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Spring
Picnic!

*** April 23, 2017 ***

R.E. Olds Park, in Oldsmar

**And don't forget, it's time to
renew memberships!**

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Welcome to Tampa Bay Mensa!

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04/02 Tanya Stay
04/03 Paul Smith
04/04 Ted Carrier
04/05 Thomas Reesor
04/06 Andre Cote
04/07 Steven Wilsey, Sylvia Zadorozny
04/08 John Bailey, Bruce Bohnker, Mary Stoltz
04/09 Mary Lou Clark, Donna Hamel, Bradley Price
04/10 Gerald Thackham
04/12 Robert Carpenter, Peter Cohoon
04/14 Lana LaForest, Daniel O'Neal
04/15 John Coppedge
04/16 Scott Kurland
04/17 Timothy Caddell, Robert Chiasson, Randall Greene, Michael Guilfoyle, Chris Lettre
04/21 Catherine Dazevedo, Amanda DeWeese
04/22 Kerry Lawson, Jay Myers
04/23 Mitchell Drucker
04/24 Austin Rogers
04/25 Gary Blais
04/26 Patrick Garrabrant, Steven Shapiro
04/27 Barbara Stetzko
04/28 Sally Siegel
04/29 Peter Gararup, Thomas Myers
04/30 Joseph Estaling

Calendar of Events

April 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2	3	4	5 » Reading Group	6 » Tampa Lunch Bunch@ Sweet Tomatoes	7	8 » Oldsmar Games Night
9	10	11	12	13 » Tampa Lunch Bunch@ Sweet Tomatoes	14	15 » Salon/Potluck
16	17	18	19 » Reading Group	20 » Tampa Lunch Bunch@ Sweet Tomatoes	21	22 » TLC
23 » TBM Spring Picnic	24	25	26	27 » Tampa Lunch Bunch@ Sweet Tomatoes	28	29 » TBM ExComm » Tampa Games Night
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For updated event information, check our online calendar: <http://tampa.us.mensa.org/cal>

April 2017 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 the host in advance.

To add an event to the calendar, send an email with event details to AMLTBMcalendar@aol.com including the date, time, place, and host contact information. The deadline for an event to appear in the print newsletter is the 5th of the previous month, but the online calendar can be updated after the print deadline.

April 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

April 6 12:30pm Tampa Lunch Bunch @ Sweet Tomatoes

Location: Sweet Tomatoes on Dale Mabry just South of Bears

For directions, descriptions, and/or encouragement to attend, contact: Dave Bryant at senseidave@msn.com

April 8 7pm Oldsmar Games Night

Location: 651 Timber Bay Circle West, Oldsmar

We play fun board and table games. Snacks and sodas provided (\$3 kitty helps defray refreshment expenses). No pets. No smoking indoors, please.

Sylvia Zadorozny sylviachocolate@gmail.com 813-855-4939 (leave message)

April 13 12:30pm Tampa Lunch Bunch @ Sweet Tomatoes

April 15 2pm Salon/Potluck

Location: 39248 US HWY N (Sun Valley, north of Klosterman near the Hampton Inn), Lot 161, Tarpon Springs, FL

We meet monthly on the third Saturday from 2-5 pm. The purpose of the Salon/Potluck is social and intellectual. Rod Merten 989-293-8854

rodneymerten@hotmail.com

April 19 7pm Reading Group

April 20 12:30pm Tampa Lunch Bunch @ Sweet Tomatoes

April 22 2pm TLC

Location: 18244 Collridge Dr, Tampa, FL 33647

It's time to Tape, Label, and Chat, as we prepare the next issue of *Tampa Bay Sounding for mailing*. Come help out and be one of the first to get the latest issue.

Lisa & Bryce Blair 813-907-2418 distribution@tampa.us.mensa.org

April 23 2pm TBM Spring Picnic

Location: R.E. Olds Park, Pavilions 1 & 2, 107 Shore Dr W, Oldsmar, FL 34677

It's Spring Picnic time! Join us for grilled burgers & hot dogs in a lovely park setting at the top of Tampa Bay. A pier out into the bay provides a good spot for fishing, so bring your gear. The park has a kids' playground (bring the family!), a sand volleyball court, and even a doggie park area. Parking is free. TBM will provide hamburgers, hot dogs, and fixings. You just need to bring your beverage of choice and a side dish or dessert to share. (If you're vegetarian, please RSVP well in advance, so I know to get veggie burgers for you.) This is one of the best attended events of Tampa Bay Mensa, so if you're new to our group or haven't yet come out to an event, this is your opportunity to meet lots of Tampa Bay Mensans in a no-stress environment. See you there!

Sylvia Zadorozny sylviachocolate@gmail.com 813-855-4939 (leave message)

April 27 12:30pm Tampa Lunch Bunch @ Sweet Tomatoes

April 29 3:45pm TBM ExComm

Location: 11111 N 20th St, Tampa, FL 33612, USA

ExComm meetings are open to all Tampa Bay Mensans. This month's meeting is at Melissa Stephens's house in North Tampa near USF. Call 813-476-5405 or email melissalstephens@gmail.com

April 29 7pm Tampa Games Night

Location: 11111 N 20th St, Tampa, FL 33612, USA

We play fun board & table games. Snacks, sodas & TBD dinner provided (\$3 kitty helps defray refreshment expenses). I have cats who stay in their bedroom, but one large game room is on a separate AC. I also have some reptiles and my quaker parrot Jasmine will likely make an appearance. No smoking indoors, please. Car-pooling encouraged! Call 813-476-5405 or email melissalstephens@gmail.com

About Birthday Listings

If you notice that your name is not in the appropriate monthly Birthday list, and would prefer to have it listed, you can update your settings at the US Mensa website.

Go to <https://www.us.mensa.org> and log in, then click on "Edit Profile" on the right. This will take you to the main profile page. Then click on "personal data questions." There will be a check box called "Release within American Mensa - Release birth date and PDQ" which will un-block your birthday from the local data.

I'm not affiliated with HQ, so I don't know where else it's used - but I updated mine about 18 months ago, and haven't noticed a significant uptick in spam.

Note: It appears there may be an issue with setting this flag, for members who are under 18. If you have an underage child who is a member, and would like to make sure that his/her name is on the birthday list, please send an email to editor@tampa.us.mensa.org, with the subject "TBM Birthday Announcement" *at least a month ahead of time*, so I can add the name manually before the paper issue goes to the printer. --The Editor

Mensaversaries

51 years	Irv Frankel
45 years	Kathleen Robinson
44 years	Barbara Ray, Francis Wellman
43 years	Peter Profiro
42 years	Martha Mallak
41 years	Rush Miller
39 years	Federico Agnir
38 years	Keven McGinn
37 years	Gerald Lundquist
36 years	Jane Pattison
35 years	Phillip Geisinger
33 years	Pat Winne
30 years	Troy Caperton
29 years	Robert Bullard
25 years	Lawrence Jay, Kathleen Montemayor
23 years	John Crandall, Gerard MacDonald, Jeff Wulbert
21 years	Sprague Owings
20 years	John Kincaid, Erin Wells
18 years	Linda Raymond
16 years	Robin Burngasser, Robert Chiasson, Jacqueline Hayes
15 years	Howard Berry
13 years	Chris O'Connor, Craig Zanot
12 years	Robert Hupp, Robert Kellenberger, Thomas Szubka
10 years	Sheryl Brock, Marcia Fulvi, Steven Shapiro
9 years	Forrest Ford, Rosalynn Solomon
8 years	Austi Critchfield, Linda Garrison, Kristina Soderstrom
7 years	Lance Meyerson, Rachael Moore, Gregory Pitts
6 years	Charles Arant, Victoria Black, Joseph Estaling, Daniel Jenkins, Brian Luther, David Woolley
5 years	Walter Conrad, Don Delehant, Bruce Mesnekoff
4 years	Stephanie Adelson
3 years	Ryder Yarbrough
2 years	Jake Atkinson, Jackson Dolan, Patricia Farnum, Max Kohn, Stephen Marcinek, Bruce Thompson, Alysia VanDerHart
1 year	Paul Albury, Yasmine Bouanani, Debra Hartland, Pranav Kambhampati, Chiseul Kim, Brandi Mather, Brandon Shaw, Alexa Swangler

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

RVC Column for Region 10

The agenda for the American Mensa Committee (AMC) meeting for April 1 has been posted at us.mensa.org/lead/amc/meeting-reports/ and it is a busy one.

The biggest part of the agenda comes from the Finance Committee, and is divided into several motions. First is a motion to change the single-year dues rate to \$79.00. This is based on a number of factors, including but not limited to the long-delayed expense of replacing an antiquated computer system, a desire to provide more support to local groups, general inflation, and debt building up after deferred dues increase requests from prior years. Next is a motion to appoint an auditor for the AML financial statements, which is a routine matter. Third is a motion to waive the current requirement for equity restoration for one year based on the projected budget shortfall for next year. The equity restoration is based on the commitment of prior AMCs to pay back the legal expenses from a lawsuit a few years ago, and this motion is intended to defer that just for one year. The fourth Finance motion is a change in the way dues payments are processed, including pro-rated dues for new and returning lapsed members, which could not be implemented until the recent upgrade of the AMS (Association Management System). The fifth motion is a request to increase the Testing and Prior Evidence Review fees, which were last changed ten years ago. Test supply costs and payments to local groups have increased over the years, and this is a catch-up measure. Finally, the last Finance Committee motion is to approve the Fiscal Year 2017-2018 budget, which is predicated by the previous motions.

There are also several Local Group related motions. These include revisions in the Minimum Standard Bylaws and Model Bylaws, to bring them in line with ASIEs (Actions Still In Effect) passed over the past few AMC sessions; procedures to standardize the dissolution of Local Groups that are not meeting the minimum requirements of their charter; and a revision of the Information and Privacy Policy to bring it into alignment with actual current practices.

Reports to the AMC will include a presentation of the results of the recent Membership Satisfaction survey, and an update from the Awards Review Task Force.

There is time set aside at the beginning and end of every AMC meeting for comments from the audience, and all members are welcome to attend. Since this is being held in our Region, I hope some of you will attend to offer your perspectives and see the AMC in action. The meeting will be on Saturday, April 1 at the Diplomat Beach Resort (which is also the site of the Annual Gathering in July), beginning at 9:00 am. The Diplomat is located at 3555 South Ocean Drive, Hollywood, Florida.

There's never enough room to report all the news in these monthly columns, so I hope you'll check in on the Region 10 Facebook group at www.facebook.com/groups/MensaRegion10/ to get more details, other news, and conversations about our Region and American Mensa topics.

Until next month (or until I see you online),

Thomas George Thomas

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Call for Candidates

Tampa Bay Mensa 2017 Elections

The annual elections to fill open positions on the Tampa Bay Mensa Executive Committee will be held in July this year, to make sure that candidates have time to submit their petitions, despite this Call for Candidates being late. The terms of five members of the Executive Committee will expire in 2017. Four of these openings are for a two-year term and one opening is for a one-year term. Adult members are invited to pursue one of these leadership positions in our organization.

Executive Committee meetings are held six times each year. Officers enjoy the satisfaction that comes 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 may contact the Election Supervisor 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.

Our Election Supervisor is:

Dave Bryant

16057 Tampa Palms Blvd. #150

Tampa FL 33647

election@tampa.us.mensa.org

Adult members in good standing of Tampa Bay Mensa seeking seats on the Executive Committee in the upcoming election must provide to the Elections Supervisor no later than Tuesday, May 31st:

- 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 *Tampa Bay Sounding* they must comply with current editorial policy. Petitions and campaign statements must be mailed to Dave Bryant at the address listed above.

**Petition to Nominate _____ for
Tampa Bay Mensa Executive Committee**

Petition summary and background

We, the undersigned active members of Tampa Bay Mensa, support placing the candidate named below on the ballot for the 2017 Tampa Bay Mensa Executive Committee election.

Candidate information:

Name: _____ Address: _____

Telephone _____ Candidate Signature: _____

Name	Signature

Petition must be submitted by May 31, 2017 to Election Supervisor Dave Bryant, 16057 Tampa Palms Blvd. #150 Tampa FL 33647 If you have any questions, feel free to email election@tampa.us.mensa.org

Campaign Statement – AMC

Dave Cahn

First Vice Chair

Members and local groups count. Or do we? Mensa has turned away from members and local groups and become a highly-centralized corporate behemoth. I want to turn Mensa back toward us.

The AMC should listen more, govern less, and cut costs instead of raising dues. This could also provide more funds and support for local groups. I favor more transparency and fewer executive sessions. AGs should be returned to local groups.

The national office performs numerous expensive activities that volunteers can do as well for free, discouraging member involvement and stifling creativity. National should instead use members' expertise; provide usable tools and reports to local officers; and help local groups enhance members' experience, thus increasing retention rates. The office should ask us what we need or want, not give us what they think we should have. The new "improved" website shows what can go wrong when we are ignored. The executive director should be evaluated on how well the office serves current members.



During six years as National Ombudsman, I listened carefully to members' concerns and helped resolve problems, often defusing disputes before positions became hardened. I will put these same skills to work for you as First Vice Chair. Understanding and truly considering differing viewpoints will help rid Mensa of the "us vs. them" mentality. After being a Mensa member for more than 40 years, serving with four different AMCs, I know how the AMC works--and how it sometimes doesn't.

An attorney admitted to practice before the U.S. Supreme Court, I also am a Wharton economics graduate. I have served as a diplomat in Afghanistan and Mexico, treaty negotiator, Congressional staffer, General Counsel for the U.S. Commission on International Religious Freedom, and chief editor for the Secretary of HUD. In these roles and as a journalist and businessman, I have traveled extensively throughout the world.

I will work with AMC to make sure that We ALL Count!

Join the discussion of issues that affect Mensa's future at www.davecahn.com, or contact me directly at davecahn@yahoo.com or 301-627-5126.

If you agree that We Count, I would be honored if you would vote for me for First Vice Chair. Thank you.

Deep State Treason

Ronnie Dubs

What do you do when the National Security apparatus of your own government, created to counter international threats and domestic terrorism, instead becomes an instrument of totalitarian repression? When Deep State operatives and spooks (spies), set in place by the last president of your country, try to destroy the new president with selected leaks of sensitive private information, never intended for domestic consumption and obtained outside your own nation's Constitutional limitations? When even the Director of the FBI tapes over the video lens of his computer? When one president has put in place the means to destroy and control all the future presidents of your country, is there a more appropriate word for that than Treason?

What I dislike most about the left in this country is their utter hypocrisy. They hated George W Bush – who in the aftermath of 9-11 used network surveillance to identify calls between foreign and domestic terrorist sources, yet was revealed to the world by the New York Times as “Domestic Spying.” Now that same treasonous newspaper is more than eager to use leaked data from this greatly expanded Domestic Spying network, set in place by Barrack Obama, to try and destroy a new administration. Without a word of leftist complaint, this massive Orwellian surveillance network is now threatening our very existence as a nation of free men and women.

Make no mistake, this Deep State transcends political parties – they have it all and will use it all to perpetuate their own existence at your expense, and destroy anyone who threatens their funding and power. The Deep State, NSA, unelected judges, and government-embedded political operatives, working in conjunction with the tech giants Microsoft, Google, Amazon, Facebook, et al – all big contributors to Hillary's massive 1.5 billion dollar losing presidential campaign – will now use their access to warrantless information searches to try and destroy the new administration and control you in every way possible. The corporate heads of these entities may still call themselves Americans, but they are in fact Globalists and your nation, state, city, or town means absolutely nothing to them. This is the monster the left has created, of which the brave American hero Edward Snowden warned us. Your phone lines, emails, contacts, physical addresses, your internet searches, music, politics, and pornography choices, are all out there and available to use against you at a time of their choosing. The amount of people who now have access to this information was greatly expanded by Obama in his last week in office, as reported. His new Soros-funded front group Organizing for Action is ready to run his shadow government in direct opposition to the American elected government.

If you're not already paranoid of this deep state, shadow government of questionable loyalties cataloging every possible bit of information about you in their massive Utah Data Center computer base, you should be. If you value your life, your freedom, liberty and your basic humanity – ask yourself, at this point are they really spending unaccountable billions to control terrorism, or to control you? Are you more concerned with a statistically insignificant risk of a terrorist incident or an all pervasive Deep State government which answers to no one, and has the power to destroy and blackmail anyone of their choosing, including the current legitimately elected President of the United States? ■

Cryptopoem

Sylvia Holt Zadorozny

R LOKI-FOGN RWM R DARWIN,

R PKZGNRA RWM R PIAA,

R VIAAZ-LOGU RWM R GREKORW,

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~ TOAAORF UIKSIKN PRKKENU,

“IRPU OW UOG YTW NYWHEI”



On This Month in History: April

Emma Edmund

On April 12, 1961, Yuri Gagarin, a Soviet cosmonaut, became the first man in space. He completed a single orbit around the Earth in a four-and-a-half ton *Vostok 1* spacecraft. The flight lasted approximately 108 minutes. His flight intensified the Space Race between the Soviet Union and the United States—Alan Shepard would not make it as the first American in space until later that year, in May.

Birthdays in this month include Harry Houdini on April 6, 1874, and Mary Wollstonecraft on April 27, 1759. Houdini was an American escape artist and magician, gaining fame from repeatedly escaping from police handcuffs and jails. Wollstonecraft was an English writer and feminist noted for *A Vindication of the Rights of Women*, which demanded equal rights in education.

Source: On This Day: The History of the World in 366 Days

Answer to the March Cryptopoem:

*Little Robin Redbreast
Sat upon a tree;
Up went Pussy-cat,
Down went he.*

*Down came Pussy-cat,
And away Robin ran;
Says little Robin Redbreast
"Catch me if you can."*

*Little Robin Redbreast
Hopped upon a wall;
Pussy-cat jumped after him,
And almost got a fall.*

*Little Robin Redbreast
Jumped upon a spade,
Pussy-cat leapt after him,
And then he was afraid.*

*Little Robin chirped and sang,
And what did Pussy say?
Pussy-cat said "Mew, mew mew"
— and Robin flew away.*

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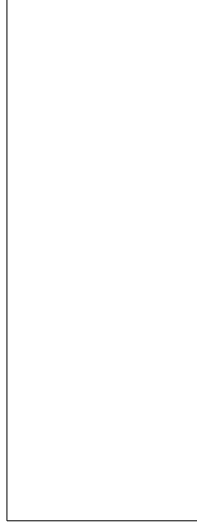
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