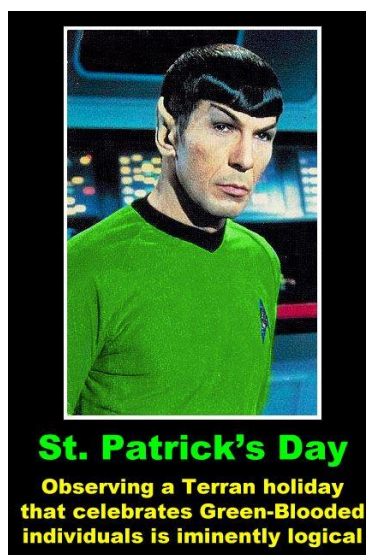
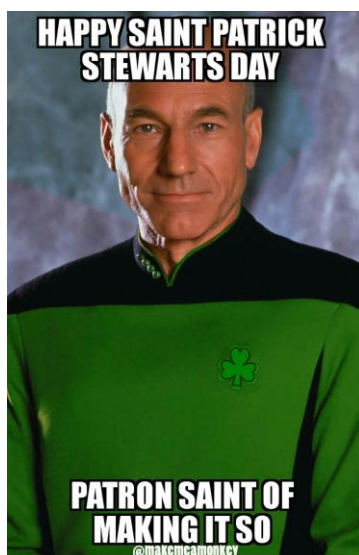




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### FROM THE COMMANDING OFFICER

**Adm. Linda Smith - Starfleet SFDPP Certified**

This HAS to be one of the busiest new years in Heimdal history. Or maybe it just SEEMS that way because it's been a long time since we were almost back up to full WARP, with no thanks to COVID. Whatever it is, I'm glad we're 'almost home' again. It feels good.

In addition to all the usual stuff – planning meetings, lining up meeting speakers, reserving the library, doing newsletters – the first of the year always brings extra stuff with it like nominations for Heimdal regional awards, putting the anniversary party together and filing Heimdal's tax returns. This year we've added to that attempting to put together our Star Trek Collectibles Public Auction for May. It's been a lot of work but we have a lot to look forward to.





There's this 7-year-old kid that lives somewhere in my brain that just loves a party and planning the Heimdal anniversary parties is a special treat for me. This year when I've felt overwhelmed and needed to get away from the mundane stuff, I've had a wonderful time ordering stuff for the party favor bags, planning my party costume and helping Willy with his and coordinating with our entertainment. One evening when I needed to get away from doing our taxes, I drafted Willy and together we stuffed all 52 party favor bags with the fun stuff I got to go in them. To say I'm excited about the party is an understatement and I hope you guys are excited about it, too.

OK ... that's all the time I'm going to take on this HELLO column. If I keep going, you're going to think you're at one of my 'brief meetings.' SO, enjoy the newsletter, thanks to those that contributed and we'll see you around the galaxy.



### FROM THE OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER XO, Chief Science Officer, Adm. Willy Smith – Starfleet SFDPP Certified

For those of you reading this, STARFLEET went thru a long while without many changes and from my point of view things have already started to change but it hasn't reached the local herd yet. No need to worry because it looks like things are changing from the top working down. We will keep you informed.

To local news, a recent photo of our Space Camp winner is included and she is so excited and is being interviewed and heading to places she could've only dreamed of ... but don't let that tear you away from this riveting article of mine.

You've probably heard of the upcoming Anniversary Party Linda throws each year for the Heimdal. Things are in high gear around here getting the "*small stuff*" together that each paid visitor gets for just being human and being there *hopefully* in costume. If you remember last year, I had a wardrobe malfunction that the people behind me witnessed and probably are still having nightmares of ... I went along not knowing anything was wrong (except a cool breeze). If you missed it, well I will be excellent this year, just wait ... and Linda, ooh, la,la!!

Moving along, I thank everyone for renewing and making the Heimdal what it is today. If you are the primary STARFLEET member, you know I try to send membership reminders 30 days in advance so the volunteers at Starfleet's Membership Processing can keep their heads above water. It works but I ran another idea by Linda about me *texting* the second reminder. I would only do this if I had your permission and it will save me a HUGE amount of time and probably be more efficient. Of course, I would be the only one with your personal information and would choose an appropriate time. More on this later but wanted to lay this out so you could possibly let me know your feelings, positive or negative.

Okay, that's all this month other than I had another great time with Phaser Simulation on February 26 and hope more of you can join us next time for several hours of fun and good exercise.

Oh, and while I'm thinking of good times, don't forget the Heimdal Anniversary Party I mentioned earlier, where you can dress up as your favorite Star Trek episode. More in this newsletter, I'm sure. Smith out.....

### YOUR PATH TO MEMBERSHIP

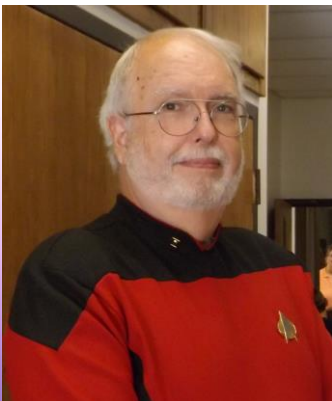


### FROM THE DESK OF THE SECOND OFFICER

#### RArm. Carl Davis, 2<sup>nd</sup> Officer's Report September 2022

Greetings! Big news from the home of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Officer is we finally have Firefly Broadband installed and can stream 24/7! What a difference in speeds we now have. My first official move was to sign up for Paramount Plus. Well, first move after I changed all the addresses for everything in my network so everything will connect through Wi-Fi with everything else.

Out with the old router and in with the new took a lot of effort to straighten out but as of this writing everything is working except.....Paramount Plus. It seems there is an issue with them connecting through my Samsung smart TV. After several attempts I got it up and running and watched several episodes of Picard. Then it decided we had some compatibility issues. When I clicked on the app a cutesy notice said "*oh no, we've*







*encountered a problem but we'll have you up and running in no time."* Well after waiting 24 hours I decided that we had exceeded "no time" and I called the provider. After the ten-minute wait, I was put on hold and told that my case was being sent to the special unit that handles such issues and they would be back with me with a solution.

Well 4 days later they haven't said a word so a follow-up call will be going out soon. Fortunately, I am able to get the programming through my smart phone and was able to finish the first season of Picard by casting through my TV. I thought the show was well produced and enjoyed it with the exception of the couple of colorful metaphors the writers felt needed to be included in each episode.

I'm looking forward to catching up on some of the other Trek series that are available but I have to be careful not to over indulge. Real life must go on and I can't let my other duties be neglected. Somebody has to head Heimdal Security and do Second Officer stuff. I will not let science fiction interfere. See you around the ship.



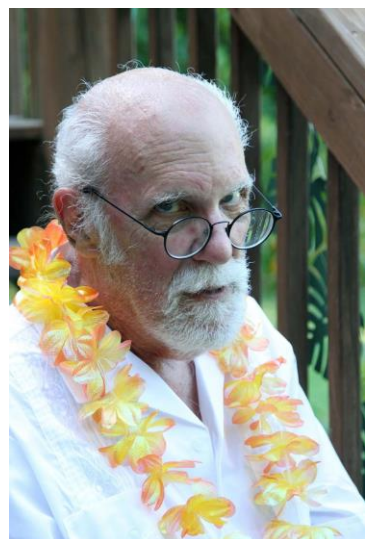
## MEETINGS AND COMMITMENTS

### MARCH MEETING

The Heimdal's March meeting will be March 18 starting at 6:30 p.m. 'in person' at the Madison Heights Library and on ZOOM. 'In person' people please bring one item for refreshments but we still are asking you not to bring large bags of chips that many hands might dip into. We're trying to create an environment that is as safe as possible for all of us. You may want to consider individually wrapped / bagged chips, which will be great.

Our very special guest speaker will be Space Artist Extraordinaire, Ron Miller – long time friend of the Heimdal. Ron has a new collection of remarkable space art that he will be telling us about and showing us.

Unfortunately, although Ron lives in Virginia, he will be unable to make the trip to Lynchburg to speak to us but will be speaking to us on ZOOM. Ron is such a phenomenal artist and an exceptional human being, I told him



we would take him any way we can get him.

We'll see you at the meeting.

Darrell will be our ZOOM Coordinator for the evening and the coordinates are:



CO Linda Smith is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: **USS Heimdal March 2023 Chapter Zoom**

Time: Mar 18, 2023 06:30 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84762535005?pwd=ei9MZlZ5ZmxuUUVVWjc3T2NXcThHdz09>

**Meeting ID:** 847 6253 5005 **Passcode:** admiral



### FEBRUARY MEETING

#### Chili Fest and Movie Night

#### February 2023 Chapter Meeting of the USS Heimdal

*By Commander Bud Walker, Navigator*

The Heimdal crew gathered at the Madison Heights Public Library (part of Amherst County Public Library system) and online via Zoom on February 18, 2023, for the monthly chapter meeting.

After some technical challenges, Admiral Linda Smith convened the meeting and conducted some quick business. She passed around an article from the Lynchburg News & Advance, that highlighted the experience of **Sadie Tate**, the winner of the Heimdal's Space Camp essay contest.





Admiral Smith then discussed several items related to **upcoming meetings**. At the March 18<sup>th</sup> meeting, Ron Miller will speak and display some of his new space art. The invitations for the Anniversary Party had the incorrect date; the correct date for the event is April 15<sup>th</sup>. Richard Riley, who has been a regular contributor of articles about his foam sculpting to the newsletter, will appear at the July meeting.

Admiral Smith announced that the theme needed to change for the **auction on May 13<sup>th</sup>**. After conducting an inventory of the 247 items up for auction, it was discovered that almost everything was related to Star Trek and not to Science Fiction in general. Therefore, the auction will now be for "Star Trek Collectibles." She also asked for volunteers to help on the day of the event, who are asked to come at 11:30. The auction itself will occur from 1 to 5pm.

The following announcements were also made:

- March 1 is the deadline for the next newsletter,
- The next meeting will occur on March 18<sup>th</sup>.

Rear Admiral Carl Davis announced that the next phaser simulation will occur on February 26<sup>th</sup> with a backup snow date of March 5.

Commodore Tammy White briefly discussed fleet wide fitness efforts.

Captain Darrell Millner announced the date for the next Engineering Department ZOOM meeting and briefly discussed Region One activities. Captain Millner praised the members of his department that helped produce last month's video.

With some concluding remarks from the Admiral Smith and other Command Staff members, the meeting was adjourned until March 18<sup>th</sup>.

After the meeting was concluded, the **Heimdall Chili Fest' and Movie Night** took place. Several pots of chili were produced, including vegetarian chili. Other items such as cookies and side dishes were also contributed, including the shamelessly over-hyped "Famous Bud's Corn Bread."

The movie "Hidden Figures" was shown to the great enjoyment of all members.

## **HEIMDAL'S 39<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION**



***COSTUMES! COSTUMES! COSTUMES!***



## WHAT, WHEN, WHERE:

We're just ONE MONTH AWAY from the Heimdal's 39<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Party on April 15. At the Lynchburg Grand Hotel (formerly the Holiday Inn) at 601 Main Street, Lynchburg, VA 24504.

## THEME:

**BE YOUR FAVORITE STYAR TREK EPISODE (any series but not the movies)** - a costume event. You don't HAVE to wear a costume but it will be much more fun and there will be a Costume Contest with prizes.

## EVENTS:

Beginning at 5:30 p.m. – Meet and Greet in the lobby, pick up party favor bags, sign in, get an original (temporary) tattoo by Artist Extraordinaire, Niki Kessler.

**DINNER: Everyone attending MUST have dinner ... we can't just come later for the entertainment.**

Southern Buffet. \$27.95 per person, 13.99 for kids under 12. Includes salad, entre, dessert, beverage (soft drinks not included), tax and tip. WHAT A DEAL and it's all you pay for this wonderful evening. **Bring a guest. Payment for meals, including guests, MUST BE IN TO ME NO LATER THAN APRIL 3 AT 12 NOON.** Please make checks or money orders payable to:

Linda Smith  
151 Regal Oaks Way  
Amherst, VA 24521

**RSVP:** Please let me know how many people will be in your party, including your guest **NO LATER THAN APRIL 3 AT 12 NOON.**

## ENTERTAINMENT:

Entertainment will be provided by the **Landing Party Band** (what a treat!)

**Door Prizes, Costume Contest with prizes and other bits of entertainment.**

**Follow party updates on the Facebook event Page – HEIMDAL'S 39<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION**  
**OUR ADVENTURE CONTINUES..... Share it with us**



## HEIMDAL'S MAY 13 'STAR TREK COLLECTIBLES' PUBLIC AUCTION

In just TWO months on May13 we will hold our first-ever *Heimdal Star Trek Collectibles Public Auction.* Carl, Bonnie, Willy and I have worked many hours cataloging the donations we have and were surprised to find out that there were very few items other than Star Trek collectibles so we have changed the title of the auction to *Heimdal Star Trek Collectibles Public Auction* because we don't want to be misleading.

We have a total of 247 very nice Star Trek collectibles for the event and Bud has redesigned the poster/flyer to reflect the change.

The event will be at the Lynchburg Grand Hotel on May 13 starting at 1 p.m. and ending at 5 p.m. Carl will be our auctioneer and we will need as many volunteers to help at the event as possible. All of us should wear science fiction related costumes – Star Trek, Star Wars, Dr. Who, Battlestar Galactica ... whatever you have that will make our guests really excited about being at the auction and will make the event super-fun for all of us.

We'll have a sign-up sheet at the March meeting for positions and volunteers and more information about the event itself.

Hold on!!! This is going to be a special one-of-a-kind Lynchburg event and we want it to be successful. Thank you ahead of time for planning to be there.

## HEIMDAL PEOPLE

### BUD WALKER IS HEIMDAL'S RECRUITING COORDINATOR

On February 18 Bud Walker accepted the long-vacant position of Heimdal's Recruiting Coordinator. Bud brings with him to the position his background in advertising and his enjoyment of working with people. His first project is going to be updating the Heimdal's outdated recruiting materials, flyers, posters and event advertising materials.

We welcome Bud to this very important position and know he will do exciting things to get it back up and running. Unfortunately, Starfleet doesn't offer a raise in salary with the position.



Bud





## PROMOTIONS



**Zak Lyon:** Congratulations to Zak Lyon for his promotion to **COMMANDER** on February 10 through the Heimdal's Promotion Point System. We appreciate all of Zak's hard work to make this promotion happen and for using the Heimdal's PPS to increase his rank. He is a positive example of what everyone can do, even when living at a distance. Thank you for your exemplary service.



**Jody Lyon:** Congratulations to Jody Lyon for her promotion to **LIEUTENANT** on February 28 through the Heimdal's Promotion Point System. We appreciate all of Jody's hard work to make this promotion happen and for using the Heimdal's PPS to increase her rank. She is a positive example of what everyone can do, even when living at a distance. Thank you for your exemplary service.

## STARFLEET ACADEMY GRADUATES – CONGRATULATIONS!



**Carlos Neyre** – CaS 106A – Cancer Research, Part 1 – HONORS - March 2, 2023

Very special congratulations to Carlos who doesn't speak English and I believe he had to take the course and the exam through an on-line translator program. There is so much to appreciate in that kind of dedication and enthusiasm.



**Bud Walker** - (12 Courses, 1 Degree)

\*\* SFA Awarded ADP - Associate of Federation Studies from School of SFA Awards on FEB 25, 2023

- IPSS – College of Law Enforcement and Fire History / School of Law Enforcement History

DISTINCTION for SLEH 102 1600 to 1900 on Feb 1, 2023

DISTINCTION for SLEH 103 1900 to present on Feb 6, 2023

DISTINCTION for SLEH 105 - International Police on Feb 10, 2023

DISTINCTION for SLEH 106 F.B.I part 1 on Feb 18, 2023

- IMOS – College of Special Operations Units / School Of United States Forces

DISTINCTION for USF 102 - USAF Special Forces on Feb 9, 2023

- IOTK - College of Engineering

DISTINCTION for CENG 102 - Pre-19th Century Pioneers on Feb 8, 2023

IOAE - College of Humor / School of Comedians / 1970s

HONORS for SOC 1970C - Bill Murray on Feb 1, 2023

DISTINCTION for SOC 1970D - Marty Feldman on Feb 1, 2023.

HONORS for SOC 1970E - Howie Mandel on Feb 5, 2023

DISTINCTION for SOC 1970F - Gene Wilder on Feb 7, 2023

DISTINCTION for SOC 1970G - Robin Williams on Feb 7, 2023

IOAE - College of the Fantasy Realm/ CFT - School of Fairy Tales

DISTINCTION for ME 101.1 - Lord of the Rings - FOTR (2001) Part 1 on Jan 31, 2023



**Commander Zachary Lyon** (03 Courses)

- IOTK - College of Engineering

DISTINCTION for CENG 206 - Non-Starfleet Engineers on Feb 18, 2023

DISTINCTION for CENG 203 - Other Starfleet Engineers on Feb 18, 2023

HONORS for CENG 202 - The SI Unit System on Feb 18, 2023



**Captain Darrell Millner** (33 Courses, 0 Awards) JAN & FEB

- IOSTS - College of Starship Design (COSD)

DISTINCTION for COSD 127B - NCC-1701E Schematics on 01/14/2023

DISTINCTION for COSD 127C - NCC-1701E Schematics on 01/14/2023

DISTINCTION for COSD 127D - NCC-1701E Schematics on 01/14/2023

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DISTINCTION for COSD 129 - NX-74205 Defiant Schematics Pt 1 on 01/19/2023

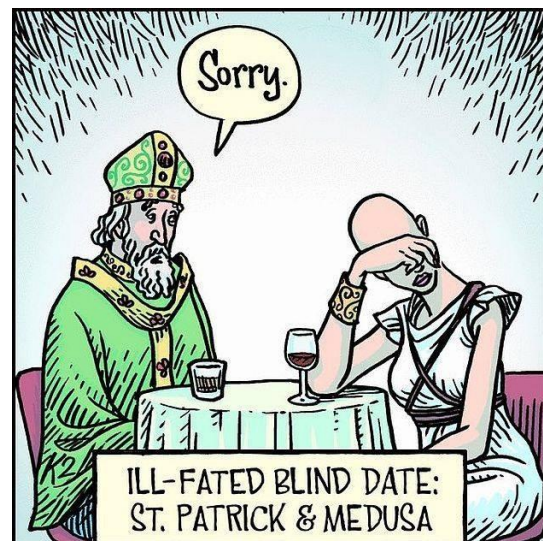
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DISTINCTION for COSD 129B - NX-74205 Defiant Schematics Pt 3 on 01/19/2023





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DISTINCTION for COSD 129D - NX-74205 Defiant Schematics Pt 5 on 01/19/2023  
DISTINCTION for COSD 127G - NCC-1701E Schematics completed on Feb 21, 2023  
DISTINCTION for COSD 127H - NCC-1701E Schematics completed on Feb 21, 2023  
DISTINCTION for COSD 127I - NCC-1701E Schematics completed on Feb 21, 2023  
DISTINCTION for COSD 127J - NCC-1701E Schematics completed on Feb 21, 2023  
- IOAS - School of XenoAnthropology (IOAS:COXA)  
PASS for AQ 107 - Trill on 01/18/2023  
PASS for AQ 108 - Crystalline Entity on 02/11/2023  
- IOSFE - College of Battlestar Galactica (COBG)  
HONORS for BSG 101 - BatGalactica Characters on 01/02/2023  
- IOTK - College of Plasma Technology  
DISTINCTION for CPT 107 - Plasma Modeling part 1 on 01/06/2023  
DISTINCTION for CPT 108 - Plasma Modeling part 2 on 01/06/2023  
DISTINCTION for CPT 109 - History and commercial uses on 01/06/2023  
- IOTK - College of Engineering  
HONORS for CENG 202 The SI System on 02/20/2023  
- IOAS - Klingon Warrior Academy  
DISTINCTION for KWA 101 - Klingon History & Government on 12/26/2022  
DISTINCTION for KWA 102 - Klingon Military on 02/17/2023  
DISTINCTION for KWA 103 - Klingon Physiology on 02/18/2023  
- School of IOTK - Starfleet Officers Radio School (IOST:SORS)  
DISTINCTION for SORS 101 - Radio in The Original Series (TOS) on 02/25/2023  
DISTINCTION for SORS 103 - Radio in The Next Generation (TNG) on 02/25/2023  
HONORS for SORS 104 - Radio in Deep Space Nine (DS9) on 02/25/2023  
- School of IOTK - College of Aerodynamics  
HONORS for AERO 101 - Aerodynamics part 1 on Feb 20, 2023  
HONORS for AERO 102 - Aerodynamics part 2 on Feb 21, 2023  
DISTINCTION for AERO 103 - Aerodynamics part 3 on Feb 21, 2023  
STARFLEET Marine Corp Academy  
- Combat Engineer (CE)  
HONORS for CE-100 Combat Engineering Basic Course on Feb 25, 2023  
DISTINCTION for CE-111 MOS Familiarization Course on Feb 25, 2023  
- Professional Development (PD)  
HONORS for PD-100 Marine Basic Course on Feb 21, 2023



## UPDATE: SADIE TATE, SPACE CAMP WINNER

By Linda Smith



In the February newsletter I shared with you a wonderful article and interview that appeared on the front page to the Lynchburg News Advance at the end of January. The interview was with the Heimdal's most recent Space Camp Contest winner, Sadie Tate.

We all enjoyed the article so much and so did Brian Weigand from WLNI Radio. I spoke with him on the phone and gave him contact information for Sadie and her mom so he could get in touch with them about interviewing Sadie the third week in February on his radio show in conjunction with a series he was kicking off about *The Future*. Sadie was a little hesitant at first but did a WONDERFUL interview that also included her mom, Nicole.

Word of mouth is a powerful thing. When I had my January dental appointment the dental hygienist had seen the newspaper article and asked if Sadie was, "*One of your Space Camp kids?*" I told her that Sadie was and spent the next 45 minutes answering questions about our Space Camp Contest and Sadie around no less than 65 dental instruments, a suction thingee and both the dental assistant's hands that were firmly planted in my mouth.

When Sadie did her WLNI Radio interview, my dental hygienist heard it, remembered our conversation (garbled on my end) and was very impressed. She called me.

One of the questions Sadie was asked during the radio interview was if she knew who Leland Melvin, local Lynchburg native and former NASA astronaut, was. She did and the interviewer asked if she had met him, which she hadn't.





Leigh, my dental hygienist is a member of *Beacon of Hope* in Lynchburg where Leland Melvin was to give a presentation fundraiser for the facility on March 3. Because of her membership, Leigh had secured VIP tickets for the presentation, which included a private Meet and Greet with Melvin prior to his presentation and an opportunity to speak with him. Out of the kindness of her heart she had gotten an additional 2 VIP tickets for Sadie and her mom or guardian.

I called Nicole Tate and told her about the amazing gift Leigh had for Sadie and the phenomenal opportunity for Sadie to actually speak to a REAL ASTRONAUT. She was speechless and overwhelmed and told me that Sadie's wildest dream was about to become reality.

As of this writing I haven't heard from Sadie's mom about Sadie's SPECIAL evening *in the company of an astronaut* but she promised to let me know everything. She also said she would instruct Sadie to be the Heimdal's ambassador to Mr. Melvin.

This is such a beautiful story about what our Space Camp Contest has led to for Sadie Tate, our most recent winner. I can't imagine how we have changed her life in her quest for her own career as a future astronaut. This just makes my heart happy and I KNOW that after reading this, it's made your hearts happy, too.



### IT'S A BOY!

Congratulations to Heimdal member, Nikki Cole and her husband on the birth of their baby boy in early January. After a kind of shaky start, everyone is doing well and enjoying this beautiful baby.



### RENEWALS

A special **THANK YOU** Cathy Fletcher, Tammy White, Robin Hudson, Madison Litchford, Kenny Proehl, Chris Thompson and Jonathan, Karen and Allen Hatter for renewing and staying with our Heimdal "family" for another year.

Unfortunately, we didn't hear from Larry Rowland and he was removed from the Heimdal's roster by Starfleet. The door is always open to Larry and anyone that wishes to 'come back home' after being away a while.

Our Membership Coordinator (one of the many hats he wears), Willy Smith sends out email reminders to everyone a month in advance of your renewal date. **THANK YOU, Willy!** And he will renew for you with the Heimdal's PayPal account and you can pay us back if you'd rather do it that way. To pay the Heimdal back if we renew for you, please make your check out to Linda Smith and she will deposit it into the Heimdal's account. We ask that you reimburse the Heimdal in no less than 60 days following your renewal.

**XXX PLEASE NOTE:** When Willy sends you your renewal reminder, he includes in that email your SCC expiration date.

Remember, Starfleet suggests you renew a month before your expiration date so you won't risk being removed from the Heimdal's roster, which happens at the stroke of midnight on your expiration date if you haven't renewed.

Those needing to renew are:

**March - Dennis Henderson, Jennifer Long & Darrell Spencer – March 21**  
**Kristina Contreras – March 31**

**April – Paul Campbell – April 4**  
**Gary Burley – April 16**  
**Angie & Richard Arnold, Jonah Ryan – April 17**  
**Robert, Cindy & Kinsey Ward – April 18**  
**Weston & Sarah Webb - April 18**

**May – Paul Muse – May 10**  
**Bill Booker – May 18**  
**Mike Davis – May 21**  
**Bud Walker – May 31**



### HEIMDAL STUFF

### AMAZON SMILE

Amazon has discontinued the AmazonSmile Program, which the Heimdal has been a member of for many years.

Dear Charity Administrator,





We have recently completed the AmazonSmile donations for the 2022 Q4 disbursement cycle to organizations that generated the \$5 minimum disbursement amount or more.

Heimdal Science Fiction (EIN: 54-1769848) did not receive a donation this quarter from the AmazonSmile Foundation because your donation balance was less than the \$5 minimum disbursement amount. We are holding your donation for the 2023 Q1 disbursement cycle. If your organization's balance is less than \$5 at that time, your donation will be rounded-up to the \$5 minimum subject to your organization remaining eligible for the program.

As we shared [previously](#), we discontinued the program on February 20, 2023. We are very proud of the difference that AmazonSmile has made over the past ten years, and we thank you for your support and partnership. Thank you!

We are including additional information below on the last disbursements and what to expect next.

If you have questions, please do not hesitate to contact AmazonSmile Charity Support using this [form](#).  
Thank you,  
Your AmazonSmile Team



## HEIMDAL GAME NIGHT SCHEDULED

By Angie Arnold

The first Heimdal Game Night has been scheduled for April 8 at 6 p.m. at Putt Putt in Lynchburg where we usually go. In case of rain, we will meet at the library for games and charades if the library meeting room is available. We hope everyone will come out and join us. It's so much fun just having a night for fun with friends. We'll see you there.

## RILEY'S RAMBLINGS ...

### FIREY ROCKET

By Richard Riley



Hello everyone! Is it flying by! I Cannot believe that we are already into March! Before you know it, we will be decorating for Halloween!

For this month's newsletter I wanted to show one of my favorite projects, a Retro spaceship. I was commissioned by the Orthodontist from South Carolina for his Retro space theme. He had requested just a spaceship on an alien planet's surface but I wanted to take it to another level and have it in midflight blasting off! The main body of ship itself was assembled from model rocket ship parts but I then added the 4 vanes with the small cylinders on them and then added the porthole windows. The alien planet was created from foam. I wanted to give it an otherworldly look so I added purple and copper coloring. The ship is mounted to metal pole that goes into the center of the ship.

just me or is this year



The fun part to this was the fire and smoke! I had seen other artists build this before but with small model ships so my challenge was to recreate it but on a much larger scale! I was able to create the fire and smoke using lights to begin with. I placed them on the metal pole holding the ship up. After that using bags of polyester cotton that was used to stuff pillows, I start to construct the shape of the column of fire along with the smoke. I lightly spray painted the pillow stuffing to give it the orange and yellow color, blending it out until the bottom where it then is just left white. It is actually quite convincing as fire and looks even better in person!

This is an effect that I hope to be able to use again in the future. I think making this effect with a large dragon head would be amazing to simulate the fire coming from its mouth but that will need to be a project for another day.

This particular piece was a huge hit for the Orthodontist office and was left up for about 6 months. I am already busy building another project for the Orthodontist. Next month I will be unveiling that in April's newsletter!

### FROM OUR DEPARTMENTS



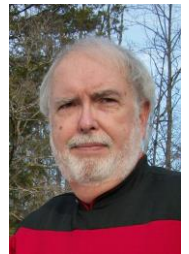
### <<<SECURITY>>>



#### SECURITY REPORT, MARCH 2023

By RAdm. Carl Davis, Security Chief

Security was happy to host another Phaser Sim outing on the 26<sup>th</sup> February. 6 attended and enjoyed a beautiful winter day. Jonathan will be presenting a detailed description of the day's activities. We are looking forward to our next outing. Certificates of accomplishment will be presented in the near future to several members who have been faithful in attending. Thanks to all.



#### AFTER ACTION REPORT: PHASER SIMULATION PRACTICE

By Commander Jonathan Hatter



On February 26, 2023 five Heimdal crewmembers and one guest gathered at Mountain Top Christian Adventures in Amherst for Phaser Simulation Practice, aka, paintball. My coworker Jeremy, who had joined us at our last practice, was eager to play again.

We started with Admiral Davits' safety brief and picked the teams. Security was represented by Joe Arnold, Admiral Davis, and me. Team Sciences had Bonnie Davis and XO Willy Smith. Jeremy, being a free agent, agreed to round out Team Sciences so we had 3 apiece.

We started in the Alpha Quadrant where you can still see each other at opposite ends of the field. At the sound of the whistle, we all scattered looking for a good position. Joe provided covering fire while The Chief and I rushed forward. Game one went to the Redshirts. We switched sides and prepared to engage again. Bonnie got into position behind the half satellite dish while I fired from behind a large pile of brush and wood. I got in a lucky shot that needled through a small hole and got her. A *very* lucky shot indeed. In the end, Security took both games on the small field.

We moved to the Gamma Quadrant for games three and four. One of these battles saw both Joe and me eliminated leaving Carl to fend for himself. Sorry Chief. He fought valiantly and, in the end, we came away with one game to Security and one to Sciences.





The final games were to be fought in the Delta Quadrant. This field requires patience as you inch forward scanning for your opponents. One team gathers near the edge of the Gamma Quadrant while the other travels to Farpoint Station. I volunteered to go low and be on the lookout for anyone trying to flank us. Jeremy moved fast and I managed to spot him creeping along the edge of the field and into the creek bed. I held my position and tracked him as he moved forward. I finally had him in range but Jeremy was quick and darted to cover as my shots painted the trees and leaves near him. He finally made his move, shooting at me as he rushed forward through the creek bed. I managed to get him with a blast and after he called "Out!" I turned my attention to Bonnie who was further up the hill. I tried to make a stealthy approach using the foliage for cover but she spotted me. I took position a few feet behind a nearby tree but it wasn't enough and I got tagged in the arm. My games were over. Jeremy and I watched from the sideline as the battle unfolded.

Today's overall score was a tie. Both teams ended with three victories each. After the final game was called, we made our way back to base while talking, laughing and discussing strategies that we had employed in battle. It had been another fun day of simulated battle practice. A big thanks to Carl and Bonnie for hosting us. They always provide a great time playing under the UFP banner. Be sure to mark your calendar to join us next time for a fun-filled afternoon of camaraderie with the crew!



### <<<SCIENCE>>>

#### NASA AND SPACEX TARGET NEW CREW-6 LAUNCH DATE AFTER SCRUBBED EFFORT

By Adm. Willy Smith, Chief Science Officer, Starfleet SFDPP Certified



Science

Can you imagine locked in and ready to blast off from Earth only for something to go wrong at the last moment and then you have to sit there while all the fuel is drained away from the rocket so you can shift gears and remain in full gravity for several more days until they figure what the problem is? (yeah... I know that was a long sentence but it's what came out.) Please check out the below links to see what new types of experiments they will be conducting ... I can't wait for the results.



After NASA and SpaceX scrubbed the launch of Crew-6 just a couple of minutes before lift-off early on Monday morning, officials have announced they're now targeting Thursday for the next launch effort.

The team called off Monday's launch attempt at the Kennedy Space Center in Florida when it suddenly encountered an issue in the ground systems affecting the loading of the ignition fluids for the Falcon 9 rocket that will carry the astronauts to the International Space Station (ISS) inside the Crew Dragon Endeavour capsule. The launch team could not be sure there was a full load. A SpaceX engineer likened this critical

system to spark plugs for a car.

They're now aiming to launch the crew at 12:34 a.m. ET on Thursday, March 2 (9:34 p.m. on Wednesday, March 1). I might be able to make this (ws)!

Traveling aboard the Crew Dragon as part of Crew-6 will be NASA astronauts Stephen Bowen and Warren Hoburg,

United Arab Emirates astronaut Sultan Al Neyadi, and Roscosmos cosmonaut Andrey Fedyaev.

Following in the footsteps of numerous international astronauts who've traveled to the ISS over the last two decades, they'll spend about six months aboard the orbital outpost, living and working in microgravity conditions.

Much of their time will be spent performing [carefully designed science experiments](#), among them [a fascinating effort](#) that will involve gathering samples of bacteria and fungi from surfaces on the outside of the space station.





The experiment will investigate whether any microbes exist around parts of the station such as its life support system vents, and try to determine how easily they can survive and whether they can spread. This should help planners of future crewed missions into deep space better understand the potential dangers of the human contamination of environments.

The crew will also perform spacewalks for the upgrade and maintenance of the station.

Supposing the Crew-6 mission gets underway early on Thursday morning ET, the beginning of it will be live streamed by NASA [on its YouTube channel](#). The docking procedure and welcome ceremony at the space station will also be broadcast when it takes place about 24 hours later.

<<<MEDICAL>>>

### MEDICAL MINUTE - MARCH 2023

By Commodore Tammy White, Chief Medical Officer

This month I thought I would do a Medical Minute on the top 3 medical breakthroughs in healthcare. I found them interesting and I hope you do too. I obtained the information from the World Economic Forum on the internet.

#### The top 3 breakthroughs are:

**1. Regrowing damaged body parts.** I used to watch the Six Million Dollar Man so I liked they mentioned the show in the article. The Six Million Dollar Man, in case you didn't know, was a show about an astronaut that was injured on a test flight. He was given bionic legs, one arm, and an eye. I doubt anyone ever thought it would really be possible one day. It still remains science fiction, but technological advances in medicine are having amazing results. We are getting closer to our Trek world every day. When your knees get creaky with age, the worn-out cartilage- the connective tissue that helps joints move smoothly-does not regenerate there are only two options: painkillers or an operation to replace the joint. In the future, stem-cell technology might be able to help cartilage and other parts of the body to regrow. That could help vast numbers of people: severe osteoarthritis is expected to affect well over 25% of the adult population by 2030. Regenerative medicine has much wider application, making it a game-changing area of medicine with the potential to fully heal damaged tissues and organs. The technology could help repair hearts damaged by heart attack and could mean body tissues or organs for transplant can be grown in laboratories.

**2. A pill that lets you know you've taken it.** You read that right. Patients on regular medication can find it difficult to remember if they have taken the right dose at the right time. A new pill has been created that contains a tiny sensor that records when it's take-information transmitted to a patch worn by the patient and then sent on to a smartphone. Patients and doctors can ensure the medication is being taken as needed, and innovation already being used in the treatment of schizophrenia and the other mental illnesses. That's just one idea making up the internet of medical things. Using networks of connected devices to sense vital data in real time. Their applications include telemedicine-where health care can be provided at a distance via phones and IT. Patients can use devices to measure blood pressure, monitor glucose levels and test for conditions from blood samples-and send the results in real time to their doctors.

**3. AI can detect skin cancer better than a doctor.** Melanoma skin cancers are not easily identifiable by sight and highly trained clinicians may sometimes get it wrong. A computer trained using images of skin cancer and the corresponding diagnosis achieved a 95% detection rate, well above the 87% success rate of human doctors. This is according to research published in the Annals of Oncology. Between 2-3 million non-melanoma skin cancers and 132,000 melanoma skin cancers occur globally each year, according to the WHO. One in every 3 cancers diagnosed is a skin cancer and, according to Skin Cancer Foundation Statistics, one in every five Americans will develop skin cancer in their lifetime, the WHO says. Through its ability to sift through large amounts of information...AI can help health professionals with complex decision-making, and point out clinical nuances that they might have missed.

Engineering genetics to make the body kill cancer, growing artificial organs for transplant, and pills that can talk to you: these are all examples of how the fourth industrial revolution will radically change medical treatments by blurring the lines between the physical, digital, and biological. The fourth industrial revolution is transforming health and medicine







due to the lightning-speed advances in genomics, genetic engineering, synthetic biology, nanotechnology, data science, AI robotics, to name just a few.

## <<<<ENGINEERING>>>>

### ENGINEERING UPDATE

**Captain Darrell Millner, Chief Engineering Officer, Starfleet SFDPP Certified**

#### **Monthly Ops Report - Engineering SD: 202302.27**

I'm told it's important to "Jump Back on that Horse Again" when life gets off track. What they forget to say is 'Get the horse to stop first' ha ha. Well, Engineering has jumped back in the saddle again.

Currently for February a total of 33 graded and posted STARFLEET Academy\* Courses achieved everything from Batman to Lord of the Rings, from College of Engineering to XenoAnthropology, and Klingon History to SF Marine Corp Academy\* 'Basics' and more.

We have had our Monthly Departmental Zoom (20th), participated in the Heimdal Monthly Meeting (18th), worked as a team with other crew members on the Interdepartmental Role Play, and have several new projects in the works.

Yesterday we published the 18th issue of our newsletter T.E.L. The Engineering Link. A jammed packed issue and we hope you will take time to take a look. You can view it online via the public link



is <https://trek.millnernet.com/home/eng-link/> where you can view, print, download, share.

This does not affect my rank or uniform, as I have not elected to modify my affiliation in SFI, but having dipped my toes into the 'SF Marine Corp Academy' curriculum and completed PD100 it appears I am now a Marine Reservist. I'm looking forward to diving in further as they have an impressive Engineering course structure. More updates to follow.

Our team has a powerful 2023 ahead of us, not just Engineering, but the Heimdal as a whole.

I'd like to wrap up and take a moment to say Thank You to Linda and Willy, you've both been so helpful especially over the past couple months with a variety of questions, helping out, and amazing personal and SF guidance. You provide a R1 perspective and wealth of knowledge that I try not to take for granted. Thanks for keeping me on track. - Millner Out

I've included a couple of pictures taken on our 'voyage home' from Colorado. Science Officer Cmdr Barbara Millner exploring the wilderness of Garden of the Gods in Colorado and CEO Captain Millner at The Stafford Air & Space Museum is located in Weatherford, Oklahoma.

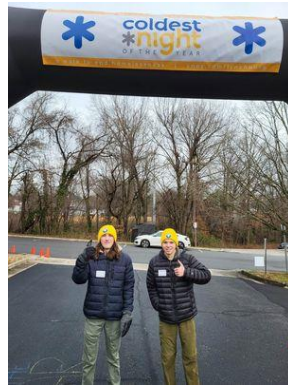


## CADET NEWS

### HEIMDAL'S CADET CORPS



**Heimdal's Cadet Corps: Left to right – Allen Hatter, Darrell Spencer and Jonah Ryan**



## CADET ALLEN HATTER

By Jonathan Hatter

On February 25th Allen and I, and Troop 29 Senior Patrol Leader, Henry volunteered at the Coldest Night of the Year walk to benefit Miriam's House in Lynchburg. Their mission is to help the homeless find solutions to their situation that allow them to regain a stable lifestyle. The CNOY offers a 2K and a 5K walk to raise money to help those in need. People can participate as individuals or in teams.

The walk proceeds up Magnolia Street and along Rivermont Avenue. As volunteers, we helped set up the start/finish arch, direct traffic, and cheer on the walkers as

they approached the finish line. We were proud to help out our community.

## HEIMDAL'S PET FLEET

### LESSONS FROM FOUR PAWS

By Beth Hopkins

My husband and I are owned by three other life forces. I have introduced you to them over the last years – but as a recap – here they are: Orion (Boxer #1) is ten years old in March; Cassiopeia (Boxer #2) just turned three in February and Fiona (Calico kitty) is now fifteen. All of these four paws are aging fairly well and we are grateful for that! These beings are our children and as parents we try to provide them the very best care we can. It is a commitment we took on when we first brought them into our lives and it is an agreement we will never break. But just as important as our end of the relationship is, they regularly provide us with love and attention as they share life lessons with us.

Orion has been diagnosed with a muscle weakening condition that is progressive, but currently under control. Despite being 70 years old in people years, he remains loving and playful whenever a toy appears or one of us walks in the door. Like a true boxer he still makes every effort to dance that curvy dance that boxers are known for, which is charming and always starts me singing a little song to him (that I will share if ever asked). For me this message is love fully and without reservation!

Fiona is a study in meditation. She can watch any activity in the living room such as dogs playing and the TV blaring for hours; then just as quickly, she gets the “zoomies” and runs around the room in circles with speed and zest, bats Cassie on the snout and lands back in her box on the dining room table. From there with a cat-like look of what appears to be satisfaction, the waiting and watching begins again. From her it is easy to learn that for everything there is a time and a place.

Cassie has endless energy. For her, there is never enough playtime or attention. She lives in the moment and whatever comes her way doesn't seem to slow her down at this age. She is daring, takes chances and is a clown - 78 lbs. of happiness personified. From her, the message is be active, slow down later and be joyful today!

These are only a few of the obvious lessons we have the privilege of experiencing daily from our four-paw group. More to come, I am sure.



## REGION ONE and STARFLEET IN BRIEF

From Linda

I'm combining these two columns because Willy and I attended the Region One CO/XO meeting and got both Regional and Fleet information. So here we go:

### Region One

1. No bids were made for a location for a 2023 R/1 Summit so there won't be one this year. The Regional Coordinator will be taking bids for a host for a 2024 Summit.
2. The R/1 Newsletter, **Channel One** has a new editor – James Cecil. The first issue under his editorship just came out and the link was sent out on Heimdal's IO groups email list.

James Cecil wants all R/1 members to know that ALL members may submit articles to the newsletter ... it doesn't have to be just the CO. Deadlines and info on how to submit are available from Linda (me).





3. While there will changes to the Fleet Division Chief Program, the Regional RDC Program will remain unchanged.
4. Regional Annual Awards nominations have been sent to the judges.

### **Starfleet**

1. Chapter COs and XOs may use their email addresses for chapter members that do not have computers/email addresses. All members are important to Starfleet.
2. Raising Starfleet membership rates is being discussed. An increase is likely to defray rising operation costs. Nothing has been decided. The membership will be kept informed.

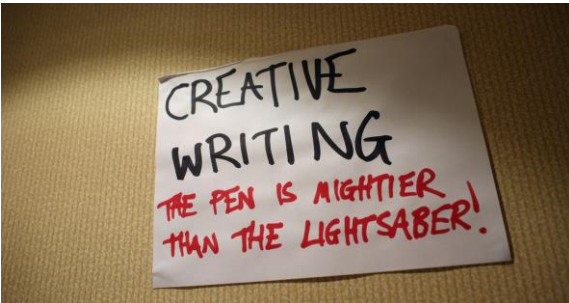
## **STARFLEET STUFF**

### **NEW STARFLEET CREATIVE WRITING PUBLICATION**

**By Lucy Ferron Franck**

The Communications Department today announces a new publication for STARFLEET members with the creative writing of other STARFLEET members!

"Strange New Words" is the new bi-annual publication and all members are invited to submit original short fiction or poetry. The top 5 submissions will receive prizes! Please read and follow the guidelines on the flyer. REGION COORDINATORS and COs are asked to share this information with all members and cross post or share the flyer. Questions should be directed to COMM Dean Rogers, the new publication's Editor, [rogersdSFA08@gmail.com](mailto:rogersdSFA08@gmail.com). Deadline for



submissions for the first edition is June 1, so there is plenty of time to get creative!

### **STARFLEET ACADEMY COLLEGE RETIRING!**

**By Kelli Caplette, Dean IOMA**

Due to challenges and material duplication in other colleges, the College of Medical Knowledge (IOMA MEDK) will be retired on March 15, 2023. All courses in the School of Medical Knowledge (MEDK), School of History of Surgical Procedures (HSP) and School of People of Surgical Procedures (PSP) will be retired.

The School of Equipment of Surgical Procedures (ESP) is pending.

STARFLEET Medical is working on editing the SF Medical Core Training to accommodate the retirement of the School of MEDK courses.

If you have any questions, please reach out to me, David Yee or Jill Rayburn."

## **STAR TREK STUFF**



### **STAR TREK NEXT GENERATION 4-MOVIE COLLECTION, Part 1**

**Beaming down in 4K this April**

**From Glenda Blanks, Star Trek Editor**



Our 4K collection will no longer be incomplete as Paramount Home Entertainment is set to release Star Trek: The Next Generation – 4-Movie Collection in 4K Ultra HD this spring. The new set will include all four TNG-era films — including Star Trek: Generations, Star Trek: First Contact, Star Trek: Insurrection, and Star Trek: Nemesis — in 4K, fully-remastered Blu-ray along with all legacy bonus content from previous releases and access to digital copies of each film on April 4, 2023.

The films will be available in the four-film collection and as individual releases.

### See Part 2 of this article in the April RainCon.

Cover art and special features are detailed below: (enlarge to better read the small font)

#### **STAR TREK: GENERATIONS** Bonus Content

Commentary by director David Carson and Manny Coto

Commentary by Brannon Braga and Ronald D. Moore

Text Commentary by Michael and Denise Okuda

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Production

Uniting Two Legends

Stellar Cartography: Creating the Illusion

Strange New Worlds: The Valley of Fire

Scoring Trek

Visual Effects

Inside ILM: Models & Miniatures

Crashing the Enterprise

Scene Deconstruction

Main Title Sequence

The Nexus Ribbon

Saucer Crash Sequence

The Star Trek Universe

A Tribute to Matt Jeffries

The Enterprise Lineage

Captain Picard's Family Album

Creating 24th Century Weapons

Next Generation Designer Flashback Andrew Probert

Stellar Cartography on Earth

Brent Spiner – Data and Beyond Part 1

Trek Roundtable: Generations

Starfleet Academy SCISEC Brief 007: Trilithium

Deleted Scenes

Archives

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#### **STAR TREK: FIRST CONTACT** Bonus Content

Commentary by director and actor Jonathan Frakes

Commentary by screenplay writers Brannon Braga and Ronald D. Moore

Commentary by Damon Lindelof and Anthony Pascale

Text commentary by Michael and Denise Okuda

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Making First Contact

The Art of First Contact

The Story

The Missile Silo

The Deflector Dish

From “A” to “E”

Scene Deconstruction

Borg Queen Assembly

Escape Pod Launch

Borg Queen's Demise

The Star Trek Universe

Jerry Goldsmith: A Tribute

The Legacy of Zefram Cochrane

First Contact: The Possibilities

Industrial Light & Magic – The Next Generation

Greetings from the International Space Station

SpaceShipOne's Historic Flight

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## THE ZAK PERSPECTIVE

### S.T.E.M., JAM AND FUN: MOON GIRL AND DEVIL DINOSAUR

By Zak Lyon

Long story short. Ha. When Kermit the Frog got back from the dimension of *Amphibia*, and then back from the big city of the *Big City Greens* during the panel he was hosting at D23,



he was on hand to hear Lawrence Fishburne announce that he was producing, along with Disney *Moon Girl and Devil Dinosaur*. A Marvel Comic property, it would be reimagined from its comic roots to feature Lunella Lafayette, a 13-year-old black heroine with Shuri and Stark level genius. And believe it or not, there are Star Trek connections here!

I am a part of many fandoms. The Stars, Trek and Wars, Muppets, Marvel, and animation in general. And I am a fan of any children's show that does not talk down to their viewers, depicts children standing up for their beliefs, and allows children to see that they have the power and skills to craft the solution to their problems.

In 2019 when this new Marvel animated TV show was announced, I was thrilled. I followed its development. The animation looked unique and vibrant. The characters were relatable and grounded in a Lower East Side (LES) that was recognizable. And the voice cast looked great. The show debuted in February on Disney Cable and Streaming Services. And it lived up to its hype.

Lunella, her parents, grandparents and best friend navigate life and challenges in their LES neighborhood, dealing with rolling brown outs, school, and supervillains all while having fun. The show is characterized as a S.T.E.M show. (Although, it could be seen as a S.T.E.A.M show since the artwork featured is wonderful.) But it is science, math and tech that are central to the plot and the main character's personality. It shows self-reliant kids using their brains to face life's obstacles.

While some programing geared to younger children vilifies social media, here it is portrayed as not some vile evil thing that kids get addicted to but something that those Lunella's age must learn to navigate with poise and grace while at the same time communicating feelings with emojis and encouraging us to punch that subscribe button. When she is told not to mind what the internet trolls say, it's from her savvy friend Casey who has seen it all before. No real finger-wagging in sight here which can turn off the intended viewers. In fact, in the first three episodes it seems as if no lesson is taught by her parents – it is extended family and friends that guide her when she needs it.

The plot thickens when Lunella, a genius, builds on the research of her role model, Moon Girl, and develops a portal through which emerges a T. Rex. This is an opportune time for a new street level super team to take the stage as it is learned that the power failures are caused by a supervillain. Lunella takes the name of her hero and dubs her sidekick Devil Dinosaur.

Moon Girl and Double D have been through a lot in even the first three episodes – facing the aforementioned actual troll (moral - one needs to learn how to keep trolls from feeding off of negative energy) and learning to be less competitive while making friends with a supercomputer (even though that supercomputer momentarily turned evil and hit our girl in the femur with a floor buffer). Hey some of the best friendships start out rocky – at least in the media. Fighting her new science teacher who also turned out to be an electricity sapping supervillain. School boards please stop letting experienced teachers walk away and leave openings that will inevitably be filled by supervillains. I'll say no more beyond this...spoilers.

Now trust me...there are Star Trek Connections here. Devil Dinosaur is voiced by Fred Tatasciore, the one and only Lt. Shaxs - Chief Security Officer and Ejector of Warp Cores on the USS Cerritos. He can convey his character's entire emotional range through a series of roars so varied that you can truly see that the relationship between Lunella and Devil goes beyond owner and pet. Despite being big and red, Clifford the Big Red Dog he ain't. And Lunella's grandmother, Mimi, who runs a family-owned roller-skating rink with her husband, is voiced by the one and only Alfre Woodard or Lily Sloan or the person who was supposed to be in the Phoenix with Zephram Cochran. There will be time for all my First Contact thoughts next month.

Through it all Moon Girl shows us that any girl - any person - can change the world. With brains, heart, friends and family any one of us can better our communities and jam out doing it. Check it out.



## CONTINUING ROLE PLAY

### MEANWHILE ON THE HEIMDAL ...

Back on the bridge, everything was quiet. It was Gamma Shift. And all was well.

The turbolift doors hissed open and Lt. Commander Whately slowly walked onto the bridge. She nodded to Security Officer Hatter as she relieved Lt. Parrish and took her seat at the Communications console. Perhaps today she will talk to Hatter about her concerns. She just needed to check one more thing.

Whately was sitting at her station in communications waiting to be relieved when she noticed an anomaly -- an unusual, encrypted communication signal going to Lt. (or was it Lt. Commander -- how does he get promoted so fast?) Bud Walker's quarters from parts unknown.

"What is going on here?" she thought to herself. "I've had my suspicions about the reclusive Bud Walker and now this. I guess I'll have to ask him the next time I see him." As if on cue, Walker arrived on the bridge to relieve the navigator. Kathy's relief arrived early, making it easy for her to approach Bud. She quickly rose from her station and walked up to Bud in a friendly, but curious manner.

**"Hey, Bud, how are you doing?"**

Bud looked at her suspiciously as he didn't really have any friends on the Heimdal having avoided most social activities.

**"Hi, Kathy,"** he responded. At least he knew her name.

She went straight to the point. **"Are you receiving communications from parts unknown in your quarters?"**

Bud nervously replies, **"No, why do you ask?"**

**"I've been hearing others talking about strange communications from unknown persons and locations, so I have been asking around. Glad to hear that you aren't having any such problems. I don't know what is going on -- probably a ghost in the machine or something. I'll keep checking with everyone. Thanks, Bud."**

Helmsman Lyon was excited to be sharing duty with Commander Walker on navigation. He would finally get a chance to talk with Walker. Maybe get to know him a little bit better. But first, he leaned back in his seat and staged whispered across the bridge to Whately, tongue in cheek. **"Kathy, how's frequencies today?"** She glared back at him as his console beeped. The Relay Portal? He quickly read the IRP message. It was from Kathy.

**"I don't feel like kidding today, Zak. Something is on my mind."** Embarrassed, Zak turned to Walker. He was immediately hit with an odd feeling. Disorienting and nauseating. He shook it off. *Listeners and empaths know not to intrude.* But this feels important. Am I crossing a line? Maybe we are on the same shift for a reason. *Just because you have darkness trailing you doesn't mean that it is your darkness. Probably was crossing a line, Zak thinks. No reaction from Walker except the smallest lifting of the head. Well...it will be interesting to work together today.*

As she headed to the turbo lift, Kathy thought to herself, *Walker lied.*

*I know he received a communication. I hope he bought my story about others receiving errant communications. Of course, he will never ask anyone about it as he has no friends. Still, I better talk to my friend Jonathan in Security. There's something odd about Bud Walker and I think Jonathan will know what to do.*

Instead of going to her quarters, Whately headed to Security to find Hatter.



## LOOKING TO THE FUTURE

**From Linda**

I'm EXCITED! If you've read most of this newsletter you know we have some exciting things ahead for the Heimdal ... for a while month after month. DO plan to come to the Anniversary Party. There are so many fun things that will be going on and some surprises. It will be such a fun evening.

And DO plan to come and help out at the Star Trek Collectibles Auction. Wear a costume, bid on some stuff ... enjoy making the public that come to the auction happy. This once in a lifetime event







will be something to talk about for months afterward.

We'll see you at the meeting.

I hope you're ALL excited with me. It's good to be back HOME on the Heimdal

### THAT'S IT - WE QUIT ...

We'll see you soon at the meeting. You don't want to miss Ron Miller and his lovely space art.

Thank you to ALL of our newsletter contributors. You make this publication outstanding and give it the amazing personality it has. See you soon.

*Linda, Willy and our staff of THOUSANDS.*

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