter Seals" for the way it portrays people with disabilities.

Star Trek IV is on the ballot for Paramount's Millennium Collection. Voters are being asked to select 10 from a list of films.

Looks as if the next film, due out this November, will be called "Prime Directive".

Patrick Stewart won Best Supporting Actor at the Blockbuster Awards for his role in Conspiracy Theory.

Voyager's Executive Producer, Jeri Talyor, is leaving the show at season's end. She plans to work on a novel and will move to Northern California.

Walter Koenig's autobiography, Warped Factors, originally scheduled for a March release, has been pushed back to June.

AT&T is selling Star Trek pre-paid phone cards featuring Kirk, Kirk & Spock, Data & Worf, Sisko & Dax, and Seven of Nine. Call (800) 467-1756, extension 52740 for more information..

A trade paperback updated version of the Star Trek Encyclopedia is in the works. No release date has been announced.

For you Wesley Crusher fans, Wil Wheaton will star in "Midnight Mass", an action movie that depicts a young man's quest for truth.

If you missed "Moby Dick" with Patrick Stewart as Ahab, you missed "a good one" (Connie and Ariana Heller, reviewers). With the money spent on its production, I am sure you will have ample opportunities to see it.

Thanks to Dateline: Starfleet and Transwarp for the information!

WELCOME ABOARD!

Welcome aboard to the following crew personnel who have recently joined or renewed their membership in the DaVinci!

CRMN Stephen Sprung

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Many happy returns to the following DaVinci personnel and Star Trek celebrities and events who are celebrating birthdays in April!

Grace Lee Whitney (Yeoman Janice Rand)	1 st
CADET Grant Kersey	2 nd
CADET Courtney Ainsworth	9 th
Michael Ansara (Kang)	15 th
Avery Brooks (CPT Benjamin Sisko)	18 th
Herman Zimmerman (Set Designer)	19 th
George Takei (CPT Hikaru Sulu)	20 th
Spice Williams (Vixis)	26 th
ENS Jeanne Ainsworth	26 th
Kate Mulgrew (CPT Kathryn Janeway)	29 th

FINANCIALLY SPEAKING

Opening Balance	140.01
Printing	12.84
Starfleet Prepaid Memberships	45.00
Deposit	65.00
Closing Balance	147.17

CMDR Connie Heller

PROGRAM SCHEDULES

All listings are tentative and based on the Paramount schedule. Check local listing.

Deep Space Nine:

05 April	Inquisition
12 April	In the Pale Moonlight
19 April	His Way
26 April	The Reckoning

Voyager:

01 April	The Year of Hell, Part 2 (R)
08 April	Omega Directive
15 April	Concerning Flight (R)
22 April	Unforgettable
29 April	Living Witness

ACCOLADES TO:

LTJG Steve Gordon for passing his OCC exam!

ENS Michael Walker for passing his OTS exam and for earning a Bachelor's Degree in Meteorology with honors from the Vulcan Academy of Science. Because of his score (100 percent), ENS Walker was also awarded the Vulcan Legion of Honor (Uni-Star Rating).

ENS Frazier Smith for joining Starfleet (and finally getting his SCC number).

FINALLY...

ATTENTION KLINGON EMPIRE! The Federation hereby challenges the Klingons residing in Phenix City (and others who may be members of the DaVinci) to a game of Parrises Squares (Softball). The time and location for the humiliation of the "Sons of Kahless" will be determined in the near future (it may take them several months to find warriors worthy of the challenge). Expect a feast to follow the game (however, the Gagh will be thoroughly cooked)!!

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DaVINCI STAFF ROSTER

Commanding Officer Freddy Heller 562-TREK

Executive Officer Joe Perry 327-5888
Finance Connie Heller 562-8735
Community Service Josh Ainsworth Unlisted
Publications Freddy Heller 562-8735

Science Officer VACANT
Counselor JoAnne Vazquez 563-9185
Holodeck VACANT
Medical Steve Gordon 864-2607

Engineering Officer Deniece Dunn 291-0150
Communications Karen Baker 323-4217
Quartermaster Randy Dunn 291-0150
Security Zach Farley 682-6911

Co-Cadet Corps Cmdr Dana Ainsworth Unlisted
Co-Cadet Corps Cmdr Marilyn Gordon
(334) 864-2607

SR Chief Petty Off VACANT

CARGO BAY 1 - BUSINESS

The following businesses will give DaVinci crew personnel a 10 percent discount on purchases. Make sure you let them know who you are.

GALAXY CCG
2901 University Avenue, Suite 42 569-5939

CCG EXTREME
4214 Hamilton Road 322-5449

COLLINS CARDS & COLLECTIBLES
4728-A Warm Springs Road 569-5353

COLUMBUS BOOK EXCHANGE
2334 Wynnton Road 324-2559

DUGOUT
1033 Broadway 653-9060

PREFERRED COMPUTERS
4405 Armour Road, Suite C322-3225

CARGO BAY 2 - THE CREW

WANTED: Star Trek fan material. In need of trading cards that came in pre-recorded videos of original series episodes. Call Freddy at 562-TREK.

FOR SALE: Cards, action figures, and a whole lot more! Both Star Trek and Star Wars! Call Freddy at 562-TREK.

FOR SALE: Star Trek toys and memorabilia. See Patty at the meeting. "I have what you need!"