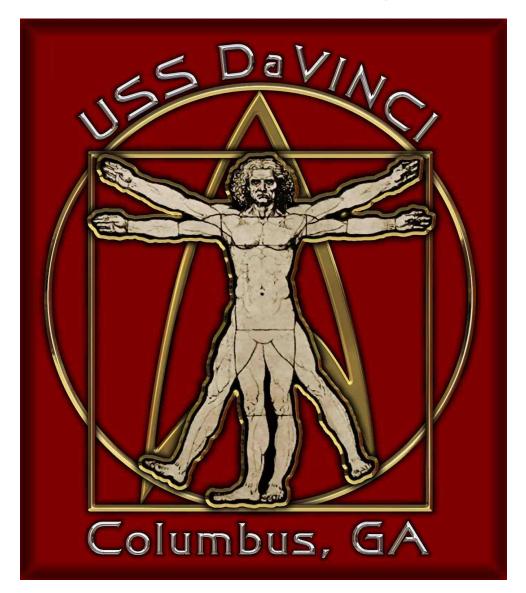
# DaVinci Pilot

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#### **UPCOMING DAVINCI EVENTS**

**\*\*09 July, 4<sup>th</sup> of July Cookout, Freddy & Connie's House, 2:00 PM** 

\*\*18 July, Night Out/Membership Meeting, Cannon Brew Pub, 7:00 PM

\*\*22-23 July, Membership Drive at Carmike 15 on Release of Star Trek Beyond



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#### **PASSAGES**

StarTrek.com is deeply saddened to report that Anton Yelchin, Star Trek's current Chekov, died on June 19<sup>th</sup> at the age of 27. The actor was killed, in a freak accident, at home in Los Angeles by his own car. Yelchin played Chekov in Star Trek (2009), Star Trek into Darkness and will be seen next month in Star Trek Beyond.



Yelchin was born in St. Petersburg, Russia, and moved with his figure-skater parents, Irina and Viktor Yelchin, to the United States when he was just six months old. He was already one of Hollywood's most-exciting young talents -- a screen natural -- when he signed on to play Pavel Chekov in Star Trek (2009), having logged film and television credits that included ER, Hearts in Atlantis, The Practice, Curb Your Enthusiasm, Alpha Dog, Huff and Charlie Bartlett. Since playing Chekov in the first J.J. Abrams blockbuster, he'd appeared in Terminator Salvation, The Beaver, Fright Night, Only Lovers Left Alive, Experimenter and the recently released Green Room, in which he co-starred with Patrick Stewart. In addition to Star Trek Beyond, he'd completed several projects set for release in the near future, among them We Don't Belong Here, Porto, Rememory and Thoroughbred.

Back in 2011, StarTrek.com spoke with Yelchin about playing the young Chekov and the the likelihood that he'd be playing Chekov over the course of several films. Asked if he felt his version of Chekov served as a bridge to Walter Koenig's, Yelchin replied, "I don't know if it builds to Walter's Chekov, that if we make more films then suddenly it'll totally become that guy. I just think that I tried to capture as close as possible all of the great qualities that Walter brought to his Chekov. So I hope there's a continuity. I don't know if it's necessarily an evolution, but I hope there's a continuity where you can say, 'Oh, yeah, I buy that person being that age.'"

John Cho, Star Trek's current Sulu, was among the first to comment on his friend and colleague's passing. He tweeted, "I loved Anton Yelchin so much. He was a true artist - curious, beautiful, courageous. He was a great pal and a great son. I'm in ruins."

Paramount Pictures released the following statement: "All of us at Paramount join the world in morning the untimely passing of Anton Yelchin. As a member of the Star Trek family, he was beloved by so many and he will missed by all. We share our deepest condolences with his mother, father and family."

Please join StarTrek.com in offering our condolences to Yelchin's family, friends, colleagues and fans.

StarTrek.com is also saddened to report the passing of Ronnie Claire Edwards. The actress, who was best known for her role as Corabeth Walton Godsey on The Waltons and in several of the Waltons reunion telemovies, made her mark on the Star Trek universe with her guest star appearance as Talur in the "Thine Own Self" episode of Star Trek: The Next Generation. Talur was the Barkonian teacher/scientist/healer who tried to help Data after the android completely lost his memory and wandered into a village carrying a container full of the radioactive metal. Edwards, who lived in Dallas, Texas, died in her sleep on June 14 at the age of 83.



Edwards as Talur on TNG and as Corabeth Walton Godsey on the Waltons.

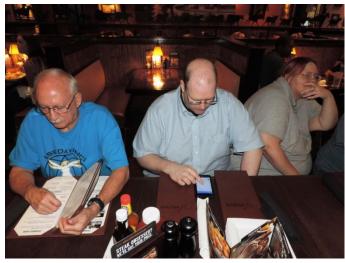
In addition to TNG and The Waltons, Edwards -- whose credits dated back to 1963 -- appeared in such other films and shows as Boone, Dallas, Sara, Dynasty, Nobody's Fool, Designing Women, The Dead Pool and Inherit the Wind (the TV version with George C. Scott and Jack Lemmon). She also wrote plays, including Idols of the King, and published a book entitled The Knife Thrower's Assistant: Memoirs of a Human Target.

Please join StarTrek.com in offering our condolences to Edwards' family, friends, colleagues and fans.



# FROM THE CENTER SEAT

WOW! We had a great turnout for the June Night Out/Membership meeting at the Longhorn Steakhouse. Twenty-three hearty adventurous souls descended on the management who had to keep adding table space to the original 12-15 estimate. The food was good and the service outstanding as Laurin our sole server kept everyone's drinks full. I am sure she probably collapsed into bed after her shift was over! The drawing for the free meal compliments of the DaVinci went to Joe Perry (not to worry Gregory, you have to win eventually)! A BIG Bajoran thanks to all who attended. Next month we will be meeting at the Cannon Brew Pub in beautiful downtown Columbus. The food there is quite good so mark your calendars for 18 July at 7:00 PM. Until then, enjoy some of the photos from the June Night Out/Membership meeting:





Checking out the menu is Karl, Adam, and Lisa M. and Debbie and Jeff pose for a photo.





So too does Jeff and Martha and Diane and Russell!





Also posing are Lisa M., Chris and Scott and Lech (glad to have you back in good health!)





Hal and Lisa N. and Steve smile for the camera.



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Joe and Gregory, both ever so stoic, pose for a photo and so too does Tish with little Homer





Thelma sits with Tish and Homer while at the adjacent table Todd, Michael, and Brittanney wait to order.

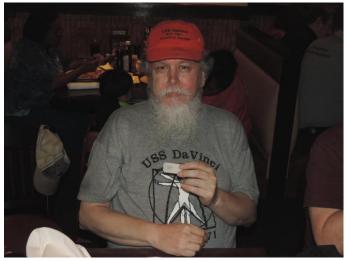


Laurin takes orders from Scott and Lech, Lisa M. and Chris, and Jeff and Martha.





Martha, Sandra, and Diane wait their turn to order and Diane hugging on Homer!



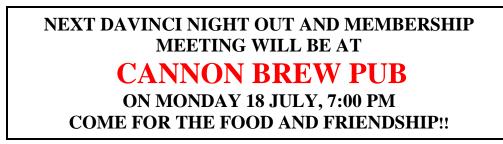


Look what I won! Joe shows off his free meal ticket and the DaVinci crew at Longhorn!

On Saturday, 24 June, we bid farewell to John and Becky Thane by having a luncheon in their honor at Golden Corral. I was not too sure how many folks would show up and was quite pleased when 11 crew members came to the luncheon! With the exception of the lack of meat loaf on the buffet (they finally put some out just before we left), the food was excellent. John and Becky are headed to Fort Bliss, TX near the city of El Paso. "Out in the west Texas town of El Paso, I fell in love with a Mexican girl. Nighttime would find me in…" Oops, sorry about that I sometimes get carried away when I hear the name of that town in Southwest Texas. Anyway, John is not sure what he will be doing and it may be their last assignment as John is eligible to retire in 3 years.



Jeff, Martha, Joe, and Todd wait for more folks to arrive and John at the buffet.







Becky cannot quite decide what to get while Joe does not have that problem.





Jeff and Martha hit the buffet line.



Michael and Todd and Lech and Joe get ready to chow down.



Martha gets ready to sit while Wilbert and Jeff share a laugh and Wilbert with mom Sandra.





Chatting after lunch: John and Michael and Todd and Wilbert.



We will miss you Becky and John! Good luck at Fort Bliss and be sure to keep in touch!

Our 4<sup>th</sup> of July cookout will be held on 09 July at my house at 2:00 PM. The DaVinci will supply the hamburgers and hotdogs and the rest will come from those who attend (hey Lisa M. hope y'all bring those luscious deviled eggs and Russell those ever so yummy potato logs from the Walmart deli). I will send out email as the date nears but if you plan on attending, please let me know what covered dish you are brining and how many in your party (I need to know how many burgers and dogs to buy! Thanks.

GOOD NEWS!! We have been given permission to have a membership drive table at the release of Star Trek Beyond on 22 and 23 July at the Carmike 15 theater complex. There will be more news on the times and the possibility of continuing the drive on the 24<sup>th</sup> coming soon so stay tuned!

Okay folks, lots of membership expire this month so please make sure yours in not one of them and renew as soon as possible. Thanks!

Until the next time - engage!

ADM Freddy Heller

#### FAN BOY EXPO

Diane and I had the wonderful opportunity to go to the Fan Boy Expo 2016 Convention in Knoxville, TN the weekend of 24-26 June. This is a convention unlike others I have attended in that the host offers guests outside the normal realm of science fiction/anime and brings in some of the nostalgic guests from when us "senior" folk were growing up along with so other venues of popularity as well.

We got to see about a dozen professional wrestlers in attendance that included super star 16 time World Champion and 2 time Hall of Famer Rick Flair and others such as Kevin Nash, Ricky Steamboat and the acrobatic wrestler Jeff Hardy among others. William Shatner and Nichelle Nichols were guests along with Dawn Wells (Mary Ann from Gilligan's Island), Barbara Eden (I Dream of Jeannie), The Duke Boys and Daisy (John Schnieder, Tom Wopat, and Catherine Bach), and Billie Dee Williams and son (Lando from Star Wars). So you see it's worth the time to attend this convention just to see all the wonderful variety of guests there. Check it out:



Dawn Wells, Barbara Eden, and Dean Cain at Fan Boy Expo.



Nichelle Nichols and Rick Flair

On display were the Sherriff's car and the General Lee from the Dukes of Hazzard, the Mystery Machine from Scooby Doo and one of the trucks from Jurassic Park. Of course Diane and I went to all of the guest Q&A's (they don't call them panels here) and were privileged to see a showing of the newest Star Wars movie, The Force Awakens, shown to the VIP attendees. Although the hotel dining room food was delicious I did find it a bit on the pricy side and the menu was rather limited. We did go to a local BBQ restaurant for dinner Saturday night and that was pretty good. I still will never get use to the idea that hotels charge extra to have a refrigerator in the room and we even had to pay for parking at our hotel. Well, despite the minor gripes, we had a fantastic time at the Fan Boy Expo and I highly recommend this convention to anyone. That's all for now. Live long and prosper!

VADM Russell Ruhland and LTCMDR Diane Ruhland



# **NEWS YOU CAN USE!**

The new rates for membership in Starfleet are in place and are a pretty good deal. NOTE: There are no more paper memberships available. All memberships are electronic (via email). If you are thinking of joining Fleet but the expense was too high now you can get your membership for much less money. Not only will you save money there, but your membership in the DaVinci is half off as well (up to a \$7.50 savings!) and you are automatically promoted to Acting Ensign!. The new membership rates are: Individual - \$10; Family of 2 - \$15; Family of 3 - \$17; Family of 4 - \$19; Add \$2.00 for each additional family member. If you are not in Starfleet, please give some thought about joining this great organization!



# **TABULATIONS**

Folks!! We are way behind last year's total at this time so please start saving those tabs. Remember, the tabs can come off any type can from pop to cat food to dog food to soup! Ask your neighbors to save tabs for you; ask your church or other social group to save tabs. You will be surprised as to how many tabs you can collect that way. Here are the current totals as of press time:

<b>Starting Balance</b>	000
Freddy Heller	6076
Scott Roop	2868
Jeff Kirkland	2000
Gregory Newer	1632
Martha Kirkland	500
Russell Ruhland	500
Diane Ruhland	500
David Lindsey	500
Yonah Lindsey	500
Mathew Lindsey	500
Hal Stewart	246
Connie Heller	8
Total	15830



# **DAVINCI NIGHT OUT**

The Night Out/Membership Meeting locations for 2016 were selected at our Thanksgiving get together. We have some great locations in store with one new location and several we had not been to in quite a while. I hope you will mark your calendars. Here are the 2016 locations:

January Lemongrass Thai & Sushi February Cheddar's Stevi B's Pizza March April Thibodeaux's May Olive Garden June Longhorn Steakhouse Cannon Brew Pub July August Speakeasy Pub September Deorio's October Hibachi Buffet November Giovanni's December **McAllisters** 



#### HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU!

Here are just a few of the following DaVinci personnel, Star Trek celebrities, and historical events that are celebrating birthdays or anniversaries in July. There is one special birthday this month to mention: Grace Walker turns 18 on the 9<sup>th</sup>! So Grace just who are you planning on voting for in November?

<ul> <li>Dominic Keating (LT Malcolm Reed)</li> <li>Alan Ruck (CPT Harriman)</li> <li>Brock Peters (Joseph Sisko on DS9)</li> <li>First Solo Around the World Balloon Flight (2002)</li> <li>Amelia Earhart Disappears Over Pacific on Around the World Flight (1937)</li> <li>First Balloon to Cross the Atlantic (1987)</li> <li>Pathfinder Spacecraft Lands on Mars (1997)</li> <li>Rick Sternbach (Senior Illustrator)</li> <li>William Schallert (Nilz Baris on TOS)</li> <li>Kim Darby (Miri on TOS)</li> <li>Linda Park (ENS Hoshi Sato on ENT)</li> <li>ENS Grace Walker</li> <li>CRMN David Lindsey</li> <li>Telstar I Communications Satellite Launched (1962)</li> </ul>	$1^{st}$ $2^{nd}$ $2^{nd}$ $2^{nd}$ $3^{rd}$ $4^{th}$ $6^{th}$ $7^{th}$ $9^{th}$ $9^{th}$ $10^{th}$ $10^{th}$
CRMN David Lindsey	$10^{\text{th}}$
	10 <sup></sup> 11 <sup>th</sup>
Skylab Burns Up in Atmosphere on Return to Earth (1979) Patrick Stewart (CPT Jean Luc Picard on TNG)	11 $13^{\text{th}}$
Robert Justman (Producer)	$13^{\text{th}}$

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ENS Gloria Gaines	15 <sup>th</sup> 16 <sup>th</sup>
First Atomic Bomb Explosion (1945)	
Skylab 4 Launched from Cap Canaveral on 84-Day Mission (1973)	$16^{\text{th}}$
Last US Atmospheric Test of a Nuclear Device (1962)	$17^{\text{th}}$
First Link-Up of Apollo-Soyuz (1975)	$17^{\text{th}}$
LTJG Martha Kirkland	$18^{\text{th}}_{\text{th}}$
Viking 1 Lands on Mars (1976)	$20^{\text{th}}$
First Men on the Moon (Neil Armstrong & Edwin Aldrin 1969)	$20^{\text{th}}$
Gus Grissom's Liberty Bell 7 Mercury Capsule Lifted to Surface (1999)	$20^{\text{th}}$
Second American in Space (Gus Grissom 1961)	$21^{st}$
Atlantis, the 135 <sup>th</sup> and last Shuttle flight, lands at Cape Canaveral (2011)	$21^{st}$
Alan Shepard (Mercury 7 Astronaut) Dies (1998)	$21^{st}$
Louise Fletcher (Kai Winn on DS9)	$22^{nd}$
First Solo Flight Around Word (Wiley Post 1933)	$22^{nd}$
Mariner 1 Fails to Launch (1962)	$22^{nd}$
Ronnie Cox (CPT Jellico on TNG)	$23^{rd}$
Sally Ride (First US Woman in Space) Dies (2012)	$23^{rd}$
First Public TV Transmission Over Telstar I Satellite (1962)	$23^{rd}$
First Flight Across English Channel (Louis Bleriot 1909)	$25^{\text{th}}$
First Test Tube Baby was Born in Oldham, England (Louise Joy Brown 1978)	25 <sup>th</sup> 25 <sup>th</sup>
First Woman to Walk in Space (Svetlana Savitskaya 1984)	$25^{\text{th}}$
RADM Joe Perry	$25^{\text{th}}$
Nana Visitor (COL Kira Nerys on DS9)	$26^{\text{th}}$
ENS Gregory Newer	$26^{\text{th}}$
Transcontinental Telephone Service Becomes Operational (1914)	$29^{\text{th}}$
NASA Created (1958)	$29^{\text{th}}$
Wil Wheaton (Wesley Crusher on TNG)	$29^{\text{th}}$
David Warner (Chancellor Gorkon from Undiscovered Country)	$29^{\text{th}}$
Carel Struycken (Mr. Homm on TNG)	$30^{\text{th}}$
First to Use Lunar Rover - Apollo 15 (David Scott & James Irwin 1971)	31 <sup>st</sup>







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 highlighted in **BOLD** your membership is expired or nearing it expiration so please renew soon. Thanks!

Name	DaVinci	Starfleet	Name	DaVinci	Starfleet
Sandra Adams	Jul 17		Maria Morgan	May 18	NA
Michael Allen	Jul-17	May 17	Margaret McGillicuddy	<b>Jul 16</b>	Nov 16
Steve Brown	Dec 16	NA	Todd Kes	Oct 16	Oct 16
David Croft	Apr 17	NA	Sandra Okamoto	LTM	NA
Dutch Cummings	<b>Jul 16</b>	Expired	Barbara Paul	<b>Jul 16</b>	Aug 16
Paul DeHart	<b>Jul 16</b>	Expired	Joe Perry	Jul 17	Nov 17
Randy Dunn	<b>Jul 16</b>	Jul 16	Scott Roop	<b>Jul 16</b>	May 17
Whitney Gaines	Aug 16	Mar-17	Russell Ruhland	Aug 17	Aug 16
Susan Gallagher	Jul 17	NA	Dennis Shaw	Jul 17	Jul 17
Freddy Heller	Jul 17	Sep 16	Thelma Shumpert	Oct 17	Jun 17
Karl Henry	Mar 17	NA	Gisela Stephens	LTM	Expired
Joshua Hickman	<b>Jul 16</b>	Expired	Harold Stewart	Feb 17	Apr 17
Steven Stewart	<b>Jul 16</b>	NA	Debbie Strauss	Jul 17	
Jeff Kirkland	Nov 16	Aug 16	Gregory Newer	Nov 16	Nov 16
Leiko Koone	Dec 16	Feb 17	Becky Thane	<b>Jul 16</b>	Dec 17
Everett Leonard	Aug 16	NA	Adam Vought	<b>Jul 16</b>	Expired
David Lindsey	Feb 19	Feb 17	Mike Walker	Jul 17	Jun 17
Lech Mazur	<b>Jul 16</b>	Nov 16	Jaryn Wester	Feb 17	Expired
			David Wright	Jul 16	Nov 16



### **AHOY! WELCOME ABOARD!**

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

Mike Walker (D) (S)	Michelle Walker (D) (S)	Max Walker (D) (S)
Ryan Sabata (D) (S)	Jay Sabata (D) (S)	Grace Walker (D) (S)
Freddy Heller (D)	Connie Heller (D)	Travis Heller (D)
Ariana Heller (D)	Mathew Leger (D*) (S)	Joe Perry (D)
Debbie Strauss (D*)		



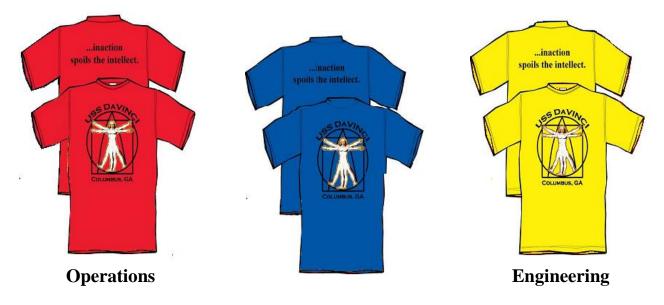
# LATINUM VAULT

<b>Closing Balance</b>	\$56.52
Thane Farewell Lunch	\$26.04
Night Out	\$31.00
Postage	\$12.52
Dues	\$34.50
Donations	\$27.00
Opening Balance	\$64.58

**RADM** Connie Heller

## **DAVINCI T-SHIRTS**

The new DaVinci t-shirts are in!! They are quite nice and I am sure they will go fast so make sure you reserve yours today. The cost is very reasonable: YM to L (\$11); XL (\$12), 2X (\$13), 3X (\$14), and 4X (\$15). I did order (I hope) enough of each size and this time around some youth medium in each color. Oh, we still have a few of the older ones left and they can be purchased at a slight discount. Here is what the new ones look like:



Here is what we currently have in stock:

<b>Operations (Red)</b>		Science (Blue)		<b>Engineering (Yellow)</b>	
Youth Medium	1	Youth Medium	1	Youth Medium	1
Small	1	Small	1	Small	1
Medium	3	Medium	4	Medium	5
Large	4	Large	1	Large	2
XL	4	XL	3	XL	3
2X	3	2X	4	2X	2
3X	1	3X	2	4X	1
4X	1	4X	1		

We also have several of the last version DaVinci shirts available for a discount – your choice 7.00 each. Here is what we have: Operations (1 - Medium); Science (1 - Medium); Engineering (1 - Medium); Generic Gray (1 - Medium and 2 – XL); and believe it or not we still have one of our first gray t-shirts (Medium) in stock. If you want any of the above t-shirts feel free to email or call me to reserve your size. I cannot hold it forever so if you reserve a shirt, please pay as soon as possible. Thanks

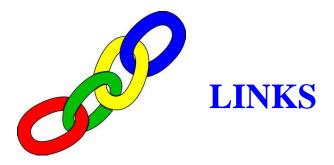


A BIG Bajoran thanks or congratulations go to: Hal Stewart for his weekly donation of cans; and Barbara Paul for her continued passing of Starfleet Academy courses.



Here are some scheduled DVD releases for July that may interest you:

"House of Cards, Season 4" (5 <sup>th</sup> )	"iZombie, Season 2" (12 <sup>th</sup> )
"100, Season 3" (19 <sup>th</sup> )	"Orphan Black, Season 4" (19 <sup>th</sup> )
"Person of Interest, Season 5" (19 <sup>th</sup> )	"Doctor Who, Series 5, Part 2" (26 <sup>th</sup> )



Here are a few important web sites relevant to the DaVinci:Starfleet Home Page:<a href="http://www.sfi.org/">http://www.sfi.org/</a>Starfleet Region 2 Home Page:<a href="http://www.region2.org/">http://www.region2.org/</a>USS DaVinci Home Page<a href="http://www.ussdavinci.org/">http://www.ussdavinci.org/</a>Craig's List:<a href="http://columbusga.craigslist.org/grp">http://columbusga.craigslist.org/grp</a>



# **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. 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, here is Part II of our Away Mission to the USS Robins!



Barbara and Bill and other USS Robins crew members conduct the meeting.



Joe, Martha, Jeff, and Lech at the meeting and Freddy and a USS Robins crewmember watch Joe read his promotion certificate.



Handing the certification over and one happy USS Robins Lieutenant!



The new Lieutenant also got some goodies and the USS Robins and USS DaVinci crews! Next Month, Vanessa Winfield's birthday celebration!



# **CARGO BAY**



Receive \$25 off Tax Preparation Fee!



DaVinci Members Receive a 20 % Discount!



DaVinci Members receive a \$20.00 Discount!



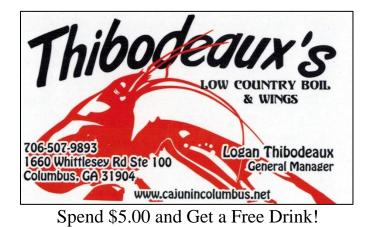
Receive Free Drink with Adult Buffet Purchase!



DaVinci members receive a discount



Spend \$5.00 and Get a Free Drink!



# A LITTLE HUMOR AND DISMISSED!

