



# Cleveland Astronomical Society

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Dear Members,

Welcome to the 90th Season of Cleveland Astronomical Society, I hope everyone is having an enjoyable summer during our three month break. On a personal note, I recently attended my 50th High School Reunion—it was a great occasion to reminisce about the past and also catch up with the latest in everyone's lives.

Along those lines, this year will mark the 90th Anniversary of the founding of the Cleveland Astronomical Society by Jason J. Nassau. The April 1922 meeting marked the official start of our organization. Our hard working Program Chair, Dr. Jeanne Bishop, has compiled an OUTSTANDING list of speakers for our 2011-2012 Season. There are still two slots to be filled. We are so fortunate to have these outstanding speakers -- especially Trudy Bell, noted author and historian, for the April 5, 2012 meeting. She is researching C. A. S. and the early founders.

Our line-up for 2011-2012 is as follows:

September- Dr. George W. Collins II  
October - Jay Reynolds  
November - TBA  
December - Dr. Karen Bjorkman

January - TBA  
February - Dr. Chris Mihos  
March - Chuck Beuter  
April - Trudy Bell  
May - Dr. Don Terndrup

This year also marks the 50th Anniversary of the Geauga County Park District and the opening on August 20, 2011 of Observatory Park in Geauga County. Check out the park web site [www.geaugaparkdistrict.org](http://www.geaugaparkdistrict.org) for details on the Opening Day Party, many of our members are planning to attend.

As in the past, we will be supporting the Frontiers of Astronomy series at the Cleveland Museum of Natural History in conjunction with the astronomy department of CWRU. We will again be supporting the renovation of the J. J. Nassau Research Station in Montville off Clay Road--adjacent to Observatory Park. This site, when opened in the future, will be the home of the C. A. S. Archives where the letters and history of J. J. Nassau and C. A. S. will be on display for viewing and research. So it is up to us to make available the history and achievements of our founders.

Sally's Too will again be our caterer and advance reservations for the buffet dinner will be \$15 for members. The menus will be posted on the monthly web announcements. This money only covers your snack and buffet dinner; there is no subsidy for Outreach dinners.

Our Student Outreach Program is including the Teachers and the student's parent. Many of the schools prohibit the teachers from driving students to outside events so we would like to encourage the parent to come along. We feel this is a very worthwhile academic/social evening out for interested young men and women.

Again we are encouraging everyone to invite friends, neighbors and family to a meeting. This is a yearlong endeavor to recruit new members. As a reminder, all donations and dues are tax deductible. Attached is the membership registration form which you may mail or bring to the September meeting.

As our fund raising effort is being made to help underwrite the Student Outreach Program and the J. J. Nassau archives, my sincere appreciation goes out to all members who have provided extra financial assistance to the Outreach Program when renewing their membership in the past.

Thank you for all your help and support over the years. See you on Thursday, September 1st.

Sincerely,  
Bob Sledz  
President

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