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FROM THE CENTER SEAT

If you were not at the 4th of July cookout, you missed the best get together of the year! We had over 24 crew personnel from three different ship attend! Not only that, but a photographer and reporter from the Ledger-Enquirer stopped by and took photographs and conducted an interview with some of the personnel. The following day there was a wonderful article about the cookout, the clubs, and what we do on the front page of the paper!

The cookout began at around the noon hour and ended in the early evening hours. Cmdr Josh Ainsworth from the Shuttle Shadow Hawk and Cmdr John Faulk from the IKV Muscogee-Phenix were both in attendance as was several of their respective crews. The food was plentiful (and delicious) and the comradeship high as all three crews mingled inside and outside the house. The DaVinci's honorary chief, Cmdr Connie Heller, did a great job cooking, the burgers and hotdogs!

Uniforms were abundant as the photographer wandered about snapping what seemed liked dozens of photographs. Star Trek tapes were played in the back room and, of course, the Chinese Checker players were hot into gaming!

I had an 8-foot pool set in the back yard for anyone who wanted to cool off. The only one who took advantage of the pool was Cadet Ariana Heller, who was carefully watched by her parents and Crmn JoAnne Vazquez (thanks JoAnne). Of course, this does not mean that others did not get wet! Cadet Coles and Crmn Kalan Vazquez got into a battle using "soakers". I am afraid that Cadet Coles received the brunt of the damage and had to change clothes several times!

There was a table set up with miscellaneous items for sale to benefit the DaVinci coffers. The amount

raised was \$27.00. Emma did manage to get her copy of "Blade Runner". A BIG Bajoran thanks to all who bought items.

If you thought the article in the paper is great, we have been asked by WTVM Channel 9 to be on their early show. Only problem is, we have to be there no later than 5:30 in the morning! In addition, we will only have about 2 minutes of air time. The way I look at it is the more exposure we can get the better. What I need are some volunteers that have uniforms. Unless you work the early shift, you should not be late for work! A date has not yet been set. I promised to get back with them as soon as I talked to the crew. If you are willing to help out, let me know.

Our Trauma Buddy program is on course. Connie has made several uniforms and JoAnne has also volunteered to do some sewing. Several crewmembers have donated stuffed animals for the effort. Unfortunately most could not be used because of several factors. If wish to donate some stuffed animals please heed the following conditions. First and foremost, they must have four appendages, preferably arms and legs. So, snakes, alligators and such will not do. Dogs and cats are okay only if they are in a "teddy bear" position. On "all fours" is not good. Remember that we have to fit a uniform on the animals. Second, they must not be overly big. If they cannot fit into a gallon sized "baggie", they are too big. Third, they must be soft, cute, and cuddly. Remember that they will be given to ambulatory children who are hurt and scared. No sense making a frightening situation worse by giving them an ugly or scary animal. Finally, they must be clean and odor free. Not necessarily new, just not in bad shape.

FCPT Freddy Heller

TREK BUZZ

The film *Free Enterprise*, co-starring William Shatner, won the Best Genre Home Video Release category at this year's Saturn Awards.

In memory of John Colicos, the Klingon Language Institute has established a scholarship for "aspiring linguists."

The World Entertainment News Network reported that Kirstie Alley may plan to quit acting and move to Florida.

George Takei and Jeri Ryan were among the guests at the 11th annual Gay & Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation Media Awards.

George is also currently heard as narrator of *Alien Oceans: The Voyage to Dharmok's Gate*. The film opened at the Burke Baker Planetarium (part of the Houston Museum of Natural Science).

Blown-up prints of the Star Trek stamp signed by William Shatner will be part of the World Stamp Expo this year, which features a large Star Trek exhibit. Visit <http://www.worldstampexpo.com/> for more information.

And Shatner's pipes will be heard on the straight-to-video release of *Buzz Lightyear of Star Command: The Adventure Begins* from Disney. He will be singing the theme song over the final credits. The video comes out August 8th.

Patrick Stewart will marry Wendy Neuss in August, according to the news page at Expo-Trek.

Marina Sirtis has filmed a guest-shot in an upcoming episode of *Stargate: SG-1*.

Jonathan Frakes will be directing the film *Clockstoppers* for Paramount/Nickelodeon Movies. No release date yet for the film. The movie is a comedy about a group of children who can stop time.

Brent Spiner will be among the cast of a new Showtime limited series, *It's A Girl Thing* (tentative title). The show is currently in production.

The DS9 episode "Rejoined" is nominated for Hall of Fame/Media in this year's Gaylactic Network Spectrum Awards. The awards are given out in October ceremonies.

Jeri Ryan hosted a 40th anniversary showing of *The Time Machine* at the Orpheum Theatre in Los Angeles.

The Official Jeri Lynn Ryan Homepage notes that she will have a role in *Wes Craven Presents: Dracula 2000*, scheduled for a December release.

The Kes Internet Support Society is campaigning to get Jennifer Lien back on *Voyager* again, either as a guest-star or returning as a regular. If you are interested in joining the letter-writing effort, visit <http://homepages.infoseek.com/~saiwong1/jlien/index.html>.

Paramount is allowing director Robert Wise to create a new director's cut of *Star Trek: The Motion Picture* specifically for the upcoming DVD. Apparently, the director has never been happy with the film, which was rushed into theaters before he was satisfied with some of the effects and the editing.

Max Grodenchik can now be seen in a movie theater near you in "The Adventures of Rocky & Bullwinkle". He plays a spy working for Fearless Leader and can be seen in several scenes on a video screen in Fearless Leader's command center and on the television in the President's office.

The crew of *Voyager* has returned--not to Earth, but to Paramount Studios, where it will begin shooting the seventh and final season of *Star Trek: Voyager*. The official *Star Trek Continuum* Web site reported that Ethan Phillips and Robert Picardo were the first cast members to report for duty on June 22 at 5:45 a.m., for makeup call. The *Voyager* cast and crew will begin shooting "Unimatrix Zero, Part II," the second part of last season's cliffhanger. Veteran *Trek* director Mike Vejar will helm the episode.

The upcoming *Star Trek X* film is being written by John Logan.

Brannon Braga is returning to *Voyager* until the new series takes up more of his time.

Thanks to Dateline: Starfleet for the info!

**THE NEXT MEMBERSHIP MEETING
WILL BE ON 17 AUGUST AT 7:00 PM
AT THE CAPTAIN'S HOUSE.
COME ONE COME ALL!**

**THE NEXT NIGHT OUT WILL BE AT
CHINA MOON (NEAR WAL-MART)
ON 7 AUGUST AT 7 PM! Y'ALL
COME!!**

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

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

Michael Okuda (Art Supervisor)	6 th
Cirroc Lofton (Jake Sisko)	7 th
Matt Jeffries (Set Designer)	12 th
CRMN Teri Massoud	10 th
Jane Wyatt (Amanda)	12 th
ENS Chantel Billingsley	13 th
Harve Bennett (Producer)	17 th
Gene Roddenberry (Great Bird of the Galaxy)	19 th
Jonathan Frakes (CMDR William Riker)	19 th
Diana Muldaur (Dr. Kathrine Pulaski)	19 th
CADET Hannah Walker	21 st
CRMN Emma Certo	22 nd
Jennifer Lien (Kes)	24 th
Gates McFadden (Dr Beverly Crusher)	28 th

WELCOME ABOARD!

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

Cpt Joe Perry (D)
Crmn JoAnne Vasques (D)
Crmn Kalan Vasquez (D)
Crmn Lisa Neal (D)
Crmn Patty Williams (D)

FINANCIALLY SPEAKING

Opening Balance	164.94
Hancock's (Trauma Buddy fabric)	19.62
Deposit	71.50
Heller Reimbursement *	99.24
Postage	6.50
Closing Balance	111.08

* This reimbursement covered the cost of the July 4th party meat (18.94) plus postage for a number of coupon mailings. We paid for these out of our (Heller) funds when the treasury was low, and the receipts go back into last year. I am slowly trying to catch up while keeping the DaVinci balance above \$100.00.

CMDR Connie Heller

CONVENTIONS, ETC.

As you know there will be a convention in Atlanta this year after all! Joe Motes (Vulkon) has secured a hotel and is in the process of obtaining guests.

Okay, here are the facts:

When: September 1-3

Where: The Sheraton Buckhead (across from Lenox Square!!)

Guests: Garrett Wang (Harry Kim), James Marsters (Spike), Bruce Campbell (Xena, Hercules, Army of Darkness, Brisco County Jr.)

Cost: Saturday & Sunday Reserved Seating - \$50

Saturday & Sunday Open Seating - \$40

Saturday Only Reserved Seating - \$35

Saturday Only Open Seating - \$25

Sunday Only Reserved Seating - \$30

Sunday Only Open Seating - \$20

You can order tickets online at: <http://www.vulkon.com/index.htm>. NOTE: James Marsters will not be attending the convention. At this time, Joe Motes is searching for a replacement. I will keep you informed as to who he selects.

FINALLY

Help! Okay, devoted readers I need some help in the way of articles for the newsletter. It does not necessarily have to be Trek oriented. It can be on anything you have an interest in. I would prefer something in the science fiction genre but I will take anything about now. So, get your writer's cap on and send your words of wisdom my way! You can email me at <davincico@earthlink.net>

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