

# STELLAR COMMUNICATIONS

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begins...*

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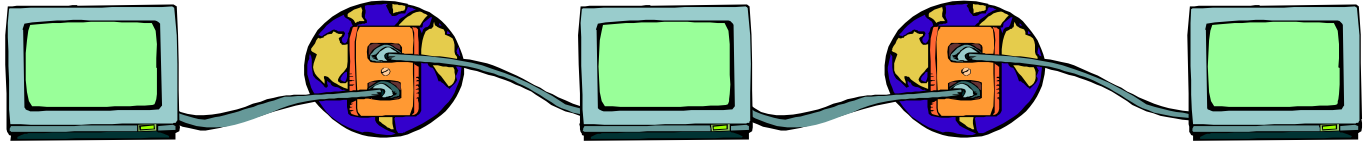


Happy Mother's Day, Mom!

*Happy Mother's Day to all the Moms in Starbase Sacramento!!!*



Rachel Decker. Almost three months old.  
Photo from Lisa and Gary Decker.



## EDITOR'S PEN SCRATCHINGS

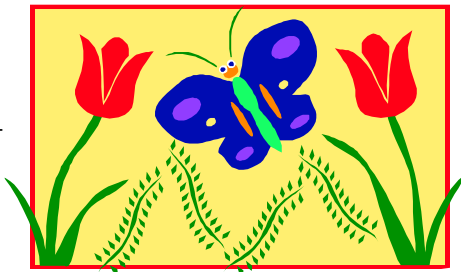
With the new administration on the verge of being elected, this is my last newsletter for *Starbase Sacramento*. Over the last two years, the newsletter staff has been invaluable. Those who submitted items for the newsletter helped make it an enjoyable and informative publication. Thank you again for the many compliments.

The definition of editor is one who assembles components for publication or one who prepares written material for publication, as by correcting, revising or adapting. I have done my best to do this for *Starbase Sacramento*. Some members have asked for more reports/articles and humor. As Editor, and by definition, it is my duty to put together the issues of the newsletter with what has been turned in. It is not the Editor's duty to try and "force" anyone to turn in a report/article. When time and legalities permit, I have tried to search out and include some humor.

There are some more creative elements I would have liked to use in this newsletter, as I have in newsletters I edit for another volunteer organization, but the limits of the PDF format preclude that. Remember all the cute symbols some of you got a couple of years ago when I tried a non-standard font?

I wish the new *Stellar Communications* Editor and staff much success.

Enjoy!  
Linda Schiff



## EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

Due to technical difficulties (feeling under the weather) my report will be very short. Just would like to say I sure enjoyed the great turn out for our last meeting; it was great to see everyone there! I hope to see everyone at our next exciting meeting on May 20 at Denny's at Watt and Auburn; we sure have a lot business to discuss. I'm just letting you know even though I will not be running for office this year I will still continue to help and support the club in every way I can. I hope to be able to help out Lisa Decker with some future events this coming year and I look forward to another great year for the club as well as we forge into our third year; boy time flies when you are having fun. Anyhow that's all folks; hope everyone is doing well and is enjoying the lovely spring weather.

Signing off for now,  
Diana L. Maida, XO



At the March General meeting, Editor Linda Schiff presents XO Diana Maida with a certificate of appreciation for turning in a report every month. Photo by Lisa Decker.

## FINANCIAL OFFICER'S REPORT

The *Starbase Sacramento* Treasury holds \$927.18. Additions this month came from Sherilyn Saffell's membership application, Karen Mattox's membership renewal and two *SBSac* polo shirts purchased by Janet and Steve Hjelden. (Good to see you, Steve! It's been a long time.)

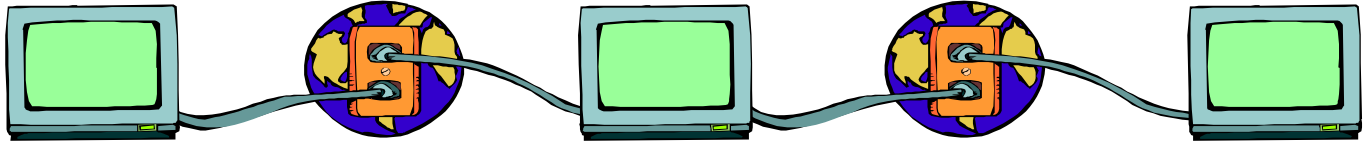
Many thanks go out to all the members who have attended the last two meetings and who have helped get the election process up and running. Serving an extra two months on the board was unexpected and I hope the newly elected board has a great ten months in office. Congratulations in advance to the new board!

Live long and prosper,  
Linda Schiff



Sherilyn Saffell on the set of *First Monday*.  
Photo by Sylvia Mohr.





## LOG OFFICER'S REPORT

Andrea called the April meeting to order at 4:20 PM at Denny's on Watt and Auburn. Andrea called for the log to note that the Deckers were on Double Decker time and would arrive accordingly.

Gary Johnson was assigned as Timekeeper to monitor and enforce speaker time to five minutes if necessary.

Andrea's President's report was her comments to that point at the meeting.

Vice President Diana and this Log Officer had no reports to speak of.

Treasurer Linda reported that the club has \$872.18 in our account.

Gary Johnson gave the Nominating Committee report. The committee validated nominations of CO Sylvia Mohr, XO Lisa Decker, SO Gary Johnson, Secretary Caroline Meier and Treasurer Linda Schiff, however Linda's name was removed from the nomination as she had withdrawn her name.

Nominations for Treasurer will be taken at the May meeting, and Andrea has expressed willingness to be nominated at that time. There were several discussions as Gary clarified several nominations bylaws points.

Next, members were reminded to submit a promotion form if they desired.

The next discussion was concerning the change of the club's official meeting time. Tim Frasche suggested that an article be published in the newsletter of the suggested times and that we vote on it at the next meeting. Linda suggested e-mail to disseminate the information also. Caroline motioned to table discussion to the next meeting, which was passed.

Gary Johnson made a motion to allow minors to be club members by modifying the bylaws as follows: Article III, Section 3 is amended to add underlined provision to the Bylaws: "Any adult person (or any minor with the written permission of consent of his/her parent or guardian) shall..." After discussion it was passed.

Sylvia proposed that Ozetta Johnson be awarded a lifetime membership to the club. There was some discussion and the matter will be dealt with according to the bylaws after further study.

Linda gave the Editor's report and announced an extension of the newsletter deadline due to the imminent holidays. Candidates were reminded that they could submit statements for inclusion, and that Times New Roman is the font they should use.

After discussion, the May meeting date was set for



Jason Reed gives Rachel's Teddy bear a bear hug at the March General Meeting. Photo by Linda Schiff.

May 20 at 5:00 PM at Denny's again.

Gary Decker moved to amend the Nominating Committee report to approve mail-in or e-mail ballots received prior to the beginning of the annual General and Election meeting in May, consistent with Robert's Rules of Order. The motion was passed.

In the events discussion, Diana reported on the Egganoughts event she attended at the Discovery Museum. She also reminded us that Space Day there was on April 28 and that she was the contact for those interested in helping out with that event. Lisa reported that she would submit a list of possible events to the newsletter and would pursue those that members indicated interest in. Astronomy Day is May 19.

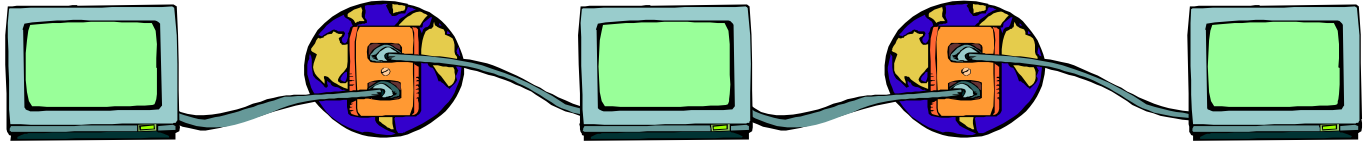
The meeting was adjourned at approximately 6:30 PM.

Karen Mattox



Art work on a F-16 Falcon forward landing gear door. The jet was from Montana. Photo from Tim Moore.





## EVENTS LIST

**General Meeting/Election**  
 Sunday, May 20, 5:00 PM  
 Denny's on Watt and Auburn  
 Contact: Andrea Spalding 564-9469



Lisa, Gary, Linda, Caroline and Diana volunteer at the Kaiser Pediatric Bereavement Breakfast in March. Photo from Linda Schiff.

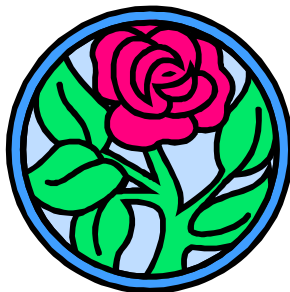
## KAISER PEDIATRICS THIRD ANNUAL BEREAVEMENT BREAKFAST

The Kaiser Pediatrics Third Annual Bereavement Breakfast took place on Saturday, March 31 at the Point West Medical Building in Sacramento. *SBSac* volunteers helped set up tables, chairs and a continental breakfast before and cleaned up and put things away afterward. The medical staff greatly appreciated our assistance so they could spend their time with the families attending the event. Our club's name is mentioned and thanked in the printed program handed out to all those in attendance.

Many, many thanks to the following *SBSac* members who generously donated their time and volunteered at this event:

Lisa Decker  
 Gary Johnson  
 Diana Maida  
 Caroline Meier  
 Sylvia Mohr  
 Linda Schiff

Thank you all very much,  
 Linda Schiff

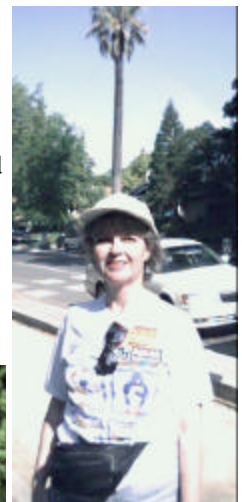


Linda still hasn't learned not to wield a knife with Klingons around. Photo taken at Kaiser with the Schiff Family Camera.

## THE MS WALK 2001

This was year three of walking for Dan and I as part of *Team Starbase Sacramento* to raise funds for the National MS Society. Thanks to *SBSac* members Karen Mattox and Marc Schiff for their pledges. As in past years, the weather was perfect, the city of Sacramento was filled with beautiful flowers and trees, delicious snacks (Including M&Ms!!!!) and lunch were provided for the walkers and lots of walkers were out doing what they were able to do to help people with MS. Although not able to participate the day of the event, Lisa Decker and Panda collected and turned in pledges for the NMSS as part of *Team Starbase Sacramento*. Thank you!

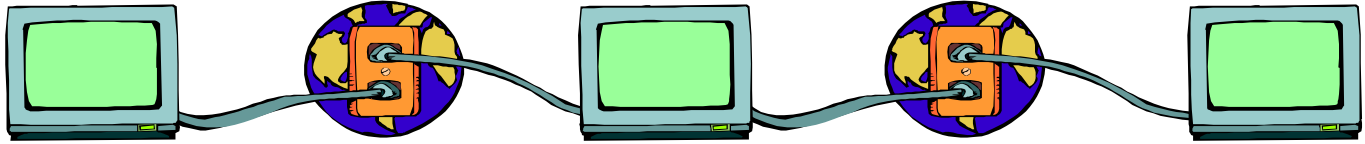
Linda Schiff



↑ MS Walker Linda Schiff takes a break. Photo carefully set up and taken by Dan Schiff.



← Dan Schiff, complete with GPS and KK glazed donut, ready to take on 10.2 miles. Photo by Linda Schiff.



## NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

The Nominations Committee would like to make the following recommendations. After review the Nominations Committee feels the following people have proven themselves honorable and worthy. Therefore would be the best choices to lead *Starbase Sacramento* for the next year.

Commanding Officer	Sylvia Mohr
Executive Officer	Lisa Decker
Second Officer	Gary Johnson
Log Officer	Caroline Meier
Treasurer	Andrea Spalding *

Signed:  
The Nominations Committee

\*[Ed: Please see Log Officer's Report.]

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Lisa Decker and Sylvia Mohr visit with Riley at the Kaiser Pediatrics Third Annual Bereavement Breakfast in March. Riley and his trainer/owner visit hospitalized patients. Photo by Linda Schiff.



Sylvia Mohr and James McEachin on the set of *First Monday*. Photo from Sylvia Mohr.



Rachel Decker tries on her Easter bunny ears with Mom and Dad at the March General Meeting. Photo by Linda Schiff.

## CANDIDATE FOR EXECUTIVE OFFICER

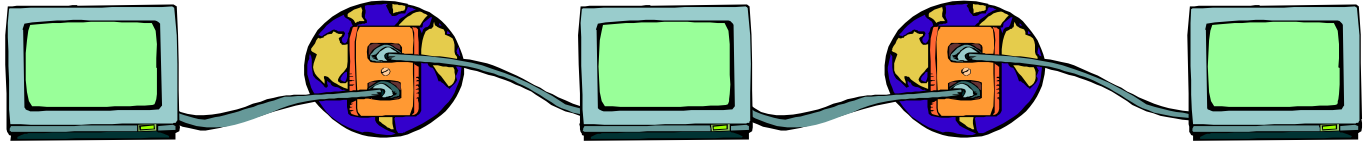
Friends, Romans, fellow sci fi fans, I stand before you not only as a candidate for XO but also as a target for your tomatoes. Those who know me (or think they do), I am hoping to buy their silence; those of you who do not know me I hope to one day have you under my power. (Ha ha ha.) As XO I would do my best to support the CO, work cooperatively with the board of officers and to uphold the bylaws to the extent the membership wants them upheld. I used to be plastic (but now I'm elastic) I am flexible. Personally I like structure to fall back on.

I have been newly appointed the rank of Mom. I will say and continue to say that I do intend to become pregnant again (soon, God willing) and whatever restrictions that may bring I will cope with. I will not be afraid to delegate if the need arises, just as I will not be afraid to ask for help from the membership. (What a great way to groom "The Next Generation" of club officers!) I will not hesitate to lean on my handsome hubby who I can appoint as my yeoman and who can help me accomplish the tasks of the office. He is well versed in the "Book of Bob" better known as *Robert's Rules of Order*.

So if anyone else out there wants to run against me please do so. You have my blessings and gratitude if you do. I do want to continue to help the club in what ever way I can best serve, so if you think I can do an ok job as XO vote for me. If someone else thinks they want to give the office a try I will cheer their efforts. My personal soapbox moments will be promoting charitable events and community service as well as events. (We can not be all work and no play ya know!) Be aware however that I will come with a baby in tow. So I hope I have been clear so you can make an informed decision. I will have limits and I hope you will all be able to understand and accept them.

*Without cooperation we will get nowhere.*  
(Captain Picard: *The Chase*)





## CANDIDATE FOR LOG OFFICER

I want to thank the Nomination Committee for nominating me for Secretary / Log Officer on board the *Starbase Sacramento (SBS)*. I have been a member of *SBS* since the first year. I have enjoyed the companionship and fun of charity work. I wasn't able to do as much as I would have liked. Hopefully, everyone in the club experienced this last year in a positive light.

As your Secretary / Log Officer, I will do my best to be at the activities to keep notes of what is happening and to help promote *Starbase Sacramento* and Sci-Fi in a good light to bring more members and "fun" back to the activities. I promise to serve *Starbase Sacramento* to the best of my abilities. In my current "mundane" job, I take staff meeting minutes and distribute them. I look forward for the chance to work with everyone on the Newsletter Staff as well. I would like to see us put together a fanzine, which means we need to recruit some more artists and writers. All in all, as the new Secretary / Log Officer I look forward to working with the *SBS* members on many fun and worthy activities. I'd like to see us work with the other Sci-Fi clubs in the pursuit of a better world to have "fun" in.

Keeping in mind that this is "your" club, not just mine, I would really like to "recruit" all of you to vote for me, Caroline Meier, to be your Secretary / Log Officer for this year.

Thank you humbly for your time and vote in advance,  
Caroline Meier



At the March General Meeting, Mr. Schifnobi was appreciated and recognized with many certificates from the Editor for all his contributions to the newsletter and the club's web site. Photo by Linda Schiff.



Ed: Happy May Day!!!  
One tradition is the giving of flowers to relatives and friends. Please enjoy the flowers in this issue as my gift to you.

Feliz Cinco de Mayo!

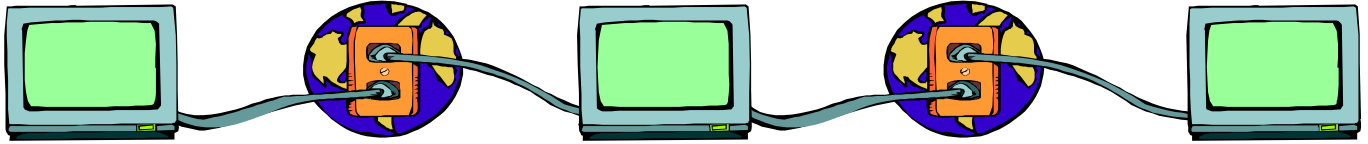


Memorial Day.

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Steve Hjelden models his *SBSac* polo shirt at the April *SBS* Meeting. Looking good, Steve! Photo by Linda Schiff.

### WHAT THE 24TH CENTURY WOULD BE LIKE UNDER TODAY'S MANAGEMENT TECHNIQUES

After the crew is told they are now Empowered, Dr. Crusher begins doing medical experiments on unsuspecting enlisted personnel while Worf slaughters everyone he considers 'weak'.

Data fails an ISO9000 audit because the construction of his positronic brain isn't properly documented. He curses Dr. Suhn's record keeping as he's stripped for parts.

All members of the ship's maintenance crew are required to be involved in Quality Circles. The loss of productive work time causes them to cut back on scheduled repairs, resulting in a warp core breach that kills everyone.

Commander Riker is fired after a round of 'right sizing.' Star Fleet decided that it didn't really need someone to seduce alien females and smirk a lot.

As part of the new Dignity Enhancement program, Piccard is forced to allow Troi to wear uniforms that cover her breasts.

Star Fleet decides to adopt the Borg 'Team Building' methods and requires all newborn babies to be implanted with computer interface devices. As a bonus this cuts down on carpal tunnel disability claims.

The *Enterprise* finds that it can no longer communicate with Star Fleet Command because they're still running an old version of Windows and can't get budget approval for the upgrade.

As part of a cycle time reduction plan, the crew is ordered to cut the time necessary to encounter and escape from new life forms from once a week to 5 days a week. A re-use program is introduced under the nickname RERUNS (Reap Earnings and Royalties Using No-longer-produced Shows).

Piccard is ordered to go to diversity sensitivity training after system logs indicate that he has repeatedly disparaged the Ferengis, the Q, and the Romulans.

A ship-wide reorganization results in Worf becoming the ship's counselor, Dr. Crusher taking over the engine room, Deanna managing weapons, Data running sick bay and Geordi at the helm. They were conquered by a Klingon freighter 15 minutes later.

The crew mutinies when they are given their annual performance reviews and find that, despite saving the universe numerous times, they're still only getting 3% raises.

Submitted by  
Steve Hjelden



Janet Hjelden enjoys the pleasure of holding Rachel Decker at the *SBSac* March General Meeting at Denny's. Photo by Linda Schiff.



