



Cleveland Astronomical Society

Thursday, March 4, 2004 Meeting Announcement

At the CanalWay Center, Cleveland MetroParks, Off E. 49th Street, Cuyahoga Heights

Co-Speaker: Mr. Eugene S. Zajac

Director, Shaker Heights School District Planetarium, Shaker Heights

Co-speaker: Mr. Jay N. Reynolds

Director, Schuele Planetarium, Lake Erie Nature & Science Center, Bay Village

“MER on Mars Now; Cassini at Saturn and Titan Later in 2004”

This month two area educators, both official JPL Solar System Ambassadors, will team up to inform us about two major space programs in 2004. Jay spoke about Mars in January, just after Spirit had landed on Mars. Now Spirit has been repaired completely and is over halfway through its projected research program. Opportunity also is hard at work and sending back great Martian “postcards” and other data. In a second space arena, every day the Cassini spacecraft gets closer to Saturn, aiming for rendezvous on July 4. In their presentation Gene and Jay will bring us up to date on MER and discuss the Cassini mission—the spacecraft, the trajectory, the planned science at Saturn and Titan, and some thoughts about possible findings. They will share spectacular photographs and animations with us, materials provided to them for talks in their Ambassador role. Come see and hear their enthusiastic discussions and ask your questions.