station this is Houston are you ready

for the event station radio Iowa this is

Mission Control Houston please call

station for a voice check patient this

is matt kelly with radio Iowa Gary I

have you loud and clear Matt good to

hear your voice you to Peggy it's always

a pleasure thanks much for taking the

time

one of the ways that many of us

celebrate Christmas is with a big meal

with family

tell me about your dinner plans on

sunday with your space station family
well we have a meal plan we each of us

kind of took responsibility for a
different meal and and made sure we had

the appropriate types of food available

we're going to do kind of a combination

between Christmas and New Year's Tomas

doing a French New Year's dinner for us

and Shane is providing us with the more

traditional us type of meal for

Christmas but the one other special

thing that we have is we brought up some

frosting and we're going to try and make

some Christmas cookies

basically we have little cookies in
packages and we're going to try and decorate them. I think we should have a contest, but the guys don't seem to game on the contest idea. Here, tell you're gonna have some hot cocoa too, yeah we've got some hot cocoa on board too. I thought the video feed earlier you do have a little Christmas trees there. Anything under the tree, I guess you can't exactly go out to Target and pick something up, but do you exchange Christmas gifts with the crew actually, we've got a few surprises planned for each other. We don't yet know what they are.
are but I had some stuff brought up with

44 00:01:52,349 --> 00:01:58,739 me in my crew preference bag and so I'm

45 00:01:56,459 --> 00:02:01,769 looking forward to giving some gifts on

46 00:01:58,739 --> 00:02:03,810 Christmas there's a video posted a few

47 00:02:01,769 --> 00:02:05,368 days ago where you talked about xmas on

48 00:02:03,810 --> 00:02:08,039 the space station in the context of

49 00:02:05,368 --> 00:02:09,270 being able to its kind of Apollo 8 ish

50 00:02:08,038 --> 00:02:11,068 you talk about looking out and seeing

51 00:02:09,270 --> 00:02:15,319 the entire planet in peace

52 00:02:11,068 --> 00:02:15,318 dhaka expand a little about that for me

53 00:02:15,710 --> 00:02:20,790 well I think the perspective of our

54 00:02:18,479 --> 00:02:22,649 planet here is very special and it does

55 00:02:20,789 --> 00:02:25,650 provide you with the sense that there is

56 00:02:22,650 --> 00:02:28,980 no boundaries that you know this were a

57 00:02:25,650 --> 00:02:30,900 planet we are a people and and it kind
of reinforces the fact that we should be together and a piece what about New Year's Eve for your brother's there i guess there's no popping champagne corks or is it more kind of a time for reflection for you know champagne corks i don't know if we'll have any new year's resolutions or not we mind that i'm not sure whether people are going to be worried about gaining weight or losing weight that was going to ask you about resolutions on your previous missions there are only two other astronauts with you on the
station and now there's a crew of six
do you ever feel the need for more
so how do you get it actually well since
I flew the last time we've probably
increase the internal volume by almost
thirty percent so it's actually not
really feeling very crowded at all up
here there's still many days where I
work by myself in a module on a task and
the guys are in their own modules and
maybe one of the Russians will come down
and ask hey where's Shane and I'm like I
don't know have to go look so we don't
I really feel too crowded here actually.

It's very nice to be able to have an opportunity at mealtimes. Usually lunch, but always at dinner time to get together and talk and share what we were doing over the day and what was hard.

What was funny was it's fun to get together at the end of the day. Along the same lines, you're the only woman up there with five men even on a space station. I suspect the guys can be uncomfortable times for you. I mean you have to be kind of a mom or the older sister or they all.

behaving it being respectful there

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00:04:14,729 --> 00:04:21,039
these guys are actually really wonderful

102
00:04:16,589 --> 00:04:23,269
i am really privileged to work with them

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00:04:21,040 --> 00:04:25,220
if ever one of your biggest challenges

104
00:04:23,269 --> 00:04:27,289
on these long messages on long missions

105
00:04:25,220 --> 00:04:29,210
is the lack of variety in your space

106
00:04:27,290 --> 00:04:30,830
food you've got a Frenchman with his

107
00:04:29,209 --> 00:04:33,579
time so it's back to improve the

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00:04:30,829 --> 00:04:33,579
situation for you

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00:04:34,129 --> 00:04:39,199
well actually and to korean sushi and

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00:04:37,399 --> 00:04:40,789
japanese guy was up here before and he

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00:04:39,199 --> 00:04:43,339
didn't he didn't get to eat all his

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00:04:40,790 --> 00:04:46,670
bonus food so we've been tasting on that

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00:04:43,339 --> 00:04:49,039
as well as to my best days French food

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00:04:46,670 --> 00:04:52,069
so we're having a good time with a
little bit more variety than normal and

I don't know how long that the leftover

japanese food to last but hopefully

we'll be able to share some more of two

Mize French food you're still listed as

flight engineer when do you again become

a commander-in-chief era ceremony for

that and how does that change your daily

routine

yeah now that we have six-person crew

and the two Soyuz is actually overlap

and so that the commander on this

station is the experienced person that

was on board prior to our arrival and we
will change over when he goes away then

i will become the commander for the

second half of the mission so it should

be in the end of february or April

whenever that that event happens and

then we will have a handover ceremony

per se of handing over that command

fantastic baby i'm told her out a time

thank you get very much for the time

God's be from Iowa thanks and you guys

try and stay warm there we will got a

cold front cabin and it might have snow

for Christmas station this is Houston

sounds like it's been very cold there
that concludes the event guess from

radio Iowa station please stand by while

we reconfigure video and audio

communication