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FROM THE CENTER SEAT

WOW! Has this year ever gone by quickly! Our annual Christmas celebration is just a few weeks away! The festivities will be held on Saturday the 21st of December beginning at 2 PM and ending when the last person leaves. It will be held at our house as usual. Of course, the club will furnish the turkey while the rest of the goodies will come from those attending. As always, you must call Gisela (689-4266) to let her know what you plan to bring. This is true even if you bring the same thing year after year. It helps give our resident chef an indication of what size bird to buy. This year instead of buying a whole bird, Connie has decided to buy just the turkey breast and a ham. Looks as if the dark meat lovers will be out of luck this year. But, it should not matter because every year we have a great time with good company and plenty of great food. Please make sure you clear your calendars and attend this yearly event.

I passed out the new DaVinci shirts at the last meeting and everyone agrees that they are great! If you did not order one and change your mind down the road, the club did purchase a few extra medium, large, and extra-large shirts. No extra polo-type shirts were ordered. The price of the shirts is \$9.00 no matter which size you need.

I have scheduled a clean up of our Adopt-a-Highway site for the 7th of December. As usual, plan on meeting at 9:00 AM at the McDonald's on Veteran's Parkway. I drove by the site the other day and it is pretty messy. Lots of cans! Please try to make it. Even if you cannot make it or stay long because of other commitments, try to join us for breakfast.

Commodore Freddy Heller

SECOND THOUGHTS

Your first officer is checking in again; a column has been long overdue. I am reading over the last column and it was about my cruise to Alaska (early this year). There are several things taking place at the CC Space Science Center in the near future. There will be a telescope night on the night of November 16, depending on the number of people and the weather, there is a possibility that they might bring people up to the big telescope. This newsletter probably will not be out in time. My apologies. The third Thursday of the month (our old meeting time) is Sci-Fi Thursday, this month they will be playing Battlestar Galactica. Come see the pilot movie that started the series. Starting after the Thanksgiving holidays, we will be starting our regular holiday shows. These are Laser Mannheim Steamroller and Season of Lights. The first is a laser show to the group Mannheim Steamroller (singing holiday songs). I only saw the show one time, not enough to judge the band. Season of Lights has been on the Christmas schedule since the beginning, it is narrated by the late Charles Kuralt and covers the reason why the Christmas season is located at this time of year (probably not why you think).

On Nov 27, they will have their astronaut for a day program for 8 – 11 year old children. The cost is 30 dollars and additional details can be obtained by calling the center at 706-649-1470. On the nights of 29 and 30 December, they will be having a laser blowout (3 evening performances of laser shows). On November 29 will be Mannheim Steamroller, Rockin' 80s, and Laser Omnitech. November 30 will have Mannheim Steamroller, Laser U2, and Laser Darkside (Pink Floyd). The cost is 4 dollars per person for each show. If you

see more than one show on a given day then for all shows except for the first the cost is 1 dollar.

The assistant director of the Space Science Center has stated that he will allow the ship to run a shuttle mission and see a show for the total cost of 50 dollars! This is to cover the cost of the part-timers needed to run the mission. Since the regular cost for private groups is \$600, this is a very big discount. It requires from 18 – 38 people. We discussed this at the meeting, and Freddy is thinking of a January date. We will open it up to Region 2, if we cannot get enough people locally. There will be a charge by us in order to raise the money.

I found some information for December. There will be additional Laser Blowouts on 21, 22, 28, and 29 December. The schedule for Friday (12/21,28) will be Laser Beatles, Laser Darkside, and Laser Omni-Tech. The Saturday schedule will be Laser Doors, Laser U2, and Laser Omni-Tech. On December 1, there is a 'Have Lunch with Santa' for the children; \$7 buys lunch and a show. There will be 2 of them starting at 11am and 12 noon.

FCPT Joe Perry

SCIENCE STATION

This is the third installment in the series regarding the history of science. In the previous article the development of science in the Greek world, or the Hellenistic period, culminated in the development of Plato's Academy and Aristotle's Lyceum. Both institutions helped create a system of logical and rational thought that used deductive and inductive reasoning as a means to make observations and conclusive laws about the natural world. The word science is derived from the Latin word SCIRE, which means, to know. The Hellenistic period of science began roughly around 585 B.C. when Thales of Miletus, using rational thinking, predicted an eclipse of the sun on that date. This was the beginning of a long period where rational thinking was used to explain the natural order and machinations of the universe. The range of brilliant thinkers and early scientists numbered in the hundreds and to this day their works are influential in our modern scientific world. This age of abundant philosophical-scientific growth ended around the time of the fall of the Roman Empire in 476.

The Romans were a practical people and were not known to be large contributors to the sciences. The Romans were brilliant users of the principles of science that were then applied to the engineering and construction of magnificent structures and a vast civilizing infrastructure of the known world. One might say that the Romans were great borrowers and adapters of knowledge from the Greeks and other cultures which was then used to synthesize their own brilliant contributions to the world. It has been said that the Romans were to the Greeks what the Americans are to the Europeans. One can deduce in some ways that the Greeks were the thinkers and the Romans were the applicators. This is not unlike Newtonian physics in which one of the laws states that for every reaction there is an opposite and equal reaction. The creation of the universe seems to operate on the same principle. To create the universe we needed a cosmic source that was the big bang. That initial action and reaction created the ongoing expansion of the universe that continues today with galaxy formations, super novas, birth of stars and planets and the further creation of matter and anti matter. The universe in its simplest form is nature and ascends straight down in similar fashion to our male and female sexuality. Science, in the above respect, is divided into two divisions. There is pure science, which investigates and discerns laws of nature for the sake of pure knowledge and the joy of discovery. Now all of that knowledge is quite lofty and charming for the researcher but does little for the rest of us who might not be quite as brilliant. Consequently we need practical applications for the new scientific discoveries. The second division of science would then be termed, applied science, which would include engineers, industrial researchers, inventors, architects etc. One biographer of Thomas Edison said that Edison was not so much the inventor of the electric light bulb among other things, but rather he was the inventor of the industrial research laboratory. Edison was a great applicator. The world needs this, a polarity of pure science and applied science. We needed the Greeks to expand the mind and consciousness. We needed the Romans to expand and apply that knowledge. All is polarity and balance.

In future articles I will discuss the development of the scientific method and how it basically operates. Next month I will cover the history of scientific

development in other parts of the world while Western Europe suffered through the dark ages.

A reminder to all Trekkers that their will be a science fiction book club meeting at Barnes and Noble bookstore on the third Thursday of every month at 7:00 p.m. The group is now reading Split Infinity by Piers Anthony that can be purchased for about \$6.00 at the store.

ENS Lech Mazur

COUNSELOR'S COUCH

Ah, yes! I sense somewhat that you missed the Counselor's Couch article last month. I apologize for missing our appointment but there were quite a few away missions on my schedule. With a bit more determination on my part and a little Ferengi trader's luck I feel I can remedy that situation in the future. If I might indulge your Trek-knology for a moment let me endeavor to enlighten you this month on the area of education offered by the Starfleet Academy. Over the past 10 months I have challenged myself to take on several courses offered by the Academy and have never failed to be gratified by both the educational value and the just plain fun of taking a SFA course. From Officer's Training School to Officer's Command College; from Counselor's College to the School of Religious History; from the Vulcan Science Academy to the College of Trade & Commerce, Starfleet Academy offers courses that will expand your mind in areas of general knowledge as well as the fun of Trek-knology in those particular areas.

One of the best parts of taking these courses is that if you have access to a computer, many of the courses are offered "FREE" if you take them online. The SFA courses not currently offered online are at little cost (I'm talking \$1 to \$3 per course) to the student and are still just as enjoyable. I highly encourage you if you are a member of Starfleet to get enrolled in a Starfleet Academy course. You can see what is offered by going online to www.sfi.org and clicking "Academy", or see me at one of our upcoming meetings or ship functions and I'll be glad to lend a Vulcan ear to your questions. Logically speaking, it's an exciting experience for one and all.

LTJG Russell Ruhland

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Through the office of Community Service the idea that we are working toward is to provide contribution to a better society and show that the crew of DaVinci and SFI are a group of people that care enough to make a positive impact while having a good time. There is also the pleasant spin-off of attracting new members and as we increase awareness of who we are. I am currently working on a list of events that we as a group might be able to participate. I have tried watching the media for events but more often than not the event is reported right before the event not allowing enough time to see if there is enough interest to become involved as a group. While the calendar will not give us the specific dates, it will allow us to know about what month or time of year the event will take place. I have also contacted various organizations about events coming throughout the year and will be notified as the event approaches.

So far these are some of the events we know about:

Labor Day - Muscular Dystrophy Telethon

September - Walk for a Cure - Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation

October - Heart Walk - American Heart Association

November - Fantasy in Lights - March of Dimes

If anyone knows of an event that they would like to participate in do not hesitate to let me know about it as soon as possible. This can be wonderful opportunity to make friends, have a good time and make a contribution to the community all at the same time.

The holiday season is here again. We all have something to be thankful for. As we go through this time of year there is a good opportunity to look around and to give a little bit of ourselves as go through our daily routines. I am not speaking about just money and time to charities; but with the air of uncertainty we live in a more valuable gift might be time spent with a friend, an encouraging word to a co-worker or even a cheerful "hello" at a busy shopping center. Everyone's schedule seem to be just a little fuller this year than last years, so as we are rushing about lets stay focus on everyone having a good holiday season and making it enjoyable for others as we go on our way.

LTJG Tony Fleming

REGION 2 SUMMIT

The Region 2 Summit will be here before you know it! The 2003 Region 2 Summit will be held 7-9 March in Huntsville, AL, a mere 3 hours from Columbus! If you have not yet bought your tickets or more importantly, made your hotel reservations, I would strongly suggest you do so! Rooms at the hotel are going fast and you may not be able to get a room if you wait much longer. In addition, the price of a full weekend package goes up 5 dollars on the first of January. If you are interested in attending or need more information on the Summit, surf on over to the Region 2 web site at: <http://www.omnifacets.com/Region2/summit/index.htm> for all the latest information. I am sure we can work out a car pool scheme if enough folks want to go. So far four are planning on attending. Let us do better than that!

REGION 2 ELECTION

In a few months Region 2 will be electing a new Regional Coordinator. The Captain, who gets input from his crew, casts the vote for the Regional Coordinator. Most of you are probably unfamiliar with the two candidates and so what follows is each candidate's platform. After the platforms will be the first in a series of questions poised by Region 2 personnel and the answer each of the candidates gave. In the next issue of the Pilot I will include more questions and answers. Here, in alphabetical order, are the candidates and the reason each believes they should be the Regional Coordinator for Region 2:

Danny Potts

My name is Danny Potts, and I am asking for your support in my bid for Regional Coordinator, Region 02.

I have been a member of Starfleet for more than eight years, and have served at the Regional and International level of Starfleet for more than four years in the positions of Region 02 Chief of Summit, Region 02 Assistant Inspector General, and Starfleet Inspector General. On the local level, I have served as the Commanding Officer of the USS Hephaestus for the last three years, and as Executive Officer for five years prior.

Outside of Starfleet, I'm the Lead Systems Analyst for one of the largest hospitals in the

Southeast, and I am responsible for the development of clinical systems that support patient care on thousands of patients on a daily basis. I have a Bachelor's Degree in Computer Science and a Masters Degree in Business Administration, and have served as a Team Leader and Systems Supervisor of groups of 5-20 developers. I've given speeches at medical technology conferences throughout the country, and have even won a speaker's award at the Medical Information Systems Association gathering in Colorado Springs, Colorado. In my personal life, I have served as the president of my homeowners' association, representing the interests of over 100 homeowners. In shorter terms, I'm a person who believes in personal excellence, and who believes in serving.

I could write a long campaign statement about what I've done in the past, and why I feel that qualifies me for the job of Regional Coordinator, but blowing my own horn isn't exactly my style. In my three years as Commanding Officer of the Hephaestus, I've never submitted myself for a single award, because for me, the job done well has always been reward enough. Harold Geneen, founder of MCI Communications best summed it up when he stated: 'Leadership is practiced not so much in words as in attitude and in actions.'

So, I'll let my record speak for itself, and instead focus on what you can expect from me if I am elected Regional Coordinator.

I'll start with the election itself. If you're a veteran of Starfleet elections, or other Regions' elections, this is the point where you might expect to see two things: 1) Me attack the previous RC and his/her records. 2) Me explain why I think I'm the better candidate for RC. I'm not going to do either. I consider both people my good friends, and love them as family. They've given their blood, sweat and their heart to Region 02 for the eight years I have served, and if there were some way to lead a standing ovation in an e-mail, then I'd be the first to stand.

I'm sure those of you in attendance at the 2002 Summit remember the warm, friendly atmosphere of the Elections panel. It's wonderful to reside in Region 02, where even our elections are fun events! Region 02 is, in my opinion, the model Region for Starfleet. We genuinely enjoy each other's company, and we truly look forward to opportunities to do things together. We are a united

'Fleet' of ships, more interested in the health and happiness of the Region than the size of our individual chapters.

The willingness of Region 02 members to offer their hospitality (and even their own homes) to other Starfleet members (Region 02 or not), is well-known throughout Starfleet.

Obviously, people are interested in the kind of leader I am. While my crew and several Summit committees know already, I know there are many people here that I haven't had the opportunity to work with or meet yet.

"An empowered organization is one in which individuals have the knowledge, skill, desire, and opportunity to personally succeed in a way that leads to collective organizational success." This statement, made by Stephen Covey (best-selling author of numerous books on leadership), probably best sums up how I approach leadership.

I'm more of a 'strategist'. I'm not a huge 'details' person, meaning that I prefer to delegate responsibility for issues to people closer to the issues than I am, and give them the opportunity to succeed. I can offer a vision and direction to coordinate the movements of a cohesive fleet, but I can't steer thirty different vessels myself, and I have no desire to try. In order to do this, and do it effectively, you must have a strong communicator at the helm of that fleet, and consistent, meaningful feedback from that leader, and the Officers of those ships. That's where I excel.

I've been known for many years as a 'voice of reason' in debates, and as someone with very strong communication skills. I've been involved with intra-ship and inter-ship issues as a mediator many times. I've handled diplomatic incidents with other Trek-related organizations in this Region. I've been called upon to mediate between the RC himself and others in the Region when opinions have differed. My strength is in my ability to compromise and to pick out the issues, even when discussions appear to point a different direction.

I'm a person who believes in a sense of professionalism in all things. I've been coaching my son's soccer team for the last year, and I understand that it's my job to make the game fun, not just for my son, but for the children of many others who have different beliefs and ideals than mine. Some of the kids are there to win, some are there to play, some are even there against their will, and it's my

job to make sure that everyone gets to play in an equitable fashion.

That's similar to how I see the job of Regional Coordinator. Sure, it's my job to make the Region fun, but I understand that my idea of fun doesn't always match other members, and it's my job to take all those disparate ideals and ensure that everyone gets a chance to play in a way that makes the Region fun for everyone.

As this is an opening statement, I'll leave it at this. I certainly have some specific issues that I plan to address as Regional Coordinator, and I'll post those as this process goes along. You can also keep tabs on various issues (as they develop) by visiting my personal web site <http://members.aol.com/treknoid/index.html>. I'll do my best to keep that site updated with the latest news and issues as they come to light.

I'd like to thank Jack Hopkins for agreeing to serve as the Region 02 Election Listserv Moderator. I've long trusted his ability to be fair and impartial, and can't think of a better choice for the position.

I'd like to thank you, the members of Region 02, for taking time and interest in your Region, and for taking the time to review this statement. I urge every chapter of Region 02 to vote.

Unlike many elections, you won't see a 'Vote for Me' on my sigline... I want you to discuss the issues as they appear in this election with your Commanding Officer, and encourage them to vote for the candidate your chapter feels is best qualified...Even if that isn't me.

Until next time:

Jennifer Rosbury

I am Jennifer L. Rosbury, your candidate for Region 2 Coordinator for the 2002 Election Year. Region 2 is family to me, a model region based on the principles of IDIC. Region 2 members are amicable in every situation and even though it is different every time, we endeavor to persevere through our diversity and uniqueness and in the end we all come out on top.

Just as Region 2 has grown up, so have I. Living in other countries has given me a unique perspective on other ways of life and other viewpoints. Growing up in CA, then moving to Mexico at Age 5. We then moved to Puerto Rico for 10 years, then back to the US and Florida in 1992 when I joined Starfleet and started helping others thru local

charities and community service. Now in my 30's and a baby girl on the way, there is a lot more out there to learn and more growing in store for the Region, for you and for me and my baby. I will help in any way I can to be a continued part of that growth.

Everywhere I go, the spirit of region 2 travels with me. I am very fortunate to be able to show others, just how true communication works. Understanding our diversities sometimes makes this an easier challenge and the results are worth the effort. I am a people person and will remain as close to the members and duties of the office above all else. I have been there when needed and will continue to do so.

I plan to keep quality and growth of the region as my primary duties and to serve the region to the best of my ability. I fully support as my opponent has, the candidate for VRC, Jo Planthold and have the greatest confidence that we will make a great team and keep the region moving in a positive direction always continuing to grow.

I am the type of person who likes to oversee the details of the region. I don't sweat the small details, as I make sure all avenues are consciously thought thru and the fairest and best is realized thru my excellent staff and contacts throughout Fleet. I make sure that everyone has a say, but the buck stops here.

Thank you for taking the time as members of Region 2 to consider my opponent and I in this election. Rest assured that regardless of the outcome the region will have a Regional Coordinator with all of our best interests at heart and in mind.

Starfleet Experience:

10 year Starfleet member.

2 yrs. USS Triumph Chief of Security

2 yrs Secretary for Regional Coordinator Deborah Maestu

1 yr. USS Triumph Executive Officer

1 yr. Regional Zone 1 Coordinator

7 yrs. Vice Regional Coordinator

Liaison for pre-Shuttle Havana in Cuba

Challenge of the Heart Committee

In person communication with members of Region 1, 3, 4, 15 at Summit functions and Region 7 while on vacation.

Attendee at all Region 2 Summit activities from 1997 thru 2002.

Trek Happening Organizer/Participant 1993 thru

1997.

Attendee at 1993 IC in Texas, 1994 IC Organizer/Committee in Florida (First time Germany, Japan and Australia delegates attended the conference), 1995IC in Georgia, 1997 IC in New Jersey, 2000 IC in Vermont and 2002 IC in California

CANDIDATE QUESTION #1

Both candidates have stated they believe in delegation. How would each candidate, then, manage the Region? You may find that your staff members and commanding officers don't do their jobs as much, or as well, as you might think they should. How would you handle such situations?

Danny Potts

This is going to be a long answer, because the answer to your question lies in a personal philosophy that I'm going to have to explain first. Then I can answer your question very simply.

I believe in a principle of management called 'Continuous Coaching'. The best way to explain it is by comparing it to something we all should have some level of familiarity with: football.

This Saturday, watch a football game, but don't watch the players. Watch the coaches. Notice what they do when the team performs a great play. Notice what they do when the team fails to perform even a simple play. Notice what they do when they win. Notice what they do when they lose .Did you notice? The answer to all of the above is, they continue to coach.

Successes are looked upon as opportunities to build on. Failures are seen as opportunities to improve. Victory is celebrated, yet opportunities to improve are built on. Defeat is accepted, and then used to find opportunities to improve.

The coaching circle works like this:

1.) The coaches and players determine a game plan. They discuss possible ways to approach various situations, then they make a decision together on what the plan is.

2.) The plan is implemented.

3a.) If the plan works, then the coaches and players determine where to go next, and talk about how to consistently continue succeeding.

3b.) If the plan doesn't work, then the coaches and players discuss the plan, and where it went wrong, and determine how to prevent failure the next time.

4.) Then, they decide on a new (or the same) game plan, and the circle repeats itself.

Notice also that when a player makes an occasional mistake, they aren't yanked from the game. They're given feedback, then allowed to try again. A player typically doesn't get pulled from a game unless they have demonstrated a repeated tendency to not carry out the plan.

That's pretty much how I see things. Region 02 is a team, and the RC is the coach. So, how do I apply this model to the Region? As follows:

I would meet with each and every R2 Staff member, and discuss with them the plans for their department and the Region as a whole, and together, we would determine a mutually agreed upon set of objectives that they are responsible for carrying out. Just like in football, every player has a different role, but they work together to help the team win.

It then becomes my job, as coach, to provide timely feedback to each staff person, indicating what I think they're doing well, and opportunities to improve. When they do well, we build upon those successes. When they do not do well, we use them as opportunities to learn from, perhaps even to change expectations. In the end, though, the goal is to get both coach and staff working on the same game plan, and working with each other.

So now, back to the original question. What to do when they're not meeting my expectations. The answer is that I rarely have to do anything, because the expectations weren't just mine...they were both of ours! We both agreed to them, and they have been getting feedback from me regarding their performance, so if they're not meeting my expectations, they're actually not meeting their own expectations.

And when someone's not meeting their own expectations, they generally either decide to live up to their obligations, or they respectfully step aside to allow someone else the opportunity to help the team win. If they don't do either, then it becomes my job, as coach, to pull them out of the game. But even then, it's not a bad situation because they've been made aware (through constant feedback) that they aren't meeting their obligations, and so they generally don't have a lot of room to complain about being pulled.

I don't believe that people who make an occasional mistake deserved to be pulled. We all make mistakes. The only way to truly learn is by

learning from a personal mistake. The only time a person need be pulled is when they don't recognize that they are hurting the team by staying in the game.

Whenever possible, my approach is to talk with a person whenever I sense that the agreed-upon commitments are not being met, and then we can determine if it's just a temporary problem, or a misunderstanding, or if we were initially unrealistic in our initial plans. In all cases, we should leave that discussion with a clear understanding of what the new, agreed-upon goals are, and begin working on them.

Removing a person would be the last-ditch effort, only after it becomes apparent that these discussions are proving fruitless. And of course, the series of discussions provides a documentation trail, which is important (since there is an occasional person that will claim they were released without cause).

There are, of course, exceptions to this rule. If a treasurer steals money from the Region, they really shouldn't be allowed to continue under any circumstance, but outside of those obvious exceptions, the way I handle non-performance is by setting realistic, measurable goals with the person, and giving them feedback on those goals.

I hope that answers the question, not just muddying it up!

Jennifer Rosbury

Well to be frank I see dealing with your staff diplomatically the best solution. There are always reasons for things to go one way or another the best policy is communication. They says there is more than one way to skin a cat - in this case there is more than one way to resolve a situation and taking the time to have that conversation to see what's causing the problem makes the world of difference.

**THE NEXT MEMBERSHIP MEETING
WILL BE AT 7 PM ON 02 JANUARY
AT THE RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE
COME ONE COME ALL!**

**THERE WILL BE NO NIGHT OUT IN
DECEMBER!! INSTEAD WE WILL BE
HAVING OUR ANNUAL CHRISTMAS
GET TOGETHER AT THE CAPTAIN'S
HOUSE ON THE 21st AT 2 PM**

WELCOME ABOARD!

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

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| Joe Perry | (S) |
| Randy Dunn | (D) |
| Deniece Dunn | (D) |
| Mathew Dunn | (D) |
| Rebecca Dunn | (D) |
| Christopher Dunn | (D) |

FINANCIALLY SPEAKING

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|-----------------|--------|
| Opening Balance | 406.47 |
| Deposits | 220.78 |
| Tshirts | 319.57 |
| Halloween | 12.59 |
| Thanksgiving | 17.35 |
| Closing Balance | 272.89 |

CPT Connie Heller

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

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

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| Brian Bonsall (Alexander Rozhenko) | 3 rd |
| LTJG Tony Fleming | 3 rd |
| Star Trek VI Premiers (1991) | 6 th |
| Star Trek: The Motion Picture Premiers (1979) | 7 th |
| Michael Dorn (LTCMDR Worf) | 9 th |
| John Colicos (Kor) | 11 th |
| Terry Garr (Roberta Lincoln) | 11 th |
| Garrett Wang (ENS Harry Kim) | 15 th |
| Nicole deBoer (Ezri Dax) | 20 th |
| Rick Berman (Executive Producer) | 25 th |
| ENS Jean Walker | 28 th |
| Nichelle Nichols (LT Uhura) | 28 th |
| CRMN Todd Kes | 29 th |
| ENS Randy Dunn | 31 st |

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ACCOLADES

Congratulations to Tony Fleming who recently completed Officers Command College (OCC). Way to go Tony!

A very BIG Bajoran congratulation to Russell Ruhland! Very soon he will have completed his 10th Starfleet Academy course!

PASSAGES

(AP) Jonathan Harris, known to millions of fans around the world as TV's Dr. Smith from the now-classic sci-fi fantasy series Lost in Space (1965-1968) died suddenly near his home in Encino, CA, following a brief illness. The 87-year-old actor was a veteran of hundreds of stage, television and film performances, including memorable guest appearances in shows like Twilight Zone, Bewitched, and Battlestar Galactica and films such as Toy Story 2 and A Bug's Life. But it was as the cowardly, flamboyant, but always lovable Zachary Smith that Harris will forever be remembered. Although virtually retired from the screen in his later years, Harris delighted in performing voice over roles in dozens of animated children's cartoons for television (Problem Child, Freakazoid!, etc.) and was a featured contributor to the Walt Disney Productions/Pixar Studios-produced feature films, A Bug's Life (as "Manny the Praying Mantis") and Toy Story 2 (as "The Fixer").

At the time of his death, Harris was preparing for his return to television as Dr. Smith in the upcoming NBC television movie, Lost in Space: The Journey Home, to be produced by Fox Television Studios and Synthesis Entertainment.

Harris is survived by his wife of 64 years, Gertrude, his son, Richard, his daughter-in-law Lynnelle, his granddaughters Melissa and Vanessa, and his sisters Rosalie and Allene.

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DaVINCI STAFF ROSTER

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| Commanding Officer | Freddy Heller | 562-8735 |
| Executive Officer | Joe Perry | 327-5888 |
| Finance | Connie Heller | 562-8735 |
| Community Service | Tony Fleming | 568-6529 |
| Publications | Freddy Heller | 562-8735 |
| Science Officer | Lech Mazur | 596-9542 |
| Counselor | Russell Ruhland | 855-4146 |
| Morale | VACANT | |
| Medical | VACANT | |
| Engineering Officer | VACANT | |
| Communications | Gisela Stephens | 689-4266 |
| Quartermaster | Randy Dunn | 291-0150 |
| Security | Roger Wright | 687-8052 |
| Cadet Corps Commander | VACANT | |
| Master Chief Petty Officer | VACANT | |

FINALLY...

Many of you do not know when your membership in the DaVinci is due for renewal. This is due to the fact that most of the newsletters now go out via e-mail. If you get your newsletter the old fashioned way, your expiration date is on the address label. Those going via the Internet have no address label so to speak. So, to help those folks out who get the electronic version of the Pilot, here are your expiration dates for the DaVinci and Starfleet:

| | <u>DaVinci</u> | <u>Starfleet</u> |
|-----------------|----------------|-------------------|
| Randy Dunn | Sep 02 | Feb 03 |
| Karen Ferris | Sep 03 | May 03 |
| Rose Hutson | Sep 03 | |
| Scott Jones | Oct 02 | |
| Todd Kes | Sep 03 | |
| Lesh Mazur | Jul 03 | |
| Joe Perry | Jul 03 | Nov 03 (S) |
| Karen Pynenburg | Jul 03 | May 03 (S) |
| Russell Ruhland | Aug 03 | Aug 03 (S) |
| Michael Walker | Mar 03 | Mar 03 (S) |
| Roger Wright | Mar 04 | Mar 02 (S) |

RM HOUSE NEEDED ITEMS

Although The Ronald McDonald House needs quite a variety of items, the items needed most are listed below. Pick something from the list and bring it with you to each meeting. This is strictly voluntary. Thanks!

Non-Food Items

Trash Bags (XS and XL)
Carpet Cleaner
Spray Air Freshener
Styrofoam Cups (L)
Laundry Detergent
Ziploc Bags
Paper Plates

Miscellaneous Items

Copier Paper
Clasp Envelopes
Light Bulbs
Avery Labels 5160
White-Out Pens
Staplers

Food Items

Sugar
Bags of Hard Candy
Snack Foods
Non-Dairy Creamer

NOTE: Right now, they do not need canned goods, but always need perishable items such as bread, meats, cheese slices, fresh fruit, and snack foods. Gift certificates to local grocery stores, Sam's Club, Wal-Mart, and K Mart are also welcomed.

At the Edge of the Federation

Do to the length of the Region 2 election articles; this month's chapter will be postponed until next month. Oh was it a good one too!

**THE NEXT MEMBERSHIP MEETING
WILL BE AT 7 PM ON 02 JANUARY
AT THE RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE
COME ONE COME ALL!**

**THERE WILL BE NO NIGHT OUT IN
DECEMBER!! INSTEAD WE WILL BE
HAVING OUR ANNUAL CHRISTMAS
GET TOGETHER AT THE CAPTAIN'S
HOUSE ON THE 21st AT 2 PM**