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Greater Phoenix Mensa's Official Newsletter

GPM Quarterly

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COVID-19 UPDATE

Most upcoming in-person GPM Calendar events have been restarted. See page 4 for details. If you have any questions, contact the event host listed in the calendar. ExCom meetings continue to be held using Zoom, although March and June 2023 will be at the Hilton Garden Inn Phoenix Midtown. All members are welcome to join these virtual meetings. Details may be found in the GPM Calendar. **Two event hosts have scheduled weekly events using Zoom.** Details on p 4.

Treasurer's Report YTD as of 31 Mar 2023

Income	29,151.24
Expenses	36,359.72
CU GPM General Account	9,129.60
CU GPM Savings	50.00
Total	$9,179.60

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 (March & June).

ALL MEMBERS ARE ENCOURAGED AND INVITED TO ATTEND

January 8, 2023
The meeting was called to order at 2:02 PM as a Zoom teleconference. Present online were LocSec David Sebesta; AsstLocSec Richard Morris, Recording Secretary and MAAM Editor David Pivin; Treasurer Chris Ingle; Members at Large Marni Landry and Judy Herrmann; Member Lyn Stinnett; Guest Pete Costantino.

Approval of Minutes
ExCom Meeting, 11 December 2022 - Motion to Approve by Richard Morris. Marni Landry seconded. Motion passed at 2:03.

Old Business
• Post-RG Financials - RG cost about $10K, but that did not include all of Pete's $4493.18, Once fully paid, total cash remaining is around $7500 instead of $12K. Total cost around $15K. Final detail to follow next month from Chris. Wine tasting was not fully paid due to misunderstanding at registration.
• Community Service Opportunities - Push to next month and also push Mensa Test fee compensation.

New Business
• Appoint Test Proctor Coordinator - Steven Broe. Motion to nominate by Chris, Gene seconded. Motion passed at 2:19.
• Mensa Forum - Laura McGirr had volunteered but is out of town this month.
• PO Box - Chris Ingle - Need to change size. Renewal due now but not paid yet pending resolution of getting Mel's name off it.

Officer Reports
Treasurer - Total funds $12,337.56, Checking $12,337.56, Savings $50.00. MAAM Editor - GPM Quarterly in the works. Should go out this week. LocSec - Proposal by AMC to add a scholarship fund at RGs. All others - NTR.

Comments from Members or Guests
• Pete - Mentioned that Joice Braiden had volunteered for MAL. David will follow up.
• Lyn Stinnett - 35 - 40 attended a very successful NYEve party.

Next Meeting
12 February 2023, 2:00 PM via Zoom Teleconference.

Adjourn
Motion to Adjourn by Richard Morris, Gene seconded. Motion passed at 2:32.

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February 19, 2023
The meeting was canceled due to lack of quorum. All agenda items moved to March ExCom.

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March 12, 2023 (pending approval)
The meeting was called to order at 2:04 PM as at Hilton Garden Inn. Present were LocSec David Sebesta; AsstLocSec Richard Morris; Recording Secretary and MAAM Editor Dave Pivin; Parliamentarian Gene Holmerud; Members at Large Judy Herrmann and Marni Landry. Laura McGirr had resigned.

Approval of Minutes
ExCom Meeting, 8 January 2023 - Motion to Approve by Richard Morris. Marni Landry. Motion passed at 2:06 PM.

Old Business
• None

New Business
• Member Appreciation Day - May or Early June. Indoor if June. Planning to start.
• Mensa Volunteer Award - Working to designate person(s) to be recognized.
• At-Large Member Opening - Based on eUpdate request, Bruce Stiles, Jim Delton, and Denis Howerton have put their names forward.
• Need to re-establish the official GPM PO Box. Temporary box to be established. 6501 E Greenway Pwy, 103186, Scottsdale, AZ 85254 Richard Morris so moved, Marni Landry seconded. Passed 2:23PM.
• Annual Financial Reports - Chris working on it, will be on the agenda for approval next month.
• Nominating/Election Committee - Request for volunteer(s) in eUpdate.
• Judy Herrmann will work with Dave Pivin to become a backup for Mailchimp and ultimately the web site.

Officer Reports
Treasurer - RG refund sent to Richard Weinroth. Total funds $8,427.80 Checking $8,377.80 Savings $50.00. LocSec -AMC meeting - Listened in. Many issues raised over budget. National Ombudsman being removed. All Others - NTR

Next Meeting
9 April 2023, 2 PM via Zoom Teleconference

Adjourn
Motion to Adjourn by David Pivin. Marni Landry seconded. Motion passed at 3:00PM

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HAPPY SPRING!



RVC9 Article - February 2023

From Rachel Kibler, RVC9

And, it's February, Region 9! The month of Greater Los Angeles Area Mensa's Regional Gathering (RG), where you will be able to find me from the 17th through the 19th! Lori Norris, our fearless Chair of American Mensa, will be there too. If you do come, please say hi!

Keep an eye out for registration for Southern Nevada's RG (March 17-19) and San Diego's RG (Memorial Day weekend). RGs are great ways to meet people through a variety of activities, and I encourage you to check them out. I hadn't been to one at all before San Diego's last year, and I regret not trying them out earlier.

I'm introducing a trophy this year, called Points of Brilliance. The winner of the trophy will be the local group that raises the most money at their RG for scholarships, whether those are distributed through the Foundation or their local group. San Diego Mensa set the bar high last year at $1100, and I hope you will help make the RGs competitive!

All local groups are looking for volunteers, whether to serve on their boards or to help with projects or events. If you think someone would be a good volunteer for a local group, you can nominate them here: https://forms.gle/gX2AMbcMYTzhqPMU9.

It's time to register for the Annual Gathering! Find out more information at https://ag.us.mensa.org/. It's the best party of the year, and this year, it's in Baltimore. Come for the games, the camaraderie, the speakers, the parties, the tours, and so much more! There's even talk of a pirate ship cruise.

Reach out with questions, comments, and concerns. I'm sorry that I'm not always ready with a prompt response, but I will try to address things as much as I can.

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RVC9 Article - March 2023

From Rachel Kibler, RVC9

Happy March, Region 9! I'm excited to be at the Las Vegas Regional Gathering hosted by Southern Nevada Mensa in just a couple weeks! I'll be there with figurative bells on to celebrate the resurrected RG! But first up is an American Mensa Committee (AMC) meeting. If you'd like to tune in, watch for an email from American Mensa on March 8th or 9th with the YouTube link.

I've been thinking a lot about leadership and what that means. We have a lot of different ways of displaying leadership, from being a connector and knowing who the right people to bring together are, to communicating a vision for a world that could be. Leadership is also found in being a cheerleader, keeping motivation high, and also in asking hard and uncomfortable questions and keeping people focused on solutions.

I'm a software tester, and a lot of my job is finding the problems and pointing them out. I don't have to know exactly why something unwanted is happening, and I don't have to fix it, but I find that I'm a lot more effective at my job when I can point out the patterns I see, and especially when I can tell a compelling story about how that behavior could be harmful for our users or our business. I often propose ideas on better flows, which frequently become conversations with many people about how to improve things.

It's easy to get down on Mensa. Believe me, I know. I see behaviors in this organization that make me cringe, and I selectively choose where to engage at times. But there are so many good things here too, so much to build on. I invite you to point out patterns you're seeing and to start conversations about solutions. You are always welcome to email me at rachelregion9@gmail.com. Let's build new things together!

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RVC9 Article - April 2023

From Rachel Kibler - RVC9

Happy April, Region 9! I'm listening to Conspirare sing Shawn Kirchner's arrangement of J.K. Allwood's Unclouded Day. It's solid American choral music, and they perform it really well. The markings in the second verse tell the sopranos to be "sweet, like Dolly", which makes me grin. I wrote a recommendation last week for a friend who is applying for a software development master's program. He's written a bunch of music for me, and I wrote in the recommendation how composing music for someone is a lot like software development, including knowing what questions to ask when, taking feedback, and removing ego.

I'm still in that space. Music teaches us so much about the rest of the world. Singing in choir or playing in orchestra requires everyone to do their part, to understand how their part fits in with the whole, and to be willing to support rather than stand out. You can see where I'm going, can't you?

Mensa functions because we have people doing a bunch that goes unlauded and sometimes unappreciated. But we need those roles. Running hospitality at a Regional Gathering (RG) is… challenging. But Valerie Spear has stepped in, not just for her own local group's RG (Orange County), but also other local groups' RG (notably Greater Los Angeles Area Mensa's RG recently), and she's done an incredible job of it. Proctors are often the first people in Mensa who new prospects meet, and a testing session can set the tone for a new member's experience. Webmasters get people connected. There are so many opportunities to get involved. We can do things that put us in the spotlight or keep us in the background, but if we have the common goal of making this a really solid organization that delivers a lot of value to its members, we'll have a bright future.

Reach out to me with comments, questions, concerns: rachelregion9@gmail.com.

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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 this 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 - George Yang's Chinese Cuisine, 6048 N 16th St, Phoenix, AZ 85016. 4th - Frasher's Smokehouse, 3222 E Indian School Rd, Phoenix. AZ 85018, 5th - Manuel's Mexican Restaurant 2820 E Indian School Rd. Phoenix AZ [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**,** (June 2023) ***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 - 7:00 - Closing Location Varies Each Month. For April, meet at Cock' n Tails, 6101 N 7th St., Phoenix, AZ 85016. 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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