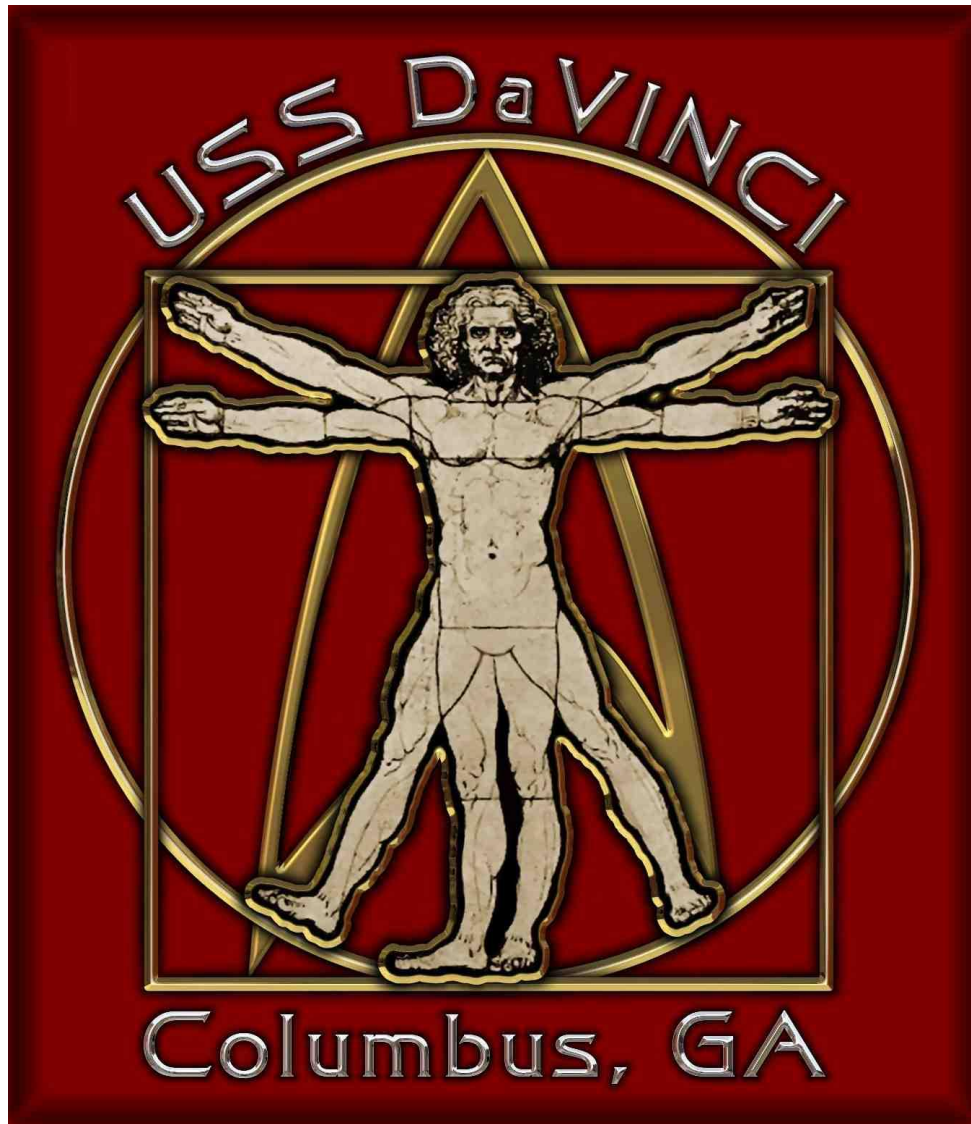


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UPCOMING EVENTS

** 17 February, Night Out/Membership Meeting, Houlihan's (downtown), 6:30 pm



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NEWS YOU CAN USE



January proved considerably colder than most of us are used to this year. We got several inches of snow! Some of us went outside to play in the frozen white fluff as if we were still children. Some of us took photos of the lovely white landscapes. Some of us stayed huddled up inside where it's warm and hoped the power didn't go out. Whether you were enjoying the novelty of snow in the South, or staring out your window in horror as you wondered if you had enough milk and bread to last until the roads thawed, we're all sure to remember January '25.

(Photo submitted by Wilbert Adams.)

Now that we've all thawed out and February has begun, there are some interesting local events to consider attending.

The Columbus Symphony Orchestra will be performing "John Williams & Friends," which features music from popular, on February 22 at 7:30pm at the RiverCenter's Bill Heard Theater. Tickets are available for purchase on their website:

<https://rivercenter.org/event/cso-john-williams-friends/>

The Columbus Toy & Comic Book Show will be held Sunday, February 23, from 11am to 4pm at the Coca-Cola Space Science Center in Columbus, Georgia. Admission is \$6 for individuals, \$20 for a family four pack. There will be lots of assorted vendors, NASA artifacts, games, and more. You can find out more at their website: <https://www.ccssc.org/comicbookshow/>

Another upcoming local event is Neil deGrasse Tyson's "An Astrophysicist Goes to the Movies" in which he discusses the science that movies got wrong, and some they got right. It will be held at the RiverCenter's Bill Heard Theatre on February 28th at 7:30pm. If you're interested in buying tickets, you can get them here: <https://rivercenter.org/event/neil-degrasse-tyson-an-astrophysicist-goes-to-the-movies/>

REPLIMAT RECIPES

It's February. That means Valentine's Day is looming. The holiday of hearts typically means doing something special for the romantic interest in your life. So let's channel our inner Klingon and bake up some rokeg blood pie to show our love ones how much we care.

I've got two recipes for you this month. One is a "blood" pie suitable for anyone. The other is a bit more...traditional. We'll start with the easier recipe.

Rokeg Blood Pie

from Wonderland Recipes: <https://wonderlandrecipes.com/2016/06/16/rokeg-blood-pie/>

Ingredients

½ lb butternut squash, cubed	½ tsp salt
4 red beets, cubed	¼ tsp pepper
½ onion, cubed	½ lb sausage
5 button mushroom heads, coarsely chopped	½ lb bacon
3-4 tbsp olive oil	1 whole wheat pie crust
1 ½ tsp ground sage	1 baking potato
1 tsp garlic powder	1 egg
1 tsp fresh parsley, chopped	

Directions

1. Preheat oven to 400F.
2. Place beets, squash, onion, and mushrooms on baking sheet. Coat them with olive oil, 1 tsp sage, ½ tsp garlic powder, ¼ tsp pepper, ½ tsp salt, and the parsley. Toss to combine so veggies are evenly coated. Place them in oven. Pierce potato several times with a fork and place it on oven rack next to the baking sheet. Roast 30 minutes, making sure to stir the veggies about every ten minutes.
3. While veggies roast, fry up the bacon and transfer to paper towel to drain. Leave the bacon grease in the pan. Remove sausages from their casings and fry them in the bacon grease, chopping them up as they cook. When fully browned, place the sausage on a paper towel to drain.
4. When veggies are fork tender, remove from oven. Turn down oven to 375F (or whatever temperature your pie crust calls for).
5. carefully remove the skin from the potato and place it in a large bowl with ½ tsp sage, ½ tsp garlic powder, salt and pepper to taste, and the egg. Which until smooth. Add 2/3 each of the bacon, sausage, and vegetables. Stir until fully mixed. Set bowl aside, and reserve remaining meat and veggies for later.

6. Roll out your pie crust to about 14 inches and gently lower into a greased 9-inch pie tin. Trim excess dough from edge and decorate if desired. (Skip this step if you're using store-bought pie crust that comes in a tin already.)
7. Thoroughly pierce bottom of crust with fork in several places. Pre-bake for 15 minutes.
8. Pour potato mixture into pie crust. Spread reserved meat and veggies on top. Return pie to oven and finish baking for 10-15 minutes or until the potato mix layer is hot and the edge of the crust is lightly brown.
9. Serve hot and enjoy.

Rokey Blood Pie

(with real blood)

from Food Replicator: <https://foodreplicator.tumblr.com/post/55212085013/rokey-blood-pie>

Ingredients

600ml / 20 fl oz pig's blood
 150ml / 5 fl oz heavy cream
 280g / 10oz pork back fat, finely diced
 280g / 10oz onions, finely diced
 2 tablespoons rolled oats
 1 tablespoon salt
 ½ tablespoon smoked paprika
 ½ tablespoon sweet paprika
 ½ tablespoon nutmeg

½ tablespoon white pepper
 ½ tablespoon chili flakes (optional)
 3 small beetroots with long roots (if preparing the pie to look like it does on The Next Generation)
 For the pastry (If using):
 180g / 6 1/3oz butter, at room temperature
 240g / 8 1/2oz flour
 1-2 tablespoons ice water

Directions

- ♥ Preheat the oven to 180°C / 350°F.
- ♥ Start by making the pastry (if using). Rub the flour and butter together in a bowl until the mixture resembles breadcrumbs. Add a tablespoon of ice water and bring the mixture together into a ball. Add the second tablespoon of water if needed. Wrap the dough in plastic wrap and refrigerate until needed.
- For the filling:**
- ♥ Start by cooking the onions until soft, and then add the diced pork fat. Cook for a few minutes until the fat turns slightly translucent, then remove from the heat and let cool.
- ♥ Put the blood in a blender and blend for a couple of minutes to break it up, then strain into a bowl, to remove any clots. To the blood, add the cooled pieces of fat and onions, cream and the oats and spices. Stir well to combine.
- ♥ Roll out the pastry and place onto a tart or pie pan. Cover with aluminum foil and add pie weights, coins or dried beans as weights. Bake for about 15 minutes, until it begins to brown.

♥ Remove the foil and the weights, and immediately add the blood mixture. Make sure you stir it, so any bits that have fallen to the bottom are remixed. I find it easiest to use a soup ladle and ladle it in to the pie shell.

♥ Bake for about 30-40 minutes, or until the mixture is firm to the touch and a dark brown colour. If desired, add any scraps of pastry to the top in a lattice or other design. Return to the oven and bake for a further 5 minutes to brown the pastry.

Note: If you want to make the version as it appeared on TNG, boil your beetroots for about 20 minutes, so they are starting to soften but not completely soft. Make the filling as described above, then pour into a glass bowl. Insert the beetroots in the top, and bake for 30-40 minutes until the mixture is firm to the touch. Serve to your Klingon High Council and be assured that honour is satisfied.



COMIC CORNER NEWS

This is a partial list of Sci-Fi, etc. conventions and events for 2025. If you know of any upcoming convention that's not yet listed, please feel free to submit it.

February

Feb 9-11 **Atlanta Comic Con** - Atlanta, Georgia (atlcomicconvention.com/)

Feb 23 **Columbus Toy & Comic Book Show** - Columbus, Georgia
(www.ccsc.org/comicbookshow/)

Feb 28 **Neil deGrasse Tyson: An Astrophysicist Goes To The Movies** - Columbus, GA
(rivercenter.org/event/neil-degrasse-tyson-an-astrophysicist-goes-to-the-movies/)

March

Mar 6-9 **Lexington Comic & Toy Convention** - Lexington, Kentucky
(lexingtoncomiccon.com/)

Mar 7-9 **Mad Monster Party** - Atlanta, Georgia (madmonster.com/atl24/)

Mar 22-24 **Toylanta** - Atlanta, Georgia (www.toylanta.net/)

April

Apr 12-14 **Huntsville Comic & Pop Culture Expo** - Huntsville, Alabama
(www.hsvexpo.com/)

May

May 4 **CCS Comic Con** - Stone Mountain, Georgia
(<https://charliescollectibleshow.com/event/ccs-comic-con-and-free-comic-book-day-comics/>)

May 11-12 **Savannah ComicCon** - Savannah, Georgia (www.savannahcomiccon.com/)

May 24-27 **MomoCon** - Atlanta, Georgia (www.momocon.com/)

June

Jun 1 **AugustaCon** - Augusta, Georgia (<http://theaugustacon.com/>)

Jun 8-9 **Smoky Mountain Terror** - Kingsport, Tennessee (<https://www.smokymountainterror.com/>)

Jun 21-23 **Rangerstop & Pop** - Atlanta, Georgia (www.rangerstopatlanta.com/)

Jun 21-23 **JoeFest & Comic Convention** - Augusta, Georgia (www.joefestusa.com/)

July

Jul 19-21 **Southern-Fried Gaming Expo** - Atlanta, Georgia (gameatl.com/)

August

Aug 2-4 **Starfleet International Conference** - Atlanta, Georgia (<https://ic2024.sfi.org/>)

Aug 2-4 **Georgia Pop Culture & Horror Con** - Columbus, Georgia
(gapopandhorrorcon.com/)

Aug 9-11 **Monsterama Con** - Atlanta, Georgia (monsteramacon.com/)

Aug 29-Sep 2 **DragonCon** - Atlanta, Georgia (www.dragoncon.org/)

September

Aug 29-Sep 2 **DragonCon** - Atlanta, Georgia (www.dragoncon.org/)

Sep 13-15 **Ancient City Con** - St. Augustine, Florida (www.ancientcitycon.com/)

Sep 21-22 **Collect-A-Con** - Atlanta, Georgia (collectaconusa.com/atlanta/)

Sep 21-22 **Ocala Comic Con** - Ocala, Florida (<https://www.ocalacomicon.com/>)

Sep 22 **Georgia Horror-Fest** - Augusta, Georgia (<http://georgiahorrorfest.com/>)

Sep 28-29 **Alabama Comic Con** - Birmingham, Alabama (<https://alccbhm.com/>)

October

- Oct 4-6 **Days of the Dead** - Atlanta, Georgia (<https://www.daysofthedead.com/atlanta/>)
Oct 4-6 **Dreamhack Atlanta** - Atlanta, Georgia (<https://dreamhack.com/atlanta/>)
Oct 18-20 **Multiverse** - Atlanta, Georgia (www.multiversecon.org/)

November

- Nov 2-3 **Tiger Con** - Valdosta, Georgia (<https://tigerconvention.com/>)
Nov 15-17 **CONjuration** - Duluth, Georgia (www.conjurationcon.com/)
Nov 23-24 **Preserve Halloween Festival** - Savannah, Georgia (<https://preservehalloweenfest.com/>)

December

- Dec 12-15 **Anime Weekend Atlanta** - Atlanta, Georgia (awa-con.com/)



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



Here are just a few of the following DaVinci personnel, Star Trek celebrities, and historical events that are celebrating birthdays or anniversaries this month.

Space Shuttle <i>Columbia</i> Disaster, Entire Crew Lost (2003)	1 st
Brent Spiner (LCDR Data, <i>The Next Generation</i>)	2 nd
Astronaut Eileen Collins Becomes First Woman to Pilot a Space Shuttle Mission (<i>Discovery</i> , 1995)	3 rd
NASA Launches <i>High Energy Solar Spectroscopic Imager (HESSI)</i> (2002)	5 th
CRMN Steve Brown	7th
Astronaut Bruce McCandless Performs First Untethered Spacewalk (1984)	7 th
First Human Spaceflight Launch of the 21 st Century (<i>Atlantis</i> , 2001)	7 th
Ethan Phillips (Neelix, <i>Voyager</i>)	8 th
Jerry Goldsmith (Composer)	10 th
Philip Anglim (Vedek Bareil Antos, <i>Deep Space Nine</i>)	11 th
VADM Connie Heller	14th
Andrew Robinson (Elim Garak, <i>Deep Space Nine</i>)	14 th
Simon Pegg (Montgomery Scott, <i>Star Trek</i> [alternate timeline])	14 th
Ruth Nichols Sets New Altitude Record for Diesel-Powered Airplanes (1932)	14 th

LeVar Burton (LCDR Geordi LaForge, <i>The Next Generation</i>)	16 th
Miranda, Smallest of Uranus's Moons, Discovered by Gerard Kuiper (1948)	16 th
Jerry O'Connell (CDR Jack Ransom, <i>Lower Decks</i>)	17 th
Pluto Discovered by Clyde W. Tombaugh (1930)	18 th
Space Shuttle <i>Enterprise</i> Completes First Flight Test Attached to a Boeing 747 Shuttle Carrier Aircraft (1977)	18 th
John Glenn Becomes First American to Orbit Earth (<i>Friendship 7</i> , 1962)	20 th
Gary Lockwood (LCDR Gary Mitchell, <i>TOS</i> ; Dr. Poole, <i>2001: A Space Odyssey</i>)	21 st
Martha Hackett (Seska, <i>Voyager</i> ; Sub-Commander T'Rul, <i>Deep Space Nine</i>)	21 st
Jeri Ryan (Seven of Nine, <i>Voyager</i> , <i>Picard</i>)	22 nd
Celia Rose Gooding (CDT Nyota Uhura, <i>Strange New Worlds</i>)	22 nd
Majel Barrett-Roddenberry (Christine Chapel, <i>TOS</i> ; Lwaxana Troi, <i>TNG</i> , <i>DS9</i>)	23 rd
<i>Navstar 2A-03</i> Launched to Establish Global Positioning System (GPS) (1992)	23 rd
Tawny Newsome (ENS Beckett Mariner, <i>Lower Decks</i>)	24 th
Scandinavian Airlines System Starts First Airline Route from Europe to Far East Via the North Pole (1957)	24 th
Anson Mount (CAPT Christopher Pike, <i>Strange New Worlds</i> , <i>Discovery</i>)	25 th
Chase Masterson (Leeta, <i>Deep Space Nine</i>)	26 th
Leonard Nimoy Dies at 83 (Spock, <i>The Original Series</i> , <i>The Next Generation</i>)	27 th
Barbara Babcock (Various Characters, <i>The Original Series</i>)	27 th

AQUARIUS - KAZON



Fight for Something Bigger than Themselves, Stubborn, Love Dangerous Adventures, Hate Boredom

Jan 21 – Feb 19

PISCES - BETAZOID



Empathic and Selflessly Helpful, Sometimes Too Trusting

Feb 20 – Mar 20

NIGHT OUT LOCATIONS

February	Houlihan's (Downtown)
March	Olive Garden *Uniform Night*
April	Shane's Rib Shack
May	LongHorn Steakhouse
June	Ria's India Cafe
July	Cracker Barrel
August	Carrabba's
September	Old Chicago
October	Fire House Subs
November	DeOrios Pizza
December	Country's BBQ

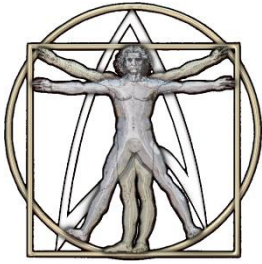
Alternates:

Hibachi Buffet

Build Your Own Salad

Red Robin





MEMBERSHIPS



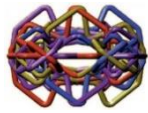
Many of you do not know when your membership in Starfleet is due for renewal. So to help you remember, the following lists your **family** expiration dates.

Please note that if the date is highlighted in **RED**, your membership has expired and you need to renew as soon as possible.

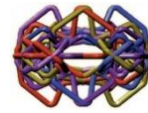
If highlighted in **BOLD** your membership is nearing its expiration, so please renew soon.

Name	Starfleet	Name	Starfleet
Sandra Adams	Expired	Jeff Kirkland	Nov '25
Robert Anthony	—	Leiko Koone	Apr '25
Michael Allen	Expired	Everett Leonard	Expired
Richard Biniasz	Feb '25	Gregory Newer	Feb '25
Steve Brown	—	Joe Perry	Nov '25
Steve Cushing	Expired	Karen Pynenburg	Mar '25
Randy Dunn	Expired	Diane Ruhland	Expired
Freddy Heller	—	Harold Stewart	Expired
Todd Kes	Nov '25	Mike Watkins	Apr '25

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LINKS



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

- USS DaVinci Home Page** <http://www.uszdavinci.org/>
- Starfleet Home Page** <http://www.sfi.org/>
- Starfleet Database** <https://db.sfi.org>
- Starfleet Region 2 Home Page** <http://region2.org/>

LATINUM VAULT



Opening Balance	\$114.00
Closing Balance	\$114.00



DAVINCI T-SHIRTS

DaVinci t-shirts are still available! The cost is very reasonable: YM to L (\$11); XL (\$12), 2X (\$13), 3X (\$14), and 4X (\$15). Please contact Joe if you'd like to purchase a shirt.

Here is what the shirts look like:



Operations



Science



Engineering

Here is what we currently have in stock:

<u>Operations (Red)</u>		<u>Science (Blue)</u>		<u>Engineering (Yellow)</u>	
Medium	2	Youth Medium	1	Youth Medium	1
Large	0	Small	1	Small	1
XL	3	Medium	2	Medium	4
2X	2	Large	1	Large	2
4X	1	2X	2	XL/2X	0/0

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