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

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

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

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Welcome to Tampa Bay Mensa!

James Dolan
Grant Dumas
Charles Gleason
Sid Hendry
* John Heyman
Andrew Karay

Frances Keefe
* Camryn Kimble
Rudi Loehwing
Harris Lowenthal
* Juno Paramadevan

* New members.

May Birthdays

05/01 Lynette Pittman
05/02 Pamela Farnsworth
05/03 Eloise Hurst
05/04 Ferdinand Pointer, Edwin Tucker
05/05 David Dockery, Jodi Pecoraro, Thomas Timberlake
05/06 Linda Christina
05/08 Todd Tokish, Luis Waite
05/10 Lewis Prichard
05/11 Charles Cosner, Debra Hartland
05/12 Allison Jirsa
05/13 Eduardo Buenviaje
05/14 Kenneth Louis, Kay Shapiro
05/15 Todd Jennings, Rosalynn Solomon
05/17 Paul Sutcliffe
05/20 Sandra Kischuk
05/21 Andrew Dassing
05/22 Joseph Lucas
05/23 Timothy Johnson, Rebecca Sinnreich, John Turnbull
05/27 John Copeland
05/28 Susan Gardner, Sheldon Livingston, Christopher Orozco
05/29 Pamela Dodge
05/30 Jay Nelson, Barry Siegfried

LocSec Column

Ronan Heffernan

The big news this month is Tampa Bay Mensa's "MaRGaritaville" Regional Gathering. This three-day event is packed with speakers, games, and activities. If you've never been to an RG, this is a great opportunity to give it a try. Information about this event is on page 11 and a breakout of the information specifically about the "Kids Track" is on page 9.

LOOKING FORWARD

Tampa Bay Mensa's annual election is coming up in June. Don't miss this opportunity to turn the rascals out! Okay, there are no real rascals, but we do have a contested election, which is not all that common for our group. Your vote matters more this year than most.

Our Summer Social will be coming up before long, probably in August. These socials are the summer and winter counterparts to our spring and fall picnics, and are always fun events! ■

Executive Committee Meetings

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

**June 8th, 2014 at 1:30pm, 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).

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As I See It

Duke Mader

It takes certain kinds of people to fulfill some of the very special positions that life has to offer. For example, not everyone would want to be a jet plane pilot, or a thermo-nuclear physicist. As the jobs change in their job description, and their demands of the person performing them, temperament is a deciding factor in who can do what. I, for one, couldn't be a coal miner and I am glad that we have many strong-hearted people who are capable to do a good job in that profession.

Another very special type of worker is those people who enter into the healing profession and in particular those healers who are surgeons. The mental stress surgeons are under while trying to heal, or mend a broken body, is awesome. There are pictures in books on how it is supposed to look, but a book can't die on the operating table, and books do not suffer complications. In real life-and-death situations where a surgeon is racing against a clock, or a terminal illness, the pressures to do his job right because the life of another human being depends on his knowledge, and his ability, must be awesome.

A bookkeeper can make a mistake when balancing a set of books and merely erase the error and go on. A surgeon on the other hand generally only has one chance, as erasures don't work and mistakes aren't accepted.

A surgeon is, after all, only human, but if he makes a mistake he gets sued for malpractice. If you order a steak in a restaurant and it is not cooked right, you don't sue the restaurant; you send the steak back. Of course you can't send an operation back, so the surgeon is under this enormous pressure.

I have had the privilege of living in many areas in these United States and

unfortunately one thing I have found to be true in almost every instance is people of a community tend to criticize their local hospital as having incompetent or unreliable medical people on staff. There always seems to be a better hospital down the road. It's unfortunate, but a fact of life, there are far more communities without hospitals and medical staff than those who have them;

Mifflin County for the most part has a modern, up-to-date hospital with facilities to handle most types of emergencies. For those emergencies that they can't handle, we have facilities to handle a helicopter, which we have used successful on more than one occasion.

I have heard horror stories about our hospital and gruesome tales of wrongdoings, but it is easy to criticize an area where death and sickness are a way of life. I am glad that we have the high caliber of professional nurses, doctors, and support staff. I and my family have all used the facility at one time or another and we have all been treated with courtesy and with professionalism.

It would be nice to have a Hershey Medical Center here in Mifflin County, but of course we couldn't support such an organization and it is reassuring to know that it is only a short helicopter ride away in time of emergency. I don't know if there is a national Doctors Week so if there isn't I so proclaim this week.

Think about it. ■

This column originally appeared in the Bay County Journal.

RVC Column for Region 10

Thomas George Thomas

First order of news for May: Don't miss Tampa Bay Mensa's "MaRGaritaville" Regional Gathering over Memorial Day weekend. They've been working very hard to produce a large number of quality programs and events, and enthusiasm is running high. A Gathering is one of the best opportunities to enjoy an "immersion experience" in Mensa, where you can interact with over a hundred people as curious and intelligent as you are. There will also be a panel discussion/Q&A with Communication Officer Marc Lederman, Secretary Brian Reeves, and yours truly about what's happening in American Mensa. For more details, visit the MaRGaritaville facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/222609511232064/> then go to www.tampa.us.org to register.

Central Florida Mensa hosted a tremendously successful promotional event at MegaCon 2014 in Orlando in March. They served as a sponsor for the Con, and over a three day period their booth was visible to thousands of convention-goers, hundreds of whom stopped by to visit and ask about Mensa, pick up promotional materials, and take the on-site Mensa Admission Test. This was the biggest promotional event of its type held in Florida, and David Fleming and his team of volunteers deserve kudos for their dedication and hard work.

Also in March, I re-booted the Region 10 email list which had been sitting fallow on the American Mensa server for the past few years, and added as many local group officers as I could so we could openly discuss Mensa matters, including the American Mensa Board of Directors meeting held in late March. I'm happy to report that there was more discussion on that list in the first couple of weeks than had occurred in any two-month period since it was initially launched, demonstrating that it will be a useful tool to ask questions and share information about local group issues as well as national concerns to local groups. However, it's not just for local officers, but for anyone who has an interest in Mensa events and policies. If you'd like to join, go to <http://www.lists.us.mensa.org/mailman/listinfo/region10> and fill in the Subscribe section. (Note: This list is only open to current members of Mensa in Region 10.)

Going over the membership metrics for the end of the 2013-2014 membership year, I found a surprising factoid. Under demographics, Mensans are sorted into six Generations, the youngest of which are Millennials (ages 14-32) and Homeland Generation (ages 13 and younger). Surprisingly, nearly a quarter of you fall into these two groups, defying the conventional expectation that Florida would have an older-skewing membership. In fact, Region 10 has a higher percentage of young members than any of the other nine Regions! This is a good sign for the future of Mensa, and I look forward to seeing more of you taking on volunteer and leadership positions in your local groups and beyond as you make Mensa your own. If you have any comments or suggestions for me to help you with this, you can reach me by email at RVC10@us.mensa.org, or by text at [RVC10@vtext.com](text://RVC10@vtext.com). ■

Stuck in the Middle with You

Donna Hamel

Having found “Notes from the Right” consistently entertaining, it seemed appropriate to create an alternative view of US politics from a different perspective. After all, there are local elections every year, and at least regional elections regularly. I know many conservatives, and I find them personally generous and fine people – and yet, these personal characteristics are not translated into public policy. In fact, political opinions often have the characteristics of fact-devoid rants. I wondered why this was so, and attempted to construct a model of thought that made sense to me.

Perhaps you recall that women’s voting rights were enacted with the rationalization that women would depend upon their husbands to tell them which way to vote. The white-male majority did not conceive that women would constitute a separate voting bloc, and indeed would fortify the status quo against immigrants, working people and minority voters. As far back as the 1960s, there were suggestions that the US population was demographically becoming a majority-minority population. In those early days, the tipping-point date was set to 2050. The current white majority now sits at 60%, and recent articles estimate the white population to comprise less than 50% of the US population by 2043. The rancor we have observed has been intentionally exacerbated by those who have a real stake in the status quo. Fear of these changes in demographics has resulted in a perceived future inability to maintain control of the state. Those who have a stake in the status quo are manipulating both attitudes and voting rights in order to maintain control.

Persuading the people most likely to vote to elect folks to buttress outdated social policies, undermining the educational system in order to prevent rational consideration, pressing buttons that induce fear, using Frank Luntz-like language choices, and feeding underlying prejudice has proven to be remarkably effective.

When I moved to Florida from Virginia, I was a Virginia voter and had a Virginia voter ID card. I went to the DMV here and had no problem fulfilling the requirements for a new Florida driver’s license, but the case was quite the opposite when I attempted to obtain voter registration. Although my identification was good enough to obtain a driver’s license, it was not good enough to register to vote. I submitted my birth certificate, and the complaint was that my birth certificate did not have my married name on it. I had to obtain a certified copy of my marriage license to vote – despite that my Florida drivers license and car registration already contained my married name. What possible reason could Florida have had for accepting my identification for a license, the title for my home, the registration for my car, yet forcing me to return to the DMV office a total of five times to obtain voter registration? The complaint that women and minorities are having difficulty in many states obtaining the ability to vote is quite significant, and it’s just one example of the fear that the powerful forces in the country have against us. There is class warfare going on, but it is not the people complaining about such tactics that are waging war. ■

Your vote

Jay Johnson, Election Supervisor

You may not think much about your vote in Tampa Bay Mensa ExComm elections. You probably recognize some of the names on the ballot, vote for 4, ho-hum. You maybe even think about it for a minute; think of a person who you wish would run, who you think would be good on the ExComm, who you think would make a difference.

Thing is, you are the one who makes a difference. Your vote, your part, your just making a thoughtful choice, makes a difference.

Much is going on right now in the State of Florida and in Washington D.C. regarding your ability to vote in state and national elections. States are gerrymandered into districts that make it such that one candidate can receive a minority of votes, but win the state because of the gerrymandered districts. Days for Early Voting are being curtailed, hours are being cut, absentee ballots are often not even counted unless the initial count is close, ID requirements are getting more strict and people are being forced to stand in long lines for hours (sometimes without benefit of restroom facilities) just to vote. And the people are doing it, just to vote.

Tampa Bay Mensa may not seem like a big deal when set against these monumental affronts to our government and your vote, and you may feel there is absolutely nothing that will change whether you vote in your TBM election or not.

Wrong. Although Tampa Bay Mensa is not struggling on any big political front, your freedom to vote is protected here. You don't think your ExComm is worth voting for?

They are a group of 9 people who are responsible for bringing you this year's RG, 4 socials a year, leadership workshops, and social activities, and they bring you an open forum. Here you have a venue in *Sounding* to speak your piece, say what you want to say to over 700 very smart people. Here you have opportunities to meet people who share your interests or just your zip code, but are still a lot like you. Here you have the ability to communicate with others in TBM via Facebook, Twitter, and the Mensa national forums, all because your officers have worked together to make it so.

If you are not aware of all the social and practical opportunities available to you in Mensa, then you haven't been paying attention. Your officers have.

So here we have the perfect combination: we have people who want to help make your life more interesting, and we have you who just need to remember the importance of your most basic freedom - your vote.

Next month the ballot for the ExComm Election will be printed in *Sounding*. There will be no lines, no one handing you fliers, no one trying to break the secrecy of your vote, no one assaulting you with dirty ads, you don't even have to leave your home. There is no barrier to your ability to vote in this election. You may think this is small, but a vote is freedom, and it is yours. Don't ignore it. Vote.

Any questions: [email election@tampa.us.mensa.org](mailto:election@tampa.us.mensa.org)

Kids Track

Our local Regional Gathering is coming May 23-26, 2014. We will have a great kid's track on Saturday. Our schedule, subject to change, is as follows:

- ◆ 9am: Rocket Building - Our Rocket Master will help understand the basics of constructing your very own rocket from 2 Liter soda bottles. You will have the chance to build at least one rocket which we will launch after the Lowery Park Zoo presentation. Plans for the launcher will be handed out at the presentation, but one launcher will be pre-assembled for test flights.
- ◆ 10am: Scavenger Hunt - Safari Guide McCabe challenges you to stretch your imagination and creativity in answer to our challenges. Bring your digital camera to capture your best examples from edible to gross, colorful to camouflaged and petals to bugs. Skeletons too!
- ◆ 11am: Creativity Connection - The Crafty Shadrick has some creative ideas to share. Kids and their parents will enjoy a special Kids Track creation.
- ◆ 12 noon While the lunch is finishing Grilling - Kids Track will be Drilling - Watermelons! Teams will decorate and then power drill fresh watermelon juice to accompany lunch.
- ◆ LUNCHTIME SPECIAL: TBMs multifaceted actress and comedian Nicole will tickle your funny bone. She has delighted audiences from Florida to New York City and even on the high seas during the past four years. She has competed toe-to-toe with up and coming adult comedians, helped raise funds for many great causes and is branching out as an actress as well.
- ◆ 1:30 GAK! Gak is brewing! Make your own GAK with Lady Hillary.
- ◆ 2pm How to Train Your - wait "All rights reserved" - FEED Your Dragon: Get up close with a Bearded Dragon and the bugs he loves. A tongue slinging pal may also peek in.
- ◆ 3pm Tampa's Lowrey Park Zoo will be bringing some interesting animals to the hotel on Saturday afternoon. We anticipate we will be visited by a Kinkajou and a Tamandua (among others).
- ◆ 5pm Rocket Launches and Scavenger Hunt Reveals (In between activities and over lunch you can continue to prep your rockets and polish the creative clues.)

Dinner is on the town. The Kids Room will open for games and movie(s) following the Chocolate event.

May Mensaversaries

49 years	Cynthia Fisher
44 years	Allen Garber
37 years	John Evan
35 years	Marilyn Wolf
34 years	John Woerner
33 years	Christopher Clement, Michelle Stencil
30 years	Bruce Bohnker
29 years	Charles Lardent
28 years	Sandra Sorenson, Sylvia Zadorozny
27 years	Joanna Gili, Penny Levin
25 years	Gerri Almand, Janet Darmanin
24 years	Rudolph Trosin
23 years	Roland St Marie
22 years	James Brower
20 years	Rick Craig
19 years	Anne Murray
16 years	Chris Hachey
15 years	Audrey Silver
14 years	John Cattel
13 years	James Clack, Geoff LeCain
12 years	Charles Godfrey
11 years	Larry Paradis, Bob Wood
10 years	Catherine Hall, Keith Lussen, Spencer Young
9 years	Don Davis, Laurel Moore
8 years	Mary Lou Clark, Justin Ponsor, Edwin Smith, Devin Statham
7 years	Tyler House
5 years	Scott Kurland
4 years	Randall Chan-A-Shing, Tristan Goodrich, Kenneth Kline
3 years	William Allen, Brian Terjung
2 years	Caitlyn Doel, McKenzie Lange, Logan Laxton, Scott McInnes
1 years	Haley Carrel, Elijah King, Drew Meyerson, Lucas Prescott, Connor Stec, Edwin Tucker, Paul Vaitkus, Julee Vance

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!

Featured Speakers:

- Mark Beiro—"BattleBots" and "The Kennedy Assassination"
- Dave Bryant—"Polygraphs"
- Larry Bush—"Cartoonymys,"
- Keith Brawner, PhD—"How to protect yourself on the Internet"
- Bonnie Wilpon - "Human Oddities and Circus Sideshows"
- Tom Kearns—"Getting the Most Out of Your Life"
- John & Marsha Raymond— Native American culture/music
- John Raymond—"Talkin' Tolkien"
- Claire Modarelli—"A Recent Trip to Cuba"
- Steve Shapiro—"A Layman's Guide to Guns and Gun Laws"
- Marc Lederman—"Midnight Magic with Marc"
- Wynn Rostek—"A Brief History of Codes"
- Linda Hathaway—"Beauty and Health Products Around the Home"
- Brian Reeves—"Negotiation"
- Steve Ruediger—"Microfinance and Crowd Sourcing"
- Animals from Lowry Park Zoo!

Also:

- Jack Brawner's famous Treasure Hunt
- Team Trivia by Kyle Lai
- Home-cooked meals by Melissa Stephens
- Tai Chi with Charles Godfrey
- Ice Breakers with Joanne Brown
- Arts & Crafts with Theresa Shadrick
- Game Tournaments, coordinated by Maran Fulvi
- A kids/family track on Saturday

Save money, register early!

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

Mail registration check, payable to Tampa Bay Mensa, to our registrar:

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

Or register online, using PayPal, on our 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/DbI Queen \$79 plus tax; King/DbI Queen Suite \$89 plus tax.

Questions? Contact sylviachocolate@gmail.com , or call Sylvia Holt Zadorozny at 813-855-4939 (email preferred).

Calendar of Events

May 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 » Lunch Bunch	2	3
4 » Monster Mini Golf ~ A Family Friendly Event	5	6	7 » Reading Group	8 » Lunch Bunch	9	10 » Games Night
11	12	13	14 » MHUNCH	15 » Lunch Bunch	16	17 » Shakespeare » Watch
18	19	20	21 » Reading Group	22 » Lunch Bunch	23	24
25	26	27	28 » MHUNCH	29 » Lunch Bunch	30	31
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For updated event information, check our online calendar: <http://tampa.us.mensa.org/cal>

May 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.

May 1 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

May 4 2pm Monster Mini Golf ~ A Family Friendly Event

Location: Monster Mini Golf 6429 U.S. Highway 19 - New Port Richey, FL 34653

Join Tampa Bay Mensa as we head indoors for 18 holes of Monster themed Glow-in-the-Dark Mini Golf complete with cool special effects and great music. Costumes optional, but encouraged! <http://www.monsterminigolf.com/fran-fl-newport/index.html> **Little Monsters - \$7.00; Big Monsters - \$8.00 ; Season pass is \$25

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

May 7 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

May 8 12:30pm Lunch Bunch

May 10 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

May 14 1:15pm MHUNCH

Location: Champs Sports Grill, 6645 S Florida Avenue, Lakeland (863) 647-5900

Join us for lunch. Your RSVP is important. MHUNCH events are subject to cancellation if there is a lack of interest by 8:00pm the evening before. Please either email or call me so we can save a seat the the table for you!

Merrell Fortner 863-701-7109 mini@mindless.com

May 15 12:30pm Lunch Bunch

May 17 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

May 21 7pm Reading Group

May 22 12:30pm Lunch Bunch

May 23-26 MaRGaritaville--TBM Regional Gathering

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May 28 1:15pm MHUNCH

Location: Sunrise Eatery, 5963 Gall Blvd, Zephyrhills (813) 782-0401

Join us for lunch. Your RSVP is important. MHUNCH events are subject to cancellation if there is a lack of interest by 8:00pm the evening before. Please either email or call me so we can save a seat the the table for you!

Merrell Fortner 863-701-7109 mini@mindless.com

May 29 12:30pm Lunch Bunch

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

Crock Pots needed for Tampa's RG weekend. Removable crocks preferred. Please email MelissaLStephens@aol.com ; phone (813) 475-5405 or Facebook message <https://www.facebook.com/me.lissa.lee.stephens> if you are able to help out.

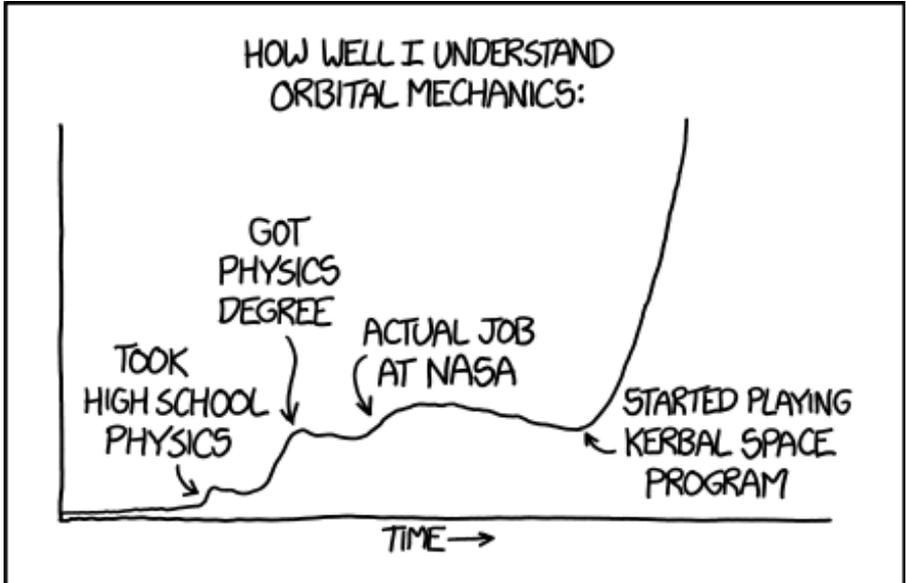
Collector seeks picture postcards (old or new) in good condition (not badly bent, torn or stained). Also looking for any items related to circus sideshow people (giants, fat ladies, Siamese twins, etc). Will buy or trade. Bonnie Wilpon, bonnpon@att.net, 813-249-8233

Mensa Honor Society

Get Involved Nationally!

Our national office is encouraging each local group to make sure all youth members know they may qualify for our National Honor Society: In recognition of the achievements and service of Young Mensans, the Mensa® Honor Society is open to students between the ages of 10 and 18 who meet membership qualifications for both American Mensa and the honor society. The ideals of the Mensa Honor Society are integrity, intellectual curiosity, academic commitment and service. Youth who belong to the society are eligible to earn honor cords, as well as receive a certificate of membership. If you're a Young Mensan, find out more about membership requirements or download an application at the American Mensa website: <http://www.us.mensa.org>. Once you sign in, search for "Mensa Honor Society."

xkcd.org



To be fair, my job at NASA was working on robots and didn't actually involve any orbital mechanics. The small positive slope over that period is because it turns out that if you hang around at NASA, you get in a lot of conversations about space.

Cryptopoem

Sylvia Holt Zadorozny

MAY MSBDN MONTH, BUDA PMW SIHHIER,
MAY BUD EUTBDBUNIMB CZTHYR, MAY MHH BUD REMHHIER!
UMNG, EUDND PW CHIRRIPTY ODMN-BNDD TA BUD UDYXD
HDMAR BI BUD STDHY MAY RFMBBDNR IA BUD FHILDN
CHIRRIPT MAY YDEYNIOR – MB BUD CDAB RONMW'R DYXD –
BUMB'R BUD EUTBD BUNZRU; UD RTAXR DMFU RIAX BETFD
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HDRB WIZ RUIZHY BUTAG UD ADLDN FIZHY NDFMOBZND
BUD STNRB STAD FMNDHRR NMOBZND!
MAY BUIZXU BUD STDHYR HIIG NIZXU ETBU UIMNW YDE,
MHH ETHH CD XMW EUDA AIIABTYD EMGDR MADE
BUD CZBBDNFZOR, BUD HTBBHD FUTHYNDA'R YIEDN
– SMN CNTXUBDN BUMA BUTR XNDYD PDHIA-SHIEDN!
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Suzaku™ #78

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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.

					U ₇			R ₆
U ₇		R ₆			N ₅	O ₃		
	A ₂						U ₇	Z ₉
		O ₃		A ₂				T ₁
			M ₈		I ₄			
I ₄				R ₆		U ₇		
M ₈	N ₅						T ₁	
		U ₇	O ₃			Z ₉		M ₈
A ₂			I ₄					

Suzaku™ (cont)

Last month's puzzle contained the 17-length word "constitutional", which used all nine letters for a total of 70 points. The theme for this month's Suzaku™ consists of 15 characters, using all nine letters in the grid, for a score of 65 points. (Extra hint: A well-known Mensan wrote a novel in which this was prominently featured.) 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*.

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

T ₁	U ₉	S ₆	L ₇	N ₅	O ₃	C ₈	I ₄	A ₂
C ₈	L ₇	A ₂	S ₆	I ₄	T ₁	O ₃	U ₉	N ₅
I ₄	O ₃	N ₅	U ₉	C ₈	A ₂	T ₁	L ₇	S ₆
L ₇	N ₅	O ₃	A ₂	S ₆	U ₉	I ₄	C ₈	T ₁
A ₂	S ₆	C ₈	I ₄	T ₁	L ₇	N ₅	O ₃	U ₉
U ₉	I ₄	T ₁	N ₅	O ₃	C ₈	A ₂	S ₆	L ₇
N ₅	C ₈	I ₄	T ₁	U ₉	S ₆	L ₇	A ₂	O ₃
S ₆	T ₁	L ₇	O ₃	A ₂	I ₄	U ₉	N ₅	C ₈
O ₃	A ₂	U ₉	C ₈	L ₇	N ₅	S ₆	T ₁	I ₄

Answer to the April Suzaku™ (#77)

Answer to the April Cryptopem:

*Little trotty wagtail, he went in the
rain,
And tittering, tottering sideways he
ne'er got straight again.
He stooped to get a worm, and looked
up to get a fly,
And then he flew away ere his feathers
they were dry.*

*Little trotty wagtail, he waddled in the mud,
And left his little footmarks, trample where he
would.
He waddled in the water-pudge, and waggle
went his tail,
And chirrupt up his wings to dry upon the
garden rail.
- John Clare*

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