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## July's Meeting

Our meeting was at Garfield Park again. This is the 2<sup>nd</sup> time we have had a meeting in this park this year. Just like our 1<sup>st</sup> meeting in this park. It was a rainy day for us. We got lucky this time and found a shelter. There were 7 crew members and 2 visitors for this meeting. We had a nice pitch in lunch. We also shared our dinner with a few homeless people. Winners of the Star Trek Bake off: 1<sup>st</sup> Mouse, 2<sup>nd</sup> Kennetha Hicks, 3<sup>rd</sup> Gene Adams, and 4<sup>th</sup> Barb Walpole. The Door Prize Winner was Leroy Hicks. Everyone had a great time, there was even face painting for our 2 visitors.



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# Not Just A Fan Club

By Joyce Stanfield

June 2009 marked the fourth anniversary of my retirement after 41 years of teaching. Active membership in one of the world's largest communities came to an end. Seventeen years of regular interaction and camaraderie I'd shared with 50 colleagues was reduced to an occasional dinner. My new community, retired teachers, involved meetings and bus trips now and then. Pleasant to be sure but no central thread that provided a basis for regular interaction.

June 2013 marked a second life-changing event, Creation Entertainment's Star Trek Con in Chicago. I'd been a Star Trek fan since its 1966 debut. I knew about the conventions when they were in their infancy. As they grew in size and scope I thought how great it would be to attend. Knowing this prompted my daughter and son-in-law to give me a trip to the 2013 Chicago Convention. That Con fulfilled my wish, launched my Starfleet career, and changed my direction.

I became a member of another worldwide community. Like the education community whose central thread is the training of young minds, Starfleet Command is a community whose central thread is love for this iconic franchise...a basis for regular interaction. My personal growth fostered by SFC involves increased study and

use of technology supported by members, study and research in preparation for passing Academy exams, a renewed sense of my obligation to give back in charitable pursuits.

This is not just another group of autograph seekers and memorabilia collectors. Starfleet Command is an international organization. It has lasted forty years. It boasts its own academy with certificate programs. The individual units do (in addition to Star Trek themed activities) philanthropic work to benefit various causes.

Once again I am experiencing true camaraderie almost daily through Facebook. Members' posts are informative and lend themselves to sharing of ideas. Healthy debates are launched. Amazing mental exercise. SFC members announce life events that we all can celebrate or applaud. Support is offered in difficult times and help is forthcoming when members attempt new challenges.

The conventions allow for real time, in person contact. I enjoyed my first con experience with people newly met in registration lines, during onstage presentations by stars, in hotel restaurants, and in vending rooms. Starfleet Command's table was set up in the vending area. I stopped to inquire. The SFCQ1 reps at the table so impressed me that I applied for membership right

away....and the adventure began.

Not just another fan club....a community.

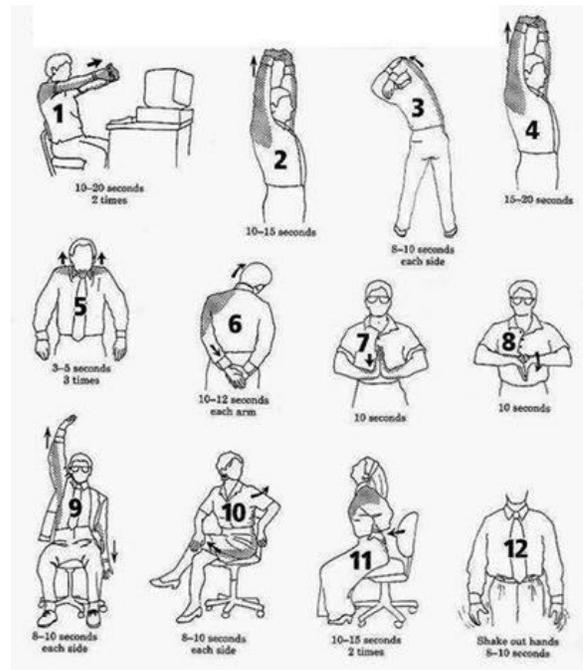
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## This Month



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## Health Facts



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## Trivia Time

* 1	•Which is the greater distance: a parsec or a light year?
2	•Name the piece of equipment aboard the <i>Enterprise</i> which can simulate various atmospheric pressures.
3	•What mechanism aboard the <i>Enterprise</i> was responsible for the damage suffered by the <i>Excalibur</i> ?
4	•What weapon was used only once in the first year of the <i>Enterprise's</i> five-year mission?
5	•How was the original <i>Valliant</i> destroyed?
6	•What agency sent the original scientific expedition to Talos IV?

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## Computer Meeting

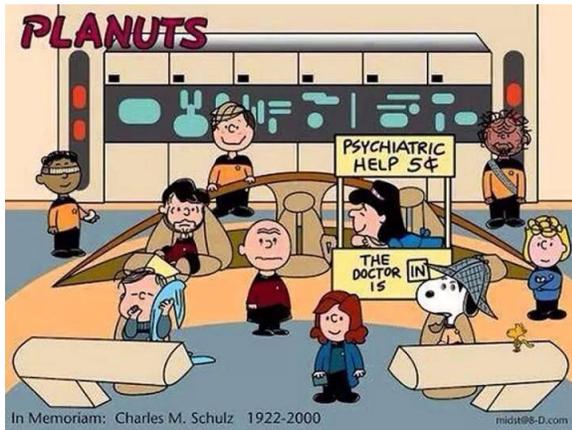
We had 5 crew members and 2 visitors for the computer meeting. We mostly talked about Facebook at this meeting. Everyone learned a lot about FB.



Have a **headache/migraine?** Submerge your feet and hands in hot/warm water and put a bag of frozen peas at the base of your skull. The heat on your extremities pulls the blood from your head relieving some/all of your headache.

**DON'T FORGET TO SHARE.....**

## Trek Funny



## Trek n NASA



On Saturday night, William Shatner took to social media with a question. It was simple in nature but when the Captain of the USS Enterprise wants a status update, you better hope someone is manning the comm station for a full briefing.



Luckily for NASA — forerunner to the august body known as Starfleet — they were on standby. Everyone will be glad to know ISS is running at peak condition. However, they could have been a bit more prompt in their report. Hopefully Commander Swanson reprimands his crew for such a lapse in response time. An hour and a half of radio silence is unacceptable!



But Shatner was unfazed. Perhaps he was merely glad all is well and their long silence was not due to some emergency. After all, Away Team transporter technology has yet to go into human trials.



Of course, this wasn't the first time Shatner checked in with ISS. Back in January he went straight to the commander for a full report. Looking at the hard math, NASA needs to reconfigure their hailing system. Even Commander Hadfield took an embarrassingly long two and a half hours to answer the Captain's query.



Perhaps this dedication to the well-being of our astronauts — and to checking quality control on their communication response — spurred NASA to bestow Shatner with the [Distinguished Public Service Medal](#) in April.

## Trivia Answers

