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Greater Phoenix Mensa's Official Newsletter

GPM Quarterly - HOME OF THE FREE RG!

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IS FREE! FREE! FREE! FREE!
REGISTER YOURSELF AND UP TO 3 GUESTS ON PAGE 3

Treasurer's Report YTD as of 30 Sept 2022

Income	23,584.25
Expenses	15,159.56
CU GPM General Account	25,381.77
CU GPM Savings	55.00
Total	$25,436.77

GPM ExCom Minutes

Submitted by David Pivin, Recording Secretary

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

ALL MEMBERS ARE ENCOURAGED AND INVITED TO ATTEND

July 10, 2022
The meeting was called to order at 2:00 PM as a Zoom teleconference. Present online were LocSec David Sebesta; AsstLocSec Richard Morris, Recording Secretary and MAAM Editor David Pivin; Members at Large Carrie Beth McGarry and Judy Herrmann; Members Bill Taylor and Joice Braden; Guest Pete Costantino.

Approval of Minutes
ExCom Meeting, 26 June 2022 - Motion to Approve by Richard Morris. Carrie Beth McGarry seconded. Motion passed at 2:04.

Old Business
• Conflicts on Wednesday dinner - Bill Taylor asked for ExCom to re-affirm his right to exclude anyone from his event. Consensus of ExCom that a host may exclude any member. David Sebesta will re-iterate our position to the GPM Ombudsman and will follow up with Ellen Miller. Bill estimates that he will return to hosting in October.
• Regional Gathering - 12 signups so far. 75% of expected presenters expected by August. Pete asked about catering turkeys. Richard suggested catering the whole thing. Pete will investigate.

New Business
• Budgetary Session - 2022-23 Budget document added to GPM Google drive: https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1zJXT88p1Lwtw9tKnRzB7c6oP9TuMjycMRi-PsSh4UaU/edit#gid=72143658 Adjustments made, total income $20,705, expense $20,070. Richard Morris moved to approve, seconded by Carrie Beth McGarry.
• Officer Appointments - New slate of officers seated as above and specific appointments made, motion to approve by Richard Morris, Judy Herrmann seconded, passed at 2:17PM
– MAAM Editor - David Pivin
– ISComm and Webmaster - David Pivin
– Parliamentarian - Gene Holmerud volunteered, approved by RVC, David Sebesta will confirm.
• All others per GPM Quarterly issue, July 2022

Officer Reports
Treasurer - Total funds $24,189.24, Checking $24,134.24, Savings $55.00.
MAAM Editor - Number of mailed newsletters is down. Slow attrition over the years. More members on email and those who leave are replaced by those who prefer electronic format.
Members@Large - Judy - 1200 people at AG. COVID issues. Had a good time, though.
Assistant LocSec - Richard - GPM is comatose, proposed to make the RG free registration, with the goal is to have a large turnout. Tabled till next time.
Treasurer - Report will be updated when Chris is back from illness.
All others - NTR
Member Comment - Joice Braden had difficulty logging in, she had intended to join at the beginning. David Sebesta had issues trying to accept connections since he was in his car trying to run the meeting while driving back from San Diego.

Next Meeting
14 August 2022, by Zoom Teleconference.

Adjourn
Motion to Adjourn by Richard Morris. Marni Carrie Beth seconded. Motion passed at 2:48.

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August 14, 2022
The meeting was called to order at 2:01 PM as a Zoom teleconference. Present online were LocSec David Sebesta; AsstLocSec Richard Morris; Members at Large Carrie Beth McGarry, Judy Herrmann, and Marni Landry; Members Jim Giunta, Bill Taylor, and Joice Braden; Guest Pete Costantino.

Approval of Minutes
ExCom Meeting, 17 July 2022 - Date corrected to 17 July, Motion to Approve as amended by Richard Morris. Marni seconded. Motion passed at 2:04 PM.

Old Business
• Action concerning conflict at Whine & Dine event tabled pending further action.
• Thanksgiving Day catering. Pete reported the caterer will serve up to 85 for $2272.

New Business
• Richard moved that registration price for the Regional Gathering be reduced to zero for Mensans and up to three guests each. Seconded by Carrie Beth. After discussion motion carried at 1422.
• Budget for Regional Gathering Program Committee increased to $2000. Motion by Richard, Judy seconded. Carried 1427.

Officer Reports
Treasurer - Treasurer - Arrangements to be made to get GPM account debit cards to Judy and Carrie Beth.
Discussion of RG planning, to be continued after adjournment.
All others - NTR

Next Meeting
11 September 2022, 2 PM by Zoom Teleconference.

Adjourn
Motion to Adjourn by Richard. Many seconds. Motion passed at 2:34PM.

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September 11, 2022 (pending approval)
The meeting was called to order at 2:00 PM as a Zoom teleconference. Present online were LocSec David Sebesta; AsstLocSec Richard Morris; Treasurer Chris Ingle; Recording Secretary and MAAM Editor Dave Pivin; Parliamentarian Gene Holmerud; Members at Large Judy Herrmann and Marni Landry; Member Lyn Stinnett, Jim Delton, and Helen Goldman; Guest Peter Costantino.

Approval of Minutes
ExCom Meeting, 14 August, 2022 - Motion to Approve by Dave Pivin. Marni Landry seconded. Motion passed at 2:02.

Old Business
• GPM Checking accounts - Chris Ingle Account is in AML's name. Current PayPal account is still under Mel's name. Richard suggested we sweep anything out of RG account. There is still a zero balance account still open. If Mel's name is still on the account it should be closed after the RG. PO box is still in Mel's name. Box renews at year end.

New Business
• Treasury - Backup Planning - Need to get Judy Herrmann a debit card as RG Chair.
• Backfill Member-at-Large opening - Carrie Beth has resigned, we need to appoint a replacement. Run an ad in Friday's eUpdate calling for volunteers.

Officer Reports
Treasurer - Total funds $25,436.77 Checking $25,381.77, Savings $55.00.
ISComm - Working on Communications Committee to improve AML server systems. Reviewing LG websites across the country.
All Others - NTR

Next Meeting
9 Oct 2022, 2 PM via Zoom Teleconference

Adjourn
Motion to Adjourn by Gene Holmerud, Marni Landry seconded. Motion passed at 2:15.

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SUBMIT A COPY OF THIS PAGE FOR EACH REGISTRANT

Phoenix Phiesta XXXVIII:
"From the Ashes"
58 Years of Greater Phoenix Mensa
GPM Regional Gathering (RG)
November 24-27, 2022

Thanksgiving Day Catered Buffet

30-Plus Programs to Inform, Stimulate and Amuse:
- Interesting Speakers on many subjects
- Games Galore!
- Parties After Dark (pack a bathing suit)
- Romance! Sex! Adventure!
- **Awesome Kids Track – All Day!**
- Endless conversation and an infinity of puns
- Saturday Night Banquet with awesome entertainment!
- AND MUCH, MUCH, MORE!! (Subject to confirmation or change)

Hotel Information:

Hilton Garden Inn – Midtown Phoenix, 4000 N. Central Avenue, Phoenix, AZ 85012
Hotel Rates: $89 + Tax per rm/night, single or double Rates good from Nov 22 thru 27, for reservations made by Nov 16.
I**ncludes:** free self-parking, free in-room internet & free Fitness Center entry.
Hotel is 100% non-smoking
Our room block is guaranteed for reservations made by October 24.
Go to the Hilton Garden Inn Phoenix Midtown web site www.phoenixmidtown.hgi.com and enter the code MENSA in the Special Rates tab in the field labeled Promotions or call: **602-279-9811 (1-800-446-6677),** Code: **MENSA**

Regional Gathering Prices:

Full Registration: ***Includes all meals***

	To Aug 1	To Sep 15	To Oct 15	Thereafter
Adults	FREE	FREE	FREE	FREE
Kids 7- 14	FREE	FREE	FREE	FREE
Kids Under 7	FREE	FREE	FREE	FREE

*GPM Members and up to three guest may register for FREE. Only charge is for T-Shirts ordered in advance.

Registration deadline is November 1, 2022. You must confirm your attendance for all those registered by responding to an email to be sent on November 14th.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS: The Regional Gathering will be a friendly and safe environment for attendees and speakers. Inappropriate physical contact, verbal abuse, or harassment will not be tolerated, and persons not in compliance may be removed from the event without a refund. Volunteers act with the authority of ExCom and members and guests are expected to comply with their directions. For further information, please refer to the full Event Code of Conduct, available here: **https://tinyurl.com/GPMCode**

Registrant Information:

Primary registrant must be a Mensa Member. Use their email address for all registrants.

Name:_____

Badge Name:_____

Address:_____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone:_____

Mensa #:_____

E-Mail:_____

Age if minor:_____

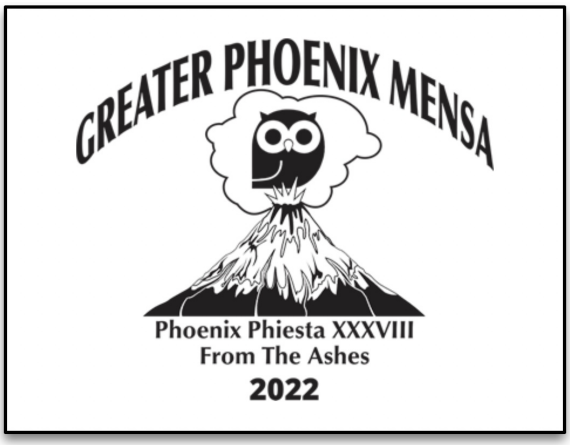
Full Weekend: FREE!
T-Shirt: $16 (high-quality 100% cotton T-Shirt with RG Logo printed)
Youth: ___ M (10-12) ___ L (14/16)
Adult: ___ S ___ M ___ L ___ XL
Adult: ___ 2XL and up $18
None___

Total enclosed for this registrant: $_____
Cancellation Policy: No refunds for T-Shirts

Please make your check payable to **Greater Phoenix Mensa**

Mail to:
RG Registration
P.O. Box 60456
Phoenix AZ 85082-0456

You may also save postage and register and pay with credit card: **https://tinyurl.com/gpm-rg2022** No credit card needed if you are not buying T-Shirts.



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. - Ajo Al's Mexican Cafe, 5101 N 16th St, Phoenix, AZ 85016 2nd - Streets of New York, 214 E Camelback Rd, Phoenix, AZ 85012, 3rd - New Hong Kong Restaurant, 2328 E Indian School Rd, Phoenix. AZ 85016. 4th - The Main Ingredient Ale House & Café, 2337 N. 7th St. Phoenix. AZ 85006, 5th - George Yang's Chinese Cuisine, 6048 N 16th St, Phoenix, AZ 85016 [Subject to change in other 5-Wednesday months], Contact Bill Taylor otherbill60@hotmail.com

Monthly Event Details

2nd Sunday

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

2nd Tuesday

- ME/P - Ahwatukee M Happy Hour, 5:30 - 7:30 pm Join us for a drink, a meal and stimulating conversation. Michael Riordan, PHXRiordan@gmail.com 480.335.9890. Every second Tuesday at CK's Tavern & Grill, 4142 E Chandler Blvd, Phoenix, AZ 85048

4th Friday

- ME/P - Mensa Forum, (on extended Hiatus) 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, (on extended Hiatus) 9 - 10 pm - Humble Pie Pizza, 6149 N Scottsdale Rd, Scottsdale, AZ 85250. Contact Forum Coordinator (above) for info.

3rd Saturday

- MO - Mensa Dine-Out - 6:30 - 8:30 PM Meet us at a restaurant TBD. AE - Adult Event, RSVP to Ellen Milner at elsbells417@Yahoo.com by Thursday of that week. Come on out, we won't bite you

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 Meetiings

While most events have resumed in-person meetings, the ExCom and two regular virtual events continue. This might be a good time to try and join one of these meetings. They are attended well by many GPMers you already know. Full details on how to join are available on our web site: **http://phoenix.us.mensa.org/Info/index.html**

Sundays at 6:00 PM

VIRTUAL IDEA EXCHANGE discussion group. 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 (visit the detailed link above for details) Pete Costantino, pete@usa1944.com, will run this meeting. Audio and Video required for participation. Contact: Jim Delton, jimntempe@yahoo.com. Feel free to email Pete (cc Jim) with your proposed topics.

Saturdays at 3:00 PM

MENSA / INTERTEL VIRTUAL HAPPY HOUR - 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! (visit the detailed link above for details) 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". Audio and Video required for participation. BYOB - Bring Your Own Beverage, Contact Judy Herrmann, MensaDinner@gmail.com.

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RVC9 Article - October 2022

From Rachel Kibler - RVC9

Happy October, Region 9! In Salt Lake, the leaves are changing, the heat finally broke, and witches have popped up as lawn ornaments. I do enjoy autumn, though I'll be sad for the hummingbirds to leave. They're currently dive-bombing each other to protect the food, and my mornings are often punctuated by the zooming sounds they make.

The next Regional Gathering (RG) in our region is Greater Phoenix Mensa's Phiesta over Thanksgiving, and I have GREAT NEWS about it. It's now FREE! You can find out more information and register HERE. More than eighty people have already registered!

Mensa is an organization of volunteers. We are imperfect, but when we work together, we build a better organization. We all joined Mensa for different reasons, but for some of us (many of us?), we wanted a place to fit in while wearing our own skin, not having to play a part.
However, that doesn't mean we can sit back and let the organization exist for us. We need to keep building, keep pressing forward, so that the kids who don't fit in right now have a place to call home down the road. Let's make this brilliant organization a vibrant one.

You can start just by showing up to a dinner in your local group. Find people you click with, find people with similar interests, and build an activity around those interests. Maybe it's starting a fantasy football league of Mensans, maybe it's rekindling trivia night, maybe it's getting to the natural history museum every three months for their special exhibit. Whatever it is, make it happen, persist (you need to do this three or more times and deal with people not coming at first), and you will have made Mensa a little better in the end.

Greater Phoenix MENSA

Greater Phoenix Mensa publishes a quarterly newsletter, the **GPM Quarterly**, which contains the basic informaiton required by GPM Bylaws and the American Mensa Editors Handbook. The GPM Quarterly is available as part of membership in Mensa at no cost to the member.

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