

The American Association of Variable Star Observers

We present the first **AAVSO William Tyler Olcott Distinguished Service Award** to

David H. Levy

“for his promotion of variable star astronomy through his many writings and public lectures that both educate and inspire those who love the starry sky.”

The AAVSO’s William Tyler Olcott Award is a special award that was recently established to recognize the distinguished service of a member in astronomy, in public outreach, in getting the word out about the fascinating field of variable stars and the AAVSO that is devoted to it.

The first recipient of the William Tyler Olcott Award is David Levy. David is internationally known in astronomy as the author of many books and articles, a speaker in constant demand, the discoverer of 23 comets, and the champion of TV Corvi.

All of this might sound a little intimidating in terms of what David is like as a person, but nothing could be further from the truth. Those of us who were at the Show and Tell Program last night would testify that David is so enthusiastic, warm, and genuine, and he shares his love of the Heavens so honestly, that he really opens his heart to his audience.

Through his inspirational, enthusiastic, and creative talks and writings, David has mentored thousands of amateur astronomers, and he has helped thousands of members of the public to whom astronomy may be incomprehensible to feel the Universe is truly beautiful, exciting, and wonderful. Through his book on variable stars, he has inspired many astronomy enthusiasts to make the observing of variable stars a lifelong hobby.

It gives us great pleasure and delight to present the first AAVSO William Tyler Olcott Award for Distinguished Service to David H. Levy.

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