

January 2023 ASN President's Message:

Dear ASN Members,

Happy New Year and best wishes for 2023! Please note the following calendar updates and announcements:

- **January 10, 2023** (Tuesday) –**NO REGULAR MEETING**, meeting canceled in lieu of the Winter Party on the 21st.
- **January 20, 2023** (Friday) – **Sparks Marina** Public Star Party (pending weather. Watch for the “go”, “no go” announcement the afternoon of this event.
- **January 21, 2023** (Saturday) – **ASN Annual Winter Party** (see announcement below)

2022 was a productive year for ASN – as we emerged from dealing with the challenges brought on by the pandemic, and continue to do so, we have the opportunity to reflect back on ASN and what we would each like our club to be. The chance to celebrate our successes and guide our activities to what we each want from ASN, our local amateur astronomy group.

Many good ideas have been suggested by members for how to move our club forward, building on our membership to make this the club that we want it to be, for the enjoyment and education of our members and our greater community. One example of this is our partnering with Paul McFarlane, Director of the Fleischmann Planetarium and Science Center at UNR. Please do let me or any of the officers know your thoughts for what you would like from the ASN.

During 2022 ASN welcomed 36 new members! I would like to extend a special welcome to these new members who come from all interest and experience levels. We look forward getting to know you. You are joining local community of passionate amateur astronomers of all levels of experience and interests. Welcome!! We look forward to seeing you at our club events in the coming year. And we especially encourage you to attend our annual Winter Party on January 21st. We look forward to this fun social event each year and the chance to catch up with members, guests, and to meet our new members.

As the incoming ASN President, I am working closely with our ASN 2023 Officers with planning for what is sure to be an exciting, and fun year for the ASN and astronomy in northern Nevada!

Best wishes for clear and dark skies in 2023!

-Brad Carlson
ASN President
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SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS:

SAVE THE DATE – ASN WINTER PARTY:

Saturday, January 21st, 2023

Members Tim and Cathy Burns have again offered to host our ASN Winter Party at their home in Washoe Valley. Please save the date. Invited are ASN members, families, and guests. RSVP instructions, location address and confirmation of start time and other details will follow in a forthcoming announcement. (This is planned to be an evening event, starting around 6:00 PM? To be confirmed.) And this invitation is especially extended to our new ASN members.

As in the past, this will be a potluck dinner with the ASN supplying the main dish (meat), along with bottled water, utensils, etc. Members are asked to bring an appetizer, salad, side dish, or dessert. Or feel free to bring another main dish, if you prefer. See forthcoming RSVP instructions. Also, this event is BYOB – so being the beverage of your choice, if you desire.

A highlight of the evening will be a “White Elephant” gift-swap exchange. If you wish to participate, bring a wrapped gift. Nothing expensive and can even be used astronomy related equipment. ASN rules for this gift swap to be revealed.

Watch for future announcements and RSVP instructions for this fun event!