

LOS ANGELES ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY, INC.

MONTHLY BULLETIN FOR DECEMBER 1973

GENERAL MEETING

The next general meeting of the LAAS will be on Monday, December 8 at 7:45 P.M. at Lemon Grove Recreational Center (Lemon Grove and Kingsley near Melrose and Normandie). The program will include a number of presentations by LAAS members showing some of our activities, including star parties and observatory construction. Elections will also be held and Astro-Art will be exhibited for awards consideration.

ANNUAL AWARDS BANQUET

The Awards Banquet will be held Saturday evening, January 12 at Michael's at Los Feliz and Hillhurst. This is always a big event so we hope everyone can attend. There will be awards presentations, installation of officers and a special guest speaker (usually our best speaker is reserved for this event). The dinner features Grenadine of Beef. Tickets, which are \$5.25, may be obtained at the December meeting or by writing to Wanda Giblin, 4327 Greensward Rd. Los Angeles, Calif. 90039. 3427

AWARDS

Recipients for the coveted LAAS Achievement Awards are now being chosen. Astro-Photography must be submitted by the December meeting for the judges consideration. Anyone wishing to nominate a member for telescope, photography, art, literary, or service awards should see one of the following Awards Committee members: Lew Chilton, Norm Muir, Mike Simmons and Norm James, Chairman.

ELECTIONS

Elections for LAAS Officers and Board Members will be held at the December meeting. Nominations will be accepted from the floor before the meeting. Following is a list of nominations recieved so far (note changes from last month):

PRESIDENT - Ron McKnight

VICE-PRESIDENT - Ed Johnston, Bob Jones

TREASURER - Walt Deutsch

SECRETARY - Wanda Giblin

BOARD OF DIRECTORS - Gerald Bilodeau, Tom Cave, Lew Chilton, Mary Cragg, Norm James, Ed Johnston, Bob Jones, Ron McKnight, Steve Kufeld, Norm Muir, Mike Simmons, Ted Sobleman, Dave Sovereign, John Taylor.

Tom Cragg is automatically on the Board as outgoing President.

OPTICAL SHOPS

Jim Scarborough has returned, and has relented to resume the position of Optical Shop Director. The shop is undergoing some changes to make it more useful to all our members. If you would like to use the shops, won't you PLEASE let us know what your ideas are as to shop location, hours open, etc. Talk to any Officer or Board member at the meeting or call Mike Simmons at 884-7156.

NEWS BULLETIN

As you can see, the News Bulletin is in need of articles, observing reports, or anything else of interest from members. Next month will mark the first issue of our new format. We hope to improve the content to make it something for the LAAS to be proud of. If you find an interesting new object, observing location, useful bit of information, or have an article you'd like to see published, send it in to the LAAS News Bulletin Editor, P.O. Box 27787, Los Angeles, Calif. 90027.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Theory of Relativity, Blackholes, Whiteholes and space travel to other universes will be discussed in a U.C.L.A. Extension lecture series "RELATIVITY AND COSMOLOGY" Thursdays, January 24 through February 28 7:30 to 9:00 at the GARRISON THEATER of the Clairmont Colleges, 201 East 10th Street in Clairmont.

Comet Kohoutek will be observed and interpreted at another EXTENSION SERIES titled "THE COMMET OF THE CENTURY" Mondays January 7 through March 11, 7:00 to 10:00 P.M. in room 4000 Math Sciences Building at U.C.L.A.

Further information on both programs is available by writing P.O. Box 24902 Biological and Physical Sciences, University EXTENTION, U.C.L.A. L.A., CA. 90024 or telephone (213) 8253839.

DATES ON THE LAAS CALENDAR

General Meeting - Monday, Dec. 8, 7:45 p.m. Lemon Grove Rec. Center.

Star Member Meeting - Monday, Dec. 15, 7:30 p.m., Palms Rec. Center National and Overland in West L.A.

Board of Directors Meeting - Wednesday, Dec. 19, 7:30 p.m., Wanda Giblin's house, 3427 Greensward Rd. L.A. 90039

AWARDS BANQUET - Saturday, Jan. 12, see above.

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