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FROM THE CENTER SEAT

Wahoo! What a fun time we had at the 4th of July cookout! A total of 15 people representing three ships ate hamburgers and hot dogs with all the fixings, watched Deep Space Nine episodes, and just talked on various topics ranging from Star Trek to politics (guess who that was). Of course, Lisa brought her Chinese Checkers board and several crew members gathered after eating to play round after round. The food was plentiful, especially the dessert (6 pies, a huge cake, and a gallon of ice cream)!

Our outstanding chef for the last several years, Connie Heller, was in Texas with the kids enjoying a very extended holiday. So, the grilling was left to your Captain. Although very inexperienced at such things, he only required assistance once and did a pretty good job overall. There were no complaints from the ensemble, then again, there were no compliments for the chef either. But, after 20 hamburgers and 24 hot dogs were prepared, only two hot dogs remained at the end of the day. No, I do not plan on making this a permanent assignment, although I do have greater respect for my dear wife.

Special guests included Josh Ainsworth, the CO of our sister ship, the USS Shadow Hawk, and two esteemed Klingons from the USS Rogue Phoenix, the CO, Shaughn O'Conner and Don Meyer. They drove all the way from Savannah, GA to attend the cookout! A BIG Bajoran thanks to all who attended. Most folks began arriving around 1:30 PM and the last one left around 8 PM. Shaughn and Don spent the night and left early the next morning. Thanks to all who attended this annual event!

I will be attending the Starfleet International Conference on the 27-29 of July in Kansas City, MO. One of the things I will make sure gets said is

my dissatisfaction with the amount of time it takes for memberships to get processed. Some of you have joined or renewed your memberships months ago and still have not received your membership packets. Others have joined on-line, received their packets, but are still not in the computer system. Hopefully, these things can be taken care of in a timely fashion. If you wish to attend the IC, it is still not too late. Go on-line at sfi.org and follow the conventions link to the IC web site. You can also share my room which will cut down the cost of the hotel even further.

The road to the 2002 Region Summit in Columbus is getting better and better with each day that passes. Many things have been decided and others are still on the table, but things could not be running more smoothly. We could still use some help, because some of the Chairs (Banquet and Transportation) we thought were filled are now vacant. So, if you have an interest in attending the Columbus Summit next March, see Joe or me for all the details. You do not have to be a member of Starfleet to attend the Summit, although we would hope that you would consider joining.

Commodore Freddy Heller

**THE NEXT MEMBERSHIP MEETING
WILL BE AT 7:00 PM ON AUGUST 16th
AT THE CAPTAIN'S HOUSE.
COME ONE COME ALL!**

**THE NEXT NIGHT OUT WILL BE
AT 7:00 PM ON AUGUST 6th AT
STEVIE B's PIZZA!
Y'ALL COME!!**

TOY NEWS

Great news for all you Star Trek toy collectors. There will be a series of action figures released to celebrate the 35th anniversary of Star Trek! Palisades Marketing has the exclusive contract to market a twin pack of Captain Kirk and the Great Bird of the Galaxy himself, Gene Roddenberry! The twin pack will be limited to 35,000 pieces, cost under \$20, and will be available sometime in early November.

But, that is not all! Beginning in 2002, there will be a brand new line of Star Trek toys released in conjunction with the Star Trek X and the new television series Enterprise! Who will obtain the profitable license has not been disclosed, but what is known is that it will cost big bucks.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

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

Michael Okuda (Art Supervisor)	6 th
Cirroc Lofton (Jake Sisko)	7 th
Matt Jeffries (Set Designer)	12 th
Jane Wyatt (Amanda)	12 th
Harve Bennett (Producer)	17 th
Gene Roddenberry (Great Bird of the Galaxy)	19 th
Jonathan Frakes (CMDR William Riker)	19 th
Diana Muldaur (Dr. Kathrine Pulaski)	19 th
CADET Hannah Walker	21 st
CRMN Emma Certo	22 nd
Jennifer Lien (Kes)	24 th
Gates McFadden (Dr Beverly Crusher)	28 th

WELCOME ABOARD!

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

Commodore Freddy Heller (D)
CMDR Connie Heller (D)
Cadet Travis Heller (D)
Cadet Ariana Heller (D)
CPT Joe Perry (D)
CRM Lisa Neal (D)
CRM Lech Mazur (D)
ENS Tony Fleming (S)

FINANCIALLY SPEAKING

Opening Balance		148.09
Dues and Renewals	+	72.50
Donations and Sales	+	116.00
Aluminum Cans	+	9.61
Penny Jar	+	37.84
Parties	-	39.34
Postage	-	..34.00
Closing Balance		310.70

CMDR Connie Heller

FINALLY

Please look at the Staff Roster which follows. Notice anything strange? Yes, there are way too many VACANT postings. The only requirements for taking over a position are being in Starfleet and having the willingness to make the position something you can be proud of. If you are interested in any of the positions, please see or call either me or Joe Perry.

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 **VACANT**
Morale **VACANT**
Medical **VACANT**

Engineering Officer **VACANT**
Communications Gisela Stephens 689-4266
Quartermaster Randy Dunn 291-0150
Security Roger Wright 687-8052

Cadet Corps Commander **VACANT**

Master Chief Petty Officer **VACANT**