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This AGM marks the completion of my sixth year as FAASA President. It has been an interesting year, and, I hope, a worthwhile one for members.

At the 2016 AGM Kris Svendsen committed to another year as Vice-President and Judy Best to another year as Treasurer. Anne Hamilton and Joel Valentine continued as committee members and were joined by Bev Malin. Anna Kadow joined the committee at the end of last year and took on the role of Secretary. I would like to thank the committee who have been so supportive this year and have made the year happen so smoothly.

At this AGM all office holders and committee members have re-nominated, and Adrienne Barkla has nominated to join the committee, taking our number up to 8, which is the number stipulated in the constitution. As we have no other nominations, there will be no voting today, and we welcome Adrienne to our committee.

Special thanks go to Judy Best, our Treasurer, who has kept the books in great order. As she is also editor of the FAA Journal, she has been very busy! However, she is continuing for the next year. So, Judy – thank you for your commitment and support; you are a very effective Treasurer. In addition, I have loved the changes you are making to the journal and look forward to seeing your much anticipated new format in December.

Thanks go to Kris Svendsen, our resident technical expert, Joel Valentine, who understands modern technology innately, and Anna Kadow, who has shown herself very adept at working-out how things work! Without them our members meetings just wouldn't have happened. They have

also enabled the taping of some of our lectures, and these can be purchased and sent by email. We have purchased new recording equipment so this is still a bit of a learning curve. Kris will be one of the SA representatives on the FAA National Council, along with myself, for the next 2 years.

Anna has been a very efficient secretary and a valuable contributor of ideas and practical help. Anne Hamilton has very efficiently organised afternoon tea for the year, so enormous thanks go to her. I'm sure you have all enjoyed the variety of delicious food she has put out. Bev Malin has provided intelligent input and ideas, and I thank you all.

Joel has been a pro-active editor of *Southern Star* and I hope you have made time to read the interesting articles he has sourced. Thank you, Joel - we appreciate the time and effort you have put in to being the voice of FAASA. Joel is also an ideas person with a fresh perspective, and a constructive contributor to our committee. He has been an SA representative on the National Council for the past two years but will not continue because at some time in the next year or so his studies will take him away from South Australia.

Let us look back over 2017. We have been very pleased with our increased attendances this year.

We began, as always, in **February** with a look at the year ahead - with Alice Portman, Mari Garcia and Jill Amery analysing what lay ahead for 2017. This is always a popular meeting.

Our meeting in **March** was held on the third Saturday because of the Clipsal and Mad March. Jane Ahlquist presented a talk on Pluto. Jane lives in country NSW and her approach is very earth/body/mind/spirit. She was also promoting her book, 'Astrology: its History and Purpose' selling out of the copies she had brought. She was a dynamic and insightful lecturer.

Kris Svendsen discussed his research on Progressed Synastry in **April**, and in **May** I presented my research on Chiron and Neptune in relation to Australian attitudes to our first peoples and to refugees.

In **June**, we had four skilled horary astrologers each analyse a chart. Meredith Norman, Anne Fryer, Joel Valentine and Kris Svendsen all examined different types of questions and showed us how they reach their conclusions. This was a really informative meeting from four excellent teachers – we learnt an incredible amount about asking and answering a horary question.

Olga Morales came over from Victoria in **July** to present her workshop, 'Strike it Lucky!'. Olga is a dynamic speaker and a gifted explainer. We haven't been exposed to much Cosmobiology in South Australia, so it was a good learning curve for most of us, and we learned how to find and use our midpoints to find times of 'good luck'. It was a great day with excellent attendance and

we all left with new techniques to try out!

In **August** Joy Usher brought us The Two Faces of Saturn, weaving mythology with classical astrology in her usual fascinating and insightful way. **September** brought us one of our favourite meetings, One Chart 4 Ways, where a mystery chart is examined from classical, modern, esoteric and evolutionary perspectives. Unfortunately Adrienne Barkla, our esoteric astrologer, was ill, but Mari Garcia, Jill Amery and Vivien Lowe gave insightful delineations, each adding a layer and building up a picture of the person. Several people worked out who it was, and one was lucky enough to win a \$50 New Dimensions voucher, donated by Vivien.

Today Vivien Lowe returns to present her lecture on Vesta from the 2016 Sydney International Conference. Vivien loves to research and she will be looking at links between Vesta and charts of disastrous fires and arsonists. With the bushfire season coming up, and worries about cladding on city buildings, this is a highly relevant lecture!

Finally, in **November** we are going to have a relaxed meeting where members can bring charts to discuss. We don't often take the time for such important back-to-basics gatherings, and it provides an opportunity for reinforcing chart delineation skills and group participation. Make sure you have permission to discuss private charts.

We are once again joining with Astro Mundi for a Christmas party here on the last Saturday in November, the 25th, so put that date in your diaries!

Of course, we would not be an organisation if it were not for the support of you, the members. We have had good and positive attendances at meetings. We have also had good support from non-members, and we would love you to join us. I also urge support for the FAA international astrology conference to be held in Melbourne in January. The opportunity to attend a wide variety of lectures by Australian and overseas astrologers and to be surrounded by people who speak the same language – astrology – is one that comes rarely.

The National Council has increased affiliation fees by \$10 per annum from December. As we had a \$5 increase last year, we will increase our 2018 fees by only \$5.

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the ongoing success of FAASA in 2017 – committee, speakers and members.

Cate Whelan - President FAASA

Meeting dates 2017

November 11, Open chart discussion - 'Trail



Blazers'

November 25, Christmas party, with
Astromundi

Here Today, Gone Tomorrow!

At the AGM we announced (jubilantly) that US astrologer Wade Caves would be running a workshop here on January 27.

Unfortunately, Wade has had to pull out - so it's business as usual, first meeting for 2018 on Saturday, February 10.

But Wade has promised us he will be back for a workshop at another time...





FAASA next meeting: Saturday November 11, 2 pm



No lecture this time - this meeting is interactive discussion. You are invited to submit a chart that interests you and fits our theme of *Trailblazers*. You can choose to lead the discussion or one of the committee can do it for you. We are after less known charts, public or private (private charts need permission). Come along for a really interesting, fun afternoon! Send chart details to president@faasa.com.au.

Before the Trailblazers chart discussion... A brief follow-up look at Vesta in some fire charts. Have you been affected by a fire? Check your Vesta transits—bring along any discoveries you make! Where is Vesta in your natal chart? What is your attitude to fire?

2 pm Saturday 11th November, TS Rooms behind New Dimensions Bookshop, 310 South Tce

Members \$10, Concession members \$8, Non-members \$14

Afternoon tea supplied

For more information, email president@faasa.com.au or phone Cate on 8557 7417.

Trailblazers: Trudeau and Macron

The young-leaders of a new generation, from
a traditional perspective

with Joel Valentine



In a world of politics currently plagued with uncharismatic and unpredictable heads-of-state, it was with collective relief (for some) that France and Canada elected left-centrist leaders. We could say that Justin Trudeau and Emmanuel Macron shot to power, but they also shot to fame as the young, attractive faces of international politics. Let's take a look at their charts from a traditional perspective, in preparation for the trailblazers chart discussion in November.

Do you have your own trailblazer chart that will inspire discussion?

Submit it to Cate today: president@faasa.com.au

Justin Trudeau

Natal Chart

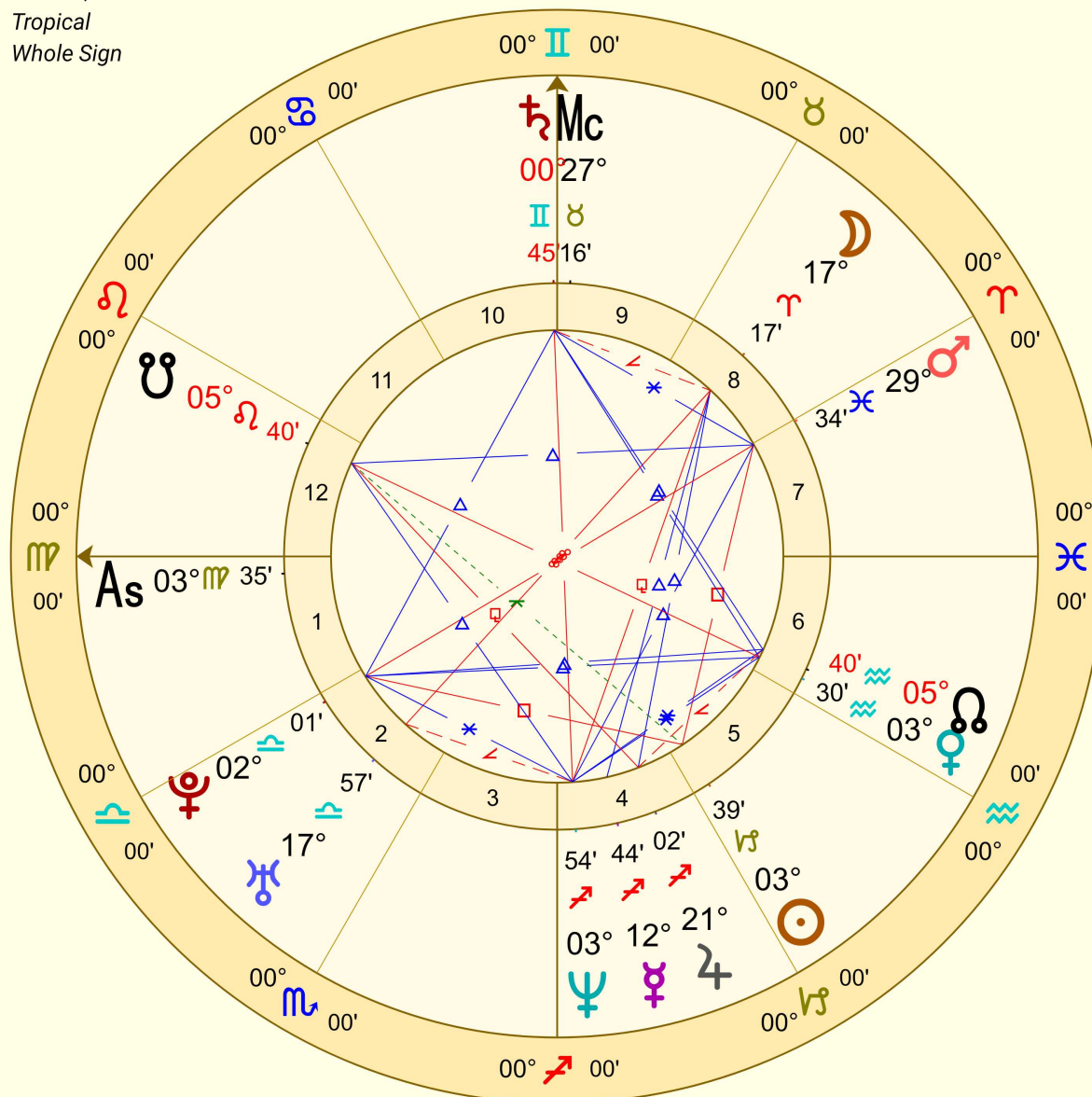
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Charts are displayed using whole-sign houses. Both charts can be found at astro.com and are 'A' and 'AA' rated, respectfully.

An unusual affair, and emotional flare ups

Immediately striking about both charts is the prominence of Uranus; Trudeau and Macron both have a partile (exact) Moon/Uranus opposition. Uranus can bring shock and unpredictability, but also the new and the undiscovered. In traditional astrology, a Moon in hard-aspect to Uranus can indicate issues with a mother-figure, or with health (the Moon represents the body in traditional astrology), as well as the potential for emotional upset or unpredictability.



Emmanuel and Brigitte Macron

In Macron's chart, the Moon rules the 7th house of partnership. The current French president is iconoclastic for many reasons, and most often remarked is the marriage to his high-school French teacher, Brigitte Macron, 25 years his senior. The French are accustomed to the interesting and glamorous love-lives of their presidents, but even for them news of a younger man with an older woman (rather than an older man with a younger woman) immediately became a fascinating, obsessive detail. It is a relationship (7th house) with a woman who is old enough to be his mother (Moon), shocking and intriguing the public (opposition to Uranus) because of their difference in age and also because of the details of the romance; they met when Macron was 16, and Brigitte left her family of 3 children and followed the young man to Paris when he moved there for university at the age of 18.

The Moon's 11th house rulership is not as obvious in the details we have of Trudeau's life, but the aspect with Uranus is no less powerful. In a very simple way, it can indicate unpredictable emotionality; several times within his current prime ministership, Trudeau has been publicly overcome with emotion; [most notable when welcoming Syrian refugees](#), [when apologising to Canada's indigenous people](#), and most recently at the [death of a Canadian music icon and personal friend](#). Of the 11th house, Deborah Houlding says, « It is the house of beneficial fate, positive hope, trust, praise, comfort, goals and ambitions. In modern astrology it is said to rule the wider social circle of acquaintances and groups, broader ambitions, political ideals and those who share our aims. » It seems, then, that Trudeau's tears are well placed, and true to his chart. Crying leaders, particularly men, are not a common sight, but Uranus refuses to be contained and its hard aspect to Trudeau's Moon brings out his emotions unexpectedly and uncontrollably.

And why are these potential outburst more visible in Trudeau than Macron? It could be because the Moon makes a wide trine to his Ascendant ruler Mercury; the planet through which he expresses himself in the world.

The Moon can also represent one's mother in a natal chart. Interestingly, Trudeau's mother and father had a very public break-up during Pierre Trudeau's tenure as Prime Minister in the 70s. Here, the Moon opposition Uranus is not Justin's marriage, but that of his parents; Margaret was just 18 when she met Pierre and was 30 years his junior. Justin has spoken of the ways in which his mother lacked power and recognition in the relationship because of her age (Moon in Aries in the whole-sign 8th house), and the effects this had on him. The break-up shocked young Trudeau (coinciding with his first Saturn square), but it also shocked the country (Uranus).

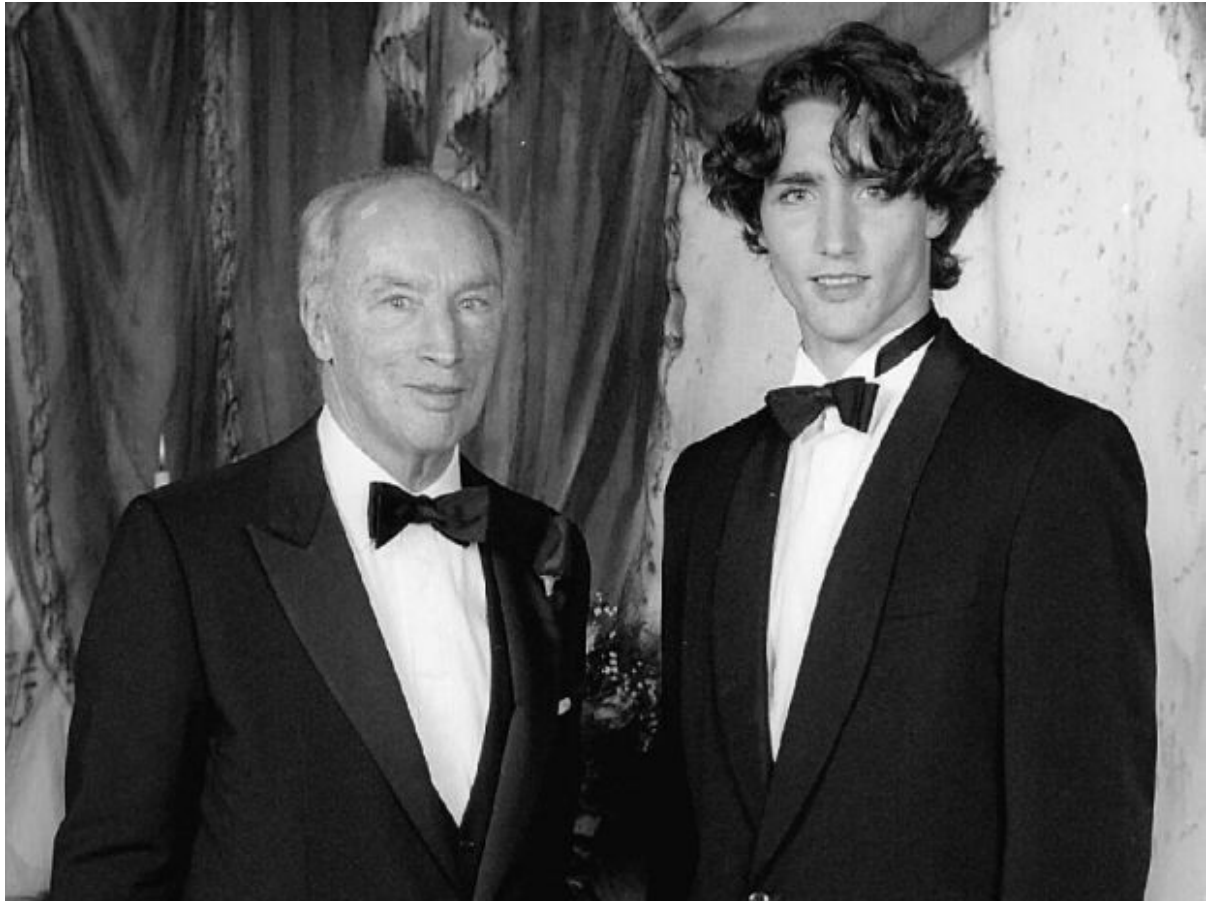
Outer planets are said, by some, to represent collective energies that are channelled through the individuals whose charts they touch. Electricity is a word that is associated with Uranus, and the election campaigns of both men; the suddenness and the momentum behind them, certainly matches this aspect in both charts.

No other planets are strongly pulled into this opposition in Trudeau's chart, but Macron's has an added unpredictable element; a square to Mars. Could this be indicative of the ways in which his relationship to Brigitte (Moon ruling the 7th) has harmed his presidency (Mars ruling MC, t-square to Moon and Uranus)? Within weeks of his election, the French public slammed his attempt to give her an official role, akin to the USA's 'first lady'.

Playing king, and trumpeting

Both charts have the sign of Sagittarius strongly emphasised, and both are tied to the planet Jupiter. Jupiter is king of the sky, and heralds its arrival loudly. It comes with larger than life ideas, and grand gestures. Of which both of these leaders could be accused of, for better or worse. In Macron's case, the astrology is, once again, quite literal; he was said to be publicising himself as a modern kind of Jupiter, but [has since shied away from that title](#) after criticism from his constituents.

As with any kind of politics and politician, both men came to their leadership with promises. But rather than promises of restriction and hardship (much more Saturn's expertise), their Sagittarian and Jupitarian influences promised a coming together of the collective. Where Saturn says withhold and keep for ones self, Jupiter says increase and share. We saw this when Trudeau welcomed refugees in a way that few other leaders had. And in Macron's promises of uniting a post-Brexit Europe, and publicly offering haven for any American scientists who wanted to continue their work in a country that would attempt to address climate change. But where Jupiter promises, does it deliver?



Pierre and Justin Trudeau

Macron is a Sagittarius, with a tight out-of sign opposition to an exalted Jupiter in Cancer. Personally, I am reluctant to accept out-of-sign aspects, unless they are strong. And in this case it is, with less than a degree separating them and Jupiter relishing its exaltation. Here we see the grand promises offered, but not without difficulty (opposition; in horary, Lilly says that anything brought about by opposition you may later wish had not come to pass) and delay (Jupiter retrograde). Sagittarius and Jupiter are known for leaping before they look. The exalted Jupiter in Macron seeks largesse, but may come up against road-blocks.

We can see a similar energy in Trudeau's chart. His ascendant lord is Mercury, strongly placed in the angular 4th house, direct, having recently stationed to move forward. But it finds itself in detriment in Sagittarius. Mercury here fails to cross Ts and dot its Is, and is pushed further into grand, brazen statements by its strong ruler Jupiter sitting in the same sign and house, its domicile, Sagittarius. Traditionally, the 4th sign represents the father, and one's inheritance: Justin literally inherited the political legacy of his father, who, at the time and to this day, was seen as a larger than life figure (Jupiter in Sagittarius).

Macron's Mercury is also in quite an auspicious place. Traditionally the Sun blocks the power of other planets by conjunction: they are literally invisible to the naked eye when the Sun approaches. But when a planet is cazimi or 'in the heart of the Sun' (usually when a planet is in the same degree as the luminary) it is rejuvenated, like the phoenix, and said to have insight

and access to the power that the Sun represents.

The trumpeting is loud from both of these Mercuries. But where in the charts can we see these ideas and promises actioned?

Planets with power, and directionless delays

Trudeau's ascendant lord, Mercury, can 'see' the Ascendant (in traditional astrology a planet can 'see' the sign it rules when it makes a Ptolemaic aspect) and can therefore create action for Trudeau's Ascendant. Mercury is also direct, and supported by its ruler Jupiter; there is no obstruction to its expression, and Mercury has the 'resources' to make things happen.

Similarly, the ruler of Trudeau's MC, Venus, is in the 6th whole-sign house and in trine to its ruler Saturn. Not only can Venus 'see' the MC by square aspect, but it has the support of its ruler Saturn by positive trine; a free-flow energy between the planet of beauty and relating, and the planet of structure and order. Saturn is elevated and powerful in the chart, in the 10th whole-sign house. Saturn also rules Trudeau's Sun, and creates the perfect 'public face' of responsibility when it sits high in the chart and is tied in to all of these important planets.

Notable, though, is Saturn's opposition to Neptune, which could indicate the dissolution of some of his best, well-planned and well-meaning intentions. This may be represented by some of Trudeau's actions and ideas being perceived as hollow; the indigenous Canadian community has criticised his failure to address their concerns, despite having made the grand gesture of an apology early in his tenure. Also notable is Venus's exact sextile to Neptune. Trudeau's MC ruler is tied-in by this positive aspect to ethereal and mysterious Neptune, giving some explanation of his celebrity and mystical status as a modern-day Canadian 'god'.

Macron's chart also contains the grounding influences of Saturn, but many of his planets seem to fail to have the same success in expression as Trudeau's. Interestingly, Macron has a Capricorn Ascendant (Capricorn, anecdotally, is often found in the charts of politicians). While Saturn can see the Ascendant from precision-oriented Virgo, it is retrograde. Retrogradation, according to Ben Dykes, is often associated with 'repetition, detours, and hiding motives'. It could be argued that Macron's expression is characterised by these traits. Dykes admits that while events may occur for the native, they will be delayed under retrogradation.

Similarly, Saturn finds itself in the cadet 9th whole-sign house. While this is the house of philosophy and learning, it is not, traditionally, a house associated with bringing things into action. We can also see that Macron's Scorpio MC is ruled by Mars, retrograde in Leo, in the 8th whole-sign house. While this may be indicative of some of Macron's involvement in banking (8th, house of other's resources), it is generally not seen as a positive house traditionally, but one of loss and sorrow. Having Mars tied-in by difficult aspect with the Moon and Uranus, further indicates difficulties faced on a public front (10th house ruler). And this seems to be the case; since his election, Macron's popularity has continued to fall and, as yet, he seems to have failed

to produce any initiatives that the public truly appreciates.

But Macron's Capricorn Ascendant, and the tough-as-nails aspect between his Mars and Moon may prove useful; one journalist who recently spent a week by Macron's side said, "Contradiction stimulates him, aggression galvanises him" (Mars/Uranus). And the exalted Moon is patient and accomodating to the Mars; to St Martin residents who criticised his government's response to the recent hurricane Irma, he said, "I came to hear your anger."

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