



Newsletter of the Baton Rouge Astronomical Society

To the members of the Baton Rouge Astronomical Society (BRAS)

Our June BRAS meeting will be held on **Monday, June 13 at 7 PM** at the LASC Planetarium on River Road. Since the doors will need to be shut when the program begins (just a few minutes after 7 PM), you **MUST** plan to be there earlier than normal. Please **DO NOT BE LATE**. The LASC personnel will lock the outside doors and will not allow late comers to come in. If you are not sure where LASC is located, it is in the old train station on River Road across the street from the Old State Capital building.

This will clearly be a meeting that you can bring your spouse and make it a family night out. The show should be worth it--and it is free.

The Planetarium manager, Jon Elvert, in association with Lisa Chumney, one of our own BRAS members, will direct the show for us. It will consist of, first, their current public show, ***Bad Astronomy: Myths & Misconceptions*** and then they will give us a tour of the night sky. If you have never been to the Planetarium or if it has been a long time since you were there, this will be a treat for you. The LASC hosted one of our meetings a few years ago and it was terrific. You will be amazed at how well the Planetarium can show the sky and stars to us.

For July, we are working on a meeting at the **LIGO facility in Livingston, Parish**. For our last LIGO meeting, we had a barbecue picnic and a tour of their education building and then a tour of their observatory. This is science on the cutting edge that you will not want to miss. Since the LIGO facility is in a dark sky area, some members may want to bring their scopes depending on the time and the LIGO staff's approvals. Again, this will be a family meeting so don't come alone.

CHANGE IN DUES BILLING TIMING

We are planning for a change in our dues billing system to make it on an annual basis rather than on the anniversary of joining. We plan to give more details in a later newsletter and let the membership vote at our next meeting at HRPO.

