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COVID-19 UPDATE

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Treasurer's Report YTD as of 9 August 2020

Income	4,405.16
Expenses	2,458.09
CU GPM General Account	18,369.15
CU GPM Savings	55.00
Total	$18,304.15

GPM ExCom Minutes

Submitted by David Pivin, Recording Secretary

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

ALL MEMBERS ARE ENCOURAGED AND INVITED TO ATTEND

July 12, 2020
The meeting was called to order at 2:00 PM as a Zoom teleconference. Present online were LocSec David Sebesta; AsstLocSec Marni Landry; Treasurer Chris Ingle (absent exused); Recording Secretary David Pivin; Parliamentarian Richard Morris; MAAM Editor David Pivin; Members at Large Jim Delton and John Perez; Members David Coast and Zoe's Kids.

Approval of Minutes
ExCom Meeting, 14 June 2020 - Motion to Approve by Richard Morris, seconded by John Perez, approved at 2:01 PM after it was decided that this would still qualify as an official meeting since we did not change the date or time and a quorum was present.

Old Business
• Adoption of budget proposed at June ExCom. Motion to Approve by Richard Morris, Jim Delton seconded. Motion passed at 2:04.

New Business
• Go or No-Go Decision on November Regional Gathering - General feeling is that it may not be able to do it. There may be a desire to do the Thanksgiving potluck portion of it even if it is canceled. Richard Morris moved to cancel, seconded by Dave Pivin. Marni Landry noted that there will be small PayPal fees on already registered transactions as an expense. Motion passed at 2:09
• Re-Appoint all non-ExCom Chairs/ Coordinators as listed on GPM website. Motion by Richard Morris, seconded by John Perez. Julie Gunnigle may not be available as GYC. Motion passed at 2:12.

Officer Reports
Treasurer - All electronic documents have been shared w/new treasurer but have not yet been able to meet up for a physical transfer. Noted that there is a $7 negative error somewhere in her spreadsheet.
- As of 7/12/20: total funds 19,560.47. Checking $19,505.47, Savings $55.00.
MAAM Editor - GPM Quarterly shipped ontime.
RecSec - NTR
ISComm - Website updated to new officers.
LocSec - AMC removed the official status of Firehouse and one other FB group at monthly meeting. Foundation bought a new building.
All others - NTR

Next Meeting
9 August 2020, 2 PM using Zoom.

Adjourn
Motion to Adjourn by RIchard Morris. John Perez seconded. Motion passed at 2:22.

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August 9, 2020
The meeting was called to order at 2:00 PM as a Zoom teleconference. Present online were LocSec David Sebesta; AsstLocSec Marni Landry; Treasurer Chris Ingle; Recording Secretary David Pivin; Parliamentarian Richard Morris; MAAM Editor David Pivin; Members at Large Jim Delton and John Perez; Members Zoe's Kids; Guest Peter Costantino.

Approval of Minutes
ExCom Meeting, 12 July 2020 - Motion to Approve by Jim Delton. John Perez seconded. Motion passed at 2:01.

Old Business
• Transfer of Treasurer Duties - Chris Ingle and Marni Landry met and still have some details to work out, such as a Debit Card for Chris. Transferred the mail to Chris.

New Business
• Appointment of Scholarship Chair - Judy Hermann and Steven Bontrager volunteered. Will be making them co-chairs.
• Zoom Account for GPM - David Sebesta to create a LocSec account for ExCom use. Richard Morris moved Jim Delton seconded. Passed at 2:16.
Gifted Youth Program Chair - Contingency Plan - Julie Gunnigle won her primary, she has no bandwidth. Has declined to continue by communicating with National Office. No alternative at this time. Will appeal for a new candidate.

Officer Reports
Treasurer - As of 7/12/20: total funds 18,359.15. Checking $18,304.15, Savings $55.00.
ISComm - GPM website updated with latest COVID-19 info and created a Virtual Meeting page with information on existing Virtual meetings.
All others - ntr

Next Meeting
13 Sept 2020, 2 PM as Zoom Teleconference

Adjourn
Motion to Adjourn by John Perez. Richard Morris seconded. Motion passed a 2:32.

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September 13, 2020
The meeting was called to order at 2:01 PM as a Zoom teleconference. Present online were LocSec David Sebesta; AsstLocSec Marni Landry; Treasurer Chris Ingle; Recording Secretary David Pivin; Parliamentarian Richard Morris; MAAM Editor David Pivin; Members at Large Jim Delton (absent) and John Perez; Members Zoe's Kids; Guest Peter Costantino.

Approval of Minutes
ExCom Meeting, 9 August 2020 - Motion to Approve by Chris Ingle. Marni Landry seconded. Motion passed at 2:02.

Old Business
• GPM Mensa Zoom Account $120/year account obtained by David Sebesta and will be incorporated into our meeting flow and calendar.
• Canceled RG - Reconciliation of Funds - Two refunds were late and are being handled by Chris Ingle.
• GY Coordinator - Possible volunteer, moved into GPM area from Oregon where they were GYC. Starting the process to bring aboard.

New Business
• Reinstating Events - Timeline? Pick a date to review and encourage members to contact hosts. October 15th. Idea Exchange is going well on Zoom, no strong interest in resuming in-person, but Pete Costantino felt they could co-exist. David Sebesta will contacts existing meeting hosts. Possible hosting of T-Day at Lyn's? Pete will follow up.
• Member Appreciation Get-Together - Spring 2021 March or April. Richard Morris will draft a message for eUpdate to get feedback.

Officer Reports
Treasurer - As of 9/13/20: total funds 18,359.15. Checking $18,304.15, Savings $55.00.
MAAM Editor - Announced Rachel Kibler as newly appointed Regional Coordinator.
All Others - ntr

Next Meeting
11 October 2020, 2 PM via Zoom Teleconference

Adjourn
Motion to Adjourn by Chris. Richard seconded. Motion passed at 2:37.

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Remembering Ursula Gore

It is with deep sadness we report the passing this August of Ursula Gore, wife of GPM Life Member Alan Gore, They were very active members of GPM.

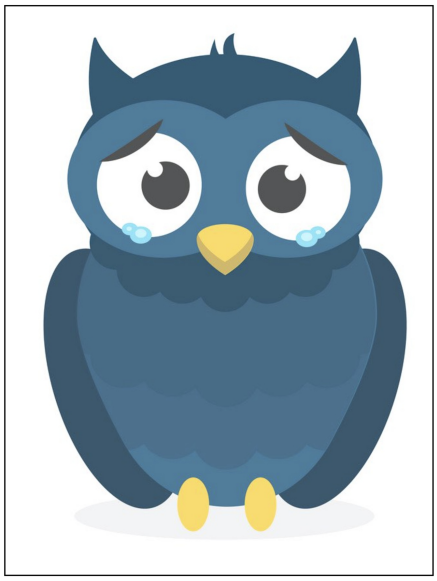
From Kebba Buckley Button:

Ursula was 80 when she passed in August, in her adopted hometown of Sedona, Arizona. Married to GPM member Alan Gore for 42 years, Ursula was known for her Swiss accent, her agreeable smile, and her generous conversation.

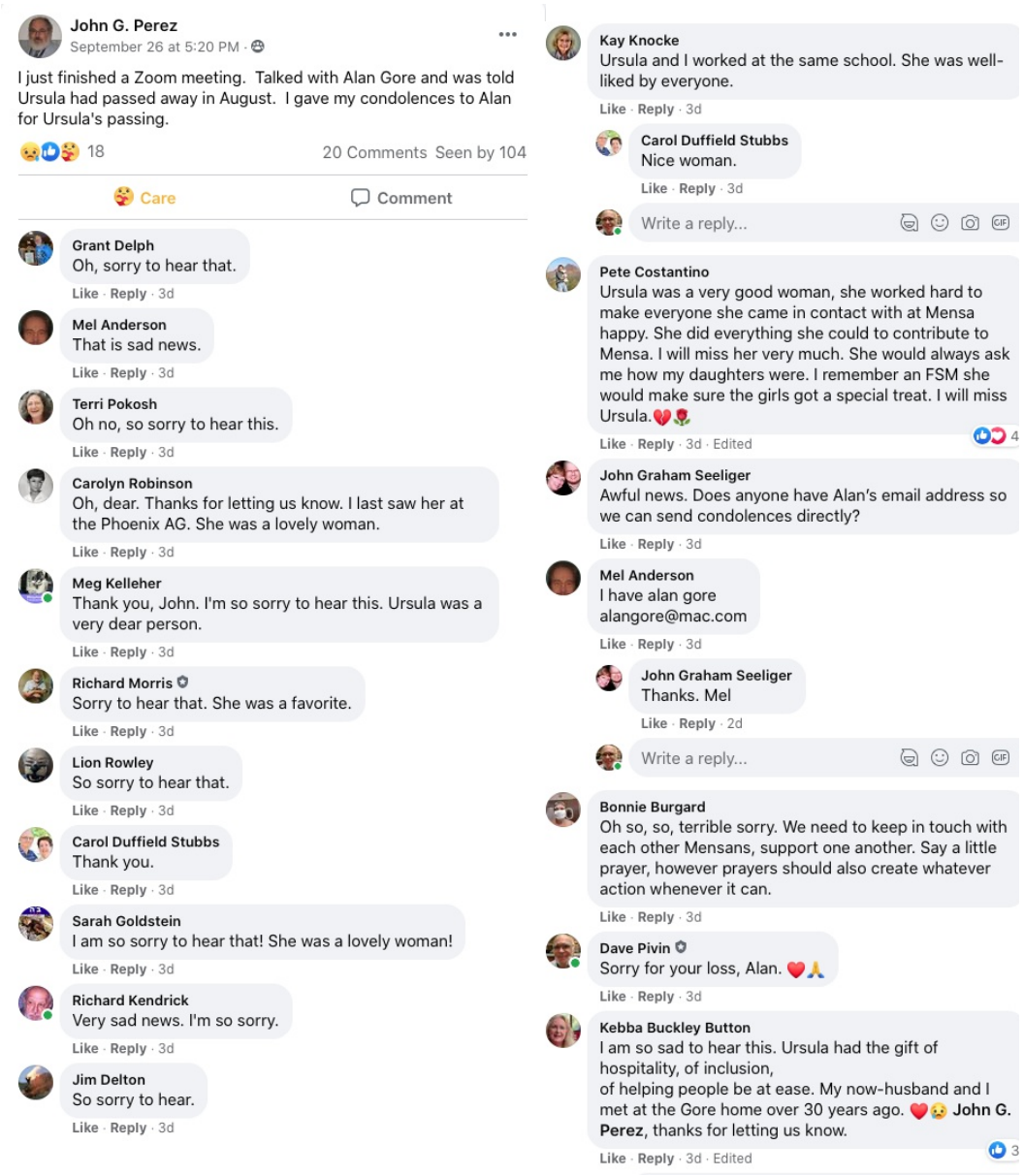
Ursula was known for hosting gatherings that featured copious offerings of food. She and Alan hosted Fold Staple Mutilate (FSM) for a number of years, in their Phoenix home; some suspect the large FSM volunteer force was responsive to the amazing and delicious dinner Ursula offered. Ursula's generous personality radiated throughout the GPM community. The Gore hot tub was known for its liberal dress code, and many connections were made at Salons so often hosted by the Gores. Kebba Buckley Button and Ron Button met in the Gores' back yard and married a few years later. Shoestring Gourmet, GPM's long-running cooking club, often took place in the Gores' large dining room.

Ursula never seemed to run out of love and food to share. For some years, she worked at a school, feeding hundreds of school children. Often seen passing in the halls of GPM Regional Gatherings, Ursula was known for quickly returning to her hotel room to watch the Wimbledon competitions.

No service is planned, but Alan is compiling a photo collection to share with all who loved Ursula. He plans to scatter her ashes in a special location at a pre-planned time. Ursula will be much missed and long remembered. Alan Gore can be reached at alangore@mac.com.



From Greater Phoenix Mensans Facebook Group:



Mensa Acronyms & Calendar

AG: Annual Gathering (convention)
AMC: American Mensa Committee (Nationally elected/appointed Officers)
AML: AmericanMensa,Ltd. (National Office Employees)
ASIE: Action Still In Effect (Existing AMC or GPM policy)
ExCom: Executive Committee GPM Greater Phoenix Mensa
LDW: Leadership Development Workshop
LocSec: Local Secretary/President
M/Ms: Mensan/Mensans
MERF: Mensa Education & Research Foundation
MIL: Mensa International, Ltd.
NO: NationalOffice
RG: Regional Gathering
RVC: RegionalViceChair
SIG: Special Interest Group
SIGHT: Service of Information, Guidance and Hospitality to Travelers

Calendar Event Codes

MO: Mensans, guests and prospects only.
ME/P: GPM Event, public welcome.
PE/M: Public event, Mensans welcome.
GYP: Event hosted by our **Gifted Youth Program** to support our youth members, families and guests.

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

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Weekly Event Details

- ME/P - Whine and Dine Happy Hour, Wednesdays 5 - 7 pm - Location varies, 1st Wed. - Desert Jade Kitchen, 3215 E Indian School Rd, Phoenix, 2nd & 4th - Wildflower Bread Company, 4290 E Indian School Rd, Phoenix (602) 850-8585, no alcohol, 3rd - Manuel's Mexican Restaurant & Cantina 2820 E Indian School Rd, Phoenix, AZ 85016, 3rd - Manuel's Mexican Restaurant & Cantina 2820 E Indian School Rd, Phoenix, AZ 85016, 5th - Aunt Chilada's 602-703-9324, 7330 N. Dreamy Draw Dr, Phoenix 85020, Contact Mike Johnson 602-703-9324

Monthly Event Details

2nd Sunday

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

2nd Tuesday

- 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

1st Thursday

- ME/P - The Idea Exchange, 6:30 - 8:30 pm at Denny's, 3315 N. Scottsdale, Rd Scottsdale. Contact Mike Johnson at mensamike@gmail.com or 602-703-9324.

4th Friday

- ME/P - Mensa Forum, 7 - 8:45 pm Topics Vary. Paradise Valley Town Hall, 6401 E Lincoln Dr, Paradise Valley, AZ 85253. Contact Forum Coordinator, Jim Delton, jimntempe@yahoo.com for info.
- ME/P - Post Forum Debriefing, 9 - 10 pm - Humble Pie Pizza, 6149 N Scottsdale Rd, Scottsdale, AZ 85250. Contact Forum Coordinator (above) for info.
- 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

1st Saturday

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

2nd Saturday

- 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 (off in July)

3rd Saturday

- ME/P - DINE OUT GROUP (D.O.G.) - 2:00 - 4:00 PM Hey you! Get out of the house and make new friends! Monthly meals at various locatons. Joint meeting with Intertel. RSVP by Wednesday before to Judy Herrmann at MensaDinner@gmail.com.

4th Saturday

- MO - 6:00 to 11:00 PM - Original Games Night! Owl is $2.00 per person. SO, WBC. New host, Chris Ingle may be contacted at christopher.ingle@yahoo.com or by cell at 520-240-9810 for detailed directions to location near Baseline Rd and Loop-101 in Tempe.

GPM VIRTUAL MEETINGS

With all GPM in-person events having been canceled due to COVID-19 restrictions, two of our regular events have moved to an online format using the videoconfrencing app Zoom. Details are in the GPM Live Web Calendar and on the GPM Website. All you need is a computer or mobile device connected to the internet to participate. Visit http://phoenix.us.mensa.org/Info/index.html for more info and easier links to follow.

ME/P - VIRTUAL IDEA EXCHANGE
discussion group. Every Sunday at 6:00 PM. You may propose anything of interest to you. We discuss the topic(s) of most interest. A book, movie, news item, TV report, idea - ANY TOPIC of your choice. Join Zoom Meeting https://us02web.zoom.us/j/226759604?pwd=Z1QrSHRFTDNiUkZpc3JiUFNZM3hwdz09 Pete Costantino, pete@usa1944.com, will run this meeting. Contact: Jim Delton, jimntempe@yahoo.com.

ME/P - MENSA / INTERTEL VIRTUAL HAPPY HOUR. Every Saturday at 4:00 PM - Even introverts get tired of being by themselves after a while! Are you getting tired of only talking to your pets? Connect virtually with other introverts on Zoom! Link up with us by clicking on the Zoom link.https://us04web.zoom.us/j/73135450985?pwd=bDA5aWRIREpXWFFUMmh1SmR1SXFxdz09 Use the Zoom app, or use Zoom in your browser, or use the audio on your smartphone. Just follow the links on "Join Zoom Meeting" RSVP - Reservations should be made, contact Judy Herrmann, MensaDinner@gmail.com.

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