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SPACE COAST AREA MENSA



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## **FROM THE LOCAL SECRETARY**

Time flies when you're having fun. I can hardly believe that the Space Coast Area Mensa is nearly a year old, and that it is election time again. Our membership has grown to over 150 and the number of activities has also increased. I am proud to be associated with this group of interesting people who make our efforts so worth while by their support and enjoyment of our endeavors. Hopefully, we will continue to grow in numbers and develop our group even further.

This week I was contacted by a Mensan who was coming to view the next shuttle launch. He was trying to connect with a local SIGHT Coordinator. I referred him to the Orlando group, as no one here has indicated a desire to be a coordinator. This may not be the only time someone needs the services of a local area SIGHT Coordinator, considering the upcoming launch activities. If you are interested in becoming a SIGHT Coordinator, please call me.

A Nominating Committee will be appointed in December at the ExComm meeting. Everyone is always welcome to attend the meeting. If you are interested in serving on the Nominating Committee, or in running for the ExComm, I would like to encourage you to attend. If you can't be there, please let me know (before the meeting) if you are interested. It doesn't take a lot of effort to keep this group going, as long as everyone does a little, instead of a few doing a lot.

Happy Birthday, Space Coast Area Mensa, and a very warm Merry Christmas to you all from the ExComm and myself. May ours be an even better New Year.

Judy Peabody

## **A LETTER FROM THE EDITOR**

As we end the year, we end this publication's first birthday. A year ago, our own local Mensa chapter and our own newsletter was just a dream. Today, it's a dream come true having a birthday. With this in mind, I'd like to publicly thank our Assistant Editor, Mary Smoker. Without her help and encouragement, I'd still be working on the June issue. Very few editors are lucky enough to have such dependable and beautiful help. Mary, thank you.

Bob Cornelius has a friend who wants to move to Brevard County. If you know anyone who is looking for a business systems analyst or a good troubleshooter in administrative organization, get in touch with Bob at 773-8144 or P.O. Box 1981, Melbourne, 32936.

As mentioned above, ExComm elections are coming up. Space Coast Area Mensa has always welcomed new faces, fresh ideas and enthusiasm. For example, your humble editor is currently looking for an editor trainee, as his term expires April 1st. This is the time to volunteer your efforts. It's an experience you will never regret. Merry Christmas!!

Steve Schneider



## HERE'S THE SCAM

The Halloween party brought together a group of old and new friends who barely recognized each other. Judy Peabody came as a very convincing owl, and Wanda Stillman appeared very natural as a convict, complete will ball and chain. Alex Marton and his friend Nancy would have looked right at home in the court of Louis XVI. Mary Smoker portrayed a wild gypsy. And of course, Jojo Baba, Jr., the very sad clown from the Kape Kanavera! Klown Klub fulfilled his promise to make anatomically correct balloon animals. Biscuit, the Smoker's golden retriever, thoroughly enjoyed retrieving the balloon animals, even after one popped in his mouth. I've never seen such a surprised look on a dog's face. Daryl Smith, who is usually exiled on Ascension Island, made his area Mensan debut. Oh well, we'll have to put out costumes away until next year.

It looks like the Pot Luck Pics will be a permanent monthly event. The movie, "Under Fire", was an outstanding motion picture. It was a real sleeper, since none of us had heard of it previously. So the pot luck turned out to be gourmet dining.

## A MEMBER SPEAKS

BY Jim Peabody

Merry Christmas! Don't you like the sound of that phrase? I do, I love it! I can't help it, I love Christmas and everything associated with the Christmas season. I mean, the Fourth of July is nice, and other religious holidays are important, but nothing gets it together like the Christmas season. We don't here a promise to get the troops home for Millard Fillmore's birthday. Merchants don't gloat over the Memorial Day selling season. Old friends don't exchange Labor Day cards. Nothing is quite like Christmas.

This month the television will be full of heart-warming stories. Regular series will be pre-empted for a barrage of specials. Most of them will be old stories retold in as many ways as there are sponsors to buy them. I don't care. Even if I have seen them all before, I'll still greet them like old friends.

I like to watch my children and grandchildren as the magic of Christmas captures them. It's fun to buy them toys and spoil them. I even like the crass commercialism. The stores are fun to shop in, the decorations, the Santa's, the large crowds make shopping an adventure. I would rather go to the malls in December than any other time for year. This month, for one-twelfth of the year, people think of others first. They put old animosities aside as they look to an ideal that's two thousand years old. Peace on Earth, Good Will to Men.

So, for this issue, I offer no lectures, voice no complaints, and report no bad news. I just wish, from all of my family to all of you. "Have a very Merry Christmas!"

## SPACE COAST AREA MENSA DECEMBER CALENDAR

- 3rd Saturday 1:00PM MENSA TEST**  
The Mensa Test will be administered in the Conference Room of the Cocoa Beach Public Library. Call Steve Schneider at 783-8744 for more information.
- 4th Sunday 11:00AM BRUNCH BUNCH**  
A new treat this month. We're going to meet at the new C. W. Dandy's at the Holiday Inn on SR 520 in Merritt Island, just west of the Merritt Square Mall. C. W. Dandy's has always been a favorite in Melbourne, so we're going to check out this one newly opened in November. Meet in the lobby. For more info call (you guessed it!) Steve Schneider at 783-8744.
- 4th Sunday 1:00PM EXCOMM MEETS**  
The ExComm will meet at Judy Peabody's, 3407 Frankie Lane, Cocoa. This will be an important meeting. The ExComm will select a Nominating Committee for next year's ExComm, discuss the Mensa Scholarship Program, and attend to a variety of other matters. All Mensans are welcome.
- 10th Saturday 8:00PM CHRISTMAS DANCE**  
The first annual Christmas Dance will be hosted by Bob Palmquist in the Recreation Room of his apartment complex. This is the only function of the year where we put on our fancy duds and don our dancing shoes. Some Mensans are even planning to bathe, even though it's not the first Saturday of the month. This is not an event to be missed. There are a wide variety of ways to get to Bob's place, but your editor could understand only one of them. Off I-95, take the 192 east exit onto New Haven Ave. After about 2 miles, turn south onto Minton Road, which is adjacent to the Wickhaven Shopping Center. Go another 2 miles south on Minton. You will pass over I-95. Take the first left, east onto Palm Bay Road. Travel another 3 miles, and turn left at the sign to Woodland Village. The Recreation Room will be the first building on the left, about 1/2 mile into the complex. \$2, BYOB. If you get lost, call Bob at 729-6824.
- 11th SUNDAY 10:00AM PHOTO SIG**  
Joyce Kircher will host this month's Photo SIG at the Houser Zoo in Melbourne. Meet at the picnic area at the parking lot for a discussion of how to sell those prize photographs taken at the meeting last month. The zoo is located at 3880 West New Haven Ave., about 5 miles west of US1. For more information, call Joyce at 453-4663.



## MORE CALENDAR

**17th SATURDAY 7:30PM PIG SIG**  
Since the Christmas tree is a German tradition, it's only fitting to have our December PIG SIG at the Heidelberg Cafe, at the intersection of A1A South and Minuteman Causeway, Cocoa Beach. This restaurant features outstanding American cuisine such as superlative German potato salad and fine wurst. And although I doubt that any of our members would be interested, a wide variety of imported beers and wines are served. Also, Black Forest and German Chocolate Cakes are specialties. For reservations, call Martha Loss at 631-7016.

**23rd FRIDAY 7:00PM POT LUCK PICS**  
This month we'll meet at the Pines Theater and Drafthouse in the Pineridge Shopping Center, 1314 Dixon Blvd, Cocoa. As always, we will eat, drink, eat, make merry, and eat, while watching the mystery flick. We'll wait out front until 7:15. If you arrive late, come in and look for us.

**31st SATURDAY 8:00PM NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY**  
One more time! Steve Schneider will host this year's NYEP. Steve will be baking two cheese cakes to be served with gallons of his celebrated gourmet coffee. A buffet will be served, and sleeping accommodations will be provided for inebriated friends too drunk to drive home. This will be a party to remember. The festivities will be held at 511 Washington Ave., Cape Canaveral. Look for the flashing strobe. For more information, call Steve at 783-8744. \$2, BYOB.



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**SPECIAL!!!** After dinner dancing and Presidential costume contest.

**WHERE:** Orlando, Florida. Howard Johnson's, I-4 at Lee Road.

Room rates: \$32 single, \$38 double. Try to reserve before Jan. 30.

**REGISTRATION:** \$20 before Friday the 13th of January, \$25 after.

**MEALS:** Saturday Banquet \$12.50. Sunday Brunch \$7.50.

**CONTACT:** Vicky Remus, 1508 Osprey Ave., Orlando, FL 32803. (305) 898-5905.

# AMC IN ACTION

## MINI-MINUTES OF THE AMC MEETING



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NOVEMBER 12, 1983

**REPORTS:** NOBLE: Interviewed on Voice of America in September, along with 1st Vice-Chairman Amy Shaughnessy... The International Board of Directors has appointed David Tebbutt of London as Editor of the International Journal, and Ed Oram of Atlanta as Editor of Mensa World... Encouraged planning for a second Mensa Colloquium. SHAUGHNESSY: At the Atlanta RG, along with David Mann and Dick Brasgalla, conducted a workshop for local group leaders. MANN: Has undertaken to familiarize himself with the in-house computer system. FELT: Updated copies of past AMC actions have been distributed to the AMC. RIDER: AML is healthy and running very close to its budget. COONS: Rhode Island Mensa enjoyed a successful mini-RG. CRUTCHER: Greenbo RG had attendees from seven states. KUPPER: A regionally sponsored think-tank on local programs for gifted children was held at the Toledo RG. BRASGALLA: Participated in a workshop for Editors and LocSecs at the Peachtreat RG... Gainesville, FL group is again operative. HAWKINS: North Texas Mensa is looking forward to another successful Thanksgiving weekend RG. FROMMER: New group, South Dakota Mensa, has been formed... Will be holding a local officers' workshop at the St. Louis RG. MATHISON: 450 attended Asilomar XIX. MATTSON: Diane Mitchell (San Diego) is organizing a Mensa train for the trip to the 1984 AG. GRACI: 31 RGs already booked for 1984. JOHNSON: 186 active SIGs presently. FISHER: Has established the Monthly Hints & Tips for Editors. SEITELMAN: National office has handled 200 requests totalling over 54,000 items since August 1st... 5,000 inquiries were received in the week following the November 6 feature in the Family Weekly Sunday supplement magazine.

**MOTIONS PASSED:** Approved production of Green Sheets, publication to be reviewed at the next meeting. Appointed Katherine DeWitt, Jr. as Editor of the Mensa Bulletin. Created a Personal Data Questionnaire Committee to review the PDQ for the next Register. Authorized up to six \$250 Awards of Excellence for research projects, articles, or speeches. Authorized Star Registration Systems International to use the Mensa name in its advertising in exchange for a contribution to MERF and Gulf Coast Mensa. Approved designation of 1984 as "American Mensa's Year of the Gifted Child". Increased MERF budget by \$7,500. Authorized a grant to MERF for the Rita Levine Scholarship Fund, which will match other contributions dollar for dollar. Appointed Helen Kupper as AML's fourth National Representative on the International Board of Directors. Unanimously conferred the "Margot" Award on Marvin Grosswirth. Conferred the Distinguished Service Award and a life membership on Lya Korda. Next AMC meeting: March 31, 1984, in St. Louis.

Dave Felt, Secretary



## DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Ralph Coletti	4th
G. Robin Gilmore	5th
Judith Bokoles	6th
James Hooper	8th
Roberta Brock	9th
David Miller	11th
Richard Wright	15th
Patricia Buddingyton	25th
Thomas Baker	25th
Ross McCluney	26th
Earl Brennalt	26th
Don Argo	28th
Richard Meagher	31st

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