



# THE COMMILINK

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**QUOTE OF THE MONTH:** In this galaxy there's a mathematical probability of three million Earth-type planets. And in the universe, three million *million* galaxies like this. And in all that, and perhaps more...only *one* of each of us. - Dr. McCoy, Star Trek, "Balance of Terror"

## Captains Log

**BY: Commodore Lucy Ferron - Commanding Officer**

"Happy New Year everyone! The old Earth calendar marks January 1 each year as an important designation in Earth history on which celebrations were held to signal the beginning of another Earth rotation around the sun. It was an arbitrary date of course, as were many old Earth holidays, but it is still celebrated in many parts of the planet and New Jackson is no exception." Some Enterprise Captain in the future may write that. We don't know if New Year's observance is still celebrated in the 23<sup>rd</sup> Century, but in this century it is still a big deal. I send Best Wishes for a happy and prosperous New Year to the best crew in the best Quadrant of Starfleet!

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### Calendar 2012

**Meetings  
Stardate:**

**Sat., January 21  
6:30 pm**

**Federation Day  
Celebration  
Mazzio's Pizza  
HWY 49 South  
Richland, MS**

**Sat., February 18  
6:30 pm**

**Theilman's Home  
Brandon, MS**

**Sat., March 10  
6:30 pm**

**Corner Bakery  
HWY 25(Lakeland)  
Flowood, MS**

**March 16-18  
Region 2 & 3  
Joint Summit  
Quality Inn &  
Conference Center  
Hammond, LA**



**Photos  
taken at our  
Masquerade  
Party:**  
  
**Do you  
recognize  
these crew  
members?**

# HAILING FREQUENCIES OPEN

## EDITOR'S HAIL



**New Editor: Barbara Allen**  
**Lieutenant Junior Grade**  
**Chief of Communications**

This issue contains photos and reports submitted from department heads & others.

Photos in this issue taken by Scott Crawford or Barbara Allen unless otherwise stated.

Happy New Year! WOW 2012!  
Hope everyone had a great Halloween, Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's holiday.  
May God bless you and yours in 2012 and bring great joy and many blessings.

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It is always great to spend time during the holidays with friends and family and that's what our family did. We love to decorate at Christmas. We have collected Hallmark Star Trek and Star Wars Christmas ornaments for many years and now have so many that we have a Christmas tree just for them. Here are some photos.



HAILING FREQUENCIES OPEN

**EDITOR'S HAIL** continued



Photo taken from a Facebook page:  
This is a pretty incredible *Star Trek* Christmas light display of the U.S.S. Enterprise. These Christmas lights come from East Peoria, Illinois.

We all want this decoration in our yard at Christmas!

## FROM THE CAPTAIN'S CHAIR

Continued from the front page!

### CAPTAIN LUCY FERRON



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The last quarter of 2011 was busy with three special occasions: a Masquerade Party, Bajoran Gratitude Feast, and the Christmas Party. You can see from the pictures in this newsletter that we had great attendance for each event and lots of fun together as always.

Another busy calendar of events awaits us in 2012. We are starting off with an observance of Federation Day at our January 21<sup>st</sup> meeting. Other exciting events coming up include ComicCon (New Orleans and Flowood), the first ever Joint Summit of Regions 2 and 3, an away mission back to Rainwater Observatory, and Starfleet International Conference just south of Memphis in August.

Here is the official description of Federation Day: "Much like First Contact Day, Federation Day is a cross-cultural celebration. The forming of the United Federation of Planets in 2161, one hundred years after First Contact, was the continuation of what Zefram Cochrane and the Vulcans achieved the previous century.

The celebration of Federation Day is not as elaborate as that of First Contact Day. Federation offices work with a reduced staff, allowing for members to reflect on the day. Each of the one hundred and fifty planets in the Federation has its own way of celebrating this particular day, though many will also celebrate their particular admittance day. Parades and pageants are held in the Earth cities San Francisco and Paris, where the Federation Council and the Federation President meet and reside respectively." (*Star Trek Celebrations* by Maureen McTigue)

I appreciate the many expressions of love and support from the best friends anyone could have. Your thoughts and prayers have been the wind beneath my wings as my family works through this loss. Wishing you peace and long life for 2012 and beyond!



OCTOBER MEETING PICTURES



Photos from October Meeting/Masquerade Party at Broadmeadow United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall



OCTOBER MEETING PICTURES CONTINUED



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October Promotions - CONGRATULATIONS!

- Barbara Allen - Lieutenant Junior Grade (Lt. JG)
- Glenn Allen - Lieutenant Junior Grade
- Clay Bartunek - Lieutenant Commander
- Bill Downes - Master Chief Petty Officer
- Kirby Lindsey - Petty Officer Second Class
- Clarence Winter - Master Chief Petty Officer
- Mariana Yelverton - Lieutenant Junior Grade



Shown are pictures of crew members present to receive their promotions.

Above: Lucy & Barbara  
Left: Lucy, Clay & John

Lower Left: Lucy, Mariana, & Clark

Below Right: Pat & Lucy  
Pat's promotion was due for November.  
She received it at the October meeting.





NOVEMBER MEETING PICTURES & TOYS FOR TOTS



**Left:**  
Janet Bullock receives her promotion to Lt. Commander from Lucy. We celebrated the Bajoran Gratitude Festival at the home of Cliff Treadaway in November.

Crew members brought toys to the November meeting for our Charity Project - Toys for Tots



**Chief Medical Officer Lt Com Janet Bullock joins Lieutenant JG Barbara Allen and Chief Science Officer Commander Scott Crawford in presenting our Toys-For-Tots donation. We are joined by Staff Sergeant Michael Hubbard (USMC)!**



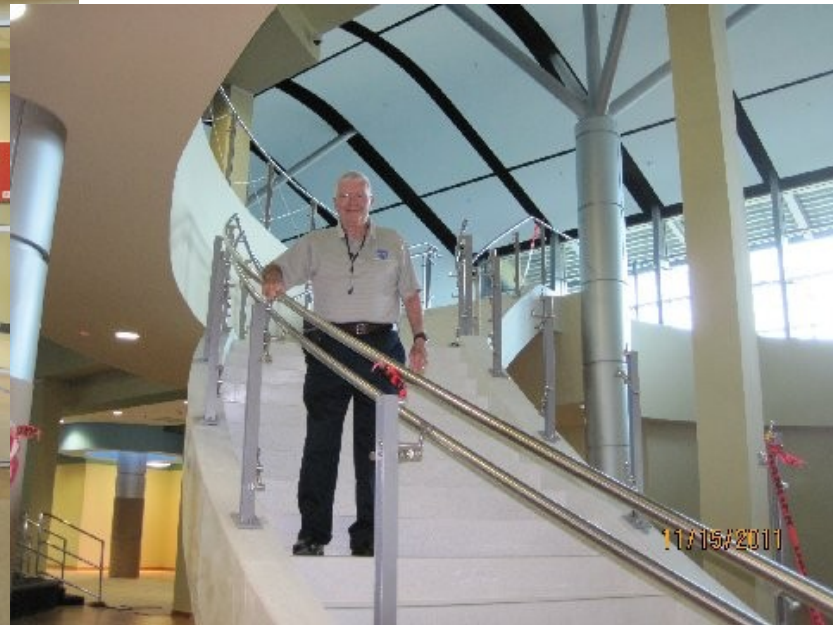
DEC. MEETING/CHRISTMAS PARTY PICTURES



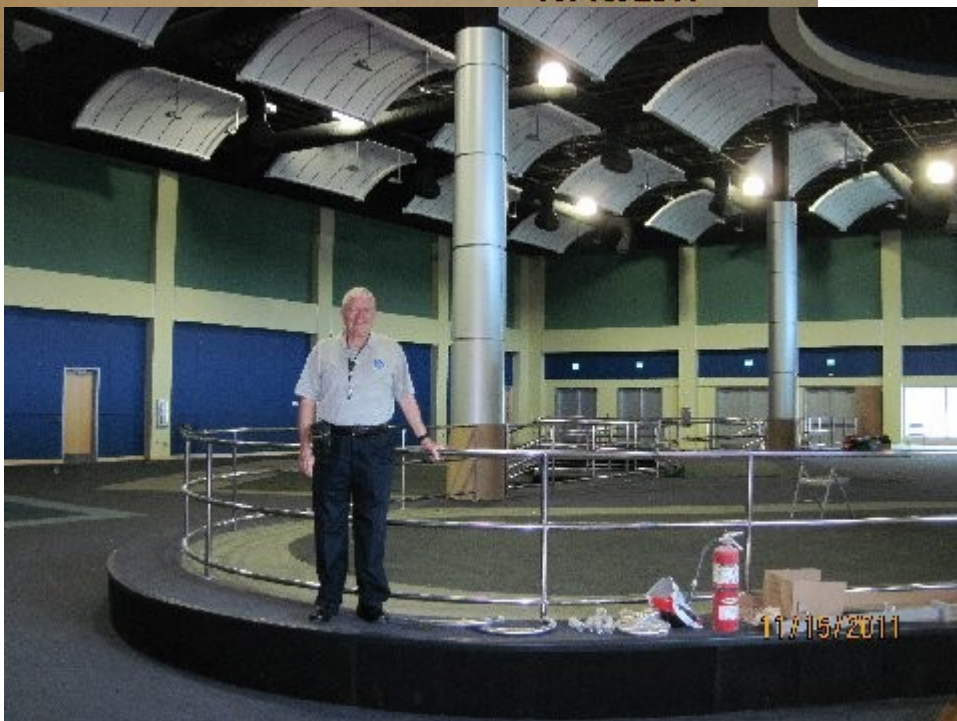
**INFINITY CONSTRUCTION FROM FRED HAISE**

**Today, November 15, I spent the day at Stennis Space Center and at the Infinity site.**

**Left: Headed to Space Gallery!**



**Above:  
On staircase leading up to the  
Space Gallery for those who get  
scared in the glass elevator!**



**Above: In Earth Gallery - 12,000 square feet**

INFINITY CONSTRUCTION FROM FRED HALSE - CONTINUED



**Left:**  
**Looking down length of 8000 square foot Space Gallery!**

**Right:**

**Science Express area that is to the right as you come in the main entrance! A lot of area to vacuum.**



INFINITY CONSTRUCTION FROM FRED HAISE - CONTINUED



Left:  
Sitting on border of computer control water feature with main entrance down the walkway behind me!

Cartoon below: Submitted by Lucy.



Charlie Brown's beloved beagle Snoopy moved beyond his fabled cartoon adventures as a World War I Flying Ace to take his flying doghouse into outer space! "Peanuts" cartoonist Charles Schultz was approached by NASA in 1968 with a request to use Snoopy as their safety mascot. Thus the Silver Snoopy Award program was instituted to improve the safety record of NASA employees and contrac-

Trekkie Humor??



## DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

## FIRST OFFICER



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I've tried very hard to come up with something witty or funny or informative to write about for this edition of the newsletter. Sadly, I can't. There is still no Star Trek on television, and the soonest I can look forward to a movie is 2013. The comic books are good, and the occasional novel, but there's just nothing to get excited over. It's gotten so bad, that I realized that there are currently no television shows in outer space at all this year! Even the Syfy channel has let me down with running shows like Warehouse 13 and Sanctuary. Where's the Babylon 5, Battlestar: Galactica, Farscape, or even Andromeda? At least it was Diet Star Trek. But I guess that it's hard to get excited about outer space when your own government, for all intents and purposes, shuts down NASA. I guess it's safe to say that I'm melancholy. I want to be able to look forward to what's ahead of me and feel excited. At this point, 2011 was not the biggest year to stand up and cheer about, and 2012 hasn't given me anything to tell me it's different. However, if there's one thing Star Trek has taught me, it's that "the future is full of... possibilities." May this next year be better than the last; may this next year bring peace on Earth; may this next year bring prosperity to all; and may this next year bring Star Trek back to TV!

## OPERATIONS



Clay Bartunek  
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Our Masquerade Party Saturday, October 22<sup>nd</sup> at Broadmeadow United Methodist Church was great as always I came as "a transporter malfunction": at one moment I was standing on Voyager's transporter pad and the next thing I knew I was standing next to a tall creepy guy name Vader on his Death Star. What was that all about? We also brought our extra *Star Trek* items (i.e. VHS tapes, DVDs, badges, pips, books, etc.) to donate to the starship, Havana in Cuba as they are starting up and don't have much to work with yet. The Haise paid for the shipping. Then, at our November 19<sup>th</sup> meeting at Cliff's we celebrated the Bajoran Gratitude Festival where we wrote down our troubles on a scroll and then burned them up and out of our lives. Afterwards we watched the corresponding DS9 episode that I had not seen before. We also collected a lot of toys to donate to *Toys for Tots* this Christmas. On November 30<sup>th</sup> the Science Channel broadcasted "Trek Nation", where Gene Roddenberry's son gave his perspective on Trek. The coolest part was when he got to interview J.J. Abrams and showed him Gene's message on his lap top about Gene hoping someone would someday do a pre-quel to the original Trek. Quite eerie!

I stayed home for the holidays and enjoyed everyone coming over for our annual Christmas party way out here in the Delta quadrant. Note to all cooks: just because a spiral ham says "fully cooked" on the package, don't believe it! It was great to watch Mark Nichol's DVD documentary from our gift exchange entitled "The Captains" where Shatner interviewed all the Star Trek captains . . . enlightening and humorous. 2012 has arrived. If anyone has any suggestions for philanthropy for our ship this year, please let me know before or at our next meeting, January 21<sup>st</sup>. See you then.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

ENGINEERING



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Well it's nice to have such good engineering department. Mr. Haise is building the Infinity Center, and Mark Nichols made us all the spectacular delta shield key chains for Christmas. It still remains to be seen if they will open bottles. I'm afraid to try. With engineering in such good hands I have been playing with wood and making inkle looms. I have taught a class on how to make looms and several on how to weave with them. Looking forward to seeing folks on Saturday.



We were at Fat cat ceramics and Tigger "helped". Have taught six people in the last couple months and some students are learning tablet weaving.



Sallie paints golden oak stain

SCIENCES



Commander  
Scott Crawford  
Chief Science Officer

**LEGO Jackson:** For the second year, LEGO Jackson was on display at the Mississippi Arts Center on Pascagoula Street, right beneath the Planetarium. Opening night was on December 8<sup>th</sup>, with a greeting from Mayor Johnson.

It was twice the size of last year, with an exact replica of City Hall, complete with functioning solar panels that power lights on the interior. The new park has a stream with rope bridge, a zip line, and plenty of rides for the children. The new convention complex features "visitors" from various worlds, who are providing "free flying saucer rides" to attendees. Stennis Space Center even got involved by opening a launch complex! Hey, we can dream can't we?



DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

SCIENCES - continued



Commander  
Scott Crawford  
Chief Science Officer





## DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

### MEDICAL



**Lt. Commander  
Janet Bullock  
Chief Medical Officer**



Your CMO had an enjoyable, but busy, last quarter of the year.

October found me in Florida for Away Mission Orlando (formerly Vulcon). This was my first event for this venue, but it certainly won't be my last!! I arrived a few days early so I could catch a couple of days at DisneyWorld before the big weekend. I got to tour Disney's Hollywood Studios for the first time. Being a HUGE movie fanatic, I found the Studios just a blast of entertainment. I did a lot of walking around, and did a couple of rides, including George Lucas' Star Wars Adventure. It was really great, but my blood pressure did a real number on me. After that, I decided I wasn't quite the 20- or even 30-something I used to be! Humbling!

Then, THE WEEKEND!!! The biggest thrill was meeting Patrick Stewart. I had goose-bumps all day Saturday as I "rubbed shoulders" with Captain Picard!! I got to attend a private reception with him (and about 45 other folks!) Chatting at his autograph table was very nice, too. We were told not to try to shake his hand or get too close to him. This was due to his not wanting to catch anything that could potentially harm his voice!! I could have told them just to have a big bottle of hand-sanitizer around, and he wouldn't have any problems. Hand-washing is the greatest deterrent to spreading infection known to modern medicine!! (Just an FYI from your humble CMO!!)

The Weekend also included Grace Lee Whitney! What a marvelous woman she is. She has overcome so much tragedy in her life, and she is still an incredibly nice person! She couldn't have been more gracious. It was a thrill to meet Yeoman Rand from TOS. She has grown "gracefully" in her years, and is still a very beautiful woman.

The comedy was provided by those two lovable Ferengi Brothers, Quark and Rom (or as their alter-egos, Armin Shimmerman and Max Grodenchik)! They have a little song and comedy routine that they performed for us on Friday night that was absolutely phenomenal. These guys are SO talented!! Max wrote Star Trek-based lyrics to many old standards that they both sang. They kept the crowd in stitches. And one of the highlights of their stage presentation on Sunday was Armin doing a dramatic portrayal of Richard III from Shakespeare!! I don't have the words to describe it.

The best part of the whole weekend for me was to be amongst fellow Trekkies (or Trekkers) and be able to just enjoy the comradeship among like-minded people. I don't know about you, but I find myself living among family and friends who look at me with strange, quizzical stares when I begin talking about Klingons and Vulcans. It was pure JOY to find myself among folks who not only know what the Orions are, but they dress the part, too!! In any large gatherings of this nature, I am sure you can find just about every walk of life there is, but the one thing that brought us all together was a common love of Star Trek!! WOW!!!

I stayed over an extra day so I could head over to Universal Studios to visit the Islands of Adventure park. It was really great!! I felt that this is really the more ADULT of the two parks, but I enjoyed BOTH DisneyWorld and Universal equally. The kid inside me just couldn't resist either one. At Islands, I was really stoked about having my first "Butterbeer" in Harry Potter's exhibit. It tasted like a really malted root beer or maybe a nice root beer creme soda! Really tasty, anyway. They have recreated Hogwarts marvelously. I highly recommend it. I wanted to ride the Harry Potter Adventure, but acted adult about it, and deferred to my health!!

December was a time of giving once again for the crew of the intrepid USS Haise, and the children of the Jackson area were the beneficiaries of your generosity!! Scott Crawford, Barbara Allen and I represented you in the Toys For Tots campaign this year as we presented 25-30 toys to the drive. We "locked and loaded" the toys down to the Veteran's Fields at the HQ of the US Marine Reserve Auxiliary building in West Jackson. We were met by some very handsome Marines in fatigues (a girl HAS to notice!), and by a very decorated Dressed- In- Blues US Marine with whom we had our photo taken.

This was our first year to participate in this toy drive, and it is my hope we will make this an annual tradition. I found it very appropriate that we had the drive at our November meeting as we celebrated the Bajoran Gratitude Festival. What better way to show our gratitude for our blessings than to pass on those blessings to others!!

You are truly a great group of friends, and I hope we have many great adventures together in the future!! Until then...

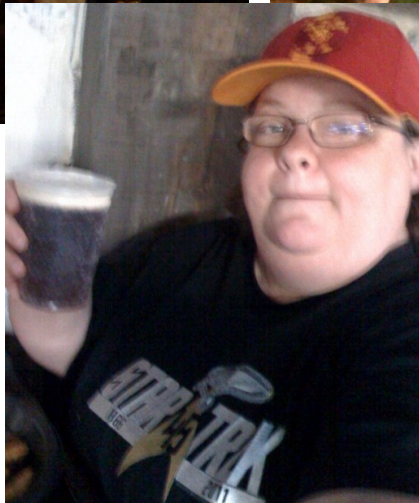
"First star to the right and straight on 'til morning!"

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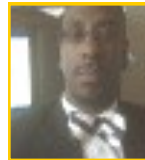
MEDICAL - continued



Lt. Commander Janet Bullock  
Chief Medical Officer



SECURITY



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Chief of Security

No Report Received

MORE NEWS



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Upcoming Birthdays

January  
28 - Robert Simmons

February  
12 - Rene' Berry  
19 - Mike Knezevick

March  
15 - Clay Bartunek  
28 - Cliff Treadaway  
29 - Mariana Yelverton



Check out their web site.  
<http://www.wizardworldcomiccon.com/home-neworleans.html>

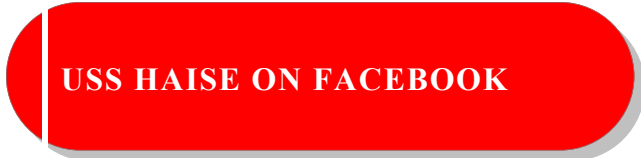
Star Trek's Captain Kirk - William Shatner will be there!

Saturday, March 24, 2012  
ComicCon at the Flowood Public Library  
Flowood, MS  
9:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

STARFLEET Region 2/3 Joint Summit 2012  
Hammond, Louisiana  
March 16-18, 2012

For more info, check out their web site:

<http://www.region3.org/summit/>



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