

Dear CCAS Members and Friends,

Normally First Light Lite is our sole monthly communication, but this month is a lot more active, so this one more email message is needed. We have some big events planned, and we'll need your help and participation!

The biggest event we have is a "Day of Astronomy" on September 22nd in honor of Werner Schmidt's 104th birthday. (Yes, you read that correctly!) It will start at 500 PM with a short "Happy Birthday" speech and cake for Werner, followed by some daytime talks and demonstrations, and then a Star Party until 930 or 1000. I've already gotten a few volunteers for this event from the last meeting, and I'd love to get a few more - there's *plenty* to do. And even if you can't volunteer that day, please show up for it briefly if possible. It's a special event, and we want our members and friends there, as well as the general public. Please let me know if you *can* attend and/or volunteer via email if you can. My email address is above. I'll then be in touch further with volunteers about details.

Second, we've just had a request from Mr. Mitchell of DYHS for some help with some daytime lectures and with mentoring student honors projects. He needs an answer ASAP, as he's asking about 9/12, 9/14, and 9/18. Please let me and Charlie Burke know ASAP if you can help.

Third, we have moved our Star Party dates for fall and winter from Thursday to Saturday, and this change will be noted on our website, FB, and other communications. This is to allow the general public to attend on non-workdays and schooldays. And again, we're going from one to two Star Parties a month. It's a bit of an experiment, but if we advertise our SP's well and continue to get good turnout, it will be well worth trying. Our club's main activities are Star Parties, Education, and our Lecture Series, and with your continued participation, they will continue to do well.

That's all for now. I hope to hear back from you soon!

Best,

Jim Lynch

President, CCAS