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FROM THE CENTER SEAT

WOW! Did we have a great time at our anniversary party. The food was plentiful and the comradeship high. Emma brought her lasagna and ravenous Klingons, Vulcans, Bajorans, and other unnamed races nearly devoured the entire pan! It was so good that Ariana, our 2-year-old, had three helpings! Gisela finally brought enough deviled eggs that there were actually a few left over. Patty brought some ice cream and Roger some cake. No one complained that there were not enough sweets.

We also had a table full of goodies to sell to raise money for our dwindling treasury. I brought out all remaining club memorabilia and threw in some other things. We managed to raise nearly \$60 for the DaVinci coffer. A BIG Bajoran thanks to all who bought items from the "Ferengi" Captain!

The highlight of the evening was watching the three science fiction movies voted by the DaVinci members as their most favorites. In order the movies were The Day the Earth Stood Still, Dune, and Star Wars. The Captain, of course, was a little upset when his personal favorite, Close Encounters of the Third Kind, failed to make the cut.

On April the 8th, the Keep Columbus Beautiful Commission is hosting the City Wide Cleanup. The DaVinci will be taking part by picking up trash along our adopt-a-highway location. We will meet at 9:00 AM at the new McDonald's on Veteran's Parkway. NOTE! This is a change! The new McDonald's is a block down from the Burger King. Following the cleanup there will be a celebration party at the South Common area. If you cannot make it to the cleanup but would still like to help, you can volunteer to help out at the celebration.

FCPT Freddy Heller

SECOND THOUGHTS

We are officially opening a bid to host the 2002 Regional Conference for 2002. This will be scheduled tentatively for the weekend of March 8-10, 2002. I am starting to take volunteers for working the various committees. Don't wait to the last minute to join a committee. The Atlanta chapter has offered to co-host the event with us, since we do not have any experience staging an event of this nature. It is events like the RC and the IC that provide the camaraderie that is the best part of Starfleet. The International Conference is scheduled for Labor Day Weekend in Burlington, VT.

For those who attended our anniversary party, and did not hear, that date coincides with the birthday of J.G. Hertzler (Chancellor Martok). I find it interesting that a certain Klingon did not recognize the leader of the Klingon Empire. One of the movies was shown that evening was 'DUNE'. This was the theatrical version. Two interesting tidbits were revealed when I looked up this film in the Internet Movie Database (www.imdb.com). David Lynch disavowed all connections with the longer TV version. The director is listed as 'Alan Smithee'. This is Director's Guild of America code for 'the director thinks this film is a bunch of crap and refuses to have his name associated with it'. Also there is a new version scheduled for this year. They are in the process of making a mini-series version with Giancarlo Giannini as Emperor Shaddam IV and William Hurt as Duke Leto Atreides. Considering the current practice of 2-hour segments, I have grave reservations of a Dune miniseries.

CPT Joe Perry

TREK BUZZ

Speaking to Cinescape magazine, Rick Berman predicted that a new Star Trek series would not be on the air until January/February or September 2001.

On the film front, he confirmed that there will be another movie, but whether it will be a strict Next Generation film or have some sort of cast mix was undetermined.

Dwight Schultz and Marina Sirtis will do another Voyager episode titled "Life Line"; this one will focus on Dr. Zimmerman.

Also returning for a guest-shot is Jennifer Lien (Kes), who appears later this season in "Fury".

The Rock's appearance in "Tsunkatse" boosted Voyager to its best ratings since last February's sweeps.

William Shatner (Kirk) is among the nominees for Worst Actor of the Century in the annual Razzies awards.

Supporters of a "Captain Sulu" television series are planning marches at cities around the country to get Paramount's attention. Previously scheduled for March 18th, the date was changed to April 22nd. Check their web site at <http://excelsior.ifcommand.com> for information.

Jeri Ryan (Seven) will be appearing in an untitled Disney film now in production. The film, whose working title is The Kid is a comedy starring Jean Smart and Bruce Willis.

Meanwhile, Jeri confirmed in a recent interview that she is currently dating Voyager executive producer Brannon Braga (lucky guy).

Possible signs of trouble on Gene Roddenberry's Earth: Final Conflict: Sci-Fi Wire reported that writer/producer Cory Tynan has left the series. He was originally brought on to "revitalize" the show. Additionally, cast members Richard Chevolleau (Augur), Lisa Howard (Lili) and Leni Parker (Da'an) are not yet signed for next season.

Thanks to Dateline: Starfleet for the information!

**THE NEXT MEMBERSHIP MEETING
WILL BE ON 20 APRIL AT 7:00 PM
AT THE CAPTAIN'S HOUSE.
COME ONE COME ALL!**

QUOTABLES

"But I feel this next series, which I'm not prepared to talk about just yet, is going to be a crucial step for the survival of Star Trek. I am not saying this in any way to put down Voyager, which I think is going as well as it ever has. But I think that the survival of the franchise could hinge upon it. It has to be something unique and fresh, and it can't be a rehashing of one of the previous series." Rick Berman, speaking to Cinescape magazine about the near-future of StarTrek.

PASSAGES

John Colicos, who won critical acclaim as a Shakespearean actor but was best known as the villain in the TV science fiction series "Battlestar Galactica," and the Klingon "Kor" has died at the age of 71.

Colicos died Monday in Toronto after a series of heart attacks. Colicos, who was born in Toronto, also appeared in the soap opera "General Hospital."

WELCOME ABOARD!

Welcome aboard to the following crew personnel who have recently joined (J) or renewed their membership in the DaVinci (D) or Starfleet (S):

Steve Brown (D)

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

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

Grace Lee Whitney (Yeoman Janice Rand)	1 st
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
Kate Mulgrew (CPT Kathryn Janeway)	29 th

FINANCIALLY SPEAKING

Opening Balance	78.32
Closing Balance	78.32

CMDR Connie Heller

ACCOLADES

Congratulations to ENS Dennis Shaw who recently placed first in the 100 meter race-walk during the Special Olympics. Way to go Dennis!

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CHINA BUFFET ON MACON ROAD
ON 03 APRIL AT 7:00 PM COME
HELP THE CAPTAIN DEVOUR SOME
CRAWFISH! YUM-YUM!**

FINALLY

Thought you might like to see a sneak preview of the new Hallmark ornaments for this holiday season. They are Seven of Nine, and the Borg Cube! The Worf ornament will be in blown glass! You can bet the Seven of Nine figure will be the hot one to get! Preorder plenty!

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