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Former NASA Astronaut Guy Gardner Presents "Flying in Space"

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Have you ever wondered what it's like to fly in space? If so, you'll want to come to a special LOWLINC-sponsored presentation by LOW resident and former NASA Astronaut Guy Gardner, who will describe what happens during launch and landing, and what it's like to eat, work and sleep in a weightless environment. We'll also see a video and there will be time for questions.

Guy's presentation, open to all LOW residents, will be held Tuesday, September 20, 10 am to noon, at the Community Center.

Guy began his career as an Air Force fighter pilot and test pilot. As a NASA Astronaut, he worked in many areas of space shuttle and space station development and support. His two flights in space were as pilot of Space Shuttle missions, the Orbiter Atlantis, December 2-6, 1988, and the Orbiter Columbia, December 2-10, 1990.

Guy's impressive record of government service also includes a number of leadership positions with the USAF, NASA and the FAA. Since leaving government service, Guy has served as a high school mathematics and physics teacher, a consultant in risk management and space flight development, a research manager, university teacher, and head of three different schools.

Not content to sit still after moving to LOW, in 2014, Guy (with the trail name "Astro Guy") backpacked 2,185 miles from Georgia to Maine along the Appalachian Trail. His wife, Linda, accompanied him on some sections of the trail. Guy and Linda have three adult children and three grandchildren.

LOWLINC is thrilled to offer this community-wide program as part of our social activities programs for LOWLINC members. We look forward to a fun and interesting morning with Guy. Please join us!

