Greater Phoenix Mensa's Official Newsletter July-August-September 2016

GPM Quarterly



Phoenix Phiesta XXXIV: Phull Deck 52 Years of Greater Phoenix Mensa

November 25-27, 2016

Has anyone ever told you that you or someone else wasn't playing with a phull deck? Well, once again, we will be descending on the Hilton Garden Inn Midtown at 4000 N. Central Avenue, Phoenix 85012. Make your reservation now at 602-279-9811!

30-Plus Programs to Inform, Stimulate and Amuse:

- Interesting and interested speakers on many subjects.
- Romance! Sex! Things that go Bang!
- *Super Kids' Track!*
- No end of conversation, debates, and infinity of puns.
- Opulent Banquet with delightful entertainment!
- AND MUCH, MUCH MORE!!

(Subject to confirmation and/or change)

We will also have our November 24th Thanksgiving Feast. The price of registration includes meals in hospitality, as well as the Banquet at Macao's! This will be our last banquet at the usual location across the street from the hotel, as they will be closing prior to moving next year and into a smaller facility.

Prices	Until 9/15	After 9/15
Adult (15+)	$110	$120
1st Timer*	$99	$108
Kids 10-14	$55	$60
Kids 6-9	$45	$50

*10% Discount for Newbies! This includes GPM members and transfers in who joined or arrived in 2016.

Cancellation Policy: 100% through August 15; 50% through October 1st. *No refunds except in special cases thereafter!*

Register at
http://phoenix.us.mensa.org/RG2016

You can register online using a credit card or you can print off the form and mail it in with a check payable to *GPM Gathering*.

If you choose to register at the RG, Please note that we will only accept payment by check or credit card. NO CASH will be accepted.

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(The Original) Games Night! (4th Saturday)
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West Side Lunch (1st Thursday)

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GPM ExCom Minutes

Submitted by John G. Perez, Recording Secretary

The ExCom meets the 2nd Sunday of each month at the Hilton Garden Inn Midtown, 4000 N. Central Ave., Phoenix, at 2 p.m.

ALL MEMBERS ARE ENCOURAGED AND WELCOME TO ATTEND.

April 10, 2016

The meeting was called to order at 1:57 p.m. Present were LocSec Richard Morris; Assistant LocSec Mitzi Olivere, Recording Secretary John G. Perez; Treasurer David Coast, Member at Large Dave Pivin, MAAM Editor Mary Prior, Proctor Nick Dodson, Member Ron Draney and Guest Pete Constantino. Absent were the Members at Large Maura Goldsberry and Jim Delton, and Parliamentarian Disa McAlister. Maura Goldsberry, Disa McAlister and Jim Delton had excused absences.

Mary Prior moved and Mitzi Olivere seconded the March minutes be approved as amended. Motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS

- New member Appreciation Event—April 2, 2016 at Desert Horizons Park, 56th Street/Paradise Lane. Marni Landry chaired. Richard Morris had city park permits. The Event went well, had about 120 members. The surprise water gun event was fun. Have the next one in later March or early April.
- Gen X/Y Leadership Development— Disa McAlister: moving along.
- Policy on Calendar Entries. Member Denny Franklin spoke on the calendar events sponsoring smoking in cigar stores. Did not like because it is a health hazard. Discussion followed, with no resolution.
- ComiCon Report— Graham Dykes, Chair, has 14 volunteers. David Pivin discussion WiFi issues inside the venue; need a "hotspot"; they are inexpensive, allowing good cell reception. Richard Morris will order more Brainz (1,000 for $537).
- GYP (Gifted Youth Program) marketing items. Add GYP to calendar abbreviations. Hope Wilson chairs.

NEW BUSINESS

- RG Chair — Richard Morris.
- RG Co-Chair —None so far, need one.
- It is the sense of GPM ExCom that access to the GPM Gatherings account at Arizona State Credit Union shall have withdrawn/removed Mel Anderson and Lynn Floyd from the signature card and shall retain/add Richard Morris, John Perez, David Coast and Mary Prior to the signature card.

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

Cash Assets

Checking	$ 4,904.15
Savings	11,646.60
RG	4,103.62.
Total	$20709.37

- NomCom—The Nominating Committee has a full slate of candidates for the next election.

OFFICER REPORTS

- Parliamentarian — No report.
- Editor — No report.
- ISCom — No report.
- Programs — Tuesday, 7:00 p.m. at Main Library.
- Members at Large — No report.
- Recording Secretary — No report.
- Treasurer — No report.
- Assistant LocSec — No report.
- LocSec — No report.
- Proctor Coordinator —Now testing every 2 months.

Questions and comments by members or guests: David Coast stated we should promote Mensa to the public, various activities were discussed as possible events.

Moved to adjourn by Mary Prior, seconded by Mitzi Olivere, motion passed. Adjourned at 3:49 p.m. Next GPM [ExCom] meeting 5/8/16 at Hilton at 2 pm.

May 8, 2016

The meeting was cancelled due to lack of a quorum because of the holiday [Mother's Day].

June 12, 2016

The meeting was called to order at 1:59 p.m. Present were LocSec Richard Morris; Treasurer David Coast; Recording Secretary John G. Perez; Members at Large Jim Delton and David Pivin, Proctor Chair Nick Dodson, MAAM Editor Mary Prior, Parliamentarian Disa McAlister, Members Ron Draney, Marni Landry and Graham Dykes, and Guest Pete Constantino.

Absent was Assistant LocSec Mitzi Olivere and Member at Large Maura Goldsberry. Mitzi Olivere had an excused absence; Maura Goldsberry, unexcused.

Mary Prior moved, Dave Coast seconded we approve the April 10, 2016 minutes. Dave Coast seconded the minutes be approved, motion passed. Mary Prior moved, Dave Coast seconded we approve the May 8, 2016 minutes. Dave Coast seconded the minutes be approved, motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS

- PPT systems—Jim Delton — No updates.
- ComiCon Report—Graham Dykes—Had 136 new emails added with 893 on mailing list, only 231 opened the email sent to them, and one unsubscribing. Nick Dodson had this information for testing. What we learned: four people was a little crowded in the booth three would be optimal. More pictures would be a better marketing tool. Richard Morris stated we had to reapply by September 1, 2016. John Perez moved, Mary Prior seconded, that we reapply to ComiCon. Motion passed.
- Gifted Youth Program (GYP) - Hope Wilson asked that GYP be added to calendar entries. Discussion decided that no motion was required.

NEW BUSINESS

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/

- Calendar maintenance is continual with major issues brought to the board for resolution.
- Newsletter—new officers to be added for July, mail date to be 7/16/2016.
- Five-Year Plan—Jim Delton to Chair; Dave Coast, Graham Dykes, Marni Landry and Pete Constantino to be on the committee. Charged to state objectives and a means of achieving same.
- Mind Games—Mary Prior—Mary Prior must submit bid for Mind Games 2018 by end of August 2016 for April, 2018 event. Must have hotel room rates, registration cost and must be handicap accessible with a possible 150 room night rentals.
- GYP—Hope Wilson reported we need to establish practices and procedures, set up accounts for payments and maybe resources from GPM. Proposed Phoenix Zoo overnight campout on 9/30 for at least 25 kids with chaperones for about $100 per person. Dave Coast moved, Dave Pivin seconded that he work with Hope Wilson and Dave Pivin to develop procedures for acceptance of payments from kids and their parents, and accounting for them. Dave Pivin to set up GYP page. Hope Wilson brought up an appreciation dinner possibly at the hotel. Richard Morris mentioned that this had to be inside a hotel room as no food or beverage could be in open areas of the hotel. Hope Wilson also mentioned she thought volunteers should be totally compensated for RG hotel/registration. Discussion followed with the result that we could not afford to do so at this time. When the RG reached a break-even or a profit we would visit this again.
- Retention Report —Went from 1,025 to 925 active members with a loss of 11%, with AML [having] a loss of 17%.
- GPM Archivist Pamela Miller is moving and needs to pass this to someone else. Dave Pivin stated we have archivers on-line back to 1994. Discussion needs to decide if we need to go back to the beginning.

OFFICER REPORTS

- No reports

Questions and comments by members or guests: Adjourned at 3:55 pm, moved by Dave Coast, seconded by Mary Prior, motion passed. Next GPM [ExCom] meeting 7/10/16 at Hilton at 2 pm.

Plan NOW! for Thanksgiving Day Pot Luck Buffet!

We will be hosting the Greater Phoenix Mensa Thanksgiving Day Potluck Buffet on Thursday, November 24th. Please contact Helen Goldman for more information at helen.goldman@cox.net. The full link to the Thanksgiving Day RG page is

http://phoenix.us.mensa.org/RG2016/code/page5/index.html.

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
GYP: Gifted Youth Program
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

◊ ME/P - Wednesdays @ 5–7 pm
WHINE and DINE Happy Hour @ Desert Jade Kitchen, 3215 E Indian School Rd, Phoenix. Mike Johnson 602-956-0180

◊ MO - Thursdays @ 5–7 pm
Tuesday on Thursdays! Ruby Tuesdays, 27 S McClintock Dr, #15, Temp. Gary & Gail 602-790-8626

Monthly Event Details

1st Thursday

◊ ME/P - Westside Lunch Group 1–3 pm
at Little Bite of Italy, 15456 N. 99th Ave (at Greenway), Sun City. Contact Jean Barton t 623-546-3180 or Bartrabbit@aol.com

◊ ME/P - Thursday, 6:30–8:30 pm
The Idea Exchange at Denny's, 3315 N. Scottsdale, Rd., Scottsdale. Contact Mike Johnson at mikejohnson@cox.net or 602-703-9324.

1st Friday

◊ ME/P DinDin With Lynne, 7–8 pm at various locations. drvest55@gmail.com or 480-254-3311.

1st Saturday

◊ ME/P - Casino Lunch, 12–3 pm
This alternates the location each month. About $18. Call 602-703-9324 or MensaMike@gmail

◊ PE/M - Inventors Club, 2–4 pm
Inventors Club at Techshop, 249 E Chicago St, Chandler 85225If you have Questions? Kevin Moriarty 602-303-6272 or kevin 7314@gmail.com

◊ PE/M - Saturday Night at the Movies, 6-10 pm at 5318 N. 20th Street, Phoenix. If you have questions, Bruce or Ann Marie at 602-212-1614 or by email to bruce.m.stiles@gmail.com

2nd Monday

◊ ME/P - Prescott Minds in the Pines 8 pm
at Augie's Restaurant, 1721 Highway 69, Prescott. Will@Hepburn.com or 928-925-2685.

2nd Tuesday

◊ ME/P - Burger Madness —4:30-8 pm
at Bar Louis, Tempe Marketplace Mall, 2000 E Rio Salado Pkwy #1220, Temp. Ken Brown, 602-492-8025 or John Randal at 480-361-2523.

◊ ME/P - Ahwatukee M Happy Hour, 5:30–7:30 pm at Keegan's Grill, 4723 E. Ray Road, Phoenix. Michael Riordan 480-335-9890 or PHXRiordan@gmail.com

◊ ME/P - Astronomy SIG, 7:30–9 pm
at 1221 N. Central Ave, Phoenix. Alex Vrenios at axv@cox.net for more information.

2nd Saturday

◊ PE/M - Sat., HSP Game Night, 6:30–10 pm at the Humanist Community Center, 627 W. Rio Salado Parkway (a.k.a. 8th St.) Mesa. Email ann.eisentraut@gmail.com.

◊ PE/M - Contradance 7:30–10:30 pm at Kenilworth School, 1210 N 5th Ave, Phoenix. Contact Peter B. 323-788-4883 or 1bergonzi1@gmail.com

2nd Sunday

◊ MO - Science & Technology SIG 7–9 pm
Adult Event at Denny's, 3315 N Scottsdale Rd, Scottsdale. Tom Albrigo at tvalbrigo@aol.com or Marni Landry at mrs.landry@gmail.com

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

3rd Monday

◊ MO - Science and Technology SIG 7 pm
at Burton Barr library (1st Floor). See SIG listing for contacts.

3rd Saturday

◊ MO - 3rd Saturday Games Night 6–11 pm.
New SE Valley location. Contact William Bandaruk at williambandaruk@cox.net for address and information

3rd Sunday

◊ MO - Oh Hell! At Mel's, 12:30–6 pm.
6241 S. 16th Street, Phoenix MO. Contact Mel at mensamela@gmail.com or 602-989-2542 or 602-824-9389.

4th Tuesday

◊ ME/P - Burger Madness —4:30-8 pm
at Bar Louis, Tempe Marketplace Mall, 2000 E Rio Salado Pkwy #1220, Temp. Ken Brown, 602-492-8025 or John Randal at 480-361-2523.

4th Friday

◊ ME/P - Mensa Forum, 7–8:45 pm
on hiatus during the Summer.

◊ ME/P - Post Forum Debriefing, 9–10 pm
also on hiatus during the Summer.

◊ PE/M - Contradance 7:30–10:30 pm at Irish Cultural Center, 1106 N Central Ave, Phoenix. Contact Peter B. 323-788-4883 or 1bergonzi1@gmail.com

4th Saturday

◊ ME/P - Oenophiles SIG
Contact Richard Poole—602-317-5977 or richardpoole2012@gmail.com

◊ ME/P - Mensa Forum, 7–8:45 pm
on hiatus during the Summer.

◊ MO - Original Games Night 7–11 pm
August—Cancelled. Contact Dave Coast @ dcoast123@gmail.com for more info

4th Sunday

◊ ME/P - GPM Cycling 7 am—9 am
Contact Dave Pivin, mrpiv@me.com or Gene Holmerud, geneousmensa@gmail.com

IMPORTANT NOTE: As of the time the calendar was printed, this information was current. For more current information and updates, please go to the website

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

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