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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.

June Birthdays

06/01 Henry O'Neill
06/03 Amy Harris
06/04 James Chevalier, Jim O'Neill, Prakhar Saxena, Roger Zitman
06/05 Jordan Cash
06/07 Kevin Brawner, John Evan, Bruce Whiting
06/12 Eva Cunningham
06/13 Dina Schlauch, Brian Terjung
06/14 Douglas Bahringer, Dolores Puterbaugh
06/15 Natalie Weber
06/17 Devin Statham
06/18 James Brower, Fernando Narvaez
06/19 Leonard Nugent
06/20 Juno Paramadevan, Brian Walkowiak
06/21 William Amos, Michael Bendlin, Gordon Hoffman
06/22 Charles Robertson
06/23 Nicholas Colarusso, Meredith Craig, David Shahan
06/25 Thomas Mooser
06/26 Chris Hachey
06/27 Charles Gleason, Joseph O'Reilly
06/30 Maran Fulvi, Dennis Jauch

LocSec Column

Ronan Heffernan

Our RG was a raving success. That is a forward-looking statement as I write this, but with over 120 attendees registered by mid-May, it is a pretty safe bet that this will have been great fun!

Our elections are upon us. Candidates' Statements, Voting Instructions, and Ballots are available on pages 9 - 11. Many of our elections are not contested but this year, between volunteers stepping forward, and our new NomComm beating the bushes to find candidates, we have six candidates for four ExComm positions. Good luck to all candidates, and to all members: please vote.

LOOKING FORWARD

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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Therapy; American Counseling
Association; Mensa; TNS

As I See It

Duke Mader

*How do I love thee? Let me count the ways.
I love thee to the depth and breadth and
height*

My soul can reach, ...

These famous lines of poetry are by Elizabeth Barret Browning and every high-school student learns them at one time or another. I mentioned these few words because of their content not because of their poetic quality.

As I look around me these days and I see so much instability between married people and between lovers, I am truly upset by the total lack of commitment I see between most couples. Now, I realize that there are many kinds of commitment and I only wish to talk about one -- "love".

First let me be quite specific about the distinct and very different meaning between "love" and "sex". You can have sex with another person without loving them; animals have sex. Some people have sex without love because sex without love is sex without commitment. Carnal acts require no forethought or mature decision on the part of the performer and I say performer because performing an act of sex is generally a self-gratifying, ego-related "performance", and as we all know, a performance is something you practice, not something that comes naturally and is a result of response.

The act of love is something fragile that is difficult to describe, because it comes from the very fibers of humanity we all possess but most cannot express, or, because of their sensitivity, are afraid to reveal. Much love is hidden under the veil of frustration because when love is offered and then rejected it is a crushing experience that can cloud the very soul of the giver. Having love to give to another but allowing the fear of rejection to cause the giver to suppress their love is also a

troublesome feeling. If you have something good to give to someone else but you keep it hidden then no one knows of your gift. But you know it's there and having something good to share and then keeping it withheld is self-destructive. It is almost like a self-inflicted cancer that eats at your insides and won't let you sleep because hoarding something as wonderful as love is selfish. A person who is capable of giving love is not capable of keeping it to themselves. It is sad to say that there are callous people on this earth who care not for giving, only receiving.

"Caring" is a form of loving. If you care for the well-being of another person you wish them well. Acceptance is the hardest lesson. Accepting the concern of another person isn't always as easy as it may seem. To accept, you must first be aware there is an offering, then you must allow the person making the offering to come into your life and "make a difference." Holding a door open for someone, or reminding someone they left their car lights on, or better yet, taking the initiative to turn them off without being asked, are forms of caring. That doesn't mean if you hold the door open for someone you love them. but it would certainly appear you don't hate them, and isn't love the absence of hate? To love someone to "the depth and breadth and height" your soul can reach is loving someone with your whole body and soul. Finding someone mature enough to accept that much love would be as hard as it would be to find someone to give it. As much as it hurts me to have my love rejected, I shall always love, for it hurts even more to have it hidden.

Think about it. ■

RVC Column for Region 10

Thomas George Thomas

One of the National committees I serve on is the Local Group Revitalization Task Force. The purpose of this committee is to determine ways to identify when a Local Group is having difficulty, before that group reaches a crisis stage. There have been examples of these types of crises in the last year, with one Regional Vice Chairman (RVC) who had to step in and replace a full Local Group Executive Committee (ExComm), while another RVC had to dissolve a Local Group that had stopped functioning entirely.

We're not immune to that in Region 10. One chapter had been publishing warning signs in their newsletter that they were considering dissolving their group. Another group wound up without an ExComm at all. I met with both groups in May to try to help them get beyond these rough spots, but it brings me back to the question posed to the LG Revitalization Task Force: How do we identify these types of problems *before* they become problems?

One of the things that we keep coming back to is that this is a volunteer organization, and when members don't volunteer, it can create frustration for and pressure on the people who are currently leading their chapters. Things may seem to be running smoothly, but this frequently is due to the herculean efforts of a small number of volunteers. In reviewing the Officers' Roster for Region 10, there isn't a single chapter that doesn't have at least one person holding multiple leadership positions, and most have two or more individuals in that situation.

I'd like to see our Region doing more, but I'd also like to see these individuals doing less – not because they're not doing a good job, but because they deserve the same opportunity to enjoy their membership as everyone else.

I do understand that sometimes people are not in a position to take on volunteer tasks for an organization because of other priorities – family, work, health, etc. – and I don't fault those who cannot make volunteering for Mensa a priority. Each individual must decide for themselves how much time they can devote. But if you *can* help with your local group, won't you please consider it?

There are 12 chapters in Region 10. Each chapter must have a Local Secretary, but in three of those chapters the Local Secretary is also filling the position of Newsletter Editor. Each chapter must have a Treasurer, but one of those Treasurers is also serving as their group's Webmaster. Each group should have an Ombudsman, but in fact only six of them do. We have the highest number of Young Mensans of any Region – not just in percentage, but in real numbers – but only five groups have Gifted Youth Coordinators. Four groups are currently without Membership officers. And so forth.

Personally, I have found volunteering in Mensa to be very fulfilling and enriching. I hope you will consider finding a way to contribute to your own local group.

And to those of you who already volunteer, THANK YOU for all that you do! ■

Stuck in the Middle with You

Donna Hamel

This month, I have a story for you, based on a Twilight Zone episode.

An old man died, and woke up on a grassy slope next to a dirt road, with his long gone dog licking his face, wagging its tail and so happy to see him. The old man figured that they should probably take the dirt path to where they were going, so they began to meander down a hot, dusty road lined with a beautiful white fence on both sides.

It wasn't that far before they came upon a set of beautiful pearly gates where there was a gatekeeper in flowing white robes. Just beyond the gate was a beautiful, sunny meadow with a cool clear stream running through it. The gatekeeper said, "Come on in and rest. You look thirsty and tired." The old man said, "We sure are!" and started through the gate with his dog. The gatekeeper stopped him. "Sorry, you can come in but your dog can't come with you. You see, this is Heaven, and dogs aren't allowed here. He has to stay out here on the road." "What kind of Heaven won't allow dogs?" said the old man. "Well, if he can't come in, then I'll stay out here on the road with him. He's been my faithful companion all his life and I won't desert him now."

They walked on, and eventually came to an old oak tree with a lake, and the old man sat down to get some water and maybe do a little fishing. As he sat there with his dog, a fellow in work clothes came along and they began to chat about the good fishing to be had in the lake. The old man told the newcomer about the gatekeeper and the pearly gates, and how he wouldn't leave his old friend. "I didn't go to Heaven because my dog couldn't come with me."

The man smiled and said, "Welcome to Heaven, and bring your dog!" The old man

exclaimed, "You mean this is Heaven? And my dog can come with me? Then why did that fellow down the road say they weren't allowed in Heaven?" The man replied, "That was the Devil and he gets all the souls who are willing to give up a life-long companion for small comfort because they think it will make their lives a little easier." The man continued, "They soon find out their mistake, but then it's too late. The dogs come here, the fickle people stay there. God wouldn't allow dogs to be banned from Heaven. After all, He created them to be man's companions in life, why would he separate them in death?"

You may know that the "Citizen's United" Supreme Court case expanded on the principle of corporate personhood, and established the ability of large corporate "persons" to have much more influence in US elections. A subsequent court case, now under review, will allow corporate "persons" to avoid paying for benefits/healthcare for their employees based on the idea that corporations can have religious objections. If your employer is a Christian Scientist, for instance, they may decide to pray over you instead of allowing insurance to provide a blood transfusion. My takeaway: If I die and get to heaven—if I am standing outside the pearly gates and I see a bunch of corporations on the other side of the fence walking around pretending they are people (maybe with haloes) and looking like they have religious morals, I think I'm going to keep walking...with my dog. ■

Baseball Game

Ronnie Dubs

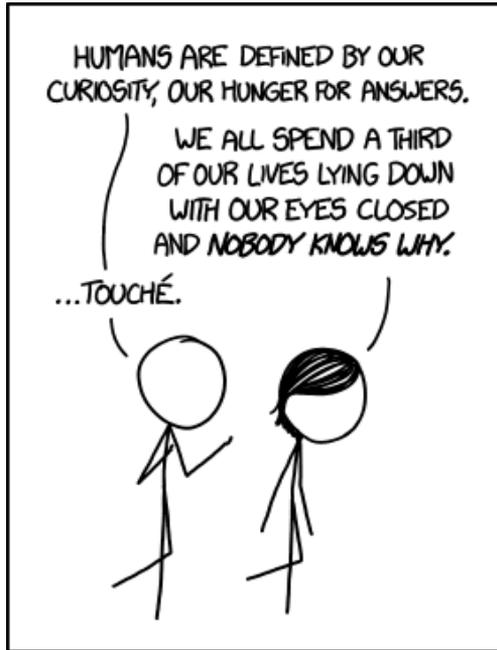
Mensans at the Ball Park: come on out to the Ball Park, Tropicana Field with your fellow Mensans and lets show the Tampa Bay Rays some love as they play the mighty Houston Astros on Sunday June 22nd. The Game starts at 1:40pm so we can all assemble in front of Gate Number 1 and purchase our tickets together. Please, if you intend to go, just email me at Rndubs@hotmail.com with "Baseball" in the subject line. We'll eat some peanuts and Cracker Jacks and maybe catch a foul-ball for a souvenir. See you there!

ExComm Actions

Minutes of ExComm Meetings are posted on our website, after approval. Actions that are taken at ExComm Meetings are printed in the newsletter. These actions were taken at our April 13th, 2014 ExComm Meeting.

- Approved reimbursing the Culture Quest™ entrance fee for a TBM team.

xkcd.org



Stanford sleep researcher William Dement said that after 50 years of studying sleep, the only really solid explanation he knows for why we do it is 'because we get sleepy'.

Candidates' Statements for ExComm Election

Dan Chesnut

Hi. I'm Dan Chesnut and I'm running for ExComm. I have served on ExComm for most of the past ten to fifteen years - I can't remember exactly how many. With my experience and my willingness to put the needs of the group ahead of my own, I have a good disposition for this type of activity. I am willing to continue serving, and if you wish to see this happen, simply vote for me.

David Schwartz

Hello,

Some of you may recognize me from some of our local events, or perhaps from one of the many RG's I've recently attended. I've been in Mensa and specifically the Tampa Bay Chapter for three years now. I've recently returned from school in Orlando and now I'm back in Tampa for good. I'm soon to be 21 year old college student and I'd like to see our chapter grow. Specifically, after watching how the Orlando chapter cultivated younger members, I would like to bring something similar to the Tampa Bay area. My hope is to use a similar approach to reach out to some of our younger members and bring them into the fold. After getting to know Debbie Freeland and David Fleming, who had major roles in the fore mentioned movement, I'm certain that I could call upon them for guidance in this attempt. While I enjoy being a member of Tampa Bay Mensa, I feel that if we could get some more youth involved in our area, the quality we enjoy in our chapter could only improve. I understand that this is a big undertaking that will require a lot of hard work, but I feel as though it is an imperative aspect of our group that must be worked on. If elected, I would be excited and ready to bring forward many of these ideas and more.

Thank You,

David Schwartz

Kay Shapiro

I first joined Mensa in 1983. I met my husband, built some wonderful friendships, and after enjoying Tampa Bay Mensa for the last five years, I appreciate the opportunity to give back a little bit through service on the Executive Committee.

Instructions for Voting

Jay Johnson, Election Supervisor

Please follow steps #1 - 3 carefully to help insure that your votes are counted.

1. Complete your ballot. Write-in candidates are also welcome.
2. Prepare an envelope to contain the ballot.
 - a. Print your full name and address on the upper left hand corner, where the return address is placed. This name will be verified with the current official Tampa Bay Mensa roster to verify your eligibility to vote.
 - b. Address the envelope to the Election Supervisor:

Jay Johnson
5051 Cardiff Dr.
Holiday, FL. 34690-6624
 - c. Write *Ballot Enclosed* in the lower left corner of the front of the envelope. This will identify your envelope as containing a ballot and prevent it from being opened prematurely. Please do not include regular correspondence with the ballot, as it will not be opened until the meeting of the Election Committee on June 22, 2014.
 - d. Seal your completed ballot in the envelope.

The front of your envelope should have this appearance:

<p>Your name Street Address City, State, Zip Code</p>	<p>Jay Johnson 5051 Cardiff Dr. Holiday, FL. 34690-6624</p>
<p>Ballot Enclosed</p>	

3. Mail the ballot to the Election Supervisor. It must be received by Saturday, June 21, 11:59pm to ensure being counted at the Election Committee Meeting on the 22nd.

Please feel free to contact any member of the Election Committee:

Jay Johnson, Election Supervisor, 727-934-9575, or email jayjohnson5295@yahoo.com

Eloise Hurst, eloiseh3615@gmail.com

Audrey Silva, audreys@tampabay.rr.com

2014 Election Ballot

Please read the instructions before voting.

All ballots are due to the Election Supervisor by Saturday, June 21, 11:59pm

This year four nominations are needed to fill the ExComm seats and there are six candidates. Vote for any of the candidates listed below and/or write in the names of other members of Tampa Bay Mensa for whom you wish to vote for a total of four votes. Print the names of write-in candidates clearly. Only one vote on the ballot per candidate will count. You may vote for fewer than four candidates. If there are more than four votes on the ballot it will not be counted. If there is more than one vote for the same candidate on the ballot, those votes will not be counted. All terms are for two years.

_____ Kevin Brawner

_____ Kathy Crum

_____ Dan Chesnut

_____ David Schwartz

_____ Kay Shapiro

_____ Melissa Stephens

Write-In Candidates

Thank you for contributing your votes.

The ballots will be counted June 22, 1:00pm at Starbucks, 8801 4th St. N. just off Gandy, St. Pete. All nominees will be notified by phone, email or Facebook and the results announced at the next ExComm meeting date and location to be determined. Both the count and the meeting are open to all members.

June Mensaversaries

50 years	Thomas Reesor
41 years	L Aschoff
36 years	Marilyn Hobbs
35 years	Raymond Celli
32 years	Dorothy Butler
28 years	Stuart Angelo, Thomas Riedhammer
26 years	Katherine Crum
22 years	Cynthia Trombley
19 years	Daniel Chesnut
18 years	Gary Drake
16 years	Michael Cusumano
15 years	Tom Penkethman
14 years	Margaret Argudo, Richard Bachmann, David Gunn
12 years	Debra Hartland
11 years	Cynthia Weatherby
10 years	Rea Rupani, Shoshana Shay
9 years	Charles Robertson
7 years	Jessica Helphrey, Eloise Hurst, Roy Jahnke
6 years	Tyler Fernandez, Taylor Fernandez, Brittany Fortuno, Melissa Stephens
5 years	Ann Kaufman, James Kennedy, William Mc Nally
4 years	James Pickren
3 years	Alison Lighthall, Bill Mecklenburg Nadia Azzi, Nicole Baum, Kevin Brawner,
2 years	Christopher Chapman, Charles Cosner, Jill Deen, Alexander Pidochev, Kay Shapiro, Ronan Tegerdine, Beauford Tuton
1 years	Paul Albury, Hunter Bruce, Craig Caldwell, Jessica Ciccarelli, Patrick Lewis, Kendall Morris, David Shahan, Natalie Weber

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

Calendar of Events

June 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4 » Reading Group	5 » Lunch Bunch	6	7
8 » ExComm Meeting	9	10	11 » MHUNCH	12 » Lunch Bunch	13	14 » Games Night
15	16	17	18 » Reading Group	19 » Lunch Bunch	20	21 » Shakespeare » Watch » Ballot Receipt » Deadline
22 » Election » Committee and » Ballot Count	23	24	25 » MHUNCH	26 » Lunch Bunch	27 » Thai Friday	28
29	30					

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

June 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.

June 4 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

June 5 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

June 8 1:30pm ExComm Meeting

Location: University Village 12401 N. 22nd St., Tampa

All ExComm meetings are open to all members of Tampa Bay Mensa.

June 11 1:15pm MHUNCH

Location: Fresco's Bakery and Bistro, 132 South Kentucky Avenue, Lakeland (863) 683-5267

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

June 12 12:30pm Lunch Bunch

June 14 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

June 18 7pm Reading Group

June 19 12:30pm Lunch Bunch

June 21 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

June 22 1pm Election Committee Meeting and Ballot Count

Location: Starbucks, 8801 4th St. N., St. Pete

See information and ballot on page 11.

Jay Johnson, Election Supervisor 727-934-9575 jayjohnson5295@yahoo.com

June 25 1:15pm MHUNCH

Location: Maine-ly New England, 5039 1st Street, Zephyrhills (813) 782-7770

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

June 26 12:30pm Lunch Bunch

June 27 7pm Thai Friday

Location: 9 Bangkok Restaurant, 571 Central Ave, St. Petersburg, FL 33701

Please RSVP by Thursday evening, if you are going to join us. Diane Campo 727-667-7070 campodiane@gmail.com

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

Weight Loss: SENSE appetite suppressant. Worked for me. Still have 6 sealed little boxes but "expired" late 2012/Early 2013. \$35 total. 727-461-4979 9am-9pm.

Mirror: About 36" wide by 46" tall outside dimensions of it's heavy black frame, 55 lbs. total. \$20. 727-461-4979 9am-9pm.

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

Cryptopoem

Sylvia Holt Zadorozny

AS BIH I GYAQUS ITZ FUNNYMOD IMSNYTPPT,
SPBIYZH SUN NTZ PM SUN HOTTR KPTSU PM COTN,
BUNT SUN TPYSU BATZ FPTQYNQISNH AT FYPBZH
SUN MDPISATQ KPOTSIATH PM SUN HADJNY FDPOZH
MYPK SUN UPYALPT-ITZ SUN HSIATDNHH HWR
PENTH GNRPTZ SUNK DAWN NSNYTASR.
IDD SUATQH YNCPAFNZ GNTNISU SUN HOT; SUN BNNZH,
SUN YAJNY, ITZ SUN FPYT-MANDZH, ITZ SUN YNNZH;
SUN BADDPB DNIJNH SUIS QDITFNZ AT SUN DAQUS GYNLNLN,
ITZ SUN MAYK MPDAIQN PM SUN DIYQNY SYNHNH. ...
~ENYFR GRHHUN HUNDDNR, "HOKKNY ITZ BATSNY"

Suzaku™ #79

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.

	E ₁		X ₉		A ₃		T ₂	
	D ₇	R ₆				N ₅	A ₃	
I ₄								L ₈
		D ₇	N ₅	I ₄	X ₉	A ₃		
		I ₄	T ₂	L ₈	D ₇	X ₉		
L ₈								A ₃
	I ₄	E ₁				R ₆	N ₅	
	N ₅		E ₁		R ₆		I ₄	

Suzaku™ (cont)

Last month's puzzle contained the 15-length word "miniaturization", which used all nine letters for a total of 65 points. This was a major plot device for the film "Fantastic Voyage", the novelization of which was written by renowned Mensan Isaac Asimov. The theme for this month's Suzaku™ consists of 11 characters, using all nine letters in the grid, for a score of 49 points. (Extra hint: This is one of the rare instances where the word fits with the publication month.) 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*.

Z ₉	I ₄	M ₈	A ₂	O ₃	U ₇	T ₁	N ₅	R ₆
U ₇	T ₁	R ₆	Z ₉	M ₈	N ₅	O ₃	A ₂	I ₄
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Answer to the May Suzaku™ (#78)

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 May Cryptopoem:

*And after April, when May follows,
And the whitethroat builds and all the
swallows!*

*Hark, where my blossomed pear-tree
in the hedge*

*Leans to the field and scatters on the
clover*

*Blossoms and dewdrops – at the bent
spray's edge –*

*That's the white thrush; he sings each
song twice over*

*Lest you should think he never could
recapture*

The first fine careless rapture!

*And though the fields look rough with hoary
dew,*

All will be gay when noontide wakes anew

The buttercups, the little children's dower

– Far brighter than this greedy melon-flower!

- Robert Browning

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