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## FROM THE LOCAL SECRETARY

I have a confession to make. When I joined Mensa, I had no intention of getting any more involved than joining a group of friends in conversation and fun. In the past, I have had to quit other groups because, as a worker, I couldn't get anyone to take my job unless I did. Organizations do survive and find other willing workers when the old ones grow tired of the responsibilities that come with volunteering. Well, here I am again, more involved than I planned to be. I guess I like to be in a position to know what's going on and to help make things happen that are good for us all. A little over a year ago, I was asked to run for the ExComm as the Brevard County representative for CFM. Now, as the LocSec of our won Space Coast Area Mensa I take great pride in the efforts of several Mensans, who like myself, wanted more out of membership than mere companionship with a few friends. Attendance at our functions have increased dramatically. The SCAM is no longer made up of just a few active members and a lot of unknown faces. Instead, I can count on seeing several friends-- old and new-- at each activity that I attend.

I wish that I could take credit for all that has happened during the last year, but I must give credit where credit is due. I think that we must all agree that Steve Schneider is doing a superb job as Editor of the SCAM. We all look forward to receiving the newsletter and finding out what marvelous activities have been arranged by Alex Marton, our Calendar Editor. Ricki Wertz has handled the Treasury so well that we have become solvent, and should stay that way. Rohn Walter, Membership Chairman, has made many contacts with new and perspective members, and his efforts have proved rewarding not only in increased membership but in the number of new friends we have made at each activity. Last, but not least, David Mann our former RVC, has helped in our transition with his advice and monetary support. My thanks to these special people who have made the Space Coast Area Mensa what it is. I know that thru their efforts we will all enjoy our Mensa affiliation to its fullest.

Judy Peabody

## A LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

There is only room for a short note from your humble (and grateful) editor. I have (in the past) begged, pleaded, sniveled and groveled for our members to take advantage of the Mensa activities during the slow Summer months. But did anybody listen to me? **LORD, YES!** Twenty people attended the Program/Party Night, and **twenty-five** attended the PIG Sig. The PIG Sig was the largest SCAM gathering ever. It was fantastic. And it proved beyond doubt the old adage "the more the merrier". Thank You!!

Steve Schneider



## HERE'S THE SCAM

The Program/Party Night gathered 20 Mensans to hear our own Dr. Ross McCluney talk about solar energy and energy conservation. Listening to Ross talk is a very sobering experience (something a few of our members put to good use). The past has been great, folks. More food than we could eat, more water than we could use, more natural resources than you could shake a stick at. It won't always be so. But our members assuaged their concerns at Judy's well laden table. If the world is going to go to hell in a handbasket, we might as well face it with a full stomach.

The PIG Sig was something of an event. It was the largest gathering we've ever had! We saw the new faces of Mark Tietig and his friend Andrea deMichaelis along with the too seldom seen faces of Rich and Ellen Meagher. Clara Woodall attended her first PIG Sig, and gave the place some class! Roger and Carol Ramhoff suffered valiantly while Steve Schneider spent what seemed like hours telling them every old joke he knew. The Greek fare at the Acropolis restaurant was simply outstanding. It's too bad most of us couldn't pronounce what we were eating.

## THINKING AHEAD

In August, the Party Night will be held at Steve Schneider's. Home baked cheese cake and chocolat fondue will be featured. In addition, gallons of gourmet coffee will be available to wash it down.

During the dog days of August the Young Ms will be splashing it up at Rock Springs. Since there will be adult supervision, we're counting on the Young Ms to keep the older folks in line.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

This concerns the policy of Mensa in setting annual and life membership fees. My main gripe is the cost and lack of an actuarial schedule for the life memberships. At \$600 for everybody, regardless of age, I can't imagine many people signing us for life if they are over 35. A young person of about 20 should have a life expectancy of almost 60 years. Not so for someone in their 50's. It means that a new Mensan age twenty will pay about \$10 per year for a life membership, while a person age 55 or older would pay \$30 to \$40 per year. Some Bargain!

I can't believe that an international organization whose basis of membership is I.Q. doesn't have a few actuaries, accountants, lawyers, etc. Any one of them could figure out a longevity table that would be fair to members of all ages. Every fraternal organization to which I belong bases life membership on a sliding schedule. Had Mensa has a similar policy when I joined, I would have become a life member immediately. However, at age 54, I can't see paying three to four times as much as a younger person.

James M. Earle

## SPACE COAST AREA MENSA

### AUGUST CALENDAR

**6th SATURDAY 1:00PM MENSA TEST**

The Mensa Test will be given at the Cocoa Beach Library, A1A and Minuteman Cswy. Call Proctor Steve Schneider for information.

**6th SATURDAY 7:30PM PIG SIG**



A seafood treat: the Pig Sig this month is at Pelican Point Inn, 2200 South Orlando Avenue, Cocoa Beach, just north of the fork in A1A north of the Patrick AFB complex, on the southbound side. Entrees range from \$5.99 to \$14. RSVP to Martha Loss by Wednesday, August 3rd, at 631-7016. This phone number is really in service!

**13th SATURDAY 7:30PM PARTY NIGHT**



Steve Schneider was strong-armed into hosting the party this month, courtesy of Judy Peabody. Meet old M's, new M's, and have a good time at 511 Washington Avenue, Cape Canaveral. Munchies, \$2, BYOB. Call Steve for directions, 783-8744.

**21st SUNDAY 10:30AM EXCOMM MEETING**

The ExComm will meet before brunch, quorum or no, unless preempted by lack of interest.

**21st SUNDAY 11:00AM SUNDAY BRUNCH**

If you had enough of first class last month, a chance to fly coach this time: meet in Willard's Restaurant at Holiday Inn on A1A, Cocoa Beach, about a mile south of 520. RSVP to Alex by Friday for head-count, but if you forget, show up anyway. I am aware that being intelligent doesn't necessarily mean you have a good memory.

**27th SATURDAY ALL DAY YOUNG M FIELD TRIP**

We're doing it again! Another Young M activity: this time we are going to Rock Springs for a day of tubing and swimming. The cost is \$1 for tube rental plus \$1 deposit. Bring or buy your own lunch. If you are going, please call Eric Peabody at 632-9310 or Rohn Walter at 259-2323 before August 20th. There will be car-pooling and adult supervision. This is also an opportunity for adults of all ages to join in and have fun outdoors.

### MAGIC CITY MADNESS R.G. SEPTEMBER 2-5 MARCO POLO BEACH RESORT

19201 Collins, Avenue, Miami Beach  
Registration, \$ 20.00 (\$25.00 after July 15)  
Send your registration check to Ray King, P.O.  
Box 612186, North Miami, FL 33261(Tel.305-947-2404).

**ROOM RATE:** \$28.00 a night, Single or Double!!  
(contact the Marco Polo Resort for reservations)  
**FOOD PACKAGE:** \$55.00 for two major dinners,  
(Italian and Caribbean) and two major brunches  
(Jewish and French).

## A MEMBER SPEAKS

by Jim Peabody

The menu for the day may well be crow. I have railed frequently about the influx of people to our fair state. It is a matter of some concern to me that Florida can only support a limited number of humans in the style which we demand. As our population grows, the quality of life for each of us diminishes. My children will not enjoy living here as much as I do, and my grandchildren may not enjoy it at all. Worst yet, my grandchildren may not even realize what made me move here in the first place.

This is not a rare phenomenon. When I lived in Maryland, it was hard to reconcile the reality of today with the ghost of yesterday. There was a time when that area was both bountiful and beautiful. Today it is not. Too many people, over a long time, have left the current residents with only a shadow of what their fathers knew.

So why am I eating crow? Because I have found that I am no better than any other expansionist. For months the pages of the SCAM have been filled with exhortation to the members to participate, join in, come out with us, and share yourself. As our group has grown, I have become an advocate of growth. At the last PIG Sig I don't even think that I got around to saying hello to everyone. Gone are the days when we can all sit around one table and eat together. Now I begin to see how big can be beautiful. Some of the intimacy is surely lost, but the variety more than compensates. I love it!!

Perhaps the only solution to this dilemma would be to make membership in Mensa a requirement for residency in Florida. At least if I get crowded, it will be by fascinating hordes!

## RIDDLES

1. A ship at anchor at low tide has a 20 foot rope over its side, with a knot in the rope every foot. The 20th knot, at the very end of the rope, just touches the surface of the water. The tide rises 3 feet during the night. How many knots are visible in the morning.

2. An average classical LP record (33 1/3 RPM) is 12" in diameter. The center label is 3" in diameter; there is a 1/4" lead in and a 3/4" lead out. The music plays for the entire length of the side without interruption. About how many grooves would be on the face of this average LP?

3.       0               This triangle is made of pennies. By  
          0 0           moving only 3 pennies, reverse the tri-  
          0 0 0       angle from pointing up to pointing down.  
          0 0 0 0

4. What common phrases do the following represent?  
a. 1234safety5678  
b. /r/e/a/d/i/n/g/  
c. ECNALG  
d. MA√IL



# TRIVIA

1. What is a hinney?
2. Who was the first man to run a mile in less than 4 minutes?
3. Name the 9 ranks of angles.
4. Who was Mr. Wizard?
5. What is a palindrome?
6. Why do most coins have notched edges?
7. If you've been asennined, what's happened?
8. Whose Ph.D. thesis received **two** Nobels?
9. Who was Joseph Lister?
10. How did we get the word "laser"?
11. In A. Conan Doyle's stories, how many times did Sherlock Holmes say "Elementary, my dear Watson"?
12. Why did Albert Einstein receive the Nobel prize?
13. What does "E. Pluribus Unum" mean?
14. What three English words contain all 5 vowels in alphabetical order?
15. What is an ullage?
16. Which states have a common border with the most others?
17. Which english word has two exactly opposite meanings?
18. Name Robert E. Lee's horse.
19. How many women did Jack the Ripper kill?
20. Where do we get the word "pudenda"?

1. The offspring of a stallion and a female donkey. It comes out a mule the other way around.
2. Roger Bannister
3. Seraphim, Cherubim, Thrones, Dominions, Virtues, Powers, Principalities, Archangels, Angels.
4. Don Herbert
5. A word of group of words that have the same spelling forward and backward. The longest we've seen? "Straw?" No, too stupid a tad. I put soot on warts."
6. To discourage filling the rim in order to sell the fillings. This was a problem when our government issued coins actually made out of gold or silver.
7. You've been goosed
8. Marie Curie's
9. The father of antiseptic surgery, who's original "Listerine" was used to prevent post-operative infections.
10. Light amplification by Stimulated Emission of Radiation
11. Never even once!
12. For his explanation of the photoelectric effect
13. Out of many, one
14. Facetious, abstemious, arsenious
15. The part of a bottle of liquid that's empty
16. Tennessee and Missouri with 8 each
17. Cleave ("fast" is also close)
18. Traveler
19. Only 5 in a period of 10 weeks
20. From the Latin infinitive pudere-- to be ashamed.

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