October - November - December 2025

Greater Phoenix Mensa's Official Newsletter

GPM Quarterly - Fourth Paperless Issue

Welcome to the GPM Paperless Newsletter Beta Test

With the concurrence of GPM ExCom and Mensa Comm Officer we have embarked on a trial of mailing the GPM Quarterly only to those members with "Special Circumstances," i.e. no computer or the ability to use one. All others who select "Print" as their newsletter preference will receive a link to the Printable Document Format (PDF) version and join those who have selected "electronic" as their newsletter preference.
This program will continue for the 2025 calendar year and will be reviewed by the AMC before continuing in 2026. This will result in a savings of over $2,400/ year, since we had been printing and mailing around 400 copies.

New Newsletter Process
Each Quarter we will continue to upload the GPM Quarterly to the AML web site and will publish a link to that PDF in the eUpdate and send a notice to members who provide an email address for AML to use in their profile. We will still mail out a print copy to those with "Special Circumstances," as defined in the December 2024 issue of MAAM, One of two criteria must be met:

1. Permanent lack of a computer or smart mobile device and no other access.
2. Inability to use a computer through disability, age, or illness.

To enroll as a Special Circumstances member, contact GPM Editor by phone, 602-677-6129 or mail to PO Box 11931 Tempe, AZ 85284.

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Executive Committee (ExCom)

as of July 1, 2025

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National Events Youth Program Coordinator	
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Jay Friedlander	rc9@us.mensa.org

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Ahwatukee M Happy Hour (Second Tuesday)	
Mike Riordan	phxlaw@mac.com
Original Games Night! (Fourth Saturday)	
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East Side Dine Out (First Thursday)	
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Mensa Dine Out (Third Saturday)	
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Whine and Dine Happy Hour (Third Wednesday)	
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...Paperless - Continued from above.

Feedback
We're excited to be the first Local Group to use this concept and looking forward to hearing your feedback. Contact Dave Pivin, GPM Editor at editor@phoenixmensa.org, or by phone, 602-677-6129 or mail to PO Box 11931 Tempe, AZ 85284.

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Editor's Note: This edition has grown an extra page. We needed to include all of RC's much larger articles. Not an issue with paperless!

Treasurer's Report FYTD as of 30 September 2025

Income		4,698.54
Expenses		5,894.25
CU GPM General Account		9,796.43
CU GPM Savings		55.00
	Total	$9,851.43

GPM ExCom Minutes

Submitted by Lynda Zeise, Recording Secretary

The ExCom meets the 2nd Sunday of each month primarily by Zoom Teleconference or at the Burton Barr Central Library, 1221 N Central Ave, Phoenix, AZ 85004, at 2 PM. (Consult GPM Live Web Calendar for actual location or Zoom link)

ALL MEMBERS ARE ENCOURAGED AND INVITED TO ATTEND

July 13, 2025
The meeting was called to order at 2:00 PM as a Zoom teleconference. Present were LocSec Jim Delton; Asst LocSec Marni Landry; Recording Secretary Lynda Zeise; MAAM Editor David Pivin; Treasurer Laura McGirr; Parliamentarian Richard Morris; Members at Large, Judy Herrmann and Carol Young; Members, Greg Pitz and David Snyir.

Approval of Minutes
ExCom Meeting, 8 June, 2025 - Motion to Approve by Laura McGirr, Dave Pivin seconded. Motion passed at 2:01 PM.

Old Business
• Discussion concerning Update/Modify the GPM Owner's Manual. Pete Costantino will talk to Ruth and Seth Forester to see if they might have some suggestions. Carol Young expressed an interest in being involved and volunteered to call and email new members.

New Business
• Thanks to outgoing ExComm Members for their service and thank the new ExComm members for volunteering.
• The new Excom is:
LocSec - Jim Delton
Assistant LocSec - Marni Landry
Treasurer - Laura McGirr
Recording Secretary - Lynda Zeise
MAL 1 - Judy Hermann
MAL 2 - Seth Forrester
MAL 3 - New Volunteer: Carol Young
• Motion to appoint Carol Young Member at Large by Richard Morris, seconded by David Pivin .
Motion Carried. 2:18 PM

• Motion to appoint Parliamentarian - Richard Morris and Newsletter Editor - Dave Pivin by Laura McGirr and seconded by David Pivin.
Motion Carried 2:20 PM

• Appoint/Reappoint committee heads
Motion to appoint Event Coordinator - Pete Constantino by Richard Morris and seconded by Laura McGirr. Motion Passed 2:22 PM

• Gifted Youth Coordinator - vacant.
• Authorize Resolution to add and remove signatories to CU account. Add/Remove Debit Card holders. Add the following individuals to the OneAZ CU account as approved signatories, and to remove the ones not so listed. LocSec, Jim Delton; Treasurer Laura McGirr.
Authorized Debit Card Holders: Treasurer, Laura McGirr (new), GPM Event Coordinator, Peter Costantino (existing); Editor, David Pivin (existing), LocSec, Jim Delton (existing).
LocSec has prepared and will sign a resolution for the CU to implement the above additions/deletions/changes.
Resolution document is filed in 2025-2026 Documents Folder. https://docs.google.com/document/d/1fAp8zSxK_TT8pJmEOLnW0HwtDFil_YvlquA_b0SWIzQ/edit?usp=sharing
Motion to adopt the details as discussed and reflected in the above linked document by Laura McGirr and second by David Pivin. Motion passed 2:41

Officer Reports
• Treasurer - June 2025 Recap
Recurring Expenses
– Mail Chimp monthly - $41.08
– Fed Withholding - $0.14
Other Expenses:
– Forum May - $22.00
– Zoom Upgrade - $11.95
Recurring Income:
– Dues from National – $736.60
– Dividend from CU - $0.58
Other Income:
– None
Balance in GPM Accounts end of May:7,913.88
Anticipated expenses for July:
– Mail Chimp email - $41.08
– Forum Speaker Lunch - $50.00
Anticipated balance at end of July:
$7,913.88+ $750 - $100.00 = $8563.88
• MAAM Editor - Website was updated and will be finalized today, including emails.
• All others - NTR.

Comments from Members or Guests
• Discussion about the MAD dinner concerning Leftover food. As part of the contract negotiation, Leftover Food was not allowed to leave the building.

Next Meeting
August 10, 2025, 2:00 PM by Zoom Teleconference.

Adjourn
Motion to Adjourn by Laura McGirr, Marni Landry seconded. Motion passed at 2:56PM.

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August 10, 2025
The meeting was called to order at 2:00 PM as a Zoom teleconference. Present were LocSec Jim Delton; Asst LocSec Marni Landry; Recording Secretary Lynda Zeise; MAAM Editor David Pivin; Treasurer Laura McGirr; Parliamentarian Richard Morris; Members at Large, Judy Herrmann and Carol Young; Member, Ruth Forester; Guest Pete Costantino.

Approval of Minutes
ExCom Meeting, 13 July 2025 - Minutes from July 13 were approved with a correction changing “end of May” to “end of June”. Motion to accept minutes by Laura McGirr, seconded by Dave Piven, approved at 2:05 PM

Old Business
• Updating the Owner’s Manual: Discussion of possible times and meetings for new members. Carol Young will join the New Member Committee. Possible projects discussed were revising the Owner’s Manual to modernize it, creating a New Member Pamphlet, making the website more friendly to new members and having formal New member committee meetings. Carol Young will be New Member Coordinator with Ruth Forester giving some ideas from a younger person’s perspective on updating the old manual. Lynda volunteered her house for meetings.

New Business
• Start Planning for the next Thanksgiving weekend. Motion by Richard Morris to authorize Pete Constantino to be in charge of the Thanksgiving weekend and begin planning, Judy Herrmann seconded, Motion passed 2:29 PM. Pete Constantino will contact caterers and report next meeting.

Officer Reports
• Treasurer -
Recurring Expenses:
– Mail Chimp monthly - $41.08
– Fed Withholding - $0.17
Other Expenses:
– Forum May - $61.27
Recurring Income:
• Dues from National – $757.96
• Dividend from CU - $0.69
Other Income: None
Balance in GPM Accounts end of July: = 8,570.01
Anticipated expenses for August:
– Mail Chimp email - $41.08
– Forum Speaker Lunch - $50.00
Anticipated balance at end of August:
– $8,570.01+ $750 - $100.00 = $9,220.01
• AsstLocSec - Marni mentioned the idea of charging a small refundable fee to discourage no shows. We could discuss this next meeting when plans are further along.
• All Others: NTR.

Comments from Members or Guests
• None

Next Meeting
September 14, 2025, 2:00 PM via Zoom Teleconference.

Adjourn
Motion to Adjourn by Richard Morris, Dave Pivin seconded. Motion passed at 2:36 PM.

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September 14, 2025 (pending approval)
The meeting was called to order at 2:01 PM as a Zoom teleconference. Present online were LocSec Jim Delton; MAAM Editor David Pivin; Treasurer Laura McGirr; Recording Secretary Dave Pivin for Lynda Zeise; Parliamentarian Richard Morris; Member, Alan Gore; Guest Pete Costantino.

Approval of Minutes
ExCom Meeting, 11 May 2025 - Any changes to be approved next month since we don't have a quorum

Old Business
• T-day update - Costantino - Has the quote from the caterer. Moving ahead, October final plans will be discussed. Plan is for T-Day + Friday like we have done recently.

New Business
• Scholarship funding from GPM? $600 in account, min $400 more needed. Need quorum to vote on this expense but we need a discussion about how do we proceed without a vote in situations like this. Most situations, when time is critical, we can be sure to have a quorum in place on the appointed date, even if it is by phone call just for the motion, discussion, and vote. A petty cash policy will be considered next month along with a vote for the scholarship expense.
• Alan Gore joined the meeting and will bring the GPM laptop and projector to Phoenix this week. Jim will provide the address to drop off.

Officer Reports
• Treasurer - August 2025 Recap
Recurring Expenses:
– Mail Chimp monthly - $41.08
– Fed Withholding - $0.18
Other Expenses:
– Annual PO Box Fee $188
Recurring Income:
– Dues from National – $837.72
– Dividend from CU - $0.75
Other Income:
– None
Balance in GPM Accounts end of August: = $9,179.22
Anticipated expenses for September:
– Mail Chimp email - $41.08
– Forum Speaker Lunch - $50.00
Anticipated balance at end of September:
– $9,179.22 + $800 - $100.00) = $9,879.22
• LocSec - Lynda Zeise husband had passed away recently.

Comments from Members or Guests
• NTR

Next Meeting
12 October, 2025, via Zoom Teleconference

Adjourn
Motion to Adjourn by Richard, Laura McGirr seconded. Motion passed at 2:20 PM.

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RC9 Article - Aug - Sept 2025

From Jay Friedlander, RC9

It has been an eventful summer in Mensa, which included a successful AG, chaired by Karen Gruebele and Allison Reeves. Recruiting Ken Jennings as gala dinner speaker was a coup, and Ken was mentioned by many as one of the most engaging and entertaining speakers we've ever had. Congratulations to Jon Gruebele as the new Chair of American Mensa, succeeding Lori Norris, whose efforts on behalf of Mensa for many years are greatly appreciated. Tabby Vos moves up to replace Jon as 1st Vice Chair. By the time you read this, her former 2nd Vice Chair position will have been filled by a very qualified successor. And it's expected that we will also have a new Regional Coordinator for Region 8, our neighbor to the north, replacing Dan Burg, who has taken a position on Mensa International's Constitutions Review Committee. Dan will continue to chair AML's Bylaws Committee. After the lawsuit filed by former AMC officers was dismissed by the Supreme Court of the State of New York, the postponed RVC special election will resume in the near future. The positions of Regional Young Adult M's Coordinator, Regional Gifted Youth Coordinator and Regional Webmaster will soon be posted in the Volunteer Marketplace, and I'm looking forward to hearing from interested volunteers. I'm hoping for a greater regional presence for Region 9 at next year's AG.

Where High Potential Turns Into Real-World Impact

The Knowledge Society (TKS) is a global program for students (ages 13–17) who want to go beyond academics and start building the future. At TKS, students aren't just learning about innovation — they're doing it. They take on real-world challenges in fields like AI, biotech, and climate tech. They learn directly from experts at companies like Google and SpaceX. And they join a global community of young people who want to grow, build, and make a real impact. www.tks.world

Around The Region

Orange County Mensa

Region 9's Hospitality Chair Extraordinaire Valerie Spear will be hosting a Labor Day picnic on Sunday August 31. A very reasonable $5 entry to offset costs. Congratulations to new Scholarship Chair Meg Sulzen.

Channel Islands Mensa

An Afternoon with Mensans was hosted by Laura Nanna on August 10. Feel free to contact Laura about future meetings. 805-406-2930

Tucson Mensun

Tucson Mensa, Friday August 29 to Sunday August 31. Tucson Mensa will have an Exhibitor table at the Tucson Comic-Con. More info at TucsonComic-Con.com
Contact Ray Sola at for volunteering opportunities. Mal1@tucson.mensa.us.org

Mensa Hawaii

Mensa Hawaii is looking for a few good volunteers!

Aloha Members! We need volunteers immediately for the Nomination Committee for the members of our next Mensa Hawai'i Executive Committee. The election will take place in December. This committee must have at least 3 members. The committee chair will be appointed by the Executive Committee. The only qualification for committee chair and members is that they be current members of Mensa Hawai'i. If you would like to volunteer for this committee please email me at chair@hawaii.us.mensa.org.

We are also still seeking volunteers for the Platinum Pueo Award Committee. This committee will be finding Mensa Hawai'i members who best fit the award criteria (which has already been established). Please help us find these deserving members by volunteering to chair or be a member of this committee. If you can help please email me at chair@hawaii.us.mensa.org

Southern Nevada Mensa

Saturday Morning Discussion Group has a new location: Doc's Lounge at Skinny Dugan's Casino & Lounge 4127 West Charleston Blvd. Las Vegas, NV 89102 Join Terry and a group of interesting conversationalists at Doc's Lounge at Skinny Dugan's Casino & Lounge from 10:00 a.m. to Noon. Please note that the location or time may change, so please watch your email each week for the official announcement.

Utah Mensa

Two events will likely have already happened by this reading. As always, feel free to contact the hosts for details on future events:
- Gathering August 12th in Cedar City for the Shakespeare Festival. We'll be meeting for dinner at 5:00 at Bunnisa'sThai and then going to the 8:00 performance of "As You Like It." Contact Heather, hmobrand@gmail.com
- Later in the month on August 23rd at 4-7:00 PM John Hinds is hosting his annual cabin BBQ in Ogden Canyon. The river flows right past the cabin in a beautiful setting. It's potluck with Mensa supplying burgers & brats. If you would like to come contact John soon (jhinds@earthlink.net) as participation is limited and there are only a few spots left.

San Diego Mensa

Sharp Women SIG, 2:00 – 5:00 PM Returning live, now on 4th Saturdays! Welcome to all handcrafters: beading, crochet, embroidery, knit, quilt, latch hook, etc. Come join us while we craft and converse. At 12290 Linroe Dr., Lakeside, CA 92040. Please RSVP, especially if you need to park in the driveway. Info/Dir: Call/text Margie Bowles, (619) 300-3044, atcmarge@gmail.com.

Greater Phoenix Mensa

3rd Saturday, MO Mensa Dine Out 7:00-Closing. This month, join us Saturday, August 16, 7PM at The Vig, 8729 N. Central, Phx., 85020 for good food and conversation. RSVP to Ellen Milner at elsbells417@Yahoo.com or call 602 992-3031 by Wed. August 13 to reserve your place. If you were a previous no show who didn't let me know, priority will go to those who did. We welcome newcomers and visitors to give this event a try. We're a very friendly group. Adult Event.

Greater Los Angeles Area Mensa

Focus is on new events in East Los Angeles County, coordinated by Secretary Anrey Wang and Delegate Kato Cooks.

- Board Game Bash in Walnut: Joanne K hosted a brilliant gathering of 15 Mensans at her home in Walnut, CA, where we played a variety of party and tabletop games. For some, it was their first Mensa event, and for others, it was the first in-person event in many months or even years. Many in the east side of the LA Metro region have been yearning for more in-person events that are not burdened by long drives in traffic, and so we hope to continue to develop events like these and others in the area!

- Second Saturdays in East L.A, Brunch at Native Fields, 18750 Amar Road, Walnut 91789 Beginning at 9 a.m. Outside if the weather invites. Look for the only tall, dark, bald fellow, conservatively attired (he's Kätо Cooks). Diverse conversation, diverse dining with organic, locally sourced vegan, vegetarian, and omnivore options. Non-members welcome. Monthly. RSVP to Kätо Cooks at KatoCooks@yahoo.com or text to 626.824.2774 so that we can save space for you.

- Kathleen Carter is hosting a casual pool party at her home in Claremont, 553 Occidental Drive. Bring your favorite snack and a beach chair if you've got one and join us any time between 2-8 PM for a relaxed backyard/patio gathering. All ages welcome. Plates, utensils, and ice will be provided. Feel free to bring a game to share or just come for the company. There will be indoor areas for people to play games or visit as well. (Note: there is an indoor cat) No RSVP Required! Contact Kathleen Carter at (510) 690-7436 or kc.my.bills@gmail.com

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RC9 Article - Sept - Oct 2025

From Jay Friedlander, RC9

The American Mensa Committee welcomes Debra Reiger as Regional Coordinator 8 and Henri Fishkind as Second Vice Chair. Both bring extensive leadership experience at local, regional, and national levels.

Debra, a longtime leader in Sacramento Regional Mensa and former RVC 8, succeeds Dan Burg, who stepped down to serve on the Mensa International Constitutions Review Committee while continuing as Chair of the American Mensa Bylaws Committee. Henri has served as RVC 2, National Membership Officer, and on multiple national committees, in addition to holding leadership roles in Central New Jersey Mensa. Replacing Henri will be Erin Risch, appointed to the Regional Coordinator 2 position.

The RVC Special Election continues
American Mensa is thrilled to spotlight the 2025 National Awards recipients! Check out the winners of this year's National Service Award, National Certificate of Appreciation, Distinguished Service Award, Proctor of the Year, and Testing Coordinator of the Year. Join us in saluting each of our 2025 awards recipients for their outstanding service and for going above and beyond to make a difference. https://www.us.mensa.org/recognize/national-awards/

Region 9 is especially proud to recognize the following 2025 National Awards recipients from our region:

American Mensa's National Service Award was first given in recognition of "faithful service to American Mensa."

Bill Etienne, Orange County Mensa
Caroline McCullagh, San Diego Mensa

American Mensa's Distinguished Service Award is given in cases of "outstanding service to American Mensa."

Richard Lederer, San Diego Mensa

Congratulations to all the recipients, nationwide!

Online petition process for candidates for the AMC 2025 Special Election began on August 15, 2025, and ends at 11:59 p.m.,Central time, on October 12, 2025. Potential candidates begin that process and members may sign petitions at https://www.us.mensa.org/lead/amc/election/candidate-petitions/ At least 100 valid signatures are required for Regional Vice Chair candidates.

SIG Spotlight:

Schooling SIG

The Schooling SIG is a gathering place for Mensan educators from preschool through college, adult education, and beyond to share resources and support. Membership is open to Mensans interested in education (e.g., parents and students). Group interests include best practices, education policies, teaching resources, and gifted and talented education.

Traveling Ms

Meet other exceptional Mensans who love to travel for excitement, learning, adventure, and fun. Join Traveling Ms to share and get trip advice, let others know where you're headed, join others on trips, experience group adventures, have the time of your life, capture unforgettable memories, and create lifelong friendships.

Around The Region

As always, contact the event hosts for information on future iterations of expired events.

San Diego Mensa

SDM Annual Picnic, 11:00 AM – 4:00 PM, September 20, Coming up fast - this one may only make San Diego Mensa's newsletter deadline! Come one, come all - The annual San Diego Mensa picnic will be held at the Lake Poway Recreation Area, 14644 Lake Poway Road, Poway CA 92064. We will be in The Pavilion, a handicap accessible location. San Diego Mensa will supply burgers, hot dogs, veggie burgers, and fixings. Please bring a dish to share. Food will be served at noon.There are plenty of picnic tables and benches in our reserved area under the trees and there will be indoor seating as well. PLEASE RSVP to Mensan@sandiegomensa.org no later than Thursday, September 15th. Please indicate the number of adults and children attending, and if you need a vegetarian option. Parking is free if you are a Poway resident, please show your driver's license. If not, San Diego Mensa will cover the parking charge, tell the booth guard you are with San Diego Mensa. Dir:25 miles north of San Diego. Take I-15 to Rancho Bernardo Road exit (Exit 24). Go east 2 miles as it curves to the right and becomes Espola Road. Continue on Espola Road for 2.5 miles to Lake Poway Road, turn left. Go all the way to the top of the hill. There will be parking. We will be in the building on the right.

Orange County Mensa

Sunday, September 28 10:45 AM Brunch Buddies. Join us for brunch! We're back at El Matatan for all their Latin American specialties Please note: Brunch time can often mean wait times. Please RSVP for this event no later than 48 hours before so we know who to wait for before getting a table/reservation. Location: El Matatan 1446 East Katella Ave, Orange. Contact: Valerie Spear, text only please,714-296-8001 or John Olsen, johnny_automatic@mac.com if you aren't into that texting thing.

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I was in town and had a great time attending this warm and welcoming event hosted by Testing Coordinator Terry Smith and his wife Diana. When I arrived, the discussion was about unusual license plates. And somehow the conversation segwayed into the existence of alien life. Asked about possible new chapter events, I brought up the possibility of a tour of Area 51. Someone also suggested a tour of Area 15. A Game SIG was mentioned, and a specific Poker SIG was also brought up, ala Richard Lederer's monthly game in San Diego Mensa. Hopefully some of these will make their way to becoming actual events.

Mensa Hawaii

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Greater Los Angeles Area Mensa

Sep 25 (4th Thursday) - 5:30-8:00 PM Thursday at Sizzler's. Join us at the Sizzler's in Van Nuys located at 7131 Van Nuys Blvd, just south of Sherman Way. There's plenty of good food, good conversation and convenient parking in the back. We meet just behind the salad bar in front of the windows facing Van Nuys Blvd. RSVP to janabickel@earthlink.net so that we have enough room for everyone at our table. (SFV)

Tucson Mensa

Virtual Book Club - Tucson Mensa's book for September is The Last Samurai by Helen DeWitt. See the Tucson Mensun for details.
Greater Phoenix Mensa
2nd Wednesday - ME/P Whine and Dine Happy Hour, 5-7pm Location: Manuel's Mexican Restaurant 2820 E Indian School Rd. Phoenix AZ. It will be necessary to RSVP Bill Taylor by noon Tuesday, the day before and confirm the event is on the current month's calendar and to let him know as to whether you are coming or not, so he will be able to make reservations for the actual number attending. otherbill60@hotmail.com

Utah Mensa

September 17, 2025 - Dinner at Siragusa's Taste of Italy, 4115 S Redwood Rd, Taylorsville, UT SLC Area dinner
Channel Islands Mensa
Sunday August 10th, 2-4 PM - An Afternoon with Mensans. Chat, munch, meet old friends, discover new ones at Laura Nanna's house: 541 Alan Rd, Santa Barbara, CA 93109. 805 406-2930 This event has already taken place. Check with Laura for possible future events.

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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 uploaded, the following information was current. For more current information and updates, please go to the website**:**

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

Monthly Event Details

2nd Sunday

- MO - Executive Committee (ExCom), 2 - 3 pm via Zoom Teleconference or at Burton Barr Central Library, Rm A**.**

EXCOM ZOOM LINK:

https://zoom.us/j/92028884402?pwd=aThvSIlVai9KQm02b0ZobWVYYXc4UT09

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 Headliner's Sports Grill (formerly CK's Tavern & Grill), 4142 E Chandler Blvd, Phoenix, AZ 85048

2nd Wednesday

- ME/P - Whine and Dine Happy Hour, 5 - 7 PM - Location: Manuel's Mexican Restaurant 2820 E Indian School Rd. Phoenix AZ. It will be necessary to RSVP Bill Taylor by noon Tuesday, the day before, as to whether you are coming or not, at otherbill60@hotmail.com, so he will be able to make reservations for the actual number attending.

2nd Thursday

- ME/P - East Side Dine-Out - 6:00 PM to 8:30 PM - For October 9, Join us at So-Cal Fish Tacos, 219 N Gilbert Rd, Gilbert, AZ 85234. This event is for Mensa and Intertel members. They may each bring one guest. RSVPs due by Tuesday, October 7. lesrees@yahoo.com RSVP in the headline, please, or phone or text 480-476-2458

2nd Saturday

- ME/P - GPM Forum 2025 - Starting back up in October and continuing in November, 10:00 AM to Noon. Presenter and room # TBD. It will be at Burton Barr Central Library, 1221 N Central Ave, Phoenix, AZ 85004. Doors open 10:00 a.m. The program starts at 10:30. Seating is limited. Questions and RSVP to: forum@phoenixmensa.org Mensans, guests, and the public invited. Forum Coordinator, Greg Pitz at forum@phoenixmensa.org for more info.

3rd Saturday

- MO - Mensa Dine-Out - 7:00 - Closing. For October, Join us at Casa Corazon Restaurant, 2637 N. 16th St., Phx., 85006. (Location Varies Each Month.) RSVP to Ellen Milner at elsbells417@ yahoo.com before the Thursday before to reserve your place. If you were a previous no show who didn't let me know, priority will go to those who did.We welcome newcomers and visitors to give this event a try. We're a very friendly group. AE - Adult Event.

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.

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GPM Virtual Meetiings

While all 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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