



# AUGUST, 2018

## *Notes from the President*

The TAAA Board met on August 8, 2018. Many activities are underway at CAC, and the Board requested an update on all current and upcoming CAC activities and events. An update to Members regarding CAC activities and events for 2018 will be presented at the October 5<sup>th</sup> 6:30 Member meeting. The Board also began a discussion of whether to affiliate with the Astronomers Without Borders organization, and more information on that organization is scheduled to be reviewed by the TAAA Board at its October 10<sup>th</sup> meeting.

TIMPA dates for September are the 8<sup>th</sup> (Sa) and 14<sup>th</sup> (Fri).

CAC dates for September are the 7<sup>th</sup> (Fri) and the 8<sup>th</sup> (Sa).

Most TIMPA and CAC dates for June, July and August were rained-out. It will be nice to have some clear skies soon.

Want to help expand essential funds to maintain programs without having to raise dues? The Fundraising team needs help to cultivate long-term relationships with a select small group of potential Foundations. Minimal grant writing and no telephone calling. This is a critical capability for the health and sustainability of TAAA. Contact Mike McDowell in his capacity as Fund-Raising Chair at [cac-director@tucsonastronomy.org](mailto:cac-director@tucsonastronomy.org).

Our TAAA paid star party program - Tucson Stargazing Adventures - portion of the TAAA website has been updated to reflect our new direction. The marketing team will be canvassing local resorts over the next several months to expand our services and raise additional funds to support club operations. Check out the updated web page at: <http://tucsonastronomy.org/community-services/tucson-stargazing-adventures/>. If you know of a private organization that could use our services, please refer them to the website or to Jim Knoll at [stargazing@tucsonastronomy.org](mailto:stargazing@tucsonastronomy.org).

### **TAAA Trivia!**

**TAAA Trivia Q.1:** Who was TAAA's 18<sup>th</sup> President?

**TAAA Trivia Q.2:** What TAAA club member was awarded Master Observer status at the recent July Astronomical League Convention in Minnesota?

**(Trivia answers are at the end of this document.)**

**SAVE THE DATE:** **HOLIDAY PARTY**. Saturday, December 1<sup>st</sup> at the Foley home.

Doug Smith is holding a workshop for people pursuing Astronomical League Programs on August 25<sup>th</sup>. You may contact Doug at [dsmith217@cox.net](mailto:dsmith217@cox.net).

CAC Star-B-Que on Saturday October 6<sup>th</sup>. Save the date.

Volunteer needed to serve as TAAA Refreshment Coordinator for the Member Meeting. This person organizes volunteers to bring refreshments for each Member Meeting.

Thanks to John Christensen for having done this job for several years and for doing an excellent job, but John cannot continue at present. To help out, please contact Mae Smith, [ssmith@email.arizona.edu](mailto:ssmith@email.arizona.edu).

Volunteer needed to edit and post video-recordings of Member Meetings. Contact Mae Smith [ssmith@email.arizona.edu](mailto:ssmith@email.arizona.edu).

If you have web comments, suggestions or problems, contact our team at [webteam@tucsonastronomy.org](mailto:webteam@tucsonastronomy.org).

To assist with the Astro-Imaging Special Interest Group planning and organization, contact Tom Rolfsmeyer at [mrolf@earthlink.net](mailto:mrolf@earthlink.net)

The September TAAA Board meeting will be on Wednesday the 12th at Banner University Medical Center in meeting Room C (bordering the Cafeteria). Members are welcome to attend. At Board meetings, a member may give a five-minute presentation to the Board on any area of concern or a suggestion that they have for the Board. In planning the schedule for the next Board meetings, the Board will consider that topic and decide about placing it on the Board Agenda for further consideration. Members wishing to make a 5-minute presentation to the Board should contact Mae Smith at [ssmith@email.arizona.edu](mailto:ssmith@email.arizona.edu) a week (Wed, September 5th) prior to the meeting to get on the schedule.

**Answer to Trivia Q1:** Bob Gilroy was TAAA's 18<sup>th</sup> President serving from June 2013 through May 2015. Bob was a diligent and passionate President who was instrumental in organizing the Astronomy Fundamentals course, re-organized the Treasurer position, helped establish our new website, began recording and posting member meeting lectures, and spearheaded the development of the Nomination and Volunteer Resource Committee (NVRC). Bob will be missed, but his contributions live on.

**Answer to Trivia Q2:** Paul Anderson was awarded Master Observer status at ALCON 2018. Although Paul and Cathy moved back to their home state many months ago, they still maintain their TAAA membership.

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