



You are cordially invited to attend the WAS 50th Year Gala Anniversary Celebration

Where: Harvest Seasonal Grill & Wine Bar - Moorestown Mall, 400 Rt 38, Moorestown, NJ 08057 www.harvestseasonalgrill.com/moorestown-restaurant

When: October 14th, 2017 at 6:00PM – 10:00PM

Cost: \$45 per adult pre-payment must be received NO LATER THAN Friday, October 6th. Pay through our Paypal link via our website www.wasociety.us, or in person at the scheduled October 6th club meeting at Virtua, or mail payment by check to: WAS, PO Box 371, Gloucester City, NJ 08030-0371

Seated Dinner (three entree choices):

- Lemon-Thyme Chicken
- Jamaican Jerk Salmon Salad
- Local grass-fed Beef Burger

Salad, Beverage (alcoholic beverages are available, but not included) and Dessert.
(Please make us aware of any food restrictions)

Appropriate semiformal attire is requested (no jeans or sneakers) as this is a landmark event.

***Special WAS 50th Anniversary commemorative gift for all that attend.**

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Attending _____ x \$45.00pp = \$_____ **Include name of member and/or guest below:**

Donation towards club expenses = \$_____

Total = \$_____

Dinner choice(s) (select one per person):

- _____ Lemon-Thyme Chicken
- _____ Jamaican Jerk Salmon Salad
- _____ Local grass-fed Beef Burger

Master of Ceremonies: Val Korszniak

Keynote Speaker Panel: "WAS, a Half Century Later"

Several long time members recollections covering a half century of WAS started by a handful of high school kids in their parents' living rooms.

Honored Guest: Derrick Pitts, Hon. D.Sc. (Chief Astronomer, Franklin Institute)

Dr. Pitts is currently the Chief Astronomer and Director of the Fels Planetarium at The Franklin Institute. He's been a NASA Solar System Ambassador since 2009 and serves as the "Astrobiology Ambassador" for the NASA/MIRS/UNCF Special Program Corporation's Astrobiology Partnership Program. One of his newest honors is an appointment to the outreach advisory board for the world's largest telescope, the new Thirty-Meter-Telescope at Mauna Kea in Hawaii. He appears regularly in the media as a science content expert including appearances on the "Colbert Report" on Comedy Central and "The Late, Late Show with Craig Ferguson" on CBS. For more than two decades, Derrick has hosted award-winning astronomy radio programs for Philadelphia's two public radio stations and created signature astronomy television programming for PBS. One of the highlights of Derrick's career was meeting President Obama and his family when he was invited to participate in the first-ever White House Star Party.

Special Presentation:

- The President's Award
- WAS Service Honor Award

Memory Table: Please bring mementos of your club actives (ie, photos of past activities, picnics, star parties, astro pictures, newsletters, books, etc). We will have a table set up to display items. All items will be returned at the end of the night.

Slide show: We will be putting together a slide show. If you would like to contribute to the slideshow, please email pictures to was.wevans@gmail.com. Include photos of past club activities and of course your very own astronomical pictures.

Silent Auction: (must be present to claim). **Please consider donating to the Silent Auction; All proceeds will go to WAS. Please be generous in your purpose of these items. It can be astronomy related but doesn't need to be. Popular items include astronomy item(s) of any kind, gift basket, entertainment tickets, restaurant certificates, electronic items and wine is always popular.

Wanted Former Officers and Members: If you are in touch with any former WAS officer or member, Please pass along this invitation to them. WAS current, former members and officers have all contributed to the longevity and success of the club and we would like to celebrate with all!

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** All attendees are encouraged to donate an item(s) of any kind and/or other appropriate item to contribute. Prizes can come from our members of the organization, local businesses and supporters. (This will not only be fun but will help our club, all proceeds go to WAS). If you have any questions or inquiries, please contact our Master of Ceremonies, Val Korszniak at email: knvn32f@yahoo.com

As always, thank you for your support, without it we would have never made 50 years! Keep up the continued success of our organization. We look forward to seeing you and your guest at the event.

— WAS 50th Anniversary Committee