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Life in the Universe ?

Highlighting the October meeting will be noted author, lecturer and historian Mr. Ronald A. Oriti of Griffith Observatory. His topic: "Speculations on Life in the Universe."

**Griffith Planetarium Theater
Monday, October 10, 7:45 p.m.**

Other Meetings...

STAR PARTY - Saturday, October 8, Lockwood Valley, dusk 'til dawn. Last of the season.
STAR MEMBERS - Monday, October 17, 7:30 p.m.
BOARD OF DIRECTORS - Mon., Oct. 24, 7:30 p.m.

The Star and Board meetings convene at the Palms Recreational Center, located on Overland Avenue, just north of the Santa Monica Freeway, behind the Rancho Park Library.

Constitutional Revision Sought

At the September 26th meeting of the LAAS Executive Board of Directors, a motion was made and seconded to delete Article IV, Sec. 5 of the LAAS constitution, which reads: "No member shall be elected to the same office for more than twice in succession."

If the Membership at Large accepts the motion as presented by the Board, no limit shall henceforth be placed on the number of times a member may successively be elected to the same office.

At the November 14th general meeting, acceptance or rejection of this constitutional amendment will be decided by a majority vote of the members in attendance, as prescribed by the LAAS constitution.

The Eclipse and You

Have any plans for the October 12th eclipse of the sun? If not, perhaps you'd like to accept the invitation of Griffith Observatory. LAAS members have been invited to set up their telescopes on the lawn in front of the planetarium entrance, to assist the observatory staff in showing to the public a rare astronomical phenomenon.

The eclipse begins promptly at 11:58 a.m. and will not be delayed for latecomers.

Election Not Far Off



Well, it's nearly that time again. As 1977 inexorably draws to an end, thought must be given to the December election of officers and board members.

This year the nominating committee consists of Howard Packer, Mike O'Neal and Lew Chilton. They are currently working on a slate of officers and board members to be presented to the membership in December. At the November and December meetings prior to the election, nominations will be accepted from the floor to be added to the slate.

If you or someone you know have an inner desire to take an active part in Society policy-making activities or would otherwise like to change things, now's your chance! Just submit your name or your candidate's to any of the committee members at the October meeting. Be involved!

AstroAds

FOR SALE: Celestron 8-inch telescope. Tripod, wedge, many accessories. Write or call for list and prices. Richard J. Aspey, 234 South Beachwood Drive, Burbank, CA 91506. Phone: (213) 842-7947.

Treasurer's Report

As reported by LAAS treasurer Ted Sobelman at the September 26th Board of Directors meeting, the general treasury has \$1,260.21; the observatory fund: 513.18.

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Most members' dues were due and payable on October 1st. If yours are due and you haven't paid yet, refer to the upper right corner of your BULLETIN mailing label for the amount.

Please accept this as your renewal notice. A prompt reply will save the secretary much work and the Society a considerable savings in postage and stationery. Please make checks payable to the Los Angeles Astronomical Society, Inc., 2800 E. Observatory Road, Los Angeles, CA 90027. Thanks.

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Have You Renewed?
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What's Your Project ?

-Lu Rarogiewicz

How about YOU? Have you completed an astronomy-related project? Lu Rarogiewicz, Steve Kufeld or Phil Taylor, the LAAS Awards Committee, would like to hear about it. The committee wants to give away awards and needs candidates for consideration. Don't be shy--if you got a sense of value and satisfaction from doing your amateur's project--we are interested. The subject area is wide open: a series of measurements and data derived from it, designing an electronic circuit, building an unusual telescope--or a new wrinkle in a standard design, astro-photographs, art with an astronomical motif, etc...

Just contact any of the committee members at any LAAS function--especially at the last star party on October 8th. Note: Junior members of the LAAS are also encouraged to step up with their projects. LET'S HEAR FROM YOU!!!

Library Returns

After several years of inactivity, the LAAS library is again operational. On astronomical and related topics there are over one hundred titles to choose from. Books can be taken out after any Society meeting held at Griffith Observatory, or at other times to be announced in the Bulletin. The library is located in the dome of the Zeiss telescope.

Books may be kept for two months and can be returned to the LAAS librarian Lu Rarogiewicz at any LAAS function at which he's present--a written receipt will be provided.

Please note: As borrowing of books from the LAAS library is a privilege and benefit of membership, a CURRENT LAAS membership card must be produced before any book can be examined or checked out. Books are loaned by signing an agreement to take full responsibility for their care and return.

October library feature: (The title tells the story) "Photoelectric Astronomy for Amateurs" by Wood. Anyone interested?

Great Raffle of 1977-78

The October meeting will see the gala kick-off of the Great Raffle of 1977-78. First prize: Cave Astrola Student Model Standard 6-inch reflecting telescope OR a gift certificate worth \$300 at Cave Optical Company. Second prize: 4-inch Tasco reflecting telescope. Third prize: 7x35 wide angle binoculars, courtesy Cave Optical Company.

The price per ticket is just \$1. Buy a dozen and improve your chances of having Dr. George Fishbeck of KABC Eyewitness News draw your winning ticket at the Awards Banquet January 15. You need not be present to win. All proceeds will go toward the LAAS observatory construction fund.



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