



Heart of the Fleet Herald

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FROM THE DESK OF THE REGIONAL COORDINATOR



It was great to see everyone at the Family Reunion this year. Congratulations to everyone who received awards and promotions. Shanon and I are looking at reimplementing the R12 Awards program. If anyone has copies of past award manuals please send them to me.

I am also looking at putting the family reunion in Fulton every year. The venue that we use is free and has lots of space for our one-day event. Fulton is an easy town to get to from most of the locations

we have chapters in. If we make lunch a potluck, the we will not run into the time problems we had this year. I am looking at a 0930 to 1500 time frame. I also have talked with the Hotel Manager and she is able to get us a god rate on a room block.

Since 2016, we have had to jump through hoops at the last minute to get something going. I am not going to put our members through this any longer. If we have a dedicated site year after year where everyone knows the terrain, then things fall into place.

When I come to the annual gathering I am interested in visiting with friends I only get to see once or twice a year. Sitting through some panels listening to someone drum on about stuff I already know is not fun for me and I am sure it would not be fun for a lot of members. If any member would like to ask questions or make comments please feel free to email me with your concerns. I have placed a discussion on the Facebook page as well.

Thank you for the hard work that yawl do every day to make R12 Great.

Chris R12 RC

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Had an excellent turnout at Family Reunion/Summit. Look forward to next year to see what happens.

Congratulations to John Bevan and the DARK FURY.

Congratulations to all award winners.

Congratulations to the RC on being promoted to Rear Admiral.

Much thanks to the USS UMIAK for supply the mixer for the Family Reunion.

For those going to IC, look forward to having fun. IC to be held in Minnesota.

Until next time:

VRC Out.



FROM THE DESK OF THE CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER

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| Starting balance | |
| \$912.73 | 01/01/2018 |
| - \$24.70 | SFI Quartermaster, rank for promotion |
| - \$16.00 | SFI Quartermaster Rank for promotion |
| - \$76.83 | Trophies for Annual Awards |
| - \$93.66 | Items for Reunion from Walmart. 40.00 was for cash to reimburse Connie Williams for the cake she paid for in advance. |
| +\$280.07 | From square for cards payment form auction (258.00) and t-shirt sales (30.00). Original amount was 288.00. Square took at 7.93 fee. |
| + \$379.50 | Cash from Auction |
| + \$270 | Cash from t-shirt sales. |
| \$1631.49 | Total |

There is an outstanding check for \$406.33 for the T-shirt paid in advance.



Ladies and Gentlemen:

The USS Dark Phoenix is coordinating the 4th Annual Region 12 Away Mission, scheduled for August 11th, 2018. The venue for this Away Mission is the Tulsa (OK) Air and Space Museum. We will enter at 10am and be there until the museum closes at 5pm (with a one-hour break at noon for lunch).



Now, what makes this particular Away Mission special is that I have arranged for 30 folks of our number to enter for **free** in return for us being in the lobby to hand out backpacks for their "Back to School" event and for photo opportunities as well as for contact with the local media. We will need everyone to sign up for at least one 2-hour shift at some point during the day. The shifts shall be 10-12, 1-3, and 3-5. A lunch break for us all will be from 12-1.

The Museum has requested us all to be in uniforms, Klingon gear, or other such costumes. Props--including bat'leths--are permitted in the lobby. (Though it has not been stated by the Museum, I suggest not taking any larger props such as bat'leths into the display areas of the museum when you conclude your shift. Something the size of a Tribble is fine, of course.)

To help connect with the younger patrons, our Cadets age 15 and older are eligible for this "Free 30" offer with the same expectation of working at least one of the two-hour shifts.

This event shall be not only a public appearance and fun/educational excursion but also a low-key recruiting event for the appropriate ships nearest the interested parties.

If this sounds like something you wish to do, then drop me a line at so@ussdarkphoenix.org and let me know. There is no need to declare which shift you wish to work at this time. We will determine that when the event draws near. Between now and then, I wish to have a list so as to keep appropriate folks in the loop as more information is determined.

Best Wishes to All,

Sparky

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Captain John "Sparky" Bevan
Second Officer
USS *Dark Phoenix*, NCC-74920
Lawrence, Kansas

REGIONAL STATUS:
Number of Chapters: 21
Total Members: 530
Unassigned: 26

CHAPTER ACTIVITIES

Chapter Aux Arc Activity: Making Plans to attend the Family Reunion



Chapter Black Hawk Activity: Regular Maneuvers along assigned patrol routes



Chapter Blackstone Activity:

We had our first convention of the year and while we had fun the convention was... let's just say I don't expect it to have another year. We have several conventions to come and we won't let this one get us down.

On March 15th we have an away mission to see Jeffery Combs present an evening with Edgar Allan Poe.



Chapter Bortas Activity: Feb 17th Monthly meeting: discussed the Roast. and new Volunteer possibilities.

Paula Kesler and Shirley Kolb worked 2 hours each filling food baskets for the needy in Monticello and Faith Steinberg worked 2 hours at the Rantoul Public Library teaching people to make greeting cards.

Chapter Dark Fury Activity: None. as the ship did not exist in February 2018.



Chapter Dark Phoenix Activity:

02/07: Command Staff and LTJG Mengel met at Perkins for dinner. Topics discussed were the upcoming Region 12 Family Reunion, comm badge inventory, and suspension of Command Staff meetings for the next few weeks due to the observance of Lent (read: free potluck dinners at the Admirals' church, so no spending of money at Perkins for them for a little while).

2/10: Command Staff and LTJG Mengel met for dinner at IHOP. Discussion topics included promotion policy and upcoming Region Family Reunion.

2/16: LTJG Mengel hosted Game Night at her home. Those who attended were SO; LCDR R. Felty; ENS Cameron and Everly; and CDT S. Felty and T. Felty. CO and XO made cameo appearances briefly but then returned to their quarters to prepare for their busy day the next day. Two rounds of Skip-Bo were played, with the SO winning both.

2/17: SO hosted P4 at his home. Those who attended were the Command Staff, LTJG Celeste and Mengel, and a short but sincere cameo appearance by LTJG Smith. The gathering began on time at 1400 hours and wrapped at 1830 hours when LTJG Celeste got a work call to take him away from the gathering. Movies watched were Star Trek III: The Search for Spock and Star Trek IV: The Voyage Home.

2/18: SO and LTJG Celeste traveled in Celeste's shuttle to the foreign land of Gladstone MO to commune with fellow Trekkies and to play three rounds of Star Trek Five Year Mission. The host (Steve Bundy) is a former STARFLEET member from the 1990s and has been approached about rejoining. He has stated that if/when he does so, he will rejoin his friend's ship--the ISS Katana--as his friend is FADM Robert Westfall.

2/23: Command Staff and LTJG Mengel met for dinner at Perkins. Topics discussed were the ship meeting the next evening and the formation of SO's new ship, the USS Dark Fury.

2/24: Command Staff hosted the monthly ship meeting. As this was a Foreign Lands meeting, it was held in Topeka at Kansas Buffet. In total, attendance was 20: Command Staff; LCDR R. Felty; LT Schroeder; LTJG Celeste, Kaberline and Mengel; ENS Cameron, Everly, S. Fisher, and Shaffer; ENSJG Martin; CRMN Arensman, Eppich, and Talley; CDT S. Felty; former crewmember Thornton; and guests Thomas

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Cameron and Linda Ford. Thornton renewed his membership while attending the meeting. Welcome back, ENSJG Thornton!

At this meeting, the departure of CAPT Bevan as SO from the Dark Phoenix was announced. He is starting his own ship, the Dark Fury, with the Dark Phoenix serving as support ship during its shakedown voyage. Many of our crew have put in their transfer requests to join the Dark Fury. In all, a total of 21 members of our crew will be manning the new ship. We wish the new ship and her crew well and look forward to playing with her...but try not to scrape nacelles. After all, both ships are based in the same small area of Lawrence.

2/28: CO, XO/OIC 269th MSG, CAPT Bevan, LTJG Mengel, and LTJG Celeste met for lunch at Conroy's Pub and discussed upcoming events, the Region 12 Family Reunion this coming weekend, and the scheduling of other events that both ships will share. LTJG Smith arrived toward the end of the luncheon and discussed with CO and Bevan the differences between the two ships to help make her decision about whether to join the crew of the Dark Fury.

2/28: CAPT Bevan and LTJG Mengel met at Bevan's quarters to complete his final MSR for SOU-666 as Team Leader and to instruct Mengel on how to complete the monthly reports from this time forward. Effective as of the launch of the Dark Fury, Mengel is the Team Leader of the Dark Devils.

FUTURE PLANS

03/02-03: Region 12 Family Reunion, at different venue in Fulton MO than in 2017.

03/03: Participate in Caesarean section birth, cutting of umbilical cord of USS Dark Fury. Repair major hull breach, owing to lack of episiotomy.
Appoint new SO.

03/07: CO, XO/OIC 269th MSG lunch with interested crew members 11:30 AM at Conroy's Pub. RSVP required to CO by the day before.

03/09: LTJG Mengel to host Game Night 7 PM at her apartment. RSVP to her required by the day before.

03/10: LTJG Mengel to have "get to know you" lunch with CRMN Lichtwardt.

03/11: CO, XO/OIC 269th MSG to attend USS Dark Fury chapter meeting, 2 PM at Conroy's Pub.

03/15-18: CO, XO/OIC 269th MSG to attend LegalShield business con-

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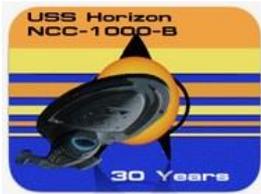
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03/24: USS Dark Phoenix chapter meeting, currently scheduled for 6 PM at Conroy's Pub in Lawrence. Venue may have to change due to pub management preferring its March Madness college basketball tournament crowd over us. Keep checking calendar on chapter website. RSVP to CO required by noon, day of meeting.

08/10-12: STARFLEET IC 2018 in Bloomington, MN.

08/11: R12 Away Mission to Tulsa Air & Space Museum, 10 AM - 5 PM. RSVP to CO@ussdarkfury.net ASAP to secure FREE admission!

Chapter Discovery Activity: Chapter attended Marvel Night at the St Louis Science Center and took first place in the trivia contest. Planning and meetings for IC 2019 mid month. Chapter held a watch party (Star Trek Mirror Universe part 1) at the Flying Saucer in downtown St Louis.



Chapter Horizon Activity: SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

February 2, 2018 5 Members attended a CO's Meal, at Zia'a in St Louis, MO

February 4, 2018 4 Members attended a Movie, "Molly's Game," at Streets of St Charles in St Charles, MO

February 4, 2018 7 Members attended a Korean Dinner, at Seoul Garden in Creve Coeur, MO

February 7, 2018 4 Members attended a Dinner, at Hobo's in St Peters, MO

February 9, 2018 5 Members attended a Lunch, at La Mocha in Warrenton, MO

February 11, 2018 6 Members attended a Lunch, at McDonalds in High Hill, MO

February 11, 2018 3 Members participated in Gaming, "D & D", at a Member's Home in Fariview Hts, IL

February 13, 2018 5 Members attended a Dinner, for "Fat Tuesday" at SugarFire Smokehouse in O Fallon, MO

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February 15, 2018 3 Members attended a Dinner, at PF Changs in St Charles, MO

February 15, 2018 3 Members attended a Movie, the Premiere of "Black Panther," at Streets of St Charles in St Charles, MO

February 17, 2018 7 Members attended a CO's Meal, at McDonalds in St Louis, MO

February 18, 2018 5 Members attended a Brunch, at Prasinios in St Charles, MO

February 18, 2018 7 Members attended the Movie, "Black Panther" at Streets of St Charles in St Charles, MO

February 18, 2018 6 Members attended a Dinner, at Seoul Garden in Creve Coeur, MO

February 18, 2018 5 Members attended a Dessert, at La Bonne Bouchee' in Creve Coeur, MO

February 18, 2018 2 Members participated in Gaming, "Destiny" at a Member's Home in Fariview Hts, IL

February 19, 2018 4 Members attended the Movie, "The Commuter" at Regal Mills Mall in Florissant, MO

February 19, 2018 4 Members attended a Dinner, at McDonalds in Florissant, MO

February 20, 2018 5 Members attended a Chapter Sporting Event of bowling at Bowlero in O Fallon, MO

February 20, 2018 5 Members attended a Dinner, at Jose' Penas in O Fallon, MO

February 24, 2018 6 Members attended a Brunch, at a Member's Home in Las Vegas, NV

February 24, 2018 5 Members attended the Movie, "Black Panther" at Regal Boulder Station in Las Vegas, NV

February 24, 2018 8 Members attended a Lunch, at HuHot in Columbia, MO, joint with a member of the USS Discovery

February 24, 2018 2 Members attended a Chapter Sporting Event of Bowling, at Lazer Lanes in Columbia, MO

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February 24, 2018 3 Members attended a Dinner, at Jose' Jalapenos in Columbia, MO

February 24, 2018 3 Members attended a Science Item, a visit to the Museum of Black History at the Smithsonian in Washington, DC

February 26, 2018 3 Members participated in the game of "Destiny" at a Member's Home in Fariview Hts, IL

February 28, 2018 5 Members attended bowling once again at Bowlero in O Fallon, MO (Hopefully our team will win the next chapter tourney next month)

CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

OCP (Dollars) Monthly = 51,522.92 Annual = 79,389.69 39 Members contributed

Box Tops (Each) Monthly = 46 Annual = 65 9 Members contributed

Stampede (Stamps) Monthly = 95 Annual = 891 6 Members contributed

Aluminum Cans (Cans) Monthly = 18 Annual = 30 2 Members contributed

Cash Donations (Dollars) Monthly = 53.50 Annual = 250.50 1 Members contributed

Recycling (Pounds) Monthly = 667 Annual = 1492 10 Members contributed

Service (Minutes) Monthly = 17,330 Annual = 29,824 18 Members contributed

Ecology (Minutes) Monthly = 780 Annual = 1,620 6 Members contributed

Campbell's Labels (Each) Monthly = 18 Annual = 37 9 Members contributed

Ronald McDonald Hse (Tabs, each) Monthly = 18
Annual = 30 2 Members contributed



Chapter Jeannette Maddox Activity: Jennings Initiative: Program Back on line after holiday hiatus.

Moonjoggers: Crew has logged 163 hours for 2018

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Blessing Box: The crew has decided to "adopt" a independent food pantry.

Recycling: The CO and COB are working with ProKansas Miller Recycling to get a Sci-Fi fan based recycling campaign started. The CO and COB were at the facility taking pictures in costume. more pictures are planned in for the future.

Park Clean Ups: the crew plans to participate in several scheduled Park Clean Up's in the Spring. As a "Planet Love Life Ambassador" the CO has "adopted" Herman Hill Park (the water treatment facility) and plans to lead away teams to visit the museum there (as well as police the park for trash). The XO will also be leading an "Earth Day" away team for trash pick up.



Chapter Katana Activity: Cannot wait for spring... it's too cold. :)

Chapter Marko Ramius Activity: Nothing to report.



Chapter Missouri Activity: Crew attended and recruited at Planet Comicon.



Chapter Oklahoma Activity: Ship Meeting held on February 18, 2018. In attendance: Commodore Shanon Lindbloom, Fleet Captain Gail Lindbloom, Captain Shawn Lytle, Commander Clemma Ruble, PO2 Melissa Davis, CRA Quinton Davis, CRA Ethan Rose, CDT3C Lucky Davis, CDT3C Aidan Davis, CDT Curtis Brown and Civilians - Kevin Wakefield, Thomas Walden and Todd Frost.

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Plans to attend the Region 12 Family Reunion on March 2 and 3 2018, discussed. Those attending will be VRC Commodore Shanon Lindbloom, Fleet Captain Gail Lindbloom and Commander Clemma Ruble.

Discussed different activities for Ship Crew to attend this Spring and Summer. Planning on a trip to see the Space Capsule in Winganon, OK, Totem Pole Park in Foyil, OK and Cabin Creek Battlesite in Big Cabin, OK.

Talked about cleaning the Adopt A Highway on a Saturday when the weather is nice. Making Plans for the 2020 Summit or Reunion.

As of February 24, 2018 Chief Medical Officer, Clemma Ruble has walked 180 miles for Moon Joggers and for Health, so far for 2018.

PO2 Melissa Davis and Civilian Todd Frost has donated approx. \$3.00 to the Pennies for Potential for the month of February 2018. So far, Year to Date total donated by Ship Members for the Pennies for Potential is \$18.29.

On going collection of Box Tops for Education, Pull Tabs for the Ronald McDonald House, Aluminum Cans for School Backpacks and School Supplies and Pennies for Potential for the STARFLEET Scholarship Fund.



Chapter Orion Activity: 229th MSG and USS Orion Held monthly meeting at CO's house.

2/24/18 Marines discussed various topics of concern. We discussed topics of concern. Chapter Crew in attendance discussed topics of interest and plans for future outings.

Correspondence members were contacted and discussed topics of concern and also community service and also other outings that there were planning.

Crew were informed of updates in 12th BDE activities and recent updates in Interim 12th BDE OIC Josiah Smiddy. Josiah who is a member of the USS Orion/229th MSG.

Josiah's expectations were discussed and informed to the crew. Also crew discussed upcoming regional Summit and Annual awards.

BGN Shane Russell informed crew/MSG of him attending R12 summit. Also 1st officer Becky Snell planning to attend summit.

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Shane Russell worked with 12th BDE OIC on 12th Bde Expectations and also muster presentation of annual awards, with input from 12th BDE OIC.

Shane Received Award certificates from COFORCEOM.
Community service activities.

Shane Russell - Donated 2 pounds of Tabs to local shriners.
Christopher Higginbotham

Volunteer hours - Total is 14 hrs

Dayschool consignment sale 6 hours transporting donated items to various mission recipients.

Discovery Weekend (Middle School student stay the weekend at church from Friday to Sunday; experience fellowship, discipleship and spiritual insight)- 8hrs. Christopher completed Child CPR AED, Infant CPR - through the local Red Cross

Regional Duties - Josiah Smiddy Assumed Interim 12th BDE OIC duties Per COFORCECOM, SFMC Shane Russell continued service as SFMC COTRACOM Assumed temporary additional Duties as PD director, MOSC and MURP Director



Chapter Phoenix Activity: February chapter meeting was canceled due to plumbing issues at meeting location.

February meet agenda pushed back to March chapter meeting on Stardate 201803.17

Chapter Reuben James Activity: Regular Maneuvers along assigned patrol routes



Chapter Sunflower Activity: We are continuing to collect pop can tabbies for Ronald McDonald house. the bag will soon be ready to give to them. I also continue to collect box tops for the local schools for Valentines day I baked some homemade chocolate cookies for the residents at the nursing home.

Chapter Thunderbird Activity: Went to the movies on February 4th.

Chapter Umiak Activity: We started off the month with a recruiting table at Wizard World Comic-Con. We had several potential crewmen talk to us there.

We held our ship meeting to discuss upcoming event plans.

We've cut back on monthly activities to focus on preparation for hospitality at IC 2018.



Chapter Valiant Activity: Valiant held her monthly meeting at Planet Comicon in Kansas City, Missouri 16-18 February. As we all know, this has traditionally been our largest community service endeavor of the year. This year did not disappoint! Thanks to Lt. Commander Michael Stanton and his Sith connections, we teamed up with the local Star

Wars fan groups to combine our efforts. We have always had a policy of not handling cash due to the “cease and desist” happy nature of Paramount/CBS – even when it comes to charities, so joining with the SW groups just made sense as they have no such aversions (the Mouse LOVES money, in all forms). As a team, we set up a virtual drive link online, had activities like “Blast a Trooper”, displays, and physical collection points for cash and non-perishable food. The physical food items did better than expected. As of this report, there is no total from Harvesters, but I would estimate a similar haul from previous years of 60-100 meals the way Harvesters breaks it down. The virtual drive was a little disappointing considering its reach (and the fact that I know over half was donated by our own), but it still tallied \$140 or 420 meals. So let us say that we are in the neighborhood of 500 meals for ONE DRIVE! Outstanding work by everyone involved. I intend to submit recognition for everyone involved and will name them later in this report.

Oh wait – you thought I forgot the cash total didn't you? No – I was just so blown away when I saw this out at sea that I had to save it for its very own paragraph. \$1 equals three meals. Are you ready kids? (Aye, aye Captain!). Sorry, had to... The total cash on-site raised by the Star-Alliance was \$2,680.75! That is 8,042 (plus the earlier 500) meals that we are helping Harvesters to provide to hungry people in the greater Kansas City area.

Again, I want to thank each and every one of you for your excellent cosplay and involvement in PCC, and the support from those who couldn't go. This will be a common occurrence from now on. Combined

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with our Blood Drives and Toys-for-Tots, and the other things we do as smaller groups that escape “big-group” notice – we are carrying out the vision of the future that Kirk and Picard spoke about in their Prime speeches. THAT is what the “club” part of us is to do – we’re fortunate that the family part of us loves doing it.

SUPER MEGA, KING-SIZED THANKS to XO, FCapt. Ed McQueen, Lt. Commander Mike Stanton for your teamwork in planning, organizing, and carrying it out – especially when they changed the date and I had to miss two of three days.

BIG CAPTAIN-SIZED THANKS to LtCol Mike (Doc) Naas, Majors Chris Gibson and Jeff Stucker, LCdr Mary Stucker, LT April McQueen, LTJG Madison Spencer, CPO Paul Scharff, Cadet Kiera McQueen, and new (SFI member anyway) CMN1 Tyler Habiger (who has the LOOK of a certain handsome Captain from Iowa). Showing up in costume, setting up and breaking down a booth, and interacting with a sometimes cannot be unseen public can be a lot of work (I know – being in full Klingon is work!). So my personal thanks to all of you for your help in this. Our friends on the Star Wars side appreciate what it is to do this and have expressed their desire to repeat this in the future.

As always – husband sized thanks to Mrs. Captain for putting up with my indulgences and the AWESOME new Klingon top armor. It was a hit. (I thanked her properly on the cruise...)

Welcome aboard Jonathan Saunders!

One last item: this was a first representation of our vessel of Starfleet, Sol Sector, and it will be hard to top. As we know – Valiant doesn’t usually worry about such things. We don’t set the bar – we ARE the bar.

Chapter William Wallace Activity: The CO was scheduled to visit VisionCon in Branson but was unable to attend this year. One other member traveled to Kansas City for an anime convention the same weekend.





August 10-12, 2018
Hilton Minneapolis St. Paul Airport—Mall of America
[3800 American Blvd E. Bloomington, Minn 55425]

Ticket Information
www.ic2018.org

International Conference is Family Reunion. We talk about STARFLEET being a family: sometimes funny, sometimes irritating, occasionally dysfunctional. But when the Romulans are poised at the edge of the neutral zone or storms and tragedy strike, we can call on our family for support, assistance, and a shoulder to lean on. Come join us in the beautiful Twin Cities to celebrate all the things that make us glad to be part of this crazy mixed up thing we call STARFLEET.

Minneapolis, St. Paul (really, it's the capital!), and the many suburbs that make up the metroplex are collectively known as the "Twin Cities". They are bisected by the Mississippi River which begins its journey to New Orleans somewhat north of our venue.

The Twin Cities are a cross-roads for culture, commerce, and travel. There are many small theatres offering a wide variety of live performances in addition to the Guthrie Theatre (see Area Attractions) and the Chanhassen Dinner Theatre which offers dinner & show packages. A number of large corporations call the area home including 3M (Minnesota Mining & Manufacturing) and the Target Corporation. Interstate Highway 94 and Interstate Highway 35 meet in the middle of the downtown area.

Opportunities to enjoy the outdoors are endless in summer or winter. There are numerous lakes, rivers, and parks. Hiking and bicycle trails are accessible from many of the parks. At least a couple of the lakes offer canoe rentals.

Whatever your preference for fun and relaxation, the Twin Cities can deliver! We look forward to sharing our cities with you and your families.

Come, join the reunion!

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