

SEPTEMBER 1983

SCAM

SPACE COAST AREA MENSA



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FROM THE LOCAL SECRETARY

Last month I took the time to thank David Mann for all the help he gave us in bringing the Space Coast Area Mensa Group to reality. This month I just want to add our congratulations on his new post as National Second Vice Chairman. Best of luck to you, Dave; you really were a big help to all of us and we hope to see you soon.

Congratulations are also in order for our new R.V.C. Dick Brascalla. I have known Dick and June Brascalla for as long as I've been in Mensa. Longer actually, because I met them at the first R.G. I ever attended. We have seen them at every one since then and consider them good friends. I am really looking forward to working with Dick.

Our party night was a smashing success this month. Steve, as always, offered us a delicious spread. Modesty will, I'm sure, prevent Steve from giving you an accurate report on what a wonderful time we had. (Fat chance-- Asst Ed.)

It has been especially gratifying to me to see all the new faces that have turned out for the last three or four group activities. Some of you are new members and some are people whose names were familiar from our roster but we had never met. Thanks for giving us a chance to get to know you.

Those of you that are still just a name on a mailing list-- take a good look at this month's activities calendar. Maybe there is something there just right for you.

Judy Peabody

A LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

Well folks, I think that Space Coast Area Mensa is on a roll. The July PIG Sig was the largest Mensa gathering our local area had ever experienced-- twenty-five people were there. In August, the Party Night became the largest SCAM gathering ever, with thirty Mensans and guests filling my home to overflowing with both people and good times. It was a peak experience, and I'd like to thank everyone who came. It meant a lot to me.

Each month brings something bigger and better. So to keep the ball rolling, next month your newsletter will include a brochure introducing the advantages of membership in Mensa. It's intended to be given to a prospective member. Please give some thought as to who that might be. We gained ten members last month. If each member gives the upcoming brochure to a likely candidate, our growth will continue. We Mensans are pretty good at recognizing each other. Just a few moments of thought will place the brochure in the right hands.

Steve Schneider

HERE'S THE SCAM

The Pig SIG at Pelican Point gathered to enjoy some outstanding seafood and the company of a long-time member who we had not had the pleasure to meet previously, Jack Galpin. Jack works for RCA, is a long time area resident, and was a definite hit with the ladies. Walt and Wilma Whippo were there, and received our vote for the most alliterative couple in SCAM.

As mentioned elsewhere, the Party Night was an event. Priscilla Schmincke qualified for membership six months ago, and had such a good time at the party she finally decided to join Mensa and even go the to the Miami RG!! Ross McCluney's friend Chris Beck and Mensan Linda Pollack made their party night debuts. Jay and Janet Park were there along with Frank Schneider (Steve's father) to sip the Mensa experience, and ended up diving in and taking a swim. Together, Jay and Janet know more about the Osborne personal computer than any other couple in Brevard. Frank cornered them for more than an hour, pumping them for all the information he could get. Frank is an avid computer hobbist. As a matter of fact, our editor has had to eject him from the computer on more than one occasion so that the SCAM could be produced. Frank had such a good time at the party Steve is going to make sure that his mother also attends the next Mensa function.

THINKING AHEAD

There will be a Halloween Party in October, and it's going to be a costume affair. Although some of our members will be able to get in in their normal attire, most of us will have to find a costume. So, please start to give it some thought. Jojo Baba, Jr. of the Kape Kanaveral Klowm Klub will be there to make balloon animals, pass out favors and give demonstrations using clown make-up on willing (?) volunteers. Judy Peabody is putting a lot of thought into this gathering, and it should be another great party.

As you read this the Magic City Madness RG in Miami will have come and gone. RG's are Mensan classics. They have to be experienced to be understood. If you missed this one, give some thought to attending the next. The cost is reasonable, and the good times are unforgettable.

ANSWERS

Christine Bennett, age 11, correctly solved last month's riddles.

1. 20 knots (the ship rises with the tide)
2. 1 long grove (that keeps going round and round)
3. 0

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4. a) Safety in numbers b) Reading between the lines
c) Backward glance d) The check is in the mail

SPACE COAST AREA MENSA SEPTEMBER CALENDAR

- 2nd** **Friday** **MAGIC**
 through **CITY**
5th **Monday** **MADNESS**
- 10th** **Saturday** **7:30PM** **PIG SIG**
The Pig SIG this month is at Miguel's Posada del Ray, 19 East New Haven in Melbourne, just east of South Babcock Street. They feature Spanish, Mexican, and American food; entrees range from \$7.25 to \$13.95. They have a wonderful machine that makes the best Margaritas this side of Nuevo Laredo. RSVP to Martha Loss, 631-7016 by Wednesday the 7th.
- 17th** **Saturday** **7:00PM** **EXCOMM**
The ExComm will meet before the Program at the Meaghers' place. All M's are welcome.
- 17th** **SATURDAY** **8:00PM** **PROGRAM NIGHT**
Program Night will be hosted by Rich and Ellen Meagher, 50A East Poinciana, Satellite Beach. The speaker is Earl Brennalt, long-time M and professional hypnotist. His talk will be about the power of suggestion and will involve audience participation. From AIA, turn into South Housing at light (Patrick Drive), take the first left (Poinsettia), then the third left (North Poinciana); go around to East Poinciana. The house is on the right side of the street across from the Toyland Exchange. If you need more help, call Rich or Ellen at 773-2953. \$2, BYOB.
- 18th** **SUNDAY** **11:00AM** **BRUNCH BUNCH**
We're going to a new place this month which is the absolute favorite of the entire editorial staff. **The Tea Room** in the LaPaz shopping center, 1.2 miles north of SR 520 on the west side of AIA, is one of the most deceptively modest restaurants in Brevard. The freshly ground gourmet coffee, specialty teas, homebaked pasteries and individually prepared entrees will please even the most discriminating of our members. Come and enjoy! For more information call Steve Schneider, 783-8744.
- 24th** **SATURDAY** **8:00PM** **PARTY NIGHT**
An opportunity to meet others and socialize, relax, play games, and have a good time. Hosted by Roger Ramhoff at 1150 Pigeon Avenue SW, Palm Bay. If going south on I-95, take Malabar exit, go east to first light, then left to South Babcock, then take a second left to Fallon. Take the first left (Pigeon), go one and a half blocks to a green house, #1150. If going south on Babcock, cross Palm Bay Road, go south past the first light, and take the third right (Fallon), then the first left to Pigeon, and so on. If you get lost, call Roger at 725-8619. \$2, BYOB.

MORE CALENDAR

24th

SATURDAY

9:00AM

Sea SIG

All aboard the M/S Scandinavian Sea for a day of adventure on the high seas! Wine and dine at a variety of shipboard lounges and restaurants, swim, shoot skeet, enjoy fantastic shows and feed those voracious slot machines. The multinational crew makes this an extremely interesting experience. Call Rohn at 259-2323 no later than Sept 17th for reservations. The price is presently uncertain, since we are hoping to get a substantially reduced group rate.

A MEMBER SPEAKS

by Jim Peabody

Hold the presses on the Shoppers' Guide! Big news!! An unprecedented event!

"What", you may well ask, "is all the excitement? Has William F. Buckley become a liberal? Has Ronald Reagan become a conservative?" No, my friends, nothing so commonplace as that.

At the last Party night Jim Hooper and I agreed on something! I don't mean that we merely did not disagree, or, that we agreed in principle. We were of one mind. When our opinions were placed in juxtaposition they were identical... well, almost.

Those who have never seen Mr. Hooper and me together will just have to take my word for it that our agreeing on a question of law or politics is only slightly less probable than a Baptist Pope. Jim is a very nice man, and if I am ever brought to trial, may my jury be twelve more just like him. However, the same qualities of mercy and compassion that recommend him as a juror preclude him from any list of those with whom I usually concur.

The event which sparked this heretofore unheard of blending of oil and water was a classic piece of stupidity from the United States Department of INjustice. With all the foresight of a typical bureaucrat (def #2 i.e. an official who works by fixed routine without exercising intelligent judgement) some dimwit ordered the arrest of several Libyan students.

These arrests are so blatantly unconstitutional that they pose no real threat to the freedom of the students. They were so pathetically silly, both legally and politically, that if it were not for the surprising fact that Jim and I found some mutual ground, at last, they would not deserve comment.

I guess it just demonstrates that something positive can result from even the most ludicrous behavior by our government.

TRIVIA

1. Who first climbed Mt. Everest?
 2. Who "cracked" Egyptian hieroglyphics?
 3. What did Aristotle consider to be the brain's function?
 4. Which two Presidents died on the same day?
 5. Who gets credit for the germ theory of disease?
 6. Why is a wedding ring worn on the third finger of the left hand?
 7. Whence the term "honeymoon"?
 8. Where did the Japanese sign the articles of surrender for WWII?
 9. What special contribution did the Navajos make to the war effort during WWII?
 10. How old was Nathan Hale at his execution?
 11. What is the speed of sound at sea level?
 12. What is coprolalia?
 13. Did Bertrand Russell ever receive the Nobel Prize?
 14. What is Gresham's Law?
 15. Who was Charles Dodgson?
 16. Who was Sherlock Holmes' greatest adversary?
 17. Where is Einstein's brain?
 18. Where was the Battle of Bunker Hill fought?
 19. How many feet in a mile?
 20. What are the largest and smallest cells produced by the human body?
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1. Sir Edmond Hillary
 2. Jean-Francois Champollion
 3. An organ for cooling the blood. The seat of intelligence was considered to be the heart.
 4. John Adams and Thomas Jefferson both died on July 4, 1826
 5. Louis Pasteur-- a chemist, not a physician
 6. The Romans thought that the vein in that finger went directly to the heart.
 7. In old England, newlyweds would drink mead (honey) for one month (moon) after marriage.
 8. In Tokyo Bay, aboard the U.S.S. Missouri, which just happened to be the home state of President Truman
 9. Their unwritten language was used as an unbreakable code only 21
 10. 768 MPH, or about 1188 feet per second at sea level
 11. Obsessive use of obscene language
 12. Yes, for literature in 1950
 13. "Bad money drives out good"-- have you seen a silver dime lately?
 15. He wrote "Alice in Wonderland" under the pseudonym Lewis Carroll
 16. Professor Moriarty
 17. Wichita State University
 18. Almost entirely on Breech Hill
 19. 5280
 20. Ovum and sperm, respectively

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