COTJU RICHMOND May 2-4 2014

PROGRESS REPORT ZERO

This "PR #0" is designed to provide the information you'll need to register for the convention and to introduce the organizing team.

HOW MUCH IS IT, AND HOW DO I REGISTER?

Full membership is \$80 US (£50 UK), supporting \$25 US (£15 UK). Supporting membership entitles you to a copy of any publications, probably a badge too, I shouldn't wonder, and of course helps us to fund the event!

You can PayPal your membership fee to either <u>fringefaan@yahoo.com</u> (US\$) or johnsila32@gmail.com , (UK£) (remember to mark as "gift"), and notify us of your preferred method of contact (email or snail).

Checks/cheques and the like should be payable to "Randy Byers" (US) and sent to 1013 N 36th St, Seattle WA 98103, or to John Nielsen-Hall (UK), Coachman's Cottage, Marridge Hill, Ramsbury, Wilts SN8 2HG.

For general inquiries (NOT memberships), email us at corflu31@gmail.com

WHERE IS IT, AGAIN?

We believe we've got ourselves an excellent location: previously advertised as the Holiday Inn Koger Conference Center, the hotel is now a DoubleTree (see <u>http://www.holidayinnkoger.com</u>/). We've secured room rates of \$94 per night (plus taxes), and we'll have booking information in PR1.

The hotel is used to convention business, regularly hosting a local SF event, as well as, apparently, some quite jolly tattoo conventions attended by that nice Dan Steffan.

WHO'S RUNNING THIS THING, THEN?

We're glad you asked! We think this is an exceptionally strong team, all of whom have previous Corflurunning experience:

NIC FAREY is co-chair for overall planning, team selection and site selection, and if he gets off his tushie will likely also put together publications, and be the resident saboteur. Nic previously chaired Corflu Valentine in Annapolis in 2002.

KEN FORMAN is co-chair for operations, programming, and will be your genial dancing event host. Ken co-chaired Corflu Blackjack in Las Vegas in 2004 (with Ben Wilson).

JOHN NIELSEN-HALL is our Treasurer ("Der Finanzfuehrer") and UK agent, and armed with spreadsheets and such will keep a beady eye on the money. John was also Treasurer for Corflu Cobalt in Winchester in 2010.

RANDY BYERS is Assistant Treasurer, keeper of lists, US agent and fall guy. Randy chaired Corflu Zed in Seattle in 2009, and also was on the team for last year's Corflu XXX in Portland, OR.

In addition to these experienced worthies, we're pleased to have the enthusiastic participation of:

AILEEN FORMAN, who will be running the consuite

ANDY HOOPER, once again administering the FAAN awards

CURT PHILLIPS and **NIGEL ROWE** assisting with operations when Ken is too incapacitated busy. **NATHAN MADISON** who is our "local lad", and will also be helping on the day, as well as having provided useful information during the site selection process.

Thanks also to:

WARREN BUFF for invaluable help during site selection. BILL BURNS for website updates and contact setups. JAY KINNEY (with Nic Farey): Corflu 31 logo.

We have a person in mind for tecky-type livestreaming wizardry, *Cirque du Soleil* style sets, sound & lighting etc., who will hopefully be confirmed in PR1.

SPREAD THE WORD!