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FROM THE CENTER SEAT

Before I talk about the Pie Party, I wish to announce that on the 5th of February Raven Timmons becomes a TEENAGER (and I am sure much to the dismay of mom Jo Ann). Hooray, a Teenager! Thirteen! All together now:

Happy Birthday to you;
Happy Birthday to you;
Happy 13th Birthday Dear Raven
Happy Birthday to youuuuuuu!

Okay, now on to the fun-filled Pie Party. The day began when 10 DaVinci personnel, dressed in their uniforms or DaVinci garb gathered at Ryan's for a casual breakfast before the official turn-in of the tabs to the Ronald McDonald House. Once at the Ronald McDonald House a couple more crewmembers showed up for the official turn-in of the 141,000 tabs (coming in at a respectable 93 pounds!).

Later that afternoon 19 anxious souls showed up to see Russell and me get our just rewards. Since our top "tabber", Jeff Kirkland could not make it to the party we auctioned off his two pies. Barbara Paul, the CO of the USS Robins, who with three of her crew joined in on the fun, won Russell's pie with a bid of \$25.00. My pie was going rather slow, stuck at a embarrassing \$22.00 when a very familiar voice shouted out a \$25.00 bid. The laughter from those assembled meant my worst fears had come turn. The bidder it turned out was, no not my dear wife Connie, but my traitorous daughter, Ariana. I quickly asked if she had the \$25.00 and Connie was quick to bring up the fact that I owed Ariana \$35.00 for her straight A report card. No one dared outbid her and so Ariana won my pie (oh joy!).

Following the pie auction the crew quickly

devoured the pizza and were anxious for the pie ceremony but first there were door prizes and awards to give out.



USS Robins members enjoying the pizza.



DaVinci members at the party.



More of the DaVinci crew feasting on pizza. Thanks to a donation by Dutch we had some stuff

from the Coca-Cola Space Science Center to give away. A pair of passes to the Center went to Cayden, Roger's grandson (we knew Roger would find a way to win!). A really nice 40 year anniversary of Apollo 11/400 year anniversary of the telescope t-shirt was won by Raven (a fitting 13th birthday present). Dutch also passed out certificates to all the DaVinci personnel who volunteered during last October's Columbus Sci-Fi Convention. There was also one jar of cookie mix that was won by Margaret (remember you have to bring the result to the next DaVinci party!).

Speaking of Dutch, both he and his wife Melanie received long overdue recognition. Melanie was promoted to Ensign and Dutch received his award for being named Officer of the Year back at our 4th of July Party!



"It is about time I got some recognition around here!" Dutch with Russell and Freddy

Barbara Paul was the first person selected to show the DaVinci personnel how it should be done! Before the actual delivery, Barbara spent a few moments decorating the face of Russell to the sheer delight of the assembled onlookers! Once she had "outlined" the target – the delivery was skillful and precisely on target!

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Barbara begins outlining Russell's target zone!



"Okay folks, now do you see how it is done?"

Next on the firing line was Russell's wife Diane who was graciously given the opportunity to pie her husband by Connie (whew, that was close!).



More careful outlining of the target zone!



"Honey, I thought you loved me?"



Fire One!



"I do"

Freddy was the next to get his just reward. Russell was the first deliverer and did quite a good job.



Freddy gets his pie courtesy of "The Wrath of Russell."



And just why is this man smiling?

Unfortunately I have no pictures of Ariana fine technique but let it be said she has not lost her touch! And to think, I have this to look forward to next year!

Hey, a BIG Bajoran thanks to all who donated tabs and to those who attended our annual Pie Party. What is up next for the DaVinci? You never know.

VADM Freddy Heller

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EXECUTIVELY SPEAKING

Well then, what shall we write about this month, Cardassian military capabilities? The ins and outs of how the Enterprise manages to always depart the space dock without crashing into the doors? Freddy's upcoming vacation to Risa? (oops!) How bout' a plug for STARFLEET Academy. I recently decided to start taking courses again after a 4-year break and have already completed over 20 in the last 2 months. If you can take the time to examine all the various courses they have to offer, you will find something for everyone.

The variety of subjects available cover pretty much all areas of "trekdom" along with quite a few real world subjects as well. You can find courses about everything you always wanted to know about Starfleet but were afraid to ask. There are subjects on world history, genealogy, technology, medical (just to name a few), and, of course, the recently activated Chaplain Services College of Spirituality that yours truly just happens to be the director. Now of course nobody here will twist your arm (ouch) to take these wonderful courses but I do highly encourage you to give them a try. You might be surprised at how much you will enjoy the subjects offered and even more so enjoy what you can learn. Maybe, just maybe, the DaVinci might even consider offering a special certificate for academy education each year for the crewmember that completes the most courses in that given year. How bout' that, boss? [Sounds good to me!]

On another note, let me extend my own personal appreciation for all those who attended the recent DaVinci "Pie Party" in which both Freddy and myself got a good piece of the pie. Barbara Paul won an auction pie in my direction and took liberty to add some unique features to my otherwise handsome looks (LOL!) prior to giving me the rest of the pie in DaVinci tradition. Our own Ship's Counselor (my beautiful wife) Diane was given the opportunity as Connie yielded her turn to improve my facial features and gave the pie to me with full gusto! Finally, our faithful leader, Freddy, got his turn as well and tried to give me a whipped cream hairdo but to his surprise, I had used hair spray to hold the three remaining hairs on the top of my head and the spray would not allow the pie to stick to its target.

Overall, this was the most attended pie party event we have ever had and all who were present had a wonderful time and a jolly good laugh. Don't forget to bring us back pictures from Risa, Freddy! (Oops, again!)

Until next time, Warp 10!

COMM Russell Ruhland

COMIC BOOK SHOW

Good news! The 2nd Annual Columbus Comic Book Show will take place on Sunday 28 February from 11:00 AM to 4:00 PM at the Coca-Cola Space Science Center! There will be toys, comics, games, costuming, laser shows, and much more! They will be showing the new 2009 Star Trek movie in the Theater at 1:00 PM and for you rock and roll fans, Laser Beatles at 12:00 PM, and Laser Metallica at 3:00 PM!

Admission will be \$4.00 but DaVinci members will get in for only \$2.00! This will also be a membership drive! So if you send new members to the DaVinci table and they join, their admission is free! Not forgetting the DaVinci faithful, if you renew membership in the chapter or join Starfleet you too will get in for free! What can be better than that? So come on down on the 28th and join in on the fun.

As usual, Freddy will need some volunteers with uniforms to help man the membership drive table. If you can help out, please contact him as soon as possible.

ENS Dutch Cummings

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

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

Shuttle Columbia is Lost (2003)	1 st
Brent Spiner (Data on TNG)	2 nd
CRMN Joshua Nazario	3 rd
First Female Pilot of Shuttle (LTC Eileen Collins 1995)	3 rd
First Russian On US Spacecraft (Sergei Krikalev 1994)	3 rd
CRMN Raven Timmons	5 th
First Untethered Space Walk (McCandless & Stewart 1986)	7 th
Ethan Phillips (Neelix on VOY)	8 th

CADET Alexander Wright	9 th
Jerry Goldsmith (Composer)	10 th
Philip Anglim (Vedek Beareil)	11 th
Charles E. "Chuck" Yeager (Test Pilot)	13 th
Andrew Robinson (Elim Garak on DS9)	14 th
Simon Pegg (Montgomery Scott in Star Trek)	14 th
COMM Connie Heller	14 th
LT Roger Wright	15 th
LeVar Burton (LTCMDR Geordi LaForge on TNG)	16 th
Maiden Flight of the Shuttle "Enterprise" (1977)	18 th
Pluto is Discovered (1930)	18 th
First American to Orbit the Earth (John Glenn 1962)	20 th
Ranger 8 Crashes on Moon (1965)	20 th
Shuttle Columbia Test Fires 3 Main Engines (1981)	20 th
Gary Lockwood (LT Gary Mitchell on TOS)	21 st
Martha Hackett (Seska on VOY)	21 st
Jeri Ryan (Seven of Nine on VOY)	22 nd
Majel Barrett Roddenberry (Lwaxana Troi on TNG)	23 rd
Chase Masterson (Leeta the Dabo Girl on DS9)	27 th
Barbara Babcock (Voice of Loskene, Trelane's Mother, Isis the Cat, and others on TOS)	27 th

STARFLEET ACADEMY NEWS

Congratulations to Russell and Diane for completing the following Starfleet Academy courses:

Russell

School of Security in Trek

- TOS 017 Shore Leave - Honors
- TOS 034 - Amok Time - Honors
- TOS 039 - Mirror, Mirror - Distinction
- TOS 042 The Trouble with Tribbles - Honors
- TOS 056 - Spectre of the Gun - Honors

School of Intelligence in Movies

- SIM 119 True Lies - Pass

Starfleet Officer's Leadership College

- SOLC 103 Starfleet Operations - Pass
- SOLC 104 Communications - Honors
- SOLC 105 SFA - Honors
- SOLC 107 Computer Operations - Pass
- SOLC 111 Inspector General, Starfleet - Pass

College of Humour

- COHU 101 - Funny Ha Ha - Honors

College of Genealogy

- COG 101 - First Steps in Genealogy - Pass

Diane:

Chaplain Services College of Spirituality

- CSCS 101 Duties of the Chaplain - Distinction
- CSCS 102 Spiritual Counseling - Distinction
- CSCS 103 History of the Civil War Chaplains -

Distinction
 CSCS 104 Revolutionary War Chaplains –
 Distinction
 CSCS 105 Religion in Star Trek - Distinction

TABULATIONS

Okay, another year of tab collection has begun. The Captain is getting tired of always being the one who get pied so this year may be different. He will give it some thought about what the rewards will be for the top “tabber” and whether any others will get a chance to pie someone.

The goal for this year given that some of you have contacts will be 150,000 tabs! So start collecting those small pieces of aluminum today!

Here are the totals as of the end of January:

Starting Balance	240
Dutch Cummings	1117
Freddy Heller	376
Connie Heller	50
Total	1783

FINANCIALLY SPEAKING

Opening Balance	117.70
Night Out	5.00
Closing Balance	112.70

COMM Connie Heller

NIGHT OUT LOCATIONS

Well, the new list of the 2010 Night Out locations will be drawn at our Christmas party. Stay tuned to see if your favorite restaurant made the list!

Congratulations to Freddy Heller, the winner of the free dinner at the Speakeasy Pub during the January Night Out.

February	Mi Casa Mexican Buffet
March	Texas Roadhouse
April	Outback Steakhouse
May	Olive Garden
June	Hooter's
July	Cici's Pizza
August	Loco's Pub and Grill
September	Red Robin
October	Logan's
November	Mike and Ed's BBQ
December	Bavarian House

ACCOLADES

A BIG Bajoran thanks or congratulations go to:
 Harold Stewart for his weekly donation of cans.

TV SHOWS ON DVD

Here are some scheduled DVD releases for February:

Doctor Who (02 Feb)

- “Complete Specials” {DVD/Blu-ray}
- “The End of Time, Parts 1 & 2” [DVD/Blu-ray]
- “Waters of Mars” [DVD/Blu-ray]
- “Stargate Universe, 1.0” [DVD/Blu-ray] (9 Feb)
- “Flash Forward, Season 1, Part 1” (23 Feb)

MEMBERSHIPS

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. Pay special attention to those marked in **red** they mean expired or nearing expiration in your membership. Our membership currently stands at 61 and of that number over 34 are in Starfleet!

	<u>DaVinci</u>	<u>Starfleet</u>
Karen Baker	May 10	
Steve Brown	Dec 10	
James Carey	Nov 10	Oct 10
Philip “Rat” Campanaro	Jul 10	Jun 10
Paul Cowart	Nov 10	
Dutch Cummings	Jul 10	Feb 10
Tanya Davis	Apr 11	
Randy Dunn	Feb 10	Jun 10
Tony Fleming	Jul 09	Jun 10
Freddy Heller	Jul 10	Sep 10
Mike Henigan	LTM	Nov 09
Benlee Huguley	Feb 10	
Todd Kes	Oct 10	
Jeff Kirkland	Oct 10	Aug 10
Leiko Koone	Nov 12	Nov 10
Tyricia Mann	Apr 11	
Lech Mazur	Jul 10	Sep 10
Margaret McGillicuddy	Jul 10	Oct 10
Amanda Moore	Apr 11	
Joshua Nazario	Jan 10	Jul 10
Lisa Neal	Jul 11	
Joe Perry	Jul 10	Nov 10

Karen Pynenburg	Jul 10	May 10
Russell Ruhland	Aug 10	Aug 10
Shane Russell	Mar 10	
Park Scully	Jul 09	Sep 09
Gisela Stephens	LTM	Nov 10
Harold Stewart	Feb 10	
Jo Ann Timmons	Jul 10	Jul 10
Roger Wright	Jul 12	Feb 10

RM HOUSE NEEDED ITEMS

Even though we no longer meet at the Ronald McDonald house they still are in need of a variety of items. If you wish to donate an item, bring it by my house and I will make sure it gets there. It is a good way to say "thank-you" for letting The DaVinci use their meeting room free of charge these past few years.

Although The Ronald McDonald House needs quite a variety of items, the items needed most are trash bags (35 gal), laundry detergent, dryer sheets, air freshener spray, AA batteries, copier paper, labels, Styrofoam cups, and food items such as hard candy, cake icing, lemonade, salad dressing, soup, box dinners, vegetable oil, and perishable items such as bread, meats, cheese slices, fresh fruits, and snack foods. Thanks!

USS DAVINCI IN PHOTOS

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 what the USS DaVinci is today. Enjoy! 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.

OOPS! I kind of messed up last month. The photos from the Christmas Party and the photos from our Membership Meeting were reversed in my photo binder. So the party on the 18th was shown before the meeting on the 16th (when our meetings were at the Ronald McDonald House on Thursdays).

So, here is Part I of our December Membership Meeting and our farewell to Rose and Johnnie Hutson!



Some of the crew at our December Membership Meeting (16 December 2004)



Stacy and Stephanie at the meeting.



Joe reading the first of Rose's two awards!

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Rose shows off her DaVinci Certificate of Appreciation!



Rose shows off her second award - her promotion to Ensign!



After the meeting the crew adjourned to the Golden Corral for dinner (clockwise around the table is Rose, Gisela, Joe, Lech, Margaret, Travis, Stephanie, and Stacy)



More of the crew at Golden Corral (clockwise around the table is Stephanie, Stacy, Nicholas, Johnnie, Ariana, and Connie)

Part II next month in the Pilot!

FINALLY!

Go back and check when your membership on the DaVinci and or Starfleet expires. **Several memberships have expired!!!** Please renew as soon as possible or you might not get a newsletter.

CARGO BAY

For Sale: Hundreds of Star Trek, Star Wars, and other miscellaneous female action figures. Low prices! The more you buy the more you save. Call or email Freddy for a complete list!

For Sale: Miscellaneous Star Trek items. Comics, magazines, commercial items, toys, you name it I probably have it! Low prices. Call or email Freddy for a complete list!

For Sale: If you have been to Freddy and Connie's house you probably noticed the large collection of Liberty Falls houses. Well, they are for sale! Check with Connie for your needs.

Autographs: Looking for that certain autographed photograph of your favorite Star Trek or other sci-fi personality? Check with Freddy. He just may have what you need.

Plates: I have several Hamilton Collector Plates for sale: Star Trek II: The Wrath of Kahn, Star Trek IV: The Voyage Home, Star Trek VI: The Undiscovered Country, Yesterday's Enterprise, Worf, and Captain's Tribute. Call Tony at (706) 568-6529 and leave a message.

DaVinci Slideshow: The new DaVinci slideshow is now available. It has been burned onto DVD+R discs, which play in nearly all DVD players. The price is \$5.00 apiece. There are also historical discs (old leftovers) available for only \$1.00 apiece, in varying formats. See or call Connie for more info!

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