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**Astronomy Fans: YOU are Invited to a Free Lecture on
"Zero Gravity Pizza"**

Phoenix, AZ – The Phoenix Astronomical Society is proud to announce that our own **Ted Blank** will be our guest lecturer on **November 3, 2022**, at our meeting starting at 7:00 p.m., via this Zoom link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81193628193?pwd=NlBZN2lU204VnVySk5SZXhtZWc2UT09>, or in-person, in LS-205 at the PVCC Main Campus.

Mr. Blank's lecture is titled **"Zero Gravity Pizza."** A fun look at how astronauts on the International Space Station prepare and eat their meals in zero gravity, with a short history of "space food."

Ted's astronomy interests include studying the shape and composition of asteroids via stellar occultations, both from his backyard observatory and mobile deployments to the occultation paths. Outreach to the public is his passion, and he was the first to receive the 250-hour award pin for public outreach from the Sidewalk Astronomers of America. Ted enjoys speaking on topics ranging from solar system exploration to gravitational waves, and dreams of someday exploring Mars in person. He earned a Bachelor of Arts in Computer Science from SUNY Oswego and a Master of Science in Aquatic Ecology from UC Berkeley. He worked for 25 years at IBM, and another 12 years at Oracle, before retiring in 2019.

This lecture is open to the public - please tell a friend!