



## Summer 2014

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Thanks for reading this edition of *New Frontier*. The USS Bortas is a sci-fi fan club based in the Champaign-Urbana area of East Central Illinois. We meet the third Saturday of each month at 2 PM. We meet in a member's home, or in a park, or at a restaurant, or at Barnes and Noble Bookstore. To find out where we are meeting on any given month, please call our Captain, Allen Glenn at (217) 649-6718, or visit our newly updated website at [www.ussbortas.net](http://www.ussbortas.net). Our website will give you lots of information about who we are and what we do! We would love to have you join us. We have a lot of fun and also do many activities for charity. So come on board!

Fleet Captain Shirley Kolb, Chief of Communications and Newsletter Editor, USS Bortas

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## USS BortaS Has a Great Food Drive

*By Faith Eheart*

The food drive held by the USS BortaS on April 26, 2014 went off without a hitch.

Upon arrival at the Rantoul County Market, the employees at the customer service counter were anticipating our arrival. They immediately contacted the manager on duty, who was more than accommodating. The store even donated a bag of ice to the crew to ensure everyone was able to keep their drinks cool and stay hydrated.

The weather was also very cooperative. We had plenty of sunshine and even a light breeze at times. Sunscreen was on hand for those that needed it, thanks to Jenny. An umbrella was also used by some to ensure extra sun protection.

Set up for the food drive commenced at approximately 9:45 AM. We had a table for accepting donations as well as a side table for sorting and packing the donations. Plenty of chairs were also on hand for those that did not have "built-in" seating. We also had plenty of help. In attendance, in no particular order, were Mike, Julie, John, Christel, Paula, Tawnya, Sherry, Jenny, and Faith. We also had a visit from Denise and Justin (Faith's nephew and his mom). Over 150 paper slips with items the food pantry could use were handed out. Traffic stayed pretty steady for the most part. Things started to taper off sometime after 2 PM. The festivities wrapped up about 3:30.

Altogether the food drive produced 18 boxes and 5 bags of food, along with two stray cans of tuna and \$71.15 in cash. We have such an amazing community!

Faith delivered all the goods on Monday morning to the Rantoul Community Center. The community center was grateful for the donations. A formal letter of thanks will be mailed to Faith's address for the USS BortaS in the near future.

Mike and Julie report some of their most memorable moments of the day were: a family that donated three bags of groceries for the food pantry while walking away with one bag for themselves; that Faith's nephew Justin donated two boxes of Sponge Bob mac n cheese, a can of Campbell's "Cars" soup, a box of Fruit Loops, and one out of his two packages of gummies; and that one family with three kids had each child pick out a box of cereal, a box of pasta, and a can of soup that another child may like to eat.

After the festivities wrapped up at County Market, the crew headed over to The Red Wheel Restaurant for our monthly meeting. Everyone that attended the food drive was also able to attend the meeting. Our presence was also graced by our great friends Carlee and Karl. Also in attendance were Faith's nephew Justin and his mom Denise. It was also discussed as a possibility holding future meetings at the Red Wheel Restaurant as well. This idea has been put on hold until the next meeting, where it can be discussed in more length.

It was also discussed at the meeting to possibly hold our next food drive on Labor Day Weekend. This would give us the possibility to reach more of the community as they come into County Market to shop for their BBQ supplies. This idea has been tabled until Faith has a chance to talk with the manager at County Market to see if the date is available.

## “Star Trek Into Darkness” Voted Worst Star Trek Movie by Fans

By Shirley Kolb

This article comes from The Huffington Post, 8/14/2013. I first saw it on [www.zap2it.com](http://www.zap2it.com).

“ ‘Star Trek’ fans attending the [Creation Star Trek Convention in Las Vegas last weekend](#) made one thing abundantly clear: they hated "Star Trek Into Darkness." As reported by Badass Digest editor Devin Faraci, ["Star Trek Into Darkness" finished 13th out of the 12 official "Star Trek" films](#) produced since 1979's "Star Trek: The Motion Picture." (The discrepancy is because "Galaxy Quest," a parody of "Star Trek" culture, was eligible for the fan voting, finishing seventh on the list.) "Star Trek Into Darkness" was met with boos when it was mentioned, and one guy took the mic to say these reboots shouldn't even be considered for a list of 'Star Trek' movies," Faraci wrote, [while also noting that 2009's "Star Trek" finished sixth on the list](#). Despite the fan [outrage at the "Star Trek" convention](#), J.J. Abrams' film was a hit with general audiences. "Star Trek Into Darkness" grossed \$226 million in North America ([less than the \\$257 million that Abrams' 2009 film earned](#)), and an additional \$225 million from international territories.”

Here is the list from number 13 to number 1 (from an article posted 8/11/2013 by Devin Faraci called “The Star Trek Movies, As Ranked by Star Trek con-Goers”. ([badassdigest.com/2013/08/11/the-star-trek-movies-as-ranked-by-star-trek-con-goers/](http://badassdigest.com/2013/08/11/the-star-trek-movies-as-ranked-by-star-trek-con-goers/)). This article was referred to in the above post from Huffington.

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12. Star Trek V: The Final Frontier
11. Star Trek Insurrection
10. Star Trek Nemesis
9. Star Trek The Motion Picture
8. Star Trek Generations
7. Galaxy Quest
6. Star Trek (2009)
5. Star Trek III: The Search for Spock
4. Star Trek IV: The Voyage Home
3. Star Trek VI: The Undiscovered Country
2. Star Trek: First Contact
1. Star Trek II: The Wrath of Khan

If you are interested please visit this article. The author writes a brief paragraph about each movie, why it was voted where it was, and his opinion on where each should have been placed.

As noted in the last newsletter, there are many different opinions on this movie and the reboot in general. Perhaps we can each rank the movies and discuss what we think at a future meeting.

Just for fun, here is how I would rank them. And I refuse to include Galaxy Quest because it isn't a Trek movie!

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### **BortaS Promotions**

*By Shirley Kolb*

At our June meeting the following promotions were announced:

Faith Eheart - Lt. Colonel

Sara Glenn - Lt. Commander

Marlee Glenn - Chief Warrant Officer 2

Tawnya Marsh - Sr. Chief Petty Officer

Sherry Welenc - Sergeant

Christel Cornwell - Sergeant

Derrick Welenc - Lance Corporal

Hunter Marsh - Lance Corporal

Autumn Marsh - Lance Corporal

## **Me Me's Cosmic Cupcakes – A New Place for Treats and Fun**

*By Shirley Kolb*

After our June meeting the USS BortaS visited “Me Me's Cosmic Cupcakes”, a new restaurant in downtown St. Joseph. The Captain had found this place and suggested that we visit it. It has a really great sci-fi theme, with models of Godzilla, spaceships, planets, stars, etc. Each cupcake or ice cream flavor or treat has a sci-fi name. They also show sci-fi movies there. We all had a great time and really loved the desserts. It was a fun time to talk and relax. The Batman Lego movie was on but I don't think too many of us watched it. We also had a tremendous thunder and lightning storm. Tawnya mentioned that that was more exciting to watch than the movie! We already have plans to visit there again after our July meeting. The address is 228 ½ E. Lincoln Street, St. Joseph, IL, phone 217-918-8492. Stop and visit, you won't be disappointed. I can't wait to have another sundae like I had last time, which had cherry ice cream, cherry sauce, hot fudge, whipped cream, and a cherry. Cherry and chocolate together are two of my favorite things, plus I have been dieting since last August and have now lost all the weight so can have treats once in a while. It was so delightful!

## **Original Star Trek Wins “Me Madness”**

*By Shirley Kolb*

Most of you are probably familiar with “Me TV”, which shows many of the older classic shows which we know and love. This March, during the NCAA “March Madness”, Me TV decided to hold “Me Madness - The Battle for the Most Memorable Program on Me TV”. They started with 64 programs and worked their way all the way down to the top program, and Star Trek won the award! For fun I have attached my bracket with my picks. I will admit, I didn't do it the way you are supposed to, which is to fill out the whole thing at the beginning. I just did each round and then picked my favorites as it went along. I had a lot of fun with it and encourage you to look for it next year if it is something you think you would enjoy. The website is [www.metvnetwork.com](http://www.metvnetwork.com). You can also sign up for email updates from them which is how I found out about Me Madness.

## **BortaS Crew Helps Out With Fundraiser for Mobile Mutts**

*By Shirley Kolb*

On June 22<sup>nd</sup> several crew members helped out with a fundraiser at the Clark Street Bar in Champaign for Mobile Mutts. Mobile Mutts is an organization that places dogs that are rescued in homes and as the dogs are being transferred to their new homes, they often need places to stay on the way. The dogs stay over in a home on a Saturday and are returned for the rest of their journey on Sunday at 6:45 AM. Captain Glenn and Sara have kept a few of these dogs. The crew helped with a “Yappy Hour” event which included a silent auction, raffles, photos, and a Mutt Strut.

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