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Inside the Pocket Protector

Mike Moakley, Editor

This month, you will notice that included in this issue is a copy of the proposed SCAM Bylaws. Please read them carefully. The Bylaws is the “legal framework” in which SCAM operates. Should you have any questions or concerns, please address them to Wynn Rostek, who is the Chairman of the Bylaws Committee.

Are any of you interested in being our next Editor? My second (and final) installment of “How The SCAM Works” is featured in this issue. Meanwhile, I have committed to stay on board for the duration of the current ExComm term. While that’s still nearly a year away, time does travel fast.

If you are interested in taking over as Editor of The SCAM, please e-mail me and let me know. Please include any questions in your message, as well as you best contact info.

Just as a reminder, Broward Mensa is holding FloRanGe, their RG, from September 4 through September 7. Our Broward neighbors allege this represents “another excuse to eat chocolate”. You might want to check it out and see if that’s really the case.

Here at home, our meeting at the Red Ginger will feature a guest speaker. Check the calendar for more details...

The SCAM sells classified ad space. SCAM members, non-commercial, no charge. Others: \$20 full page; \$10 half-page; \$5 quarter-page per month, we offer discounts for multiple insertions, and we can help with layout and design.

Subscriptions: SCAM members, included in dues; others, **\$10** for 12 issues.

SCAM Treasurer's Report

May 31,
2015

<u>Account</u>	<u>Balance</u>
General Fund	\$532.51
Reserve Fund	859.06
<u>Total Funds Available:</u>	\$1391.57

General Fund

Beginning Balance	\$575.36
Mensa Funding	159.08
Newsletter Printing	(297.13)
Postage	(254.80)
Transfer	350.00
Ending Balance	\$1593.04

Reserve Fund

Beginning Balance	\$1209.01
Interest	0.05
Transfer	(350.00)
Ending Balance	\$859.06

SCAM Treasurer's Report

**June 30,
2015**

<u>Account</u>	<u>Balance</u>
General Fund	\$762.60
Reserve Fund	859.09
<u>Total Funds Available:</u>	\$1621.78

General Fund

Beginning Balance	\$532.51
Mensa Funding	230.18
Newsletter Printing	0.00
Postage	0.00
Ending Balance	\$762.60

Reserve Fund

Beginning Balance	\$859.06
Interest	0.03
Ending Balance	\$859.09

It's summer and the livin' is easy. Or it should be. We don't want to spend our time cooking over a hot stove, so what do we do when we want a soup for lunch or dinner? We have a cold soup.

My favorite is Gazpacho. It is the ideal summer soup, not requiring cooking and can be prepared in a few minutes.

Ingredients

2 lbs ripe juicy tomatoes. *They must be fully ripe. The supermarket pale red just won't do. Some recipes call for tomato juice. Ugh!*

1 garlic clove

1/2 an onion, white, not sweet

1 green sweet pepper

1 cucumber, about 6-7 inches long

1/4 teaspoon ground cumin

3 tablespoons red wine vinegar

1/2 tablespoon salt

1/2 cup virgin olive oil

1 piece French bread (3-4 inches long)

Preparation

Take all the ingredients (*Those listed are just suggestions and can be adjusted or added to your taste. The bread can be included or reserved for croutons as I prefer*) and blend until smooth. It is best to make this ahead of time and chill until quite cold.

As we slowly get through the hottest and wettest part of the year on the Space Coast, here are some events and organizational needs to consider.

This month portends a very interesting Monthly Gathering at 6pm on September 12th at Red Ginger in Melbourne Square Mall. Our featured speaker will be Dianne George of the Brevard Nature Alliance talking about the mission of the Alliance in Brevard County and how those interested can help. I hope to see you all at this very popular event.

We still have a Mensa SCAM Editor position to fill. I'm looking for someone to pick up the torch for Mike Moakley and help keep the SCAM newsletter a vital benefit of membership. The SCAM is our main method of communication to the membership. Whether online or on paper, the SCAM is a source of entertainment, communication and reporting. Maybe you have some thoughts or ideas about the future of The SCAM and can lend your own personality to it over time. Please contact me or Mike if you are interested.

I am also looking for more ideas for publicity opportunities and events, especially events that may be good opportunities for membership recruiting. We currently have plans to have a booth at the next NerdFest convention that is held in Melbourne each year. Any other ideas for venues would be appreciated. Please see me or any member of the ExComm with any thoughts or ideas you may have.

Additionally, anyone with ideas or interests for social/fun events for the membership would be enthusiastically received. We have a new Trivia team event incubating on Thursday nights at Slow N Low Barbecue in Viera. Those of you with an interest can contact Karen Freiberg for more





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Our Regular Events:

- **TRIVIA and DINNER (New!):** Slow and Low Bar-B-Que, Stadium Pkwy., Rockledge. Every Thursday at 6:30pm.
- **C.A.B.A.G.E.:** Food Court at the Merritt Square Mall. Every Monday at 6pm. *Host: Karen Freiberg, 633-1636.*
- **GO!:** Books-A-Million, The Avenue, Viera. Every Saturday at 1pm. Hosted by the Space Coast Area GO Association. Contact George Lebovitz for more info: the.rokkitsci@rocketmail.com.

September 2015

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			2	Trivia & Dinner		5 GO!
6	7 C.A.B.A.G.E.	8	9	Trivia & Dinner	11	
13	14 C.A.B.A.G.E.	15	16	Trivia & Dinner	18	19 GO!
20	21 C.A.B.A.G.E.	22	23	Trivia & Dinner	25	
27	28 C.A.B.A.G.E.	29	30	FLORANGE—SEPT. 4—7, 2015		

SCAM Calendar of Events for September 2015

4th - Friday 5:30 PM

FIRST FRIDAY AT HOOTERS SIG

Come join us for drinks, open discussion and food (latter two optional) at the Melbourne Hooter's, 877 S. Babcock Street. **Hosted by:** *Dennis Logan, 501-7547.*

EXCOMM MEETING

Tuesday, Sept. 1 at 6:00 pm. This is our monthly business meeting. See back page for location.

12th - Saturday 6:00 PM

MONTHLY MENSA GET-TOGETHER

Featured speaker this month will be Dianne George from the Space Coast Nature Alliance. Red Ginger Restaurant at Melbourne Square Mall.

Hosted by: *Joe Janson, 338-5833.*

MENSA TESTING

Sept. 19 at Central Brevard Library, 308 Forrest Ave., Cocoa. Please arrive by 9:45 am, as testing begins at 10 am. \$40 fee and photo ID required. Reservations encouraged but not required. Candidates must be age 14 or older. Next month, testing will be held Oct. 17.

26th - Saturday 5:45 PM

S.N.O.R.I.

Join us for some Japanese cuisine at The SCAM's best attended event at our new venue, **Hioki's**, 3200 NE Dixie Hwy. (US 1) in Palm Bay. It is about 2 miles south of US 192. **Contact:** *George, 474-4075 for details.*

Contact: Hank Rhodes, mentatest@cfl.rr.com.

Calendar Updates

ATTENTION SCAM MEMBERS!

Every effort is made to bring to you an accurate up-to-date Calendar of Events. However, last minute changes can and do occur past newsletter deadline. For up-to-date info, visit spacecoast.us.mensa.org and click on "Calendar".

Membership Notes for September 2015

WELCOME TO SCAM

Charles Radley

WELCOME TO SCAM AND MENSA

Hunter Cook

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAY GREETINGS

1st	Wade Hollowell	12th	Janet Mueck
2nd	David Geier	17th	Michael Fuller
2nd	George Patterson	27th	Harry Martin Jr.
4th	Rodrigo Pereira	28th	Richard Wotring
7th	Leah Simpson	28th	Charles Satchwill
10th	R. Kent Buchanan		
12th	Jacqueline Jacobs		

The "Fine Print" for Calendar Events:

Membership in American Mensa, Ltd. makes you eligible to attend SCAM social functions. Escorted and invited guests of a member or host are welcome. Adult family members of Mensans are encouraged to participate in SCAM activities, as are well behaved children. However, attendance at any social function in a **private home** is subject to the hospitality of the host. Compliance with published house rules is required, and "Kitty" payment is **not optional**. As a courtesy, notify the host if you plan to attend. Announced hosts should attend their events or arrange for a stand-in if unable. When reservations are required, you may not be able to participate if you fail to call.

S-Smoking; NS- No Smoking; SS-Separate Smoking Area; P-Pets in the home; NP-No Pets present; BYO_-Bring Your Own: _Snacks, _Drinks, _Everything.

This Page is RESERVED:

JUST
FOR
YOU

We want to hear from YOU...!

See Page Three of every issue for
SCAM submittal guidelines.

SCAM Treasurer's Report

**July 31,
2015**

<u>Account</u>	<u>Balance</u>
General Fund	\$795.29
Reserve Fund	859.13
<u>Total Funds Available:</u>	\$1654.42
 <u>General Fund</u>	
Beginning Balance	\$762.69
Mensa Funding	167.64
Newsletter Printing	(135.04)
Postage	0.00
Ending Balance	\$795.29
 <u>Reserve Fund</u>	
Beginning Balance	\$859.09
Interest	0.04
Ending Balance	\$859.13

Part Two: Putting it Together

Theoretically, by the tenth of the month, all the contributions you will need will have arrived in the Editor's e-mail. I say "theoretically" because, like our speed limits in reality reflects the *minimum* speed one travels, the deadline date is apparently translated as "*Do not send before the tenth.*" That being said, let's look at our tools.

A good computer is a must. I use a laptop for all my computer needs, including putting together *The SCAM* each month. I strongly recommend that the computer you use is yours alone, and NOT shared with anyone else.

You will need reliable e-mail. I suggest a separate address for "all things Mensa". This is where you will receive all the submissions to the newsletter. It will also be the way you send to the printer and to our Webmaster for posting.

You will need a good desktop publishing program; I use MS Publisher 2010. If the incoming Editor chooses to use a different program, it would be wise to make sure the program can import a Publisher file.

Once the newsletter is created, I use **Adobe Acrobat X Standard** to create a .pdf file that can readily be sent to the printer and can readily be posted on the websites we use.

When I started editing *The SCAM* in late 2003, I received from our previous Editor the Publisher files of a few issues he had created. If you become the new Editor, I suggest you do the same thing. This will give you the current format of *The SCAM*, and when you open one of my files, you will effectively have a template to work from (it's a lot easier than starting from scratch). More importantly, opening one of my files will mean that you will have all the presets already, so your newsletter file will be "printer ready" without the necessity of navigating your publisher program to set it up correctly. When I started, I had absolutely NO experience in desktop publishing, so following what is now my suggestion was truly a lifesaver for me.

Be open to learning new things. In the nearly 12 years I have been Editor, in putting together *The SCAM* each month has never ceased to be a learning experience. You will no doubt have your own ideas on how *The SCAM* should be as a newsletter. Don't be afraid to pursue them; my only suggestion is to make the changes in increments, and allow the newsletter to gradually transform to the product you wish to create.

I have enjoyed my time here as Editor, but for personal reasons, it is time for me to move on. I have committed to remaining Editor for the rest of the current ExComm's term. If you are interested in becoming the next Editor, please let the ExComm know, and drop me an e-mail.

Last month's column necessarily came quickly after the Annual Gathering, and some corrections to the results of the Jewels Awards were made after I had submitted it. A spreadsheet error resulted in Tallahassee being given credit for the testing program points earned by Mensa of Jacksonville. When that was corrected, Mensa of Jacksonville earned the Class III Sapphire for 2015, while Tallahassee Mensa was awarded an Emerald. (Class III is for groups of between 200-399 members.) Also, due to a professional conflict, I will be unable to serve on the Finance Committee as I had announced last month in this column.

There is a meeting of the American Mensa Committee (AMC) scheduled for September 12 in Arlington, TX, but at this writing there is no agenda so I have no items to report on. (Such are the limitations of publication deadlines.) However, by the time you read this in your newsletter, the agenda will have been posted at <http://www.us.mensa.org/read/board-meeting-reports/> and can be selected from the dropdown box on that page. If you have anything you would like to comment on, please let me know.

I will be attending the Broward RG (FLoRanGe 2015: "Another Excuse To Each Chocolate!") on Labor Day weekend at the Courtyard Marriott. If you see this in time and haven't decided to go, I highly recommend it. A lively discussion with information about the event is at their Facebook group at (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/M.FLoRanGe/>). I've been scheduled for an "RVC Rap" on Monday morning at 9:30, but will be available most of the weekend if you have anything you would like to discuss.

Thomas George Thomas

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info. I believe the team (which has already taken "First Place" for at least one week) is particularly looking for a sports trivia enthusiast, so if you know sports your help is wanted. Karen's contact info is located inside the front cover of The SCAM each month.

In fact, the next ExComm meeting will be held at the home of Karen Freiberg on Tuesday, September 1, 2015 at 6pm. All members are welcome to attend. Hope to see you there.

That's all until next month.

Minutes of the August, 2015 ExComm Meeting

The ExComm met at the home of Karen Freiberg at 876 Buxmont Ct., Rockledge, FL 32955, on Tuesday, August 4th, 2015, called to order by LocSec Joe Janson at 6:11 pm.

Members Present: Joe Janson, Karen Freiberg, and Dennis Logan.

(Honored) Guest: Wynn Rostek.

Officer/Committee Reports (details may be found in the footnotes):

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer, Dennis Logan, submitted the May, June, and July reports¹⁻³ which were accepted by the ExComm.

Testing: Testing coordinator, Hank Rhodes, reported via email⁴.

The minutes of the July, 2015 minutes as published in the SCAM were approved.

Wynn Rostek submitted a new set of bylaws. The proposed bylaws will be distributed to all SCAM members for review, including being made available on the SCAM website.

The next Speaker Meeting will be held September 12th at 6:00 pm at the Red Ginger restaurant at the Melbourne Square Mall.

The next meeting was set for Tuesday, September 1st, 2015 at 6:00 pm in the home of Karen Freiberg at 876 Buxmont Ct., Rockledge, FL 32955.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:33 pm.

1. **May:** General Fund: \$532.51, Reserve Fund: \$859.06, Total Funds Available: \$1,391.57.
2. **June:** General Fund: \$762.69, Reserve Fund: \$859.09, Total Funds Available: \$1,621.78.
3. **July:** General Fund: \$795.29, Reserve Fund: \$859.13, Total Funds Available: \$1,654.42.
4. Contacted 4 candidates for the first time, 11 candidates for the second or third time; tested 1. Next test session is August 15, 2015 at the Central Brevard Library in Cocoa.