

## PAA December 2020 Meeting

The monthly meeting of the Peterborough Astronomical Association's (PAA) will take place online December 4th, instead of at our customary location of the Rotary Education Centre/Guest Services Building, Riverview Park Zoo, but instead in your own home. Even Covid-19 cannot stop the spread of information and knowledge by the members of the PAA. Our work around involves using a platform called Zoom. To participate just make sure that in advance, you opened a (free) Zoom account on whatever iPhone or tablet device you wish to participate with and then contact [paamal3@peterboroughastronomy.com](mailto:paamal3@peterboroughastronomy.com) for the password and link to our evening's presentations.

Our "Novice Astronomy Classes" are focused on the practical aspects of learning about astronomy. You will be introduced to astronomy related subjects at a very basic level, but in a logical sequence. This month's session is entitled "Dark Matter and Energy". Tune in to learn about the difference between Baryonic Matter, that which we can see, Dark Matter, things we can't see and Dark Energy, which is also invisible but we know is there. How does all this tie into the fate of the Universe? If you are even remotely interested, be on-line by 6:00 p.m. to see what you can and can't see in the world around you. The classes will run about 45 minutes each session, before our regular meeting resumes.

There will not be a main presentation for November, instead, shortly after 7:00 p.m. there will be an Annual General Meeting (AGM), as there are executive positions to be voted on and decisions to be made for the coming year. However, following this short bit of business and to feed into what normally would have been our Christmas Social, we hope all in "virtual attendance" will raise a glass or cup of holiday cheer and watch a video to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the Apollo/Soyuz Missions. The price is right...it costs you nothing but your time.

The Sky This Month will be posted on our club website for all to access. There will also be the usual opportunities to have your questions answered, at no cost. All we ask is that you register in advance at [paamal3@peterboroughastronomy.com](mailto:paamal3@peterboroughastronomy.com). This is an all ages meeting and the venue is totally barrier free. Just relax at home and "live and learn" as they say. Also, you don't need a telescope to participate, but a curious mind helps.