

LOS ANGELES ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY

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President's Column

JANUARY BANQUET

In this, my first column in 1981, I'd like to review what I consider the significant events affecting the LAAS during the past year.

Public activities: Our society has participated in many public events this year, including two public Star parties at Griffith Observatory, Astronomy Expo 80, Space Week at Exposition Park, the L.A. fair, and community astronomy night at the Monrovia Community Service Dept. We have also developed a slide show which has been shown at all these events as well as the Riverside Telescope Makers' Convention.

Observatory project: We have improved our site at Lockwood Valley this year. Our access road was rebuilt, and additional parking and observing areas cleared. An improved interim fence has been built along the eastern boundary of the property and will be replaced with a chain-link fence later.

Clubhouse project: Committees were established for long-range planning and fund raising toward developing the Lockwood Valley site. Their work is continuing and will lead to efficient, well thought-out development of club house facilities at the site, such as meeting and sleeping buildings and a modern sanitary system.

The speaker for our January Banquet has not as yet been confirmed, however it is certain that it will be a top scientist from the Voyager missions. This should provide us with one of our best banquets ever.

In addition to the speaker new officers will be installed, awards will be given, and door prizes will be raffled off. The door prizes include an astronomical equipment carry bag from Meade Instruments, and a pair of 20X80 Binoculars from Celestron.

Tickets are available for purchase through the coupon at the back of this Bulletin. Because it is already so late in the month, we urge you to order your tickets as early as possible. Orders received too late for the tickets to be mailed out in time will be confirmed by phone, however to avoid any possible mix-ups, it is better to be early.

Place: Micheal's Restaurant on Los Feliz Blvd.

Date: Sunday, January 25, 1981

Time: Coctails At 5pm
Dinner at 6pm

Menu: Filet Mignon

Price: \$10.00 per person

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Society events: Our summer Star Parties were very well attended last year, with over 100 people at some of them. Our tour of the Space Shuttle at the Rockwell plant in Downey was also very well attended.

Family membership: The unanimously approved Family membership ammendment to the LAAS constitution will allow members of the same family to become full LAAS members at a nominal cost.

Other events: Several of our members attended the total Solar Eclipse in Kenya, Africa, combining the trip with photographic game safaries and a tour of Egypt. Members also attended the Riverside convention at Big Bear Lake, and the convention of the Western Amateur Astronomers at Tucson, Arizona. Slide of these events were shown at LAAS meetings.

As you can see, this has been a busy year for our Society. Many of the events were made possible by your help in organizing them, and by your participation.

I look forward to another exciting year as president of the LAAS. With your continual support and participation in society events, we can make this year even better.

--Tom Wallace
LAAS President

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