

# Meeting Notice May 2017

## 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:**

**IN HOUSE PRESENTERS:**

**Denise Vacca- Vice President**

**Mercury 13 Paves the Way**

**Ted Williams- President**

**Spring Diamond, Summer Sights**

**WHERE:**

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

**WHAT:** We wish to build our organization to meet the needs of our expanded involvement in observational astronomy. With our involvement at Muddy Run Observatory comes some amazing opportunities for members to step forward in service. To that end, we will shorten tonight's presentations to allow the last 40 minutes of the meeting to inform members what our various committees do and encourage member support. Our plan is to survey the membership as to what they expect from our Society. **Denise Vacca** will present *Mercury 13 Paves the Way* which will introduce us to those amazing early women Astronauts. **Ted Williams** will set us up for spring observation with *Spring Diamond, Summer Sights*. Together we will create an observing list that can guide us for our upcoming Muddy Run Observation night on May 13<sup>th</sup>.

**WHEN:** **Wednesday May, 10 2017; 7:00 PM ~ AGENDA**

7:00 - Doors Open

7:15 - Call to Order

7:20 - Planet Report ~ R. Stein

7:30 - Spring Diamond ~ T. Williams

7:55 - Mercury 13 Paves the Way ~ D. Vacca

8:20 - Organizational Planning - Lead

by Rittenhouse Board Members

**Please Note:** No observation session is Planned for the end of the meeting, Time devoted to planning session.

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**Denise Vacca** has been active with Rittenhouse the better part of two decades. She was recently selected to present at the Outstanding Women in Science Lecture Series at Rowan University. Denise reviewed her role as an astronomy educator and shared her experiences working in a portable planetarium know as Star Lab. **Ted Williams** is also a long time member (over 15 years) with our society. Holding offices Member-At-Large, Secretary, acting Vice-President and now our President.



Denise Vacca

<http://www.starsonthemove.com/>

Ted Williams

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**DATES TO REMEMBER:**

**May 13, 2017**

*Star Watch at Muddy Run Park.*  
Observatory is not open, but the site is a great dark sky location. Members encouraged to bring their interest and any observing gear. Details on our [Members Site](#).

**June 11, 2017**

*Steam Punk Solstice Festival*  
Morris Arboretum  
Solar Observation is provided to Arboretum visitors by RAS members and their telescopes. Volunteers needed to assist with event. Solar scopes (H-Alpha and Mylar or Glass Filtered needed!)

**June 14, 2017**

*Open House Meeting:* This is an opportunity for members to present their favorite astronomical topic or passion. Presentations are short format and cover a variety of topics picked by the presenter.