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December 31 Deadline

'Tis the Season to Be Renewing Your AAAP Membership



'Tis the Season to be Jolly with holiday parties, visits with friends and family, putting up Christmas lights, gift picking/wrapping, etc. But don't let the holiday spirit be ruined by realizing you forgot renew your AAAP membership for 2018. After all, long after all the multi-colored holiday lights are taken down, we will be enjoying the multi-colored star lights of the night sky throughout next year, one of the many perks of AAAP membership. **December 31, 2017** is the nominal deadline for renewing, but we will probably grant a 1-month grace period in January.

Please be kind to **Heather Panek** (our Membership Secretary) by wrapping up your renewal in December and not delay until January. If you have any renewal questions in any way, shape or form, contact Heather at membershipsecretary@3ap.org. As with recent *Guide Star* issues, we have attached the "paper" version of the renewal form to this issue after page 15. Thanks again for attending to this important task.

December 9 at Shaler Villa Fire Hall

AAAP Members Cluster In Shaler for 2017 Holiday Party



It's time for all of us to look back on a very busy, productive and enjoyable year (especially the Solar Eclipse!) at our annual AAAP Holiday Party, **December 9, 2017** at the Shaler Villa Fire Company in the North Hills (map on page 15). Festivities, food and fun begin at **6:00 pm** and go to **10:00 pm**. Members wishing to arrive a bit early to set out food and door prizes can show up as early as **5:00 pm**.

Interestingly, this is one of our best-attended events in spite of the cold weather, and many of us use the occasion to make friends out of colleagues. Each year we alternate the Holiday Party between Shaler Villa in the northern burbs and the Buffalo Inn down in South Park. Even if Shaler Villa is a long drive for you and your family, we hope to see the entire AAAP demographic at the party. There will be no business discussions or reading of minutes, just several Service Award and photo contest presentations. After that, it's food and door prizes for the balance of the night.

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Kwasinski, Manages Lincoln and Others Collect Multiple Awards

Rainbows and Planets and Dust Lanes, Oh My....It Was a Fine Photo Contest

by John Holtz (adapted from AAAP Listserver)



For those of you who could not attend the club's November 10 meeting, here is what you missed – some spectacular photos from the 27 photographers that submitted photos! You can view the photos using one of the links on page 4. Voting was difficult as always, but winners were selected.

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Mike Meteney Returns As AAAP Treasurer

Mike Meteney, who retired from the Treasurer's office back in June of this year, is returning to the same position. He replaces Ray Delien who has resigned his AAAP membership. Mike will complete Ray's term through May of 2018 whereupon a new Treasurer will be elected by the membership. In accordance with the AAAP By-Laws, Mike was selected by the club's Executive Committee to fill the vacancy left by Ray's departure.

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Want to read more about the AAAP? Become a member!

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