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Captain's Corner

By Ted Klosowski

October 2022

Starfleet elections. There are 4 candidates for Commander Starfleet. I have reviewed their platforms and after much deliberation I feel Mark Anderson is the best choice. He seems to be for the members. He has a military background and traveled a lot and has been a part of many ships. I feel this experience makes him the most qualified for the position of Commander Starfleet. Please review the candidates carefully before making your selection. Several of you asked my opinion which is why I included it here.

You should have received your ballots, if you have not, please let me know and I will check into it for you. The election deadline is November 15. In the ballot, you can rank your choices one through four.

We had some fun activities this month. First several of us headed to the Davis-Besse car show and open house. My family went, Sherryl, Jeremy and Ryan along with my mother in law. We met Linda and Lisa there and did the tour of the simulator which was way cool. Wynnie showed up a little later. They also had a Life Flight helicopter, firetrucks, a llama, rabbits, chickens, food trucks and tons of classic cars. There were several educational activities for the young ones. There was so much to do! We had a great time and I recommend to anyone that hasn't been there.

We also participated in Operation Surprise Attack! This organization distributes cards to kids, most of which are hospital patients, some with cancer and they are looking for cards to brighten a child's day. We made nearly 100 cards and everyone that went had a great time. I was overwhelmed by all the crafting supplies everyone brought.

Please enjoy the pictures throughout this newsletter from all the events. Thanks to Lisa, Paula and Ted for the pics!

We hope to see you at our next meeting on Thursday, November 3, 6:30 pm at Charlie's and on Zoom! And our Christmas party Sunday December 4 at 2:00PM at Compassion Toledo.

Autumnal Sunset

By Belinda Williams

The tender kiss of wistful wind caresses my chilled cheek

Yet I am wrapped in the warmth of beaming radiance

That saturates my once green escape

The sensation of prickly cold is balanced with the stellar

heat of a dying day

All this I acknowledge as merely temporary comfort

I feel another Autumn season rushing around me like

playful elves

Their dispersion of winsome ways is presented in mischievous

dance

I witness my expectations uplift in a vortex of joy, spirited

upon swirling frenzied drafts of careless wind

They capture the crisp remnants of rustling leaves deco-

rating my lawn and garden

Long shadows present themselves as the silhouettes of lank-

ly trunks that are stretched out before my feet

They lean against a backdrop awash in golden yellow beams

Upon the edge of a gleaming blanket of rose hued clouds,

my spirit resides

I enjoy the vision of a flaming orange ball that so elegantly

slides beneath the

hungry horizon

Oh how I glory in the view of this Autumnal Sunset

If only I could freeze this moment

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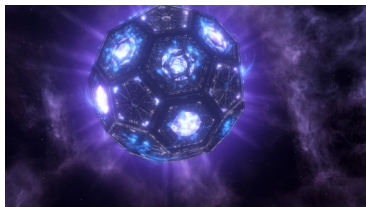
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Dyson Sphere Redux

By Ted Klosowski

Chapter 7



Chapter 7

Captain Ted is preparing to take the Tycho's Waverunner inside the Dyson Sphere to meet with the Hur'q, an insect-like species the Tycho accidentally awakened from their last visit. Marchelle will be commanding the Tycho.

"We have the Waverunner ready to go, Marchelle, you have the Con." Ted states.

"I have the Con, have a safe trip." Marchelle states.

"Keep her safe, we hope to be back soon. I don't know if we will be able to communicate from inside the sphere but we will keep channels open.

"Chrissy, take her out." Ted states.

"Aye, Aye sir, umbilical disengaged, docking clamps, released, we are free, setting course, we are under way." Chrissy replies.

As the Tycho's Waverunner is following the course sent to them by the Hur'q, a panel slides open in the sphere before the Waverunner passes through, a small object is seen being ejected from the Waverunner.

"Marchelle, are you seeing this, a small object coming from the

Wwaverunner?" Diana states.

Marchelle, chuckling, "Yes the waverunner is going old school, watch...."

As the Waverunner passed into the sphere, the object crashes into the sphere, leaving a nice luminescent mark right where the entrance was so the Tycho can easily keep an eye on it.

"All right crew. The Waverunner marked our spot, we are going to stay here in geosynchronous orbit. Sherriea, set scanners to continually do a 360-degree scan of the area. Paula, I want you and Jerry to work together and see if you can figure out what triggered that opening. We want to be able to get in there in case of emergency." Marchelle commands.

Sherriea, hail the Qaverunner. "Waverunner, this is the Tycho, do you read us?" trying on all frequencies.

"Waverunner, this is the Tycho, do you read?" Waverunner, do you read?" Sherriea repeats to no avail, her only answer is silence.

The adventure continues...



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Tycho: UFO Encounter

By Sherriea and Belinda Williams

Chapter 3. A New Game Plan: "New Stratagem."

"The Federation Admiralty Board makes public responses concerning all UFO's that enter Federation space." Fleet Admiral Kathryn Janeway spoke with the authority of her office. All Space Net frequencies carried her declaration, "Crossing into these restricted areas unannounced, will be considered an intrusion into Federation space. The consequences of such activity will be evaluated and invasion protocols will be implemented as required."

Aboard the Tycho, Captain Ted and Captain Paula sat attentively in the briefing room. Ted broke the silence that hung in the air like a curtain of gloom. He spoke: "Understood, Admiral. I have consulted historical references to these phenomena and I recognize parallels to our sightings." Admiral Janeway replied: "Thank you, captain. I have read your analysis and concur with your opinions." Ted ended their communication, saying, "Very well, then. We will be in touch with you at the appointed time." Sherriea spoke: "Transmission complete!" Meanwhile, in engineering, science officer Diana's concerns about the Tycho's technical maneuvering capabilities were being debated. Engineer Jerry and ship's mechanic, Stephen Ritter, debated the physics involved. Stephen's voice rose in pitch and volume as he reiterated, "Maneuvering in tight turns at near impulse speeds and close to a moon or planet...?" Ted and Paula also worked with the ship's head mechanic Stephen Ritter and Tycho Chief Engineer Jerry Wolf, addressing Science officer Diana concerns. Ted questioned them: "Could the Tycho survive hyper velocity combat maneuver speeds in this space around Titan?

Finally Jerry said, "Stephen and I have come to the conclusion that our ship, at best, cannot give chase to these space objects under such circumstances. We could match their speed if we were chasing them in deep space." Paula interjected, "Maybe use a drone to capture one?" She abruptly changed her statement: "No, that would give us the appearance of weakness." She pondered aloud: "But if we can't chase an adversary, we need a better answer!" Stephen added, "Maybe we could build a radio control device that could chase the UFO's." Ted straightened his posture in his arm chair. He spoke again, "I know where we might be able to even the odds in chasing one of these machines."

He swiveled toward communications and ordered: "Sherriea, see if you can put us in contact with Admiral Janeway again. She may have the equipment we need. After ten minutes Sherriea announced, "Captain, the Admiral is on line". Ted spoke: "Advise the admiral of our current status and position. I'll take this call in my bridge office."

"Greetings, Captains Ted and Paula, this is Admiral Janeway, "I just spent one hour with the officers on Starfleet's Admiralty Board. They want decisive action. Your mission is to assist in the development of an alternate military stratagem. I already dispatched my fastest drone ship to your location and I plan a little surprise for you: someone special to join your crew as soon as possible. This ship uses a microwave trans warp dimensional coil similar to large gateway stations. It can travel through wormholes and enter the 'the fourth dimension'. Expect arrival by 1400 tomorrow. One more item, captains, I sent you data files on a device you can utilize for defense. I pulled these records from the Federation's historical files. Get your engineers on it, pronto! You may recall the Tholian crisis and the Enterprise's encounter. It is referred to as a Web Canon. I will contact you at the appointed time. Janeway out!"

The next seven hours were spent reviewing, fabricating and adapting the vintage alien technology to the Tycho operating systems. A test was arranged and the Canon was implemented as an integral part of the defense mechanisms of Tycho.

Retired first officer Eastwood was pleased to join the crew in the creation of the defensive device called the Canon. They congregated before the panoramic screen as they witnessed the dampening web appear like a scintillating spider web spreading out before them. An automated shuttle was released from the Tycho's bay as a guinea pig of sorts. They watched and marveled as the web engulfed the vessel, shut down its operating system, tethering it and delivering it to the area where it could be entrapped by the starship's tractor beam.

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Tycho Holiday Season 2022

From the logs of the USS Tycho
 From: Capt. Paula Wethington Rose
 To: All hands

Social events and live performances are resuming across the quadrant now that the biological threat of the COVID-19 pandemic has subsided to a more manageable situation.

With that in mind, the full holiday season calendar for the crew of the U.S.S. Tycho will also resume. Please continue to observe any instructions from the ship's medical department regarding when to go on medical leave from work assignments, and how long to limit interaction with others.

Thank you to all the volunteers and planning committees for making our holiday season on board the ship such a festive one.

This year's calendar:

*** Friday 11 Nov. - Veterans Remembrance Day.**

This is a new addition to our schedule and is in keeping with the date observed on Earth where it is known variously as Armistice Day, Remembrance Day and Veterans Day.

The date marks the end of what was known then as the Great War and later as World War I. A half-hour program focusing on the history and traditions of that date, along with an honor guard flag presentation, begins at 1100 hours in the observation lounge. Full dress uniforms are encouraged. Paper poppy flowers can be purchased at the door, with donations to be directed to the Starfleet Veterans Organization.

*** Saturday 19 Nov. - Community cookie making session.**

The mess hall staff will host a community cookie making session from 1200 hours to 1600 hours; providing recipes, ingredients and equipment for use in the kitchen. Each participant will be able to make and take back to their quarters, or put in freezer storage to save for Christmas week, a box of two dozen freshly baked cookies.

Please sign up in advance, space is limited.

*** Thursday 24 Nov. - Thanksgiving Day.**

We have ordered turkey and ham for a traditional harvest celebration as it is celebrated in the United States. The side dishes include "smashed" potatoes, cranberries, corn, stuffing, pumpkin pie and pecan pie. The vegetarian entree option will be stuffed butternut squash.

Dinner is served buffet-style from 1500 to 2000 hours in the observation lounge; orders for take-out dinners should be placed in advance with the mess hall.

*** Friday 25 Nov. - Shopping Day.**

The Tycho will dock at Deep Space Five so that crew members and families can shop at the districts' famous markets.

*** Sunday 27 Nov. - Advent begins.**

We are pleased to again host a traveling art show honoring Advent, the season of waiting. The exhibit, on display from Nov. 27 to Dec. 3 in the chapel, features artistic arrangements that count four weeks to Christmas and a parallel tradition of counting 25 days to Christmas.

"Make and Take" projects will be available so you can create a countdown calendar in either style to enjoy in your quarters. Crafting kits and instructions will be from 1300 to 1500 Nov. 27 in the chapel.

*** Thursday 1 Dec. - Klingon Day of Honor.**

The message of Day of Honor is a profound one. Every Klingon is expected to spend the "Day of Honor" reflecting on Klingon history and culture, a warrior's personal honor, and the honor of one's "most esteemed enemies."

Our cultural presentation features holographic viewing of a Suv'batlh ceremony at 2000 hours in the holodeck; with refreshments afterward to include rokeg blood pie and heart of targ.

*** Tuesday 6 Dec. - St. Nicholas Day.**

We have requested a visit from St. Nicholas from 1600 to 1900 hours Dec. 6 at the holodeck. St. Nicholas will wear European

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folklore attire; and distribute chocolate coins, candy canes and oranges as treats.

Perhaps your children will want to drop off their "Dear Santa" letters at this time?

*** Thursday 8 Dec. – Classical music performance.**

Our ship's choir, accompanied by our talented instrumentalists, will perform popular selections from Handel's Messiah starting at 1900 hours 8 Dec.

If you would like to participate in this production, the rehearsals are at 1900 hours on Tuesdays.

*** Monday 12 Dec. - Feast Day of Our Lady of Guadalupe.**

This feast day is a beloved cultural and religious holiday among Mexican Catholics.

In keeping with the occasion, an enchilada and tamale feast will be served in the observation lounge starting at 1800 hours, and a prayer service begins at 2000 hours in the rose-decorated chapel.

*** Tuesday 13 Dec. - St. Lucia Day.**

Coffee and sweet breads will be served from 0600 to 1100 hours in the mess hall in honor of the Swedish holiday of St. Lucia Day.

We invite girls ages 11 to 17 to sign up at the mess hall if they wish to serve on the hostess team, as those duties were traditionally performed by the oldest daughter in each family.

*** Saturday 17 Dec. – The Nutcracker Ballet**

The U.S.S. Tycho dance class has prepared a performance based on "The Nutcracker Ballet." This production is sure to delight children of all ages as dancers portray characters from The Land of Sweets.

Please join the cast and crew at 1900 hours 17 Dec. in the holodeck – this was the best location to portray scenery that normally requires a professional theatre setting.

*** Sunday 18 Dec. - Hanukkah begins.**

The Jewish observance of Hanukkah lasts for eight days and is known as the Festival of Lights. We ask that real menorah candles not be lit in family quarters for safety reasons, but battery-operated arrangements are welcome.

All are welcome to a potato pancake supper and family games that begin at 1800 hours 18 Dec. in the observation lounge.

*** Wednesday 21 Dec. - Winter Solstice.**

Numerous ancient cultures in the northern hemisphere of Earth considered Winter Solstice, the longest night of the year, to be a sacred time. While details vary about their traditions, the themes of new beginnings and rebirth are common.

Our middle school students will give a presentation on what they have learned about these customs at 1100 hours in the classroom.

*** Saturday 24 Dec. - Christmas Eve.**

Families are encouraged to place battery-operated luminaries in the hallway outside their quarters, as if they were lighting a path for travelers, from 1800 hours to 2400 hours. The luminary tradition has become quite popular on Starfleet ships.

All are invited to watch the children's holiday play at 1900 hours in the observation lounge, and a seafood feast based on a traditional Polish Christmas Eve menu begins at 2100 hours.

Caroling starts at 2300 hours in the chapel, followed by Christmas Eve worship service at 2400 hours.

*** Sunday 25 Dec. - Christmas Day.**

A Christmas brunch will be served in Ten Forward starting at 1000 hours.

A Christmas dinner with a menu similar to the Thanksgiving dinner will be served starting at 1500 hours at Ten Forward.

We request reservations for either seating.

*** Monday 26 Dec. - Kwanzaa begins.**

We have arranged for a holographic viewing of a tradition-

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al African dance program being presented at Deep Space Three starting at 1900 hours. A social hour featuring African-American food will begin an hour before the program.

We ask that real Kwanzaa candles not be lit in family quarters for safety reasons, but battery-operated arrangements are welcome.

*** Saturday 31 Dec. - New Year's Eve.**

New Year's is traditionally the most elaborate holiday on the U.S.S. Tycho. We invite all those age 21 and older to a reception starting at 1900 hours at the observation lounge, where refreshments will include beverages and exquisite desserts representative of several Starfleet worlds. Black tie, Class As and ball gown attire is encouraged; reservations are required.

Children may attend a separate party hosted by the teen club in the mess hall. This party will have a "First Night" festival theme with acrobats, puppet shows and carnival games.

The fireworks show begins at 2200 hours.

The countdown to the new year begins at 2355.

A note to the crew: I first wrote a ship's holiday schedule story about 20 years ago; and have updated this off and on. I thought the "return to social / live events" that we are seeing in 2022 called for a revival! ~ Paula



BEAM ME UP

- 1) Name:** Sherriea Williams
- 2) Rank:** Commander - Communications Officer
- 3) How long have you been a member of the Tycho?** 9 years
- 4) What is your favorite Star Trek series?** TOS The Gangsters of Triskelion
- 5) Who is your favorite Star Trek character?** Mr. Spock
- 6) Pets and/or favorite hobbies?** Baby DUKE our German Shepherd and Trixe a mixed poodle. Amateur class radio operator for 30 years. I had my own station. My tower was 60 feet. I talked to people all over the world.
- 7) Favorite Food?** Barbecue Ribs
- 8) Favorite place you have visited?** Niagara Falls, Toronto Canada.
- 9) What dream do you have yet to fulfill?** I would love to go back to college and study computers again.
- 10) Favorite book or author?** Rudyard Kipling short stories, Nathaniel Hawthorn.
- 11) Favorite all time movie?** Forbidden Planet.
- 12) Favorite color?** Blue
- 13) Favorite style of music?** Classical Symphony, 1940's Jazz and Modern Jazz, most 60's through 80's.
- 14) What in the area is a hidden gem?** Point Pleasant on lake Erie.



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Operation Surprise Attack

By Wynn timer McBeth

In October, the crew met in support of Operation Surprise Attack. (No, we weren't crossing into the Neutral Zone.)

[Operation Surprise Attack](#) was started by Toledoan Lisa Fulton to bring encouragement to kids who are in the hospital with serious illnesses. She was inspired by a news story about a young boy in Michigan whose community rallied around him while he was struggling with a terminal illness. After this, Lisa's nephew was diagnosed with spina bifida. As she thought of all of the medical experiences that he would be facing, she decided to give him a "surprise attack" of encouraging cards. Her work has since grown to serve over 100 kids in northwest Ohio and southeast Michigan. The group accepts cards made by community volunteer groups, now including the U.S.S. Tycho.

Our crew met at the Washington Branch library, armed with rubber stamps, glitter paper, glue, ribbons, stickers, stencils, and markers. Together we made nearly 100 cards offering encouragement to kids who are stuck in sickbay for a long haul.

The crew attending included Ted, Guy, Linda, Diana, Brian, Lisa, Paula and Wynn timer. Although Donna was unable to come, she graciously forwarded supplies for the endeavor. It was a great help that this Away Team included scrap bookers, crafters, and teachers. Everyone reported having fun working on the cards and spoke of a willingness to engage again.

OSA does not have an office location as yet, so Wynn timer arranged a hand-off with Lisa Fulton at the Owens Community College Toledo campus.

OSA is also accepting referrals of children who would benefit from having a visit from Operation Surprise Attack. Because of HIP-PA restrictions, the group can only work off referrals.



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They Say It's Your Birthday!

- November 5 Armin Shimerman (Quark DS9)
- November 5 Eric Menyuk (The Traveler TNG)
- November 9 Robert Duncan McNeill (Tom Paris VOY)
- November 12 Max Grodenchik (Rom DS9)
- November 12 Wallace Shawn (Grand Nagus Zek DS9)
- November 13 Whoopi Goldberg (Guinan TNG PIC)
- November 15 **Jeremy Klosowski / USS Tycho**
- November 18 **Sherriea Williams / USS Tycho**
- November 18 Alan Shepard Jr. / 1st American man in space 1961 RIP
- November 19 Robert Beltran (Chakotay VOY)
- November 19 Terry Farrell (Jadzia Dax DS9)
- November 20 Edwin Hubble / American astronomer
- November 21 Heather Chekal / USS Tycho
- November 215 Alexander Siddig (Dr. Bashir DS9)
- November 23 Oded Fehr (Admiral Charles Vance DSC)
- November 24 **Linda Fotoples / USS Tycho**
- November 247 Denise Crosby (Lt. Natasha Yar TNG)
- November 24 Dwight Schultz (Lt. Reginald Barclay TNG VOY)
- November 25 Ricardo Montalban (Khan TOS ST2)
- November 25 Jeffrey Hunter (Capt. Pike TOS)
- November 26 Christine Brockway / USS Tycho



Whoopi Goldberg



Jeremy Klosowski



Sherriea Williams



Linda Fotoples



Guy's Blue Blitzer Ray Gun

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CUBAN BLACK BEANS AND RICE

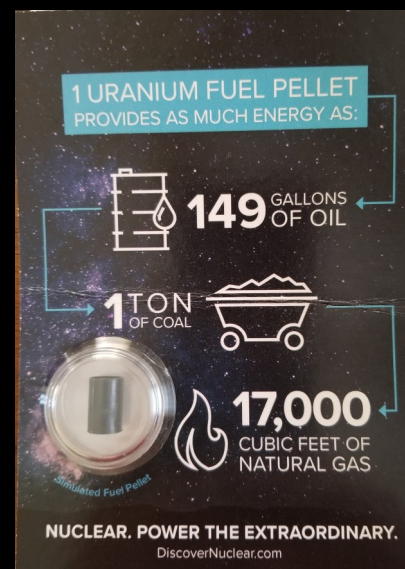
Submitted by Donna-marie Mominee

- 3 ¾ cups of vegetable broth
- 1 ½ cups of rice – brown is best
- 1 3-4" round onion, chopped
- 3 garlic cloves (large) minced
- 1 jalapeno, seeded and chopped **OR**
- 4 ounce can (drained) of chopped green chilies **OR**
- ¼ teaspoon of hot red pepper flakes
- 2 teaspoons of cumin
- 1 teaspoon of salt
- 2 cans (about 15 ounces each) of black beans
- 1 teaspoon of cilantro or ½ teaspoon of pipecha
- 1 tablespoon of lime juice
- Sour cream
- Chopped green onions

DIRECTIONS:

Cook rice in broth as directed, except cut the cooking time by 5 minutes. In a large pan sauté the onions until they start to turn translucent, add garlic and cook until golden. Add the jalapeno OR green chilies OR red pepper flakes, cumin, salt and beans. Bring to boil on medium, reduce heat and simmer for 5 minutes. Add lime juice if you wish. Serve and garnish.

Pipecha is a Mexican herb that is basically coriander on steroids. It has a slightly more bitter flavor than coriander. I personally like the pepper flakes best as I think they integrate into the beans with a smoother flavor. However, the jalapeno is for those of you who like HEAT, and the green chilies give some heat and color.



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Science and Sci-Fi News

Submitted by Ted Klosowski

A Star Trek Series Wins a Major Award At the 2022 Saturns



See Sisko's Return From The Wormhole In



Preview Of 'Star Trek' #1



Leslie Jordan, Star Trek: Voyager's Kol, Dies In Car Crash



Star Trek actor Kate Mulgrew Visits Captain Janeway statue

in



Bloomington, Indiana



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At The Movies

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115 min.

[Something in the Dirt](#)

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Sci-Fi When neighbors John and Levi witness supernatural events in their Los Angeles apartment building, they realize documenting the paranormal could inject some fame and fortune into their wasted lives. An ... [\[+\]](#)

[Justin Benson](#), [Aaron Moorhead](#)[Justin Benson](#), [Aaron Moorhead](#), [Sarah Adina Smith](#) .

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105 min.

[Good Night Oppy](#)

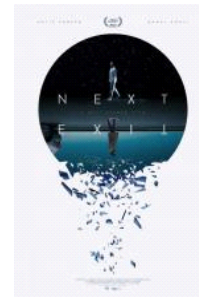
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Documentary The film follows Opportunity, the Mars Exploration Rover affectionately dubbed Oppy by her creators and scientists at NASA. Oppy was originally expected to live for only 90 days but she ultimately ... [\[+\]](#)

[Ryan White](#)

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106 min.

[Next Exit](#)

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Drama When a research scientist makes national news proving she can track people into the afterlife, Rose sees a way out and Teddy sees his chance to finally make it.

These two strangers, both harboring ... [\[+\]](#)[Mali Elfman](#)[Gavin Powers](#), [Joe Powers](#), [Catherine Parker](#) ...

November 11



161 min.

[Black Panther 2](#)

2022



Action Plot unknown. Follow-up to the 2018 Marvel film 'Black Panther'.

[Ryan Coogler](#)[Letitia Wright](#), [Martin Freeman](#), [Tenoch Huerta](#) ...

November 25

[Guillermo del Toro's Pinocchio](#)

2022



Animation A darker version of the classic children's fairy tale of a wooden puppet that transforms into a real living boy.

[Guillermo del Toro](#), [Mark Gustafson](#)

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U.S.S. Tycho Minutes

Thursday, October 6, 2022

Commanding Officer: Ted Klosowski

Recording Officer: Marchelle Lee

Location: Charlie's on Central and Zoom

Attendance: Diana, Wynn timer, Ted, Brian, Guy, Jerry, Linda, Donna-marie, Chrissy, and Marchelle

StarFleet elections –talk on Zoom with candidates, check your email. I recommend Mark Anderson. This year they are ranking them, top four, when you vote. If you haven't received a StarFleet ballot, let Ted know.

Tycho Christmas Party. First Sunday in December 4th. Will see if church gym is available. Things have changed somewhat due to the merge of churches. What would be a good alternate date? December 3rd was second choice. Marchelle will coordinate potluck.

November 10 launch date now for Artemis for November due to hurricane and fuel issues.

Newsletter deadline is October 15.

Operation Surprise Attack! Wynn timer gave times at various libraries we could use a room. We are looking at Sanger Branch library, will try for Monday, October 17. Stickers, stencils, glitter glue, encouraging sentiments. Anytime 6 pm or later.

Chrissy is deployed to Florida. Some disaster responders' mission is to provide to food to responders. MREs are the usual fare.

Diana is recovering from surgery.

Brian - nothing going on.

Guy Air force squadron buddy visited for a couple of days. Was in Germany. He organized 3 reunions, but people are dying off. Com-

pleted ray gun, will show and tell.

Donna-marie, been reading a lot. Had an older Analogue magazine with interesting content. Has a torn meniscus in her knee.

Guy's Blue Blitzer ray gun show 'n tell. Uses insulin refrigeration boxes to transport.

Linda and Bob are training Henry. Remote for collar is difficult. Talked to Dianne, we are solvent and we have enough for the deposit for the Christmas Party.

Next meeting is November 3, 2022

Charlie's @ 6:00 and Zoom @6:30

Be there or be a tribble.



Fortune Cookie Quote

What is the speed of Dark?

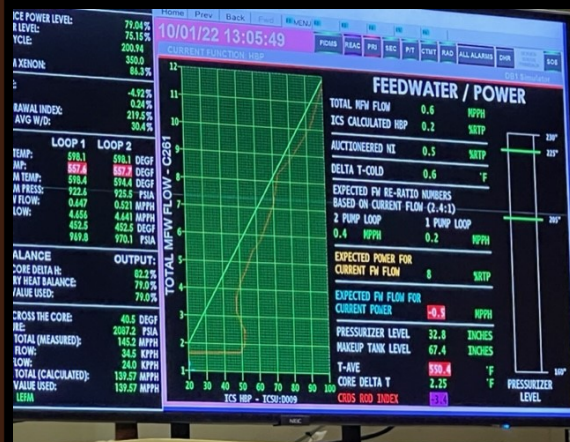
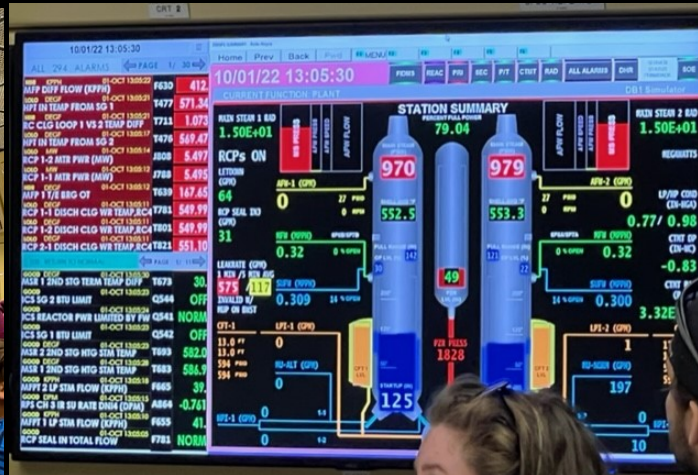
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Poker and The Best of Friends

By Justin Hunt

It is fascinating that in the 24th century people are still playing poker. The game of poker is based on a betting system. The concept is that there are some stakes associated with each hand played. However, by this time in the "Trek" universe, money has been done away with on Earth. Matter replication has made the notion of material loss a minor thing. So, games of this nature would hypothetically suffer, if not fade out. And yet, poker seems to have stood the test of time. It makes one question how?

One of the first principles of poker is that it is played by multiple people and can, in various forms, always make room for another. This group aspect hints at its staying power as a pastime. Engaging in group activities, especially those which typically involve smaller, more intimate groups, builds friendship.

Starfleet and STARFLEET both build camaraderie, especially with the leadership and more involved members. All of Starfleet is made up of individuals working toward a common goal. In the working to attain that goal, many of their paths will cross and the common experience will allow a bond to form. This is the beginning of most work-based friendships. The shared experiences form the basis of mutual understanding.

Starfleet needs these bonds as surely as a starship needs dilithium crystals. Though the ship runs on deuterium, dilithium stabilizes the warp core and makes faster than light travel possible. Though the goals and ideals of Starfleet fuel the mission, it is made possible by the teamwork amongst the crews and members of the organization. When that camaraderie is disrupted, the mission begins to break down. This

alone is enough to promote a closeness among colleagues. But our human nature does the rest.

Humans are inherently social creatures. We know that being in a group is optimal. Whether it is for basic survival, progress toward a goal, or even emotional stability, interaction with others is needed. And it is in the later of these that we come to the most intimate necessity. We are seldom content to allow ourselves to exist for long periods of time with mere acquaintances. We, as people, need friends.

Friendship requires a stronger bond. It requires a greater degree of intimacy that cannot be attained en masse. This is how we find ourselves drawn into smaller clusters of people with similar interests. Sometimes those clusters are intentionally made. At other times, they form naturally. Within the "Trek" universe, poker games are played. Whether it is played among the senior officers, or the standard crew, the small groups involved are typically the ones that become close friends.

Poker, in this sense, serves as the vehicle to bring the players closer together. Over time they learn more about the others and their motivations. They begin to confidently exchange thoughts and ideas in a way that is independent from function or rank. And for that time, they exist on a level field, a field of mutual understanding. Friendship is built on interactions like these.

In this way, STARFLEET is not that different from its fictional counterpart. We meet with a belief in a common goal. Our interests and experiences give us a sense of camaraderie. And our shared activities can lead to friendship. Without this dynamic, the mission will fail.

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uP In Space

Submitted by Marchelle Lee

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"The Gateway, a vital component of NASA's Artemis program, will serve as a multi-purpose outpost orbiting the Moon that provides essential support for long-term human return to the lunar surface and serves as a staging points for deep space exploration. NASA is working with commercial and international partners to establish the Gateway."

Source: Nasa.gov

Ritter Planetarium Offerings
Appold Planetarium Offerings

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Monthly Meetings

Thursday November 3, 6:00 [Charlie's Central Ave](#) and [Zoom](#)@6:30Thursday December 1, 6:00 [Charlie's Central Ave](#) and [Zoom](#)@6:30Thursday January 5, 6:00 [Charlie's Central Ave](#) and [Zoom](#)@6:30

Extra Curricular

Sunday December 4, 2:00 PM Tycho Christmas Party

Compassion Toledo

Check the [Tycho Facebook Page](#) and watch your email for further details

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