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# STARLITE

*FALL, 2014*

## **BANQUET INFORMATION**

*Come one Come All:* to the PAS Banquet this September 27 at 5:30 pm rain or shine. The location is the Kickapoo Sportsman Club, 11016 W US Highway 150, approximately 1 mile west of Kickapoo on left side of road (Has indoor restrooms and a covered pavilion with tables). PAS will provide fried chicken and asks everyone to bring a side dish or dessert to share and their own table service. Bug Juice will be provided (lemonade) as well as hot water for tea and coffee.

The slate of officers will be voted on during the business portion. A star party (weather permitting) will take place afterwards. Bring your telescope and lawn chairs. Any further questions please contact Dan Son (309-224-9150).

## **SLATE OF OFFICERS: For 2014-2015(to be voted on at the banquet)**

President: Dan Son

Vice-president: Jesse Hoover

Secretary: Tatiana Johnson

Treasurer: Brian Hakes

Parliamentarian: Nick Johnson

Legal Agent: Mike Hay

Nominating Chairman: Rich Tennis

## **UPCOMING PROGRAMS**

October 1, 2014 will have Sam Gappmayer, CEO of Peoria Riverfront Museum, talk about his astronomical experiences with his telescopes.

November 5, 2014 will be Gene Hodel's Astrojeopardy.

We have full confirmation to having Michael (Mike) Zolensky's presentation on December 3, 2014, by way of Skype. His talk will be on NASA's cosmic dust collection program, debris from comets, etc.

January 7, 2015 meeting will have Greg Neaveill and I showing how we built our two telescopes...sort of a contrast of size.(My 17-inch dob and Greg's briefcase telescope.)

From Starlites Past  
John Barra

50 Years Ago  
Newsletter Summer/Fall 1964

*“DO YOU KNOW YOUR HISTORY? Part III....The observatory was dedicated on July 23, 1955, after a luncheon at the Original Murphy's. Unfortunately, the scope's maiden voyage to the stars was postponed that evening because of rain.”*

That was over 59 years ago. Hey, Rich Tennis--how old were you then and where you there that night? I thought so. Your jinx started way back then?

*“The 18th annual convention of the Astronomical League's North Central Region will be held at Racine, Wisconsin, May 16, 1964....The registration fee of \$1.50 may be paid in advance or between 9 and 10 o'clock....”*

\$1.50? Heck, you can't even get a Big Mac for that now. \$1.50 would not even get you a half gallon of gas now. You could not get to Racine on that--maybe Chillicothe

25 Years Ago  
September Starlite 1989

*“With the election of new officers being held at the banquet, this is my last message to you as president. I look to this time, a time of change, as the moving ahead of the Society (Mike Hay).”*

Mike (and Linda), I bet you thought it was your last message as president. I bet you did not think you would be president several times after that--some on an emergency basis, such as now. But we do thank you for that!

*“(minutes) Long-range plans concerning light problems with some new developments were discussed. Gary Bussman, Chuck Lamb, Gene Hodel and Eric Clifton volunteered to contact some people who may have influence to prevent or limit potential damage.”*

I guess light pollution has been around for a long time. Probably since the time He said “Let there be light!“ But they left off part of the quote. It really was “Let there be light, but not too much.”

**EDITOR'S MESSAGE:** Mike and I thank everyone for understanding the necessity of this abbreviated Starlite. Mike is having health issues and has been hospitalized and is now in a slow recovery time. I have been sitting with him daily, hearing Dr. reports, watching therapists and conversing with social workers etc. He has been moved to a skilled nursing facility and then hopefully home for a while before a trip to Chicago to Northwestern Memorial for further evaluation. We thank everyone for their prayers, visits and calls checking on him. By the next Starlite, we should be back to a full version.

Linda Hay