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FROM THE CENTER SEAT

I hope everyone is having a wonderful holiday season. I hope that Santa brought you everything you wished for! I also hope the New Year brings happiness and prosperity to you all.

First I need to apologize for the untimely cancellation of the Christmas party. Since it was not to be held at my house I had no control over its planning. Next year we will hold it at my house. I know some of you already made or bought things for the party. All I can say is if what you bought will not go bad in the next week or so you can save it for the DaVinci's first annual New Years Eve Party! Since this year is the true beginning of the new millennium and as a makeup for the Christmas party, we need to celebrate! Okay, here are the particulars. It will be held on December 31 beginning about 8 PM and end when the last of you goes home. There will be no covered dish, per se, but we will have snacks and finger food to munch on. So if you wish to attend you must call me to let me know you are coming. This will also take the place of the January Night Out, which would be the next day.

I am hoping that with the advent of the New Year, the DaVinci will become more involved in the Columbus/Phenix City area than we have in the past. We had great plans in 2000 but very little action. I would like 2001 to be much better! If you hear about an event or have an idea bring it up at the next meeting or get together.

Lisa Neal's mother had a stroke. Although there were times when she did not recognize anyone, she is making a slow but steady recovery. Please keep her in your prayers.

FCPT Freddy Heller

TREK GOES COUNTRY!

The National Network (TNN), which is trying to transform itself from a country-oriented cable channel to a general entertainment outlet, will boldly go where no one has gone before.

The network is forking out a record license fee of at least \$364 million for the cable rights to three "Star Trek" TV series from the 1980s and '90s, as well as five "Trek" movies.

With Barry Diller's Sci Fi Channel also bidding on the hugely successful sci-fi franchise, producer Paramount Television was able to ask a stellar sum. The deal was part of a larger package that includes some other Paramount Pictures titles. Viacom Inc owns TNN and Paramount.

The "Star Trek" TV properties included in the deal are "The Next Generation," "Deep Space Nine" and "Voyager." TNN has acquired 176 episodes of "The Next Generation," to be telecast beginning in fall 2001; 172 episodes of "Deep Space Nine," beginning fall 2004; and 172 episodes of "Voyager," premiering in late 2006.

"Voyager" is in its seventh and final season on UPN. The series will conclude its run in syndication with a special two-hour episode airing in May.

The five "Star Trek" features are "Star Trek: The Motion Picture," "Star Trek II: The Wrath of Khan," "Star Trek III: The Search for Spock," "Star Trek IV: The Voyage Home" and "Star Trek V: The Final Frontier." TNN will telecast the pictures beginning in 2001.

"Our commitment to re-brand TNN as a top-rated network includes significant investment in programming, including acquisition of hotly bid properties

like 'Star Trek,'" said TNN general manager Diane Robina. "It will be a marquee property that will bring viewers to TNN's original programming slated to premiere in 2001."

Though Viacom has re-dubbed TNN the National Network (formerly the Nashville Network), rural-based programming still holds sway over a big chunk of the schedule. Re-branding of the network will evolve gradually over the next five years.

By Paula Bernstein and John Dempsey (Variety)

NEW TREK MOVIE NEWS

There was an interview with Rick Berman on the 29th of November about the next Star Trek movie. Berman said the movie has no working title yet so they refer to it as just ST-X.. He did say that both Patrick Stewart and Brent Spiner have been signed. So far none of the other major players have, but he expects everyone will. He said there will be plenty of action and A LOT of surprises. He would not elaborate of course. The only real hint he gave was he said the Romulans will be featured and that there hasn't been as great a villain since Khan. It's expected to be released in 2002 instead of Fall 2001.

VOYAGER'S FINAL SEASON

On the same show that Rick Berman was interviewed, there was an interview with Robert Picardo and Jeri Ryan about the end of Voyager. Both were sad to see the show end and were greatly concerned about what happens with their respective characters. Both wished the show would explore the Doctor's and Seven's "romance" more deeply. Also, Picardo said he's not looking forward to them getting home since he will not have the freedom he has now on Voyager, being just a hologram and all. Guess we'll just have to keep watching to see what happens.

FLEET NEWS

The results of the Starfleet election has been announced. Of the ballots that were mailed in (1505 of 3696), 1496 votes were cast for president. Les Rickard received 997 votes and Robert Westfall received 499 votes.

Congratulations to Les Rickard and we all hope his administration goes well!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

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

Deep Space Nine Premiers (1992)	2 nd
CRMN Frank LaGrange	2 nd
Aron Eisenber (Nog)	6 th
Mark Allen Shepard (Morn)	7 th
Kirstie Alley (LT Saavik)	12 th
Voyager Premiers (1995)	16 th
CRMN Joseph Massoud	18 th
DeForest Kelley (Dr. Leonard McCoy)	20 th
David Gerrold (Author & Script Writer)	21 st
CRMN Anthony Cooper	25 th
LTJG Michael Walker	25 th
CRMN Sarah Massoud	29 th

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), Tony Todd (Kurn), Rosana Desoto (Azetbur), Robert O'Reilly (Gowron), J.G. Hertzler (Martok), Gwyneth Walsh (B'Etor), Barbara March (Lursa), Spice Williams (Vixis), Todd Bryant (Klaa), and Mary Kay Adams (Grilka)! 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". Invited guests include Kate Mulgrew (Janeway), Jennifer Lien (Kes), Roxann Dawson (Torres), Nancy Hower (Ensign Wildman), and Scarlett Pomers (Naomi Wildman)!

FINANCIALLY SPEAKING

Opening Balance	143.84
Deposit	19.65
Closing Balance	163.49

CMDR Connie Heller

DaVINCI STAFF ROSTER

Commanding Officer Freddy Heller 562-TREK

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**

**THE NEXT MEMBERSHIP MEETING
WILL BE ON 18 JANUARY AT
7:00 PM AT THE CAPTAIN'S HOUSE.
COME ONE COME ALL!!**

**THERE WILL BE NO NIGHT OUT IN
JANUARY. INSTEAD COME TO THE
CAPTAIN'S HOUSE TO CELEBRATE
THE NEW MILLENNIUM!
SUNDAY 31 DECEMBER AT 8 PM!**

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.