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FROM THE CENTER SEAT

HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!

Wow! Did we ever have a good turn-out for our annual Christmas party! Eighteen DaVinci personnel and guest feasted on a variety of delicious food to include, expertly prepared turkey, stuffing, macaroni and cheese, two types of salad, creamed corn, green beans, mashed potatoes, rolls and bread, and a variety of dessert to include apple pie, Oreo cream pie (yummy), and ice cream. It was good to have Jeff and Martha drive down from Moreland, GA to join us for the celebration. Now if we can only get Mike and Kelly, Tonya, and Roderick to make the trek from the Atlanta area for an event it would be great! We also had a special guest, the CO of the USS Robins, Mike Sleeth, who made the trek from Warner Robins to join in on the festivities. The food was plentiful and must have been good because there were not a lot of leftovers once the party began to break up.

Once everyone had their fill of food, it was time for the drawing for the door prizes. There were some nice items given away and everyone (one per membership) managed to win something! Congratulations to the following folks: Joe (crystal plaque), Randy (Star Wars calendar from CPT's Table), Lisa (ceramic house), Russell (flavored tea), Diane (coca and a cup), Martha (Santa bowl and candy), Patty (coca and a cup), Lech (snowflake cup), Mike (shiny red cup), Roger (various Dove products), James (Santa cup), and Park (cup and a Trek pin off the CPT's Table).

The selection for the 2007 Night Out locations was not without some laughs! Since Roger's favorite place for food and atmosphere, Hooter's, was not selected last year, he wanted to make sure that it was selected at least once and purchased five

additional votes at one dollar a vote. His effort was not in vain! The 2007 locations were drawn and some new, exciting, and old favorites were selected. Just as there was no pizza places selected last year, it is sad to report that no Chinese restaurants were selected for this year. Check the list later in the Pilot to see if your favorite spot made the list. Roger's certainly did – twice!!

Naturally, the highlight of the Christmas party is the exchange of those “special” gifts that you finally have a chance to get rid of so that the trash collectors do not have a good laugh at your expense. This year's participation was the biggest yet. There were some real stinker passed out and some others that although they may have been intended as stinkers made the recipient quite excited! Here are the lucky folks and what they received: Park (glass boot devoid of the candy it was suppose to contain), Martha (bobble heads), James (chicken wooden key holder), Russell (rubber soles), Diane (a couple of stinker DVDs), Lisa (Star Wars valentines), Freddy (the other stinker DVDs), Jeff (DaVinci clam sauce), Randy (Xanadu video), and Lech (Tombstone video). Lech received a pretty good gift and although the DVDs I received were less than stellar I was excited about getting “Destroy All Monsters” and the Christmas classic, “Santa Claus Conquers the Martians.” Whew! Cannot wait to see that one! By far the tackiest gift had to be the wooden chicken key holder that James managed to snag. Remember folks, you cannot give back next year what you received this year! You must skip a year. Violators (especially James) will be dealt with horribly.

A BIG Bajoran thanks to all who attended and made this Christmas party one to remember!

RADM Freddy Heller

REGION 2 NEWS

Well, the 2007 Region 2 Summit is just around the corner! It will be held in Columbus from 09-11 March at the Holiday Inn North on the Manchester Expressway. The theme for the Summit is "Columbus' Second Voyage" since this will be the second time the Summit has been in Columbus. It is being put together by the Region 2 staff and hosted by the DaVinci. You can go on line at <http://www.treknoid.com/summit2007/> to purchase your Summit package. Hotel reservations are also available on line. I would love to see a great turnout from the crew of the DaVinci. Even if you are not a fleet member, try to make it to this fun-filled weekend. You might even join Fleet in the process!

I still need some help! James was kind enough to design a logo for the summit but I still need other volunteers. For instance, I need help finding out what other things are happening in Columbus that weekend, places to visit (direction from hotel and hours), and things that folks can do outside Summit activities (such as Hollywood Connection). I need someone to volunteer to be the Transportation Chair and not only be responsible to make sure that anyone who is flying in is met at the airport but develop detailed directions to the hotel from all compass directions. I need a list of places to eat and how far they are from the hotel. I need welcome bags put together for the Summit attendees. As you can see there is much more to putting together a Summit than just getting the hotel so lend a hand if you can.

Oh, there is even going to be a Star Trek wedding! Yes, Russell and Diane have decided to let your Captain "marry" them in a ceremony to be determined.

So try to attend if you can! It is sure to be a great weekend and will be a chance to see old friend and meet new ones.

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AT THE RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE
PLEASE JOIN US FOR FUN AND GAMES!**

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WILL BE AT STEVI B'S PIZZA BUFFET
ON MONDAY 15 JANUARY AT 7:00 PM
COME FOR THE FOOD AND FRIENDSHIP!**

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

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

First Woman in Space (Valentina Tereshkova 1969)	1 st
Deep Space Nine Premiers (1992)	2 nd
Mars Probe Spirit Lands on Mars (2004)	3 rd
Aron Eisenber (Nog on DS9)	6 th
First Around-the-World Trip by Commercial Airplane (Pacific Clipper 1942)	6 th
Mark Allen Shepard (Morn on DS9)	7 th
Four of Jupiter's Moons Discovered (Galileo 1610)	7 th
Michelle Forbes (Ro Laren on TNG)	8 th
Last Unmanned Probe Lands on Moon (Surveyor VII 1968)	9 th
First Hispanic in Space (Franklin Chang-Diaz 1986)	12 th
Kirstie Alley (LT Saavik from Wrath of Khan)	12 th
Voyager Premiers (1995)	16 th
DeForest Kelley (Dr. Leonard McCoy on TOS)	20 th
ENS Vanessa Winfield	20 th
David Gerrold (Author & Script Writer)	21 st
LTJG Michael Walker	25 th
Mars Probe Opportunity Lands on Mars (2004)	25 th
James Cromwell (Zephram Cochrane from First Contact)	27 th
Apollo I is Lost (1967)	27 th
Shuttle Challenger is Lost (1986)	28 th
Moon Probe Ranger VI is Launched (1964)	30 th
US Launches First Satellite (Explorer I 1958)	31 st
Apollo XIV is Launched (1971)	31 st

TABULATIONS

As of press time, the goal of reaching 100,000 tabs and the change to pie the entire Senior Staff has **not** been met. This is not to say that some sort of pieing will not take place. We had so much fun at the 2006 January pie party that one way or another we will do it again! However since the deal was 100,000 tabs for the entire Senior Staff and that goal was not met, the "good old college try" rule is in effect. Because we were only a scant few thousand tabs short, it is only fair that the Captain and First Officer get it again! Yes folks, Russell and I will be the recipients of pies tossed by the two top tab collectors. The rest of the Senior Staff is off the hook! The tentative date for the turn-in of the tabs to the Ronald McDonald house and subsequent pieing party will be on 20 January. The day will begin with breakfast at Golden Coral, the tab turn-in at 9 AM, followed by the pie party at 2 PM. Pizza

will be on the menu complements of the DaVinci. Make sure to mark your calendars for this fun-filled day! Right now the result of the 2006 great tab collection follows:

Connie Heller	23242
Roger Wright	18300
Tony Fleming	12091
Russell Ruhland	7937
Freddy Heller	5197
Rebecca Dunn	4601
Karen Pynenburg	2500
Park Scully	2500
Gisela Stephens	1845
Benlee Huguley	942
Karen Pynenburg	183
Lech Mazur	95
Jeff Kirkland	45
Joe Perry	69
Total	91010

ACCOLADES

A BIG Bajoran thanks or congratulations go to: Lauren Grey, a good friend who lives in CA for her enormous donation of coupons.

FINANCIALLY SPEAKING

Due to Connie's Christmas trip to Texas, the financial statement for January will not be reported. Stay turned to this station for the February update!

NIGHT OUT LOCATIONS

At the December Christmas party next month, the 2007 Night Out locations will be selected. The list of the 2007 locations is below. I hope your favorite spot made the list.

Congratulations to Randy, the winner of the free dinner at Zaxby's during the December Night Out!

January	Stevi B's
February	Olive Garden
March	Bavarian House
April	Hooter's
May	O'Charley's
June	Country's on Broad
July	Hooter's
August	Johnny Carino's
September	Speakeasy Pub
October	Mi Casa

November	Panera Bread Company
December	McAllisters

WELCOME ABOARD!

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

Diane Franklin (D) (S)

MEMBERSHIPS

Many of you do not know when your membership in the DaVinci or Starfleet is due for renewal. So to help you remember, the following lists your expiration dates. Pay special attention to those marked in **red** they mean expired or nearing expiration in your (or your family's) membership.

	<u>DaVinci</u>	<u>Starfleet</u>
James Carey	Oct 07	
Robert Crosby	Jan 07	
Dutch Cummings	Jul 07	
Randy Dunn	Jan 07	May 07
Bubba Dutton	Sep 08	Sep 07
Karen Ferris	Sep 06	
Tony Fleming	Jul 07	Jun 07
Diane Franklin	Dec 07	
Freddy Heller	Jul 07	Sep 07
Mike Henigan	Nov 07	Nov 07
Eldred Hightower	Dec 06	
Benlee Huguley	Dec 06	
Todd Kes	Oct 07	
Jeff Kirkland	Oct 08	Jul 07
Leiko Koone	Oct 07	Oct 07
Lech Mazur	Jul 07	Jul 07
Margaret McGillicuddy	Mar 07	Sep 07
Lisa Neal	Jul 07	
Joe Perry	Jul 07	Nov 07
George Pimentel	Jul 07	Jun 07
Karen Pynenburg	Jul 07	May 07
Russell Ruhland	Aug 07	Sep 07
Park Scully	Jul 08	Jul 07
Dennis Shaw	Jul 07	May 07
Frazier Smith	Sep 07	Oct 07
Tonya Spanks	Nov 07	Oct 07
Gisela Stephens	Jan 07	Oct 07
Michael Walker	Nov 07	Mar 07
Patty Williams	Nov 07	
Vanessa Winfield	Sep 07	Oct 07
Roger Wright	Jul 07	Sep 07

DaVINCI T-SHIRTS & POLO'S

The t-shirt order has been placed! Hopefully, they will be ready in time for the pieing party on the 20th. If you ordered a t-shirt or polo, I will let you know when they are ready to be picked up and how much you owe the DaVinci. Extra shirts were ordered so if you missed ordering one more will be on hand.

RM HOUSE NEEDED ITEMS

The Ronald McDonald House is always in need for a variety of items. Try to bring something each time we have our meeting. Bringing something with you is a nice way to say "thank-you" for letting us use their meeting room free of charge.

Although The Ronald McDonald House needs quite a variety of items, the items needed most are trash bags (35 gal), laundry detergent, dryer sheets, air freshener spray, AA batteries, copier paper, labels, Styrofoam cups, and food items such as hard candy, cake icing, lemonade, salad dressing, soup, box dinners, vegetable oil, and perishable items such as bread, meats, cheese slices, fresh fruits, and snack foods. Thanks!

THE USS DAVINCI IN PHOTOS

I thought everyone would enjoy a look down memory lane. Each month I will show a series of photographs from our very beginning, as the Shuttle DaVinci, up until the present time. Many of you will remember these faces. To others they will be complete strangers. But, they made what the USS DaVinci is today. Enjoy! Reminiscence.



Russell, Margaret, Lech, and Gisela listening to Freddy at the last membership meeting held at the Heller home (15 August 2002)



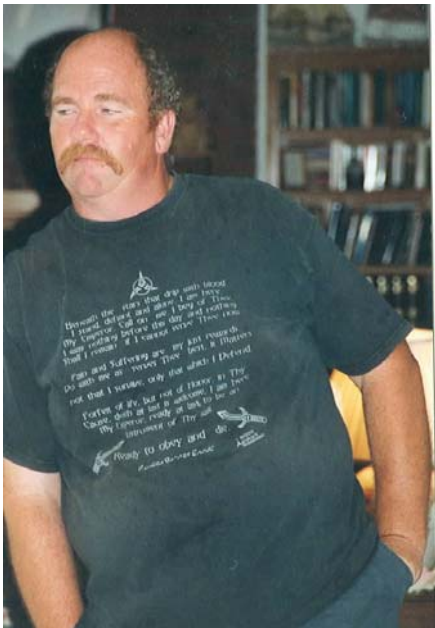
Joe leads the meeting as Freddy is off somewhere.



"Humm, one day it will be me leading the crew!"



Lech too seems genuinely absorbed in the proceedings.



Randy listening intently to Joe.



Roger, Freddy, Ariana, and Gisela enjoying the meeting.



An excited crew attending the very first meeting at the Ronald McDonald House (05 September 2002)



Rose plays around at the expense of Gisela!



Freddy presenting Sandra Okamoto and honorary lifetime membership in the DaVinci!



"Am I totally cool, or what!"

DaVINCI STAFF ROSTER

Commanding Officer

Freddy Heller (706) 562-8735

Executive Officer

Russell Ruhland (334) 298-3998

Operations

Joe Perry – Operations Officer (706) 327-5888

Finance - Connie Heller (706) 562-8735

Community Service - Tony Fleming (706) 568-6529

Publications - Freddy Heller (706) 562-8735

Science

Lech Mazur - Science Officer (706) 596-9542

Computer Science - Leiko Koone (706) 663-2763

Counselor – Diane Franklin (334) 298-1475

Medical - Jeff Kirkland (770) 253-6474

Morale **VACANT**

Engineering

Engineering Officer **VACANT**

Communications Chief **VACANT**

Quartermaster - Randy Dunn (334) 291-0150

Security - Roger Wright (706) 221-6072

Starfleet Marines

Frazier Smith – Marine OIC (334) 298-5047

Cadet Corps Commander VACANT

Master Chief Petty Officer VACANT

Interested in a position within the ship? See Joe or Freddy at any of the DaVinci events or give them a call. All numbers are in the 706 area code unless otherwise noted.

FINALLY...

Congratulations to Diane who has graciously accepted the position of ship's counselor!

During the Christmas party, sales at the Captain's Table raised \$34.00 for the DaVinci coffers. Wait until you see what goes on the table the next time!

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CARGO BAY

For Sale: Hundreds of Star Trek, Star Wars, and other miscellaneous female action figures. Low prices! The more you buy the more you save. Call or email Freddy for a complete list!

For Sale: Miscellaneous Star Trek items. Comics, magazines, commercial items, toys, you name it I probably have it! Low prices. Call or email Freddy for a complete list!

For Sale: If you have been to Freddy and Connie's house you probably noticed the large collection of Liberty Falls houses. Well, they are for sale! Check with Connie for your needs.

Autographs: Looking for that certain autographed photograph of your favorite Star Trek or other sci-fi personality? Check with Freddy. He just may have what you need.

Plates: I have several Hamilton Collector Plates for sale: Star Trek II: The Wrath of Kahn, Star Trek IV: The Voyage Home, Star Trek VI: The Undiscovered Country, Yesterday's Enterprise, Worf, and Captain's Tribute. Call Tony at (706) 568-6529 and leave a message.

DaVinci Slideshow: We still have plenty of the new DaVinci slideshow. It has been burned onto DVD+R discs, which play in nearly all DVD players. The price is \$5.00 apiece. Remember the tribute to Roger is also included on the DVD and it is something not to be missed! There are also historical discs (old leftovers) available for only \$1.00 apiece. See or call Connie for more info!

Want to put an ad in the Pilot? Just send it to me and it will go in. Does not matter what it says – wanted, for sale, or something more personal! Deadline is the 20th of each month.