



# What's Up With the Astronomical League December 2008

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## ***LUNAR II OBSERVING CLUB TEMPORARY CHAIR***

Due to unforeseen circumstances, some Lunar II awards have not been sent. Aaron Clevenson, National AL Observation Program Coordinator, is now acting as temporary club chair for the Lunar II Club. If you or one of your club members have submitted a log for the Lunar II program and you have not received the certificate and pin, please contact Aaron Clevenson at [aaron@clevenson.org](mailto:aaron@clevenson.org).

## ***LEAGUE ANNOUNCES NEW GALILEO OBSERVING AWARD CLUB***

The League is pleased to announce the new Galileo Observing Award Club in conjunction with the celebration of the International Year of Astronomy in 2009. The purpose of this observing program is to experience the thrill that Galileo had when he was the first person to turn a telescope towards the sky. For more specific information, please refer to the League's website, [www.astroleague.org](http://www.astroleague.org), and look under observing clubs.

## ***TWO OFFICERS' TERMS EXPIRE IN 2009***

Now is your chance to use your talents in a League officer position. Two positions will be open in 2009, Treasurer and Secretary. To get a general idea of the duties and responsibilities for each of these positions, please refer to the League's bylaws which can be accessed on the League website at [http://www.astroleague.org/al/bylaws/Z2\\_2007\\_Bylaws\\_and\\_SR.pdf](http://www.astroleague.org/al/bylaws/Z2_2007_Bylaws_and_SR.pdf). Please feel free to contact me with any additional questions at [carroll-iorg@kc.rr.com](mailto:carroll-iorg@kc.rr.com).

Candidates should send me background statements explaining why they are interested. Please limit this to approximately 250 words. We need all the nominations, statements of acceptance, photos for the Reflector and biographical statements by March 15, 2009.

## ***SUPPORT THE LEAGUE WITH AN ENDOWMENT FUND CONTRIBUTION***

This last month of the year is a good time to consider giving a tax-deductible contribution to the League's endowment fund. If you would like to share with the League, please send your contribution to Mary Scudder, Treasurer, P.O. Box, Altoona, IA 50009.

## ***NATIONAL YOUNG ASTRONOMER AWARD DEADLINE 1/31/09***

To recognize the outstanding achievements of high school age astronomers, the Astronomical League has established the National Young Astronomer Award.

Benefits to the first and second place NYAA winners include an all-expense-paid trip to the 2009 national convention in New York City in August and plaques to commemorate their accomplishments. The award program is sponsored by Explore Scientific, and the League appreciates its generous donation of one of its fine telescopes to the 1st place finisher. Other top finishers receive special awards as well. Please encourage young astronomers in your clubs and regions to submit an application by 1/31/09. Please refer to pages two and three of this publication for an application form.

## 2009 National Young Astronomer Award (NYAA) Application Form

To recognize the outstanding achievements of high school age astronomers, the Astronomical League has established the National Young Astronomer Award.

### Eligibility:

United States citizens 14-19 years of age and not enrolled in college are eligible to apply for this award. Foreign students of the same age are eligible if they are enrolled in a United States secondary school on the date of the application deadline.

### Personal Information:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Parents' Names \_\_\_\_\_

### School Information:

If you are enrolled in high school, provide:

Name of School: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade in School: \_\_\_\_\_

School Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number of School: \_\_\_\_\_

### Media Information:

Name of your local newspaper: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number and/or webpage address of local newspaper: \_\_\_\_\_

### Sponsor Information:

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Name/Title: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Your sponsor should be a teacher, counselor or astronomy club officer. If you have difficulty locating a sponsor, please contact the person listed below. **(The deadline for the 2009 award is January 31, 2009).**

**Send applications in four copies along with a photo of yourself (jpg format sent electronically if possible and preferably in an astronomical-type setting), postmarked by the deadline to:**

Carroll Iorg, A.L. Vice President, 7241 Jarboe, Kansas City MO 64114-1221

(816) 444-4878, email: [carroll-iorg@kc.rr.com](mailto:carroll-iorg@kc.rr.com)

**More specific information and suggestions regarding content of potential NYAA entries is available at <http://www.astroleague.org/>.**

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