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- Personal attacks and bigoted, sexist, hateful, or otherwise offensive material will not be published.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

E-mail: editor@tampa.us.mensa.org

(Please indicate "TBM" in the subject header.)

U.S. Mail: Ronan Heffernan, 27504 Breakers Dr, Wesley Chapel, FL 33544

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

Welcome to Tampa Bay Mensa!

Cole Augusta
Connor Augusta

Randall Greene
* Carson Stec

* New members.

February Birthdays

02/01 Jill Flansburg, John Kincaid
02/02 Ruby Agnir, Ronald Croft
02/03 Gerri Almand, Roy Jahnke
02/05 Melissa Milliken
02/07 Martin Jenns
02/08 Claire Modarelli
02/09 Ronald Marlowe, Charles Sumner
02/10 Robert Topper, Norman Urich
02/11 Charlyn Brodie, Jeffrey Eckmann, William Knowles
02/12 David Gunn
02/13 Robert Pressner, Linda Terrell
02/14 L Aschoff
02/16 William Allen, Paula Cane
02/17 Jeff Villet
02/18 Patrick Lewis, Carol Park
02/19 Alison Williams
02/20 Craig Caldwell, John Reece
02/21 Robert Summers, Rudolph Trosin
02/25 Martha Mallak, William Schneikart
02/26 Arthur Kelland, John Woerner, Jeffrey Yorns
02/27 Ryan Southwell

LocSec Column

Ronan Heffernan

February 14th is the last day on which to register at the lowest price for our 2014 “MaRGaritaville” Regional Gathering. After that, prices rise as the event draws near. Register on our website: <http://tampa.us.mensa.org> or by contacting our Treasurer, Kathy Crum: treasurer@tampa.us.mensa.org

Tampa Bay Mensa received 90 essay submissions for our Scholarship program. Scholarship Chair Dan Chesnut is organizing the judging process and helping our volunteer judges in the evaluation process. Thanks to all of our volunteers for working on this valuable process!

Our calendar has some interesting new, non-repeating, events including a Tampa Bay History Center program “The Great Buccaneer Caper”, and a trip to the State Fair. GourMensans is returning to Udipi Cafe, which is a great vegetarian south-Indian restaurant (not really a cafe). If you like spicy food, this could be a dinner for you. The last time GourMensans went to Udipi Cafe, we had roughly 30 members attend.

LOOKING FORWARD

Sylvia Holt Zadorozny is planning our Spring Picnic. Look for more information on this free member-appreciation event soon.

As mentioned above, our Regional Gathering is coming up on Memorial Day weekend. It is not too early to register and book a hotel room. ■

Dolores Puterbaugh, Ph.D, LMFT, LMHC, PA

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As I See It

Duke Mader

It goes without saying that these are changing times and we are a changing civilization. The stimuli for change comes in a preponderance of guises. I challenge you to admit that you are, and have changed, not only your physical existence but also your moral structure.

In the early 1900's a young woman's bathing suit nearly covered her entire body. Go to the beach today, and you will notice that there is very little left to the imagination. And if this is a socially acceptable modicum of attire today, why wasn't it a half century ago? Are we swapping ideals for morals, or are we just becoming a more advanced society, with an "accelerated" set of rules?

I'm not shaking chains or carrying repent signs, but it wasn't too long ago that most civil-minded Americans were bemused and disgusted with a bead

wearing, long-haired youth. It seems that the fellows have given up their beads for earrings, and we have ladies driving trucks. The die-hards who once scoffed, and even called sissy, the many long haired men of a few years ago have all but succumbed to a protest conceived and executed by a then-seemingly-radical youth.

How long is your hair today, and what about your sideburns? Look around; everywhere you go today male bank employees, office workers, clergyman, and many prominent businessmen are wearing their hair noticeably long, at least by yesterday's standards.

The example set by a harassed youth of yesterday has been dignified and accepted by the majority of us today.

Think about it. ■

Tampa Bay Sounding is in need of a new editor who will compile items for publication so that our crack TLC crews can prepare it for mailing. As editor, you will also have the opportunity to network with other member of the chapter, especially the Board members, and even with editors from other chapters.

We ask that you consider taking on this responsibility for one year (12 issues). At the end of that time, you may choose to "pass the torch," but realistically, this would be unlikely because being editor is rewarding enough that all members who have served in this way for a year have chosen to continue!

Please inquire with Ronan Heffernan, editor@tampa.us.mensa.org

Classifieds

Classifieds are free for members. Contact:
editor@tampa.us.mensa.org

Wanted: re-sealable glass jars for RG and events
melissalstephens@aol.com

Free: Memorex slim jewel cases, colors, sort of like new, as many as you want. Did I mention free? Jay Johnson, 727-934-9575

RVC Column for Region 10

Thomas George Thomas

Membership renewal season is now upon us, and you will be receiving plenty of reminders to renew. Since approximately a third of you won't need to renew (either because you are Life Members or have multi-year memberships - or even renewed early), I'd like to focus instead on your Member Profile.

Your profile is very important to your local group and to American Mensa as a whole. It lets us know what our members are most interested in, and provides us with important information to help us decide what we should focus on when developing new programs and events.

This is a good time to go to the American Mensa website to update your profile. Just go to <http://us.mensa.org> and select "My Mensa" from the top menu (it's over on the far right), then click Member profile (it's in the menu on the left). This page gives you the opportunity to opt for an electronic version of your local newsletter where available (and save your group printing and postage costs). You can easily submit address, email or phone number changes from here - so your local group can let you know what's going on! You can subscribe to a variety of eNewsletters, including AML Today. You can update your Personal Data Questions (PDQ), where you can select up to eight Areas of Interest (particularly useful for local groups to create events and useful member directories.)

Please note the checkboxes on "Release my phone number/email address within the organization". Please check these, because it's important for the functioning of your local group. Contrary to some recent statements, this does *not* mean you will start receiving spam. American Mensa does not provide your name, address, or email to any external vendors or solicitors. We do allow you the opportunity to take advantage of some offers, but *you* control that through a different checkbox on your profile specifically for "Benefit and Service Providers". If you don't want those contacts, make sure that box is not checked, but please check the boxes that allow us to get in touch with you.

Are you interested in the direction of American Mensa? We're beginning the National Election process once again. If you're interested in serving on Region 10's Nominating Committee, let your Local ExComm know. I'll be asking each chapter to recommend members to serve, and the region's Local Secretaries will select three people from the pool to serve on the committee. We hope to have the NomComm representatives determined by the end of February, so they can be ratified at the American Mensa Board of Directors meeting on the weekend of March 28.

Don't miss out on CultureQuest on April 27! Teams are beginning to form, and we've had some great teams from our region in the past. Registration is now open online at <http://us.mensa.org/culturequest> and closes on Monday, March 31. Teams of up to five members compete for cash prizes and bragging rights, so don't delay! Someone else may recruit the best players before you get to them, so get your team together first.

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A View from the Right

Ronnie Dubs

I don't believe a classic version of God as a man-like being residing in the heavens, but of a universal God and the laws of physics. However I still like to believe in divine intervention, that God does sometimes intercede into the affairs of men, to help achieve a more just and harmonious world. I believe the writing of the US Constitution was an act of divine intervention.

I believe we witnessed an act of divine intervention on November 4th, 2008, on Barack Obama's election as President. I believe that intervention came in the form of the Philadelphia, New Black Panther voter-intimidation case. Several members of the New Black Panther Party stationed themselves at the door of a Philadelphia polling station loudly thumped billy-clubs in their hands and threatened white voters with racial taunts, threats, and insults, and all of it on video.

So perfect was it all, it had to be divine intervention; the perfect opportunity it was for Barack Obama to extricate himself from lingering suspicions of racism many of us had from his 20+ year close association to the anti-white preacher Reverent Wright preaching a gospel of Black Liberation Theology. How perfect an opportunity was this to show the nation a willingness to fairly, without regard to race, uphold the laws of the United States? How perfect an opportunity for Obama to start off his administration based on mutual trust and respect?

But soon after the election Obama got his first choice of Eric Holder as Attorney General and they immediately conspired to drop that case. As Holder later testified, pursuing it would be unfair to "his people". No, Barack Obama failed that early test of character and turned his back on divine intervention, intended to help him become what he promised to be, a pragmatic, post-racial man of the American center.

This incident was quickly followed by the self-manufactured controversy over the birth certificate. The circumstance of his birth was quite different from other presidents, when he himself had authorized a biography stating he was from Kenya and allowed himself to be so introduced on many occasions. But he seemed to enjoy taunting the public into argument and disharmony over it, providing him the issue he wanted to play: the race card. The poor African-American president has to show a document none of the white presidents were asked for. In the end when it no longer served his political gamesmanship, he ended the controversy with the simple phone call to Hawaii he could have made on day one.

The Tea Party formed in opposition to Obamacare. There never was the slightest bit of racism within us, except for the offensive misspelled signs Democrats brought to our rallies long enough to have their pictures taken. But that didn't stop Obama and his supporters from labeling the movement as racist, as if the only real objections to his plans were skin color and not the totalitarian nature of what he was attempting. Soon that sentiment morphed into any and all opposition to Obama being race based. Yet never once as president, as a man of decency and character, did Obama ever dissuade his supporters from using racism as cover for genuine criticism; in fact, he encouraged it. ■

Election Information You Need To Know

At the last election you, the membership, voted to accept new bylaws and those bylaws include a new way to handle our annual elections. The main difference is: we now have a Nominating Committee. This means committee members are charged with soliciting and receiving from the membership indications of interest to run for the Executive Committee, the ruling board of Tampa Bay Mensa. The NomComm will serve instead of the usual petition you are all familiar with, although the petition is still available as a means to have a name placed on the election ballot, and write-ins are also still allowed.

The members of the NomComm are: Eloise Hurst, Bonnie Wilpon and Maran Fulvi. Their deadline to receive candidates is February 5th, so if you want to have your name on the ballot let them know right away. The NomComm will also solicit candidates so if you are approached, please consider their request.

The usual Call for Candidates will be published in the March edition of *Sounding* along with an election petition. This is the petition you are already familiar with, and it is still a legitimate way for you to place your name on the ballot. With your petition you may enclose a Candidate Statement of no more than 250 words to be published in *Sounding*.

Everything else is the same; ballots will be in the June Sounding, ballots will be due the third Saturday in June, (June 21, 2014). The new ExComm will seat in October.

If you have any further questions about the election please contact me, Jay Johnson, at election@tampa.us.mensa.org and I will be glad to answer your questions. If you are ready to make a commitment to your Mensa local group, I can put you in touch with one of the members of the NomComm.

This year we have 4 open seats to fill on the board and as usual, I look forward to the ideas and energy of a new board. I hope you will consider running for one of these seats.

Jay Johnson, Election Supervisor

Executive Committee Meetings

The next meetings of Tampa Bay Mensa's Executive Committee will be held:

**February 16th at 1:30 PM, hosted by Barbara Loewe
University Village 12401 N. 22nd St., Tampa**

All members of Tampa Bay Mensa are invited to all Executive Committee Meetings.
For more information contact our LocSec (Officer contact info is on page 19).

Book Review

Jim Perry

David Leeming's *Medusa in the Mirror of Time*, reviewed by Jim Perry

The image and idea of Medusa is one of those threads that connect many parts of human history and experience. Leeming's small volume tells a great story and tells it well enough to maintain this reader's interest to the end. From the story's origins in India, Sumeria, and Egypt, of a face meant to terrify, to a myriad of Greek legends, to modern interpretations of culture, and effective advertising, Medusa forever holds all of us in her stunning gaze.

We all know part of the legend, that a woman named Medusa, with snakes for hair, who turned men to stone if they dared to look at her, was decapitated by Perseus who used a shiny shield to watch her safely while he swung his sword. But there is more to the story than this, and Leeming gives us more, much more. Whoever joins the author on this journey through the history of this idea will be well-rewarded, though they may find themselves envious, as I did, of his obvious knowledge and enjoyment of the trip.

Myths, the author admits, are not true in the usual scientific sense. But they are significant as identities and signals of personal and cultural expectations. Consider our claims to know that someone else loves us, really loves us. These claims are not testable – in fact, testing them might be an effective way to make them turn false. They are not replicable the way good scientific experiments are. Yet they speak to commitment and expectation, and in that sense are as true as predictions about sunrise and frost. They predict behavior.

Medusa is usually depicted as a monster, an image and omen of terror and tragedy. The myth of Medusa finds its origins in the prior tales of female goddesses such

as Gaia and the Babylonian Tiamat, and Greek legends speak of how these female monsters were conquered by powerful male heroes like Perseus. The details are fascinating, and they're all here in this book.

After the rise of Christianity, the danger of female sexuality ascended into the dominant cultural position it occupies today. Medusa became the *femme fatale*, the enchantress, the temptress who paralyzed men in more ways than one. This book follows the history of these ideas from Augustine of Hippo all the way to Hegel, Nietzsche, Freud, and Sartre, and beyond them to Versace, a company that uses the image of Medusa in its advertising.

One further thought occurs to me, which the author alluded to a couple of times but did not discuss. He speaks at one point (p. 61) of “conflicting values,” and later (p. 107) remarks that “the inner demon represented by Medusa is powerful and immobilizing.” These two references call to mind the effect of contradictions, which entail the effect of all propositions and thus induce *panic*, the effort to move in all directions at the same time resulting in no movement at all. In Greek, contradiction is described as *dia-* (across) + *ballein* (to throw), i.e., diabolical. The effect of contradiction is the same as the effect of seeing the horrific head of Medusa: paralysis. Could Medusa be a picturing of the true nature of contradiction?

This book, barely more than a hundred pages long, contains a seven-page bibliography and a detailed index of myths, authors, and commentators. It seems to me a fine example of what a book should do: it tells an important story well, and offers guidance for further study to readers so inclined. I recommend it. ■

Young Mensan Art Night

You are invited!

Come and join some of your fellow Young Mensans at this amazing art night! We will be working on a Safari Sunset theme.

Where: **Pinot's Palette** 3150 Tampa Rd, Unit 17A, Oldsmar, FL

When: Friday May 23, 2014 from 6:30pm – 8:30pm

Price: \$25 per painter if you register on or before February 28. You need to use a \$10 discount code which is: MENSA10.
\$30 per painter who register after February 28 and before April 31. You need to use a \$5 discount code which is: MENSA5.
\$35 per painter who register after April 31.

Please follow the link below for registration:

<http://www.pinotspalette.com/Oldsmar/Class/15829>

Please note that this event could be your beginning of a fun weekend with other Mensans as we have a youth program going on Saturday May 24th at the Tampa Bay Mensa Regional Gathering. Feel free to contact Gifted Youth Coordinator, Christina Westerberg for any questions you might have: cw@giftedyouth.net.

Letters to the Editor

My sincere thanks to Mr. Stillman for his kind words on my *Second Thought* columns.

My thanks also to Mr. Dubs, whose first few columns spurred me to start writing *Second Thought*. It was great fun, won me some good friends and eventually led to my book, *All the Right Lies*. While this hardly made my name a household word, it did get me on radio and TV and proved an enormously diverting exercise when diversions were much needed and in short supply.

If I was the kind of guy who thought fishing with dynamite was good sport I

might still challenge Mr. Dubs on his assertions. He found my columns disjointed screeds, but claims not to have actually read them. Nor could he manage to spell my name the same way twice in a single column. Consistency and accuracy have never stayed "The Right" from its appointed rounds, so clearly Mr. Dubs has found a home.

But, believe it or not, I was a once a Republican, though I haven't had a drink of Koolaid[™] in over a decade.

So there is hope for all of us.

Buck Beasom

February Mensaversaries

42 years	Gregory Cowsert
40 years	Patricia Bowker
34 years	Susan Wendt
33 years	Delphine Jenness, LeGrand Jones
32 years	Edwin Kelley
31 years	J Blanton
30 years	Pamela Farnsworth, Robert Fisher, Henry O'Neill
29 years	Patricia Johnston
24 years	Carol Partington, K Schneider
23 years	Peter Forret
12 years	Sharon Baugher, Max Epstein, Carlos Hernandez
11 years	Pamela Dodge, Wilma Genter, Keith Halbasch, Sheldon Livingston
10 years	Mary Jarrett, Shannon Mahoney, Robert Miller, Barbara Stetzko
9 years	Helen Parramore
8 years	Joseph Griffiths, Andrew Maxim, Brad Morse, John Mrsich, Abdus-Sattar Nasser, Thomas Quinlan, Kenneth Ravenscraft, Don Robinson
7 years	Frederick Carlson, Edmund Marks, Darrin Rosamond, Jeff Villet
6 years	Sherri Baker, Mikael Magnusson, Karen Squires
5 years	Wesley Barton, Logan Libretti
4 years	Ryan McKenzie, John Means, Lilly Paggio, Elizabeth Strickland
3 years	Julius Jahnke, Stephen Page, Gerald Thackham, Brian Thiel, Yihuan Zhang
2 years	Joseph Bohren, James Chevalier, Anelle Kloski, Melissa Milliken, Ella Whalen
1 year	Gregory Garbee, Gordon Hoffman, John Lango, Ronald McDonald, Ki Pickett, Kevin Whaley

Note: Years are for continuous membership. Members who let their membership lapse start from the date of reinstatement.

Tampa Bay Mensa proudly presents

MaR Garitaville



Memorial Day weekend
May 23-26, 2014

Three days of friends, speakers, activities, demonstrations, contests, tournaments, 24 hour hospitality and games, and other fun stuff.

Meals included!

A sampling of speakers we've already lined up:

- Feature Speaker: Mark Beiro—"BattleBots" and "The Kennedy Assassination"
- Larry Bush—"Cartoonyms, words that have entered the language from cartoons"
- John & Marsha Raymond—Native American culture/music demonstration
- Keith Brawner, PhD—"How to protect yourself on the internet"
- Dave Bryant—topic still to be determined, maybe lie detectors or self defense?
- Bonnie Wilpon - the real people behind the sideshow

Also planned:

- Jack Brawner's famous Treasure Hunt
- Tai Chi with Charles Godfrey
- Team Trivia by Kyle Lai
- Crafts with Theresa Shadrick
- Home-cooked meals by Melissa Stephens
- Karaoke
- A children's track on Saturday with a barbeque lunch and a visit by animals from the Lowry Park Zoo

Save money, register early!

Please make check payable to "Tampa Bay Mensa".

Pay by February 14 \$75; February 15 - April 25 \$85; April 26 - May 20 \$95; after May 20 \$105.

Mail registration checks to our registrar:

Kathy Crum, 7164 Quail Hollow Blvd., Wesley Chapel, FL 33544.

Online registration, using PayPal, on the Tampa Bay Mensa website: www.tampa.us.mensa.org

Hotel: Holiday Inn Express & Suites, Tampa Northwest—Oldsmar

Address: 3990 Tampa Road, Oldsmar FL 34677.

Phone: 813-854-5080. Please mention you're with Tampa Bay Mensa.

Rates: Standard King/Double Queen \$79 plus tax; King/Double Queen Suite \$89 plus tax.

Questions? Contact sylviachocolate@gmail.com or, if you don't have email, call Sylvia Holt Zadorozny at 813-855-4939 (email is preferred).

Calendar of Events

February 2014

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For updated event information, check our online calendar: <http://tampa.us.mensa.org/cal>

February 2014 Calendar

Except for rare cases that hosts will make clear, all events listed in our Calendar of Events, whether hosted in private homes or public venues, are open to all Mensans, their spouses, and accompanied guests.

While kitty amounts are mandatory, hosts often spend far more than the specified amount. Donations in excess of the kitty amount will be appreciated. If you have special needs or restrictions, it is prudent to discuss them with your host before attending an event.

February 5 1:15pm MHUNCH

Location: End Zone, 6206 US 98 N, Lakeland

Please either email or call so we can save a seat at the table for you!

Chris Brinkman 863-859-0180 cbrinky41@gmail.com

February 5 7pm Reading Group

Location: IHOP, 4910 West Spruce Street, Tampa

Read whatever you like and bring books you'd like to recommend, discuss, exchange, or give away.

Ronan Heffernan 727-537-6626 ronansan@gmail.com

February 6 12:30pm Lunch Bunch

Location: Piccadilly Cafeteria, 11810 North Dale Mabry Highway, Tampa

We meet at Piccadilly Cafeteria (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

February 8 7pm Games Night

Location: 651 Timber Bay Circle West, Oldsmar

We play fun board and table games. Snacks and sodas provided (\$2 kitty helps defray refreshment expenses). No smoking indoors.

Sylvia Holt Zadorozny 813-855-4939 sylviachocolate@gmail.com

February 13 12:30pm Lunch Bunch

February 14 7:30am Breakfast Gathering

Location: Village Inn at the corner of Walsingham and Vonn Roads in Largo.

Gather for food and conversation. Please call before Friday for headcount.

Lori Puterbaugh 727-399-2419 puterbaugh@mindspring.com

February 15 10am Florida State Fair (Family Friendly)

Location: Florida State Fairgrounds, U.S. 301, Tampa

Meet at the main gate to explore the fair together! There are options for discounted tickets, and some options for free tickets - consult the Florida State Fair web page or local papers for details. Special events this day include 4-H competitions with multiple livestock competitions and an Aerial Extreme Stunt Motorcycle Show. <http://www.floridastatefair.com/upcoming-events/events-calendar/icalrepeat.detail/2014/02/15/1659/-/florida-state-fair> Please RSVP.

Melissa Stephens 813-476-5405 MelissaLStephens@aol.com

February 15 5pm Shakespeare Watch

Location: 320 19th St, Palm Harbor

Bring your own favorite Shakespeare or Shakespeare-inspired DVD and the group will choose which movie to watch. Please RSVP. Call/e-mail for directions. Smoking outside.

Maran Fulvi 727-7891390 serakh@gmail.com

February 16 1:30pm ExComm Meeting

Location: 12401 N. 22d St. Tampa

All members are welcome at all ExComm meetings.

Ronan Heffernan - 813-732-2310 - locsec@tampa.us.mensa.org

February 19 1:15pm MHUNCH

Location: Tapatios Restaurante Mexicano (south), 6645 Florida Ave. South, Lakeland

Please either email or call so we can save a seat at the table for you!

Chris Brinkman 863-859-0180 cbrinky41@gmail.com

February 19 7pm Reading Group

February 20 12:30pm Lunch Bunch

February 22 10am The Great Buccaneer Caper

Location: Tampa Bay History Center, Old Water Street, Tampa

Tampa's pirate revelry continues during this self-guided urban scavenger hunt! Start the adventure in The Tampa Bay History Center's museum galleries before plundering the downtown waterfront. Encounter real pirates while searching for clues and dares leading to hidden treasure. Climb aboard the historic tall ship, the Lynx, and the TECO Streetcar while talking like a pirate and using navigational skills to uncover mysteries behind the real pirates of Floridas waters. Return to the History Center for pirates booty, fantastic raffle prizes, and a costume contest, if ye be bold enough. Arg! WHEN: February 22, 10 a.m. 4 p.m. WHO: Explorers of all ages (ages 4 and up to board the Lynx) COST: \$16/adult, \$12/ child (The Tampa Bay History Center Members) \$20/adult, \$14/child (Non The Tampa Bay History Center members) Fee includes The Tampa Bay History Center admission for the day and streetcar fare. Tickets available morning of event until 11:00 a.m. To register in advance, call 813-675-8960 or email jtyson@tampabayhistorycenter.org. ALSO RSVP to ensure our members can meet up.

Melissa Stephens 813-476-5405 MelissaLStephens@aol.com

February 22 7pm GourMensans

Location: Udipi Cafe, 14422 N Dale Mabry Hwy, Tampa

This has been a very popular spot for GourMensans to meet up for scrumptious South Indian Vegetarian Cuisine. Preview Udipi Cafe's menu online at: <http://www.udipiusa.net/menu.php> This event has been very popular, please RSVP to Melissa Stephens or on the Facebook event listing by Monday, February 17th at 8pm so that we can make a large enough reservation.

Melissa Stephens 813-476-5405 MelissaLStephens@aol.com

February 27 12:30pm Lunch Bunch

Cryptopoem

Sylvia Holt Zadorozny

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OE BUD BKYVKZE UDW PMNHH,

OE BUD PZODL CUGGODNHH-

OE'H ECN FKDWNZVIM YULOB KV MKAN!

MORN U HEUZ OD ECN DOLCE,

OE BUD RNNG SKIZ VUOEC PZOLCE,

MORN ECN HID, OE BUD FUZY SKIZ CNUZEH, EKK-

OE'H U LOVE SKI BUD LOAN

NANZS WUS ECUE SKI MOAN,

UDW FCND LOAND, OE BKYNH PUBR EK SKI! ...

~ CNMND VUZZONH

Suzaku™ #75

Thomas George Thomas

Suzaku™ (from Japanese *sousaku*: search) is a compound puzzle. The first step is to solve it as a traditional sudoku puzzle, using letters instead of numbers. The second step is to search for words in the solved sudoku. Start from any letter, moving up, down, forward, backward or diagonally in any direction, changing direction as needed without reusing the same square for a word. Although there are nine letters in this puzzle, words can be longer if you can find them. (There is a hint for this puzzle on page 18.) For extra credit, score the words using their associated number values to try to find the highest word points.

C ₈		S ₇				E ₂		N ₆
	F ₉		S ₇		N ₆		- ₁	
- ₁			E ₂		C ₈			S ₇
		N ₆	F ₉		I ₅	S ₇		
		- ₁	N ₆		O ₄	I ₅		
N ₆			O ₄		F ₉			T ₃
	T ₃		- ₁		E ₂		S ₇	
I ₅		E ₂				N ₆		F ₉

Suzaku™ (cont)

Last month's puzzle contained the 14-length phrase "MaRGaritaville", which used all nine letters for a total of 66 points. And if you haven't yet registered for our annual Memorial Day Regional Gathering, do it now at:

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The theme for this month's Suzaku™ is a hyphenated word consisting of 15 characters, using all eight letters and hyphen in the grid, for a score of 79 points. The shaded square is the starting position for the theme word. The solution will be provided in next month's issue of *Tampa Bay Sounding*.

R ₅	L ₆	M ₇	G ₈	V ₉	A ₃	T ₂	I ₄	E ₁
I ₄	V ₉	G ₈	E ₁	L ₆	T ₂	R ₅	M ₇	A ₃
E ₁	A ₃	T ₂	R ₅	M ₇	I ₄	V ₉	L ₆	G ₈
V ₉	G ₈	A ₃	T ₂	I ₄	R ₅	L ₆	E ₁	M ₇
M ₇	T ₂	I ₄	V ₉	E ₁	L ₆	G ₈	A ₃	R ₅
L ₆	E ₁	R ₅	A ₃	G ₈	M ₇	I ₄	V ₉	T ₂
T ₂	I ₄	E ₁	M ₇	R ₅	V ₉	A ₃	G ₈	L ₆
G ₈	R ₅	V ₉	L ₆	A ₃	E ₁	M ₇	T ₂	I ₄
A ₃	M ₇	L ₆	I ₄	T ₂	G ₈	E ₁	R ₅	V ₉

Answer to the January Suzaku™ (#74)

You could also search for a list of words and phrases and accumulate additional points. What is the highest cumulative score you can achieve?

Answer to the January Cryptopoeim:

*Who finds the trees of winter bleak
Has not the poet's sight.
They bear gold sunrise fruit at dawn,
And silver stars at night.
All day they prop the lowering clouds,
No respite do they ask,
And they sing in voices wild and deep,
Like giants at a task.*

-*Winter Trees*, by Mrs. M. F. Butts

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