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LOCSEC'S REPORT

Maxine Kushner

Hello TBMs!

Good news: two members have volunteered to be part of the Election Committee. Thanks go to **Pat Tuley** (Supervisor) and **Peggy LaChance**. We still need one more volunteer to help count the ballots at the election meeting in June.

During the month of April, the \$30 fee for evaluation of prior evidence for membership will be waived. Please get the word out to anyone who might be interested in joining Mensa that they can have their test scores evaluated at no cost.

In other membership news, the number of members in Tampa Bay Mensa has passed 600. As far as any of us can recall, this is the first time we have had that many in our group. Of course, that number will drop if you don't renew before the membership year ends March 31. Renewing online is easy and convenient. Just follow this link:

https://secure.us.mensa.org/members/am_renew.php

Registration for this year's RG, *Sense and Mensability*, is also easier than ever — you can register online through PayPal at our web site: <http://www.tampa.us.mensa.org>. Registration is \$70 and will go up each month until it caps at \$85. Honcho **Sylvia Zadorozny** still has some room for programs, so please contact her if you are interested in presenting or if you would like to volunteer to help in other areas. For information and photos of the hotel, follow this link: <http://www.ThatParrotPlace.com>

In addition to duties as RG Honcho, Sylvia is also our Circulation Officer. She stepped in when we desperately needed someone to do the job, but she has been handling this load for some time now and would like someone else to volunteer for this position. If you might be interested, please contact either Sylvia or me.

The spring picnic is back! TBM will again sponsor the picnic and annual meeting in April. Look for more details in the April *Sounding*. You will also receive an invitation in the mail. We hope to see YOU there.

Until next month,
Maxine



WISE GUY

Thomas George Thomas

WE'RE ALREADY ENTERING ANOTHER TBM election cycle, with the call for candidates taking the cover this month. With renewal month upon us as well, this might be a good time to remind everyone that you must be a member in good standing to run or to sign someone's petition.

As Maxine mentioned, our membership is peaking in March, but April is the cyclical drop-off; as of this writing fewer than half of us have renewed into 2007 or beyond. This is normal procrastination, but please renew before the end of this month. I'd like to know how many copies of the *Sounding* to print!

Many of you are pleased to have the right to include "Mensa Member" on your credentials. Others are satisfied simply to receive the national Mensa Bulletin and the local Tampa Bay *Sounding*. A few like to go to the occasional regional or national gathering, but do not wish to become more active than that. All of this is fair, and each of you is welcome.

But there is more to Mensa for those who choose to avail themselves of it. In practice, Mensa is primarily a social organization, where members can congregate with others in stimulating intellectual camaraderie. (This does not preclude the occasional silliness, of course...) There are the parties, such as the spring picnic coming up in April, or our regional gathering on Memorial Day weekend. There are the intellectual challenges, such as CultureQuest. And there are combinations of the two, such as the monthly NTN night.

Volunteering is a surprisingly direct way of becoming socially involved. Speaking for myself, I have received far more fulfillment from volunteering to edit this newsletter than I ever got from just showing up at Games Night. (Although that's fun, too.)

So if you are looking for a way to become active and meet people, but feel too shy to go to an event where you don't know anybody, consider taking advantage of one of the many volunteer opportunities available. Help with the RG. Write an article or contribute artwork to the *Sounding*. Welcome our international counterparts at the World Gathering. People will start to want to meet *you*, which can take the pressure off of events.

In the meantime, enjoy this issue of the *Sounding*! Welcome our advertisers, who help keep us going, and avail yourself of their services if they have something you can use. Try the puzzles and quizzes. Check out Dana Groulx's new music review column, and the news and updates from events past and upcoming. And most importantly, peruse the Calendar for activities you'd like to participate in – and let us know if there's something missing that you'd volunteer to host!

SOUNDING BOARD

To the Editor:

Thank you for publishing my first play. No research is complete until it is published. Performance of the play can be deferred. My impression is that you and Phoebe and Sylvia keep this club alive.

Is it not interesting and even ironic that the area where civilization arose is now greatly troubled? I mean Mesopotamia (Iraq) and ancient Persia (Iran). Science and technology have advanced, but human nature is unchanged. The spread of Islam did not help the idea of the brotherhood of man. And Zionism was definitely a bad idea.

Basically, we have two problems, which you and I cannot solve: overpopulation and tribalism. Why are so many people miserable in Africa? Are Africans more stupid than Western people? No. There are just too many. Why not make Palestinians and Israelis equal citizens of a single country? Why not have world citizens and no countries, just legislative districts? There are too many people, and the few who are thoughtful believe that their own group is superior, and must be prepared to defend itself against those who lack their beliefs. That is tribalism.

Carl Kammen

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Elizabeth Lynn Hapner	Alia Quadir *
Michael S Harris	Chase L Squires
Jay Johnson	Gerald Thackham
E Gerald Kamen	Timothy H Tigner *
Angela Mancini *	Steve G Van Kley *

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

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

1	Nelson Crowle, Michael Swiller
3	Joseph Daly
4	Patrick Bastien
5	Sandra Lee Hawes
7	Melvin Stanley Cutler
8	Chris Clement, Vel Jaeger, Terra Maggiolino
13	John Alfred Crandall
14	Sylvia Cesanek
15	Cornelia Anderson Biggers, Erin Anne Wells
18	Maureen Brush, Benito Enriquez, Thomas Riedhammer
19	Eric Scholz
20	Monica Cutting, Darryl Olenchak
21	Ltc Jon R Smith, Darlene Williams
22	James Browning, Richard Hardy
23	Ronnie Dubs, Steven Michael Graves
24	Frederick Raymond, Dana Sims
27	Karen Hamlin
28	Jon Ford
30	Michael Fouse, Marston John Hawkins

MEMBERS MOVED OUT

Alonzo F Cobb

moved to Gainesville Area Mensa

MARCH MENSAVERSARIES

36 Years	James Perry
31 Years	Mary Anna Muka
30 Years	Dorothy Gondela, Constance Miller
21 Years	Diane Marie Church-Smith, John Hurayt
20 Years	William Keller, Phoebe McCann
18 Years	Rolaine Franz
16 Years	Albert Church
15 Years	Chris Evans, Douglas Keith Linkhart
13 Years	David K Palmer, Dolores Puterbaugh
11 Years	Thomas Hathaway, Karen Stowe
9 Years	Lennard Mark Ciecieznski, Martin Hebert
8 Years	Melvin Stanley Cutler, A Renee Foran, James Spencer
7 Years	Peter Fournier
6 Years	Don Greenwood, Gregory Pitts
5 Years	James Vernon Johnston, Sally Buffum Marnell
4 Years	John Bailey, Jane Ann Davis, Lilianne DeGrasse, Brian Walkowiak
3 Years	Donald Davis, Ronald Stich
2 Years	Julie Anderson, Thomas Gordon Jr, Allen Kennedy, Elaine Marie Paralusz, Hannah Rhodes
1 Year	Jackie Campos, Noel Davison, Matthew Eason, Sonya Horbelt, Joseph Earle Juston, Ronald S Klein, Kenneth Maliq Louis, John MacKay, Yvonne Robin Meadows, Partmiss Mojallal, Heather Savoy, Michael Swiller, Danny Ervin Taylor, Darlene Williams

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



Watch for your membership renewal notice...

Remember you may renew online now at www.us.mensa.org
(using your American Express, Discover, MasterCard or Visa.)

DANA'S DOWNLOADS

Dana Groulx

I THOUGHT THAT I WOULD start a new feature in the *Sounding* that would allow people to have some input without writing an entire article. Many people have iPods or other MP3 players. Lots of these people just load existing music CDs onto their iPods, but I thought it would be fun to recommend a few songs each month that I am currently listening to. This is where you come in. Send me songs that you are listening to along with a brief synopsis and I'll put them in the column. Please note if there are any objectionable lyrics in your write up. Here are my picks for this month. All three are easily worth the 99 cent download fee.

The Clientele

– “Since K Got Over Me”

This London band has been around since 1997. They have a dream-like quality to their sound with a definite sixties feel to their melodies. This selection is from their current album “Strange Geometry”. Most everyone has had to deal with a relationship break-up. If that person now hates you, at least that is an emotion. What's worse is when that person no longer even thinks about you. The lyrics state, “Everything's so lucid and so creepy”. In another verse, “All my senses sharp, my hands are fists. I'm pretty tired of making lists. It's just this emptiness. I can't chase it away”. This is just the song to listen to while you're feeling down and drowning your sorrow in a glass of wine.

Clap Your Hands and Say Yeah!

– “Upon This Tidal Wave of Young Blood”

This 2005 release was self-produced, self-released, self-promoted & self-distributed. That's a true DIY approach to music. If a record label doesn't sign you, then just make it yourself. This Brooklyn band has sold tens of thousands of their debut CD without anyone's help. I find this track very catchy. I have to bounce around in my office chair or in my car when I listen to it. At least on this track, they sound very much like Talking Heads. The lyrics don't make a lot of sense to me, “America please help them, they are child stars”, but sometimes lyrics don't matter at all when the song is as infectious as this one.

Badly Drawn Boy

– “You Were Right”

Badly Drawn Boy is the sobriquet of Damon Gough, who hails from Manchester, England. I've always loved music from Manchester, including that of the Buzzcocks and the Smiths. This song is from his 2002 release “Have You Fed the Fish?” It has a really nice pop melody and the lyrics seemed to be tinged with regret. These retrospective lyrics make me a little sad, as I look back over my life choices. It starts, “You were right to bide your time and not buy into my misery.” By the time the last verse comes around he sings, “And I was busy finding answers while you just got on with real life. Always hoped you'd be my wife. But I never found the time for the question to arrive. I just disguised it in this song. And songs are never quite the answer, just a soundtrack to a life. That is over all too soon. Helps to turn the days to night. While I was wrong and you were right.”

CIRCULATION OFFICER NEEDED

Maxine Kushner

Sylvia Zadorozny has enjoyed volunteering as our circulation officer, but she has many other commitments, including honchoing this year's RG. At some point in the very near future, she will handle circulation duties for the last time. We absolutely must find someone to handle this job.

So, what does the job entail? Every month, National sends labels for the newsletters. The Circulation Officer spends a few minutes sorting these. On FSM day, the CO brings the staplers, labels, P.O. boxes, and tape to the host's home. Several volunteers fold, staple, tape, and label the newsletters. The CO supervises and makes sure that newsletters are put in the correct boxes. FSM usually lasts about three hours. And even though we're working, it is also an enjoyable social occasion. The last duty is to take the newsletters to the post office within a few days after FSM. There is also a form that needs to be filled out once a year. Sylvia says the P.O. duties are not difficult, and, having attended many FSMs, I can attest that the work is not difficult, and a good time is had by all.

If you might be interested, please contact either Sylvia or me.

THE TENTH STORY

(RVC COLUMN FOR REGION 10) – MARCH 2006

Maggie Truelove



AS PREVIEWED LAST MONTH, WE have taken another step into the 21st century; there is a new elist for folks in Region 10. To subscribe to the list, send an email to region10-request@lists.us.mensa.org with the word "subscribe" in the subject line or visit <http://lists.us.mensa.org/mailman/listinfo/region10>. If you are already subscribed, you can send an email at any time to region10@lists.us.mensa.org to reach others subscribed to the list. This will be a good way for us to communicate with the rest of Region 10 in an oh, so timely manner.

Are you planning to attend the WG? Wanna be a star? **Daniel Gilmore** is looking for a few good Mensans to perform at the WG in *The Two Percent Show*. Instrumentalists are especially encouraged to apply, and music reading ability is a huge plus. If you have a song, sketch or act that's both humorous and Mensa-oriented, that's even better. For details, or to volunteer, email Daniel at himself@att.net or call him at (206) 248-0100 [Be mindful of the time, please; Daniel is on the West Coast, in Seattle.]

There is some interesting news from National about testing. Local groups will receive a bit of a bonus (20%) for every candidate they test during February and March. Instead of local groups receiving \$12.50 per test, they will receive \$15.00! It must be received at National Office by no later than the end of March. Testing fee is still \$30.00. To make it even sweeter, in addition to the test rebate, local groups also get \$1.00 extra for every new member that joins. That can really add up!

Last summer, there was a month during which having prior evidence evaluated was FREE! That was a good thing. The only problem was that there was no advance notice of this, and it was difficult to get the word out. Well, this time we have advance notice. Pass the word along to your friends that **APRIL WILL HAVE FREE EVALUATION OF PRIOR EVIDENCE FOR MEMBERSHIP.**

It is a very good thing that we have the World Gathering right here in Region 10 this year, as there seems to be a developing shortage of Regional Gatherings. Central Florida Mensa didn't hold their usual RG in January. Reason? Not enough volunteers to put it on. Now I hear that Space Coast Area Mensa isn't holding their RG in October. Reason? Not enough volunteers to put it on. Let's all hope that this is a temporary situation, and 2007 will show Region 10 back up to speed with several wonderful RGs

to keep us sane. Maybe this is a good time for some new people to step up to the plate and volunteer to put on these Regional Gatherings.

Maggie Truelove, RVC10
3333 Honeysuckle Lane, Orlando, FL 32812
rvc10@cfl.rr.com or rvc10@us.mensa.org 407-855-9078

SUDOKU

Ronan Heffernan

Each digit (0-9) will only appear once per row and once per column.

Each digit (0-9) will only appear once per outlined 'block' of 9 squares. Based on the numbers that are already given, there is only one possible solution.

Puzzle 70 (Easy)

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	5		9	4		7	2	
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		2				5		
7	1		4	3		9	6	
	2	8		9	7		5	
		3		8				1
	7		2	5	3			9

CRYPTOPOEM*Sylvia Zadorozny*

HEN SQUAWKE YOLK HND HEQGKODU NCCK,

HEN EQBNYL END YOLK QDN.

HEN SQUAWKE DNTNX SOSZYNK

HQ HNY Y LQG FEOH KEN'K UQDN.

ODU KQ FN KSQXD HEN SQUAWKE,

FEWYN HEN EGBMYN END FN JXWIN,

FEWSE QDYL CQNK HQ KEQF LQG

HEOH WH JOLK HQ OUTNXHWKN.

--ODQDLBQ GK

CHOCOLATE ORGY*Victoria Foust*

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, I NEED you in *EVENING GOWNS AND TUXEDOS* to help *SERVE* Chocolate Goodies at the 2006 Regional Gathering on Friday May 26 at 9 p.m. at the "Chocolate Orgy".

We also need donated chocolate desserts, so bring your baked or bought chocolate items; cakes, pies, brownies, cookies, kisses, candy bars, etc.

Please email me at kfoust@tampabay.rr.com Let me know what chocolate item you are bringing and if you will be available to help serve.

Help make this event a big success!

Victoria, Queen of Chocolate

CALENDAR

March 2006

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 (813-732-2310) is the Calendar Editor. Please e-mail your calendar event notices to 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 12th of the preceding month.

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

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

March 1st & 15th - Wednesdays - 7:00 p.m.

Erudite Lite Reading Group

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

Ellen Berry – 727-480-7938 – eberry@rovingarts.com
Perkins Restaurant - 612 N. Dale Mabry Hwy, Tampa

March 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd & 30th - Thursdays - 12:30 p.m.

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

March 4th - Saturday - 11:00 a.m.*Busch Gardens Outing*

Note the new time (one hour later). The Crown Colony House doesn't open until 11:00 a.m., so that's the new time.

If you have (or want to buy) a Busch Gardens pass, come on out. Maybe there'll be some M's who want to ride rollercoasters, hang out and read or talk, or join with other parents in kids' activities. This will be a low-organization affair; just look for me in the Crown Colony House at an inside table overlooking the zebras (first floor) and we'll find out who's up for what.

Ronan Heffernan - 813-732-2310 - ronansan@gmail.com

March 4th & 18th - Saturdays - 7:00 p.m. - \$2*Card Night*

Either bring a card game you like to play or we will play Hand and Foot (a type of Canasta, played with partners. It's great fun!) Please make sure that you RSVP at 727-734-9646 at least two days in advance.

Directions: From the North - Come South on Belcher Rd. After Curlew Road is a Traffic Light at Solon Road. Keep coming South - BEFORE you get to Main Street (580) there is a blinking light for a Fire Station. On your RIGHT (West) is Beverly Lane, into Forest Park Villas.

From the South: Go North on Belcher Rd. Just past Main Street (580) is a blinking light for a fire station- on your LEFT (West) is Beverly Lane, into Forest Park Villas.

After turning onto Beverly Lane, go to the second street: Rebecca Lane. Turn Right and go to 1542 (short street). Park on street.

Terri Elston - 727-734-9646 - TeriProfsr@aol.com

1542 Rebecca Lane - Dunedin

March 8th & 22nd - Wednesdays - 1:15 p.m.*MHunch (Mensa Humpday Lunch)*

Locations: Purple Onion - Lakeland (2nd Wednesday)

Tipico's - Auburndale (4th Wednesday)

MHunch is a series of lunches at various locations around the region. **Due to the current gas situation, MHUNCH events away from Lakeland will be subject to cancellation if there is a lack of interest (that means 'yes' RSVPs!)...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

March 2006

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Reading Group 7:00 PM	2 Lunch Bunch 12:30 PM	3	4 Busch Gardens Outing 10:00 AM Card Night 7:00 PM
5	6	7	8 MHunch 1:15 PM	9 Breakfast Gathering 7:30 AM Lunch Bunch 12:30 PM	10 <i>Sounding</i> submissions deadline	11 Games Night 7:30 PM
12	13	14	15 Lunch Date with Vicky 11:30 AM Reading Group 7:00 PM	16 Lunch Bunch 12:30 PM	17	18 Card Night 7:00 PM
19	20	21	22 MHunch 1:15 PM	23 Lunch Bunch 12:30 PM	24 Fourth Friday Madness 6:00 PM	25 NTN Trivia Night 7:00 PM
26 FSM 3:00 PM	27	28	29	30 Lunch Bunch 12:30 PM	31 Deadline for renewals!	

April 2006

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30						1 Card Night 7:00 PM
2	3	4	5 MHunch 1:15 PM Reading Group 7:00 PM	6 Lunch Bunch 12:30 PM	7	8 Busch Gardens Outing 10:00 AM Games Night 7:30 PM
9	10 <i>Sounding</i> submissions deadline	11	12 Lunch Date with Vicky 11:30 AM	13 Breakfast Gathering 7:30 AM Lunch Bunch 12:30 PM	14	15 Card Night 7:00 PM
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23 FSM 3:00 PM	24	25	26	27 Lunch Bunch 12:30 PM	28 Fourth Friday Madness 6:00 PM	29 TBM Spring Picnic Last Saturday Games Night 7:30 PM

March 9th - Thursday - 7:30 a.m.*Breakfast Gathering*

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

Lori Puterbaugh - 727-399-2419

March 11th - Saturday - 7:30 p.m. - \$2*Games Night*

Games & Goodies, Friends & Fun (a sonnet)

Though I don't claim to have an Irish name
 And though the Emerald Isle lies far away,
 When searching March for holidays I came
 Upon this Irish one: St Patrick's Day.
 So I've bedecked the house with shamrocks green,
 And little people (leprechauns) abound.
 I hope that you will join my happy scene
 Where games & goodies, friends & fun are found.
 I must request that smokers smoke outside
 (To breathe I need to keep a smoke-free home),
 And if you've allergies, I must confide
 I have three cats that round the house may roam.
 Oh, won't you come, and maybe bring someone,
 To share in games & goodies, friends & fun?

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

March 15th - Wednesday - 11:30 a.m.*Lunch Date with Vicky - Spring Hill*

This "Lunch Date with Vicky" will be at Applebee's in Spring Hill (restaurant address and phone number below). Your Host will be Vicky Foust, entrepreneur, world traveler, and Queen of Chocolate.

Victoria Foust - 352-596-8242 – kfoust@tampabay.rr.com
 Applebee's: 4651 Commercial Way - Spring Hill - 352-597-6900

March 24th - Friday - 6:00 p.m.

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. RSVP to Phoebe McCann at 727-546-4030 or theboogiewoman1@yahoo.com.

Phoebe McCann - 727-546-4030 - theboogiewoman1@yahoo.com

March 25th - Saturday – 7:00 p.m.

NTN Trivia - Prime Time in Carrollwood

Location: Prime Time Sports Grill, 14404 N Dale Mabry Hwy, Tampa

NTN Satellite Trivia is a nationwide contest held in assorted restaurants and bars in our region. Three short rounds of five questions each are interspersed with breaks for conversation and socializing. **We have moved** to Carrollwood to Prime Time Sports Grill (this one puts the trivia games on a BIG screen!). Look for the table with our mascot, Owlbert. Come join the party!

Thomas Thomas - 813-994-3981 – FardleBear@aol.com

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March 26th - Sunday - 3:00 p.m.

FSM

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

Directions:

From Tampa (city) or Pinellas County:

Take I-275 North or South to 1-4 East to US-301 South or take Lee Roy Selmon Expressway to US-301 South. Go south on US 301 past the I-75 interchange to Bloomingdale Ave. Turn left (east) onto Bloomingdale.

From South Hillsborough County:

Take I-75 North to US 301 South. Turn left (east) at the first light onto Bloomingdale Ave, or take US 301 north to Bloomingdale Ave and turn right (east).

From New Tampa and eastern Pasco:

Take I-75 South to US 301 South. Turn left (east) at the first light onto Bloomingdale Ave

From Bloomingdale Ave eastbound:

At the second traffic light, turn right onto Providence Rd. At the first road on the right after the Watermark Apartments, turn right onto Kenbrook Drive (entrance to Bloomingdale Hills). At the first road on the left, turn left onto Carnelian. Follow Carnelian as it turns right (same road). Look for blue house with red/cream trim halfway up on the right. Numbers on white mailbox and over garage. Park in driveway if space is available, otherwise on the street.

Pat Tuley - 813-654-2259 (home) – 813-789-1357 (cell) - PATuley@aol.com
10912 Carnelian Way – Riverview, FL 33569



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ACADEMY AWARD BEST PICTURES

Maxine Kushner

This year's Academy Awards will be presented on March 5th. See if you can correctly recall some winners from previous years.

1927/28 (1st)

- ___ *The Racket*
- ___ *7th Heaven*
- ___ *Wings*

1929/30 (3rd)

- ___ *All Quiet on the Western Front*
- ___ *The Big House*
- ___ *Disraeli*
- ___ *The Divorcee*
- ___ *The Love Parade*

1940 (13th)

- ___ *All This, and Heaven Too*
- ___ *Foreign Correspondent*
- ___ *The Grapes of Wrath*
- ___ *The Great Dictator*
- ___ *Kitty Foyle*
- ___ *The Letter*
- ___ *The Long Voyage Home*
- ___ *Our Town*
- ___ *The Philadelphia Story*
- ___ *Rebecca*

1950 (23rd)

- ___ *All about Eve*
- ___ *Born Yesterday*
- ___ *Father of the Bride*
- ___ *King Solomon's Mines*
- ___ *Sunset Blvd.*

1960 (33rd)

- ___ *The Alamo*
- ___ *The Apartment*
- ___ *Elmer Gantry*
- ___ *Sons and Lovers*
- ___ *The Sundowners*

1970 (43rd)

- ___ *Airport*
- ___ *Five Easy Pieces*
- ___ *Love Story*
- ___ *M*A*S*H*
- ___ *Patton*

1980 (53rd)

- ___ *Coal Miner's Daughter*
- ___ *The Elephant Man*
- ___ *Ordinary People*
- ___ *Raging Bull*
- ___ *Tess*

1990 (63rd)

- ___ *Awakenings*
- ___ *Dances With Wolves*
- ___ *Ghost*
- ___ *The Godfather, Part III*
- ___ *Good Fellas*

2000 (73rd)

- ___ *Chocolat*
- ___ *Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon*
- ___ *Erin Brockovich*
- ___ *Gladiator*
- ___ *Traffic*

2004 (77th)

- ___ *The Aviator*
- ___ *Finding Neverland*
- ___ *Million Dollar Baby*
- ___ *Ray*
- ___ *Sideways*

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***SENSE & MENSABILITY* RG UPDATE**

Sylvia Zadorozny

PLANS FOR *SENSE & MENSABILITY*, TAMPA Bay Mensa's Regional Gathering (RG), are progressing nicely. Several of us on the RG committee met at the hotel recently and learned that our hotel rep is working with her contacts at local attractions to see if they can send us any programs. In the meanwhile, here's a sample of sense-ational programs we already have lined up:

- Bonnie Wilpon, games maven, will have lots of tournaments and fun games to challenge or entertain us (sense of fair play).
- Victoria Foust, self-professed chocolate queen, is organizing a Chocolate Orgy, where we'll be served yummy chocolate confections in a formal atmosphere (sense of taste with a sense of decorum).
- Charles Godfrey, seasoned Tai Chi instructor, will lead us in morning Tai Chi exercises to get us moving and help our sense of balance.
- Michael Swiller, clinical nutritionist (DC, MS, CCN, DACBN), will present "Attention Deficit Disorder – Treatment Options" including symptoms, diagnosis, child & adult cases, and progress when untreated. (establish sense of self-control)
- Theresa Hohmann, teacher, will show kids how to race balloon boats in the swimming pool (sense of motion) and show kids (of all ages!) how to combine their artistic visual sense with the sense of touch during finger painting.
- Caitlin McDonald, actress, will conduct a fun Improv Workshop in the style of "Whose Line Is It Anyway?" (sense of humor).
- Terry Wells, wine connoisseur, will have us sampling fine wines, using our senses of smell and taste.
- We'll have a fun "Gong"-style talent show Sunday evening (this is Mensabilities, or maybe non-sense?).

Of course all this activity requires sensible sustenance. Your registration fee includes these meals (menu subject to change):

- Friday dinner buffet – salad with 2 dressings, southern fried chicken (white meat & dark meat), macaroni & cheese, collard greens, home-made mashed potatoes, country biscuits, unsweetened tea or lemonade, and peach cobbler for dessert.

- Saturday breakfast – pancakes or scrambled eggs & hash browns; breakfast sausage links; grits or oatmeal; toast, butter, fruit jellies; assorted cereals; milk, coffee, hot tea, and assorted juices.
- Saturday lunch either "on-the-town" or sandwiches in Hospitality.
- Saturday dinner buffet – salad with 2 dressings, meat or vegetable lasagna, breaded chicken parmesan, pasta with two sauces, Italian green beans, garlic bread sticks, unsweetened tea or lemonade, and double chocolate cake with chocolate frosting.
- Sunday breakfast – same choices as Saturday breakfast.
- Sunday lunch – sandwiches in Hospitality.
- Sunday dinner buffet – salad with 2 dressings, roasted sliced turkey, sliced glazed ham, sweet potatoes with brown sugar, corn bread stuffing, buttered corn, home-made mashed potatoes, brown gravy, cranberry jelly, dinner rolls & butter, unsweetened tea or lemonade, and key lime pie.
- Monday breakfast – scrambled eggs; crisp bacon strips; breakfast potatoes; fruit cocktail; toast, butter, fruit jellies; assorted cereals; milk, coffee, hot tea, and assorted juices.

Also, the Hospitality Suite will be open 24-hours a day for snacks and beverages.

This RG will be Tampa Bay Mensa's biggest event of the year. It's our group's main fund-raiser and THE place to meet other Tampa Bay Mensans.

Volunteer to be a part of it and become one of the "in" crowd. Simply email sylviachocolate@juno.com or call 813-855-4939 (leave a message) and let Sylvia know what you can do to help out. Thanks!

See you there!



FOURTH FRIDAY MADNESS – JANUARY 27*Phoebe McCann*

At the east end of the table, **Ron Stich, Carl Hammen, Erica Rogers and Bob Topper** solved budget problems for Bush, decided how to obtain peace in the Middle East, resolved to make space exploration economical and viable for the next generation and agreed to co-author two best-sellers (one fiction and one non-fiction). They mentioned past and present occupations such as Carl's work at Home Depot and teaching math at an art school and also discussed acquiring a car wash or a laundromat. (Apparently we have a very clean-minded group.) Erica said they also spoke of religion, the greater Tampa Bay Area, foreign travel, hurricanes and the price of real estate ... and that was just during the salad course!

Frank and Norene Clarke spoke of the number of hours left until Norene's retirement as an RN (three years, 4 months and how many hours?) and **Dana Groulx** the number of same until her formal classroom hours are over (next month) and her rotations as a pharmacist begin. We may actually get to see Dana in February!

When **Terri Elston** arrived in her brand-spankin' new cherry-red scooter, Ron was the hero who performed the furniture-moving magic which allowed her room to park it so she could slide gracefully into a chair. She and I discussed the presence or absence of Y chromosomes in certain people. I was behind the times because I still thought women had two Xs and men only one and that there really was no such thing as a Y. Silly me.

Richard Manno, Sylvia Zadorozny, Dan McCann and Thomas "FardleBear" Thomas talked about global warming, creationism and pirates. Thomas referenced the February *Sounding* and Gasparilla and said essentially the theory is that global warming is a result of a shortage of pirates. As pirates have disappeared, the global temperature has risen. That's a statistical, correlative, verifiable fact and he said he'd advise everyone to become a pirate and participate in Gasparilla!

Now I've researched this a little bit myself and have found that that while most of us have long been aware that we mustn't meddle in the affairs of dragons for we are crunchy and taste good with ketchup, it seems that now we must also contend with the Flying Spaghetti Monster. The shortage of pirates has raised the ire of said Fl.Sp.Mo (not to be confused with FSM of Mensa). As a result we've also had a statistical increase in earthquakes, hurricanes and other natural disasters. If we do not increase the number of pirates, the Flying Spaghetti Monster may destroy us all. Anyone who can think of ways to appease him should bring his or her ideas to the next Fourth Friday Madness event and we'll see what we can do.



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CALL FOR CANDIDATES TAMPA BAY MENSA 2006 ELECTIONS

Our annual TBM elections are in June, 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 four members of the Executive Committee will expire in 2006. These positions are currently held by Dan Chesnut, Kathy Crum, Richard Manno, and Sylvia Zadorozny. 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:

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Your Name Here

(As of this writing, we are still in need of a third committee member – please contact Pat Tuley 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 Monday, May 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:

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GENERAL INFORMATION ABOUT THE ELECTION

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ANSWER TO FEBRUARY CRYPTOPOEM

Our cat had kittens
weeks ago
when everything outside was snow.

So she stayed in
and kept them warm
and safe from all the clouds and storm.

But yesterday
when there was sun
she snuzzled on the smallest one

and turned it over
from beneath
and took its fur between her teeth

and carried it
outside to see
how nice a winter day can be...

--Myra Cohn Livingston

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Call 813-971-8930 or 800-786-7446 and mention "MENSA".

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Ordinary People

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This year's CultureQuest® will take place Sunday April 30th. Set your calendars and register your teams now. You can register online under Event Registration in the Member Resources area of the Web site at www.us.mensa.org/cq. CQ rules and application are available also. Registration and entry fees must be received by March 31.

For more information on CultureQuest®, contact CQ Chair Dennis Clinefelter at CultureQuest@us.mensa.org.

Anyone interested in helping out with Tampa Bay Mensa's Memorial Day weekend Regional Gathering, "Sense & Mensability", please call Sylvia Zadorozny at 813-855-4939 (leave a message if you get the machine), or e-mail sylviachocolate@juno.com.

Sylvia Zadorozny, RG 2006 Honcho



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