

SONOMA COUNTY ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY

~ GENERAL MEETING ~

Wednesday - February 12, 2014

Location: [Proctor Terrace Elementary School](#)

1711 Bryden Ln. Santa Rosa, CA 95404

(7:30PM - 9:30PM)

Hello fellow Stargazers,

"Astronomy compels the soul to look upwards and leads us from this world to another". ~ Plato

Many thanks again to Jim Goodenough, Linda Sinkay, and Ted Judah for their excellent presentations at the meeting last month. We hope that they got your interest spiked for astrophotography. Also, another congratulations to our new SCAS Board members.

AGENDA ~

7:30PM - Meeting Starts

- *General Business (Mike Dranginis)*
- *Striking Sparks Update (Larry McCune)*
- *'What's Up' Segment (Len Nelson)*
- *Community Activities (Lynn Anderson)*
- *Women's History Month at RFO (Laura Sparks)*
- *Our New 'Blog' (Jim Goodenough)*

8:00PM - Coffee & Snack Break

8:20PM - Guest Speaker

9:30PM - Meeting Ends

GUEST SPEAKER ~ [Dr. Joe Tenn](#)

TOPIC: 'KEEPER OF THE DOUBLE STARS'

We are pleased to welcome Dr. Joe Tenn, professor emeritus of physics and astronomy at Sonoma State University. He will give his presentation on the history and background of the astronomy of double stars. This promises to be an interesting evening, as he presents a veritable "who's who" of great names in the history of astronomy, and the development of techniques and technology for observing and understanding binary stars. As an added plus, double stars are something that we as amateurs can go out and observe for ourselves, while bringing an understanding of what we are seeing through the "lens" of history!

Many of us know Joe as a frequent visitor to SCAS meetings, and several presentations he has offered to us. He was a primary initiator for the "What Physicists Do" lecture series, and has served as the head of the physics department at Sonoma State. He truly enjoys teaching and

sharing his enthusiasm for science with those willing to learn, and although retired as professor from the University, has kept extremely busy doing what he loves. He has served as an officer with the Historical Astronomy Division of the American Astronomical Society and as an editor for the journal, the Journal for Astronomical History and Heritage. He is a keen keeper of the knowledge of the history of science. He currently also maintains the Bruce Medalist website, a sort of "Nobel prize" kind of award of merit for astronomers given since 1898. It is part of the Astronomical Society of the Pacific.

MEMBERSHIP DUES & DONATIONS ~

SCAS exists because of the consistent dues that our membership pays each year. Also, your generous monthly donations at the snack table help to continue the flow of goodies and coffee for each meeting. All contributions are greatly appreciated - Thank you.

This month at the [Robert Ferguson Observatory](#) ~

Saturday February 22, 2014

- Solar Observing: 11:00am - 3:00pm
- Public Star Party & Classroom Presentations: 7:00pm - 10:00pm

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Clear Skies, Jim DeManche