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FROM THE CENTER SEAT

Well, it is that time of year again. Time for our annual Thanksgiving celebration. This year's event will take place on Saturday the 18th of November beginning at 2 PM. As usual, the DaVinci will buy the turkey and our resident chef, Connie Heller, will cook the bird. The remaining side dishes will come from those who attend. If you would like to attend the festivities, please notify myself or our Communications Officer, LT Gisela Stevens (689-4266) and let us know what you plan on bringing. In addition, I desperately need folding chairs (metal or plastic)! If you have some I can borrow (even if you are not attending), please bring them by my house anytime before the dinner. Please come because it is a great time to celebrate the holiday season with other members of the DaVinci. NOTE: there will be NO general membership meeting in November.

The turnout for the Help—the-Hooch clean up was very low. The Heller house was there in full and joining them was Randy Dunn. That was it. We did not have the same location as the past three years but the one we did have (Rigdon Park) was much nicer in the long run. The starting place was not at the beginning but in the middle so that the DaVinci crew went one way and most of the rest of the folks scheduled to pick up in the park went the other way. It took us less time since we only had half as much distance to cover. We actually picked up more trash along this site than we did last year, filling up three bags of trash. Randy found the most interesting item since the DaVinci started helping the Hooch – the lower (upper?) part of some dentures (I thought the football I found was pretty good until the teeth were discovered). Following the clean up we went to the volunteer party at Columbus State. The location had to be moved from Golden Park because of the Tuskegee-Morehouse football game. This new location was much nicer and more spread out. Anyway, a BIG Bajoran thanks to all who participated.

WOW! Our overseas coupon project is going through the roof! We are only \$6,000 short of reaching \$300,000 in donations! Our closest competitor has about \$97,000 in donations. Just think, we still have 2 months to go! I would love to set a record that will stand for a long time! So, start cutting, sorting, and counting those coupons!

Well, we finished counting the 5-gallon pail of tabs! The final total came to 19,845 of which 18,800 have been stuffed into four empty milk containers! Since the counting marathon concluded we have managed to collect over 800 more! A

humorous side note to all of this is the interesting collection of items we found in the collection of tabs! Included was a set of GM car keys, a set of keys from a desk or filing cabinet, a key to something unknown, nail clippers, and approximately 11 cents in change! No paper money unfortunately! As soon as I can, I will arrange for us to formally present the tabs to the folks at the Ronald McDonald House.

Halloween is quickly approaching and the DaVinci is planning to pass out goodies as we did last year. We will set up a table in the garage and have cookies and hot cider for the adults and plenty of candy for the trick-or-treaters! Come dressed in your uniform or other costume and join in on the fun. We made a great impression last year and believe it or not, during a recent garage sale several people asked if we were going to do the same thing again this year!

FCPT Freddy Heller

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

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

CADET Malik Coles	1 st
CRMN Karen Baker	5 th
Armin Shimerman (Quark)	5 th
Eric Menyuk (The Traveler)	5 th
Robert Duncan McNeill (LT Tom Paris)	9 th
CADET Maxwell Walker	11 th
Wallace Shawn (Grand Nagus Zek)	12 th
Whoopi Goldberg (Guinan)	13 th
Max Grodenchik (Rom)	14 th
Star Trek Generations Premiers (1994)	18 th
Terry Ferrell (LTCMDR Jadzia Dax)	19 th
Robert Beltran (CMDR Chakotay)	19 th
Alexander Siddig (Dr. Julian Bashir)	21 st
CRMN JoAnne Vazquez	22 nd
Star Trek: First Contact Premiers (1996)	22 nd
Ira Stephen Behr (Producer)	23 rd
Denise Crosby (LT Natasha Yar)	24 th
Ricardo Montalban (Khan Noonian Singh)	25 th
Jeffrey Hunter (CPT Pike)	25 th
Star Trek IV Premiers (1986)	26 th
ENS Gloria Woolley	29 th

ACCOLADES

Congratulations to Dennis Shaw who won a Gold medal at a recent Special Olympics! He won his medal in the 3K Race-Walk in a time of 23 minutes 44 seconds! Way to go Dennis!!

WELCOME ABOARD!

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

CRMN Randy Dunn (D)
CRMN Deniece Dunn (D)
Cadet Mathew Dunn (D)
Cadet Rebecca Dunn (D)
Cadet Christopher Dunn (D)
CRMN Rosemarie Hutson (D)
CRMN Anthony Dunn (D)

CONVENTIONS, ETC.

Found out about another convention source. Make It So Productions, out of Ohio, is putting on some really awesome conventions. They put on the "V" convention in LA in mid September and are planning two conventions for 2001 that look to be really spectacular! The first will be on the 28th and 29th of April in Jacksonville, FL. It is called "Klingon Kon 2001" and is scheduled to have a great Klingon guest list. Included is Michael Dorn (Worf), Roxann Dawson (B'Elanna), Tony Todd (Kurn), Suzie Plakson (K'Ehleyr), Robert O'Reilly (Gowron), J.G. Hertzler (Martok), Gwyneth Walsh (B'Etor), and Barbara March (Lursa)! What a show that will be! The second convention is on the 25th and 26th of May in Cleveland, OH. The convention is entitled the "Women of Star Trek Voyager". A signed contract is in hand from Jennifer Lien (Kes) and contracts are pending from Kate Mulgrew (Janeway), Roxanne Dawson (B'Elanna), and Scarlett Pomers (Naomi Wildman). They are also try to get Martha Hackett (Seska)!!

FINANCIALLY SPEAKING

Opening Balance	102.78
Printed Checks	21.20
Deposit	108.55
Closing Balance	190.13

CMDR Connie Heller

**THE NEXT NIGHT OUT WILL BE AT
APPLEBEE'S ON GENTIAN BLVD ON
6 NOVEMBER AT 7 PM!
Y'ALL COME!**

DaVINCI STAFF ROSTER

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Executive Officer Joe Perry 327-5888
Finance Connie Heller 562-8735
Community Service **VACANT**
Publications Freddy Heller 562-8735

Science Officer **VACANT**

Counselor JoAnne Vazquez 563-9185
Morale **VACANT**
Medical Emma Certo 582-3442

Engineering Officer **VACANT**

Communications Gisela Stephens 689-4266
Quartermaster Randy Dunn 291-0150
Security **VACANT**

Cadet Corps Commander **VACANT**

Master Chief Petty Officer **VACANT**

FINALLY

Look at all this blank space!! Okay devoted readers I need some help in the way of articles for the newsletter. It does not necessarily have to be Trek oriented. It can be on anything you have an interest in. I would prefer something in the science fiction genre but I will take anything about now. So, get your writer's cap on and send your words of wisdom my way! You can email me at trekfans@knology.net. Please note that this is a new e-mail address.

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