

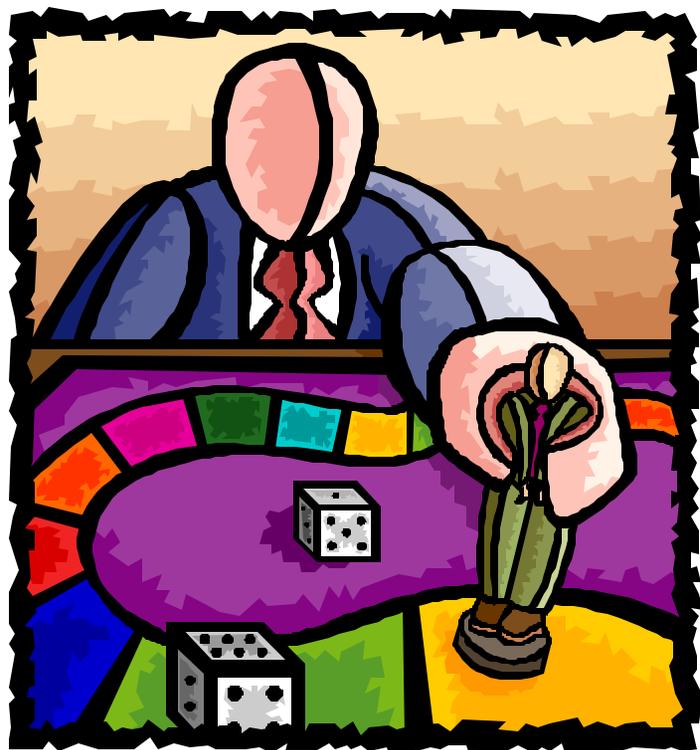


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**EDITOR'S COLUMN****Thomas George Thomas**

It's a good time to be part of Tampa Bay Mensa; there's activity springing up all over the place! First and foremost, there's the feature of this month's Sounding, MindGames®. Since this is a national event, we'll have visitors from all over the country coming in April to meet and compete, and this will be one of the most convenient times we have to expand our interactive horizons without venturing far from home. Because the April issue will come out after registration ends, we're giving you the hard sell now!

New activities are doing well. The new reading group has already gone from monthly to bi-weekly. The NTN Trivia night is coming back for a second month. The new nomadic Lunch group MHUNCH has just had its first meeting with attendees from all across Florida. Games Nights and the Lunch Bunch continue to draw well, and testing is underway to bring in new members and new perspectives, also providing the opportunities for new proctors.

And because our group is hosting MindGames®, we've moved our Regional Gathering to October – and preparations are already underway! But there will be a lot of activity before then, so keep watching...

A large spectrum of contributions appears in this issue. We have information, announcements, reports, puzzles, stories and even a travelogue. There's much food for thought and discussion included, and I thank all the contributors who have brought their personalities to this newsletter (forcing out most of the illustrations we usually have – maybe we'll expand next month to make more room!)

There are also numerous invitations to respond, so please let us know what you think. I look forward to your feedback, and hope to be able to add *your* voices to the mix next month.

Happy reading!

**MARCH BIRTHDAYS**

1	Nelson Crowle
4	Patrick Bastien
5	Sandra Hawes
6	Lannis Harris
7	Melvin Cutler
8	Vel Jaeger, Christopher Clement
13	John Crandall
14	Sylvia Cesanek
15	Cornelia Biggers, Kevin Clark, Erin Wells
18	Benito Enriquez, Maureen Brush, Thomas Riedhammer
21	Jon Smith
22	Richard Hardy, James Browning, Sandeep Mangla
23	Steven Graves, Ronald Dubs
24	Stephen Cohen, Frederick Raymond
27	Karen Hamlin
28	Frances McIntyre, Mary Ann Pidick
30	Michael Fouse, Marston Hawkins

**WELCOME TO TAMPA BAY MENSA!**

Warden W. Beebe	Penny Ann Levin
Devlon Buckner	Sandeep Mangla
Tracy L. Geiser	John B. McDonald
Thomas Handcock	Robert A. Pressner
Marston John Hawkins	Robert S. Renfro II
Gene David Heath	James R. Rotunda
Chris Lettre*	Noelle Stillman*

\*= new member; others are moves in, preferences in, or reinstatements.

**MARCH MENSAVERSARIES**

- 1 Hannah Rhodes, Sarah Cohen, Julie Anderson,  
Stephen Cohen, Robert Renfro, Richard Larson,  
Thomas Gordon, Barbara Bishop, Ryan Smith
- 2 Richard Molnar, Thomas Dohrman, Donald Davis
- 3 Jane Davis, Lilianne DeGrasse, John Bailey, Brian  
Walkowiak
- 4 Sally Marnell, James Johnston
- 5 Gregory Pitts, Joseph Lucas, Don Greenwood
- 6 Peter Fournier
- 7 Melvin Cutler, Charles Barrick, James Spencer, A  
Foran
- 8 Martin Hebert, Lennard Ciecieznski
- 10 Thomas Hathaway, Karen Stowe
- 12 Dolores Puterbaugh, David Palmer
- 14 Chris Evans, Douglas Linkhart
- 15 Albert Church
- 17 Rolaine Franz
- 18 Max Loick
- 19 Phoebe McCann, William Keller
- 20 Diane Church-Smith, John Hurayt
- 21 Thomas Incorvia
- 29 Dorothy Gondela, Constance Miller
- 30 Mary Muka
- 35 James Perry

*\* Mensaversaries come from the membership list provided by national Mensa; some may represent rejoin dates after a lapse in membership.*

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**Sylvia Zadorozny**

The Mensans are coming! The Mensans are coming!

This year's Mensa MindGames® will be here in Tampa! MindGames® lasts from Friday, April 15, through Sunday, April 17, but you must register ahead of time.

MindGames® is when fun-loving Mensans get together from all across the country to try out brand new games, rate them, and make suggestions to the manufacturers. Until you've experienced a whole weekend playing brand new games with over 100 fellow Mensans, you can't imagine how much FUN it is!

The hotel is the DoubleTree-Tampa Westshore Airport (813-879-4800). Mention "MENSA" to get the special rate. NOTE THAT THE HOTEL'S CUT-OFF DATE FOR THE SPECIAL MENSA RATE IS MARCH 15.

The game room is over 6500 square feet, so there's plenty of space. Hospitality adjoins the playing area, with meal service and bathrooms right next door. All are on the ground floor, so handicap access should not be a problem.

Registration for MindGames® includes catered meals for Friday night's dinner and Saturday's lunch, as well as 24-hour snacks in Hospitality. Saturday dinner in "on the town," but there's a free shuttle to International Plaza Mall and Westshore Mall, and Charley's is right next door. The hotel also has a cafe, a sports bar, and room service, as well as a fitness room, heated outdoor pool and whirlpool.

We already have over 100 people registered for MindGames®, so don't wait.

To register, visit [www.mindgames.us.mensa.org](http://www.mindgames.us.mensa.org) or call 817-607-0060 ext. 122 using your Visa or MasterCard.

See you there!

**MHUNCH****Merrell Fortner**

The idea is MHUNCH: Mensa Hump-Day Lunch. This is not cast in stone, but I would like to see the day -- Wednesday -- and time -- 1:15 pm -- remain consistent just so people can try to schedule around a set event -- every other Wednesday. The latish lunch hour is to allow the 'madding' crowd to thin.

I'll be playing "host", which means I'll try to make a "reservation", hopefully ascertain whether or not the restaurant will give us separate checks, and then email everyone [who wishes to stay informed] the name and address of our next MHUNCH. If I have time, I may even send a map.

Please do consider joining us from time to time -- you never know: we may schedule at the little place down the street from your office if you can offer a tempting reason or two to have lunch there.

Please email or telephone me if you are interested since I will need to get a head count so an area can be reserved for our group. I hope to see you at the next one.

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**ATTA M!**

Congratulations to Tampa Bay Mensa's tournament winners at Smarti Gras, Orlando's Regional Gathering, held January 28-30:

John Raymond won the Hearts Tournament. He amazed everyone there by not getting ANY hearts the entire game!

Richard Manno and Sylvia Zadorozny together won the Texas Hold-Em Poker Tournament. Sylvia made it to the finals, then left the game well after midnight. Richard, who'd been knocked out in an earlier round, took over her position, going on to win the tournament.

Sylvia Zadorozny won the Fictionary Tournament. The words and made-up definitions from that tournament are a quiz on the following pages.

**FICTIONARY**

**Ellen Paul (the dictionary lady), Evvy Rabin, Mary-Lynn Boylan, Maggie Rubin, Darcy Schiller (Tubby Tuba), Jim ?, Sam ?, Kathy Zadorozny, and Sylvia Zadorozny**

Can you pick out the correct definition for each word below?

**1. JALAP**

- a. a widowed female from Indo-China who then becomes the wife of her husband's oldest brother
- b. a shortened version of jalopy; a bad running car
- c. a dried root of a Mexican climbing plant
- d. a type of tool that resembles the anvil used in the 16th century
- e. an old automobile
- f. the excess metal protruding from a welded seam
- g. a lad dog from Scandinavia
- h. a position of the body which is unusual or uncomfortable
- i. an oriental ruler or tyrant

**2. DOITED**

- a. etched on glass with gold leaf embellishment
- b. slightly deranged
- c. shrugged off; ignored; paid little attention to.
- d. the action of being jabbed
- e. stupid or imbecilic
- f. a fruit from central Africa
- g. pleasantly surprised
- h. found to be based on faulty information
- i. knotted, as thread used in making doilies

**3. TESTON**

- a. a hormone, similar to testosterone, but created artificially
- b. any of various coins, bearing a head on one side
- c. small bump in a tennis ball's under-surface
- d. a poisonous plant found in South Africa; it has small, round leaves and thorny branches
- e. a noxious vapor
- f. a machine used to assess the amount of pressure necessary in a car tire
- g. chemical component of testosterone
- h. the act of checking voltage on a battery
- i. a chemical in the body

**4. FIZGIG**

- a. propeller-like adornment on millinery; i.e. beanies used by many college fraternity pledges
- b. bird embryo prior to formation of the beak
- c. the stopper on a wine bottle to keep in the fizz after opening
- d. a perfumed ball or tablet which, when thrown into bath-water, bubbles or fizzes
- e. a latching device for cattle corral gates
- f. a ticklish feeling in the mouth caused by drinking carbonated beverages
- g. a type of mechanical toy
- h. the handle on a helium tank
- i. a kind of firework

**5. OMASUM**

- a. a self-portrait by an artist depicting an earlier time of life
- b. a series of meditative chants
- c. a chalky powder used in making grout
- d. the third division in the stomach of cud-chewing animals
- e. the lee side of a sand dune
- f. a two-way mirror
- g. an Asian nanny employed by an English family
- h. Indian servant
- i. ceremonial garment worn by a geisha in 19th century Japan, usually worn only by the oldest courtesan charged with instructing younger geishas

**6. KALMIA**

- a. an evergreen, laurel-like shrub with clusters of white, pink or purple flowers
- b. a gastric disorder found in undernourished people
- c. dairy product mixed with bone meal, often given to felines suffering from gastric maladies
- d. a crude table, used by nomads of the Gobi desert
- e. the foam coming from the mouth and nose of drowning victims
- f. a Greek cooking pot used to cook squid
- g. a type of powder for skin irritation
- h. a Middle Eastern incense used in religious ceremonies
- i. forgetfulness; absent-mindedness

**7. RAMSTAM**

- a. a pouch formed from sheep intestines
- b. Middle-Eastern ceremony introducing the mothers of arranged marriage couples to one another
- c. lumber used for building stables
- d. the part of a ship's keel which extends above the waterline
- e. a reckless or daring manner
- f. an ancient drum made from the ram skin
- g. the beard on a goat
- h. a boot scraper
- i. a war machine on medieval times

**8. MANCHET**

- a. a short novel of chivalry and adventure
- b. cleat on the bow of a boat
- c. servant or valet
- d. a small roll of fine wheat bread; a muffin
- e. an oversized chopping tool
- f. an axe used in the 18th century
- g. a small cottage; bungalow
- h. heel-clicking movement of soldiers' marching drill
- i. a small, edible mollusk native to the Mediterranean

(Answers on page 14)

**(ASSISTANT/ACTING) RVC COLUMN**

***Maggie Truelove***

If you read the title, you know this isn't going to be Elissa writing, and I am sure you are wondering what is going on. Well, the story is this: our intrepid leader, Elissa Rudolph, is focusing for a couple of months on finishing her master's thesis, and I am fulfilling my duty as her assistant by doing what I can to relieve the load. Your part in this is, for March and April, if you need the RVC's attention or help, contact me. If I can help, I will do it. If I can't, I will find the answer for you, hopefully without bothering Elissa.

There are a lot of terrific things going on in Region 10. Did you know that Keri Guilbault, of CFM, has been named to a national position with Mensa's Gifted Children's Program? Did you know that the Gainesville group is successfully working on rebuilding their calendar? Did you know that Mind Games is being hosted by Tampa Bay Mensa this year? Did you know that Region 10

has some of the best Regional Gatherings in the country? (Okay, maybe I am a little bit prejudiced there.) I am sure there are a lot of other outstanding things going on in the region, but most of us don't know about them. If something is going on in your group, share it with me, and it will be my pleasure to share it with the rest of the region.

Speaking of Mind Games, it has an effect on two of our region's regional gatherings. Tampa Bay usually hosts Beach Bash Memorial Day weekend. But that is too soon after Mind Games in April. So Tampa Bay Mensa and Broward Mensa have traded dates for this year only. Broward Mensa's gathering will be Memorial Day weekend, and Tampa Bay's gathering will be in October. The fact that our region's groups can work together that well is another one of those terrific things going on in Region 10. Broward and Tampa Bay, I applaud you!

Most of you know by now that American Mensa is hosting the 2006 World Gathering, in celebration of Mensa's 60th birthday, and it will take place right here in Region 10, at Disney's Coronado Springs Resort. Notice that I didn't say that CFM is hosting it. American Mensa is hosting it. That means all of us across the country should get involved. And most especially those of us here in Region 10, just because we are closest at hand, have an opportunity to be actively involved. Think about what you might like to do to participate. Do you have an interest that would make a good program? Contact me! I am program chair. Do you want to help out in hospitality, even if it is only for an hour or two? Contact Jerry Fortner. He is hospitality chair. If you want to help but you aren't sure how, contact Kay Klasen, in Broward Mensa. She is volunteers chair.

Thank you all for helping me give Elissa the time she needs to finish that master's thesis. We can all be proud of her!

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**CRYPTOPOEM****Sylvia Zadorozny**

L EPB AIR SIEE SKY CLSYE IO KLNK  
POW HFIB SKY HLXWE PHIRS SKY ECA;  
POW PFF PXIROW L KYPXW AIR TPEE,  
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I BLOW, SKPS ELONE EI FIRW P EION!

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HRS PFBPAE AIR AIRXEYFQ AIR KLW.

L QYFS AIR TREK, L KYPXW AIR UPPF,  
L UIRFW OIS EYY AIRXEYFQ PS PFF--

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**LOCSEC'S REPORT****Maxine Kushner**

Hello Tampa Bay Mensans!

The first order of business is **Mind Games**. The deadline for registering is April 1, no exceptions. However, if you want a room, please bear in mind that the deadline for receiving the special \$99 Mensa room rate is March 15. This national Mensa event is always fun. Contact and registration information can be found online at <http://mindgames.us.mensa.org/> or, by phone, at 817-607-0060 x122.

**Local elections** will be held in June, and we are still in need of three local members to volunteer for the Election Committee. This job requires a minimum of time. If you are interested in volunteering for a spot on this temporary committee, or have any questions about what it involves, please contact me at [maxine.kushner@verizon.net](mailto:maxine.kushner@verizon.net).

Testing Coordinator Barbara Counts will hold a **testing session** on March 12. We plan to hold another session soon after, so please check back to the web site or contact Barbara ([barbruns@earthlink.net](mailto:barbruns@earthlink.net)) if you know of anyone interested in sitting for the test. Several people have expressed an interest in training to be a proctor. If you are interested, please stay in touch with Barbara. Beginning with the test after this upcoming test on 3/12, we will be able to start training new proctors.

If you have a gifted child who might be interested in some group activities with other gifted children, please contact **Children's Coordinator** Theresa Hohmann. She is organizing some activities, including a possible head start on setting up an Odyssey of the Mind Team. She can be reached at 727-942-7735 and [theresahohmann@yahoo.com](mailto:theresahohmann@yahoo.com).

Until next month,  
Maxine

**THE URBAN CHALLENGE \$1 MILLION PRIZE!**

American Mensa has partnered with [www.UrbanChallenge.com](http://www.UrbanChallenge.com) for a massive online game that will rouse the intellect (and hopefully enhance the bank account) of one of our own. *Urban Challenge Online* may be the biggest game in history, and it's the perfect entertainment diversion for Mensans everywhere.

Based on the adventure racing series Urban Challenge, UCO is played completely online. You and a friend race through cyberspace to identify 12 "checkpoints" that are discovered by solving 12 entertaining and shrewd clues. Be one of the first teams to submit the correct answers to all 12 clues and you win an all-expense paid trip to New York City to compete in the event finals for the **ONE MILLION DOLLAR** prize.

If the thought of applying your unique aptitude toward winning the big prize isn't enough motivation to register, do it for Mensa. **We want a Mensa team on the receiving end of the \$1 million prize!** So, spread the word about *Urban Challenge Online* throughout Mensa. Members should follow this link to UCO and enter to play: [www.urbanchallenge.com/online](http://www.urbanchallenge.com/online). When you register, enter the unique referral code: **MENSA**.

Enter the code word to enter into a separate, semi-secret drawing for two round-trip tickets anywhere in North America. **Only those who enter the referral code will be registered for the round-trip ticket drawing.**

**ANSWERS TO FICTIONARY QUIZ (PAGE 8):**

- |    |    |    |    |
|----|----|----|----|
| 1. | c. | 5. | d. |
| 2. | e. | 6. | a. |
| 3. | b. | 7. | e. |
| 4. | i. | 8. | d. |

## SMARTI GRAS

### *Sylvia Zadorozny*

Smarti Gras, Orlando's Regional Gathering (RG), was held at January 28-30. Mensans from all over the state were there, listening to speakers, playing games, and socializing in the hospitality suite. I listened to a speaker on "Pathological Narcissism and You", played in Hearts and Texas Hold'Em tournaments, attempted Endeavor (How good are your senses? Can you smell the difference between an apple and a pear?), watched a professional belly dancer (who's also a Mensan), and had a ball solving tricky puzzle clues in an Armchair Treasure Hunt. There were speakers on Writing & Publishing Science Fiction, becoming a Guardian Ad Litem, and Running. And of course I spent some time catching up with old Mensa friends and meeting new ones. I even finally learned how to play Spades, a game popular with high school students nowadays.

If you want to get the most out of your Mensa membership, you should try attending events like this. Take a look at the Tampa Bay Sounding calendar for smaller local events that might be of interest, but also consider going to the larger gatherings, listed in the Mensa Bulletin. You never know, you might enjoy them so much you'll become a regular.

## RUPTURED RAPTURE

### *Joseph Welch*

Dr. Skripit, after 30 years of research, had finally perfected an artificial appendix – and just in time, since it was finally determined that the appendix did serve a useful purpose. His only mistake was patenting his procedure, making him the only qualified surgeon world-wide authorized to legally perform the operation for implantation. Patients who had had their appendix removed were lined up for days waiting for their new appendix. After performing operations for five years, 16 hours a day, 7 days a week, the toll on his health was realized. At age 96, he passed away, and at the coroner's inquest it was determined that he died from a ruptured appendix.

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**LET'S GATHER AROUND****Maxine Kushner\***

Match these specific terms of assemblage with the correct person, animal, or thing. Answers on page 37.

- |                              |                 |
|------------------------------|-----------------|
| 1. a malapertness of _____   | a. peacocks     |
| 2. a gang of _____           | b. swine        |
| 3. a murmuration of _____    | c. rooks & owls |
| 4. a suit of _____           | d. runners      |
| 5. a wilderness of _____     | e. elk          |
| 6. a doping of _____         | f. servants     |
| 7. a clutch of _____         | g. arrows       |
| 8. a coven of _____          | h. larks        |
| 9. a staff of _____          | i. sheldrake    |
| 10. a field of _____         | j. eggs         |
| 11. a sheaf of _____         | k. witches      |
| 12. a chattering of _____    | l. taverners    |
| 13. a bench of _____         | m. choughs      |
| 14. a murder of _____        | n. bishops      |
| 15. a bundle of _____        | o. priests      |
| 16. a barren of _____        | p. monkeys      |
| 17. a pontification of _____ | q. crows        |
| 18. an exaltation of _____   | r. starlings    |
| 19. a muster of _____        | s. ptarmigan    |
| 20. a drift of _____         | t. sails        |
| 21. a stud of _____          | u. mares        |
| 22. a parliament of _____    | v. mules        |
| 23. a glozing of _____       | w. ferrets      |
| 24. a covey of _____         | x. rags         |
| 25. a business of _____      | y. cobblers     |
| 26. a drunkship of _____     | z. peddlers     |

\*These terms appeared in *Schott's Original Miscellany*.

**CALENDAR****March 2005****Ronan Heffernan, Calendar Editor**

Mensa events are open to all Mensans, their spouses, and accompanied guests. A party at a private home is a private event, and who may or may not attend is at the complete discretion of the host. While kitty amounts are mandatory, hosts often spend far more than the specified amount. Donations excess of the kitty amount will be appreciated.

Ronan Heffernan (813-907-8147) is the Calendar Editor. Please e-mail your calendar event notices to [Ronan@tampabay.rr.com](mailto:Ronan@tampabay.rr.com), or visit <http://tampa.us.mensa.org/cal> for complete instructions. Your deadline for the following month's calendar is the 12<sup>th</sup> of the preceding month.

**Hosts:** Please remember to mention any special concerns about your location, such as limited access for the handicapped, smoking restrictions, or presence of pets.

**Guests:** If you have special needs or restrictions, it is prudent to discuss them with your host before attending an event.

**March – 2<sup>nd</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup> - Wednesdays - 7:00 PM**

*Erudite Lite Reading Group*

Location: Borders Books & Music - 909 N. Dale Mabry, Tampa

Join us for the next meeting of the growing TBM reading discussion group! We'll spend time catching up on what we've been reading, and recommending readables and topics. When you arrive, look for us in the coffee shop inside Borders. Bring along books you'd like to exchange or give away.

Check out our new website: [www.rovingarts.com/eruditelite](http://www.rovingarts.com/eruditelite)

Ellen Berry – 727-480-7938 – [eberry@rovingarts.com](mailto:eberry@rovingarts.com)  
 Borders Books & Music - 909 N. Dale Mabry, Tampa

**March - 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup> - Thursdays - 12:30 PM***Lunch Bunch*

We meet at Piccadilly Cafeteria, on 11810 North Dale Mabry Highway (next to Barnes and Noble Bookstore), in Tampa. For directions, descriptions, and/or encouragement to attend, call:

Jim Perry - 813-837-3473 - [philart@gte.net](mailto:philart@gte.net)

**March - 7<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup> - Mondays - 3:30 PM - \$2***Children's Game Day/Play Day*

For ages 0-10. Come join us. Bring your favorite games. For directions contact:

Linne Katz - 727-372-9438 - [LINNEKATZ@aol.com](mailto:LINNEKATZ@aol.com)  
10037 Wheatland Road - New Port Richey

**March - 10<sup>th</sup> - Thursday - 7:30 AM***Breakfast Gathering*

Breakfast Gathering, Village Inn at Walsingham Road in Largo, 7:30 AM, 2nd Thursday of every month. Gather for food and conversation. Please call Lori Puterbaugh at 727-399-2419 for directions and so we have a headcount.

Lori Puterbaugh - 727-399-2419

**March - 12<sup>th</sup> - Saturday - 7:30 PM - potluck or \$2***Games Night****Games and Goodies (A Sonnet)***

Though many of us don't have Irish names  
And though the Emerald Isle lies far away,  
This time my search for holidays for Games  
Uncovered that this week's St. Patrick's Day.  
So I've bedecked my house with shamrocks green  
And little people (leprechauns) came here  
In hopes that you would join this happy scene  
Of games & goodies, friends & fun, and cheer!  
If you have allergies, I must confide  
I have three cats which 'round the house may roam;  
And I request that smokers smoke outside  
(To breathe I need to keep a smoke-free home).  
Oh won't you come, and maybe bring someone,  
To share our games & goodies, friends & fun?

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**March - 19<sup>th</sup> - Saturday - 8:30 PM***NTN Trivia*

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*FSM*

Come help us Fold, Staple, and prepare for Mailing, this month's issue of the Tampa Bay Sounding.

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**ERUDITE LITE**

***Ellen Berry***

*Our reading discussion group is growing in popularity! Beginning in March, we will be meeting twice a month - on first and third Wednesdays. This will allow for more in-depth discussion of the many interesting topics that come up, as they always do...*

What do sleuths, avatars, bell curves, body farms, Lawrence of Arabia, mind over body, nanotechnology, Shakespeare, autism, Episcopal bishops, Truman Capote and cult leaders have in common? They each had their moment in a coffee café during Erudite Lite's February meeting.

Dorothy Butler and friend Linda Goldman joined our reading discussion at Borders in Tampa, as well as Jack Woerner and Bruce Whiting. Dorothy, an employee of the postal service and resident of Tampa since 1984, has been a member of Mensa for four years and chose this Erudite Lite meeting as her first TBM activity to attend. Jack has lost track of how long he has been a Mensa member, but he estimates 40-50 years!

Other members who have attended events include Ellen Berry, Randy Chan-A-Shing, Ronan Heffernan, Thomas Thomas, Tom Hancock, and Rick Konopasek.

Topics discussed included:

- ?? John D. MacDonald's Travis McGee mystery series (and his habit of writing women in stereotypical roles) and a discussion of the difference between stereotypes, archetypes, and... avatars. Also Robert B. Parker's mystery series featuring Spenser who has a great appreciation for Boston and food (since made into a TV series called "Spenser for Hire" starring Robert Urich that ran 1985-1988)
- ?? *The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time* by Mark Haddon and its depiction of a mathematically-gifted, autistic fifteen-year-old boy who, despite his overwhelming fear of interacting with people, decides to investigate the murder of a neighbor's dog and uncovers secret information about his mother
- ?? Harold Bloom's *Where Shall Wisdom be Found* - a revealing excursion through Western thought: Plato and Homer; the Book of Job and Ecclesiastes; the Gospel of Thomas and St. Augustine; Cervantes and Shakespeare; Montaigne and Bacon;

- Johnson and Goethe; Emerson and Nietzsche; Freud and Proust. By example and contrast, Bloom shows how competing forms of wisdom have shaped our thinking and our actions.
- ?? *Angels and Demons* by Dan Brown and its insight into the long-standing battle between science and the Catholic church
  - ?? The fine line between charisma and cultism as explored in *Under the Banner of Heaven: A Story of Violent Faith* by Jon Krakauer. In particular, what we understand cults to be and how we came to understand them as such, methods of social control and the role of “putting down the logical mind and picking up faith” and the kinds of people most likely to become involved in cultism and their level of education
  - ?? Forensic fiction such as Patricia Cornwell’s books including *Portrait of a Killer: Jack the Ripper -- Case Closed*; and *Death’s Acre*, William M. Bass’ non-fiction exploration of a body farm in Tennessee, where nature takes its course as bodies buried in shallow graves, submerged in water, or locked in car trunks serve the needs of science and the cause of justice.
  - ?? What makes audio books appealing, and recommended ones like Toni Morrison’s books; *A Reporter’s Life* - Walter Cronkite’s autobiography as read by himself; *John Adams* by David McCullough, narrated by Edward Hermann, winner of the 2002 Pulitzer Prize for Biography; and *Jonathan Strange and Mr. Norrell* by Susanna Clarke, read by Simon Prebble; also [www.audible.com](http://www.audible.com) for a large selection of downloadable audio books that you can preview before purchasing
  - ?? Historical fiction such as *Quicksilver: Volume One of The Baroque Cycle* by Neal Stephenson who explores the birth of science in the late 17th and early 18th century, when modern science (then called “natural philosophy”) stirred to its feet, and made its first powerful strides; when secret codes, secret knowledge, and alchemy were the order of the day
  - ?? Ken Follett’s *The Pillars of the Earth*, an epic story of the building of a cathedral in 12th century England and the lives of the people entwined with it
  - ?? Adult-audience authors who have written children’s books such as Dean Koontz’s *Paper Doorway: Funny Verse and Nothing Worse*; also *Sophie’s World: A Novel about the History of Philosophy* by Jostein Gaarder, an entertaining story about a young girl who attempts to unravel a puzzling mystery by applying the theories of various philosophers—from Berkeley to Kant.

- ?? Stephen King’s short form departure in *Girl Who Loved Tom Gordon*
- ?? *Why Christianity Must Change or Die: A Bishop Speaks To Believers in Exile* by retired Episcopal bishop John Shelby Spong and his powerful call for reformation; taking the Bible seriously but not literally
- ?? *Seven Pillars of Wisdom: A Triumph* by T.E. Lawrence - the monumental work that assured T.E. Lawrence’s place in history as “Lawrence of Arabia.”
- ?? Is reading fiction a waste of time? Does it have merit in its ability to give us insight into the minds of others or allow us to experience diverse environments? How much fiction does fiction have to contain before it is considered fiction?
- ?? Noted improvements in the art of biography – Hillary Clinton’s *Living History* as an example
- ?? More discussion on Gary Chapman’s *The Five Love Languages* books (the different ways we express love – through Acts of Service, Words of Affirmation, Physical Touch, Gift Giving and Quality Time) and that we tend to give love in the way we would like to receive love
- ?? *Touching: The Human Significance of the Skin* by Ashley Montagu
- ?? *The Highly Sensitive Person: How to Thrive When The World Overwhelms You* by Elaine N. Aron
- ?? The changing meaning of work toward personal reward as evidenced in *The Monk and the Riddle: The Art of Creating a Life while Making a Living* by Randy Komisar
- ?? Zen koans – such as “the sound of one hand clapping” -- partly paradoxical questions challenging to beliefs and partly treasure boxes of ancient wisdom
- ?? Arthur Hailey’s *Final Diagnosis*, Michael Crichton’s *Airframe*
- ?? The controversial *The Bell Curve: Intelligence and Class Structure in American Life* by Richard J. Herrnstein led to a rousing discussion of the nature of intelligence. Also explored were possible prejudices represented in the book and political correctness in the workplace.
- ?? *Rosencrantz and Guildenstern Are Dead*, Tom Stoppard’s inventive tale of Hamlet as told from the worm’s-eye view of the bewildered Rosencrantz and Guildenstern, two minor characters in Shakespeare’s play.

For a list of Erudite Lite recommended readings, and to find out more about the group and when we meet, visit our website: [www.rovingarts.com/eruditelite](http://www.rovingarts.com/eruditelite).

**JANUARY TGIF (PLUS SOME OTHER STUFF)*****Phoebe McCann***

Well, I guess I could say it was an INTERESTING meeting. We started out just us three - Dan McCann, Ronnie Dubs, and myself - but were shortly joined by one Kerry Fitzpatrick, a self-professed visiting snowbird (sorry, can't recall where from) who proceeded to tell us everything that is wrong with Tampa Bay Mensa and what to do about it. He seemed most concerned with the fact that there are so few meetings although he said his group only has two a month. He also thought it a shame that we had so few people at our meeting, although Thomas Thomas arrived later (and besides, we've often had as many as twelve attendees). He said that the contact person for TGIF was listed as Brigitte Walker who, he said, had given him short shrift. I wonder why that could have been. I spoke with her about it and she said she felt she'd given him long enough shrift, considering. Ah, well. Not everyone can be pleased with everything.

Ronnie Dubs wasn't happy with the meeting either. Imagine my surprise. He said that in HIS view the blurb in "The Sounding" needed to be edgier in order to draw more people to the meeting. Actually "edgy" wasn't his word but I can't recall what his word was. I'll work on the blurb, I guess.

Mr. Fitzpatrick informed me that in spite of the fact that we had seen the movie and he hadn't, "Phantom of the Opera," it couldn't POSSIBLY have been as good as Dan and I had thought because the critics had panned it. We'll have to be more careful to go only to those movies approved by the critics. (Actually, I've always found that I preferred the ones the critics liked the least.) I loathe stupid sitcoms with laugh tracks on TV and "Fear Factor" and "The Amazing Race" and ... oh, don't get me started. Ronnie actually forbid us to see, "Sideways." Small danger.

Then somehow we got on the subject of Social Security. I had said that in my opinion (apparently ill-informed) if the

government stopped spending the interest accrued by trust fund, there would be plenty of money down the road. Mr. Dubs cornered me as I was coming out of the ladies' and said I was a fool if I thought there was such a thing as a real TRUST FUND set up into which actual money flowed that was taken from our paychecks. He said there is no gold, no bonds, no bank account, no dollars and cents. Now I am sorely disillusioned. What think you fellow Mensans? How DOES the Social Security system work if not a trust fund?

I just read two very interesting articles in the "AARP Bulletin." Omigawd, now you know I'm over 50! The first concerned Mr. Bush's plans for privatizing Social Security and how that would work - how the percentage of Americans surveyed who were for it was huge until they were told about the fees which would be incurred and the amount of risk that could be involved. My concern is that I don't believe the "average" American even knows the difference between a stock and a bond and therefore would be terribly vulnerable to scoundrels of every stripe with scams beyond description. The other article was about how privatization of the government pension system in Great Britain had turned out (badly), ways in which their insurance companies, when allowed to handle the investments, had stolen from unsuspecting citizens, and how the Brits are thinking about using a system more like the one we have now. Dear dear! Whatever are we to think? I would welcome seeing opinions of other local Mensans in future issues if the editor agrees.

Happy Valentine's Day a good bit late by the time you read this and a very penitent Lent to one and all from one who needs to be much more penitent than I've been of late, according to my 89-year-old mother.

*Chris Clement*

In attendance were myself, Don Davis, Thomas Thomas, and Sylvia Zadorozny., in order of arrival. Also present were my wife Ginny and the dogs. From 2 until 5, we assembled the Soundings and listened to some fine jazz CD's.

Ginny, as always, did a great job with the food and hospitality. She bought some "electrolyte enhanced" Smart Water in 8 oz. plastic bottles. Personally, I think the manufacturer/distributor must have been a genius. I wish I had that idea 10 years ago!

I inadvertently disrupted Thomas' count and suggested an algorithm for determining the approximate number of newsletters from the stapler refills used. We discussed recent items in the Sounding and Bulletin and how they seem to have inspired so much critical response. Poor Michelle on the November/December Bulletin was attacked by many who don't even know her just for being featured on the cover. I actually prefer that Mensa publications not look too normal.

### **ANSWER TO FEBRUARY CRYPTOPOEM**

Once there was a snowman  
 Stood outside the door;  
 Thought he'd like to come inside  
 And run around the floor;  
 Thought he'd like to warm himself  
 By the firelight red;  
 Thought he'd like to climb up  
 On that big white bed.  
 So he called the North Wind:  
 "Help me now, I pray.  
 I'm completely frozen,  
 Standing here all day."  
 So the North Wind came along  
 And blew him in the door,  
 And now there's nothing left of him  
 But a puddle on the floor!

*Sylvia Zadorozny*

Tampa Bay Mensa Executive Committee Meeting  
 Minutes for Saturday, February 12, 2005

ExComm members present: Barbara Loewe (hostess), Maxine Kushner, Kathy Crum, Ronan Heffernan, Thomas Thomas, Dan Chesnut, Dana Groulx, Richard Manno, Sylvia Zadorozny (scribe)

ExComm members absent: none

The meeting was called to order at 4:07 pm.

The minutes for the previous ExComm meeting were approved as printed in the Tampa Bay Sounding.

Treasurer: Kathy distributed the Treasurer's report. The budget for fiscal year 2005 was discussed in detail, and then approved. Kathy called Les Milewski, Sounding publisher, to check about the status of our post office account; he said he will mail the yellow sheets from the post office to Kathy in the future. Dan inquired if perhaps we are keeping too much money in the treasury and if so, what would be the best way to spend it? We will ponder this and address it at the next meeting.

MindGames: Sylvia reported that 104 people are registered for MindGames so far. Also, Catherine Barney at American Mensa informed her that MSN has offered to sponsor MindGames® 2005, providing money for an ice cream social during the event. Richard moved we open the ice cream social up to the general membership; motion died for lack of a second. Sylvia proffered registration forms to those ExComm members not yet signed up.

Editor: Thomas reported needing material for the next Sounding. Tampa Bay Mensa got back money from Kinko's for overpayment of previous printing bills, and the billing situation is now straightened out. Thomas got his first editor's packet from National (although he received the Circulation Statistics which should have gone to the Circulation Officer).

Web: One member's link currently has a warning that it might be objectionable. Should we put this warning on all members' pages? Should we keep personal links at all? It was decided that a general warning for all links would be a good idea, in addition to a statement for certain websites that "in our judgment, this might be objectionable to some members." Ronan reported that Ellen Berry is working on a new design for our website.

Testing: Dan will proctor a Mensa test for potential members on Saturday, March 12, in St. Pete. Barbara Counts will run the test under Dan's supervision, in order to become certified as a proctor.

Beach Bash: Dan and Dana have volunteered to be honchos for our next RG. It will probably be at Marina Cove, a Holiday Inn SunSpree Resort, in south St. Pete by the Sunshine-Skyway Bridge. The theme will be Oktoberfest, since it will take place in October this year.

Gifted Kids: Richard had no report regarding testing gifted kids. Theresa may get some money from National Mensa for the gifted kids program.

Next meeting: 3:00 pm on Saturday, April 9, at Ronan's.

Meeting adjourned.

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## CULTURE QUEST®

Nearly 100 teams from the United States and Canada sit for this 90 minute test of cultural knowledge at exactly the same time, on the same day, across the continent. While CultureQuest® might be considered a trivia game or competition, its intent has always been to promote and test cultural literacy. The top 20 teams receive cash awards, traditionally designated for their groups' scholarship funds. (Last year a local team, *The Erudite Eudaemoniacs*, came in 18<sup>th</sup>.) Questions range from politics to science and from entertainment to current events. Register online at [www.us.mensa.org/eventregistration/](http://www.us.mensa.org/eventregistration/)

## LONDON CALLING

**Ronnie Dubs**

*Hail Britannia, Britannia rules the waves....*

I love the anticipation of a Journey - the planning, the packing, the pre-trip shopping, and the expectation of the experience. The plan was London - a longtime quest - and one portion of the plan was a meeting with British Mensa. A quick trip on the Internet gave me the Website for London Mensa and a calendar of events; a Sunday Lunch was scheduled for London center, and after an e-mail or two I heard from a woman named Mary who said I was more than welcome to attend, and she sent me the time and directions.

*London Bridge is falling down; falling down, falling down  
London Bridge is falling down, my fair lady....*

My first impression of England was mixed. The train ride from Gatwick to London center through the working class neighborhoods south of London showed a nation somewhat in disrepair: graffiti covered most walls, and the areas along the tracks were dirty with much garbage, debris and dilapidated structures along the way. Most of the dwellings along the way appeared old and somewhat depressing; it appeared as though their occupants took little care in their appearance and I imagined they took little care of their lives as well. The situation in London was better as were other places I visited out of town but it did seem to be a nation in constant need of repair as evidenced by the roads and subways.

*England swings like a pendulum do, bobbies on bicycles, two by two,  
West Minster Abbey, the Tower of Big Ben, the rosy red cheeks of the  
little children.... Roger Miller*

In a word, what England has and America doesn't is History - thousands of years of history and the artifacts to prove it, starting with Stonehenge. People said I would be unimpressed there but I found it simply incredible that prehistoric man some 2000 years before Christ would find it

reasonable to transport these huge stones from at least 50 miles away and erect them into a structure whose relevance still baffles us. The stones are actually shaped and fit together with interlocking appendages and even in their worn condition still inspire awe. As our guide pointed out, only religion drives people to such extremes.

West Minster Abbey was incredible. We went there on a whim and were astounded: the final resting place of Kings, Queens, Heroes and Royalty, their caskets surrounded by elaborate marble statues. All the people whose lives and exploits were celebrated in history books and Shakespeare's plays are here - a virtual who's-who of western civilization.

The British Museum: The building was so large and my hopes so high - here lies the Rosetta Stone, key to the hieroglyphics of ancient Egypt. As we started down the galleries we quickly realized they were very open with significant distances between exhibits - ancient marbles, an excellent collection of Egyptian Mummies, some small tributes to the Americas, Africa, and Asia - but all in all somewhat disappointing. Did I mention the Rosetta Stone?

The National Gallery: A very nice collection of art adjacent to the Trafalgar Square tribute to Lord Nelson. Again all the masters are there, but perhaps not their finest works. I tend to compare these things to those in my hometown New York City and in truth it was not nearly as extensive a collection as the New York Met - maybe closer in size to the Smithsonian American Art Gallery as I remember it.

The National Portrait Gallery was another very nice art museum: strictly human portraits, open late on Wednesday; kind of funny to walk right in (no one checks your bags) and immediately begin examining precious works of art with little supervision.

The National History Museum: another incredible building with somewhat disappointing contents - several large dinosaur skeletons (mostly reproductions), a few small

meteorites and a nice mineral collection.

The Tower of London: What a thrill to walk in the steps of Kings, Queens and millions of others from most of a thousand years. Surprisingly only six or seven royals killed over the course of centuries - we lose more than that on Saturday night in L.A. They don't bother to mention the deaths of commoners. The Crown Jewels were spectacular, the Towers, Traitors' Gate, the Fusiliers, and the Jewsiliers (as they nicknamed themselves - forerunners of the Israeli Army, who fought for Britain in WW I).

The Cathedral at Salisbury: Build one of the largest, most elaborate cathedrals in the world on top of a hill for protection from Vikings, but the Vikings never come. Then several hundred years later you move the entire structure 2½ miles away next to a river. Now jealous of the French you pile 850 tons of rock into a spire on top of your flat roof until the marble columns under it begin to bend (the modulus of elasticity of Marble is rather high, trust me). One more thing carefully tucked away in a back room is a little piece of sheepskin called the Magna Carta - being a big fan of Democracy I'd have kissed it if they let me.

The V&A (Victoria and Albert) Museum: I've saved the best for last - absolutely the most magnificent collection of Art I have ever seen. From the moment I walked in the door I was blown away with this fantastic collection encompassing every genera of art. Furniture, Collectables, Ancient artifacts, Paintings, Sculptures, Glassware, Armor, Clothing (haute couture), Architecture and more. Just spectacular, that's all...

*"I saw a werewolf with a Chinese menu in his hand  
Walking through the streets of Soho in the rain  
He was looking for a place called Lee Ho Fook's  
Going to get himself a big dish of beef chow mein  
Ah-ooooo, werewolves of London".... Warren Zevon*

The nightlife of London was just great, from Piccadilly Circus - where many young girls smiled at me when my girlfriend

wasn't looking, (mostly when I had my hat on) - to Carnaby Street, Soho, and the Ten Bells Pub where Jack the Ripper met his victims. I loved the Pubs, the atmosphere, and Bitters Beers and even the streets themselves, bustling with activity from dusk till late night with many small shops, and Oh, those meat pies....

*In London's fair city where the girls are so pretty,  
there lived a young girl named Molly Malone  
She wheeled her wheelbarrow through streets dark and narrow  
crying cockles and mussels alive alive-o...*

London appeared to be a very young city. Everywhere you looked were young good-looking people of every race, clearly fitter and healthier looking than the average American. The drinking age is 18 and tobacco sales at 16. As a matter of national pride I'm going on a diet.

*London Calling to the underworld  
Come out of the cupboard, all you boys and girls  
A nuclear error, but I have no fear  
London is drowning - and I live by the river.... The Clash*

I met with London Mensa Sunday afternoon and they were very nice to me, meeting in an English Pub (as we do monthly here in St. Petersburg at the Horse and Jockey Club hosted by Phoebe McCann) gave me a strange feeling of *déjà vu*. Prepared for mental battle with a group of Euro-Socialists, I was pleasantly surprised to find them distinctly leaning to the conservative side. Most of them appeared to support America, our efforts in Iraq, and our coming confrontation with Iran. Their concern with the costs in human and financial capital appeared to mirror my own. Not wanting to be disruptive I asked what they typically discuss at their lunch and was pleased to find politics on the menu.

Beer one: A nice lady at the table purchased my first Beer for me (a pint of London Pride) and as I remember it the discussion was a familiar one: that being why London Mensa had several thousand dues paying members and only eight of

them show up for a lunch once a month - the same unfortunate situation we have here in St. Pete.

Beer two just appeared next to me and I do not know who paid for it - as I remember it the discussion here centered on British and American relationships.

Beer three was also bought for me and as I remember the discussion here centered on the Iraq war, President Bush, Tony Blair, Tony Blair's wife (a very touchy subject), Movies, and British Hollywood celebrities.

Beer four was also bought for me and the discussion now revolved around racism, sexism, discrimination, reverse discrimination, and illegal immigration (a very hot topic there now).

Needless to say I was pretty well "Trashed" when leaving London Mensa. I thanked them all and I am indeed grateful for their hospitality.

*In 1814 we took a little trip  
along with Colonel Jackson down the mighty Missisip.  
We took a little bacon and we took a little bean  
and we fought the bloody British in the town of New Orleans....  
Jimmy Driftwood*

Despite a Revolution and a few other minor disagreements through the course of our mutual histories, I'm pleased to report the ties between our two countries remain strong. The set of economic and cultural ties which bind our nations are deep and extensive. Most Americans do not realize the largest national investor in America is now and always has been Great Britain. Culturally we share a common language, the British remain on the English system of measurements and not the metric, and they retain their own currency and have not adopted the Euro. Imagine that - a free people not wanting to be micromanaged by a group of rich, socialist, elitist snobs from Brussels. Their sense of Democracy, Justice, Decency, and Global Responsibility closely mirrors our own. Another great surprise to me was virtually everyone I spoke with loved

America, and supported our President and our efforts in Iraq and Afghanistan. Their nightly TV news was saturated with Video images of George Bush, Dr. Rice and Donald Rumsfeld too, all displayed in a positive light. I must admit this astounded me I was under the impression everyone there hated Bush, hated America, and that Tony Blair was in serious trouble. How my preconceived notions could be exactly opposite to what I heard and saw, was interesting (I won't blame the liberal media.)

They seem to love our news there. Our scandals, our celebrities and our sports too; from Michael Jackson to the Golden Globe awards and the Super Bowl, our news is their news. I'm told a similar situation exists in France but cannot say that for myself.

*Pussy-cat, pussy-cat, where have you been?*

*I've been to London to visit the Queen.*

*Pussy-cat, pussy-cat, what did you there?*

*I frightened a little mouse under her chair.*

*Unknown 1805*

In the end I believe a man is everyone he has ever known, everyone he's ever met, everything he's ever seen, everything he's ever done and everyplace he's ever been. My images of London are even now vanishing into the ether of my memory but I'm sure certain parts of it - maybe just the best parts - will become a part of me and fuse with my persona.

**LET'S GATHER AROUND ANSWERS**

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| 3. r. starlings | 12. m. choughs | 21. u. mares          |
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