



September, 2019

Â Notes from the President

The TAAA Board met on September 11th, 2019.Â Some of the topics addressed at that meeting include:

- Discussion regarding input and management of voting regarding two proposed Bylaws Amendments
- Planning for the Holiday Party. A decision was made to conduct a silent auction at the Holiday Party and to appoint some volunteer assistants for the event.
- Discussion of the value of the Bulletin and of supporting work on the Bulletin. One area for support would be by reducing hours spent dealing with postal mail copies and processes necessitated by postal mail. The Postal Mailing list was reviewed and decisions regarding management of/interaction with different groups receiving postal copies were made.
- The Cochise County Permit to pursue our current building plans was officially approved, so we now have permission to go beyond clearing land, constructing two buildings and four telescope enclosures as well as adjusting driving, walking and parking arrangements to accommodate the additions.

Thank you to all who participated in the recent Member Sale of items. Some impressive equipment was sold at fantastic prices! a great financial benefit of TAAA membership! Thanks to Ed Foley for all his time and effort in managing the sale.

TAAA Trivia!

Trivia Question 1a: How many TAAA members participated in the first Grand Canyon Star Party? What were their names? **1b:** How long ago was the first Grand Canyon Star Party?

Trivia Question 2: How did TAAA receive another telescope in September to be readied and donated to a Library and which library branch will this telescope be going to?

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

IMPORTANT DATES for your CALENDAR

TAAA Star-B-Que at CAC , Saturday, October 26th. All TAAA Members are invited. Gates unlocked and grill available at 4:00pm. Bring a dish to share and whatever you wish to grill for yourself. Bring any chairs you will need. If you do not wish to eat, come for observing.

TAAA Holiday Party, Saturday, December 7th. All TAAA Members are invited. Bring a Dish.Â Silent Auction. Save the date.

IMPORTANT NOTICE: Member Meetings 6:30 and 7:30 October 4th will be held in our regular location at the UA Steward Observatory Auditorium, UA, 933 North Cherry Avenue. The auditorium has a separate entrance West of the

Cherry Entrance and across from the College of Education. Free parking after 5:00pm can be found within a few blocks of Steward on the Speedway end of North Vine Street and at some other surrounding locations.

Remember that there is a handicapped automatic door on the West side of the building. And, the technology assistant will be at the front of the auditorium with hearing assistive devices.

ALWAYS let us know if you have any difficulty hearing at any of our TAAA meetings.

Reminder: Announcements for any 6:30/7:30 Member Meeting should be **emailed** to Mae Smith **one week prior to the meeting**. There is not adequate time immediately prior to or during a meeting to adequately preview and discuss new announcements and it can delay meeting activities to attempt to do so. Please respect our guest speakers and Do Not wait until a meeting is in progress to discuss the possibility of new announcements

Member Meeting October 4th will contain at 6:30, **The Quarterly Report on Seasonal Objects** by **Dr. Mary Turner**, Chief Observer.

The vote on proposed TAAA **Bylaws changes** will occur in the 7:30 meeting.

At the 7:30 Meeting **David Levy** will share information on his **new book, A Nightwatchman's Journey: The Road Not Taken.**

TIMPA dates include **Sept 27th** (Fr) and **Oct 25th**(Fr) and **Oct 26th**(Sa)

TAAA BOD Oct 9th, 6:30pm (see below)

AFSIG: Oct 10th, 6:30pm(see below)

LNO: Oct 17th, 6:30pm

CAC dates include **Sept 27th** (Fr) and **Sept 28th** (Sa) as well as **Oct 25th** (Fri) and **Oct 26th** (Sa) (**Star B-Que on Oct. 26th**)

NOTE: AFSIG LOCATION for October 10 meeting. This meeting will be held at 6:30pm at **3202 East 1st Street (Office of Tucson City Council Ward 6)**. This location is one block East of Country Club and one block South of Speedway Boulevard. Proceed East from the University on Speedway, Cross through the Speedway/Country Club intersection and proceed one block East to Anderson Street. Turn south onto Anderson Street (Walgreen's is located at the corner of Speedway and Anderson). Proceed South on Anderson for one block which brings you to 1st Street. Ward 6 is located on the southeast corner of Anderson and 1st Street. You may parallel **park** on the street or there is a small amount of parking on the South side of the Ward 6 building. You may also park in the south side of the Walgreen's Parking lot (permission given by Walgreens). Enter the building on the South side (back). AFSIG will be meeting in the EAST room. Information about this location change will be distributed on the website (tucsonastronomy.org), at Member Meetings, at AFSIG meetings, and via email.

Immediate need for applicants familiar with WordPress for Webmaster position. To express interest send name, contact information, which position you are interested in, and list of qualifications to NVRCchair@tucsonastronomy.org.

The **TAAA Board meeting for October** will occur, on **October 9th (Wed) at 6:30pm** at Cafeteria Room C, UMC Banner Hospital. There is free parking in the lot South of the parking garage and that lot is designated as Zone 1 parking which is free after 5:00pm. There is also some free parking at the New Main Entrance to UMC Banner Hospital on the North side of the hospital. Members are welcome to attend. Note that many prior South entrances to UMC/Banner are being locked and not open to the public. If you have a problem with south entrances, you may need to enter through the new North Entrances to the hospital and walk from there to the old cafeteria area (which is on the south end). 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 a week (the Wed,) prior to the meeting to get on the schedule. If you need directions to the meeting, also contact Mae.

NOTE: As TAAA Treasurer, **Mike McDowell** is our **official TAAA representative that interacts with donors regarding donations.** Mike is tasked with showing appreciation to donors who wish to make a donation to TAAA and collecting information about the nature of the donation; determining whether TAAA can use the donation; arranging for pick-up of an accepted donation; issuing a receipt of donation to a non-profit agency for the purpose of filing for IRS consideration of the donation. If anyone indicates to you that they would like to make a donation to TAAA, **please help them**

contact Mike at cac-director@tucsonastronomy.org or put the person in touch with a TAAA Board member who will assist the person to contact Mike. Please be aware that once a person has mentioned to someone associated with the Club that they wish to make a donation, the person may feel that no further follow-up from them is needed; that it is the Club's responsibility to follow-up. So, please make that initial contact meaningful, clearly giving the person the information needed as well as getting the person's name and contact information and sending that on to Mike McDowell.

TEMPORARY Welcome Coordinator needed: Susan O'Connor has been serving as our Welcome Coordinator for Member Meetings and when she has been out of town, Jim O'Connor has been substituting. The O'Connors will not be able to serve in this capacity in the upcoming Fall/Winter months. We are looking for someone who could temporarily substitute for them. Having someone in this position makes a significant difference in making visitors and new members feel welcome at club meetings and in helping them find their way to becoming involved in club activities. If you are available to assist with this effort, please contact Mae Smith at President@tucsonastronomy.org.

Answer to Trivia Q1a: The first Grand Canyon Star Party was "manned" by six TAAA volunteers. The six were Dean and Vicki Ketelsen, David and Elinor Levine, Derald Nye and Mike Terenzoni. Dean reports that he only had enough leave time from work to stay the first half of the week, so he left midweek and then Derald Nye took charge for the rest of the week. **1b:** The first Grand Canyon Star Party was held in 1991, so the 2019 GCSP was the 29th annual GCSP for which TAAA has organized astronomy services.

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Answer to Trivia Q2: You may recall that last month Terri Lappin and Jim Knoll obtained a third telescope to be placed in a Pima County Library for public use. That telescope was obtained through the Horkheimer Award program offered by the Astronomical League. This month, Todd Baker donated a second telescope to the TAAA program to add telescopes to Pima Public Libraries. This telescope, as a prior one he also donated, was given in honor of his wife, Lonny Baker [Asteroid 30934(A)]. When the telescope is ready, it will be going to the Valencia Library.

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