

# Meeting Notice January 2018

## Of the **Rittenhouse Astronomical Society**

The Society invites members, guests and the interested public to our upcoming meeting (students encouraged to attend.) FREE / Open to the general public, no admit fee. Membership not required.

**WHO:**

**GUEST PRESENTER**

**Louis Berman**

**Delaware Valley Astronomical Society; President**

**Topic:**

**ScopeSeeing: A Lifelong Obsession**

**WHERE:**

**THE FRANKLIN INSTITUTE  
222 20<sup>TH</sup> STREET & THE PARKWAY  
PHILADELPHIA PA**

**WHAT:** The Bard famously allowed that "There are more things in heaven and earth, Horatio, than are dreamt of in your philosophy." He surely didn't include telescopes in his reckoning, not the least because they wouldn't be invented for some eight or nine years, but don't tell DVAA President Louis Berman that. An avid visual astronomer, Mr. Berman led the first (and in all likelihood only!) team of astronomers to eyeball our one-time tenth planet—the 19.2 magnitude Pluto-demoting dwarf-planet Eris. More recently, he observed the Great American Eclipse in Casper Wyoming and will do his best to transport us there for a bit. Yes, Mr. Berman does indeed like to look up, but truth be told he's even more taken with the astronomical spoor that help us peer at all manner of celestial delights. Mr. Berman will let us peep in on a few of his more notable adventures but he'll mostly focus on helping us do much the same. "ScopeSeeing is easier than you think and a whole lot of fun. Let me show you how to do it."

**WHEN:**

**January 16 2017; 7:00 PM ~Tuesday (Third Tue. of Month)~ AGENDA**

7:00 - Doors Open

7:15 - Call to Order

7:20 - Planet Report ~ D. Vacca

7:30 - This is Rocket Science~ D. Walker

7:40 - Look'in UP! ~ T. Williams

7:50 - Presidents Address

8:00 - Guest Presenter: Louis Berman

8:50 - Mystery Minute: Renee Stein

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Louis Berman is a serial entrepreneur who co-founded four different technology firms, most typically as CTO, and was employed as a CTO at GiftCertificates.com and Kideo.com. He currently serves as a Cloud Solutions Architect at Microsoft where he architected some of the largest and most complex computing solutions on the planet, including the largest High Performance Computing cluster ever fielded in the Azure Cloud. An avid astronomer Mr. Berman is the current president of the DVAA, the premier astronomy club serving the Delaware Valley. At the DVAA and elsewhere Mr. Berman has spoken on

dozens of topics, both astronomical and otherwise. His audiences have ranged from 8,000+ less-than-polite postal workers to the room full of frankly-more-terrifying third graders he taught how to code last month. At the Franklin, Mr. Berman recently led a class of his own devising to teach gifted students how to 3d print telescopes.

**DATES TO REMEMBER:**

**February 17, 2018**  
Muddy Run Observatories  
Public Star Watch  
Hearts under the Stars  
Rain or Shine Event 7:00 PM

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**March 10, 2018**  
Muddy Run Observatories  
Public Star Watch

**March 17, 2018**  
Messier Marathon  
Muddy Run Park

**March 20, 2018**  
City Wide Telescope Participants  
Orientation Dinner  
Precedes Rittenhouse Meeting

**April 27, 2018**  
City Wide Telescope Night  
Locations across Philadelphia Area