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FROM THE BREVARD CORRESPONDENT

We have had an overwhelming "YES" response to the separation ballot that was mailed in November. Over 50% of Space Coast Area Mensans voted and made their voices heard. Many new faces have offered to run for the ExComm or to help in other ways. Nothing succeeds like success, and we've all been encouraged by these results. We are pushing forward with the election of our own ExComm, the preparation of our first newsletter, and an expanded calendar for a New Year and a new group. We are certainly interested in your comments, advice, support, and all the help we can get. David Mann, our Regional Vice Chairman, visited the Space Coast Area recently. His guidance has been instrumental in our separation effort. He's a good Mann to have on your side. Ballots that will allow our members to vote for the Space Coast Area ExComm will be mailed in early January. The ballots will be opened and counted at Jim Peabody's home at 8:00pm on Monday, January 31st.

Our deepest sympathy is extended to Jo Scott on the passing of her father, Col. Edward Bannon, also a fellow Mensan.

A LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

The publication of this, our first independent Space Coast Area newsletter, has been one of the most educational experiences one could encounter. The intricacies of word processing, the complexities of reproduction, and the labyrinth of postal regulations were totally unknown realms only a few weeks ago. Although these areas still remain strange to me, I would like to thank those who have acted as excellent guides during this first trip. Craig Adams was the graphics artist who composed the front cover and taught me the (formerly unsuspected) importance of aligning and centering. Duplipress, our printer, was extremely patient in explaining the many options available to even small publications such as this. And finally, a hearty "well done" goes to all those responsible for Mensa's "Editors Handbook". It was an example of the well written, quality work to which this publication will aspire.

LOOKING BACK

Eating seems to be a favorite activity for local M's. The November Pig SIG at Jamacia Jake's brought 13 M's (old, new, and would-be) together for a feast of shrimp and other seafood delights. New M Priscilla Schmincke and her beautiful daughter made their Mensan debut. Several of us found out that it's dangerous to your waistline to dine in a restaurant that offers all the shrimp you can eat. The December Pig SIG at Gentleman Jim's in Melbourne was another caloric, delightful disaster graced with the new faces of Bob Cornelius, Susan Pederson, Maria Henderson, and Mary Smoker. The 14 of us in attendance found our number so large that we were eventually divided into two tables. And the Brunch Bunch at C.W. Dandy's saw a half dozen Mensans so engrossed in conversation that the brunch munching wasn't over 'til 2 in the afternoon. These events are becoming more and more fun as the group grows (I mean in numbers, not girth!).

And speaking of popular events, if you missed the party at Nancy and Earl Brennalt's, you missed the largest gathering in this area anyone can remember. Over two dozen showed up to hear Steve Largo give a fascinating summary of the gifted children's programs in the Brevard County schools. He provided some new insights into handling gifted underachievers. And please don't forget, anyone interested in becoming a Mensa Mentor should contact Steve Schneider. Knowledge is something that should be shared.

Welcome to new Space Coast Area Mensa members Gilbert Busch, Mary Ann Coy, R. J. Edwards, Baron Eickhoff, Beauford Franklin, Terry Miglione, Mary Ann O'Neill, and Dan Starky.

LOOKING FORWARD

As you've probably noticed, our calendar for this month has been greatly expanded. The monthly infusion of new members, who live in all parts of the county, has made it practical to enlarge the number of our activities. Our aim is to make participation in Mensa gatherings as convenient as possible. Those of you with ideas for new SIGs or other get-togethers are encouraged to let Judy Peabody or Steve Schneider know. We'll make sure that the SCAM gets the word to the rest of the membership. In becoming our own group, we are taking charge of our own destiny. Space Coast Area Mensa truly exists to fulfill the expectations of its members. Please make those expectations known!!! You'll benefit, and so will your fellow Mensans. We're going to make something good even better. And that's something to look forward to.

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Does Z go above or below, and why?

JANUARY CALENDAR

- 8th SATURDAY 8:00PM PROGRAM NIGHT**
 At the Community Room of Sandpiper Towers, 205 N. A1A, Satellite Beach. It's across from the Golden Dolphin, just south of Patrick AFB. Park in front and walk thru the building to the Community Room in back. Guest speaker Dr. Camile Castorina, Professor of Economics at Rollins College, Winter Park, will speak about capitalism and government regulation. There will be a question and answer period followed by a social hour or two. Call Jo Scott for directions at 777-1296, or Alex Marton for speaker coordination at 729-2723. \$2/BYOB.
- 13th THURSDAY 7:30PM ART FILM SIG**
 At the Brevard Art Center and Museum, Eau Gallie, across from the library. See the BACAM film series presenting "The Lourve" and "Return to Florence". There will be an introduction by the Museum Director, Bob Gabriel. Admission is free. There is no need for reservations; meet in the lobby.
- 14th FRIDAY 7:30PM PIG SIG**
 Meet your friends, old and new, at the Makato Japanese Restaurant, Ramada Inn in Melbourne, 264 S. Harbor City Blvd. The Makato is a dining experience that is truly unique. Make your reservations by Thursday with Martha Loss at 453-4718.
- 16th SUNDAY 11:00AM SUNDAY BRUNCH BUNCH**
 Meet at C.W. Dandy's at the Holiday Inn in Melbourne on US1. Just to start you salivating, your coordinator will pass out (better make that hand out) a take-home trivia mini-quiz. He may also toss out suprise subjects, fitting formulae, or taboo topics for discussion. Towel is optional. Alex Marton (a man who really knows where his towel is) will coordinate. No reservations, just meet in the lobby.
- 21st FRIDAY MIDNIGHT ROCKY HORROR SIG**
 See the infamous Rocky Horror Picture Show at the Twin Cinema West, Wickhaven Shopping Center, 3020 West New Haven, Melbourne. If you do not know what it's all about, there's no use explaining. Bring rice, toast, umbrellas, etc. There will be a social hour before the show at Page One Lounge, 1995 W. New Haven. Meet there at 10:30PM or in the theater lobby at 11:45. The price is cheap, so please RSVP to Alex at 729-2723 by January 18th.
- 22nd SATURDAY 8:00PM FUN AND GAMES NIGHT**
 Come to Shirley Ganzel's at 3529 Travis Place in Titusville. Be prepared for whatever. Bring a game or just yourself. We're hoping to see our Titusville friends! This is also a chance for D&D fans to congregate. Call Shirley for directions at 269-0703. \$2/BYOB

26th

WEDNESDAY

7:00PM

COMPUTER SIG

Be at Steve Schneider's house, 511 Washington Ave., Cape Canaveral. This is an opportunity for computer buffs and would-be hackers to exchange some bits and bytes. There has been a great deal of interest expressed by our local members in the wonders of these marvelous and mystifying machines. Several Space Coast Area Mensans are computer professionals, with a wealth of knowledge we'd love to share. The price of this experience is the pleasure of your company. Help plan the future of a new SIG, and get yourself on-line! Call Steve at 853-5285 (days) or 783-8744 (eve).

29th

Saturday

FAMILY DAY TRIP

We have a field trip planned for the young and the young at heart. It's to the Blue Springs State Park to see the manatees, go canoeing, picnic, and enjoy the great Florida outdoors. For details on time and transportation, call Rohn at 259-2323 or Ricki at 723-4371.

CAMPAIGN STATEMENTS

According to the Space Coast Area's proposed bylaws, an election for a five person Executive Committee must be held yearly. This first election for the ExComm of Space Coast Area Mensa is being held three months early at the suggestion of David Mann, our Regional Vice Chairman. It will allow the Executive Committee additional time necessary for the formation of a new group.

Alex B. Marton

In addition to my work at Harris in Melbourne, I am fooling with a number of things on the side; am the father of three very bright kids; have no cats, dogs, or fish; have crossed the equator three times; know something about just about everything except professional sports; and have beautiful blue eyes. Although I have only been a Mensan since April, it seems much longer than that. I have been an active participant both in Orlando and in Brevard-- have attended CFM ExComm meetings, am a member of the RG committee for the 1983 Heart of Florida and coordinator of the Brevard Sunday Brunch and hopefully of an Art Film SIG; attended the Broward RG in Pampano over Halloween and have met most of the active Mensans you are likely to come in contact with. Obviously I am interested. That and the desire to make this an enduring, successful Group are my motives for wanting a position on the ExComm. All start-ups are difficult, and I am convinced that I can help. You can help too: vote.

Rohn Walter

I'm 23 years old and graduated in 1981 from the University of the State of New York. My hobbies include herpetology and foreign language study. I'm currently employed as a sign painter. As a recent addition to SCAM, I don't have a lot of experience working with the Group; however, this is changing with my co-coordinatorship of the new Singles SIG. I feel that my presence on the ExComm could inject some additional vitality into SCAM, and this may be just what a fledgling group needs.

BALLOT BALLOT BALLOT

This page is your ballot. Vote for five, and only five, candidates. Enclose this ballot in an envelope addressed to:

MENSA Ballot
C/O Jim Peabody
3407 Frankie Ln.
Cocoa, FL 32922

Your name and return address MUST appear on the envelope. Additional ballots and envelopes will be available prior to the official count at Jim Peabody's home at 8:00PM on January 31, 1983. All ballots must be received by that time. All Mensans are invited to be present.

- () Alex B. Marton
- () Rohn Walter
- () Ulrike Wertz
- () Tom Baker
- () Charles R. Hager
- () Judy Peabody
- () Steve Schneider
- () Rich Meagher
- () Jim Hooper
- () Dave Hollings

Ulrike Wertz

I joined Mensa in August and found it to be a great place to meet fascinating, challenging people. Interested fine arts, life in outer space, quality education in public schools, "mens sana in corpore sano", and "gaudeamus igitur". I want to reinvest in Mensa some of the tremendous benefits I am reaping by helping the SCAM group to grow into a strong, vital organization which will attract new members and bring long-time members back into circulation. I want to help it become a forum for lively discussions, socials, games, and outings. In short, to provide lots of variety for the many tastes and interests represented by our membership.

Tom Baker

I've been in Mensa for two years but, unfortunately, have not become involved with many activities. I recently decided that I had better start enjoying this great organization and actively participate in events sponsored by it, or, its local groups. By serving on the ExComm, I hope to meet new friends and learn what Mensa is all about. I know that it will be hard work, but I'm ready to do whatever is necessary.

Charles R. Hager

- 1) Born in Maryland, 1912
- 2) Graduated Hagerstown, Maryland High School, 1929
- 3) Awarded B.S. degree, Chemical Engineering at Johns Hopkins University, 1933
- 4) Spent working career with DuPont in research and management from 1935-1966. Retired from position of Plant Manager at titanium ore mining operation at Starke, Florida in 1966.
- 5) Spent time since retirement at beach home in Melbourne Beach, Florida

Judy Peabody

Since serving as the Brevard Correspondent for the Central Florida ExComm and acting as the Activities Coordinator for the Space Coast Area, I have discovered the rewarding experiences that come from working for Mensa. The creation of our new group should allow us to have an even more stimulating and active group. I hope that by serving on the ExComm, I can make this all happen.

Steve Schneider

During the past year I've had the opportunity to act as the Space Coast Area Proctor, SCAM Page co-editor, CFM Publicity Chairman, and the Pig SIG coordinator. If elected to the ExComm, I'll do my very best to promote our continued growth and enhanced services to Space Coast Area Mensa.

Rich Meagher

I'm a candidate for the ExComm not out of any heady search for power, but to return to Mensa some of the things I've gotten out of it. I've been active in the local group, I've met a lot of people, and I think that I can do some good on the ExComm.

Jim Hooper

I've participated in a lot of Mensa activities: local activities, RGs and AGs. I'd enjoy being on the ExComm, where I think I would be a productive member.

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