

# THE RUDDER

*The Newsletter of the USS Continuum*

## New Year's Eve party

### HAPPY NEW YEAR 2009!!!

We will be having a New Year's Eve party to say goodbye to 2008 and welcome in 2009 be at the Dolans' starting at 7 p.m., Wednesday, December 31 and lasting until sometime in the early morning hours of January 1.

For this party, we are asking everyone to bring their own snacks and drinks. Alcohol is allowed, but the rule is if you drink, you must surrender your keys before you do. The Dolans have offered "crash space" for those wishing to stay the night or two non-drinking people will take you and your car back home.

## Continuum website

Unfortunately, the Region 2 website at <http://www.region2.org> has been down for the last several weeks, thus making the *U.S.S. Continuum's* site down as well. The Region looks to have this issue resolved shortly. When it does, we'll have the 2009 calendars, more pictures from 2008, and more *Star Trek* quizzes added.

And speaking of the *Continuum* website, I would still like to add more Member's Profiles. If you have not finished the questionnaire I sent out about two months ago, please get it back to me so I will be able to upload it when the site is ready again.

The *Continuum* also has a MySpace page located at <http://www.myspace.com/usscontinuum>.

## Orchestra

For those interested in going to "Lollapalooza, Beethoven & Blue Jeans" on Saturday, January 10 by the Pensacola Symphony Orchestra, please bring \$20 per person to the January 2 Command Staff meeting.

The concert will be at First Baptist Church, 500 N Palafox. Pre-concert lectures start at 7 p.m. with the concert starting at 8. We'll meet for a formal dinner at a restaurant beforehand. More details will be revealed at the CS meeting.

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## Region 2 Summit

Although the Region 2 website is currently down, the Region 2 Summit website isn't. Those looking to register can go to <http://usstiberius.org/summit/>.

The Summit will be held in Jackson, MS on March 6-8 at the Budget Inn & Banquet (1525 Ellis Avenue). Prices are as follows:

### ADULT REGISTRATION

<i>Prior to Feb 15</i>	\$20
<i>Through the end of the Summit</i>	\$25

### SATURDAY NIGHT BANQUET

<i>Adult</i>	\$20.27
<i>Child (10 &amp; under)</i>	\$10.16

### SUMMIT T-SHIRT

<i>S, M, L, XL</i>	\$15
<i>2XL, 3XL, 4XL</i>	\$17

Hotel rates are \$59 + tax per night. Reservations can be made by dialing (601) 944-1150. Please mention "STARFLEET Region 2" for the special price.

## Chapter dues

A reminder to all members who were with us when we reinstated dues last year that \$10 + \$1 for every additional member of the same household is due by the February 20 ship meeting. Make checks payable to "Bruce Dolan – Continuum."

## January Command Staff Meeting

At the January 2 Command Staff meeting, we will begin planning for 2009. We're inviting all members and visitors to bring their ideas on what you would like to see us do. Already on the list are...

### FUNDRAISING

As I mentioned a few months ago, in order to do everything we typically want to do, we need to raise between \$300-400 annually. Membership dues will cover some of that, but we will need to do other activities as well.

- We have brought up the idea of doing **Yard Sales** instead of Flea Market sales. However, we need to set up the dates and locations.
- We have also discussed the **Amazon Associates** program, but after
  - a) we've claimed the name "U.S.S. Continuum" with the government (which will cost us about \$80)
  - b) open a checking account in the "U.S.S. Continuum" name
  - c) get our website back.
  - d) get approved by Amazon.

With this program, we will have a link to our website to Amazon's, giving us up to 15% of the profits without costing the *Continuum* anything to do it.

## RECRUITING

- Recruiting tables at the theaters for the opening weekend of ***Star Trek***, premiering May 8.
- **Planetarium events** both before and after the film's release.
- **Flyers** distributed at businesses
- **Mini-posters** created and distributed on billboards and in windows.
- A recruiting table **at The Wrath of Con** May 29-31 at the Marriott Bay Point Resort & Spa in Panama City.

## COMMUNITY SERVICE

- Work with the **Ronald McDonald House**, including our **Candle Sales**.

## EDUCATIONAL EVENTS

- **The Launch trip.** Rescheduled from last year.

## SOCIAL EVENTS

- **Camping trips** possibly in both the Spring and Fall.
- **Lock-ins.**
- **Movies.** Premiering this year are
  - a) *Watchmen*, March 6
  - b) *X-Men Origins: Wolverine*, May 1
  - c) *Star Trek*, May 8
  - d) *Terminator: Salvation*, May 22
  - e) *Transformers: Revenge of the Fallen*, June 26
  - f) *Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince*, July 17
  - g) *Astro Boy*, October 23
- **Parties.** Both July 4 and October 31 fall on Saturdays this year.

