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UPCOMING EVENTS

****01 December, Phenix City Toy Show, Central Activities Center, 11:00 AM-5:00 PM**

****07 December, Ronald McDonald House, Volunteer Open House & Silent Auction, 2:00 PM**

****16 December, Night Out/Membership Meeting at Philly-Osophy, 7:00 PM**

****21 December, DaVinci Christmas Party, Sherwood Presbyterian Church, 2:00 PM**

****24 December, Christmas Eve Dinner at Carrabba's, 7:00 PM**

PASSAGES

Ed Lauter the actor who played Lieutenant Commander Albert in the Star Trek: The Next Generation fifth season episode "The First Duty has died. He was 74. Lauter began as a comedian before moving on in 1971 to become a film and television actor. He made his feature film debut in the 1972 sequel The Magnificent Seven Ride co-starring fellow Star Trek alumni William Lucking and James B. Sikking.

Perhaps Lauter's best-known role is Captain Knauer in the original 1974 blockbuster The Longest Yard. He and star Burt Reynolds were the only two actors from the original film to reappear in the 2005 remake.

Besides The Next Generation, Lauter has made guest appearances on several popular TV series, most notably a recurring role as Fire Captain Dannaker on ER. More recently, Lauter was seen as "The Butler" in the award-winning drama The Artist.

Leaving the 2012 Oscars ceremony, an embarrassing incident occurred when a "tired" BBC News reporter, live, on-air, in the early hours of the morning, thrust a microphone into the face of someone they had been told was "Patrick Stewart" - turned-out, it was Ed Lauter.

Lauter died of mesothelioma at his home in West Hollywood. He is survived by his wife Mia. Lauter had four children, two from a previous marriage.

IT'S THE CAPTAIN CALLING

Well, there were a couple of events that occurred during the month of November. The first was NerdaCon, which is held annually at Columbus State University. This year the event was during the weekend of 15-16 November. The USS DaVinci sponsored a Star Trek Fans panel on Saturday afternoon, which Joe, Jessie, and I hosted. The panel was well attended with about 20 individuals present and it seemed to be non-stop questions including one attendee that asked if Joe and I were actual Star Trek actors. My response was simply no, not really but we did stay at a Holiday Inn last night (groan). That got a lot of laughs and many hands were raised of folks that were not aware the there was a Star Trek oriented fan club chapter in Columbus. We'll certainly try our best to do something about that in the upcoming months. Y'all can help also by spreading the word to everyone you talk to. You never know who may be a fan. The panel ended with our signing up one new crewmember and we give a warm welcome to Gregory who has also recently joined Starfleet. I went ahead and departed the event after the panel was completed and probably got my picture taken about 20 or 30 times as I was in my full-dress Vulcan costume (they still call me Spock!). Maybe there's a book title in that phrase. Check out some photos from the event!

Jessie gets some make up touch-up while Cara chats with Melanie at her vendor booth.

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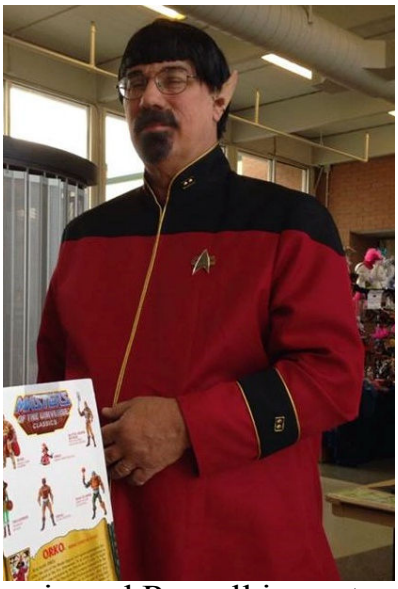
PHILLY-OSOPHY

ON MONDAY 16 DECEMBER AT 7:00 PM
COME FOR THE FOOD AND FRIENDSHIP!!

Dutch was there too and Cara poses with a couple of Doctors!



Ariana dressed as Chiaki Nanami (Super Dangan Ronpa 2) and Jessie and Russell in costume.

Russell and Joe at the USS DaVinci panel (note the cool name plates)

Unfortunately I was not able to attend the night out for November due to suffering with my very first (and hopefully last) kidney stone (ouch!). Read on for Freddy's article about this event.

Finally, the annual Thanksgiving party was held on Saturday, 23 November with 15 members of the DaVinci crew in attendance. A wonderful assortment of food items was available to fulfill our appetites as we gobbled (a little holiday pun) the goodies and enjoyed the fellowship with our crewmates. We drew for the locations of the 2014 night out restaurants and a few new locations were chosen. Those restaurants are listed later in this newsletter. Door prizes were given away and Ashley won a DaVinci mug, Janet won a Star Wars novel, and Lech won a 25th anniversary Star Trek Pez set. We then inaugurated a new game of Star Trek charades where one was chosen to do a character and one chosen to guess. The first pair was Randy and Janet. Randy decided on Cyrano Jones (the Tribble salesman from the TOS episode "The Trouble with Tribbles") and Janet was unable to guess. We then picked Gregory and Cara. Gregory chose Klingons and Cara was quick to get that correct. They both won a free meal coupon for the new Panda Express restaurant due to open on 07 December. We closed the get together around 4:30 PM and everyone departed their separate ways; almost all with a little midnight snack bag! My sincere thanks to all who attended, helped to clean up, and to Jessie for acquiring the location for us.

The delicious food waiting for a hungry crew and Russell making last minute announcements.

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The crew digs in: Lech, Freddy, Ashley, and Cara and Martha, Gregory, and Jeff.

Connie, Diane, and Russell in line while John, Janet, and Ashley chow down.

Randy and Jessie looking into space while Cara poses for a candid shot.

“Mmm, I do love dessert” says Russell as Diane looks on and the crew digs in!

Selecting the 2014 Night Out locations and Jessie our fearless “Killer of Wasps”!

Look what we won: Ashley (DaVinci cup), Janet (Star Wars book), and Lech (TNG Pez set)

Randy tries to explain the TOS character Cyrano Jones to Janet during Star Trek Charades.

While Gregory tries to explain a Klingon to Cara!

The winners of charades and Freddy with Jeff and his prizes as the one millionth tab donor!

The 1st of December brings with it the first Phenix City Toy Show to be held at the Central Activities Center on Crawford Road in Phenix City from 11:00 AM-5:00 PM. I will be operating as a vendor at this event and so will Dutch; however, we will have a DaVinci membership drive available. If you can assist with the membership drive and can be in uniform, let me know as soon as possible. Only a few days left before this event.

Also in December, we plan to hold our annual Christmas party at the same location on Saturday, 21 December beginning at 2:00 PM. We will have gag gift exchange and of course, the now famous Ferengi Let's make a Deal game! Door prizes will also be given away. More on this event in separate emails as we get closer to the date. Finally, on 24 December we will have our annual Christmas Eve dinner at Carrabba's beginning at 7:00 PM.

I hope everyone has a wonderful Thanksgiving and I will see you at the next DaVinci event!

That's all for this month. Warp speed ahead in 2013!

RADM Russell Ruhland

RECORDS ROOM REPORTING

My goodness, it has been quite a while since I last wrote an article for the Pilot but since the Skipper was not present at two recent events, I thought I would do the explaining this month! First, the folks across the river (Randy and Russell) held their own Halloween functions and second, Russell gave me a call just before the November Night Out at Moe's to say he was in the emergency room in great pain! Turns out he had a kidney stone that thankfully passed later in the evening!

The annual Halloween get together at my house was fun as usual. Connie made lots of yummy cookies; Joe was at his usual location, serving hot cider to anyone who wanted a cup; and Margaret and Lech arrived to help distribute candy to the trick-or-treaters. As we do every year, there was a bobbing for apples station, which was used quite often much to the delight of those watching the fun. It did not appear to be a crowded this year as it was last year even though the weather could not have been more perfect. By 8:30 PM it was as dead as a ghost town. Ariana and a couple of her friends Mary and Megan dressed up in their cosplay costumes and hit the neighborhood for candy and other goodies. Check out the photos below for all the fun!

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Joe mans the hot cider station and Ariana (center) and her friends Megan and Mary.

Supergirl tries her hand at bobbing for apples and the result – success!

Superboy has success as well and Joe, Margaret, and Lech at their stations.

The next event was our November Night Out, which was held at the new Moe's location in the Midland area. Unfortunately it was very sparsely attended with only four crew personnel in attendance. The one bright spot was that our newest member, Gregory Newer stopped by for a visit with Connie, Hal, and myself. Every Monday is $5.00 burrito day so the place was pretty crowded. Still, the food was excellent and the conversation even better. There were no Captain's Perks this month as Russell was battling a bout with a kidney stone and was spending his evening at the emergency room! But, we still drew for the free meal and Hal was this month's winner! Next month's Night Out will be at Philly-Osophy in beautiful downtown Columbus and I hope to see you there! Anyway, check out the photos below.

Hal and Freddy show off their burritos while Connie devours hers!

Our newest member Gregory and Hal the winner of the free meal (sure made it taste better)!

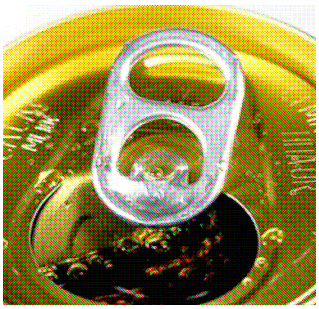
On 07 December the Ronald McDonald House will host its annual Holiday Open House and Silent Auction from 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM. All DaVinci crew personnel are invited to attend and join in on the celebration. Hope to see you there.

ADM Freddy Heller

NEWS YOU CAN USE!

At the 2013 International Conference (IC) in Dallas, TX the Admiralty Board (AB) was presented with and voted in, a membership rate change, which, for the first time, included those individuals who prefer to get their membership material via email (electronic). Note that "e" memberships are much less. I am not sure when this goes into effect so if you prefer a paper membership and plan on renewing I would advise you do it now.

For Electronic Memberships:	**For Paper Memberships:**
Individual - $10	Individual - $20
Family of 2 - $15	Family of 2 - $25
Family of 3 - $17	Family of 3 - $27
Family of 4 - $19	Family of 4 - $29
Family of 5 - $21	Family of 5 - $31
Family of 6 - $23	Family of 6 - $33



TABULATIONS

WE HAVE A WINNER! At last, the one-millionth tab has been donated and who better to win the honor than Jeff Kirkland who at the October Night Out handed me a bag containing 6,000 tabs pushing him over the goal by several thousand! Jeff usually wins the honor of being the top "tabber" every year so it is fitting that he should be the one to hit the million-tab mark. Congratulations Jeff! Now I need to figure what to give him for winning the contest and more importantly WHEN to give it to him. Jeff, try to make it to the next DaVinci event! Jeff was not the only one to donate tabs at the Night Out. Our newest member, Thelma Shumpert donated over 1100 tabs and Maria 40 tabs. Okay, now that the one-millionth tab has been donated it is time to concentrate on reaching our yearly goal of 100,000 tabs! We are still nearly 18,000 tabs shy of our goal so keep saving those tabs. Thanks! Current filled-in list follows:

Starting Balance	1947
Jeff Kirkland	24500
Russell Ruhland	15480
Freddy Heller	12782
Connie Heller	10763
Jessie Sutton	9961
Richard Howe	1607

Tony Fleming	1215
Thelma Shumpert	1140
Randy Dunn	791
Lech Mazur	602
Hal Stewart	564
Calvin Graley	540
Maria Morgan	337
Dutch Cummings	275
J. Chris Lewis	120
Lindsay Conklin	40
Joe Perry	25
M. John Clark	17
JR Furgerson	2
Cara Singleton	1
Total	**82709**

DAVINCI NIGHT OUT

The restaurants for the 2014 Night Out locations were selected at our Thanksgiving dinner celebration. The selections are an interesting mix of tastes from Italian to Cajun and from Korean to Caribbean. Five of the 12 restaurants have never hosted a Night Out and three we have only been to once! Of course, there is always the annual Captain's Choice pilgrimage to the Olive Garden in May! Check out the list below:

January	McAlisters
February	Koreana
March	Carrabba's
April	Country's (Mercury Drive)
May	Olive Garden
June	Thibodeaux's
July	Chilli Thai
August	Ezell's (Warm Springs Road)
September	CiCi's (Bradley Park)
October	Rose's Caribbean
November	Red Robin
December	IHOP (Gateway)

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

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

Nuclear-Powered USS Enterprise Retired from Active Service (2012)	1st
Brian Bonsall (Alexander Rozhenko on TNG)	3rd
Gemini VII Launched (Borman & Lovall 1965)	4th
Hubble Repaired by Crew of Endeavor (1993)	4th
Building of International Space Station Begins (1998)	4th
Star Trek VI Premiers (1991)	6th
CRMN Colten Cross	7th
First US Attempt to Orbit Satellite Fails (1957)	7th
Star Trek: The Motion Picture Premiers (1979)	7th
Michael Dorn (LTCMDR Worf on TNG)	9th
John Colicos (Kor on TOS)	11th
Terry Garr (Roberta Lincoln on TOS)	11th
Apollo 17 Lands on Moon (Eugene Cernan & Harrison Schmitt; 1972)	11th
CRMN Meg Dalafave	12th
Mariner II Transmits Pictures of Venus (1962)	14th
Garrett Wang (ENS Harry Kim on VOY)	15th
Gemini 6 and 7 Fly Within 10 Feet of Each Other (1965)	15th
First Heavier-than-Air Flight (Wright Brothers 1903)	17th
First Test Firing of the Atlas Intercontinental Ballistic Missile (1957)	17th
Majel Barrett Roddenberry Dies	18th
First Communications Satellite, SCORE, is launched (1958)	18
ENS Ashley Grantham	20th
ENS Joseph Winkles	20th
Nicole deBoer (Ezri Dax on DS9)	20th
Apollo 8 Lifts off for the Moon (1968)	21st
First Non-Stop, Non-Refueled Flight Around the World (1986)	23rd
First Transmission of Voice/Music Over Radio (Reginald Fessenden 1906)	24th
Rick Berman (Executive Producer)	25th
Hubble Repaired by Crew of Discovery (1999)	25th
Apollo 8 Returns to Earth in a Nighttime Splashdown (1968)	27th
Nichelle Nichols (LT Uruhra on TOS)	28th
ENS John Thane	29th
ENS Todd Kes	29th
LT Randy Dunn	31st

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 family expiration dates. Please note that if your name is highlighted in **RED** in the DaVinci column this will be your last newsletter. If in **BLUE** you membership is expired or nearing it expiration so please renew soon. Thanks!

Name	DaVinci	Starfleet	Name	DaVinci	Starfleet
David Belk	Jul 14		Lech Mazur	Jul 14	Nov 14
Steve Brown	**Dec 13**		Margaret McGillicuddy	Jul 14	Nov 14
Phil "Rat" Campanaro	Aug 14		Jonathan Morgan	**Sep 13**	**Expired**
Brad Carrne	Jul 14		Maria Morgan	May 14	May 14
Mackey Carter	Jul 14	**Expired**	Windy Morris	Feb 14	
M. John Clark	Jul 14	May 14	Cameron Mull	Mar 14	Mar 14
Meg Dalafave	Apr 14		Gregory Newer	Nov 15	Nov 14
Randy Dunn	Jul 14	Jul 14	Andrea O'Connor	Jul 14	**Expired**
Lisa Frander	Apr 14		Sandra Okamoto	LTM	
Jeremie Fritzgerald	Jul 14		Joe Perry	Jul 14	Nov 13
James "JR" Furgerson	Jul 14		Karen Pynenburg	Jul 14	Aug 14
Whitney Gaines	Aug 15	Feb 14	Kris Reeves	Jul 14	
Karoline Garcia	Jul 14		Kris Rudder	Jul 14	
Calvin Graley	Mar 14	Apr 14	Russell Ruhland	Aug 14	Aug 14
Rosalie Grant-Nolt	Jul 14		Dennis Shaw	Jul 14	Jul 14
Kenny Gray	Jul 14	Jul 14	Thelma Shumpert	Oct 14	TBD
Freddy Heller	Jul 14	Sep 14	Susanne Soto	Jul 14	
John Hood	Mar 14	**Expired**	Gisela Stephens	LTM	**Dec 13**
Cleveland Hooper	**Aug 13**		Harold Stewart	Feb 14	Apr 14
Benlee Huguley	Feb 14		Jessie Sutton	Oct 14	**Expired**
Todd Kes	Oct 14	Oct 14	Becky Thane	Jul 14	Dec 14
Jeff Kirkland	Nov 14	Aug 14	Mike Walker	Jul 14	
Leiko Koone	**Nov 13**	**Nov 13**	David West	Jul 14	
Everett Leonard	Aug 14		Justin Whitaker	Apr 14	**Expired**
J. Chris Lewis	Mar 14		Janet Winkles	Jul 14	Sep 14
			Alison Zamora	Jul 14	

WELCOME ABOARD!

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

Gregory Newer (D*) (S*) **Lech Mazur (S)** **Margaret McGillicuddy (S)**

DAVINCI T-SHIRTS

We are running out of the more popular sizes. We are in the process of trying to find another business to order the shirts as the one we were using has gone out of business. Shirts are now in color according to Star Trek departments, those of course being red for Operations, yellow for Engineering, and blue for Science. We do also have some shirts in the non-traditional ash gray if you desire. Please contact Freddy for size availability. Check out the photos BELOW:

Operations

Science

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Engineering

Generic Gray

FINANCIALLY SPEAKING

Opening Balance	$516.27
November Night Out	$9.00
Thanksgiving party	$31.18
Deposit	$37.10
Postage	$12.20
Closing Balance	**$500.99**

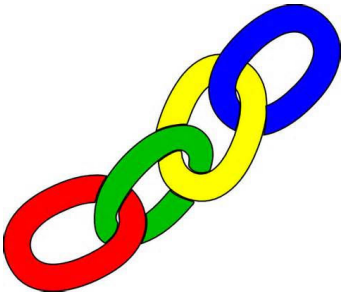
COMM Connie Heller

ACCOLADES

A BIG Bajoran thanks or congratulations go to:
Hal Stewart for his weekly donation of cans and stamps;
Randy for his donation of stamps

TV SHOWS ON DVD

Here are some scheduled DVD releases for December that may interest you:
"Doctor Who, Doctors Revisited 9-11" (3rd)
"Teen Wolf, Season 3.1" (3rd)
"Doctor Who, 50th Anniversary Special" (10th)
"Burn Notice, Season 7" (17th)



LINKS

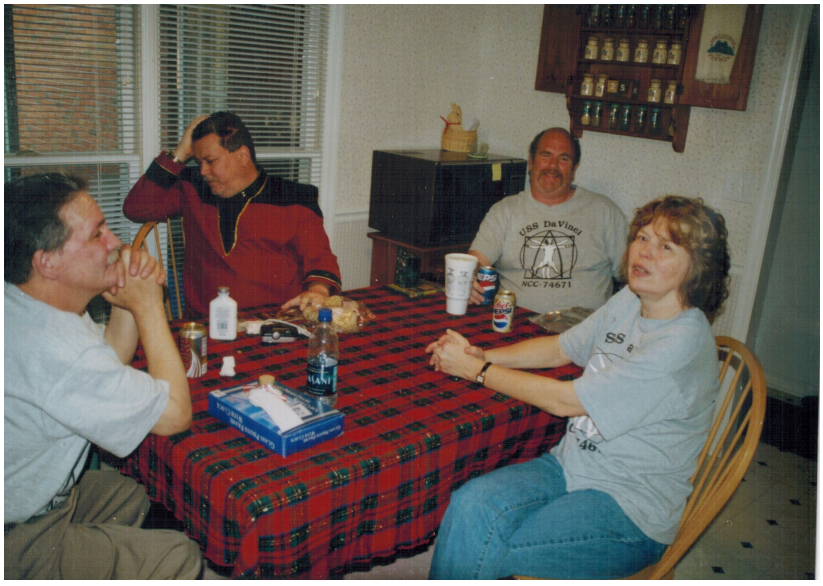
Here are a few important web sites relevant to the DaVinci:

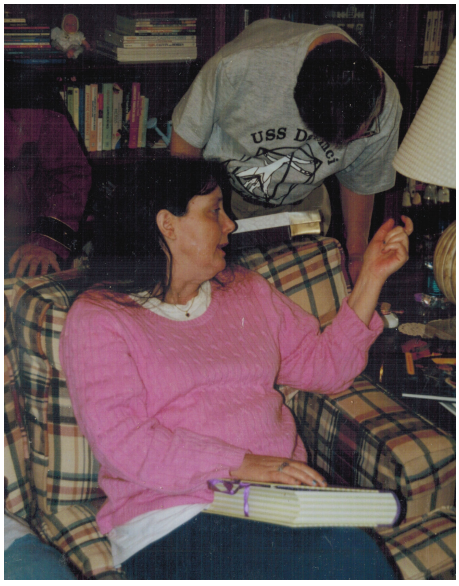
Starfleet Home Page:	www.sfi.org
Starfleet Region 2 Home Page:	www.region2.org
USS DaVinci Home Page	www.ussdavinci.org
Craig's List:	http://columbusga.craigslist.org/grp

USS DAVINCI IN PICTURES

The following is a trip down the USS DaVinci 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 the USS DaVinci what it is today. Enjoy! Reminisce. If you have any photographs that you would like to see published in the Pilot, feel free to send them to me with a brief explanation as to who is in the photo and when and where it was taken. If I get a name wrong, please let me know! Okay, it seems I forgot to scan some photos from events earlier in the year 2006 so I will go back a bit in time to our 10th anniversary party. Enjoy part two!

Our 10th anniversary cake and Freddy cutting into it!





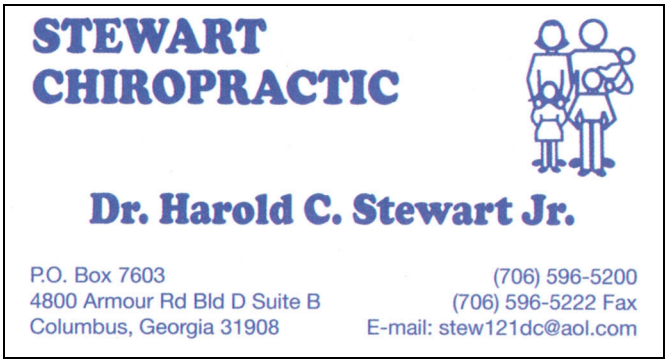
Park, Joe, Randy, and Connie relaxing after the food and Margaret chats with Park.

Our lost brother Roger takes a nap and the crew poses for a group photo!

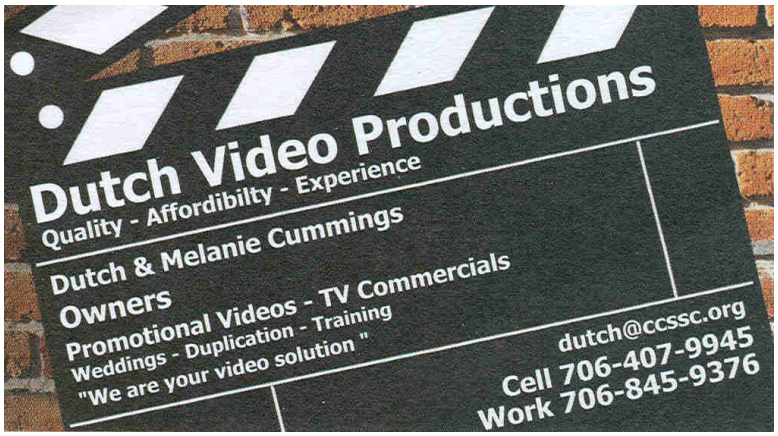
CARGO BAY

Receive $25 off Tax Preparation Fee!

Receive Free Drink with Adult Buffet Purchase!



DaVinci Members Receive a 20 % Discount!

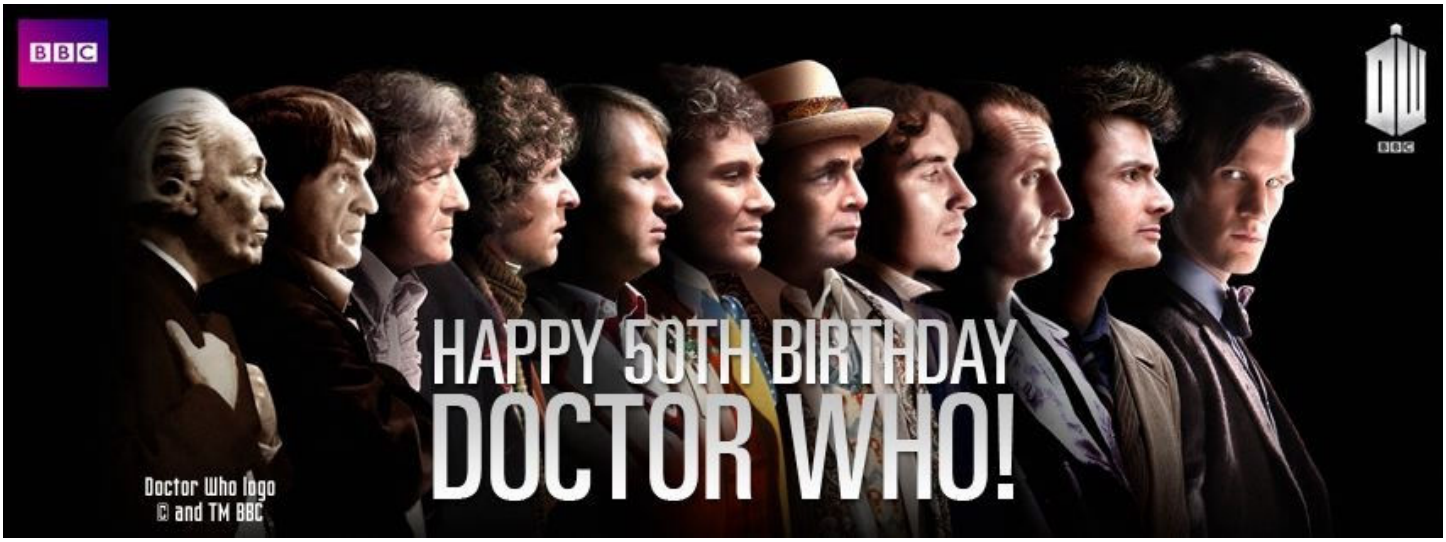


DaVinci Members Receive a Discount

Members Receive a 10-15% Discount!

Purchase $5.00 Worth of Food and Get a Free Drink!

A LITTLE HUMOR AND DISMISSED!



L-R William Hartwell (1963-1966); Patrick Troughton (1966-1969); Jon Pertwee (1970-1974); Tom Baker (1974-1981); Peter Davison (1981-1984); Colin Baker (1984-1986); Sylvester McCoy (1987-1989, 1996); Paul McGann (1996); Christopher Eccleston (2005); David Tennant (2005-2010); Matt Smith (2010-2013); Not pictured: Peter Capaldi (2013-???)

“Noooooooooooooooooooooooooo!!!”