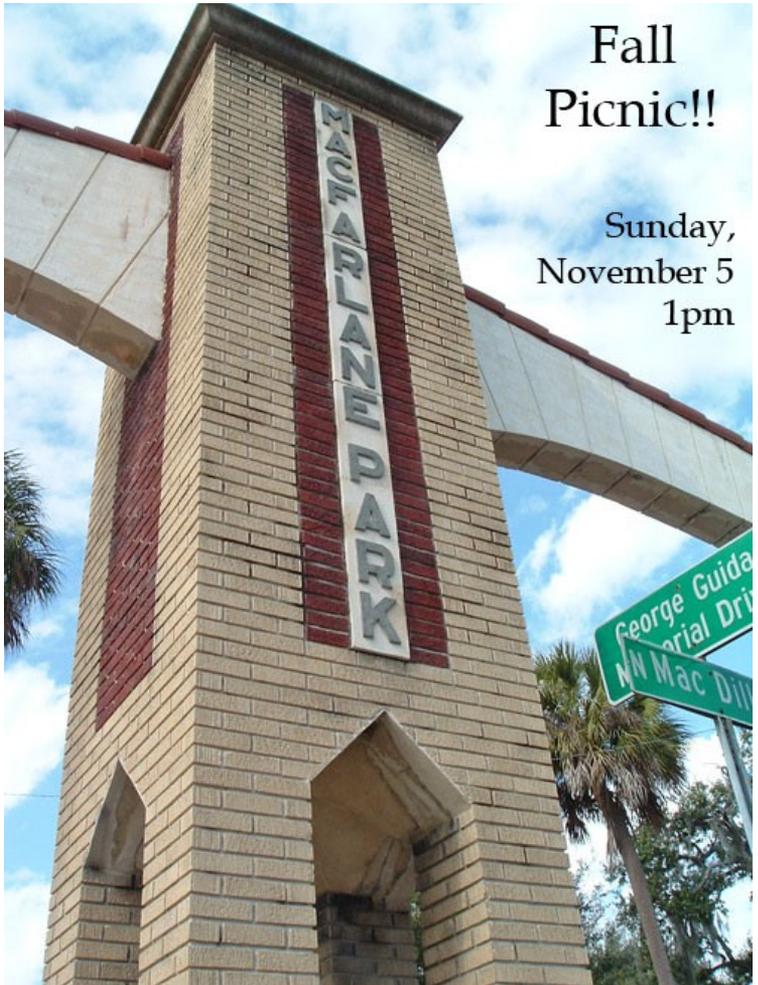


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Fall
Picnic!!
Sunday,
November 5
1pm

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Welcome to Tampa Bay Mensa!

- * Erin Chapman Carter
- * Jeanine Guerrero-Ripoll
- * Heather Hanks
- Tom Maynard
- * Jason Revis
- * Sue Anne Toms
- Michael Van Alsburg
- * New members.

November Birthdays

- 11/01 James Crum, Lillian O'Neill
- 11/02 Rebecca Erwin, Jane Pattison
- 11/03 Robert Carter, Irv Frankel
- 11/04 Lawrence Bush, Anelle Kloski, Michael Nelson
- 11/05 James Francis
- 11/06 Mary Matthews, Martin Seggelke
- 11/07 Susan Anderson
- 11/08 Donald Hill, Keith Lussen
- 11/09 Phil Schwartz
- 11/11 Thomas Latus
- 11/12 Robert King, Elizabeth Rafaloski
- 11/15 Craig Zanot
- 11/16 Walter Conrad
- 11/18 Brian Ourso
- 11/21 Robert Kellenberger
- 11/22 Wayne Eddy
- 11/23 Steven Ganci, Thomas Gordon
- 11/24 Patricia Farnum
- 11/25 Malcolm Haynes
- 11/27 Howard Berry, John Cattel
- 11/29 Jason Newberg, Audrey Silver
- 11/30 Roland St Marie

RVC Column for Region 10

September was a difficult month for many in Region 10, with Hurricane Irma crashing into Florida on September 10, and Hurricane Maria leveling Puerto Rico and the US Virgin Islands (part of Miami Mensa) on September 20. American Mensa made a concerted effort to reach as many members of Region 10 as they could on September 11, and I sent a follow-up email on September 23, with additional telephone contacts to non-email members by Palm Beach Area Mensa volunteer **Laura Bulawski**, and eventually we received check-ins from over 26% of our membership. That's a great response, and even better when taking into account general member participation levels and the surprisingly large portion of our membership who do not permit their contact information to be used, even by Mensa. Thanks to all who responded.

I realize people have their own reasons for keeping their member information private, but those members miss out on a great deal of information about Mensa, if they can't be reached except through the Mensa Bulletin or local group newsletters. Aside from the various social media groups, which are admittedly not to everyone's taste, there are also the national email newsletters: **Mensa Wired** (a monthly resource for Mensa-related news), **Mensa Weekly Brainwave** (with news briefs and links to a variety of articles chosen for their interest to Mensans), and **Mensa Leader** (a twice-monthly publication for all officers in Mensa). You have the option to choose which communications you receive, or block those you don't want, by updating your member profile at <https://www.us.mensa.org/my-mensa/my-membership-profile/>, where you can also set information about your interests, see your membership history, set your communication preferences (including additional email addresses to manage your subscriptions), and many other features. Or you could turn them all off, but still allow your local group to contact you so they can invite you to events like picnics.

On to National news: At the September American Mensa Committee (AMC) meeting, there was a presentation on the Dispute Resolution Process and a motion to amend the rules of the Hearings Procedures. This is the second in-person meeting where we had to address hearings and conflicts, which is unfortunate but ultimately unavoidable. However, the process is robust, and the conflict resolution process can be found in its entirety at <https://www.us.mensa.org/lead/policydocuments/grievance-policies/>. These are too involved to go into in detail in a short column, but the gist of it comes down to communication. If you have an issue with someone, of course you should try to work it out directly with them, but if that's not possible, each chapter should have members who can act as intermediaries, or processes to escalate to the relevant officers, or even to the Ombudsman (local, regional, or national) if necessary. The "nuclear option" is to remove an offending member from Mensa, but that is extremely rare – it's only happened eight times in the history of American Mensa, to my knowledge (the last one in July). A person needs to work VERY HARD to get to the point that Mensa revokes their membership. We hope to be able to resolve conflicts before they get to that point – and almost always do.

The next meeting of the AMC will be held on December 2, 2017 in Houston, Texas (who had their own hurricane issues, but are recovering, as are we).

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

- 44 years Nan Owens
- 42 years Vel Jaeger
- 39 years Harry Richter
- 38 years William Mader
- 37 years Richard Flynn, James Francis
- 36 years Kerry Lawson, Henry Morse, Stanley Pleban
- 32 years Elliott Loyless
- 31 years Martha Metcalf
- 26 years Donald White
- 23 years Karen Payne
- 15 years Ronald Croft
- 14 years Fernando Narvaez, Carol Park
- 13 years Jamie Heuer, Bradley Price
- 12 years Stan Nolan, Anthony Shun
- 11 years Timothy Dixon, Christopher Orozco
- 10 years Linda Christina, Jason Newberg, Richard Quinn
- 9 years Genevieve Corrada, Allan Escher, Donald Hill, Douglas Woolley
- 8 years Pamela Colker, Ella Mendelowitz, Fredrik Tucker
- 7 years Kaci Loveland
- 6 years Elizabeth Knowles, William Knowles
- 5 years David Fleming, Aidan Humphries, Cole Jacobson, Reid Manning, R Rawls
- 4 years Jennifer Michel, Alex Obenauf
- 3 years Sophia Bajohr, Alexander Black, Stacy Davis, Kenneth Kaplan, Constance Wallace
- 2 years Robert Carter, Dominic DeWeese, Lici Small, Hudson Thompson
- 1 year Robert Beverly, Adam Lerchenfeld, Jason Maranto, Hannah Rhodes, Austin Stout, Ethan Young

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

Calendar of Events

November 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 » Reading Group	2 » Tampa Lunch Bunch@ Sweet Tomatoes	3	4
5 » TBM Fall Picnic: MacFarlane Park Shelter 405	6	7	8	9 » Tampa Lunch Bunch@ Sweet Tomatoes	10	11 » Oldsmar Games Night
12	13	14	15 » Reading Group	16 » Tampa Lunch Bunch@ Sweet Tomatoes	17	18
19	20	21	22	23 » Tampa Lunch Bunch@ Sweet Tomatoes	24	25 » Tampa Games Night
26	27	28	29	30 » Tampa Lunch Bunch@ Sweet Tomatoes		

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

November 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 the event details to calendar@tampa.us.mensa.org 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.

November 1 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

November 2 12:30pm Tampa Lunch Bunch @ Sweet Tomatoes

Location: Sweet Tomatoes on Dale Mabry just South of Bearss

Sweet Tomatoes is an all you can eat salad & soup buffet. Show up at your convenience and join us in the private room off the dining area. Tell the cashier you are there for the Mensa lunch to receive a 15% discount. Non-member spouses or friends are included, too. There is no program for this very informal event, and the conversation is free flowing. Topics range, based on the interests of members, and the backgrounds of participants varies widely, making for interesting discussions. Members are respectful and genuinely interested in listening to each other. New members are always welcomed even if you can't be a regular. Hosted by Dave Bryant; please email him at SenseiDave@msn.com if you have any questions.

November 5 1pm TBM Fall Picnic; MacFarlane Park Shelter 405

Location: 1700 North Macdill Avenue Tampa, FL 33607 USA

TBM will provide hamburgers and hot dogs. BYOB and a dish to share. (Park rules prohibit alcoholic beverages and glass containers.) If you're unfamiliar with the area, set your GPS to 1870 N. MacDill and park near the entrance to the Freedom Playground. Shelter 405 is on the back left side of the playground. [Please note, the picnic is on Sunday November 5, not November 4]

November 9 12:30pm Tampa Lunch Bunch @ Sweet Tomatoes

November 11 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)

November 15 7pm Reading Group

November 16 12:30pm Tampa Lunch Bunch @ Sweet Tomatoes

November 23 12:30pm Tampa Lunch Bunch @ Sweet Tomatoes

At time of publication, the person who answered the phone said they will be closed on Thanksgiving. Please check with Dave for possible alternate plans.

November 25 7pm Tampa Games Night

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

Come play fun board & table games - feel free to bring your favorites! Snacks, sodas, coffee, tea & dinner provided (\$3 kitty helps defray refreshment expenses). My large game room is on a separate AC and additional tables in the dining and living room areas. I have cats who stay in their bedroom, and two Great Pyrenees who will need a walk or backyard play session, but otherwise, will stay in their room until 10ish. (If you're interested in walking with us, they will love to meet you!) I also have some reptiles and my quaker parrots Jasmine and Lucky may make an appearance. No smoking indoors, please. Carpooling encouraged. Street and driveway parking available.

Call 813-476-5405 or email melissalstephens@gmail.com

November 30 12:30pm Tampa Lunch Bunch @ Sweet Tomatoes

Do You Know a Fulbrighter?

Sue Anne Toms

The local Mid-Florida Chapter of the Fulbright Association is initiating a campaign to identify and engage former Fulbright recipients living within the region.

If you have ever received a Fulbright award, we would like to hear from you. Or if you know of someone who has, please have them contact us. Benefits of affiliating with the association and the chapter include networking with fellow former Fulbrighters, professional development opportunities, helping to advocate for the program, and several events with current international Fulbright scholars and students in our area—perhaps even from the country where you were.

Contact us at mid.fl.fulbright@gmail.com for further information.

Cryptopoem

Sylvia Holt Zadorozny

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~ REAYN SABCALPKL, "EKILALV"

On This Month in History: November

Emma Edmund

On November 3, 1957, Laika the dog became the first animal to orbit Earth. The Soviet satellite *Sputnik 2* launched on this day with the dog on board, so scientists could measure her cardiac and respiratory rates. The satellite also studied ultraviolet radiation and cosmic rays. Laika, however, did not return home to the Soviet Union.

Birthdays in this month include Claude Monet on November 14, 1840, and Tina Turner on November 26, 1939. Monet was one of the pioneers of Impressionism, whose famous works include a series of 250 paintings with water lilies as the subject as well as *Impression, Sunrise*. Turner was an American singer who performed hits such as “River Deep - Mountain High” with her husband before becoming a successful solo artist with songs such as “Private Dancer” and “When the Heartache is Over.”

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

Answer to the October Cryptopoem:

*... The little ones of our community
This year passed up no opportunity;
You should have seen the goblins and witches;
At our expense, they were all in stitches.
They shook with snickers from warp to woof
When our doormat landed on the roof.
And take a look at our garden's format—
It now resembles the missing doormat. ...
And we can't get into our own garage
Since they gave the door that Swedish massage.
All this perhaps I could forgive,
In loving kindness I might live,
But on every window they scrawled in soap
The deathless lines, Mr. Nash is a dope. ...
When Halloween next delivers the goods,
You may duck for apples—I'll duck for the woods.
- Ogden Nash, "Trick or Trek"*

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