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FROM THE LOCAL SECRETARY

The 1984 Heart of Florida RG is all over but the shouting. As usual, the SCAM group turned out in force with over 20 members from Brevard. The only major complaint concerned the size of the hospitality suite. Actually, the hotel changed suites at the last minute, since the one we had scheduled was still occupied by a group that extended their stay. The suite was much smaller and it seemed that hugging beasts were present everywhere. Some people who thought they were being jostled and crowded were actually a part of the beast and didn't know it. If we hadn't been a hugging group, we would have been after this RG weekend.

My personal thanks to those SCAMers who came through (in the clinches, so to speak) to make this years RG so much fun. Alex Marton for the games and unusual prizes. Ricki Wertz for the Scrabble tournament. Tony Cantone for the chess tournament. Pat Thornton for being such a good hugging judge. Wanda Stillman for attending the LocSec and Editors Workshop. Jerry Edwards for being Jack of all trades and master of everything. Rohn Walter for cleaning up our act (do you do windows?) Jim Hooper for his help and advice in the Hospitality Suite. And last, but certainly not least, Mary Smoker and Mary Anne O'Neill for the recipes, rebus contest, perseverance and cartage service. And my own special thanks goes to my son, Jimmy, for doing absolutely everything I asked him to do. And don't forget my husband, Jim, who felt no thanks was necessary since he spent the weekend doing what he does best-- standing behind a bar bullshitting. I couldn't have done it without you! All this experience will be useful next year when it's our turn to host the 1985 Heart of Florida!!

Judy Peabody

A LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

The time has finally come to pass the torch. Wanda Stillman will become the SCAM editor beginning with the April issue. Last night I gathered together the last 15 issues I've had the opportunity to edit. Editing this modest publication has been a true education. Starting a newsletter from scratch was an opportunity I was lucky to encounter. During the past 15 months you folks out there have given the SCAM both moral and financial support, and I truly appreciate it. I hope that it has served the intended purpose of giving you a voice and tying our diverse group together.

Our new group has made a very good beginning. My parting words would be to ask those of you who belong to this special organization to take advantage of what it has offer. Cheap as I am, I realize that I get much more than \$30 of benefit for the \$30 cost of belonging to Mensa. And that's what makes it a bargain.

Steve Schneider

HERE'S THE SCAM

The party at Ricki Wertz' place was another gangbuster. Trivial Pursuit was the favorite of the two dozen Mensans who gathered. Ricki offered her own home-made sausage along with other goodies, which were all a big hit. As a matter of fact, your humble editor is no longer the only source of gourmet coffee. Ricki serves the best coffee in South Brevard. Your humble editor is now jealous.

The Heart of Florida RG was a great weekend. The weather was fantastic (not at all like last year's deluge of liquid sunshine). We could sit around the pool and socialize when the Hospitality Suite got too hot to handle. The Society for Creative Anachronism gave a fascinating glimpse into the Distant Mirror of the Middle Ages. We also had interesting talks on listening, nutrition, survival weapons and the historical Old West. Jim and Judy Peabody, their son Jimmy, and Mary Anne O'Neill almost single-handedly operated the Hospitality suite. They were fantastic!

Ricki Wertz would like to get a group together to attend the Florida Lyric Opera Society's presentation of *Cavalleria Rusticana* and *I Pagliacci* performed at Melbourne Civic Auditorium on April 3rd. If you are interested, call Ricki at 723-4371.

SPECIAL REPORT FROM THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

In accordance with the by-laws of the Executive Committee of Space Coast Area Mensa, calling for the annual election of five officers, the following names are hereby submitted by the Nominating Committee:

JUDY PEABODY

MARY SMOKER

JERRY EDWARDS

RICKI WERTZ

STEVE SCHNEIDER

There being no further nominations from the membership, and as there are five positions on the Executive Committee to be filled, these five members are hereby unanimously elected and will take office effective April 1, 1984.

MARY ANNE O'NEILL
Chairman
SCAM Nominating Committee

(Well, folks, it looks like we've been spared the pangs of an election this year. We had five positions on the ExComm to fill, and we've filled them with five enthusiastic SCAMers. We're going to have a great year!! Short bios of the new ExComm are on pages 5 and 6-- your Humble Editor.)

SPACE COAST AREA MENSA MARCH CALENDAR

- 3rd Saturday 7:15PM POT LUCK PICS**
It's up north this time for a movie at the Beach Cinema and Draft House behind the Glass Bank. We will meet outside at 7:15 and go directly inside to reserve seats so that we can all sit together. If you get there late, scamper on in and look for the group of Mensans all sharing a huge bucket of pop corn and passing a carafe of fine (?) wine. True "gormets", we Pot Luck Piccers!
- 9th Friday 7:30PM PIG SIG**
It's time to go to Old Mexico once again, since ethnic food seems to be the perennial favorite of Space Coast Mensans. Come to the Desperados Restaurant at 301 North Atlantic Ave. (north-bound A1A) in Cocoa Beach, and with absolutely no fear of Montezuma's revenge you can enjoy tortillas, enchiladas, and refried beans (burp). There are also outstanding Margaritas, Mexican beer and other interesting libations (hic). Call Mary Smoker at 452-3658 by Wednesday for reservations.
- 17th Saturday 8:00AM FOSSIL FIND FORAY**
This field trip will be an all day affair. We're going to the Bone Valley Phosphate Mine Museum in Mulberry, about 2 hours away from the Space Coast on Route 37, just south of Plant City. Call Rohn Walter by March 10th so that he has time to make necessary arrangements. We'll meet at the Holiday Inn in Melbourne on US1 at 8 o'clock in the morning to form a carpool. For more information, call Rohn at 259-2323 after 6PM.
- 18th Sunday 10:30AM BRUNCH BUNCH**
C. W. Dandy's at 440 South Harbor City Blvd. (US1 at the Holiday Inn), Melbourne is our Brunch Bunch destination this month. C. W. is noted for unusual and interesting breakfast entrees, and you'll have to make some difficult decisions when it comes time to order. Or you can opt for the standard specials starting at 99 cents. For more information or directions call Bob Cornelius at 773-8144.
- 24th Saturday 7:30PM GAME NIGHT**
Come on down elven folks, wizards, dwarfs, paladins, and even humans, et al. No pot luck at the Smoker's this time, but we'll have an adventure in Dungeons and Dragons. Mary has a friend who is an expert Dungeon Master. He will lead you to places you've never been and things you've never

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seen, but everything will be suitable for beginners. (I guess that's equivalent to a PG rating-- Ed) Call Mary to assure yourself a place in the D&D game because only 8 can play at one time. While those 8 strain their brains playing a game you humble editor can't even begin to understand, the rest of us will be playing the game we bring with us to the party. Mary lives at 1490 Eddy St., Merritt Island. From Merritt Square Mall, go north on Sykes Creek Road; it runs into N. Banana River Blvd. Go two miles to Surfside. Turn left, go a short block, then turn right to Fidler, which becomes Eddy St. Call Mary at 452-3658 for more info and directions. \$2, BYOB.

THE NEW EXCOMM SPEAKS

Ricki Wertz

A resident of Brevard County since 1964, I have valiantly fought the thought of myself as a permanent resident. Eternal sunshine just wasn't my idea of spending the rest of my life. Looking around me, I saw people who came here from the brisk and frisky climes of the northern metropolitan areas, only to stultify, calcify and stagnate.

But the past few years have wrought a subtle difference in my thinking. First, it is hard not to sink a few roots in a community in which you have lived for so many years; where your children have gone to school, made friends, got their first dog or cat, suffered through the pangs of puppy love and finally chose to establish home base, no matter where they may roam now. It imposes a certain moral obligation on a person.

Further, with the influx of a vital, younger population from up north came the desire to re-create the cultural menus that were available in northern big cities. There grew, and is growing still, a large variety of entertainments which all contribute to the good life, and educational institutions have kept pace with the demands of the new arrivals for quality education.

Last, but certainly not least, and at the top of the menu is MENSA. Joining the local group, being active in it, and watching it grow through its hazardous first steps to what seems a certain stability has been eminently satisfying.

On this note, I am offering my services again for next year. My job has not been arduous, and I could never equal the energy that - for instance - Judy, our Loc Sec, and Steve, our Editor have expended in the performance of their jobs. MENSA means a lot to me, and I want it here for myself and others to enjoy for a long, long time! More selfishly, I hope to have MENSA as the place to meet, and continue to meet, the special people it attracts. VIVAT MENSA!!

EXCOMM CONTINUED

JERRY EDWARDS

I sought election to the ExComm because of my past experience and because of my philosophy relating to "clubs". I served for two years on the governing board of UTAH MENSA in the capacity of Mediator/Arbitrator and was an alternate proctor. I believe that an "active" member of an organization has a responsibility to contribute his or her talent to that organization in direct proportion to the benefits expected.

JUDY PEABODY

Space Coast Area Mensa (SCAM) is a large part of my social calendar. The people and the fun cannot be topped. Making things happen, knowing what's going on, and enjoying the results, have convinced me of one thing: serving on the SCAM ExComm as Local Secretary is very important to me. The goals that SCAM has reached during the past year demonstrate that we must continue to grow. In this way, we can have more activities, companionship and fun. Hosting our own RG is 1985 should also increase our treasury so we can produce an even bigger and better newsletter as well as provide funds for scholarship programs. With the gained knowledge and continuity of leadership, the roots of our relatively new organization can go deeper and produce a stronger, more vital group. Thank you for your support, and I invite your help and suggestions for the future.

MARY SMOKER

1983 was a great year in my life. It was the year I became a member of MENSA! I would never have believed a group of people existed who were as friendly and interesting as the SCAM group has turned out to be. I am eagerly looking forward to a year of working hard to help this group continue to develop and grow along the lines already established by last year's ExComm. If a new member can become as active and as accepted as I have been, that means that many more of you could have a very rewarding MENSA experience, too! Try it yourself. It's an invigorating and exciting way to expand your circle of friends.

STEVE SCHNEIDER

Having passed the torch of editorship to Wanda Stillman (Bless you, Wanda!-- Humble Ed.), I hope to expand my activities as Space Coast Area Proctor and better publicize the group. As editor I received newsletters from all over the country. We stand up to the best of them. There are many groups much larger than SCAM which don't offer as much to their members. We're a great bunch of folks! It's exciting to think of all the new people out there who will be joining us as time goes on. My parting words are simply: Thank you all. It's not only been real, it's not only been good, it's been real good!

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Claudia Shaw	1st
Hugh Compton	3rd
Lennis Bearden	5th
Stephen Schneider	5th
George Andrews	5th
Michelle Langlais	7th
Susan Gyer	7th
David Neeley	10th
Arthur Milford	11th
Irma Gargarino	14th
Robert Nielsen	15th
Daryl Smith	17th
Mark Tietig	18th
Hames Norby	20th
James Gray III	20th
Mary Ann Coy	21st
Frederick Remark	22nd
David Hollings	27th
Michael Lesser	27th
Cheryl Bennett	29th

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