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Corflu Glitter

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Sunset Station Hotel-Casino

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Glitter is also available as a free download at Corflu.org.

Corflu Glitter Picks Hotel!

The 29th Corflu, Corflu Glitter, has chosen Sunset Station Hotel-Casino as its hotel.

The search for the convention hotel began the day after Corflu 28 ended, when Joyce contacted the Las Vegas Convention Bureau. Both she and Corflu have a stainless reputation, so the LVCB threw its prestige behind the effort.

Their solicitation generated nearly three-dozen proposals. Suggestions from Corflu Glitter committee members added several more possibilities, which Joyce and James contacted directly.

Joyce, with the assistance of James, Teresa and me, narrowed the field to four first-rank candidates, plus a couple of "safety net" fall-back options in case we busted on the top four.

Joyce entered negotiations with the four hotels at the top of our list. Two had guest room rates that were much too expensive, but the High Priestess worked her magic on the other two. Her face-to-face negotiations sweetened both initial offers.

Both offerings had expiration dates, so we knew we needed to make a decision to commit to one or the other. Joyce, James, Teresa and I spent an evening evaluating the offers.

Factors we considered included: cost and quality of guest, hospitality and meeting rooms, cost, quality and availability of food, location and surroundings, attitude toward our convention, amenities and special features.

We've Set the Dates!

Corflu Glitter will take place April 20-22, 2012. The weather will be warm, but not oppressive, and fans in chilly spots like Lehigh Valley, PA, will be able to get to the airport.

Guest Accommodations

Double occupancy rooms are available with two queen-size beds or one king-size bed and there are both smoking and non-smoking rooms. Up to two additional people can stay in a guest room at the additional cost of \$15 per extra person per day.

Room rates are \$55 Sunday through Thursday, \$85 for Friday and Saturday nights. Most of the better Vegas hotels charge a "resort" or "amenities" fee, but Sunset Station has waived this \$12.99-a-day fee for Corflu Glitter attendees.

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Food at Sunset Station

Sunset Station Hotel-Casino, due to the excellent cooperation of its representative Mary Andrews, rated tops in virtually every area. Joyce and I made another visit during which she tightened a few nuts and bolts and signed the contract.

The three previous Las Vegas Corflus all took place Downtown. That was an exciting and colorful setting, to be sure, but Sunset Station brings its own brand of excitement. The hotel is gorgeous, built only about 10 years ago and modern in every way.

Sunset Station is located on Las Vegas's eastside, across the street from the Galleria Mall, which has many shops and restaurants, a food court and a huge Wal-Mart. More restaurants can be found in the strip centers that border the Sunset Station property.

Sunset Station itself has an array of restaurants. The Grand Café is 24/7 with a big menu, pleasant service and pretty good food. The Sonoma Cellars Steakhouse, Capri Italian Ristorante and Guadalajara (Southwest) are the main restaurants. Sunset Station also has the well-regarded Feast buffet, a Wings & Things next to the Race and Sports book and a Food Court. It has a Fatburger, Starbucks, Viva Salsa, Subway, Panda Express, Sbarro and Ben & Jerry's. And if you just don't want to leave your room, there's round-the-clock room service, too.

Corflu Glitter will distribute a sightseeing and restaurant guide closer to the convention. Reservation info will go out next week.

Peter Sullivan Named UK Liaison

We love our British visitors, who now add so much to every Corflu. We'd like to attract even more of them and give those who do come to Corflu Glitter the best possible time.

Peter Sullivan has stepped forward with some solid ideas for publicizing the con. He'll also help develop programming ideas and work with Bill Mills' audio-video team that also includes Don Miller and Roc Mills.

Ross Rides Again!

Ross Chamberlain has agreed to create the Corflu Glitter tee-shirt. He always does an incredible job and we are very happy to again be able to feature him on the 2012 Corflu shirt.

The End... But Not Good-Bye

We've got so much stuff we want to tell you, that it's all we can do to keep *Glitter* to two pages, even though it seems to be a weekly at the moment.

I'll be back next Friday with lots more information and a genuine Major Announcement.

See you all next week!

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