

The Buffalo Astronomical Association invites you to join us for



## the 2017 BAA Dinner Banquet

*featuring Ron Voller / author of *The Muleskinner and the Stars**

The **Buffalo Astronomical Association** invites you to join us for our **2017 Annual Dinner Banquet**

with special guest speaker

**Ron Voller**

author of the book



## **The Muleskinner and the Stars**

**“Is the universe expanding?” This was the most fundamental question being asked of and by the world’s greatest scientific minds in 1928. To answer the question, they turned to a thirty-seven year old high school dropout and former mule team driver named Milton Humason.**

**To find the answer, Humason would test the limits of the largest telescope in the world, its astrophysical camera and equipment, and his own endurance. His life’s work not only advanced the Big Bang Theory, but also helped to set the course for cosmology for the next 75 years.**

Ron Voller is the foremost authority on the life and career of Milton Humason with extensive knowledge of the history and development of the Mt. Wilson Observatory. Ron draws many parallels between his life and that of Humason (eg: they both spent a lot of time sitting on a mountain looking at the stars).

An amateur astronomer and science and history enthusiast, Ron is especially interested in retelling the stories of oft-marginalized characters in fun and interesting ways.

**Saturday, April 22, 2017**

**Rizotto Ristorante**

930 Maple Road, Amherst, NY 14221

Cash bar begins at 6:00 pm

Sumptuous buffet dinner served at 7:00 pm

followed by speaker and program

**\$32 for BAA members and guests.**

**All reservations must be received by April 8th**

click [here](#) to register on-line, or return the attached form with payment

for more information, contact Mary and Pat Hays at [haysgroup2@hotmail.com](mailto:haysgroup2@hotmail.com) | 716-908-9266

**Our menu**, coordinated by Rizotto Ristorante and Mary Hays:

Porcini Crusted Salmon

Chicken Milanese

Hand Carved Beef Tenderloin  
with spinach and asiago cheese

Macarancini Pasta with House Red Sauce  
baked with mozzarella cheese

Individually served salads with Italian vinaigrette dressing

Assorted Breads with Homemade Spreads

Gilled Vegetables

Parmesan Risotto

Homemade Cannoli Cake

Coffee and Tea

Enjoy one complimentary bar beverage with your dinner  
courtesy of the Buffalo Astronomical Association.

pay on-line [here](#), or return this form **by April 8th** with payment to:

**Buffalo Astronomical Association, Inc.**

c/o Mary and Pat Hays  
3019 Kirschner Pkwy.  
Hamburg, NY 14075

**ticket price/ \$32**

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The **Buffalo Astronomical Association** has been a meeting place  
for Western New Yorkers from all walks of life  
who share in common a love for the wonders of the universe.

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