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WVAC News Letter

Well our 2020-2021 year has ended with a fantastic picnic at Beardsley Park in Sun City West on May 4th. The turnout was around 35 with a great spread of food provided by those in attendance. We're going to give Bob Colvert and break this summer with scheduling speakers, resorting back to our old schedule with no meetings in June, July and August. Bob has done an excellent job during the pandemic by finding speakers for our ZOOM meetings which took place from May to December.

We're one of only a few astronomy clubs in the area that continued to have star parties during the pandemic. Everyone did an excellent job with social distancing while still enjoying our wonderful night sky. Larry Matney our new Star Party Coordinator has been doing a fantastic job, if you're not on the star party email list please email Larry at: wvacmail1@gmail.com use subject "Star Party"

Amin Patani is doing an outstanding job organizing the new Astro-Photography group. This group has been sharing their knowledge of photography of the night sky. Amin has scheduled zoom meeting with guest speakers throughout the summer. If you are interested in being part of this group you can contact Amin at: wvacmail1@gmail.com use subject "Astrophotography"

On April 29th volunteers from the club gathered at Marley Park Elementary School and were joined by the 2nd grade class to observe the Sun with three telescopes fitted with solar filters. The volunteers then went into the class rooms and did a short talk about the Sun. We want to thank Larry Matney, Luke Edens, Bob Colvert, Bob & Janie Randle and John Hiatt for sharing their time and knowledge. John Hiatt is the

clubs outreach coordinator and is doing an outstanding job. John is working on other outreach programs so he may be looking for more volunteers with upcoming events.

One already scheduled event will take place on October 16th. The annual International Observe the Moon Night will take place in Marley Park in Surprise AZ. Be watching for more details.

Ryan Morrell will be making changes to the website during the summer, so you may see changes on existing pages and new pages. If you have suggestions or ideas for our website please share them at:

wvacstars@gmail.com Subject: "Website"

WVAC 2021-2022 meeting schedule is planned to kick off on September 7th, we plan on starting up in the fall with physical meetings at the Unitarian Universalist Church at 17540 Avenue Of The Arts, Surprise, AZ. We plan on having guest speakers attending our meetings either in person or via ZOOM meetings.

We do have some open volunteer positions:

Meeting Host: This job requires purchasing cookies, coffee and supplies for the meetings and making the coffee and setup for the meetings.

Night Sky Network (NSN) Coordinator: This job requires maintaining our club information on the NSN website, and logging all hours volunteers earn.

Membership Director: Our current membership director, Janie Randle, would like to step down from this position.

If you are interested in any of these positions please contact us at wvacstars@gmail.com

We want to wish everyone a safe and fun summer, we'll see you in September.

Thank You

WVAC Board of Directors and Volunteers.