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FROM THE CENTER SEAT

Melanie Cummings, wife of Dutch, was involved in a terrible automobile accident. She broke three of her lower vertebrae and underwent a long yet very successful surgery. I paid her a visit in the hospital and although she was in a bit of pain seemed to be in good spirits. She is home now and doing quite well. She rests, eats, and does some physical therapy. She should be back to work in about 6 weeks. Dutch sends his heartfelt thanks to all the folks who sent cards or flowers, called, or visited Melanie while she was in the hospital

Do not forget our first annual Sweet Tooth party that will take place on June 14th beginning at 2:00 PM. Just like our numerous other parties, you need to bring something, but this time it has to be dessert! No salad, hamburgers, hotdogs, baked beans, turkey, ham, potato logs, wings, macaroni and cheese, etc. at this event! Only cakes, pies, pudding, cookies, ice cream, - whatever! Come up with something really creative and join us. **PLEASE** give me a call or send me an email letting me know if you plan on attending. If you are diabetic, we will make sure we have some sugar-free goodies for you to munch on.

Our annual 4th of July party is just around the corner! This year's event is even more special because I will have retired from government service on the 30th of June after 33 years 4 months of dedicated service! So the cookout is hereby renamed the Independence Day Party! As usual, the DaVinci will supply the burgers and hot dogs and the rest comes from the crew. A sheet will be circulated at the various DaVinci events for you to sign up to bring a covered dish. This is normally the biggest event of the year so make sure you mark your calendar for July 5th beginning at 2:00 PM

The last two scheduled highway clean-ups were a big bust. In both cases only one person showed up. If y'all are not interested in lending a hand I will cancel the program. No sense keeping it when so few folks show up

VADM Freddy Heller

CONVENTIONAL WISDOM

The Vulkan convention at the Orlando Airport Marriott originally scheduled for 16-18 May has been moved to 18-20 July. The Hotel has also changed back to the Altamonte Springs Hilton. The guest list has shrunk a bit, but not to worry the folks at Vulkan are working hard to get replacement guests. Still planning on attending are Thomas Dekker (John Connor from Terminator); Jonathan Frakes (Riker from Next Generation); John Schuck (Klingon Ambassador from Star Trek IV and VI); Kavan Smith (Major Lorne on Stargate SG-1 and Agent Garrity on 4400); and Erick Avari (Chandra Suresh on Heroes and roles on Stargate, Deep Space Nine, and Enterprise). Not coming are John DeLancie (Q); Vaughn Armstrong (Admiral Forrest on Enterprise); and Casey Biggs (Damar on Deep Space Nine). You can still get reserved seating for as little as \$50 for the weekend! Go to vulkan.com for more information.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

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

Star Trek III Premiers (1984)	1 st
Rene Auberjonois (Odo on DS9)	1 st
CRMN Mario Turner	1 st
Anthony Montgomery (ENS Travis Mayweather on ENT)	2 nd
Sally Kellerman (Dr. Elizabeth Dehner on TOS)	2 nd
Surveyor I Lands on the Moon (1966)	2 nd
Suzie Plakson (K'Ehleyr on TNG)	3 rd
First American to Walk in Space (Ed White 1965)	3 rd
Star Trek II Premiers (1982)	4 th
Deep Space Nine Ends (1999)	6 th
James Darren (Vic Fontaine on DS9)	8 th
Star Trek V Premiers (1989)	9 th
CADET Ivy Walker	10 th
DeForest Kelley (Dr McCoy) Dies (1999)	11 th
Malcolm McDowell (Dr. Soran from Generations)	13 th
Probe Pioneer 10 Leaves the Solar System (1983)	13 th
Robin Curtis (Savik from Search for Spock)	15 th

First Woman in Space (Valentina Tereshkova 1963)	16 th
First US Woman in Space (Sally Ride 1983)	18 th
First Woman to Fly Across Atlantic (Amelia Erhart 1928)	18 th
Mariette Hartley (Zarabeth from TOS)	21 st
First Privately Funded Space Flight (SpaceShipOne 2004)	21 st
Tim Russ (LT Tuvok from VOY)	22 nd
CRMN Dutch Cummings	23 rd
ENS Margaret McGillicuddy	24 th
Alice Krige (Borg Queen from First Contact)	28 th
Jeri Taylor (Executive Producer)	30 th
Three Soyuz Eleven Cosmonauts Die on Reentry (1971)	30 th

ACCOLADES

A BIG Bajoran thanks or congratulations go to:

John and Jacque Pollock, our neighbors, for their weekly donation of cans.

Dr. Stewart, our Chiropractor, for his weekly donation of cans.

Dennis Shaw for taking first place in the shot put and 200-meter walk at the Special Olympics in Fayette, GA and for taking first in the shot put and third place in the 100-meter walk at the Special Olympics in Newnan, GA! Congratulation Dennis!

TABULATIONS

Looks as if the Captain is running away with the contest! Unfortunately, the total is fairly low considering there are only 6 more months left to donate tabs. I am sure that Russell and Connie will start adding to their totals. Remember, to make it more appealing to those who save and hunt down those little hunks of aluminum the offer is this: if and only if we reach 100,000 tabs, all those crew personnel who donated at least 9,000 tabs will get to pie the Captain! Hallelujah! Can it get any better than that? Now, of course, it only fair that if the 100,000 total is reached and the Captain also donates 9,000 tabs, then he gets to pie the person of his choice! So, if you wish to be one of the lucky ones who get to smack the Captain with a pie, start saving those tabs today! Here are the current totals:

Starting Balance	21
Freddy Heller	7209
Russell Ruhland	3680
Connie Heller	2826
Randy Dunn	200
Joe	32
Todd	32
Total	14000

NIGHT OUT LOCATIONS

The restaurants for the 2008 Night Outs were selected at the Christmas party. The list is below. I hope your favorite restaurant made the list! Check out the four new locations!

Congratulations to Todd, the winner of the free dinner at Hooter's during the May Night Out.

July	New China
August	Chef Lee's
September	Red Lobster
October	Panera Bread Company
November	Hooter's
December	Carrabba 's Italian Grill

FINANCIALLY SPEAKING

Opening Balance	205.49
Deposit	81.80
Closing Balance	287.29

COMM Connie Heller

MEMORY ALPHA

The 2007-2008 version of the DaVinci slideshow is in the works! The cost is \$5.00 and is available on DVD. Please contact Connie to place your order.

TV SHOWS ON DVD

Here are some scheduled DVD releases for June:

- "Dead Zone, Season 6 (3rd)
- "Incredible Hulk, Season 3 (3rd)
- "Incredible Hulk, Season 4 (3rd)
- "TekWar" (10th)
- "Jericho, Season 2 (17th)
- "Jericho, The Complete Series" (17th)

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>
Jim Adams	Mar 09	Mar 09
James Carey	Nov 08	Jan 09
Dutch Cummings	Jul 08	
Randy Dunn	Feb 09	May 08

Bubba Dutton	Sep 08	Sep 07
Tony Fleming	Jul 08	Jun 08
Freddy Heller	Jul 08	Sep 08
Mike Henigan	LTM	Nov 08
Benlee Huguley	Feb 09	
Todd Kes	Oct 08	
Jeff Kirkland	Oct 08	Jul 09
Leiko Koone	Nov 08	Oct 08
Lech Mazur	Jul 08	Jan 09
Margaret McGillicuddy	Mar 08	Sep 08
Joshua Nazario	Jan 09	
Lisa Neal	Jul 08	
Joe Perry	Jul 08	Nov 08
Karen Pynenburg	Jul 08	May 08
Russell Ruhland	Sep 08	Aug 08
Park Scully	Jul 08	Jul 08
Dennis Shaw	Jul 08	Jul 08
Frazier Smith	Jan 09	Oct 07
Gisela Stephens	Jan 09	Nov 08
Michael Walker	Apr 08	Mar 08
Patty Williams	Apr 09	
Vanessa Winfield	Jan 08	Jan 09
Roger Wright	Jul 08	Jan 09

WELCOME ABOARD!

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

- Freddy Heller (D)
- Connie Heller (D)
- Travis Heller (D)
- Ariana Heller (D)
- Patty Williams (D)

RM HOUSE NEEDED ITEMS

Even though we will no longer be meeting at the Ronald McDonald house they still are in need for a variety of items. If you wish to donate an item, bring it by my house and I will make sure it gets there. It is a good way to say "thank-you" for letting us use their meeting room free of charge these past few years.

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! Reminisce.



Some of the DaVinci crew (L-R Gisela, Connie, Russell, Dennette, and Rebecca) enjoying the pizza at our 8th Anniversary Party (20 March 2004)



Joe digs into his favorite fungus topped pizza!



Margaret, Tony, and Maritza enjoying pizza and good conversation.



Roger, Joe, and Charlotte digging into the pizza.



Roger with his usual "bowl" of ice cream.



Margaret and Lech working on the trivia contest.



While hubby Tony works his own trivia sheet.



Russell, Frazier working on the trivia contest while Randy and Christopher have a conversation.



Cadets Christopher, Rebecca, and Ariana are blowing bubbles outside.



Maritza tries to figure out the trivia contest.



Gisela and Connie talking about – who else Freddy!



Following all the excitement, the crew relaxes by watching some good Sci-Fi.

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: The new DaVinci slideshow is now available. It has been burned onto DVD+R discs, which play in nearly all DVD players. The price is \$5.00 apiece. There are also historical discs (old leftovers) available for only \$1.00 apiece, in varying formats. See or call Connie for more info!

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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.

FINALLY!

Go back and check when your membership on the DaVinci and or Starfleet expires. **Several memberships have expired!!!** Please renew as soon as possible or you might not get a newsletter. Thanks!

Also, you will note that I added the Staff Roster to the beginning of the newsletter. There you will find the telephone numbers of all the Senior Staff and department heads. It will also show you which departments are vacant and need volunteers to take over.

THE NEXT DAVINCI NIGHT OUT AND MEMBERSHIP MEETING WILL BE AT COUNTRY'S ON BROAD ON MONDAY 16 JUNE AT 7:00 PM COME FOR THE FOOD AND FRIENDSHIP!