



BISMARCK'S REMARKS

March 2008



Happy St. Patrick's Day!

From the Guest Editor

Hello fellow crewmates! Can you believe it is already March? I know I can't. I don't have a whole lot to say this month except for the shout out that I would like to give to Ruthie VanCleave. Thank you, Ruthie, for helping out with the younger children at the Family Fun Day. You did a great job and will soon be rewarded for it.

I do have one more thing to say to the crew. Please let me know if there is anything specific that you would like to see in upcoming newsletters, such as recipes, pictures of certain events etc.

Thank you,
Jen Fish



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From the Captain:

Welcome to the start of a new *Bismarck* year! By the time you get this newsletter, the USS *Bismarck* will be 16 years old! That's amazing! Please see the article "Looking Back" to see all the amazing things we accomplished in 2007. I know we can keep up the momentum and the excitement for 2008. See "Looking Ahead" for some of the things we want to do during the next 12 months. All of those activities need people to help plan and execute the event.

Thanks to all who attended February's General Meeting. At that meeting we approved our 2008 budget, finished spending our 2007 charity money, and started planning 2008 activities. Two new Special Interest Groups (SIGs) were started: Finance SIG was started by George Stanley for those interested in learning about budgeting, investing, tax tips, etc. (Neither the USS *Bismarck* nor its members provide professional advice. Invest at your own risk.) And Playing Card SIG, started by Rick Pinsky, for those interested in Poker, Blackjack, Texas Hold-Em, Euchre, Pinochle, etc.

Millennicon is March 14-16 in Sharonville, Ohio. The USS *Bismarck* will have a hotel room both nights. We will be assisting Millennicon in raffling off a special basket in for American Cancer Society. We will also be hosting a social hour for SB05 and other SFC personnel in the *Bismarck* room on Saturday from 12 to 1 PM.

Make plans to attend the USS *Bismarck*'s 16th Anniversary Party followed by the 3rd Annual Masquerade Ball on Saturday, April 12th. Have lunch then meet us at 12:00 PM in Rick's parking lot to kick off the day's events. More details are listed on the following pages.

Liz Wegner is planning an Away Team Mission to Cincinnati Museum Center to see the Bodies exhibit on April 19th. We'll meet at Middletown Meijer. Price and other details will be announced as soon as possible.

This is a final reminder to renew your *Bismarck* and Fleet memberships. Renewals were due on 1 March 2008. We're giving you a one-month grace period. If we don't have your money by March's General Meeting, we have to tell Fleet that you haven't renewed.

Please also help Communications in writing articles, editing/proofing the newsletter, and printing/mailling the newsletter. Jen can't do it all by herself!

Keep up the good work everyone! Let's knock Fleet's socks off for a second year in a row!

Serving you,
Fleet Captain Kevin Johnson

Looking Back

Here's a summary of the activities we did from January 2007 through February 2008:

- Elected a new Captain, First Officer, and Ship's Counselor.
- Elected Anthony Day as our second Captain Emeritus.
- Appointed new Department Heads.
- Decommissioned the *Bismarck-D* and commissioned the *Bismarck-E*.
- Approved new by-laws, handbook, and a new *Bismarck* logo.
- Approved 3 new honorary members (Andy Sams, Pat Stanley, and Sarah Sundstrom).
- Ordered new *Bismarck* apparel and lapel pins.
- Had 4 members serve in various Fleet positions.
- Attended 5 conventions with several members serving as panelists
- Attended the Annual and the MidYear Fleet Meeting.
- Attended funerals for 2 *Bismarck* members, 1 Fleet member, and too many funerals for immediate family members.
- Had an anniversary party, picnic, and Masquerade Ball.
- Donated almost \$800 to various charities.
- Had a Fun and Games Day.
- Fund-raised at the Ohio Renaissance Festival with two members working every single possible hour.
- Revamped our newsletter and published it every month, beginning in March 2007, even with a very ill Chief Communications Officer.
- Helped our Chief Engineer with an emergency at his residence.
- Updated our promotion point system to make it easier for junior officers to make rank.
- Took home six Fleet awards, including 3 First Place awards and the Paul A. Sundstrom Lifetime Achievement Award.
- Held 10 General Meetings and various Away Team Missions.

Let's keep rocking in 2008!

Looking Ahead

Here are some ideas that have been suggested for 2008 with the name of point of contact for that event. These POCs would love some assistance. If there is no POC listed, then please volunteer!

Activity	Date	POC
Millennicon	3/14 – 3/16	
Anniversary Party	4/12	Kevin and Lisa
Masquerade Ball	4/12	Audra and Liz
Cinci Museum Center	4/19	Liz Wegner
March for Babies	4/26	Kevin and Jen
Vulkon Columbus	5/2 – 5/4	
Marcon	5/23 – 5/25	
LMM Railroad	Apr - Sep	
KY RenFair	June	
Picnic	July	Mike Payne
InConJunction	7/4 – 7/6	
KY Horse Park	Summer	
Ohio RenFair	Aug – Oct	Kevin Johnson
Halloween Party	Oct or Nov	Audra Blais
Vulkon Indianapolis	11/21 – 11/23 ?	Kevin Johnson
Holiday Party	Dec	
Cinci Zoo	(any)	
TV/Movie Marathon	(any)	
Game Day	(any)	

Don't Forget MILENNICON!

MILLENNICON, a 22-year fan-run convention, launches again March 14-16th at the Holiday Inn I-275 in Sharonville, Ohio (Cincinnati). Guests of Honor include Steven Barnes and Tananarive Due.

Just like in years past, the USS *Bismarck* will have its own hotel room both nights. The Admiralty Board has asked us to host a Starbase 05 and Starfleet Command social hour during Millennicon. It will be our pleasure to do so! It will be in the *Bismarck* room from 12 PM to 1 PM on Saturday. Light refreshments will be provided.

Sweet Sixteen!

The 2008 Anniversary Celebration on Saturday, April 12th, is double-feature this year! In the afternoon we'll have mini-golf and bowling. Please have lunch first and then meet us in Rick's parking lot at 12:00 PM.

The second half of the Celebration is the 3rd Annual Masquerade Ball at Bethlehem Lutheran Church. It will be preceded by our annual Awards Presentations at 6:30 PM in the chapel. The dance will kick off at 7 PM downstairs. Please eat dinner before arriving as only light refreshments will be available. Formalwear (tux/suit or evening dress) is requested. "Sunday best" is required. A mask is requested but not required. Babysitting will not be available this year, sorry.

The cost for the entire Anniversary Celebration is \$10 for *Bismarck* members and \$25 for non-members. You must purchase tickets in advance through Audra or Liz. The "at the door" price is \$5 more. No *Bismarck* member will be turned away for inability to pay. If you have questions on tickets, please see Audra or Liz.

Please make plans to join us on April 12th to celebrate the USS *Bismarck*'s 16th anniversary.



March 2008

2 nd	Sarah Crespo's birthday
8 th	USS <i>Bismarck</i> 's 16 th Anniversary
8 th	Rick Pinsky's birthday
8 th	Angel Terk's birthday
14 th -16 th	Millennicon Holiday Inn I-275, Cincinnati SB05 social hour from 12-1 PM on Saturday in the <i>Bismarck</i> room
16 th	Jack Barr's birthday
16 th	George Stanley's birthday
21 st	Good Friday
23 rd	Easter Sunday
29 th	General Meeting, 7 PM Science has Refreshments
30 th	Scott Fish's birthday

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5 th	Eric Dearth's Birthday
5 th	Jennifer Fish's Birthday
12 th	16 th Anniversary Celebration Party 12:00 PM, meet in Rick's parking lot for mini-golf and bowling 6:30 PM, Awards Presentations at Bethlehem Lutheran Church 7:00 PM, 3 rd Annual Masquerade Ball All day cost: \$10 for <i>Bismarck</i> members, \$25 for non- <i>Bismarck</i>
15 th	Timothy Sylvester's Birthday
15 th	Matt Mote's Birthday
15 th	Income taxes due!
17 th	Mike Payne's Birthday
19 th	Away Team Mission to Cincinnati Museum Center Exact time and price TBA <i>POC is Liz Wegner</i>
26 th	March for Babies (WalkAmerica) 9 AM, Carillon Park, Dayton POCs are Kevin Johnson and Liz Wegner
26 th	General Meeting, 7 PM Command has Refreshments
26 th	Rose VanCleve's Birthday

