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# LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

Welcome, Greetings, Salutations and *yI'e!* Welcome to 2018 and the spring issue of the Ticonderoga newsletter. The year has just begun, yet we have already seen wonderful events as well as tragedy. Our hearts soar with those who have achieved great things and fortune has smiled upon, and mourned with those who have and are still passing through trials and tragedy.

*ben law' batlhmey qaStaHvIS vanbogh tochlIj yay, 'ej tragedy HoSchoH toblu'pa' nItebHa' maH!* (We glory in the triumph of our comrades, and take their tragedy to grow stronger together!) As we stated in the first issue, the U.S.S Ticonderoga and her crew are truly a close knit group of friends and family. In this time of chaos that the world sees itself in, let us all draw upon the philosophy that we see as the possible future where the human race stands together united as one.

As we Boldly go into the known as well as the unknown days that remain to us in this new year, let us remember the similarities between the Klingon Empire and our world today. We can see so much that may lead to a fate like that of Praxis, or we can move beyond and follow the path of Worf, Belana, and others, maintaining our culture while adapting to a better tomorrow. *wo' Qap veS Qaw' pagh yay. 'ej may' wo' toD qabna'Daj pagh jey* (Destroying an Empire to win a war is no victory. And ending a battle to save an Empire is no defeat.)

We hope that you have a tremendous 2018 and make every moment one that you will look back upon with fondness and no regret! *QaQ jaj laD* "It is a good day...to read"

The Newsletter Staff

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## SOME OF THE CURRENTLY AVAILABLE KLINGON SWAG FROM ACROSS THE GALAXY!

Prune Juice! A Warriors Drink! T-Shirt



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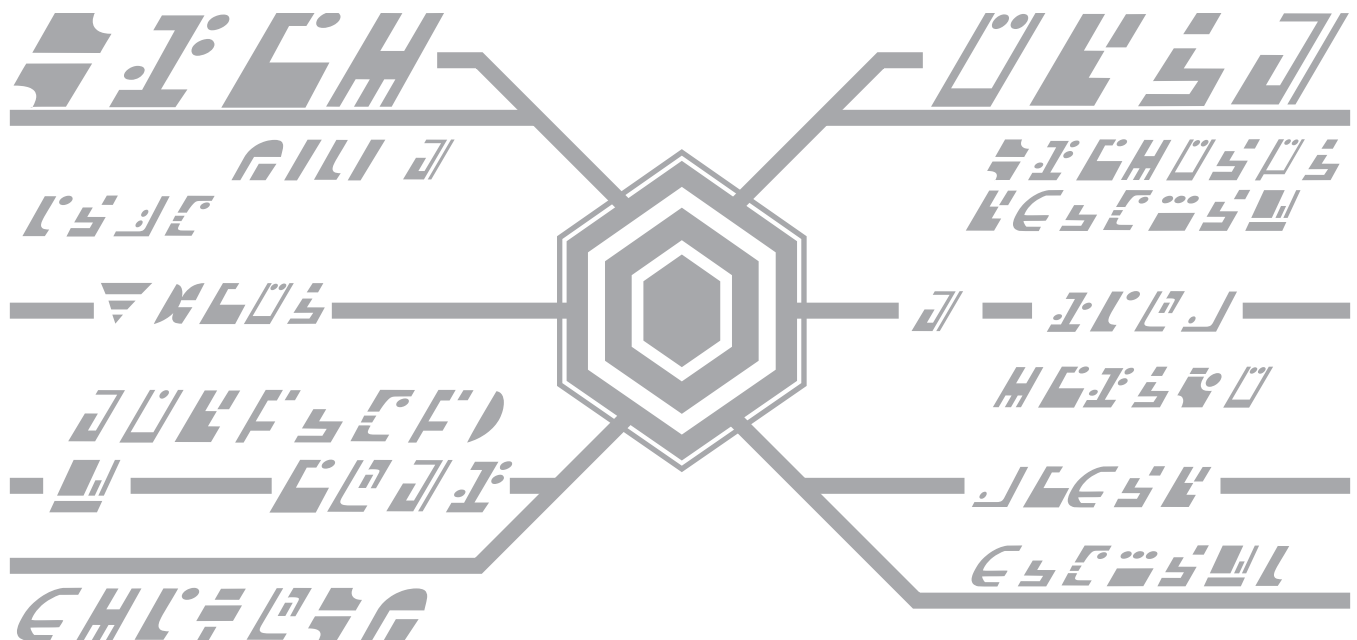
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**VINTAGE KLINGON SWAG FROM ACROSS THE GALAXY.** *You may have to Pillage the Latinum to obtain these treasures!*

“Dinky” Vintage Klingon Battle Cruiser



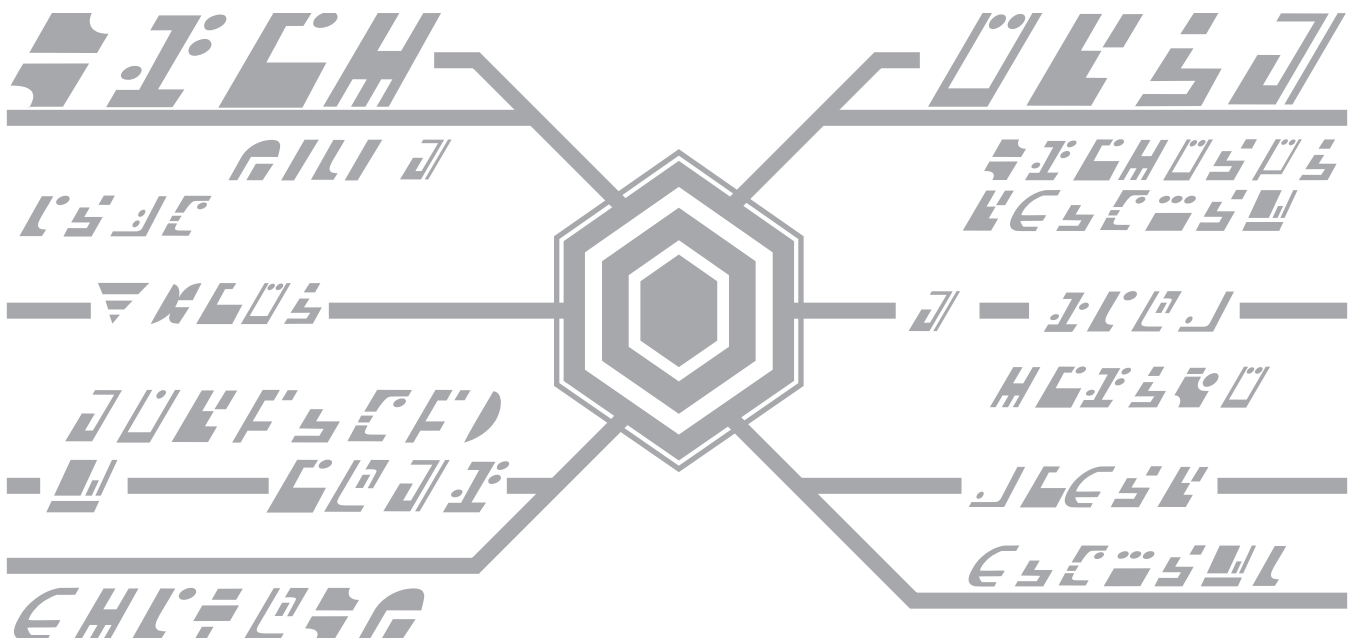
B'Elanna Torres Action Figure



“Dinky” Enterprise / Klingon 2 pack



Diamond Select “Retro” Action Figure







## HAPPENINGS FROM AROUND THE FEDERATION



### STAR TREK DISCOVERY SEASON 2—RELEASE DATE

*Star Trek: Discovery* is definitely coming back for season two, which is exciting news — season one has gone from strength to strength, with twists and mini-reboots keeping the series fresh. Co-creator Alex Kurtzman has explained that season two won't land until 2019 at the earliest. "Breaking story is, in some ways, the easier and faster thing; it's the ability to execute on it that's much harder. We want to take the right amount of time and don't want to rush," he outlined.

*Where's a warp drive (or even a spore drive) when you need one?*



### STAR TREK DISCOVERY SEASON 2—WHO IS IN IT?

Despite being partly inspired by *Game of Thrones*, *Discovery* didn't end up killing off that many major characters in the second half of the first season. (Spoiler!!!!.....  
**Seriously Major Spoiler!!!!.....Stop reading if you hate spoilers!!!!.....Last Chance!....**) One big One exit though was Jason Isaacs as Captain Gabriel Lorca after it was revealed that he was actually from the Mirror Universe and after he attempted a coup, he was stabbed and thrown into a ship's reactor by the Mirror Universe's Emperor, Philippa Georgiou (Michelle Yeoh). All we can say for sure about season two is that we'll see all of the USS *Discovery*'s crew return so alongside Martin-Green, that includes Doug Jones (Saru), Anthony Rapp (Paul Stamets) and Mary Wiseman (Sylvia Tilly).



### STAR TREK LAS VEGAS 2018—WHAT WE KNOW SO FAR...

The upcoming event will be held between August 1-5th 2018 in Las Vegas, NV at the Rio Hotel. The current list has over 100 Guests, such as William Shatner, Michelle Nichols, Kate Mulgrew, Jeri Ryan, Michael Dorn, Terry Farrel, Marina Sirtis, Brent Spiner, Walter Koenig, etc. As always there will be costume contests, Guest panels, after hours parties, vendor booths and more. You can find all the details at the following link:

[https://www.creationent.com/cal/st\\_lasvegas.html](https://www.creationent.com/cal/st_lasvegas.html)



### WHO IS YOUR FAVORITE STAR TREK COUPLE?

That's the question we asked for this past week's StarTrek.com poll. We gave fans the following options: Edith Keeler & James T. Kirk, Beverly Crusher & Jean-Luc Picard, Kira Nerys & Odo, B'Elanna Torres & Tom Paris, and T'Pol & Trip Tucker.

Thousands of fans voted, and here are the results: B'Elanna Torres & Tom Paris (28%) Beverly Crusher & Jean-Luc Picard (22%) Kira Nerys & Odo (21%) T'Pol & Trip Tucker (18%) Edith Keeler & James T. Kirk (10%)



## BATTLESTAR GALACTICA 40 YEAR ANNIVERSARY

September 17, 1978 a television series debuted that captured the imagination of the old and young alike. For those who had grown up watching *Star Trek* on TV, and recently *Star Wars* on the big screen, another world had opened up with engaging characters, Marvelously cool villains (let's face reality, the bad guys have the coolest armour) super neat ships and we got to live in that world every week right from home.

Since that time, we have been able to have toys, games, books, and an entire new reboot of the series (Love it or hate it, we have it!). As we enter the 40th year of the franchise, we have a few select pictures of art, swag, etc from the colonies searching for a planet know as Earth.



## STAR WARS: HAN SOLO—A STAR WARS STORY

Mark you calendar for May 25th 2018. During an adventure into a dark criminal underworld, a young Han Solo meets his friend and future co-pilot, Chewbacca, Lando Calrissian and others years before joining the Rebellion!

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"Please?" The woman said again.

"I'll see what I can do." Tom Paris surrendered.

"I promise." The woman replied "Your wife will not be disappointed."

Then she smiled to reveal her pointed Klingon teeth and sauntered back down toward the end of the hall. Where, of course, Tom had no doubt she would remain until she had been given a chance to speak her mind.

Tom keyed the lock and entered his quarters. Soft and tranquil music filled the room.

"Honey, I'm home!" Tom called out as the door swooshed shut behind him. B'elanna smiled. She had heard all of Tom's beloved television sayings before, but there was something very personal and comic in hearing him deliver them live for what was mostly his own amusement.

"I'm in the bedroom." She called back. "Tough day at the office?" She prompted.

"Not really. Traffic on the way home was brutal though.

"Urhg." B'elanna grunted. "Is that woman still waiting in the hall?"

"Yes." Tom admitted "And I think you should just grant her an audience and be done with it already."

B'elanna looked disgusted.

"You do want her to leave with the rest of the Klingons, right? I mean, you wouldn't want her to stay here just for a chance to talk to you or our little unborn savior there, now would you?"

And a light of dark possibility seemed to twinkle behind her eyes.

"You don't think. . ."

"She's been out there for two days now. I don't know if she's left to eat or sleep, so I don't know if. . ."

But that was enough.

Show her in." B'elanna said, struggling to sit up and then to her feet.

Tom smiled sympathetically. With everything they had been through since meeting with the Delta Quadrant Klingons and their unborn child becoming the unborn savior by providing the cure for the disease they carried, B'elanna was now more at peace and more frustrated than ever with her own Klingon heritage.

The woman was gracious and formal. She smiled and joined Tom and B'elanna around their table.

"We left the empire long ago. It was my house and family that provided the wealth to fortify the expedition." She explained. "And I have come to share with you the story that my house hands down in secret for every generation to remember until the end of time."

The woman produced a data pad. "This image is from Voyager's records. The human in the picture is James T. Kirk." She said the name so that it sounded Klingon. "The men in the gold shirts are Klingons."

Tom leaned in closer to the pad. "They don't really look Klingon." He observed.

"Indeed." She agreed. "Our scientist called them Kli'Novus. New-Klingons. They were an attempt to create Klingons who could pass as Earthers."

"Infiltration operatives." B'elanna concluded.

"The very first Klingon-Human hybrids." The woman nodded. "Raised in the Klingon Manner of the day and educated to despise and distrust Earth yet genetically disposed to infiltrate and seize power."

"What happened?" Tom prompted.

"A few of the more trusted hybrids were given light duties within the project, and as problems arose, more and more of them were tapped to function as needed. It wasn't long however before it became obvious that the New Klingons were creating problems who's solutions involved positioning the hybrids to seize more and more power." The woman saw the spark of enlightenment form in B'elanna's eyes.

"They despised Earth? Raised as Klingons?" She sat back in her chair and laid a hand over her unborn child. "But were genetically disposed toward infiltration and conquest?"

Tom wasn't sure where this was headed.

"They tried to take over the empire, didn't they?" B'elanna concluded.

"No." The woman smiled "They did take over the empire."

Tom's jaw dropped.

"This man with Kirk is a Captain. The others are his crew." She smiled.

"This is why we left. The real reason we left. The empire was becoming humanized and the result was a more Romulan version of the Klingon ideal." She sighed. "It was either this, to leave, or to stay and attempt to survive the purification."

"Purification?" Tom sounded horrified under his calm smooth tone.

"We opted to leave because we knew that the empire would never be



as it was. We could however, in one generation, leave and forget what had happened to our culture and our people, and raise our children in the old ways." The woman cast her eyes down for a moment; her hard muscled body seemed to hang heavily for the first time since she entered the room. "And they did, both leave and raise their children to be Klingons of tradition and heritage." Her voice was a whisper now.

"What happened?" Tom asked. "What about the Purification?"

"I don't know what unfolded after our people left. Only what was planned." She raised her eyes solemnly to B'elanna's forehead ridges. "Although it must have worked."

"What worked?" B'elanna pushed.

"We, the original Klingons have redundant organs and body systems. The hybrids did not."

"So you poisoned them?" Tom ventured.

"No." The woman smiled. "We believed poison to be dishonorable. Instead the Purification was to be a challenge. A test for both the old and new Klingons alike."

"Winner take all, hunh?" B'elanna added.

"An apt expression." The woman smiled. "The traditional Klingons of the day sent for a herd of great beasts—all of them two stories tall covered in teeth and able to breath fire—and they turned these

beasts loose upon Kronos to destroy all but the strongest Klingons." She pursed her lips. "And it is these—the strongest of all Klingons—that you are now descended from."

She smiled and rose from the table. "I wanted only to tell you, so that you may tell your child. You are not alone. You, if you pardon me, as Hybrids, are a strong people. You have cured us now and overthrown empires in the distant past. You have a history and a culture of your own, and you need conform to neither Human nor Klingon ideals. You are your own people, more than any other, and you should find great pride in that."

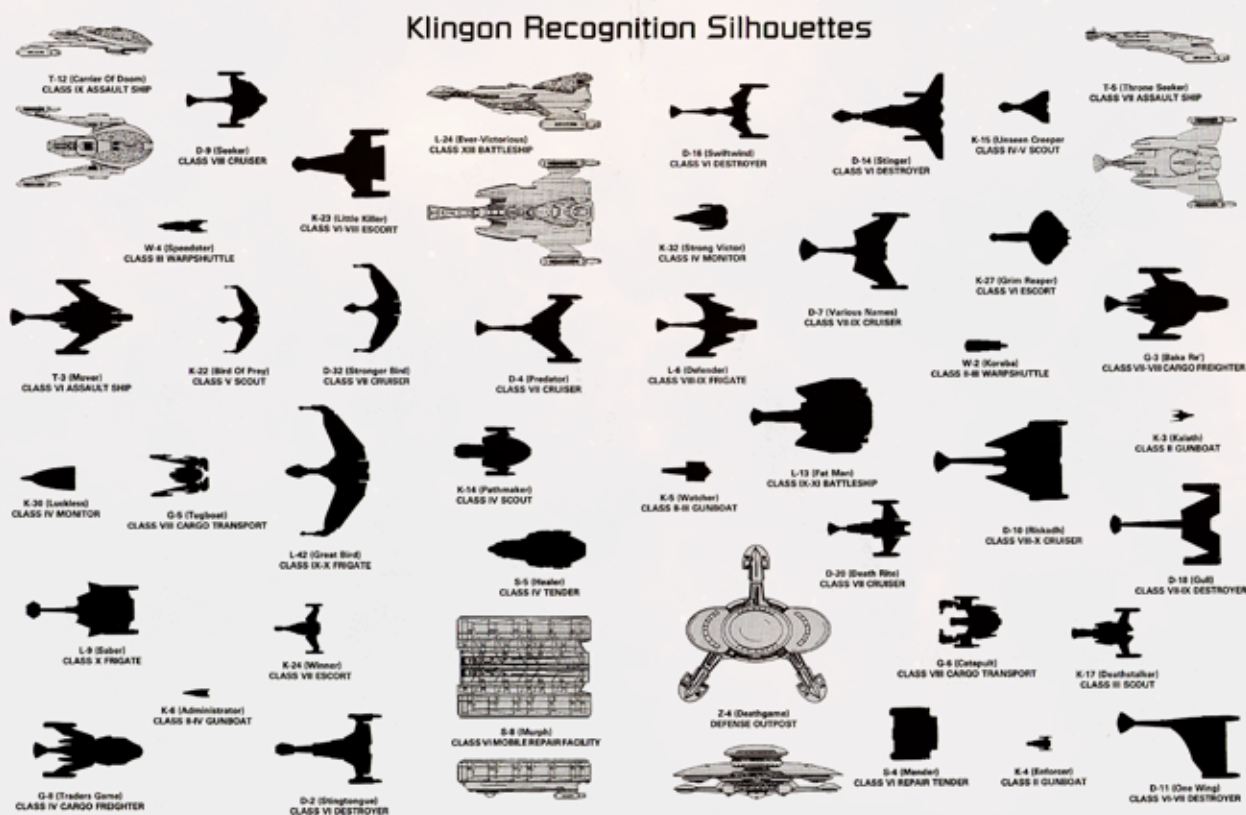
"Thank you." B'elanna said "I will remember and tell my child what you have said today."

The Klingon woman smiled, genuinely pleased with herself, and rose, turning to leave.

"Wait." Tom said, catching the woman before she opened the door, "Please, what were the great beasts called? The ones who breathed fire and were covered with teeth?"

"We do not speak their name for fear of attracting them—but for your child and for history I will speak the name this day—but may they find you instead of me—" She grinned slyly at that last comment before growling out her final words...

"They are called Tribbles!" She hissed and with a nod she slipped out the door and was gone. ♀







**What are some of your Dreams and Goals?**—I want write more and want to write a book, attend Culinary School and have more time with my Family.



## CREW DATABASE



### DENNIS MOYES

**Where are you from and where are you now?**—Grew up in Plain City and still living in Plain City with the mosquitoes.

**Married/Single?**—I'm a single guy like Captain Kirk

**Family?**—3 Brothers and 1 Sister and my Parental Units are still Functional.

**Hobbies outside of Star Trek?**—Astronomy, Rock Mineral and Jem collecting, Model Building That includes Sailing ships, Sci Fi ships, NASA Spacecraft and aircraft, Hiking and Motorcycling.

**Favorite Ticonderoga activity?**—The Fleet day associated with the 7th Fleet Olympics. When the Ticonderoga went to the Clark Planetarium a few years ago in Salt Lake along with the *Star Wars* Group and had a photo shoot with photographer Chad Williams.

**Favorite Fan Encounter?**—Was the Actress/Dancer Tanya Lemani (Dancer in the TOS episode “Wolf in the Fold”). Id make it a point to see her at the Las Vegas *Star Trek* Conventions every year I attended when she was there. She has a book out entitled “Have belly will Travel”. She remembers me and every year we have a chance to catch up and take time to talk. She is a super nice individual!

**Worst Fan Encounter?**—I haven't really had any negative experiences with the celebrities I've talked with.

**When did you first get into Sci Fi and with what series?**—When I was about 5 or 6 years old watching Jerry Andersons *Fireball XL-5* with the puppets.

**Favorite series, episodes, and films in Star Trek?**—I like the Original Series that is my favorite, A few of my favorite episodes is the TOS episode “Balance of Terror” with the Romulans and “The Ultimate Computer” with the M5 multitronic unit. With the films Im going with *Star Trek II The Wrath of Khan*.

**Favorite series outside of Star Trek?**—In addition to Trek I enjoy *Voyage to the Bottom of the Sea*, *Classic Battlestar Galactia*, *Lost in Space* (1st season especially), *Forbidden Planet* (1950s Film) among others.

**What are some of your Dreams and Goals?**—My dream would be to build a Geodesic Dome Home, they are energy efficient. A goal of mine is to purchase a 16” reflecting Telescope for my Astronomy studies

# THE LAUGHING KLINGON JOKES, FUNNIES, ETC



DAVE'S AT COMIC-CON THIS WEEK (BOOTH 1228), SO IT'S TIME FOR SOME GEEK FAVORITES.



MOTHER GOOSE & GRIMM

BY MIKE PETERS





# THE LAUGHING KLINGON JOKES, FUNNIES, ETC



*Have you heard the new Klingon army motto?*—Join the Klingon army. Visit exotic planets, meet interesting people, and kill them!

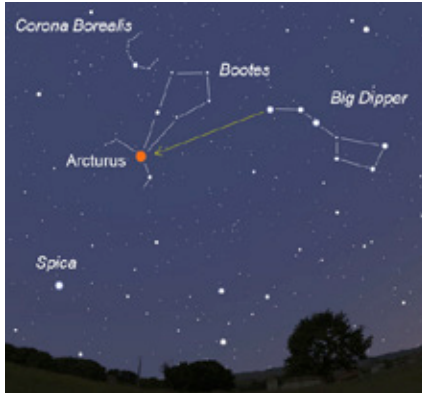
*How many Klingons does it take to change a lightbulb?*—TWO: One to screw it in, and one to stab the other in the back and take all of the credit.

*How many Klingons does it take to change a lightbulb?*—NONE: Klingons aren't afraid of the dark.

*What do the Klingons do with the dead bulb?*—Execute it for failure.

*What do the Klingons do with the Klingon who replaces the bulb?*  
—Execute him for cowardice.





## AN ASTRONOMY REPORT BY CREW-MEMBER ANNIE STEPHENS—BOOTES

Looking up at the night sky 'The Big Dipper' is a very familiar asterism and is a lot of fun to find, as are other asterisms and constellations. If you follow the arc of this handle down to a very bright star we will find Arcturus. We all know by now this is the home of the Arcturians, exporters of Capt. Kirks favorite Arcturian Musk Oil, and home of the Merchant's Guild a criminal organization a lot like the Orion Syndicate.

But this was not always known. Historical collections suggested that Arcturus was the famed ploughman of ancient Greek times, the son of Demeter who invented the plough so farmers could produce more food and feed the hungry villagers. Demeter who was quite the hunter goddess and keeper of the earth put him in the sky so he could hang out and be remembered forever. The Greeks did that often.

Wait though...Arcturus was also a hunter. This is another Greek version but not so heroic. So here's Zeus having another fling, this time with Callisto and has a son named Arcus. Well, Callisto's father was a king and not so happy about this, (Callisto had lost her virginity to an unavailable partner), and decides to invite Zeus to feast but with a dark plot. The king killed and cooked Arcus to serve at the feast to test the mighty Zeus, which test Zeus passed, who then killed all of the kings sons with lightning bolts of course, put his son back together and adopted him out to other parents.

In the meantime Hera, not approving of Callisto turns her into a bear to wander the earth, until Arcus, now a strapping teenager, comes upon his mother as a bear. Yes, that is right he tries to shoot her, but Zeus comes to the rescue puts both of them in the sky, and Arcus is now Arcturus keeping watch out for his mom.

Back to Arcturia. Take a look around. You will see this kite or snow cone pattern of stars in the sky and suddenly realize that this is also the home of the Denobulans. Our own Dr. Phlox comes from the trinary star system Denobula Triaxa a.k.a Iota Bootis located just above the wide aspects of the kite where Arcus could be holding a club or staff to keep his bears moving along.

This kite or snow cone is the asterism Bootes and is quite well known to the Federation. Denobula Triaxa is home to diplomatic missions with the Federation and the Kendarayans. Izar, a binary star system in Bootes, has training grounds for Federation defense forces, while Izar IV hides out the Romulon Star Empire.

Capt. Kirk was also a visitor to Bootes. On the third planet Neural, orbiting the star Zeta Bootis, he does battle with a not so friendly local affectionately known as MUGATO. We are glad the captain prevailed once again.

We will never look at Bootes again the same way.

A fun factoid of the day is...just south and east of Arcturus, orbiting the star Tau Bootis is the 'Millennium Planet.' On December 16, 1999 this planet was the first time astronomers directly observed a planets reflected light. It was a blue-green haze they detected with a William Herschel telescope. They knew exoplanets existed because they could measure the gravitational pull of the planets on the sun they orbited, but this was the first observation of the planets light. "As of February 1, 2018 there are 3,728 confirmed planets in 2,794 systems with 622 systems having more than one planet."

It turns out Bootes is quite the happening asterism. Where would you like to visit first?



## BOWLING WITH THE TICONDEROGA

Lt Luke, you gonna eat that?



Brad, The fingers go IN the holes, see?



Yeah, I am this handsome in real life!!



The Admirals "Vulcan" photo bomb.







# QUANTUM LEAP

## THE 2018 ADMIRALS BANQUET

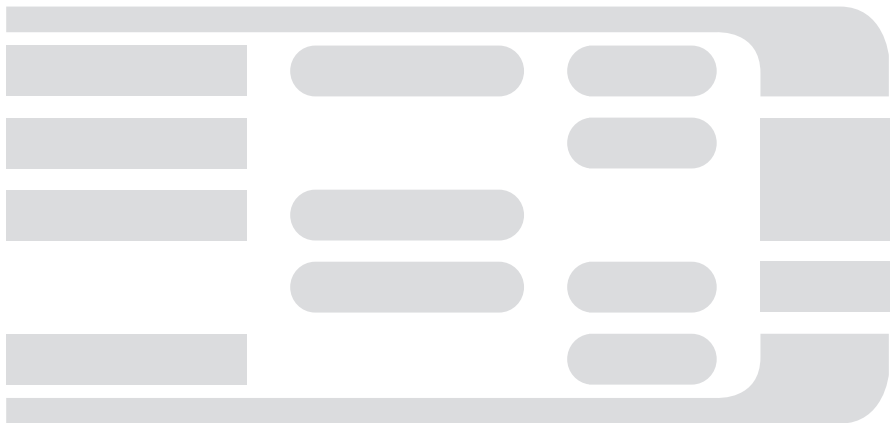




## THE 2018 ADMIRALS BANQUET



The U.S.S. Ticonderoga once again had a great turnout at the annual Admirals Banquet. Tremendous Dutch oven meats and potatoes, with dessert too. Our own Admiral Stark was officially sworn in as Admiral of the Seventh Fleet.





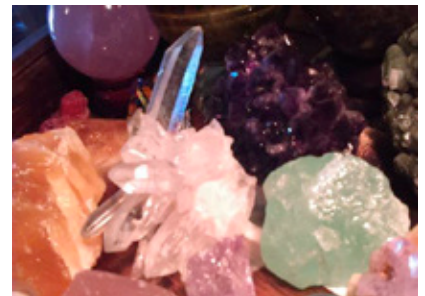
## A LOOK INSIDE WHAT THE TICO COLLECTIVE COLLECTS.

I discovered an interest in this hobby from two friends, that I worked with. One friend took me to many places in Southern Utah, in search for rocks and minerals. The other friend introduced me to, rock, gem, and mineral shows. At these shows you can view and purchase, rare rocks, gems, and minerals from all over the world.

I've always had a fascination for rocks from a very young age, but I didn't get serious about the hobby until exploring Southern Utah in the early 1990's.

I have discovered, that there are many slot canyons around Moab, Escalante, and San Rafael regions, that are good for finding rocks and minerals. I also have discovered a mineral from Durham England, that is blue-green in color and when brought out into direct sun light, the mineral turns a dark purple color, right before your eyes. Then the mineral turns back to its original color when brought back inside.

My favorite mineral is blue tiger's eye from China. Another favorite are geodes, because of the beautiful colors and crystals inside the geodes.





# CAPTAINS LOG

## WORDS OF WISDOM (OR OTHERWISE) FROM THE CAPTAINS READY ROOM.

Greetings, all! I hope that the return of warm weather (YAY!!!!!!) finds you all doing well.

We've turned the corner from winter and darkness and introspection, now starting to look outward. There is good and bad in this. May the good inspire you to bigger and better. And for the bad, just remember that it's better to find a remedy than to find fault. Fix what can be fixed, and let go of anything that can't be fixed and is holding you back.

What gives you joy? It doesn't have to be big and important. It can be utterly ridiculous, and something that no one else understands. It might even be something that earns you ridicule from others who don't understand or think you're "too old". It's okay. Do it anyway. No one in the world has the right to tell you what you can or cannot enjoy, whether it's crochet, sports, gardening, cosplay and larping, obsessing over video games (join the club...). With the obvious caveat of not shirking your "real life" duties, have some fun. Adulting is hard, and life is entirely too short to waste it worrying about what other people might think.

Yours in service

Captain Erica Stark

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