



# Tampa Bay Sounding

A Publication of Tampa Bay (Florida) Mensa

Vol. 30, No. 7

August 2005



**OUR ANNUAL CREWE LIST  
QUESTIONNAIRE – SEE CENTER INSERT**

Mensa is an international society whose sole qualification for membership is a score at or above the 98th percentile on a standard IQ test. Mensa is a not-for-profit organization whose main purpose is to serve as a means of communication and assembly for its members. All opinions expressed herein are those of the individual authors, and not necessarily those of the editors or officers of Mensa. Mensa as an organization has no opinions. Visit American Mensa at <http://www.us.mensa.org>.



*Tampa Bay Sounding* is the official newsletter of Tampa Bay Mensa. See the inside back cover for copyright information. Tampa Bay Mensa serves Hillsborough, Pinellas, Pasco, Hernando, and Sumter counties. Visit TBM at <http://www.tampa.us.mensa.org>, which provides full instructions on how to join *tbm-gm* and *tbm-discussion*, our two Yahoo Groups.

## CONTENTS

WISE GUY <i>Thomas George Thomas</i> _____	3
SOUNDING BOARD _____	4
BIRTHDAYS AND NEW MEMBERS _____	7
MENSAVERSARIES _____	8
OKTOBERFEST 2005 _____	9
THE TENTH STORY <i>Maggie Truelove</i> _____	10
LOCSEC'S REPORT <i>Maxine Kushner</i> _____	11
URBAN COWBOY <i>Bud Urban</i> _____	12
CRYPTOPOEM <i>Sylvia Zadorozny</i> _____	12
AUGUST 2005 CALENDAR <i>Ronan Heffernan, Calendar Editor</i> _____	14
INSERT: 2005 CREWE LIST QUESTIONNAIRE _____	CENTER
FSM – JUNE 26, 2005 <i>Ronan Heffernan</i> _____	20
CULTUREQUEST® WINNERS - 2005 _____	20
THE JOSEPHIAN CALENDAR <i>Sweet Joseph</i> _____	21
LAST MONTH'S CRYPTOPOEM SOLUTION _____	21
AMERICAN MENSA COMMITTEE MEETING MINI-MINUTES _____	22
AMERICAN MENSA AWARD WINNERS 2005 _____	24
JULY GAMES NIGHT <i>Sylvia Zadorozny</i> _____	26
FOURTH FRIDAY MADNESS <i>Phoebe McCann</i> _____	27
TBM BULLETIN BOARD _____	29
TAMPA BAY MENSA OFFICERS _____	30



## WISE GUY

*Thomas George Thomas*

FIRST ORDER OF BUSINESS: THE center page of this magazine is our annual Crewe List questionnaire. Before you read any further, remove this page, complete it and put it in the mail! I'll still be here when you get back.

*(Pause.)*

Good. Now we have feedback on how we can make Tampa Bay Mensa better for *you!*

July was another busy month in Tampa Bay Mensa! Several of us went to the Annual Gathering in New Orleans (where some got stranded temporarily due to Hurricane Dennis). We held our annual local chapter elections. A new card night was (re)established (with the first one cancelled due to Hurricane Dennis – will this be a recurring motif?). Our new Educational Outreach officer and other Ms met with representatives from a local school district to discuss testing opportunities (albeit before we established the position of Educational Outreach Officer!). And, of course, Games, Reading Group, Lunches, Breakfast, Gifted Children and Play Days, etc.

Regrettably, at least for me, the Shakespeare night didn't catch on. We had five people at the first meeting, and then one RSVP for the second. Shakespeare has quite a few characters in his plays; we'd have to have a somewhat more active interest to continue! But maybe we can start it again at a future date – if you're interested, or have suggestions (for this or any other SIG activities), let me know!

Minutes of the ExComm meeting were prepared after deadline for this issue, so they will follow in the September *Sounding*. But I'll report on the first order of business: All five ExComm members on the ballot were re-elected to two-year terms. But don't feel like you have to wait those two years to become involved. And there will be elections for the other four positions next year...

And finally – Don't forget to register for our Oktoberfest RG!

## SOUNDING BOARD

*To the editor:*

RE: SOUNDING BOARD VOL. 30 No. 6, July 2005, signed Ronnie Dubs: Perhaps it's just as well you ran out of time to rebut?

Members of the Party-of-Fear-and-Hate are useful inasmuch as if there were only light without shadow we could not see.

Still, as their diatribes are so commonplace anymore, and ignore critical reflective thinking in favor of bigotry, etc., those have merely become screeds, and, perhaps, not worthy of response.

Thanks so much.

**John Crandall**

*To the editor:*

IN RESPONSE TO MR. DUBS' letter in the July issue, let me first say that I was surprised and pleased to see it. I understand why Mensa itself shouldn't have a political agenda, but its members obviously do, and with so much going on in the world around us, Mensa publications in general often seem a bit insular. Games and witticisms are great for exercising our minds, but it's also refreshing to see minds applied to real-world issues.

Also, while I don't agree with all of what Mr. Dubs had to say, I enjoyed the way that he presented his arguments. Aside from a bit of partisan finger-pointing, there's much to be said for his points and how they were laid out.

I agree that Social Security as it stands now is more than a little ludicrous. If pyramid schemes worked well, we'd all have responded to a chain letter by now, made our millions and quit work. I'm also dismayed that so few politicians are willing to brave the "third rail" as President Bush has had the courage to do.

Investing SSI funds (either by the government or by individuals) seems a logical step toward making the program work. I would also agree that means testing, raising the retirement age and

eliminating the upper bracket would all be positive steps to take. I'm hesitant to embrace the President's lead on this matter for two reasons, though:

First, any of these solutions has an often-overlooked transition period. As a working person, I can't fund both current retirees (current system) and myself (future, investment system). While we're changing over, will we reduce benefits to current retirees, reduce my future benefits, or increase the deficit to cover both constituencies during the transition?

Second, I'm not crazy about the President taking the lead on this matter. If I had to choose between being a Democrat or a Republican, I'd choose to be a Republican, and I generally tend to favor Republican candidates and leaders. Luckily, though, in spite of endless rhetoric, I don't have to choose; while favoring Republicans, I can base judgments on the actions and reputations of individuals. I don't have to favor President Bush, who tends towards unilateral actions, and apparently does so without clear thought as to consequences. I imagine Mr. Dubs would feel similarly (as would I) if Hillary Clinton became president and made identical proposals.

While I applaud the President's initiative, I'd be much more comfortable if the proposals took into account the stereotypical concerns of both the Democrats and the Republicans. Mr. Dubs doubtless doesn't trust the Democrats to hone to a viable, sustainable and fair system. For that matter, I'm not sure I do either. But on the other hand, I don't see President Bush as one who will "look out for the little guy" during what is bound to be a difficult transition. I'd be much more receptive to revisions to Social Security if they came from a bipartisan team, like other recent proposals put forth by McCain and Lieberman working together. That way, perhaps we could be better assured of a system that's viable and fair, but also takes into account the everyday realities of those for whom Social Security is a critical factor now and in the future. I agree that the Democrats haven't put forth a leader on this matter. However, you don't form a team by saying "See? No one wants to work with me." The President should be pointing out the lack of participation in an effort to gain

participation instead of using it as a reason not to keep trying.

I must say that I was dismayed by Mr. Dubs' parting shot regarding gay marriage. Perhaps I'm not as cynical as some, but I don't think that gay couples want to marry for retirement benefits, any more than that was a consideration when I proposed to my wife. I'm not "fooled by false sentimentality," either; I don't think the "ick factor," whether overt or under the guise of a selective "morality," should be driving our conception of rights or public policy. If a man has been a "house husband" in a gay marriage, and his spouse dies, his circumstance is the same as that of a housewife in similar circumstances. Aside from the "ick factor," the situations are the same and should be treated the same by our public policy. Likewise, if a woman is widowed but has a career and funds of her own, she should get less benefits under "Means testing"... as would a gay, childless career man widowed under similar circumstances. SSI would surely do better if we could pick some group just like ourselves and exclude the rest, but just as we don't exclude by race or creed to make Social Security easier, I don't see why we should cling to other arbitrary exclusions, either.

The issue of Social Security will not solve itself. Americans should be "spitting razor blades" over the unwillingness of politicians, both Democrat and Republican, to debate and address this issue. Given that the debate is so scarce on such an important issue, we do give a surprising amount of attention to Halliburton (Enron, Whitewater, Michael Jackson, etc.). While these "fad issues" are important, they come and go while our future remains at stake in this much larger issue.

**Chris Cain**

***To the editor:***

REGARDING THE ARTICLE ABOUT THE creation of the world in a recent issue which the author signed, "Anonymous," it sounds like a Bud Urban. The only problem with that is that Bud never seems shy about claiming authorship of his wondrous works. C'mon, Bud, was that yours? If not, who and why would you be shy about claiming it? It was GREAT!

**Phoebe McCann**

**AUGUST BIRTHDAYS**

1	Sandra Davanzo
2	Michael LaBance, Pat LaBarbera, Leo Reilly
3	Robert Johnson
6	Michael Clifford
7	Kathy Crum, Peter Forret, Joan Gutek
9	Matthew Snook
11	Mary Britain
12	J. Ellis Blanton, Jamie Heuer
16	Thom Thibodeau
17	Mark Dyer
22	Jean Ainsley
23	James Klein, Karen Payne
26	Charles Arant, Carl Hammen, Francis Wellman
27	Donald Davis
28	Stanley Galewski, Edward Roots
29	Martha Metcalf
30	Jean Chambliss
31	Joseph Larsen

**WELCOME TO TAMPA BAY MENSA!**

Deborah S Duvall	Jim Patrick O'Neill
Mark Dyer	Rockford Clark Rathgeber
Carl S Hammen	Charles Robertson
Allen D Kennedy	Ronald W Stich

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

**IN MEMORIAM**

We note with regret the passing of member **George Simms** of New Port Richey on May 7, 2005. In addition to American Mensa, he was a volunteer with the Coastal Conservation Association and Fish-On Fishing Club of New Port Richey; The International Museum of St. Petersburg; Pasco County schools' "Odyssey of the Mind"; and Gulf High School's "Senior Project."

**AUGUST MENSAVERSARIES**

31 Years	Barbara Counts, William Dennis
26 Years	Kurt Goebel
23 Years	Gary Posner
21 Years	John Keeling, Marsha Raymond, Linda Rice
20 Years	Bud Urban
19 Years	Mona Cafone, Victoria Foust, Margaret Jacobs
17 Years	Jack Amos, Marc Wojcik
16 Years	John Bryant
15 Years	Patrick Rooney
14 Years	Marvin Ivey
12 Years	Jay Hines
11 Years	Susan Dunlevy, Carl Hammen
8 Years	Sandra Hawes, Maxine Kushner
7 Years	Kevin Drew, Karen Hummer, Terry Wells
6 Years	James Haberman
5 Years	Rasha Henshaw, Stephen Morrill, Austin Rogers, William Roth
4 Years	Randall Chan-A-Shing
3 Years	Ronald Baker, Jessica Cameron, Ronan Heffernan, Nichole Keller
2 Years	Robert Quinn, John Reece, Adam Scheiner, Stephanie Sefcik
1 Year	Thomas Handcock

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

## A New Time! A New Place!

Regional Gathering  
October 7-9  
Clearwater, Florida

German food! Bier! Musik!  
Friday night folk dance!  
Bring your Bavarian garb!  
Armchair treasure hunt.  
Contests. Games. Speakers.

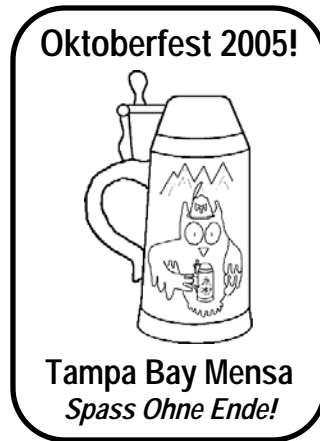
More at: [www.tampa.us.mensa.org](http://www.tampa.us.mensa.org)

### Oktoberfest 2005 Co-Honchos

Dan Chesnut and Dana Groulx

(727) 434-0353, [dchesnut@tampabay.rr.com](mailto:dchesnut@tampabay.rr.com), AND:

(813) 996-5552, [lemmiwinks@tampabay.rr.com](mailto:lemmiwinks@tampabay.rr.com)



### Holiday Inn Select Clearwater

3535 Ulmerton Rd. Clearwater, FL 33762

Rooms: \$89/night until September 23, then \$109.

Phone: (727) 577-9100. Call direct for Mensa rates, else \$109.

Registration: \$70 in adv., \$80 door, Children's discount.

Make checks payable to: Tampa Bay Mensa

Mail checks to: Kathy Crum

7164 Quail Hollow Boulevard

Wesley Chapel, FL 33544

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

T-shirt(s) (\$10 ea):  S  M  L  XL or  XXL (\$12 ea)

# of attendees: \_\_\_\_\_ Total amount enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

I want my Name Tag to read " \_\_\_\_\_ "

Yes, I would like to volunteer (hospitality, presenter, etc.)

## THE TENTH STORY

(RVC COLUMN FOR REGION 10) – AUGUST 2005

Maggie Truelove



It is the beginning of July - the beginning of my term as Region 10's Regional Vice Chair. I am writing my column earlier than usual, because we will be attending the Annual Gathering in New Orleans and then off on family vacation during the time the column would normally be written. Since it is so early, I have only had one response to the question I asked in the July newsletter, which was what each group does to welcome new members. Thank you to Membership Officer **Jason Knight** of Broward Mensa for responding so quickly! Jason tells us that Broward Mensa sends a letter to those who are offered membership, letting them know that they are invited to attend the twice-monthly Pub Night, which is open even for prospects. He also sends each member a birthday postcard, which can be redeemed for \$1.00 off the kitty of a Mensa event. Congratulations to Broward Mensa for making these efforts to welcome new - and old - members to events! We still hope to hear from other groups: what do you do to welcome new members?

In April Tampa Bay Mensa did a terrific job hosting MindGames. Because April is so close to May (when TBM usually holds a Regional Gathering), Tampa Bay and Broward traded RG dates, just for this year. Memorial Day weekend saw well over 100 of us at Broward's Suite Mayhem RG. Now we can look forward to Tampa Bay's Oktoberfest October 7-9, 2005, at the Holiday Inn Select near Clearwater-St. Pete Airport. Advance registration is \$70, which includes meals. Contact **Dan Chesnut** ([DChesnut@tampabay.rr.com](mailto:DChesnut@tampabay.rr.com)) or see the gatherings section in the Bulletin or on the Mensa website for further information.

Central Florida Mensa will not be holding Smarti Gras RG in January. Many of the members who are usually involved with putting on their RGs are busy with the planning and preparation for the World Gathering in August, 2006, and have decided to concentrate their effort and energy on making the World Gathering a resounding success.

And speaking of the World Gathering: Have you decided yet how you would like to participate?

Maggie Truelove, RVC10  
3333 Honeysuckle Lane, Belle Isle, FL 32812  
[rvc10@cfl.rr.com](mailto:rvc10@cfl.rr.com) 407-855-9078

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

Hello TBMers! I'm fresh off a trip to New York and so low on local news. I can report that ExComm met, ballots were counted, and the "new" ExComm was seated. By new I mean old. Everyone who ran was reelected, and all our ExComm officers, proctors, coordinators, etc. have graciously agreed to keep donating their time and efforts for our group. Thank you to all of you for the work you do!

In other news:

- Work continues apace on our upcoming RG, Oktoberfest 2005. I hope to see you there October 7-9.
- Testing Coordinator **Barbara Counts** has scheduled some more testing sessions. Please give her contact info to anyone you know who might be interested in testing for Mensa.
- Educational Outreach Officer **Richard Manno**, Gifted Children's Coordinator **Theresa Hohmann**, ExComm member and retired educator, **Barbara Loewe**, and I met this week with the supervisor of Gifted education and one of the testing psychologists for the local school district we have been working with. They informed us that they used all the testing kits we purchased for them. This is good news as it means that more children have been given the opportunity to test for a full time gifted program. All who qualify will be offered the opportunity to join a very successful program that better meets their educational needs. Richard also did some research on screening tests that can be given in group settings. He spoke with Mensa's National testing office, and they recommended a particular test. The school district psychologist is very familiar with the company that produces this test, and she and the Gifted supervisor shared that they are also interested in finding a screening instrument that will help identify potential candidates for testing for the Gifted program. We feel this was a very positive and productive meeting. Huge thanks go to Richard Manno for making all this happen. I really believe that this academic program can change lives, so through Richard's work and TBM's financial contribution, we are having a real impact on our community.

Until next month,  
Maxine

**URBAN COWBOY***Bud Urban***SONNET***(To Mary Elizabeth)*

When Solomon would praise his newest bride  
He called her beauty like a bunch of lambs  
(The offspring of his ewes\* and his rams.)  
He may have missed it, but at least he tried.

But when I would exalt my love with pride  
I always think of pigs instead of lambs.  
It's pigs, not lambs, that give you all the hams.  
Let "ooie, ooie" call her to my side.

The Lord above, they say, did not allow  
King Solomon to keep a pregnant sow.  
But modern times do call for modern measures  
And my farm was possessed by piggy pleasures.  
So when I hope to praise a love of mine,  
I merely say she's like a bunch of swine.

\* Pronounced "ewees" for meter.

**CRYPTOPOEM***Sylvia Zadorozny*

OPAEA YRC R PGUWEL PGUOAE  
YAUO PGUODUW BIE R PREA,  
HGO YPAEA PA PIJAN OPA PREA YIGKN HA  
PA BIGUN R PRDEL HARE!  
PA CRY DOC ALAC, PA CRY DOC SKRYC,  
PA CRY DOC OAAOP RUN OPAU--  
OPA PGUOAE OGEUAN PARN IFAE PAAKC  
RUN PGEEDAN PIZA RWRDU.

--R. UIUUL ZIGCA

ANA, APS, PC-LM, USPCS-LM, USCS, FUN-LM, FSDA-LM, MPOS  
UPSS-LM, AAMS, AFDCS, MPPC-LM, PSS, PNC3-LM, MPHS

### Robert J. Murrin

Stamps, Coins, Covers, Tokens  
Militaria, Gold & Silver, Quohogs  
Most Things of Value: Real or Imagined

(727) 345-8639  
murrin@gte.net

P.O. Box 10100  
St. Petersburg, FL 33733-0100



Member of Mensa  
Since 1985

Financial Planning · Mortgages · Investments  
601 Cleveland Street, Ste. 900, Clearwater

**Serge P. Villani, CFM**  
Certified Financial Manager

**727-462-2316**  
800-333-4352  
serge\_villani@ML.com

### Dolores Puterbaugh, LMHC, PA

Licensed Mental Health Counselor  
providing holistic, confidential  
services.

801 West Bay Drive, Suite 416  
Largo, Florida 33770  
The Wachovia Bank Building

Member:  
ICSP, Mensa, TNS, ACA, SMHCA

Services include:

- Individual counseling
- Family & couples counseling
- Anxiety, depression, grief
- Stress, anger
- Personal growth/development
- Consulting/Coaching services

727-559-0863  
puterbaugh@mindspring.com  
balancedlifestylecoaching.com

## CALENDAR

August 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.



**August 1<sup>st</sup> & 15<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

**August 3<sup>rd</sup> & 17<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 Restaurant - 612 N. Dale Mabry Hwy, Tampa

**August 4<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup> & September 1<sup>st</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)

**August 6<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> - Saturdays - 7:00 PM - \$2**

*Card Night*

Card Night- either bring a card game you like to play or we will play Hand & Foot (a type of Canasta). Can be played with partners and is GREAT fun!

Please RSVP at 727-723-3493.

Directions: At Terri Elston's at On Top of the World in Clearwater. Come North or South on Belecher Rd. to World Parkway Blvd.(stop light) Two lights North of Sunset Point or three lights south of Main Street (580). Turn West- go through guard gate-turn left on Americus Blvd- go one block and turn left on Philippine Drive- go to second bldg on right (Delhi) 2287 Philippine #23 (first floor- end.) Parking in slots marked V for visitor or on the street. Cats on premises- smoking on patio.

Terri Elston - 727-723-3493 - [TeriProfsr@aol.com](mailto:TeriProfsr@aol.com)

2287 Philippine Dr #23 - Clearwater

August 2005						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Children's Game Day/Play Day 3:30 PM	2	3 Reading Group 7:00 PM	4 Lunch Bunch 12:30 PM	5	6 Card Night 7:00 PM
7	8	9	10 MHunch 1:15 PM	11 Breakfast Gathering 7:30 AM Lunch Bunch 12:30 PM	12	13 Games Night 7:30 PM
14 ExComm Meeting 3:00 PM	15 Children's Game Day/Play Day 3:30 PM	16	17 Reading Group 7:00 PM	18 Lunch Bunch 12:30 PM	19	20 Card Night 7:00 PM
21 RSM 3:00 PM	22	23	24 MHunch 1:15 PM	25 Lunch Bunch 12:30 PM	26 Fourth Friday Madness 6:00 PM	27 NTN Trivia Night 7:00 PM
28	29	30	31	September 1 Lunch Bunch 12:30 PM		





**August 10<sup>th</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup> - Wednesdays - 1:15 PM***MHunch (Mensa Humpday Lunch)*

Locations: Johnny Carino's – Wesley Chapel (2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday)  
 Cleveland Heights Restaurant – Lakeland (4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday)

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.

Your RSVP is important! Please either email or call me at (863) 701-7109 so we can save a seat at the table for you!

Merrell Fortner – 863-701-7109 – [mini@mindless.com](mailto:mini@mindless.com)

**August 11<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

**August 13<sup>th</sup> - Saturday - 7:30 PM – \$2***Games & Pizza*

The thirteenth of August's a day  
 Mensans gather together to play.  
 We play games (a whole bunch)  
 And have pizza to munch,  
 Up in Oldsmar, "The Top of the Bay."  
 I must ask those who smoke please step out,  
 And three cats may come roaming about;  
 But if those are okay,  
 Then come join us today,  
 Meet with friends, play some 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)

**August 14<sup>th</sup> - Sunday - 3:00 PM***Executive Committee Meeting*

The ExComm will meet at Barbara Loewe's home in Land O' Lakes. Executive Committee meetings are open to all members.

Directions from Tampa and points south: Go N. on Hwy 41. Six miles north of SR54, on the right-hand side, is a housing development called "The Groves Golf and Country Club". Turn into the development. After the guard gate, go to the first stop sign and turn right. Go to the next stop sign and turn right. Go one block and turn right onto Nectarine Place. Barbara's house is on the left. Smoking is allowed outside, and there is one dog in residence.

Barbara Loewe - 813-968-3343  
 20810 Nectarine Place – Land O' Lakes

**August 21<sup>st</sup> - Sunday - 3:00 PM***FSM*

Join us as we Fold, Staple, and Mutilate (or attach Mailing labels) to the Tampa Bay Sounding. You get free munchies and a chance to socialize with other Mensans, as well as a peek at the next issue early! This month's FSM is at Sylvia's in Oldsmar.

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

**August 26<sup>th</sup> - Friday - 6:00 PM***Fourth Friday Madness*

Come party on down with us every fourth (not necessarily last) Friday at 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.

Phoebe McCann - 727-546-4030

**August 27<sup>th</sup> - Saturday - 7:00 PM***NTN Trivia*

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

NTN Satellite Trivia is a daily and nightly nationwide contest (pretend that we annex Canada) for people who aren't satisfied with merely knowing more useless information than everybody in the immediate vicinity. There's plenty of time between rounds to have philosophical conversations, witty repartee, or just impersonate the television character who was the subject of the last question. For more information about NTN, and the different games available, check out [http://www.ntn.com/hospitality\\_tech/players\\_corner/faqs.asp](http://www.ntn.com/hospitality_tech/players_corner/faqs.asp). We meet at a non-smoking family sports bar called Buffalo Wild Wings in the Gulf View Square Mall. Join the party!

Thomas Thomas - 813-994-3981 - [FardleBear@aol.com](mailto:FardleBear@aol.com)

**FSM – JUNE 26, 2005***Ronan Heffernan*

We had a great FSM on June 26th at Ronan Heffernan's in Wesley Chapel. After the arduous work was finished, we had a social hour or two, followed by a few games. Thanks to the following members for their help: **Sylvia Zadorozny, Richard Manno, Don Davis, Steve Poreda, Tom Handcock, Ron Stich, Thomas Thomas, and Maxine Kushner.** Don't miss the August FSM, on August 21st at Sylvia's house in Oldsmar.

**CULTUREQUEST® 2005 WINNERS**

Teams of Mensans from the U.S. and Canada met and matched wits April 10, during CultureQuest XVI. Here are the victors who won money for their Local Groups:

	<u>TEAM, GROUP (REGION/CHAPTER)</u>	<u>CAPTAIN</u>
1	<b>Eureka</b> (6/716)	<b>Duke Heath</b>
2	<b>The Gordian Nots</b> (2/200)	<b>Stephanie Smilay</b>
3	<b>High Brows</b> (7/811)	<b>Dennis McKim</b>
4	<b>Seattle Sweet Little Sixteen</b> (8/980)	<b>Stephen Hafner</b>
5	<b>Brains-A-Roni: The Oakland Berkley Team</b> (8/940)	<b>Bethany Williams</b>
5	<b>Rocky &amp; Boulder Thinkles</b> (7/803)	<b>Craig Smith</b>
7	<b>The Phoenix Phive</b> (9/850)	<b>Diane Rowley</b>
8	<b>GLAAMarama</b> (9/900)	<b>Jonathan Elliott</b>
9	<b>Misha's Vineyard Players</b> (1/100)	<b>Greg Draves</b>
10	<b>Los Angeles Mensans of Anaheim</b> (9/926)	<b>Kathryn Hope</b>
10	<b>The Modern Prometheans</b> (5/300)	<b>Dennis Sullivan</b>
12	<b>Anonyms</b> (4/550)	<b>Teresa Roguski</b>
13	<b>Grit Fer Brains</b> (6/794)	<b>Angela Held</b>
14	<b>The Standard Deviants</b> (3/150)	<b>Robert Fritz</b>
14	<b>Who Knows?</b> (2/200)	<b>Nancy Farrar</b>
16	<b>Utah Synaptiks</b> (9/840)	<b>Linda Hall</b>
16	<b>San Francisco (Mental) Giants</b> (8/940)	<b>Elizabeth Rhein</b>
18	<b>A Good Omen</b> (8/970)	<b>Dan Burg</b>
18	<b>Toronto Mensal Leafs</b> (Mensa Canada)	<b>Tony Asrilen</b>
18	<b>5 Alive Reassembled</b> (3/452)	<b>John Schneider</b>

**TOP TNG**

**Buns Da Winsin's** (10/339)

**Zack Mooney**

## THE JOSEPHIAN CALENDAR

*Sweet Joseph*

Even though this year is 2005, we call this century the 21<sup>st</sup> Century.

This being so, a child should have his *first* birthday on the day he is born.

After all, after 365 days, he has lived one year. The next day is the beginning of his *second* year; therefore he should be celebrating his *second* birthday.

When the calendar changed over from 1 B.C. to 1 A.D., there was no "0" A.D. Just as we do not have a "0" birthday.

I plan on filing a class action suit on behalf of the 30,000,000 Social Security recipients. If they had filed for benefits, for example, on their 62<sup>nd</sup> birthday, they should be receiving the amount that they would be entitled to on their 63<sup>rd</sup> birthday.

---

## ANSWER TO JULY CRYPTOPOEM

Little fly,  
Thy summer's play  
My thoughtless hand  
Has brushed away.

Am not I  
A fly like thee?  
Or art not thou  
A man like me?

For I dance  
And drink and sing,  
Till some blind hand  
Shall brush my wing.



If thought is life  
And strength and breath,  
And the want  
Of thought is death,

Then am I  
A happy fly,  
If I live  
Or if I die.

--William Blake



## AMERICAN MENSA COMMITTEE MEETING MINI-MINUTES – JULY 9, 2005 – NEW ORLEANS, LA

Appointed to one-year terms as voting members of the American Mensa Committee (AMC): Director of Science & Education, **Greg Timmers**; Communications Officer, **Robin Crawford**; Membership Officer, **Heather Miller**; and Development Officer, **Dr. John Sheehan**.

Appointed as National representatives (NatReps) to the International Board of Directors were **Elissa Rudolph**, **Judy Vasiliauskas**, and **Charlie Bruce** (the AMC Chair, **Russ Bakke**, is automatically a NatRep); and 1st Alternate NatRep, **Cyndi Kuyper**.

Committee Chairs appointed: Research Review Committee, **Dr. Irving Freeman**; Awards Committee, **David Felt**; Bylaws Committee, **Mike Seigler**; Publications Recognition Program 2006, **Marc Lederman**; Community Services, **Bob Beatty**; Election, **Steve and Lesley Slepner**, Chairs, and **Linda Kelso** and **Deborah Henry**, members; Finance, **Charlie Bruce**; Intellectual Events, **Stuart Friedman**; Leadership Development (LD), **Dr. Jean Becker**; Membership, **Heather Miller**; Name and Logo, **Mike Seigler**; Risk Management, **Donna Eriksen**; Salny Awards, **Cindy Ogilvie**; SIGs Advisory, **Karen Brack**; and Site Selection, **Cyndi Kuyper**.

Other appointments: InterLoc Editor, **Sallie Banko**; Corporate Counsel **Maria Sawczuk**, Esq.; Intellectual Property Counsel **Clif McCann**, Esq.; Interpretive Counsel **Mark Silverstein**, Esq.; Nominating Committee Chairman **Stormie Kullman**; Gifted Children Program Coordinator, **Dr. Deborah Ruf**; Assistant Gifted Children Program Coordinator, **Keri Guilbault**; KidsTrek Coordinator, **Martha Williams**; Leadership Development (LD) Workshop Coordinator, **Pat Coontz**; LD Guide Editor, **Janice Johnson**; LD Handbook Coordinator, **John Recht**; Mensa WorldConnect Coordinator, **Lisa Kelley**; Assistant Mensa WorldConnect Coordinator, **Marcia Brandes**; U.S. SIGHT Coordinator, **Bob Cox**; Asst. U.S. SIGHT Coordinator, **John**

**Massura**; SIGS Officer, **Karen Brack**; Assistant Regional Vice Chair (RVC) Region 1, **Claire Natola**; Asst. RVC Region 6, **John Neemidge**; and Asst. RVC Region 9, **Bill Taylor**.

The action taken at the previous AMC meeting stating that organizers of Mensa events shall not actively arrange activities such as carpooling, ride sharing, or roommate matching was rescinded.

An Angel Fund Study Committee was created to establish a source of funds and a procedure for using those funds to pay partial dues for needy members who otherwise contribute to the society. The Chairman appointed **Dr. Jean Becker** to chair this committee.

A task force will be appointed by the AMC Chairman to determine the necessary changes to allow the membership to vote by means other than postal mail ballots for elections and referenda. An amendment to the AML bylaws will be necessary to make such a change.

The Local Group Charter Review Committee was established to clarify the relationship between American Mensa, Ltd. and its local groups.

Colloquium bids were submitted by Mensa of Northeastern New York (for 2006) and Chicago Area Mensa (2007). Both bids were approved in principle by the AMC, and final approval was delegated to the Executive committee and staff after their evaluation of the logistics and details.

**John DiLiberto** led a discussion of Risk Management principles. **Donna Eriksen** was introduced as the new Chair of the Risk Management Committee.

The next meeting of the American Mensa Committee will be held in Arlington, Texas, September 17, 2005.

Respectfully submitted,  
Judy Vasiliauskas, Secretary, AMC

## AMERICAN MENSA AWARD WINNERS - 2005

*The following national Mensa award winners were announced at the Awards Luncheon at the Annual Gathering in New Orleans on July 8. Congratulations to all of the winners!*

### NATIONAL SERVICE AWARD

The American Mensa Awards Committee has recognized the following member for his outstanding service at the national level:  
**Joe Zanca**, Distinguished Service Award with life membership

### NATIONAL CHAIR'S AWARDS

The Chair of American Mensa has recognized the following members for their superior service in support of the aims and purposes of the organization:

<b>Ed Becker</b>	<b>Richard Lederer</b>
<b>John Blinke</b>	<b>Don Million</b>
<b>Dan Burg</b>	<b>Robert Smith</b>
<b>Robin and Matt Crawford</b>	<b>Steve and Lesley Slepner</b>
<b>Keri Guilbault</b>	<b>Scott Rainey</b>
<b>Dianne Hartt</b>	<b>Deborah Ruf and Larry Kuusisto</b>
<b>Ike and Stormie Kullman</b>	<b>National Office staff</b>

### COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES PROGRAM

The national Community Activities Program winners are:

#### General Community Category

##### **Borderline Mensa - *Relay for Life***

Borderline Mensa sponsored a team for the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life. The group raised \$576 for the American Cancer Society through special fundraising happy hours. They also set up a campsite during the Relay for Life to display Mensa's name and invite the community to visit with members.

#### Gifted Children Category

##### **Central Florida Mensa - *Junior Engineer Day***

More than 100 children participated in Central Florida Mensa's Junior Engineer Day. Mensa members and local engineers led hands-on activities for the children and gave them goody bags filled with donations from local businesses. Proceeds from the event were used for the local group's scholarship fund.

**Education Category****Borderline Mensa - Local Scholarship**

Borderline Mensa granted two \$300 scholarships to local students.

**GROUP OF THE YEAR AWARDS**

The winners of the 5<sup>th</sup> annual Group of the Year Awards program are:

Class I: **Chicago Area Mensa**

Class II: **Mensa of Wisconsin**

Class III: **Inland Empire Mensa**

Class IV: **Iowa-Illinois Mensa**

Class V: **Borderline Mensa**

**NATIONAL GROUP OWLS**

**Prolific Owl** (awarded in recognition of outstanding membership growth):

**Mid-Michigan Mensa**

Honorable mentions: **North Dakota Mensa, Southern Nevada Mensa**

**Innovative Owl** (awarded in recognition of outstanding membership retention):

**Borderline Mensa**

Honorable mentions: **Mensa Alaska, Southern Illinois Mensa**

**The ABBIE Proctor of the Year Award**

**Susan L. Martin**, Mid-America Mensa

Regional honorable mentions:

Region 1: **Clotilde Cepeda**, Greater New York Mensa

Region 2: **Sallie Banko**, Lehigh Pocono Mensa

Region 5: **Mary Ann Cox**, Piedmont Area Mensa

Region 8: **Danita Fleck**, San Francisco Regional Mensa

Region 10: **Nancy Heinrich**, Manasota Mensa

**American Mensa Hall of Fame**

The American Mensa Hall of Fame honors individuals who have demonstrated their genius through remarkable vision and accomplishments. This year's inductees are **Marie Curie, Euclid, Louis Pasteur** and **William Shakespeare**.

They join previously inducted **Socrates, Nikola Tesla, Leonardo da Vinci, Albert Einstein, Isaac Newton, Benjamin Franklin, Charles Darwin, Galileo Galilei, Thomas Edison** and **Nicolas Copernicus**.

Visit [www.halloffame.us.mensa.org](http://www.halloffame.us.mensa.org) for more information.

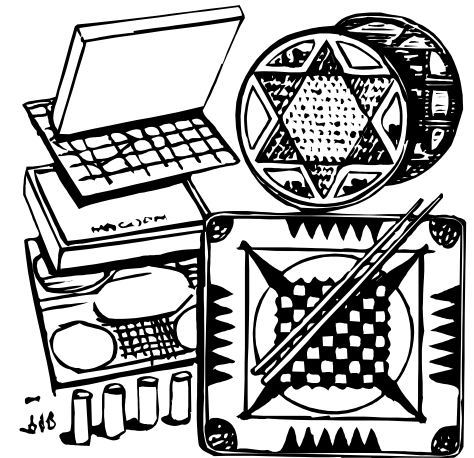
**JULY GAMES NIGHT**

*Sylvia Zadorozny*

A dozen people, including some new faces, attended July's Games night: **Peter Kadaj, Christian Poepsel, Richard Manno, Jack Crepeau, Leslie Case, Kathy Zadorozny, Bo Bruen, George Zadorozny, Thomas Thomas, Bonnie Wilpon, Charles Godfrey**, and me.

As guests arrived we added them to teams in *Ultimate Outburst*, a fun category list game. Then our group split, the first half (above) trying *Stock Rush*, a lengthy stock market game, while the second half played word games *Lexogon* and *Boggle*, and the matching game *Wavelength*. Finally, the late-nighters got back together for oldie-but-goodie Double-Deck-Cancellation Hearts, a variant of the card game Hearts played with two decks, where two matching cards cancel each other out for purposes of winning a trick (e.g., a deuce might take two queens).

We still have lots of new games from MindGames left to try. This games night we tried three new ones (*Stock Rush, Lexogon, and Wavelength*), but we have lots more games that are just waiting to be discovered. If you're interested in helping figure out how to play new games, give me a call some time (813-855-4939) and maybe we can get a small group together to try out a game or two. Or you could just show up at games night and join the other adventurous souls willing to take a risk. (Of course, for those who prefer to let others try out the new games, we still have plenty of old standbys available for games nights.)



**FOURTH FRIDAY MADNESS – JUNE 24***Phoebe McCann***PLEASE... RSVP**

I hate to make a big deal out of this but this is one event where it is really important to RSVP (to me, not to the restaurant) because of three things: 1. Olive Garden doesn't take reservations on the weekends; 2. When I get there at 5:30 or so, I have to give them a guestimate of how many people so they know what size table/room to give us; and 3. because people arrive at such diverse times through the dinner, that number tends to grow. In June, first we added tables, then we actually had to get up and move to another ROOM and a much bigger table. Only 6 people had called or emailed me that they were coming. Twice that number showed up. Now I'm thrilled to have that many people at the event but the waitress was really annoyed that we had to move because she'd set us all up and then lost the tips for doing so because we ended up with a different waiter. Not quite fair to her. In hindsight, I should have tipped her a little something but I didn't so we're not her favorite people.

**Dan Chesnut** didn't think he was going to make it due to car trouble. His car acts up when it's raining. **Richard Manno** has the same car only a year older (or younger ... I forget) and has offered to sell it to Dan for a hundred bucks. I said, "Sounds like a plan ... you could use it for parts!" There may be a deal in the making. **Norene and Frank Clarke** had just returned from Paris (with a side trip to the Alps) and had made a tour through the wine country, bringing back many bottles. I asked about Customs problems and they said they weren't even ASKED. I find that easy to believe. When I went to Europe in 1980, I went to 6 countries in western Europe. The only one that even asked for my passport let alone stamped it was England. I'm of English descent (and Dutch and Irish). I was offended (not). Frank and Norene were able, however, to give us a short course in "two noses" which is how you're supposed to tell whether you like a wine before you even drink it. I asked if it worked for beer. It doesn't.

Richard Manno said that the folks at that end of the table (**Tom Handcock, Kyle** (whose last name I didn't catch and it's not in the book), and **Sylvia Zadorozny** had decided to ask me as the closest thing to a musicologist (if I'm the closest thing we've got we're in real trouble) if I knew the answer to the following: regarding Swan Lake: did Tchaikovsky write the choreography as well as the score and if so, which came first? I said, "First of all, I seriously doubt he had anything to do with the choreography and secondly, [my stock answer when I'm clueless] I don't know but I'll find out." The answer is, no, Tchaikovsky did not have anything to do with the choreography. Very little is known, actually, about who did what when but basically, Tchaikovsky was commissioned by Vladimir Petrovich Begichev to write a score for the ballet in 1875 for the sum of 800 roubles. Begichev ("intendant" of the Russian Imperial Theatres in Moscow) and Vasily Fedorovich Geltser (a dancer) probably co-wrote the first libretto (story) but Tchaikovsky probably greatly influenced the development (of the story not the dancing) as the music progressed. The story was not completely new even to them as there are many legends about Swan Maidens going back for centuries but this ballet was the first to introduce this particular pas de deux (the dance between what I call the "ballerinO" and the ballerina"). There is a vast amount of information available online about this but that's all you're gonna get out of me fer nothin'.

**Lucy Yeager** and I discovered we had a mutual love of teaching middle school children because of their "June is bustin' out all over" flavor and yet they still have that certain innocence about them that is so appealing.

We all decided that **Ron Stich** isn't Roy "Shy Guy" reincarnated. We sure do wish someone would take up Roy's foreign film night at least once a month. That was a wonderful event. We found out that **Gina Boogher** is a Medicare auditor and I, for one, think there should be many many of them. Somebody's robbing the candy store. **Terri Elston** was sitting right next to me and I had hoped to find out what the card game "Hand and Foot" was all





*Tampa Bay Sounding* (USPS 305-830) is published monthly by Tampa Bay Mensa at 9091 St. Andrews Dr, Seminole, FL 33777.

Periodicals postage paid at St. Petersburg, FL.

Postmaster: Send address changes to: *Tampa Bay Sounding*, c/o American Mensa Ltd., 1229 Corporate Dr. West, Arlington, TX 76006-6103.

IF YOUR ADDRESS CHANGES, please let us know four weeks in advance. Send your change of address, with membership number, OLD address, NEW address, and new/current phone number (even if it hasn't changed) to Tampa Bay Sounding, c/o American Mensa Ltd., 1229 Corporate Dr West, Arlington, TX 76006-6103.

*Tampa Bay Sounding* is the official newsletter of Tampa Bay Mensa, American Mensa local group number 10-335. © 2005 Tampa Bay Mensa. All rights reserved. All material in this issue not copyrighted by individual contributors may be reprinted in other Mensa publications, provided that credit is given to the author or artist and to the *Sounding*. Prior written consent of the editor is required for any other reproduction in any form. Any Mensa publication reprinting *Tampa Bay Sounding* material is requested to send a copy to the editor.

### **SUBMISSION GUIDELINES**

*Tampa Bay Sounding* encourages submissions from all members. Submissions must be signed, but names may be withheld or pseudonyms used if requested. All letters to the editor will be subject to publication unless the author specifically requests otherwise. All material submitted will be considered for publication, but nothing can be guaranteed. Everything is subject to editing. Please keep the following guidelines in mind:

— Articles, casual essays, opinion pieces, poems, short stories, puzzles, and artwork are all encouraged.

— Personal attacks and bigoted, sexist, hateful, or otherwise offensive material will not be published.

— E-mail submissions are preferred, either embedded or in Word-readable attachments. Computer printouts and typewritten pages are fine. If you submit hard copy, please make sure your printer has enough toner or your typewriter has a fresh-enough ribbon. *Legible* handwritten submissions will be considered (but not given preference).

You may send your submissions by either of the following means:

(1) E-mail — FardleBear@aol.com (Please indicate "TBM" in the subject header.)

(2) U.S. Mail — Thomas G. Thomas, 27647 Sky Lake Circle, Wesley Chapel, FL 33543 (Telephone 813-994-3981)

**Unless otherwise specified in the calendar, the deadline for unsolicited contributions is the tenth day of the month.**

**SUBSCRIBE!** — The subscription cost for local members is partially remitted from annual dues paid to American Mensa Ltd. *Tampa Bay Sounding* is available to other Mensans and to non-Mensans at an annual subscription cost of \$12.00. To subscribe, send a check, payable to Tampa Bay Mensa, to the Treasurer: Kathy Crum, 7164 Quail Hollow Blvd., Wesley Chapel, FL 33544-2525.

**ADVERTISING POLICY:** The *Sounding* offers free classified ads to Tampa Bay Mensa members for services, items for sale, jobs wanted/available, personals, etc. Ads should be no longer than 50 words. Classified ads need to be renewed on a monthly basis if you wish them to appear in consecutive issues. Tampa Bay Mensa and the *Sounding* are not responsible for the content of ads. All commercial ads are subject to the following rates: Full page - \$60; Half page - \$30; Quarter page - \$15. Members of Mensa pay half these rates.