Greater Phoenix Mensa's Newsletter April-May-June 2016

GPM Quarterly

Member Appreciation Day Picnic at Paradise Valley Park on April 2nd @ 1 p.m.

The Member Appreciation Day GPM had August 1st last year was so successful that ExCom has decided to do it again. Only this time instead of having it in the teeth of the Arizona Monsoon, it'll be when the weather has an excellent chance of being really nice.

The venue is Paradise Valley Park off 40th Street between Bell and Union Hills. See the map below for the exact location. The area circled in blue is where we will be, right next to the parking lot, easily accessible via N. 40th Street and just off Highway 51.

Join us April 2nd at 1:00 p.m., when the fun will begin. Food and beverage for all members and guests will be provided by GPM, but you'll need to bring your own seating and shade. Hijinks will be provided. Lowjinks, too, but that's on your own.

We need an accurate head count, so please RSVP to locsec@phoenixmensa.org or call 602-944-0230 and leave a message with the number of adults and kids in your party. The RSVP will let us prepare your name tags and save you the trouble of showing your membership card. No name tag, no goodies. Please Let us hear from you as soon as you can.



Elections Are Coming!

TO BE A PETITION CANDIDATE

If you decide to run—you may nominate yourself by petition, signed by 10 current members of GPM, and deliver, no later than May 5, 2016, the Original, signed petition to the Nominating Committee Chair.

SCHEDULE/TIMETABLE

MAY 5—Deadline for PETITION CANDIDATES to deliver signed petitions to the Committee Chair.
MAY 12—Deadline for CHAIR to submit Ballot Names and Voting Instructions to the Editor.
MAY 12—Deadline for CANDIDATES to submit to editor a bio or candidate statement of 300 words or less, and an optional photo for publication in both the 3rd

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Bruce Stiles & Ann Marie Eisentraut bruce.m.stiles@gmail.com
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(The Original) Games Night! (4th Saturday of each month)
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Oh Hell! At Mel's (4th Saturday of each month)
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Mike Johnson mikejohnson@cox.net
West Side Lunch (1st Thursday of each month)

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Interested in Leadership Development Workshop for GenX/Y?

Contact disarae@gmail.com to express interest or to assist the planning of a workshop workshop.

Tentative venue - Challenger Space Center.

Tentative date: April/May.

GPM ExComm Minutes

Submitted by John G. Perez, Recording Secretary

The ExComm meets the 2nd Sunday of each month at the Hilton Garden Inn Midtown, 4000 N. Central Ave., Phoenix, at 2 p.m. **ALL MEMEBERS ARE ENCOURAGED AND WELCOME TO ATTEND.**

January 10, 2016

The meeting was called to order at 2:02 pm. Present were LocSec Richard Morris; Assistant LocSec Mitzi Olivere, Recording Secretary John G. Perez; Treasurer David Coast, Members at Large Jim Delton and Dave Pivin, Parliamentarian Disa McAlister, Member Ron Draney and Guest Pete Constantino. Absent were the Member at Large Maura Goldsberry MAAM Editor Mary Prior, Proctor Nick Dodson. Mary Prior and Maura Goldsberry had excused absences.

Mitzi Olivere moved and Dave Coast Seconded the [December] minutes be approved as amended; motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS

- **Science Bowl participation — .Gene Holmerud asked and they asked for the check to be reissued. Dave Coast said we paid for a full page, but received half page, do not owe $250.00. Asked Gene Holmerud to sort out.**
- **Scholarships — Essays in hand, has judges, and will feed on 2/21/ per Mary Prior.**
- **AG—No information to date from Vice Chair of Kentucky AG, tabled for now.**
- **New Member Appreciation eents — Possible date 4/2/16, Desert Horizons Park, 56th Street/Paradise Lane. Maura Goldsberry possible chair. Dave coast to estimate a budget, need beer permit. .**
- **PPT systems — Jim Delton said we needed same software for all systems, and free software would meet our needs. John Perez moved and Mitzi Olivere seconded, motion passed, to buy as suggested. Proposal also not to exceed $4,500.00 if**

Treasurer's Report as of March 31, 2016
David Coast, GPM Treasurer

Cash Assets

Checking	$ 9,730.45
Savings	7,985.07
RG	1,345.12
Total	$18,060.64
Total Revenue	$18,345.12

possible, with an option to buy if on sale.

- Proposed ASIE of GPM electronic communications — Dave Pivin, chair. Dave Coast moved to bread down by section, discussion; ad infinitum/define "office" Dave Pivin. Gifted Children/Scholarships may be affected (privacy). Dave Pivin to review and edit. Postponed to next month.
- Gen X/Y Leadership Development — Disa McAlister: in April/ May after summer/budget okay.

NEW BUSINESS

- RG — Name Co-Chair for next RG.
- Nominating/Election Committees: Julie Garner to chair both, players to be named later. NL must bump on or before May 1 and contain NomCom Slate. Dave coast moved, Jim Delton seconded, motion passed.

OFFICER REPORTS

- ISCom — No report.
- Editor — Okay.
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- Programs — No report.
- Members at Large — No report.
- Recording Secretary — No report.
- Treasurer — $16,958.46
- Assistant LocSec — No report.
- LocSec — No report.

Questions and comments by members or guests: Pete Constantino proposed a name for the monthly party — Festivities, currently looking for a site. Disa McAlister moved, Mitzi Oliver seconded, motion passed. Adjourned at 3:59 p.m. Next GPM [ExCom] meeting 2/14/16 at Hilton at 2 pm.

FEBRUARY 14, 2016

The meeting was called to order at :56 pm. Present were LocSec Richard Morris; Assistant LocSec Mitzi Olivere; Treasurer David Coast; Recording Secretary John G. Perez; Members at Large Jim Delton and David Pivin, MAAM Editor Mary Prior, Member Ron Draney and Guest Pete Constantino. Absent was Proctor Chair Nick Dodson. Parliamentarian Disa McAlister and Member at Large Maura Goldsberry had excused absences.

Dave Coast moved and Mitzi Olivere seconded the minutes be approved, motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS

- Scholarships—Essays in hand, has judges, and will finalize on 2/21 per Mary Prior.
- Science Bowl Participation—Dave Coast paid, Gene Holmerud will schedule and coordinate.
- New Member Appreciation Events—date 4/2/16, Desert Horizons Park, 56th Street/Paradise Lane. Marni Landry to chair. Richard Morris to get city park permits, discussion of whether to have catered or we do it ourselves.
- PPT systems—Assign systems to board members when not used for RG. Have speakers put presentation on USB drives.
- ASIE of GPM electronic communications—Dave Pivin chair. Mitzi Olivere moved, Mary Prior seconded that ASIE be adopted, motion passed as amended.
- Gen X/Y Leadership Development—Disa McAlister: moving along.
- RG Co-Chair—none so far, need one.
- ComiCon report—scheduled for 6/2–6/16, need volunteers

NEW BUSINESS

- RG — Name Co-Chair for next RG.
- RG Account change resolution: moved by Mitzi Olivere, seconded by Mary Prior, motion passed to remove Mel Anderson and add David Coast from account "GPM Gatherings" checking account at Arizona State Credit Union.
- Moved by Mary Prior, seconded by Mitzi Olivere, motion passed to issue membership dues waiver for member in need requested by Kebba Buckley.
- Julie Garner is GPM Ombudsman and Yuma Coordinator.

OFFICER REPORTS

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- Parliamentarian — No report.
- Editor — Mail letter for Member Appreciation Party
- ISCom — print to online message
- Programs — Tuesday, 7:00 pm, main library
- Members at Large — No report.
- Recording Secretary — No report.
- Treasurer — $16,108.80
- Assistant LocSec — No report.
- LocSec — No report.

Questions and comments by members or guests: AG still no information from AML. David Coast is 2019 AG Chair pro tem.

Adjourned at 3:55 pm, moved by David Coast, seconded by Mitzi Oliver, motion passed. Next GPM [ExCom] meeting 3/13/16 at Hilton at 2 pm.

Don't forget to go to the Greater Phoenix Mensa Web Site for current and up-to-date information and calendar.

http://www.phoenix.us.mensa.org/

Elections are Coming

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quarter GMP and MAAM will include Ballots, voting instructions, and bio/candidate statements received by May 12 deadline.

JUNE 15. VOTING DEADLINE—Election Committee Chair MUST receive ballots by this date!

JUNE 16—Election Committee shall count the ballots and certify the results. Results will be reported immediately to the LocSec and to the Editor for the JULY GPM Quarterly and MAAM.

ELECTIONS/NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Chair, Julie Garner

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Mensa Acronyms & Calendar

AG: Annual Gathering (convention)
AMC: American Mensa Committee (Nationally elected/appointed Officers)
AML: American Mensa Ltd. (National Office and employees)
ExCom: Executive Committee (Local Group elected/appointed Officers)
GPM: Greater Phoenix Mensa
LocSec: Local Secretary, President
MERF: Mensa Education & Research Foundation a.k.a. Mensa Foundation
MIL: Mensa International, Ltd.
M/Ms: Mensan/Mensans
MO: Mensans, guests and prospects only
ME/P: GPM Event, Public Welcome
NO: National Office
PE/M: Public Event, Mensans Welcome
RG: Regional Gathering (convention)
RVC: Regional Vice Chair (our Region's elected representative to the AMC)
SIG: Special Interest Group
SIGHT: Service of Information, Guidance & Hospitality to Travelers

Weekly Event Details

◊ **Wednesdays @ 5–7 pm — ME/P**
***WHINE and DINE Happy Hour* @ Grassroots Kitchen, 2119 E. Camelback Road, Phoenix.**

◊ **Thursdays @ 5–7 pm — MO**
***Tuesday on Thursdays!* Ruby Tuesdays, 27 S. McClintock Drive, #15, Temp.**

Monthly Event Details

2nd Sunday—ExComm Meeting

◊ Sunday, 2–3 pm — MO
Executive Committee (ExComm) Meeting at the Hilton Garden Inn Midtown, 4000 N. Central Ave., Phoenix. ALL MEMBERS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME!

1st Thursday

◊ **Thursday, 1–3 pm — ME/P**
***Westside Lunch Group* at Little Bite of Italy, 15456 N. 99th Ave (at Greenway), Sun City (1st Thursday of each month).**

◊ **Thursday, 6:30–8:30 pm — ME/P**
***The Idea Exchange* at Denny's, 3315 N. Scottsdale, Rd., Scottsdale**

1st Friday

◊ **Friday, 7–8 pm — ME/P**
***Din Din with Lynne* at various locations.**

1st Saturday

◊ **Saturday, 12–3 pm — ME/P**
***Casino Lunch.* This alternates the location each month. It will be at either the Corbin Casino Lunch at Casino Arizona, 524 N. 92nd St., Scottsdale (Nov. & Jan.) OR the Talking Stick Resort, 9800 E. Indian Bend Road, Scottsdale (Dec. & Feb.)**

◊ **Saturday, 6–10 pm — PE/M**
***Saturday Night at the Movies* at 5318 N. 20th Street, Phoenix. If you have questions, contact bruce.m.stiles@gmail.com**

2nd Tuesday

◊ **Tuesday, 5:30–7:30 pm — ME/P**
***Ahwatukee M Happy Hour*, at Keegan's Grill, 4723 E. Ray Road, Phoenix. ME/P**

2nd Wednesday

◊ **Wednesday, 7–11 pm — PE/M**
***Up in Smoke* at Fox Cigar Bar, 1464 E. Williamsfield Road, #105, Gilbert. PE/M**

2nd Saturday

◊ **Sat., November 14, 6:30–10 pm. *HSGP Game Night* @ the Humanist Community Center, 627 W. Rio Salado Parkway (a.k.a. 8th St.) Mesa. PE/M**

3rd Sunday

◊ **Sunday, 12:30–6 pm.**
***Oh Hell at Mel's*, 6241 S. 16th Street, Phoenix (3rd Sunday of each month). MO. Contact mensamela@gmail.com if you have questions**

4th Friday

◊ **Friday, 7–8:45 pm — ME/P**
Beginning in January 2016!
***Mensa Forum* at 1700 N. Granite Reef Road, Scottsdale 85257. Topic to be determined later.**

4th Saturday

◊ **Saturday, 7–11 pm — MO**
***Original Games Night* at 2149 W. Kathleen Road, Phoenix. BYOB and a snack to share. The gate code may be found on the GPM Live Web Calendar**

Unique to January 2016

◊ **Sun., January 10, 2–3 pm —*Executive Committee (ExComm) Meeting* at the Hilton Garden Inn Midtown, 4000 N. Central Ave., Phoenix. ALL MEMBERS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME!**

Unique to May 2016

◊ **Sun., February 14 @ 2–3 pm —Executive Committee (ExComm) Meeting at the Hilton Garden Inn Midtown, 4000 N. Central Ave., Phoenix. ALL MEMBERS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME!**

Unique to June 2016

◊ **Sun., March 14 @ 2–3 pm —Executive Committee (ExComm) Meeting at the Hilton Garden Inn Midtown, 4000 N. Central Ave., Phoenix. ALL MEMBERS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME!**

IMPORTANT NOTE: As of the time the calendar was printed, this information was current. For more current information and updates, please go to the web site http:// www.phoenix.us.mensa.org/

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