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A LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

As mentioned in the last SCAM, the Magic City Madness RG has come and gone. The Space Coast contingent consisted of Priscilla Schmincke, Pat Thornton, Bob Palmquist, Tony Cantone, Mary Smoker, and your humble editor. And do we have stories to tell...

Priscilla burst into the Hospitality Room, ran up to me and indignantly cried, "A crazed Mensan grabbed me and tried to kiss me on the elevator!" I immediately asked where her elevator was, so that I, and others, might avoid offending her in any future osculatory pursuits. Priscilla turned and walked away shaking her head and muttering. Yours truly made for the cheese and cracker table, merrily humming "I Wonder Who's Kissing Her Now".

Don Henderson is the "farmer, cowboy, and wine connoisseur" from Lockney, Texas, who has advertised for some time in the **Mensa Bulletin** for a girlfriend and/or wife. Don was there, plying his charm hither and yon. The last evening of the RG featured an excursion to a local den of iniquity featuring an "all male review". Don, who had been the major palette for that afternoon's body painting extravaganza, was dressed only in a revealing, skimpy blue bathing suit and body paint that made him look just like the Lone Ranger-- complete with painted on boots, shirt, six-gun and mask. He decided to accompany the group attending the review, "dressed" as he was, with the full intention of auditioning. However, after the first male dancer completely disrobed, Don became-- well, very quiet.

Janet Corso, the delightful Mensan who gave your humble editor his "I MIGHT" mug at the last Beach Bash RG was there, lovely and alluring as ever. So was Tom Chittendon, who is active in the nudist movement. Tom kept his clothes on, but showed video tapes on the "free beach" movement and showed his photo album, which contained a nude wedding. Have you any idea how difficult it is to tell the bride and groom from the other guests at a nude wedding?

I had the opportunity to meet Alex McIntire, a bright fellow even by Mensan standards, who enlightened me on the doings of organizations such as the Triple Nine Society and the International Society for Philosophical Inquiry. Groups such as these require an IQ in the 99.9th percentile-- lofty to say the least.

Region Five Regional Vice Chairman, Dick Braggalla was in attendance, along with his charming wife, June (who is also active in Mensa as the LocSec of Broward County). I have been impressed by Dick at previous gatherings, but my conversations with him at this RG left me even more so. We're lucky to have him as our RVC.

And last but not least, the lithe and lovely Lois Reszetucha (the Miami LocSec) finally taught me to pronounce her name!

Steve Schneider

HERE'S THE SCAM

One of the most interesting experiences of your humble editor's Mensa career happened on Saturday, October 10th at the Melbourne Square Mall. At the suggestion of James Earle, we participated in the "Peoples' Parade of Progress". All sorts of organizations were represented, from the Society of Creative Anachronism (who recreate the Middle Ages as a hobby) to the Jazzercise Association (who indulge in the most outrageous masochism you can imagine under the guise of good health). I was truly amazed at the number of people who know who we are, and amazed again at the number who wanted to apply for membership when they learned that there is a local Mensa chapter. **We are not unknown!** The response was so favorable that we ran out of almost all of our handouts on the first day, and had to get more for Sunday the 11th. As I have mentioned, we're on a roll!!

The Pig SIG at Miguel's Posada del Ray gathered an even dozen Mensans, but wonder of wonders, eight of them were new faces compared to only four regulars. We had the pleasure of meeting Mike and Glenda Busick, Mike and Jennie Lesser, Barney and Helen Adamian, Elyse Woessner and Walt Sergot. It looks like ethnic food is the best enticement. A short while ago a Greek food Pig SIG broke all records. We'll keep this in mind.

The Program Night at the Meagher's featured the most delicious peach cake I've ever had, and featured an interesting talk by Earle Brennalt, a professional hypnotist. Hypnosis can not only change the way you think, it can actually change what you physically are. Although I had a very interesting personal chat with Earle, I just don't think that Mensans are that suggestible. However, I do think Earle is a wonderful human being, human being, human being.

The Brunch Bunch also gathered an even dozen Mensans, and the fare was outstanding. Eric Peabody and Jason Smoker had an in-depth discussion of the fine points of comic book collecting. The Mocha Java coffee and Strawberry herb tea were both hits. Central Florida Mensa is again sponsoring a Halloween journey to the Cassadega Hotel. Cassadega is one of the largest communities of spiritualists in the country. Dikki-Jo of CFM tells us: "We will begin with a walking tour before dinner, followed by information about spiritualism and the paranormal. If there is time, psychic mini-readings will conclude the program."

The tour starts at 6PM on Saturday, October 29th. for more information, call Bob Hyres at (305) 628-4750 or Jenny Bronson at (305) 423-3094. Both are available from 6-9PM.

Keith Proud of CFM needs volunteers for the Heart of Florida RG 1984. We are anxious to cooperate with CFM so that we'll be able to count on their experience and help when SCAM hosts its first RG in 1985. Assisting CFM will be the best possible training for our own SCAM RG. So please give this serious thought. Keith can be reached at (305) 678-2900 or (305) 678-9271 (office).

SPACE COAST AREA MENSA OCTOBER CALENDAR

- 1st Saturday 1:00PM MENSA TEST**
The Mensa Admissions Test will be given at the Cocoa Beach Public Library. For more information or reservations call Steve Schneider at 783-8744.
- 8th Saturday 7:30PM PIG SIG**
The Pig SIG this month is at Colosseum Pizza, 1135 Byrd Plaza in Cocoa at US1 and Dixon Blvd, a mile and a half north of SR 520. Several of our local Mensans claim that this is where to get the best Sicilian pizza in town, and other inexpensive Italian entrees are featured. This is a Pig SIG that won't put a dent in your pocket book. Call Martha Loss at 631-7016 for reservations by Friday.
- 11th Tuesday 7:30PM ARTS AND CRAFTS SIG**
Do you have a favorite craft, needlework, or art that you enjoy and would like to share with other creative people? Are you someone who would like to find out how to do some particular hobby? If so, join us at Judy Peabody's, 3407 Frankie Lane, Cocoa. Call 632-9310 for directions and we will see what talents we all have or wish to acquire. Bring your ideas and let's have a go at it. IT'S FREE!!
- 15th SATURDAY 8:00PM PROGRAM NIGHT**
This month's hostess will be Shirley Ganzel. Douglas Solomon of the Space Coast Young Republicans, and Dr. David Flinchbaugh (a physicist who specializes in micro-atomic particles) will present a resolution and information concerning energy beam weapons in addition to antiballistic missile systems. The resolution will support President Regan's "Star Wars" address of March 23, 1983. At Shirley Ganzel's, 3529 Travis Place, Titusville, Call Shirley at 269-0703 for directions. \$2, BYOB
- 17th MONDAY 7:30PM PUB NIGHT**
Meet at the Boar's Head Lounge in the Village Green Shopping Center at the corner of Fiske and Barton Boulevard in Rockledge. Drink, talk, play darts or pool, and generally have a "hell raising" time. According to the response, we may add this as a regular monthly activity at different area pubs (we hope not by necessity). Call Judy at 632-9310 for more information.
- 23rd SUNDAY 2:00-5:00PM YOUNG M SIG**
Hey kids! Children of Mensans are also welcome. Come and join the fun at the Starlite Skate Center, 105 South Plumosa Street, Merritt Island. The \$2.50 admission includes skates. Call Eric Peabody at 632-9310 or Rohn Walter at 259-2323 for reservations or for help with transportation. This is going to be a blast, so don't miss it.

MORE CALENDAR

29th

SATURDAY

8:00PM

PARTY NIGHT

Well witches and warlocks, welcome, and wend your way from wherever you are to Mary Smoker's Halloween Party. Wear a costume (or come as you are) for an old-fashioned good time. Professional clown make-up will be applied upon request, and anatomically correct balloon animals will be featured. This will be the best Halloween Party of the year. Mary lives in Surfside Estates off N. Banana River Drive. From Merritt Square Mall turn north on Sykes Creek. This runs into N. Banana at the Winn Dixie Shopping Center. Continue north past Audubon Elementary School. Turn left on Surfside, which is less than 1 mile north of the Winn Dixie Shopping Center. Make an immediate right onto Fiddler. Fiddler turns left and becomes Eddy Street. 1490 Eddy is on the right about a block past the turn. For more information call Mary at 452-3658. \$2, BYOB.

A MEMBER SPEAKS

by Judy Peabody

Did you know that Mensa is not an unheard of organization? After spending the weekend at the Melbourne Square Mall manning our booth in the "Peoples' Parade of Progress" (ably abetted by Steve Schneider, Rohn Walter, Pat Thornton and Bob Cornelius) we discovered that many people knew who we were, but did not realize that we had social activities in this area. The positive response was so overwhelming that we expect to increase our number because so many seemed to be interested in the information we gave them on how to qualify for membership.

Personal contact is the best way to spread the Mensa word. I'm sure that we all know someone who would qualify. Why not tell them about Mensa and give them the brochure that is included in this month's SCAM. To many people, Mensa is only an organization you can join to prove you are smart. They don't realize the interaction we get by joining together at our activities or that there is more to be had than the prestige of membership.

If you will let us know who these prospective members are, we will personally invite them to qualify and join us. The more members we have, the more interesting people we can share our good times with.

As you can see from the new SIGs this month, we are trying to tailor our activities around more interests. Some of them may not be your bag, but all you have to do is call me at 632-9310 and let me know what kind of activities you want and I'll do my best to include them. A Photography SIG has been suggested to allow shutterbugs to go on field trips together during their picture taking sessions. Sounds good, but we need an interested person to help coordinate the activities. Are any of you into sports, hobbies or other things that we might join in? Let us know!!

AMC IN ACTION



MINI-MINUTES OF THE AMC MEETING

Denver, Colorado, August 13, 1983

REPORTS: **NOBLE:** Met with British Mensa Committee in July, at their invitation and expense, to discuss International Mensa development, budgets, and the International Journal...Nominated a diverse group of members with excellent qualifications to the various appointed positions for American Mensa. **RIDER:** A survey at the Annual Meeting showed that the membership favors frequent small increases in dues rather than less frequent larger ones...Recommended no dues increase for the 84-85 fiscal year, but will probably need a \$3-\$5 increase for 85-86. **FELT:** 31 Editors have responded to the Mini-Minutes format questionnaire...An updated listing of all AMC motions is in preparation. **COONS:** Southern Connecticut group has been formed...Proteus has instituted a \$1 per year subscription program for Editors not receiving Proteus via the national subscription program. **ATMAN:** Mid-Hudson group doing P/R...Its newsletter being helped by RVC funds...New York Mensa's July RG attracted almost 500. **CRUTCHER:** Holding workshops at the Pittsburgh RG and at Greensboro State Park. **KUPPER:** Regional Council met in April and July to help with local group development. **HAWKINS:** New group formed in Beaumont-Port Arthur, Texas...Gulf Coast Mensa raised nearly \$2,000 for local scholarships. **MATHISON:** The 83 AG was very successful; preliminary net about \$7,000. **MATTSON:** Program distributing Mensa bookmarks to bookstores and libraries in the region is in progress. **FISHER:** The newsletter subscription program is now running. **Seitelman:** American Mensa has purchased rights to a test that may be used to replace one of the qualifying tests.

MOTIONS PASSED: Approved appointments: Marianne GRACI, Membership Officer...Kevin JOHNSON, Groups Officer...Cynthia FISHER, Publications Officer...Dr. Abbie Salny, Dir. of Science & Education...Jim RYAN, Public Relations Officer...Velma Jeremiah and Hans Frommer, additional NatReps to the International Board. Recommended to MERF that Charlotte Jermyn be appointed 1983-84 Scholarship Chair. Commended Marvin Grosswirth and Abbie Salny for the inquiries, new members and funds resulting from their publications. Commended Greater Phoenix Mensa for the 83 AG. Accepted AG Handbook and Treasurer's Handbook. Created Finance, Publications, Research Review, Regional Boundaries, Use of Name & Logo, Local Group Bylaws, Public Relations, and Executive Committees, and approved new rules for the last. Authorized Executive Director to issue first-time RG loans. Enacted rules for expense payment for employees and Officers on Mensa business. Voted to celebrate American Mensa's 25th Anniversary during 1985. Approved a proposed bylaws amendment which specified that the Ombudsman must be a dues-paid member. Approved a once a year mailing of all newsletters to all Editors. Approved the mailing of the Isolated M to all members not regularly receiving a local group publication. Selected Milwaukee for the 1985 Annual Gathering. Voted to reinstate, in the Bulletin, publication of candidates' statements in national elections. Selected Syracuse as second 1984 AMC meeting site. Next AMC Meeting will be in Hartford, on November 12, 1983.

Dave Felt, Secretary

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

James Staal	1st
Cheryl Overstreet	7th
Jo Scott	12th
Jack Galpin	13th
John Wright	14th
Wanda Stillman	16th
Rudy Hardick	17th
W. G. Ward	18th
Roger Ramhoff	21th
Baron Eickhoff	24th
Rohn Walter	28th
William Adams	29th
Linda Pollack	30th

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