



## Los Angeles Astronomical Society

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### LAAS MEETINGS

General Meeting - Monday, November 12th, 7:45 p.m. at Griffith Observatory. This month the speaker will be announced at the meeting.

Board Meeting - Monday, November 19th, 7:30 p.m.

Star Members - Monday, November 26th, 7:30 p.m.

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. All members are welcome.

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### **FINAL NOTICE**

The dues were due in October. If you have not paid them yet please do so at this time. Members that do not pay by December will be dropped. Dues may be paid at the general meeting or mailed to: Los Angeles Astronomical Society, 2800 East Observatory Road, Los Angeles, California, 90027. Senior members \$12 and Junior members \$6.

### **ELECTIONS !**

The time has come again to select the LAAS officers and Board Members for the next year. The 1980 elections will take place at the December General Meeting. Nominations will be taken from the floor at the November General Meeting and also at the December General Meeting just before the vote is taken. The responsibilities of each position are listed below.

President - Serves as Master of Ceremonies at General Meetings, chairs Board Meetings, and is expected to help respond on letters directed to the LAAS.

Vice-President - Substitutes for President when necessary and works with the President.

Treasurer - Keeps track of LAAS income and expenses. Keeps Board informed on what is prudent moneywise.

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Secretary - Keeps membership records and responds to general letters addressed to the LAAS. It involves more time and bookkeeping than the average position.

Board Member - Attends all Board Meetings, votes on LAAS policy and is expected to volunteer for some of the chores necessary to keep the LAAS going.

These positions involve a great deal of effort. Anyone who is willing to give their time and effort is encouraged to nominate themselves before the election. This should be ~~done~~ when the nominations are taken at the November and December meetings.

This year candidates will be allowed, if they wish, to state to the membership their intentions if elected to the position. This will prevent the elections from being a popularity contest or a guessing game. Many people are willing to donate their time and effort, but have been discouraged because of the election techniques in the past. Now, these people have a chance to state what they are willing to do for the society. This should give everybody a fair chance for a position.

- Mark Jacobs  
Bulletin Editor

## LAAS TELEPHONE -

The LAAS now has a telephone line. The line has an answering machine hooked up to it. The answering machine will give out information on the dates of the General, Board and Star meetings. Also, any events that are taking place, Star party dates and any other information needed. Members and non-members will be able to ask questions. The machine allows enough time for this. The Society prefers to answer calls by mail. Please leave your name, address and zip code at the end of your message. If your problem requires immediate attention the Club will contact you by phone. The unit will be operating this month. Marty Kapp was able to get us a convenient telephone number. The new number is 662-LAAS (662-5227). If you have any suggestions concerning the information put on the answering machine or the replying procedure, please contact me at 832-7784.

- Tom Wallace  
Star Member Chairman

## MORE ON TAX-EXEMPT STATUS

As you may already know, the LAAS was recently granted status as a tax-exempt scientific and educational corporation. This has many immediate benefits for both members and non-members alike:

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1. All money donations given to our Society are now tax deductible.
2. All new or used astro equipment (telescopes, binoculars, mounts, eyepieces, etc.) donated to our Society both now and in the recent past are tax deductible at their present fair market value. This means, for example, if an old telescope was donated to the LAAS in good condition which would have originally cost you \$75, but would cost \$225 to buy now, the tax deduction would be \$225!
3. All auto mileage incurred for LAAS purpose including driving round trip to monthly meetings, Star parties, etc. are now also deductible.

All LAAS members who have already made donations or wish to now make a donation are strongly encouraged to contact me for an official LAAS Donation Verification Letter. This letter complies and is an acceptable verification for all IRS tax audits.

You can contact me by calling our new phone number, 662-LAAS or writing me at: 1262 Boynton Street, #16, Glendale, California, 91205. Also at my home phone 242-6019.

- Marty Kapp  
Funding Chairman

#### NEWS NOTES

The Society thanks Wanda Giblin, Arnold Grossman and Ned Walker for kicking off the LAAS Clubhouse Fund Raising Drive with their generous donations. Why don't we all follow their example so that we can start building our new clubhouse as soon as possible. No donation is too small!

The Polaris Society's Board of Directors invited some of the LAAS officers to their open house on Saturday, October 13th. Dave Sovereign (President), Lew Chilton (Board Member) and I attended. They invited us to their site to give us some ideas for the construction of our new clubhouse. While inspecting their clubhouse and talking with the members who built it, we got many good pointers for ours.

The information they gave us is greatly appreciated. Their observatory is about three miles from ours and they do not normally invite visitors.

- Tom Wallace  
Star Member Chairman

#### ASTRO ADS

FOR SALE: Meade equatorial mount for 3.1" refractor, slow motion dec., and drive, complete - \$150. Coulter 6" f/10 mirror and diagonal, brand new, never used - \$20. Meade 2.4" refractor with diagonal - \$30. Call Derek Reynolds (213) 848-1998.

# JANUARY BANQUET !

The best meeting of the year is coming up. Tickets for the January Banquet are now on sale. The Banquet will again be at Michael's Restaurant. The dinner will be Michael's Famous Char-Broiled Filet Mignon, wrapped in bacon. The speaker has not yet been finalized as this is written (October 23), but we promise you a good one. The Banquet will be January 20th. There will be awards and door prizes. The restaurant is located at 4500 Los Feliz Boulevard, Los Angeles (near Griffith). Because of inflation the price will be \$10.00 per person. But for what you get, this price is surely worth it. If you would like to buy a ticket please fill out the blank below and mail to: Steve Kufeld, 7092 Betty Drive, Huntington Beach, California, 92647.

**1980 ANNUAL AWARDS BANQUET**

**Yes! I'll be there. Send me \_\_\_\_\_**  
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**to the LAAS.**

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Attention - Part of a camera case was left at the Solar Observatory tour. If yours contact David Sovereign (President) at next meeting.



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