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## WISE GUY

*Thomas George Thomas*

I've found it interesting that Mensa, an organization which is noted for intelligence, uses the owl – a symbol of wisdom – as its representation. While there is no inherent contradiction between the two, neither is there a distinct correlation between intelligence and wisdom. I've certainly performed my share of foolish actions, and been witness to more than a few by fellow Mensans. I've also seen people with average intelligence exhibit extraordinary displays of wisdom.

Which is apropos of nothing, really, other than to emphasize that my new choice of column heading has less to do with excess pride in my Mensa membership than ironic recognition of my own shortcomings in that regard – not to mention its alternative meaning. All in all, I'd rather be laughing.

For instance, I'm laughing about the newspaper guy who had the opportunity to tell the public about the big gaming event of the year, happening right here in Tampa, but wasted his three lead paragraphs on my *name*, of all things!

MindGames provided plenty of opportunity for laughter and fun in April, and come the end of May, there'll be more of that in Ft. Lauderdale at the Region 10 RG, Suite MayHem! Hotel reservations are required by May 6, though, and unlike MindGames, it's not within driving distance – so make your plans now!

The Reading group Erudite Lite continues to thrive as does the Trivia night, and look forward in future months to a new Shakespeare SIG to get underway. If you've got ideas for regular activities you'd like to see, the best way to go about it is just do it! Let us know so it can get in the calendar – you may be surprised to find how many others share your interests.

See you around town!

## MAY BIRTHDAYS

1	Thomas Hathaway, William Roth
4	Ferdinand Pointer
5	Thomas Timberlake
6	John Beaumont, Thomas Handcock, John Keeling
8	Robert Renfro
9	Chester Smith
11	Debra Hartland
12	Michael Harris, Allison Jirsa
14	Kenneth Louis
15	Todd Jennings
16	Neil Gomes
17	John Tiffany
20	Sandra Kischuk
22	Joseph Lucas
23	Jimmy Buford, Phil Caraway
25	Michael Demko
28	Sheldon Livingston, John MacKay
29	Rohan Malkhare
30	Jay Nelson

## WELCOME TO TAMPA BAY MENSA!

Brian D. Bradberry	Yvonne Robin Meadows
Jackie C. Campos *	Partmiss Mojallal
Noel Davison *	Joseph Moran
Sonya Horbelt *	Angela Lea Olivier
Joseph Earle Juston	Robert Renfro
Robert S. Klein	Heather Savoy *
Dr. Kenneth Maliq Louis	Dr. Michael J. Swiller
John Mackay *	Dr. Darlene Williams

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

**MAY MENSAVERSARIES**

1 Year	Catherine Hall, Keith Lussen, Fred Wright
2 Years	Larry Paradis, Antonio Pena, Bob Wood
3 Years	Charles Godfrey, Joe Jenkins, Carl Regenhardt, Jeffrey Yorns
4 Years	James Clack, Elizabeth Kishel, Mark Komula, Geoff LeCain, Matthew Pinson
5 Years	Piers Barnard, John Cattell, Martin McGowan
6 Years	Carol Morrison, Audrey Silver, Jon Smith
7 Years	Chris Hachey
8 Years	William Gilmer
10 Years	Anne Murray
11 Years	Rick Craig
12 Years	Richard Hardy
13 Years	Gary Bachner, James Brower, Richard Bruckart
14 Years	Roland St. Marie
15 Years	Russell Jacques, Rudolph Trosin
16 Years	Gerri Almand, Janet Darmanin
18 Years	Penny Levin
19 Years	Sylvia Zadorozny
20 Years	Charles Lardent
21 Years	Bob Hickstein
22 Years	Mildred Satterfield
24 Years	Chris Clement, Michelle Stencil
25 Years	John Woerner
26 Years	Michael Kelly, Marilyn Wolf
28 Years	John Evan
35 Years	Allen Garber
40 Years	Cynthia Fisher

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

**LETTERS TO THE EDITOR**

*To the editor:*

What a "hoot!" Great job!

Phoebe McCann

*Thanks, Phoebe! Of course, there were alternative viewpoints... -  
Thomas*

*To the editor:*

There wasn't perchance any drinking going on at the last FSM, was there?

Ronnie Dubs

*Just the usual diet soda. Why do you ask? - Thomas*

*To the editor:*

Damn! That was hard to read. My fingers just wouldn't turn the pages the left way.

Frank Clarke

*Easy to solve! Just flip it over and read upside down. - Thomas*

*To the editor:*

Finally, someone who knows how to print a magazine. Looking at the open edge, I always thumb through from right to left. Other than the Japanese, I know of no one who prints in this direction. Congratulations.

Phil Caraway

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*In retrospect, I'll concede that overall the April Fool's issue worked better in concept than execution. I apologize to anyone who had unexpected difficulty with the sequencing of the pages. - Thomas*

**Broward Mensa Presents FLoRanGe '05****SUITE MAYHEM!**

Memorial Day Weekend May 27-30, 2005

A mélange of speakers, demonstrations, contests, tournaments, an auction, Charlie Steinhice and his Trash Bowl, Rick Friedman, Joke-off, paper games, Pundemonium, John Klase's Treasure Hunt, Wit Tee Shirt Contest, special activities for Teens and "Tweens, 24 hour Game and Hospitality Suites, pool, hot tub, all meals except Saturday Night on the Town, plus all the old and new friends you can stuff into a steamer trunk!

**Location:**

Fort Lauderdale, FL

Sheraton Suites Cypress Creek

All rooms are suites.

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Must reserve by May 6, 2005

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Want more information?

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954-575-1639

**CALL FOR CANDIDATES****TAMPA BAY MENSA 2005 ELECTIONS**

Our annual TBM elections are in July, and Tampa Bay Mensa invites members to pursue a term on the Executive Committee of our Chapter. In accordance with TBM bylaws, the terms of five members of the Executive Committee will expire in 2005. These positions are currently held by Dana Groulx, Ronan Heffernan, Maxine Kushner, Barbara Loewe, and Thomas Thomas. These openings are for two-year terms.

Executive Committee meetings are held six times each year, and officers enjoy the satisfactions that come from being "in" on what is going on in the chapter, leaving their mark on these activities, and, of course, the great camaraderie that comes from associating with fellow members.

Interested members should contact members of the Election Committee to clarify any details of the election process. Candidates are responsible for fulfilling all requirements as prescribed in the bylaws of Tampa Bay Mensa, contained in the Member Handbook, and this Call for Candidates.

The Election Committee is composed of:

**Steve Poreda** (Election Supervisor)

10203 Waterside Oaks Drive

Tampa, FL 33647-3194

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Steve@Poreda.com

Ellen Berry

455 Alt 19 S # 68

Palm Harbor, FL 34683

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eberry@rovingarts.com

Your Name Here

(As of this writing, we are still in need of a third committee member – please contact Steve Poreda if you are willing and able to help!)

Members in good standing of Tampa Bay Mensa seeking seats on the Executive Committee in the upcoming election must provide to the Election Supervisor no later than Wednesday, June 15:

- 1) a nominating petition, and
- 2) a campaign statement.

Nominating petitions must contain the printed name, address, telephone number, and signature of the candidate, plus the printed names and signatures of five (5) members in good standing as defined by the bylaws of Tampa Bay Mensa. Campaign statements must be limited to 250 words. Note that, since campaign statements will be printed in the *Sounding*, they must comply with current editorial policy. Petitions and campaign statements must be mailed to:

Steve Poreda  
10203 Waterside Oaks Drive  
Tampa, FL 33647-3194

### GENERAL INFORMATION ABOUT THE ELECTION

Ballots will be counted at the July 2005 Election Committee Meeting. The exact time and location will be announced in the July issue of the *Sounding*. Ballots will be printed in the July issue of the *Sounding*. Members who do not normally receive the *Sounding* will be mailed ballots separately, or will be provided their own copy of the July *Sounding*. Complete details of the voting method will be published with the ballots.

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### REVISION TO THE AM COMMITTEE MEETING MINI-MINUTES - MARCH 19, 2005 - COLUMBUS, OHIO

*Please note this is a revision in the AMC Mini Minutes that were sent out right after the meeting on March 19 and published in the April 2005 Sounding. The seventh paragraph regarding the motion on carpooling, etc., has been changed as follows, due to a discrepancy discovered after the meeting took place.*

Acting upon the recommendation of the Risk Management Committee, it was announced at the meeting that a motion passed which states that organizers of Mensa events shall not actively arrange carpooling, ridesharing, or roommate matching, given the inability of American Mensa to ascertain the background and characteristics of any individual who might want to participate in activities such as this. After the meeting, a review of written and taped records of the meeting showed that the names of the voters as recorded did not match the numbers of the vote as announced at the meeting. Therefore, the Chair has ruled that no action will be taken to implement this change until after the next AMC has a chance to review and reconfirm this policy.

# MensA Gumbo

## Fun for Both Sides of Your Brain!

Laissez le bon temps roulez! The Annual Gathering 2005 will take over New Orleans July 6-10. Adult registration is \$90. Young Mensan registration is free for ages 4 and under, \$30 for ages 4-12 and \$50 for ages 13-20.

And what do you get for your money? Fun for both sides of your brain! Access to all the food, music and culture New Orleans is known for, plus the inimitable experience of spending a long weekend with more than a thousand of your favorite Mensans:

- Take high tea at the Longue Vue house and gardens.
- Tour the Stennis Space Center and the Southern Regional Research Center.
- Step back in time at two of the plantations on the River Road.
- Play golf to raise money for the Mensa Education & Research Foundation.
- Ride a Segway.
- See the largest hypnotic production show in the world.
- Hear the secrets of "the Canal Street Madam," the Countess Pontalba and the voodoo queens.
- Learn about baseball, fencing and tae kwon do; about reality, adult stem cells, digital forensics, ancient Egyptian measurement of the planet...

...And more activities are being added all the time. Don't forget about the full schedule of Leadership Development Workshops designed to make the jobs of Local Group officers easier. Workshops will focus on banking changes since 9/11, Web design, mailing newsletters and member privacy issues - and that's just for starters.

Check it all out for yourself at [www.ag.us.mensa.org](http://www.ag.us.mensa.org), and while you're there, register online. We'll see you in the Big Easy!

## THE TENTH STORY (RVC COLUMN FOR REGION 10) – MAY 2005

*Elissa Rudolph*

I'm baaacckk! Humongous thanks to Maggie Truelove, Assistant RVC, soon to be the authentic RVC for Region 10. She went to the March AMC meeting to report on our region's doings and saw just how those meetings are conducted. And she still wants more. Way to go, Maggie!

The last few months I have been concentrating on finishing up my graduate degree, a master of arts in liberal studies with an emphasis on—what else?—Florida studies. In fact, my thesis will be turned into a program for the World Gathering in 2006. I've done research on the Highwaymen landscape artists and their children, some of whom are painting in the style of their parents. If you would like more information about this unique Floridian phenomenon, try my website, [www.elissa.com](http://www.elissa.com), where I am posting my research.

Did you attend MindGames in Tampa? If you did, you probably had a fabulous time—what a great outlet for Mensa problem-solvers.

If you are a proctor, you have a certification to renew. Do it now so that testing can continue in your area.

See you soon in Ft. Lauderdale or New Orleans!

### Coming Events:

FloRanGe '05-Suite Mayhem, Broward Mensa's RG over Memorial Day weekend, May 27-30, Tampa Bay Mensa's traditional spot on the calendar. Since that group did MindGames, Broward Mensa is hosting the 3-day RG in Fort Lauderdale. Can't miss a chance to party! Contact Robin Rhea, 954.575.1639, [robinrhea@bellsouth.net](mailto:robinrhea@bellsouth.net) for information.

MensAGumbo, July 6 – 10, in wonderful New Orleans. Laissez les bons ton roulet!

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561-496-0124

## CRYPTOPOEM

*Sylvia Zadorozny*

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BR BSO PEXN RM GRFL ELR,

YSOF BSO CRWFAFL COEG COEFB

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MRW E QGEBO RM NBOECAFL NEINELO

GADO BSO DAFP CX CRBSOW MWAOP.

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

The games have been played, hospitality packed up, and Mensans from around the country have returned home. Thanks to Honcho Sylvia Zadorozny, Hospitality Chair Jack Amos, and other local volunteers, Mind Games was a rip roarin' success. I attended Saturday and Sunday to help out with hospitality, but there was ample time for me to socialize with friends old and new. Late Saturday evening, when the gamers were finished evaluating the games on their lists, it was time for me to try out some of them myself. What fun we had playing Loot! (Arrr, matey, the ship is mine!) The company and conversation were so enjoyable, we stayed up until 5:30 a.m. laughing, arguing politics and religion, and just enjoying being goofballs. I learned a new strategy for games. It's called "Quick! Roll the dice before your opponent realizes she can send your piece back to *Start!*" (Ha ha! Thanks, Theresa and Dana!) George showed his legal background when he crafted a convincing argument during political discussion. A shout out goes to John from New York for being another good pirate, enlivening the conversation, and volunteering his time to help out during the midnight hospitality relocation. One of my favorite exchanges from Hospitality Central:

"So, Jack, tell me something interesting."

"What? It's all on me?!"

In other news--

We have volunteers for the Election Committee (see the *Call For Candidates*). Thanks Steve and Ellen! Testing Coordinator Barbara Counts has completed the Proctor certification process, so look for more frequent testing sessions. Honchos Dana Groulx and Dan Chesnut have already made many of the arrangements for our next RG. In an attempt to use our scholarship funds most effectively, Rich Manno has been working with a local school district. The idea we've hatched involves helping speed up the testing process so that qualified elementary students get into the full time gifted program earlier and in greater numbers. There's lots happening in Tampa Bay Mensa!

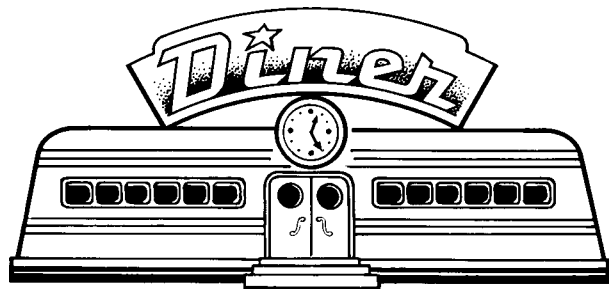
Until next month,  
Maxine

**AMERICAN DINER SLANG***Maxine Kushner*

*Can you identify these foods by their diner slang names? Answers on page 37.*

1. Adam and Eve \_\_\_\_\_
2. Murphy \_\_\_\_\_
3. Splash of red \_\_\_\_\_
4. Adam's ale \_\_\_\_\_
5. Wreck'em \_\_\_\_\_
6. Moo juice \_\_\_\_\_
7. Belch water \_\_\_\_\_
8. On wheels \_\_\_\_\_
9. Bucket of hail \_\_\_\_\_
10. Gravel train \_\_\_\_\_
11. Hemorrhage \_\_\_\_\_
12. Sea dust \_\_\_\_\_
13. Yum-yum \_\_\_\_\_
14. In the alley \_\_\_\_\_
15. Java, joe \_\_\_\_\_
16. Life-preserver \_\_\_\_\_
17. Breath \_\_\_\_\_
18. Looseners \_\_\_\_\_
19. Hounds on an island \_\_\_\_\_
20. Put out the lights and cry \_\_\_\_\_
21. Bucket of cold mud \_\_\_\_\_
22. Shingles with a shimmy \_\_\_\_\_

- 23. Two cows, make them cry \_\_\_\_\_
- 24. Zeppelins in a fog \_\_\_\_\_
- 25. Burn the British \_\_\_\_\_
- 26. Clean up the kitchen \_\_\_\_\_
- 27. On a raft \_\_\_\_\_
- 28. Wreath \_\_\_\_\_
- 29. Bridge \_\_\_\_\_
- 30. Hold the hail \_\_\_\_\_
- 31. Crowd \_\_\_\_\_
- 32. Eve with a lid on \_\_\_\_\_
- 33. Lumber \_\_\_\_\_
- 34. Mike and Ike \_\_\_\_\_
- 35. No cow \_\_\_\_\_
- 36. Sand \_\_\_\_\_
- 37. A squeeze \_\_\_\_\_
- 38. Side-arms \_\_\_\_\_
- 39. Warts \_\_\_\_\_
- 40. Axle grease \_\_\_\_\_



\*This information appeared in *Schott's Original Miscellany*.

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**MENSA MARKETPLACE WANTS YOU!**

*Mensa Marketplace wants M-Crafters, M-Artists, M-Musicians, M-Creative-Types with "stuff" to sell!*

This year's AG in New Orleans will again feature The Mensa Marketplace, a place for creative Mensans to show and sell their crafts. All AG guests are invited to bring their goodies to New Orleans and set up a table on Saturday (perhaps on Friday, too) to display and offer their wares to their fellow Mensa AG-goers.

The fee for a "table" (we'll loosely define table as we see how many M-sellers want to participate) will be \$15. You will have to fill out an application to sell in New Orleans and agree to collect and pay New Orleans sales tax (9.25 percent).

This event has been very successful for members who have participated in the past. We hope you'll want to join other crafty Mensans for this year's Marketplace.

For more information, please contact:

Donna Jadis  
3000 Beechnut St  
Antioch CA 94509  
[donna@mooseworks.org](mailto:donna@mooseworks.org)

(You *have* registered for the AG, haven't you? A Mensan party in New Orleans is not to be missed! New speakers, tours and other activities are added almost daily -- see the latest at <http://www.ag.us.mensa.org/>, or just go straight to the online registration at <http://ag.us.mensa.org/registration/register.php>.)

**CALENDAR**

**May 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.

**May – 2<sup>nd</sup>, 16<sup>th</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

**May – 4<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup> - Wednesdays - 7:00 PM***Erudite Lite Reading Group*

Location: Perkins - 612 N. Dale Mabry, Tampa

We meet twice per month (on the first and third Wednesday). Our meeting location has changed to the Perkins on Dale Mabry, just north of Kennedy. Bring along books you'd like to exchange or give away.

Check out our website: [www.rovingarts.com/eruditelite](http://www.rovingarts.com/eruditelite)Ellen Berry – 727-480-7938 – [eberry@rovingarts.com](mailto:eberry@rovingarts.com)

Perkins Family Restaurant - 612 N. Dale Mabry Hwy, Tampa

**May – 4<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup> - Wednesdays - 1:15 PM***MHunch (Mensa Humpday Lunch)*

Locations: Various

MHunch is a series of lunches at various locations around the region. The day (Wednesday) and time (1:15 PM) are consistent, but there is a different restaurant for each lunch.

The May lunches will be held at Rocco's Sports Bar in Winter Haven on May 4<sup>th</sup> and at Grama Grippo's in Tampa on May 16<sup>th</sup>. Reservations are required to ensure adequate seating. Call or email for directions.

Merrell Fortner – 863-701-7109 – [mini@mindless.com](mailto:mini@mindless.com)**May – 5<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>, 26<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)**May - 7<sup>th</sup> - Saturday - 7:30 PM – \$2***Games & Pizza*

At my house near the top of the bay,  
Mensans gather together to play,  
And this month for a treat  
We'll have pizza to eat  
During Games on the seventh of May.  
I must ask, when you smoke, please step out,  
And I've cats that may wander about;  
But if those are okay  
Then come join us today--  
Meet with friends to play games and pig out.

Sylvia Zadorozny - 813-855-4939 - [sylviachocolate@juno.com](mailto:sylviachocolate@juno.com)  
651 Timber Bay Circle West – Oldsmar (call for directions)

**May - 12<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

**May – 21<sup>st</sup> - Saturday - 7:00 PM***NTN Trivia*

Location: Buffalo Wild Wings, Gulf View Square Mall, 9409 US Hwy. 19 N., Port Richey, FL 34668

Come and play! It's NTN Satellite Trivia at a big ol' wonderful NON-smoking and not-terribly-noisy and friendly sports bar called BUFFALO WILD WINGS! A lonely gigundasize

computer somewhere in the USA sends mysterious signals to a satellite, seeking answers to trivia questions! Multiple Choice! With CLUES!! THOUSANDS of people around the world play at the same time! Most of them are drunk, so your odds of beating 'em are high! C'mon for the challenge--the callipygousness of the servers--the camaraderie! And the manager just might give PRIZES!!! Look for me--the guy wearing the Aussie hat--and if I find Owlbert the Life-Sized Plastic Owl, I'll bring him TOO! Call or email for more information (note that there is no 'g' in the email address: [RipRoarinFunToday@yahoo.com](mailto:RipRoarinFunToday@yahoo.com))

George Zadorozny - 727-862-8348 – [RipRoarinFunToday@yahoo.com](mailto:RipRoarinFunToday@yahoo.com)  
Buffalo Wild Wings – Gulf View Square Mall – 9409 US Hwy 19 N,  
Port Richey, FL 34668

**May – 22<sup>nd</sup> - Sunday - 3:00 PM - FREE**

*FSM*

This month we'll Fold, Staple, and put Mailing labels on our Mensa newsletters at Sylvia's in Oldsmar. Everyone is encouraged to come help out. You can get your newsletter early! Hope to see you here.

Sylvia Zadorozny - 813-855-4939  
651 Timber Bay Circle West – Oldsmar (call for directions)

**May - 27<sup>th</sup> - Friday - 6:00 PM**

*Fourth Friday Madness*

Come party on down with us every fourth (not necessarily last) Friday at the Olive Garden Italian Restaurant, 6700 US 19 N in Pinellas Park from 6pm to whenever. This is just southeast of Gandy Boulevard. The phone number for the restaurant is (727) 525-4339.

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**May - 27<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup> – Friday-Monday**

*FLoRanGe '05 – Suite MayHem! - Ft. Lauderdale*

**ERUDITE LITE**

*Ellen Berry*

Important Announcement

*More food! More comfort! More quiet! Erudite Lite has moved across the street from our usual Borders Bookstore to **Perkins Family Restaurant**... Look for us there!*

During our last two meetings, Erudite Lite furthered our exploration of philosophical writers, discussed “what might have been” in Homeland Security if Democrats had had the majority in office during the past decade, received insight into some of the little-known disadvantages of prison life, and contemplated the implications of the recent changes related to the “castle doctrine”.

Additional highlights included:

- Steven Levine's writings in *Who Dies*, describing hell as a constant state of resistance and heaven as gentle acceptance
- Eckhart Tolle's *The Power of Now*
- The growth of spiritual beliefs and religious teachings throughout time as presented by Joseph Campbell
- Genetic memory – if we are all hard-wired for knowing, what are the implications?
- *Structure of Scientific Revolutions*, by Thomas S. Kuhn, which “Science” magazine calls “A landmark in intellectual history which has attracted attention far beyond its own immediate field. . .”, and according to the Times Literary Supplement “One of ‘The Hundred Most Influential Books Since the Second World War’”.
- *No Plot? No Problem!: A Low-Stress, High-Velocity Guide to Writing a Novel in 30 Days* by Chris Baty. Every November, tens of thousands of people sign up for National Novel Writing Month and attempt to write a 50,000-word novel. Baty started this contest, and in his book demonstrates practical applications of success principles that can readily be applied in other aspects of life, work, and fun.

- Former presidents Clinton and Carter, and their skills in negotiation
- Further discussion of the article about random number generators found on [www.rednova.com](http://www.rednova.com)
- Ohm's Law and the properties of electric resistance

### Overheard During The Meeting

"Diplomacy is the art of saying 'Nice Doggie!' till you can find a rock." -- Wynn Catlin

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).

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## TAMPA BAY MENSA SINGLES AGE 25-35

Dear Post-College Pre-Family Mensans,

Upon making some inquiries, here is what a Tampa-Bay Mensan emailed me: "*We also used to have a singles SIG, where all the unattached people could do something as a group. There are some young people [ages 25-35] out there, so just give it a shot. I think some of the events you posted sounded really fun.*"

Therefore, I'm inviting you to connect with me, so we can enjoy active interests together, such as: dancing, triathlons, swimming, biking, running, roller-blading, sailing, skiing, Club Med, Windjammer Barefoot Cruises, Super-Clubs, roller-coasters, SCUBA diving, volleyball, Frisbee, vegetarian restaurant-dining, co-investing, Renaissance-fairs, masquerade-dance-parties, improving the world's happiness quotient through the exploration of U-U-ism, New Thought, Noetic Sciences, Episcopalian creative-tension, Freemasonry, etc., etc.

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## THE ELECTORATE'S LAMENT

*Jim Werdell*

*AML Treasurer and MIL Director of Administration*

Okay, it's May. The robins have arrived, the cherry blossoms are falling from the trees, April Fool's Day is but a distant chuckle and Christmas is still 330 or so days away. All this, and you probably have not yet even thought seriously about voting in the Mensa elections.

The election materials and ballots have been out for a couple of weeks now. And you probably have not yet made up your mind whether or not to invest the time and effort. Well --- been there, felt that way. Reading 200-word campaign statements is not my idea of the best way to spend my free time either. It could be worse. You might have had to write one.

We Mensans pride ourselves for our logical thinking, our imaginations and our ability to speak intelligently on any subject that arises. We consistently outguess the contestants on "Jeopardy" or "Who Wants to be a Millionaire". We relish the thought of burying ourselves in a Dan Brown novel like *The DaVinci Code*. The *New York Times* crossword puzzle is a worthwhile effort, even if a couple of three-letter words escape us. But I have to admit that bullying our way through the myriad of election issues and candidates is a daunting dilemma. After all, there are AMC candidates, MIL candidates, AML By-Laws changes and MIL Constitution changes. And after ploughing through all that, you still have to tear out a couple of ballots, find and attach some stamps and wend your way to the mailbox in time to beat the May 31 deadline. (Did you know that if one of the MIL Constitution changes passes, you will likely be able to vote electronically in the next election?)

Well, consider it a challenge. I have found that Mensans are very good at sifting through hype (I thought of using another noun, but decided against it) and culling the truth while discarding the fluff. Make it a challenge. Find something you

want to change or someone you want in office. Your perspective is important and is translated into action by your vote. Don't let someone else decide what or who is best for you.

So, please take the time to read the various motions and candidate statements, both American and Mensa International. Come to your own conclusions and support them with your vote.

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## THE STAIRS

*Ellen Berry*

Slathered with sloppy coats of semi-gloss,  
a scale of scuffed and footworn stairs  
floats dustily on memory-thick air.

thick with hollering, stomping children  
and sun-dazed, tongue-bathed cats,  
painted porcelain shards, escaped wildflowers  
and well water splashes,  
the unaware caresses of a thousand hands  
and the bump of a little boy's bottom.

thick with the creak of heavy-stepped  
crinoline pregnant,  
the stuttering toe-stubs of tired neighbors  
heaving the wooden weight of drawerless dressers  
and the barefoot brush of a sleepless child.

thick with the smell of warm oil soap,  
candle wax drips, cold sloshing dirt water,  
and the wet-slap-stroke sound of a mop,  
the clatter of keys dropped in haste  
and the drag of bulging khaki duffle bags.

cats caresses wax splashes bumps and bare feet  
float dustily on memory-thick air.

## CULTURE QUEST®

Nearly 100 teams from the United States and Canada sat for this 90 minute test of cultural knowledge at exactly the same time, on Sunday, April 10<sup>th</sup>, across the continent. This year our local team, *The Lyceum*, was led by Bruce Whiting. Questions ranged from politics to science and from entertainment to current events.



*The Lyceum: Ellen, Jim, Beth, Bruce, and Darlene*

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## ANSWER TO APRIL CRYPTOPOEM

Among the later dinosaurs  
Though not the largest, strongest,  
Pachycephalosaurus had  
The name that was the longest.  
Yet he had more than syllables,  
As you may well suppose.  
He had great knobs upon his cheeks  
And spikes upon his nose.  
Ten inches thick, atop his head,  
A bump of bone projected.  
By this his brain, though hardly worth  
Protecting, was protected.  
No claw or tooth, no tree that fell  
Upon his head kerwhacky,  
Could crack or crease or jar or scar  
That stony part of Paky.  
And so he nibbled plants in peace  
And lived untroubled days.  
Sometimes, in fact, as Paky proved,  
To be a bonehead pays.  
--Richard Armour

**FSM – MARCH 26, 2005***Jane Davis*

Several Mensans made a long trek out to my home in Plant City for the March FSM, including: Sylvia Zadorozny, Richard Manno, Thomas Thomas, and Dan Chesnut. Local Mensans: Hope Hill and Tracy Geiser, along with myself, Jane Davis, brought the total up to seven.



Work went amazingly fast and we managed to get the labor done in two hours, excluding carrying everything back out to Sylvia's car. Conversation of Hawaii and the Terry Schiavo case dominated the table where the taping and labeling were being

done while Sylvia and I operated the staplers at the kitchen table (closer to the snacks!). After the work was done, we all wandered to the kitchen area and snacks. Here conversation turned to words such as belletrist and its definition, finally settled by Webster's. Richard became absorbed in a book, *Who Wrote the Dead Sea Scrolls?*, while the rest of us discussed an upcoming dinner cruise that Hope and I were planning to attend a little later in the evening. Tracy shared that she has recently returned here from living in Pittsburg and hopes to attend more local Mensa activities. She was certainly a welcome addition at the FSM. Hopefully Sylvia and Richard will find the real Plant City some day and see that there is an historical area with antique stores, restaurants and other shops... we who live on the north side of I-4 are not in the city proper and perhaps give a more rural image than the town deserves... please ask Sylvia about her first impressions.

**EXCOMM MINUTES***Sylvia Zadorozny*

Tampa Bay Mensa Executive Committee Meeting  
Minutes for Saturday, April 9, 2005

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

ExComm members absent: Dana Groulx

The meeting was called to order at 3:45 pm.

**Elections:** Tampa Bay Mensa elections are behind schedule this year, but finally we have a volunteer to be our election supervisor--Steve Poreda. The ExComm positions currently held by Maxine, Dana, Barbara, Ronan, and Thomas are up for election. We checked the by-laws, then Richard moved we print the "Call for Candidates" in just the May issue of the *Sounding* and hold the election in June on schedule; motion died for lack of a second. Sylvia moved the *Sounding* print the "Call for Candidates" in the May and June issues to give new candidates time to decide to run and gather signatures, then have the election in July. Barbara seconded and the motion passed. Richard moved we mail postcards now (in April) to notify members of the election; Thomas seconded. After discussion about how much this will cost us, the motion passed. Thomas will mail the postcards.

**RVC:** Barbara moved, and Richard seconded, that the Tampa Bay *Sounding* print congratulations from the ExComm to Maggie Truelove on her victory as our next RVC and thank Elissa Rudolph for her years of service as RVC 10. Motion passed.

**Publicity:** National sent out Mind Games publicity materials and the St. Pete Times has contacted a couple of us, but we're not sure if any actual publicity will result from this.

**Testing:** Dan held a testing session in March with Barbara Counts, who, with this testing session, has now met the requirements to qualify as a proctor. After papers are signed and sent to National, she can be certified as a proctor. Dan received a Proctor Recertification form in the mail. Dan recommended running a testing session at our RG in October. Sylvia suggested that some day we try offering an afternoon testing session, as not everyone is a morning person.

**Treasurer:** Kathy passed out the Treasurer's Report. Notable on it was an apparent big loss for Mind Games, but Kathy pointed out that this is because significant Mind Games income showed up last calendar year, whereas corresponding expenses occur this year. When you combine all Mind Games income and expenses for both years, we almost break even as of right now. A final tally after Mind Games is over and all revenue and expenses are in will reveal whether we had a profit or loss. Sylvia noted that Mind Games registration prices were set when the proposal to host was first tendered to National, over a year and a half ago. Since then, surprise expenses, such as National's withholding of 10% of registration fees and the hotel's increase in meal costs, have set back the budget; MSN sponsorship should help Mind Games revenue. The other item in the budget that we looked at was a CD that is coming up for renewal; Barbara mentioned she knows of a CD that is liquid. Overall, Tampa Bay Mensa is still in reasonable financial shape.

**Mind Games:** Sylvia reported that 165 people have registered for Mind Games, which is coming up next week, April 15-17. We need a large coffee pot for Hospitality, since the ones we had used at previous RGs (owned by Leon Barber) are no longer available. Barbara said she might have a coffee pot, and Thomas offered to buy one for our group if Barbara couldn't find hers. The consensus was that this was a worthy investment for future RGs as well as Mind Games.

**Sounding:** We got a bargain on printing costs last month, since Kinko's computer couldn't handle fractions of a cent, and so charged us somewhat less for printing. Thomas asked how

long the ads that appear in the Sounding are supposed to run; Kathy will look it up and let him know. Thomas recently purchased a digital camera and can now put pictures in the Sounding. Thomas received a statement from one candidate for a National Mensa office, nothing from the opponent for that seat. He inquired whether we thought he should print the statement, or skip it since it might appear to be endorsing that candidate. ExComm members expressed various opinions.

**Web:** Ronan and Ellen Berry have redesigned the web page, which Maxine said looks great but comes up in a small box on some people's monitors; Ronan will look into fixing that. Thomas is sending the Sounding to Ronan to put on our web page. Barbara was concerned that calendar events list members' addresses for all the web to see. The possibility of editing out addresses from the web edition of the Sounding, or possibly password protecting it, were discussed. Ronan will write a proposal and e-mail us.

**Gifted Children Testing:** Richard reported that we could purchase a testing kit for \$350 with 50 tests for \$150. This test would take 35 minutes to administer, which, per Oma Pantridge, head of ESE (exceptional student education) in Pasco county, would speed up testing there. This test is not accepted for Mensa qualification. Maxine wanted to use this test for schools in less well-off sections of Pasco county, where she feels gifted kids are not being identified; Sylvia didn't think it fair to skip over those children who are already in line to be tested. Several questions about the specific test came up; Richard will look into these and then get back to us via e-mail for a vote.

**Gifted Children's Program Insurance:** Theresa Hohmann had asked Maxine if Mensa had insurance for the gifted children's program events. Sylvia inquired about Mensa liability insurance for other events. Maxine will look into these.

**Regional Gathering (RG):** Dan reported that we have a change of venue for Oktoberfest, Tampa Bay Mensa's RG. The previous hotel became difficult about Hospitality, so now we'll be at the Holiday Inn Select in the Feather Sound area of Clearwater. Dan got the contract signed yesterday. This hotel is not on the beach, but does have a swimming pool and whirlpool. Dan passed out possible logos to get our opinions on which was best. He also passed out a diagram of the meeting rooms and an advertisement he'd designed. Dan is lining up volunteers for key positions: Dana Groulx will do Hospitality, Sylvia will do Games, and Ellen Berry has been approached and expressed some interest in being Programs Chair.

**Next Meeting:** Our next ExComm meeting will be on Saturday, July 16, at 3 pm at Thomas' house. It will be preceded by ballot counting at 2 pm.

Meeting finally adjourned at 7:34 pm.

*(...at which point we played games, naturally... - ed.)*



## MINDGAMES

One hundred sixty-five Mensans gathered in Tampa the weekend of April 15-17 for MindGames®. During the three-day event, members played and rated 51 board and card games. The top five games have earned Mensa Select® distinction and may use the Mensa Select seal on their games. The winners are (in alphabetical order):

**DaVinci's Challenge** - Briarpatch ([www.briarpatch.com](http://www.briarpatch.com))

**Ingenious** - Fantasy Flight Games ([www.fantasyflightgames.com](http://www.fantasyflightgames.com))

**Loot** - Gamewright ([www.gamewright.com](http://www.gamewright.com))

**Niagara** - Rio Grande Games ([www.riograndegames.com](http://www.riograndegames.com))

**Zendo** - Looney Labs ([www.looneylabs.com](http://www.looneylabs.com))

Mind Games 2006 will be held April 21-23 in Portland, OR. To register, visit [www.mindgames.us.mensa.org](http://www.mindgames.us.mensa.org).

### THE GAMERS SPEAK:

"As always, I had a great time at Mind Games this year, and I just wanted to say thank you to all the people whose hard work made it a reality." - Rick Magnus



"Agreed! This was a fantastic weekend -- thanks, Tampa folks!" - Jeanine

*Niagara (above) was one of five Mensa Select winners*

"I will, as well, add my Hurrahs! This year was one of the best by far (although that might have something to do with playing every game I needed to (and wanted to) and being finished with the have-tos by about 7:30 Sat night.) Can't wait to see everyone in Portland next year!" -- Kyla





"Just wanted to say that this was my first MindGames and I had a wonderful time! Thanks to Sylvia and all the workers who made it a great weekend. I really enjoyed meeting everyone and having a great group of folks to game with made even the "bad" games fun (okay, maybe not Spot-a-Shot)." - George Smyly



*The notorious Spot-A-Shot gets a trial run*

"This was my fourth MindGames in a row, and the organization seems to get better every year. This time, the Sunday morning balloting and game give-away was the smoothest yet. Congratulations to everyone involved!" - Joel Anderson

"I, too, had a great time at mind games - I arrived Thursday this year, got a good night's sleep, helped with the fluffing Friday morning, and pretty much went non-stop (well, I did have a three hour nap Saturday morning, and another one Saturday afternoon.) Thanks, everyone, for all the hard work making it happen!" -- Joe Blake

"I'll add my thanks to those who did such a fine job of running the event. I had some trepidation when I learned that things would move to a different room on Sunday, but that came off without a hitch (though clearly it was a bunch of extra work for the people who had to move all the games)." -- Doug Hoylman



"Thanks to Sylvia Z. and the rest of her crew for a great time. The games room and Hospitality were overly spacious, a wonderful thing for MindGames. You guys did a bang-up job - about as quick and painless as moving all of those games, food and people could possibly be. And that the actual games give-away took only about 30 minutes was near miraculous. Congrats on a job well done." - Jared

## KIDS TREK VOLUNTEER REQUEST

*Martha Williams*

You are so talented! You are so gifted! You feel inspired to share your expertise with others! You enjoy teaching children and their families! You are excited about being an integral part of the World Gathering of Mensa in Florida, August, 2006. You believe that **KIDS TREK** at the Mensa World Gathering is an unparalleled opportunity for enriching learning opportunities. If this is an accurate description of you, please contact Martha Williams, [marthafeld@earthlink.net](mailto:marthafeld@earthlink.net); and offer your invaluable knowledge and skills to show the world how truly inspirational American Mensans are. We need artists, scientists, historians, politicians, authors, researchers, comedians, musicians, and so on. We have approximately 20 hours in which to offer to children and their families from all over the planet Earth interdisciplinary, interactive, exciting activities about the United States of America. Don't miss this unique opportunity!

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## MENSAGUMBO WRITING CONTEST

*Daphne Riordan*

Here's your chance to share your thoughts and literary creations with your fellow Mensans! Following in Vegas' footsteps, we're holding a writing contest for MensAGumbo. Like last year, winners of this year's contest will be published in the AG program.

Submissions must be received by the end of the day on May 15, 2005. Please send entries in .rtf format (articles, short stories, or poetry) and questions to Daphne Riordan at [bythepen@yahoo.com](mailto:bythepen@yahoo.com), and be sure to include your name and email address. (If anyone would prefer to submit via snail mail, just email Daphne for her address.) You may submit as many entries as you like. There is no stated length limit for submissions, but of course there is a space limit within the program, so please keep that in mind.

**AMERICAN DINER SLANG ANSWERS**

From page 14.

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| 1. Adam and Eve= two poached eggs                    | 22. Shingles with a shimmy = toast and jam               |
| 2. Murphy = potatoes                                 | 23. Two cows, make them cry = two hamburgers with onions |
| 3. Splash of red = tomato soup                       | 24. Zeppelins in a fog = sausages in mashed potatoes     |
| 4. Adam's ale = water                                | 25. Burn the British = toasted muffin                    |
| 5. Wreck'em = scramble the eggs                      | 26. Clean up the kitchen = hash                          |
| 6. Moo juice = milk                                  | 27. On a raft = on toast                                 |
| 7. Belch water = soda water                          | 28. Wreath = cabbage                                     |
| 8. On wheels = to go                                 | 29. Bridge = four of anything                            |
| 9. Bucket of hail = glass of ice                     | 30. Hold the hail = no ice                               |
| 10. Gravel train = sugar bowl                        | 31. Crowd = two of anything                              |
| 11. Hemorrhage = ketchup                             | 32. Eve with a lid on = apple pie                        |
| 12. Sea dust = salt                                  | 33. Lumber = a toothpick                                 |
| 13. Yum-yum = sugar                                  | 34. Mike and Ike = salt and pepper                       |
| 14. In the alley = serve as a side dish              | 35. No cow = without milk                                |
| 15. Java, joe = coffee                               | 36. Sand = sugar   |
| 16. Life-preserver = doughnut                        | 37. A squeeze = orange juice                             |
| 17. Breath = onions                                  | 38. Side-arms = salt and pepper                          |
| 18. Looseners = prunes                               | 39. Warts = olives                                       |
| 19. Hounds on an island = sausages on beans          | 40. Axle grease = butter                                 |
| 20. Put out the lights and cry = liver and onions    |  |
| 21. Bucket of cold mud = bowl of chocolate ice cream |  |

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