

Corflu Glitter

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Reservations Deadline Extended

Sunset Station has graciously agreed to extend the deadline for reservation until Saturday, April 14. (Play it safe; get it done by the end of Friday.)

They've done this to make up for some reservations glitches and because the number of reserved room-nights seems low in light of the number of Corflu memberships.

Those who have reserved rooms through discount sites should note that reservations made through the convention are cheaper, because the hotel has waived the \$15/day amenities fee.

Corflu Membership Tops 80

Despite the current economic turmoil, Corflu Glitter membership has now passed 80. With the addition of some local fans, the final total should be about 90. "That's lower than any of the three previous Las Vegas Corflus," said Joyce Katz, chairman. "Hard times and rising air fares are a lethal combination."

The number of fans in Las Vegas won't be known until the end of the

The Corflu Glitter Countdown

The big numeral to the right indicates that there's just one week until Corflu Glitter. Actually, if you're coming to Vegas on Thursday, for the Vegrants Precon Kick-off Open Party, then the fannish debauchery is only *six* days away!

Chairman Joyce Katz reminds fans who'll be staying at Sunset Station to request a Boarding Pass when they register.

This little card, which is free to all, comes in handy in two different ways. For those who plan to try their luck in the casino, the Boarding Pass accumulates points for play that can be converted into meals and other perks.

Yet even those who never pump so much as a penny into a video poker machine can benefit, too. The Boarding Pass makes the bearer eligible for special discounts at places like The Feast buffet and at the Café in the wee hours.



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weekend, but 70-75 is a reasonable estimate, which would be a solid increase over Corflu 28.

The modest recovery now apparently underway and Portland's proximity to major centers of Trufan, the BArea and Seattle, may see attendance return to the 100-mark.

Free Shuttle at Corflu

Although Sunset Station Hotel & Casino no longer runs a shuttle to and from the airport, they have agreed to provide a free shuttle on Thursday and Monday.

The shuttle will depart McCarran Airport for the hotel on Thursday at 10 AM, 12 noon, 2 PM, 4 PM, 6 PM and 8 PM.

The shuttle will depart the hotel for McCarran Airport on Monday at 9 AM, 11 AM, 1 PM, 3 PM, 5 PM and 7 PM.

Pick up from airport:

A black Sunset Station shuttle will pick up passengers at ground zero (baggage handling). The driver will be located between spaces 1-10, holding a Corflu 8x10 sign. Please note the shuttle will only wait 15 minutes after each pick up time noted above.

Drop off to airport: Shuttle pick up to the airport is located right outside of the valet/hotel main entrance. Driver will load up at 15 minutes prior to the departure time and leave sharp at the scheduled times above. Example: if you are taking the 10:00 am shuttle, please be at the shuttle by 9:45 am to load your luggage.

Note (from the agreement: guests will be responsible for their own transportation and taxi fees outside of the complimentary scheduled service above. Should you need assistance with scheduling taxi service, please contact the bell desk at (702) 547-7710.

Corflu Shirt to Premiere at Opening Ceremony

Ross Chamberlain has compiled his magnificent design for the Corflu Glitter tee-shirt. "We'll unveil the shirt at the Opening Ceremony on Friday at 5:00 PM in the Sunset Room," Joyce Katz revealed. "I don't want to kill it with over-hype, but this is my favorite of all of Ross' Corflu shirts."

Local Vegas Fans Get a Corflu Sample

Corflu Glitter is going to give local Las Vegas fans a chance to meet the out-of-town visitors and get a taste of Corflu. Many of these folks have never been to a fan-run convention and often don't know much about Fandom outside their club.

The Thursday evening Pre-con Kick-off party, sponsored by the Vegrants, is an "Open Meeting" to which all fans, Corflu members and non-members alike, are invited.

Friday, Corflu Glitter has invited local fans to come to the Opening Ceremony (5:00 PM in the Sunset Room), the two panels in the same location between 7:00 PM and 9:00 PM ("Focus on Fan Funds" and "Vegas Fandom Memories") and the Las Vegas Fandom Reunion, the big open party in the Main Consuite that starts at 9:00. Tee Cochran, host of the

Memphis Championship Barbeque

4378 N. Las Vegas Blvd., Las Vegas, NV

Hours: 10:30 AM—9:30 PM Price: \$10-\$20-\$30/per entree

Service: Friendly table service, drive-in or drive-through

This large and somewhat unpretentious restaurant is a Vegas standby. A prize-winning barbequed ribs recipe is Memphis Championship Barbeque's main claim to fame, though it now has several strong local competitors.

All kinds of barbeque meats are on the menu, which also includes a full range of soups, salads, side dishes and deserts, most done Southern style.

Those who find the prospect of a giant rack of ribs, or even a half-rack, a little daunting may prefer the lunch menu. It has selections like barbeque brisket sandwiches and generally offers smaller portions at lower prices.

The relaxed atmosphere and pleasant servers make this a dependably good dining experience (AK)

For more info on Las Vegas restaurants, visit www.NoshVegas.com.

Fannish Music-Making session in the side suite next to the Main Consuite, will also welcome locals.

There is no charge, though we are urging the samplers to make a small donation. If they decide to attend the balance of the con, such donations will be applied to the cost of membership.

Vegrants Plan Special Award

The Vegrants, Las Vegas' informal, invitational Trufan Fan Club, will break precident by bestowing a Special Award at Corflu Glitter. This is the first time the Vegrants will make such a presentation.

The Award will be announced at the Opening Ceremony on Friday. The welcome begins at 5:00 PM in the Sunset Room.

Restaurant Guide to be Distributed Monday!

Brenda Dupont has finished the content for *The Corflu Glitter Restau- rant Guide*. With the assistance of a number of Ls Vegas fans, Brenda has put together a small booklet with a lot of information about many restaurants, from fast food to white tablecloth.

Corflu Glitter will distribute it electronically on Monday. Printed copies of the *Guide* will be available at Corflu for a \$2 donation.

Corflu XXX Does Promo Piece

It' beautiful and it's on page six of this issue of *Glitter*.

Also Coming Monday

Don't look for *Glitter #59* next Friday. It'll steal into your email inbox a few days early to report last-minute pre-con news.

Meanwhile — keep fanning! — Arnie

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Some Advice for Vegas Visitors

By Joyce Katz

Some aspects of Las Vegas may seem peculiar to new arrivals. Certainly, we have the most colorful Main Street in the country, and there are more hotel guest rooms than most cities can offer. However, no matter how often you hear "What happens in Vegas stays in Vegas," it simply isn't true. I hope this article will help Corfluvians survive their visit in great style.

The weather for Corflu is expected to be lovely, going into the 80s (or maybe more) every day. Bring your swimsuit; it should be warm enough to enjoy the pool.

That said, most of you probably will need a light jacket or a sweater at

Corflu Glitter Vital Information

Membership:

North American membership:

Attending: \$60 (until 4/1/12)

Supporting: \$10.

UK membership: £40 (attending); £10 (supporting),

payable to Claire Brialey

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Room rates:

\$55/night, Sunday-Thursday

\$85/night, Friday & Saturday

Prices are double occupancy. \$15 per extra person per night.

Reservations:

Toll-free reservations number: 888-786-7389.

Online reservations:

https://rooms.stationcasinos.com/cgi-bin/LANSAWEB?

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Group code: SCICORF

Vehicle Rental (Budget Car & Truck Rental)

Phone (702-736-1212) or online (www.Budgetvegas.com)

Code: R468000.

night. At this time of year, the temperature can drop as much as 40 degrees when the sun goes down here in the Mojave Desert.

There isn't likely to be much rain, though the local climate has been a bit erratic in recent years. At this time of year, it is also sometimes quite windy.

Las Vegas is no different from your own hometown. There are laws, rules and customs. Some people come here thinking "Anything Goes," but that's a good way to get in trouble. If it is illegal in your town, it probably is here, too.

I'll mention a few points:

When driving, watch for school zones. The fines for not doing so are exorbitant.

Don't drive drunk and definitely don't have open containers with alcohol in the car. Police are vigilant and sometimes make random checks for alcohol-related problems.

Public nudity is prohibited, except maybe on stage.

Don't jaywalk. Several tourists get killed every year for cutting across the street in mid-block.

The police are here to keep you safe in Vegas and keep Vegas safe from you. It's unlikely that you'll even meet a cop, but if you do, don't get mouthy. They're extremely pleasant to most people, but very tough with anyone they perceive as a bad guy.

Assume you are under surveillance every moment while you are in hotels and casinos. You are. There are eyes-in-the-sky in all public spaces, so don't commit any misdemeanors in the halls, elevators, meeting rooms, casinos, restaurants, the pool or the perimeter of hotels and other public buildings.

Vegas runs on tips. Workers who serve tourists depend on tips to survive. Tip the cab or shuttle driver. Tip the valet, the bellboy and the servers. Give a buck or two to the hotel maid every day. A few dollar bills can make your visit run much smoother.

If you gamble and win at a table game, like Blackjack or Roulette, share some of your bounty with the professionals who are running your table. It's also appropriate to give a something to a server who gives you a complimentary drink.

Prostitution is illegal in Clark County. There are legal adult ranches within driving distance. There are many professionals available in Las Vegas and Henderson, but prostitution *is* a crime.

Finally, a reminder: this is the Mojave Desert. The climate changes have brought us more rain in the last year, but it would take a very long time to irrigate the Mojave, or to fill our reservoirs. Try to be careful using water, and try to understand any water-saving measures you encounter. If you want a glass of water with your meal, ask for it. Most places don't provide water except by request, but they're happy to bring it to you.

And, most important of all: Have a good time while you're here. It's a great city with lots of attractions and amusements. Enjoy it!

— Joyce Katz

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