PowWow #15

PowWow #15 is by Joyce Worley Katz, created for the monthly assembly of Apa V, Dec. 31, 1994. Thanks to Arnie for doing the onerous chores. This is Mailing Number Fifteen, and I'm excited about the New Year, but still far behind in finishing the chores of the Old One. This special New Years Eve collation is especially timely, as the Topic of the Month is "The Future"

1995 Will Bw The Year of Corflu Vegas

How could any science fiction fan not love discussions of The Future? In our dreams, The Future is the light ahead that beckons us down the long tunnel. In our realities The Future is the hope for the realization of our dreams.

It's more the joy of getting there, than the arrival. Since The Future is forever just out of grasp, it's necessary to relish the act of grabbing.

A lot of our Future is behind us. Indeed, if there were not a significant root, the plant would not get green. It's not possible to dream of Future without a past to be an anchor.

I throw myself down the Corridors of Time by anticipating one event after another. Right now, The Future is looking pretty bright to me. I have a definite schedule of things to anticipate, to keep me forever hopeful.

Certainly the chiefest of my goals for the first half of this year is Corflu Vegas. It's just around the corner, and I'm beginning to get very excited about it.

Aileen met with us a couple of weeks ago, to formalize some of the hospitality plans. She's got a schedule of treats arranged that would make any fan's mouth water. Hearing her plans made the convention seem even nearer.

It's quite a thing to know that a hundred or so of fandom's finest are coming to visit. And, it's really nice to know we'll be ready for them. The Future is Out Of Knowledge, and that's what makes it so intriguing. In a sense, as long as there are things to anticipate and wonder about, there is a future. And when curiousity and anticipation ends, so does time come to a halt.

I'm curious about a lot of things that are going to occur in the near future. There are many technological questions, like just how far will the growth of the Information Highway progress in 1995, and will multimedia achieve 40% penetration into American Homes this year? Important stuff.

I wonder if my next news column will get done in time, and if I'll find something new to say in my next educational column. I wonder if my bookkeeping will prove out, and if the business will continue to thrive.



I am curious about the future of fandom, both our own and the international one. Las Vegas fandom has gone through some changes; I wonder what will lie ahead. I wonder if there is going to be a fan feud between England and the USA. It wouldn't surprise me to see the cold war heat up a little. Andy Hooper seems to be taking most of the flack so far. Seems everytime he writes "it's a nice day here in Seattle," one of them responds, "So what do you have against London?"

I wonder when Andy's patience will wear thin and when he'll smack them with less wellreasoned rhetoric. I wonder which of Andy's friends will rise up in his defense, and escalate the hostilities.

I wonder if Don Fitch will bring any more of that good chocolate to the convention, and I wonder if I'll burn the sausage and black-eyed peas we're having for dinner.

I wonder if Tom Springer will let us use his nifty new wagon to ferry people around at Corflu. And I wonder if Don Miller will remember to show up at all.

Life is a continual unfolding. There's so many things we don't know until they happen. Will the roses on that bush be pink or red? Will my cat sit beside me and purr, or will he bite me on the leg? Will I finish this essay on the Future before I have to put the ham in the oven?

For the response to all these questions, tune in to The Future, when all questions will be answered all truth will be revealed.