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First Officer – Jill Tipton

* *Communications – Dawn Jenkins*

* *Computer Operations – Nancy Hall*

Engineering - Gary Donner

Medical – Sharon Russell

* *Security – Jill Tipton*

Science – Nancy Hall

** These 3 positions are in need of Division Chiefs. The CO, XO and Trekasaurus editor are temporarily acting in these positions. You must submit both a real life and Starfleet resume and meet the requirements of these positions to be considered. Contact the XO for more information.*

THE CAPTAIN'S LODGE

Hi everyone,

There is a lot of going on this month so be sure to read the *Region 1 News* and other news items in this issue. *The Region 1 Summit* is on May 18-20, 2018, in Pigeon Ford, TN and the *Starfleet IC 2018* in August 10 – 12, 2018, in Minneapolis, MN. We have added a section to the newsletter for membership renewals to help the crew stay current in Starfleet.



Applications are being accepted for the 2018 *Starfleet Scholarship*. We had a Cadet on the ship win a Starfleet Scholarship last year and while we do not have any eligible crewmembers on the ship at this time, you can always donate to the scholarship fund so other worthy Cadets can earn some money for college. Starfleet also supports the cost of a Cadet to attend *Space Camp* and like last year, the USS Jurassic will be donating \$100 to this worthy opportunity. I recently found out that 10 people who went to Space Camp went on to become astronauts (8 of them) or cosmonauts (2 of them) so the sky is the limit for these kids.

Carolyn Donner informed me she is stepping down from reporting on the *Amateur Radio Project*

so I hope one of the ham radio operators on the ship will be willing to take on that position. I have also asked one of the crew members to take on the Overseas Coupon Project so I hope we can have that position filled soon.

In the coming months, I will be working with the *Starfleet Marine Corps (SFMC)* to add a *Marine Strike Group (MSG)* to the ship. Both the XO and I are members of the SFMC and we both believe it time for us to get a MSG on the ship. We believe it will also help us gain new members and also help us increase activity on the ship. Finally, please send news to your department chiefs. I'm seeing reports that things are quiet in several of the departments and know it can't be quiet on the ship all the time. If you just saw a new movie, have been watching a new show, read a new book, traveled for work or visited a museum or exciting theme park, or did some charity work, let your department chief know.

Talk with you next month,
Nancy

Fleet Captain Nancy R. Hall
CO, USS Jurassic NCC 3500
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ACADEMY NEWS

Looks like I was the only person taking courses this month. I hope more folks take courses next month.



Nancy Hall

IOPE - College of Gaming (IOPE:GAME)
BG 102 - Chess HONORS

REGION 1 NEWS

– Press Release –

To: All STARFLEET International Commands
From: ADM Linda & David Kloempken

Chairmen of IC 2018

Hello, STARFLEET!

We're looking forward to welcoming you to the Starfleet Family Reunion! Join us in Bloomington, Minnesota, for three days of fun, family, and friends.

IC 2018's dates: August 10 – 12, 2018.

The Venue: The Hilton Minneapolis/St. Paul Airport Mall of America.

Room Rate: Reserve your room at the special rate of \$109 for stays from August 10, 2018 through August 12, 2018. The Hilton is offering the convention rate for three nights on either side of the event on a space-available basis. So come early! Stay late! And enjoy the many vacation opportunities available in the beautiful Twin Cities. Suites are available on a limited basis for \$159 per night.

Members can call the hotel directly at 1-952-854-2100 and give promotional code "STAR18" to get the event rate. Or use the link on the <http://www.ic2018.org/hotel/> to make your reservation online.

Website: <http://www.ic2018.org/>

Recent updates to the website are too numerous to mention, so check them out online.

Facebook Page:

<https://www.facebook.com/STARFLEETINTCONFS/>

Online Registration:

PRICE DEADLINE: the Online Registration Rate is \$35.00 if you register by March 31, 2018. Sale dates are possible so stay tuned.

Saturday Banquet price is \$45 per person. This will be a Hot Dish supper served family style.

Friday evening Marine Mess is available for \$47 per person. This is a plated dinner with the option of either pork or chicken for the entree.

All registrants will receive a convention badge, program book, visitor information, and a little something extra for joining us.

If you are not able to attend but want to help out, Supporting Memberships are available for \$25 per person. You will receive the badge, program book, and something extra. These packages will be mailed out after the IC.

Charities Supported: Our charity for this year's IC will be the STARFLEET Scholarship Program.

Snail Mail Registration: If you prefer to mail your registration, please go to www.ic2018.org and download the .pdf of our registration form. Send the completed form along with your check or money order payable to STARFLEET to the address on the form.

Special dietary concerns: If you have dietary concerns that we should know about, please contact us at ichair@sfi.org. We will be glad to work out something that will allow you to join in the meal events.

We are looking forward to seeing you in the Twin Cities this summer! Make your reservations soon. And come join the Family Reunion!

Admiral David Kloempken, CO USS Czar'ak
Commander, Sixth Fleet STARFLEET

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Region One Summit 2018 Updates!
(Please Share)

Argh Mates, we will be making land fall in under 3 months of sail! Don't let yerself be beached! While you can purchase your Summit ticket up

until ye dock, deadlines for the reserving of a room at the Inn and summit garb be approachin on the horizon. So don't let yerselves be caught walking on the wrong end of the plank and make yer orders early!

The deadline for room reservations and to order T-shirts is April 15th, after which our block of rooms not reserved will be made available to the public. The hotel has sold out in the past. Also we need time to get the T-Shirts printed and delivered so keep these dates in mind!

To reserve your hotel room please call: MainStay Suites at 865-428-8350 and please let them know you are with the Region One Summit so we get credit for the room.

To order a Region One Summit 2018 T-Shirt:

<http://ussstarleague.com/2018R1Summit/index.html>

Or if you need hardcopy of the form please contact me (Carnell) darkon1@atlanticbb.net

We'll be seeing ye soon!

Commodore Carnell Eubanks
CO HMS Star League
Region One Summit 2018 Chair

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Hello everyone!

I am accepting scholarship applications for the 2018 Scholarship award season. To be eligible, the member must have joined STARFLEET prior to June 15, 2017. The scholarships awards will be presented at the International Conference in Bloomington, Minnesota on August 10th - 12th, 2018.

Scholarship Donations:

If you would like to make a donation to the STARFLEET Scholarship Program, you can make it during your renewal process, or you can send a PayPal payment to epayments@sfi.org

and make sure to notate that the funds are to be utilized for the Scholarship Program.

Check payments may be made payable to STARFLEET Scholarship Fund and sent to the STARFLEET mailing address which is:

STARFLEET Scholarship
PO Box 1701
Valdosta, GA 31603

If you would like to request an application or have any questions about the STARFLEET Scholarship Program, please contact me at scholarships@sfi.org and I would be happy to assist you.

ADM Tammy Willcox
STARFLEET Scholarship Director
scholarships@sfi.org

BIRTHDAYS

Lt. Annette Wood
February 15

Capt. Ralph Brigham
March 12

PO1 Diane McElwain
March 20

CPO Michael Lewallen
March 29

If anyone has been left out, please contact the editor for inclusion in future issues.



MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

Since the *Starfleet Communique* went to electronic news, several people received a year or two extension with respect to their renewal date in Starfleet. Well this year or next year, your

membership will be due so this section will let people know whose membership is up for renewal:

Expiring March 2018: Name, SCC# and renewal date:

McElwain, Diane	64761	3/12/18
Donner, Carolyn	10314	3/28/18
Donner, Gary	20225	3/28/18

You can renew using this link:
<https://db.sfi.org/secure/renewal.php>

If you are a regular member to the SFI database, you can login and renew there. If you having issues renewing, contact me and I can renew for you via Paypal and then you can reimburse me. Dues are \$5 for individual and \$9 for 2 family members and \$12 for 3 family members.

FIRST OFFICERS CABIN

Please see the Security Department for the First Officer's report by Jill Tipton as she is acting as Security Chief.

Engineering Department

CEO Gary Donner
Carolyn Donner
Randy Norris
Alvin Norris



I have not heard from any of the Engineers in a month of Sundays or more, so from where I SIT, all must be running well on autopilot... I have tried off and on to get even small reports from the crew but they must not be interested in reporting. Maybe the Skipper will fire me :-)

The Gorn

Medical Department

Capt. Sharon Russell
PO1 Shelley Harrell



My computer seems to be shot, so I am doing this from my phone. I lost

my only child on January 10th. She was 36 years old. The pain will be very great for a long time. I have temporary custody of my granddaughter and I pray that I get to keep her. Nothing else new to report. Thank you Jill for reporting in for your yearly physical.

Capt. Sharon Russell
CMO USS Jurassic

Communications Department

Lt. Cmdr. Dawn Jenkins, Acting Chief
PO1 John Harrell: Archivist & Maintenance



Lt. Wood, PO1 Quiñones, and I attended the monthly Pinochle club on January 20. On Monday, January 22 had lunch with the skipper at *Steak 'n Shake*. I went to the *Star Wars: Rogue One* movie with my baby brother and great niece on January 28.

On January 17, Lt. Wood and I attempted to bake a povitica bread that we saw on the *Great British Baking Show* and the *Masterclass* spin-off. This bread is a traditional Christmas pastry made in Croatia and Slovenia. It is basically a giant nut roll (walnuts) that is folded into a pan, creating a fascinating product with distinct swirls showing when it is cut open. We got the recipe from the show's website and had to convert into US measures. It was rocky, but we eventually rolled out a 40" pastry shell and spread a nut mixture over it. We rolled it and folded it into a pan and were basically pleased with the results. The recipe called for a different kind of yeast than we were used to using and we found some of the conversions slightly off. We were using different quantities than usual in US cooking—nothing so straight forward as 2 cups of flour! I decided to search out a more American recipe and we are ready to try again sometime soon using the new instructions. Our first povitica was a grand success, being yummy and nutty with the characteristic swirls we were seeking.

On January 30, the Communication department published the December issue of the *Trekosaurus*. I published January celestial almanac, What's Up in the Night Sky? at *Astra's Star Gate* on January 4.

Until next month,
Lt. Cmdr. Jenkins, Chief (acting)

Science Department

Fleet Captain Nancy R. Hall - Chief Science Officer
LT Dawn Jenkins - Planetary Scientist
LT Annette Wood - Stellar Cartography
PO1 Bruni Quinones – Botanist
Cadet Carol Hall - Junior scientist
PO1 Diane McElwain - Transporter science
PO1 Phil Stehno - Science Survey team
PO1 Tracie Stehno - Science Survey team member



Cadet Carol received all A's in her first semester at *Bowling Green State University* in Bowling Green, OH and made the dean's list. She is now in her second semester in college and is excited about the 2 film courses she will be taking this semester. I received a grade of B+ in the Combustion Processes graduate courses I took at *Case Western Reserve University* last semester. Dawn won the Education challenge I presented to the USS Jurassic in Aug 2017 (the challenge was via my role as CO). Dawn completed 8 courses from Starfleet Academy between Aug - Dec 2017. Everyone else is performing their duties within expected parameters, as Data would say.

Nancy, USS Jurassic
Chief Science Officer

Security Department

Jill Tipton - Chief Tac/Sec (Acting Chief)
David Craycroft - Security

I entered Coke codes totaling \$7.65. Most for USO. I also continue to volunteer at a local hospital as well as crochet baby blankets and pocket size prayer shawls.



Other than that, it's been quiet.

Jill
XO and Acting Security Chief

Amateur Radio Project K8SSJ



It is with great regret that Carolyn Donner had to step down from her position reporting on the amateur radio activities aboard the ship due to health reasons. She really worked hard to present the current activities of all the members of the crew. We also must congratulate Carolyn and Gary (the mighty Gorn) for all their work with amateur radio operators and helping individuals to attain their radio licenses. We can only hope that some of the more active radio folks consider stepping up to do this kind of work.

Thank you for your many years of service Carolyn! We would still like to continue this department so if someone is interested in providing an amateur radio report, let the XO know. In the meantime, please send any information on your radio ham activities to the CO at kc4iyd@yahoo.com

Lt. Commander Dawn Jenkins and Fleet Captain Nancy Hall

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Hi everyone,

Below is a general article that was posted on 11/22/2017 on the ARRL News and Feature site and featured in QST. It highlights a year-long NASA on the Air event where the different NASA centers will be operating on the air. As president of the NASA Glenn Amateur Radio Club, NA8SA, I will also be on the air with members of my club. I'm willing to set up a schedule if someone wants to specifically contact our club station. Here are some other cool links:

NASA On the Air website
<https://nasaontheair.wordpress.com/>

NASA Glenn Amateur Radio Club
<https://www.grc.nasa.gov/na8sa/>

Nancy, kc4iyd/8

Year-Long NASA On The Air Event Kicks off on December 11

The Amateur Radio clubs at National Aeronautics and Space Administration (**NASA**) centers around the US have invited the Amateur Radio community to join the NASA On The Air (**NOTA**) special event. NOTA gets under way in December 2017 and continues through December 2018. In addition to being the agency's 60th anniversary, 2018 will mark 50 years since NASA orbited the first human around the moon, and 20 years since the first elements of the International Space Station (ISS) were launched into low-Earth orbit.

Starting on Monday, December 11, 2017 (UTC), Amateur Radio club stations at various NASA centers and facilities will be on the air with special event operations to celebrate these monumental achievements, as well as current milestones. Some clubs will offer commemorative QSL cards, and a special certificate will be available indicating the number of NASA stations worked on various bands and modes.

"We plan to have a web-based system for you to check your points total and download a printable certificate at the end of the event in December 2018," the NASA announcement said. "Points will be awarded for each center worked on each band and mode (phone, CW, digital, and 'space' modes — satellites, meteor scatter, EME, ISS APRS)." That would, of course, include contacts with any of the Amateur Radio stations on the ISS.

Key anniversaries during NOTA include the 45th anniversary of Apollo 17 on December 11, 2017, which kicks off the event; NASA's founding on July 29, 1958; the 20th anniversary of the ISS first element launch on November 20, 1998; the 20th anniversary of the ISS Node 1 Launch on December 4, 1998, and the 50th anniversary of Apollo 8 — launched on December 21, 1968, and returned on December 27 — marking the end of the event.

Ham radio clubs at various NASA facilities will sponsor their own special events to commemorate and celebrate specific events.

“We hope to be on the air for casual contacts and contests as well. All contacts with NASA club stations will count toward your total,” the announcement said. “QSL cards can be requested from each club you work and details will be on the individual QRZ.com profile page for each club call sign.”

More information is on the NASA On The Air website. Participating Amateur Radio clubs, and the NASA On The Air (NOTA) event are independent of — and not officially sponsored by — NASA. — *Thanks to **Rob Suggs**, KB5EZ, NASA Marshall Space Flight Center Amateur Radio Club (NN4SA), and **Kevin Zari**, KK4YEL, NASA Kennedy Space Center Amateur Radio Club (N1KSC).*

EDITOR'S NOTES

February is a short month and already it seems that 2018 is flying by us. I am very sorry to learn from Chief Medical Officer Sharon Russell that she lost her only daughter last month and I am praying for her and her family.

Again, I'd like to thank Carolyn Donner for her excellent support as the amateur radio reporter for the USS Jurassic. Thank you for all that you have done in ham radio supporting Starfleet and the ham community for many years!

This month, I am presenting a review of *A Stitch in Time*, a fiction by Andrew J. Robinson who played Garak on *Star Trek: Deep Space Nine*. I thoroughly enjoyed this work of fiction that must have come from long hours of contemplating his role as the diabolical yet plain, simple tailor who was exiled by the Cardassians on the space station left in orbit around Bajor when the Federation moved in. Although the article doesn't really contain spoilers those who prefer to know nothing about the work before reading, you may want to go on Amazon and order the kindle copy. Unfortunately the cheapest **new** book is over \$150 dollars!

It seems incredible to me that Robinson published his novel in 2000, apparently writing it in the

closing years of the last millenium. I read the book a long time ago and remember enjoying it very much.

So while investigating Andrew J. Robinson, I found that he has 106 credits as an actor in the IMDb web database. (My favorite resource for all things movie related.) Robinson was born on Valentine's day in 1942! He appeared in a boatload of TV series including DS9, Jag, Dukes of Hazzard, Murder She Wrote, X-files, Bonaza, Walker Texas Ranger, and many more! He also appeared as a killer in Dirty Harry and played Liberace in a TV movie.

Robinson also has 3 credits as a director including DS9, 2 episodes in *Star Trek: Voyager*, and *Judging Amy*. Interestingly, he almost landed the Odo role on DS9. What excited me the most when I was trawling the net for information, is that a new documentary about DS9 is to be released some time in 2018. Andrew J. Robinson will talk about his role as Garak. The name of the show is, "*What We Left Behind, Looking back at Deep Space Nine.*" As Deep Space Nine qualifies as one of my favorite shows, Star Trek or otherwise, I am considering ording the DVD.

Until next month,

Lt. Cmdr. Jenkins, editor
USS Jurassic Trekosaurus

=====Book Review=====

A Stitch in Time

Andrew J. Robinson
©2000

Mr. Robinson who played Elim Garak on Star Trek: Deep Space Nine wrote a very interesting novel about his life on Cardassia. When the story opens, Elim is living on Cardassia Prime after the Dominion War. The book tells his life story, that he apparently began writing during his exile on Deep Space Nine. The novel contains the story of his early life and exploits as an Obsidian Order spy.

Elim's mother, Mila, worked in the house of Enabrim Tain, the head of Cardassia's Obsidian Order. Elim describes himself as a mischeivous child, who revelled in getting others into "questionable" activities and seeing to it that they would be found out and punished for their deeds.

The novel contains a fascinating juxtaposition of Garak's childhood, his life in the Obsidian Order, his relationship with Dr. Brashir, his participation in

the Invasion of Cardassia, and the current state of Cardassia Prime. Join Elim Garak as he picks up the pieces of his war-torn homeland.

If you were a fan of Robinson's character Garak this fascinating volume will delight you.

Kindle: <https://www.amazon.com/Stitch-Time-Star-Trek-Space/dp/0671038850>
\$8.99



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