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Greater Phoenix Mensa's Official Newsletter

GPM Quarterly

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as of July 1, 2026

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Note Regarding Email Addresses:
Most email addresses are forwarded to the private email of the office holder. Any responses will come from that private email address.

Those officers who have a ***full send/receive email*** are marked with an *asterisk after their title and their responses will come from the official email.

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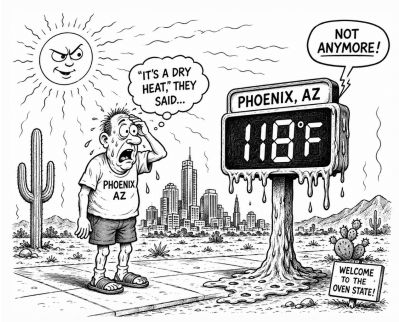
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Feedback
We're excited to be the first Local Group to use the paperless newsletter concept and looking forward to hearing your feedback. Contact Dave Pivin, GPM Editor at editor@phoenixmensa.org, or by phone, 602-677-6129 or mail to PO Box 11931 Tempe,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

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Editor's Note: This edition has grown an extra page. We needed to include all of RVC's much larger articles. This would suggest that if there were member contributions on any subject we could include them. Not a problem with paperless!



Treasurer's Report FYTD as of 30 June 2026

Income		2,488.98
Expenses		718.55
CU GPM General Account		9,700.55
CU GPM Savings		55.00
	Total	$9,755.55

GPM ExCom Minutes

Submitted by Lynda Zeise, Recording Secretary

The ExCom meets the 2nd Sunday of each month primarily by Zoom Teleconference or at a public location announced ahead of time, starting at 2 PM. (Consult GPM Live Web Calendar for actual location or Zoom link)

ALL MEMBERS ARE ENCOURAGED

AND INVITED TO ATTEND

April 12, 2026
The meeting was called to order at 2:06 PM as a Zoom teleconference. Present were LocSec Jim Delton; AsstLocsec, Marni Landry; Editor, Dave Pivin; Recording Secretary Lynda Zeise; Members at Large, Judy Herrmann, Seth Forester, and Carol Young; Guest, Pete Costantino.

Approval of Minutes
ExCom Meeting 8 March 2026 - Motion by Laura seconded by Dave approved at 2:07 PM.

Old Business
• Update on New Member Event scheduled for May 17th. Five new members have said they will be there. The estimate for the 2PM lunch at Duck and Decanter is 20 people including lunch, then a meeting. We will pay for everyone's lunch.

New Business
• Item - Laura and Pete propose a Member Appreciation party July 11th. The benefits will be continental breakfast, speakers, lunch, and more speakers. They are checking out a venue that we have used before. They are looking for an approval of a budget of $3000. Laura explained that the $3000 is well within our means financially. Motion to authorize the $3000 for the member appreciation Event by Carol, Second by Marni. Motion passed at 2:20 PM.
Item - Marni is presenting at a conference in May. She asked if MENSA would like to host a table. Pete said he would volunteer to host it. Marni will look into getting us the table at no charge.

Officer Reports
• Treasurer - Report to ExCom April 12
Recurring Expenses:
– Mail Chimp monthly - $41.08
– Fed Withholding - $0.15
Recurring Income:
– Dues from National – $828.12
– Dividend from CU - $0.64
Other Income:
– None
Balance in GPM Accounts end of March: = $8,119.40
Anticipated expenses for April:
– Mail Chimp email - $41.08
– Forum Speaker Lunch – $0
Anticipated balance at end of October:
$8,119+ $800 - $42= $8,887
• Members at Large: Carol is going to work on updating the new member literature.
• Editor - an update is almost ready.
• All others - NTR.

Next Meeting
May 17, 2026, 2:00 PM by Zoom Teleconference.

Adjourn
Motion to Adjourn by Dave, Laura seconded. Motion passed at 2:31 PM.

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May 17, 2026
The meeting was called to order at 3:31 PM at New Member Meet & Greet at Duck and Decanter on Camelback. Present were LocSec Jim Delton; AsstLocSec, Marni Landry; Recording Secretary; Lynda Zeise; MAAM Editor David Pivin; Treasurer Laura McGirr; Members at Large, Judy Herrmann, Seth Forester, and Carol Young; Parliamentarian Richard Morris; Members Ruth Forester, Rebecca Janssen; Guest, Pete Costantino.

Approval of Minutes
ExCom Meeting, April 12, 2026 - Motion to approve by Laura McGirr, second by Marni Landry, passed 3:32 PM

Old Business
• Item - July MAD update - Laura McGirr, Pete Constantino
• Laura discussed the "No Show" problem of people making a reservation when a cost is involved and then not showing up (i.e. dinner at MAD). It was discussed that we should keep in mind that emergencies do come up, so the "No Show" may have been inadvertent, and find a polite way of making sure a member does not repeatedly do this. We might consider keeping a list of repeat offenders and not take reservations from anyone on the list.
• Laura reported that the costs are covered for 60 people at the July MAD and asked for a contingency fund of $1000 be OKed in the event we get 70 reservations. Motion by Marni to do so, second by Richard. Motion passed 3:41 PM

New Business
• Item - finalize Nominations for Election
The List for 2026-2027 Elected Officers:

James Delton	Local Secretary
Rebecca Janssen	Assistant Local Secretary
Laura McGirr	Local Treasurer
Lynda Zeise	Recording Secretary (Scribe)
Carol Young	Member-at-Large
Steve Broe	Member-at-Large
Judith Herrmann	Member-at-Large

Appointed Office - Parliamentarian, Marni Landry
• Item - Discuss opportunities to expand Young member outreach by working with AAGT (AZ Assoc. of Gifted and Talented) Marni mentioned ways of working together with AAGT such as Mensan's writing articles for their newsletters and co-hosting speaker events. AAGT's goal is to grow their younger memberships. It was discussed that AAGT parents have to pay for more expensive testing and, if the AAGT prospective members were to take the MENSA test, the parents would save money and the children would have the added benefit of MENSA membership.
We will save two spots at the July 11 MAD for AAGT people as a start to get us working together.
Jim reminded us that GPM is still working on getting a Youth Coordinator and that person must be a MENSA member.

Officer Reports
• Treasurer - Report to Excom May 17, 2026
Recurring Expenses:
– Mail Chimp monthly - $41.08
– Fed Withholding - $0.17
Other Expenses
– Hotel Deposit - $250
Recurring Income:
– Dues from National – $849.48
– Extra Funds from National - $150
– Dividend from CU - $0.70
Other Income:
– None
Balance in GPM Accounts end of April: $8,828.33
Anticipated expenses for May:
– Mail Chimp email - $41.08
– Forum Speaker Lunch – $17
Anticipated balance at end of May:
– $8,828+ $800 - $17= $9,611
• MAAM Editor- Dave reported everything is running smoothly. Since we pay by the address, we can save money by his pruning the list of addresses that never open correspondence. They can be added back in if needed.
• All Others: NTR.

Comments from Members or Guests
• Pete Constntino reminded us that RJ (Rebecca) has volunteered to head an RG Exploration Committee and we should make that happen. Motion by Rich, Second by Dave, motion passed 4:16

Next Meeting
June 14, 2026, 2:00 PM via Zoom Teleconference.

Adjourn
Motion to adjourn by Rich, Second by Laura, passed 4:19 PM

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June 2026 (pending approval)
The meeting was called to order at 2:00 PM as a Zoom teleconference. Present were LocSec Jim Delton; AsstLocSec, Marni Landry; Recording Secretary; Lynda Zeise; MAAM Editor David Pivin; Treasurer Laura McGirr; Members at Large, Judy Herrmann, Seth Forester, and Carol Young; Parliamentarian Richard Morris; Member Rebecca Janssen; Guest, Pete Costantino.

Approval of Minutes
ExCom Meeting, 10 May, 2026 - Motion by Laura seconded by Dave, approved at 2:01

Old Business
• Item - MAD - Laura reported 49 registered for the MAD. This looks like a normal good showing. If there are still openings on the 20th, we could consider putting the invitation on Facebook.
• Item - Personnel Changes: Carol volunteered as Ombudsman.
• The Member-at-Large position will be open at the July meeting. We may consider the person who volunteered earlier after the position was filled. Marni volunteered for Parliamentarian

New Business
Item - AAGT Arizona Association of Gifted and Talented - Marni suggested we notify AAGT of testing dates, since they have shown an interest. Our list now contains people who have shown an interest through National. Dave pulls those names once a month. Dave and the Proctors know the test times as they are set up, so they will notify AAGT. AAGT needs the information by the second to last Tuesday of each month. We could also share Gifted Youth activities if we want outside participation.
Item - Games Night - RJ suggested we update our games. Pete suggested going through the games at Chris's house and just keeping the best.
Item - RJ reported finding a group that will help with general planning the RG. We are looking at late July-early August. She also suggested exploring doing every-other year with San Diego. She will get together with Judy Hermann, who was Chair of our last RG, for general suggestions and info.

Officer Reports
• Treasurer Report to Excom June 14, 2026
Recurring Expenses:
– Mail Chimp monthly - $41.08
– Fed Withholding - $0.17
Other Expenses:
– Forum Speaker Lunch - $17.46
– Supplies for MAD - $10.80
– New Member Event - $294.88
Recurring Income:
– Dues from National – $746.76
– Dividend from CU - $0.52
Balance in GPM Accounts end of May = $9,211.45
Anticipated expenses for March:
– Mail Chimp email - $41.08
– MAD Expenses - amount TBD by final registration
• Members@Large - Carol is still working on New Member inofmation
• LocSec - The July meeting.will be the first meeting with the new Officers. James confirmed enough officers will be present to have the RxCom meeting at the MAD around 2 PM.
• All others - NTR

Questions or Comments by Members or Guests
• Laura gave RJ information on how to find attendance and financial details on last RGs and other events

Next Meeting
11 July 2026, ~2 PM at Member Appreciation Day at Holiday Inn & Suites

Adjourn
Motion to Adjourn by Marni, Dave seconded. Motion passed at 2:51 PM

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RVC9 Article - May 2026

Far West Foreword, May 2026

Jay Friedlander, RVC9 - Far West Region

2025-2026 was a turbulent year for Mensa. There were some divisive issues which are still being resolved. But by the end of it, light was visible at the end of the tunnel. Last March there was a severe membership dropoff which left Mensa with 36,000 or so members. This year the dropoff was roughly 1000 members less severe, and by the time you read this, we will likely be back over 38,000 members. Our focus at AMC this year has been examining the reasons why members lapse, and brainstorming ways to attract new members. Hopefully the less severe membership drop this time is an indication this focus is beginning to take hold. The core of our work was our new Strategic Plan, to align traditional committees under five pillars, while adding other priorities which are now getting much needed attention: Membership Growth & Outreach; Member Experience & Retention; Technology & Operational Efficiency; Sustainable Revenue & Events and Trust, Culture & Safety You can read all the pertinent details at https://www.us.mensa.org/lead/planning/strategic-plan/

Upcoming Regional Gatherings for 2026-2027!
If you're able to attend, don't miss Mensa **Hawaii's Diamond Jubilee Celebration** – May 7 to 15, 2026! Celebrating 60 dazzling years of Mensa Hawaii with a spectacular cruise aboard the award-winning Celebrity Edge,departing from the stunning shores of Honolulu, Hawaii and arriving in the vibrant city of Vancouver, Canada. Anton Anderssén, vicechair@hawaii.us.mensa.org

Orange County Mensa is back on the Calendar with **A Gathering of Bohemians**, limited to the first 75 attendees at their traditional hotel by John Wayne Airport in Santa Ana over Labor Day weekend. An RG that celebrates the road less traveled.... plus, all the nerdy wonderfulness we generally rock.
Karon Roberts, kgcay@yahoo

And breaking news, after also resting a year after closure of their regular hotel, GLAAM is back in business with **StaRGazing 2027** at their new hotel in Culver City! It will be held the weekend AFTER Presidents Day weekend to avoid the higher hotel fees of the Super Bowl, held locally at SoFi Stadium this year during what is their usual holiday weekend. Jana Bickel, janabickel@earthlink.net

SIG Spotlight https://www.us.mensa.org/connect/sigs/

Bibliophile Ms is a group for book lovers to discuss books, share recommendations, and share content that other book lovers will appreciate. We have occasional book clubs and plan to meet in-person at Annual Gatherings.

Self-Sufficient Ms, From homesteading to home brewing, greenhouse growing to home gardening, food preservation to doomsday prepping — this is the place for Mensans to discuss all things related to self-sufficiency.

RVC9 Article - June 2026

Far West Foreword, June 2026

From Jay Friedlander, RVC9

The big event in the region this past month was the Orange County Mensa anniversary party. Delicious Mexican buffet brought in by Valerie. The highlight of the event was the presentation from the Orange County Bird of Prey Center. They brought along three of their resident birds (including a rather majestic owl). Fortunately, no Mensa members actually became prey during the presentation, as that could have become problematic with our insurance carrier. Don't forget A Gathering of Bohemians, Orange County Mensa's RG over Labor Day weekend! Only room for 75 guests, so don't wait until the last minute!

The AG is coming, the AG is coming! And what is there to do in Fort Worth in early July? At AG 2026, the fun doesn't end with the sessions — it simply changes locations. Spend your off-hours exploring world-class museums, sipping through Texas history at a distillery tasting, wandering the Stockyards, touring iconic stadiums, or stepping into the past at The Sixth Floor Museum. But these excursions have limited spots, so snag yours early.

SIG Spotlight https:///www.us.mensa.org/connect/sigs/
M-Simplicity
An online discussion group for individuals interested in improving their quality of life while healing and preserving the planet for future generations.

M's Volunteer Program
M's Volunteer Program (MVP) is a place to share volunteer ideas and programs nationally and then implement them locally.

Around the Region
GLAAM
(2nd Sunday) – 1:00 to 5:00pm, Pacific Daylight Time
Folksong SIG and Potluck
Hosted by Alan Stillson. 5515 Keokuk Ave. Woodland Hills, CA 91367. It's near the 101 Freeway and
Winnetka. We have some printed songbooks available. There is a full-size keyboard in the living room.
Meetings are limited to fifteen people. It's free. Please bring a potluck item to share – no alcohol. Soft drinks and light snacks are provided. Please contact AlanStillson at astillson13@gmail.com or 818-884-4284 for details and to reserve a spot.

Channel Islands Mensa
(2nd Sunday) 2:00-4:00pm, Pacific Daylight Time
Second Sunday Afternoon With Mensans in Santa Barbara
Chat, munch, meet old friends, discover new ones at Laura Nanna's house: 541 Alan Road

Greater Phoenix Mensa
(2nd Wednesday) 5:00-7:00pm, Arizona Time
Whine and Dine Happy Hour 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, atotherbill60@hotmail.com, so he will be able to make reservations for the actual number attending.

Mensa Hawaii
2nd Tuesday and 4th Thursday 7:00pm, Hawaii Standard Time,
Nerdsday Zoomers! – Join the Nerdy conversation! You (along with everyone else) will be relating what you know about whatever zany, dorky, academic, or just plain out-there topic randomly chosen from a predetermined list. Celeste Rogers at chair@hawaii.us.mensa.org.

Tucson Mensa
3rd Thursday 11:30 am, Arizona Time
Third Thursday Lunch. Contact Ken and Linda Carpenter (520) 325-9717 for this month's location

Southern Nevada Mensa
Saturdays 9:30-11:30am, Pacific Daylight Time
New Location: Barnes & Noble 2191 North Rainbow Blvd. Las Vegas, NV 89108
Join Terry and a group of interesting conversationalists. Please note that the location or time may
change, so please watch your email each week for the official announcement.

Utah Mensa
Wednesday June 10 7:00pm, Mountain Daylight Time
Dinner at Sizzler
Leslie Cortsen, mosquito_ouch@hotmail.com
San Diego Mensa
3rd Sundays 3:00 PM, Pacific Daylight Time
Oh, Hell! (Card Game)
This fun and frustrating card game takes only a few minutes to learn but a lifetime to say "Oh Hell!" when you get stuck with an impossible bid. No charge, BYOB, bring a small snack to share. 10339 Madrid Way, Spring Valley,91977. Park at the bottom of a long, steep driveway. Okay to block garage and carport. BFA, NS, CAT. TG 1271-E5/6. Info/Dir: Barbara Lytle, (619) 436-8017.

Orange County Mensa
First Thursday Lunch, 12:00 Noon, Pacific Daylight Time
Contact John Kerr for this month's location. If you get lost or have questions, John's cell phone is 714-746 6302.

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What ChatGPT thinks our ExCom looks like

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RVC9 Article - July 2026

Far West Foreword, July 2026

From Jay Friedlander, RVC Region 9

The British are coming! Er, oops, the AG is coming that is, though I expect there will be some Brits coming if current high air fares haven't proven too discouraging. American Mensa's first Annual Gathering brought members together in New York City in 1963. Just 160 members attended the two-day "American Mensa Conference" at the Belmont Plaza Hotel. The $10 registration fee included morning coffee, lunch, evening cocktails and entertainment. Accommodations for out-of-town members were offered in the homes of local members, and the Pickwick Arms hotel was also recommended with prices starting at just $5 for singles.

Since that time, more than 40 AGs have brought Mensans together from around the country and around the world. In 2016, our AG in San Diego brought together more than 2,500 Mensans and their families for tournaments, events, tours, plenty of socializing, and presentations on everything from Henry Ford to local brewing, from improv to the economy, and from stem cells to steampunk.
Fort Worth is bursting with history, music, food, art, and true Lone Star spirit — and we get to enjoy it all week. Reconnect with old friends, make new ones, and experience a time you'll never forget. Register now and let the wandering begin!

Thanks to Jam Kay for many years of service as Tucson Mensa LocSec. Welcome new Tucson officers Lynda Gibson, LocSec; Pati Pate, Tucson Mensun Editor and Ray Sola, Assistant News Editor!Congratulations to Region 9 Webmaster Brian Madsen on his appointment to the AML Technology Committee! Please contact Brian if advice is needed regarding your local chapter website, or about what's needed to start one up.

Have you thought about getting involved yourself on the National level? Check out the Volunteer Marketplace on the AML website for opportunities on the Membership Growth and Outreach Committee or the Strategic Planning and Oversight Committee

SIG Spotlight

Lock-&-Ring 'M
Smart people sing barbershop. SIG membership is open to current/active members of Sweet Adelines International, Barbershop Harmony Society, Harmony Inc., other barbershop organizations, and those who sing or want to sing barbershop.

VRrrrrM
The group's purpose is to allow members to get to know each other and meet in virtual reality settings, including chat groups, movie nights, and multiplayer games. Our Facebook page is a place to post games that one would like to play with other members.

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EDITORIAL

Dave Pivin, GPM Editor and Webmaster

It has been about a year and a half since we completed our transition to fully electronic communication as described in ASIE 2015-1 "The intent of GPM making electronic channels the primary mode of communication to the membership." The final impact completing this process was financial, annual savings of over $2,500 in printing and mailing cost that we have been able to use to hold more free events. But in terms of delivering acurate and timely information it is as good as it gets.

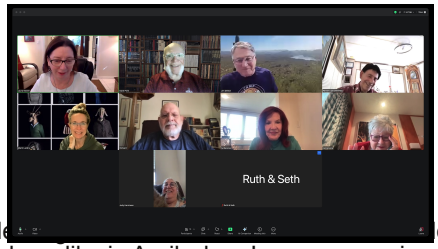
It was over 10 years ago that this transition was started by moving the MAAM from a monthly printed and mailed newsletter to a combination of electronic media that delivered timely calendar information as well as a blog with the MAAM name and article content that would have been mailed. Every bit of content from the print MAAM is now delivered electronically with no delay or abridgement.

This official newsletter was renamed the GPM Quarterly, uploaded each quarter to National as as they require and archived on our web site where it is readable without a login to the national site. There is no content in this newsletter that you are reading that is new or not already published for all to see.

Some problems remain and that lies with a general lack of member content which contributed to the decline of the monthly print MAAM. We do get the ocasional photo or reprint GPM member Mensa Bulletin articles. But it seems that most potential content has been diverted to social media or virtual meetings. Maybe that is a good thing, but social media has the effect of limiting personal interaction.

The eUpdate is stronger than ever. It was created long ago to make up for the calendar in the MAAM coming out only once a month not being able to stay current with weekly events that changed location or time. The GPM Live Web calendar is kept up to the minute with all event information and is available on the front page of the GPM public web site.

COVID-19 forced us to make changes to how the ExCom operates. Now, for most months, it is a Zoom teleconference, like you see in this screen capture of a recent one.



Me ed, unless, like in April when I was on a cruise ship in the Atlantic, on my way to Lisbon when I joined the meeting. I just had to show off.

- Dave Pivin

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Some Virtual Presentations from San Francisco Regional Mensa

Medical AI: Examples, Opportunities, and Cautionary Tales

Dr. Daniel John Doyle

Sunday, July 19, 2026
2:30 PM PACIFIC TIME
This talk is an exploration of the state of artificial intelligence (AI) in the field of medicine aimed at the intelligent public. By highlighting real-world examples, discussing potential opportunities, and examining cautionary tales, the talk aims to provide a balanced perspective on the role of AI in healthcare. The presentation will introduce the audience to the types of AI and its applications in medicine and showcase notable examples where AI has already demonstrated its value, such as in medical imaging interpretation, early disease detection, precision medicine, and robotic surgery. Through these examples, attendees will witness the potential transformative power of AI in improving patient outcomes, enhancing diagnostics, and optimizing treatment plans.

Register: https://livepresentation.link/JULY

M-Wisely: Can organic humans "augment" to keep up with AI?

David Brin

Saturday, July 11, 2026
2:30 PM PACIFIC TIME

Even if the new wave of artificial intelligences falls short of omniscience, they're going to seem awfully godlike. So, what are we members of the Olde Race to do? Maybe keep up with these new children of our minds? Some glimmering indications from biology to the quantum suggest that - maybe - we can.

Register: https://space-talk.link/JUL

**The Mummy as Monster:
Unraveling a Pop Culture Icon**

Foy Scalf

Sunday, August 16, 2026
2:30 PM PACIFIC TIME

In the 19th century, deciphering Egyptian hieroglyphs left a wake proliferating with myths, curses, and kitsch that infected generations with Egyptomania. The search for knowledge simultaneously fueled elaborate fantasies — some of which soon turned into ghoulish horror. The Mummy, a pop culture icon, was born by appropriating Egyptian cultural imagery and blending it with Victorian Gothic. The discovery of King Tut's tomb in 1922 fueled the flames as the legend of the mummy's curse was deemed death on swift wings for those who opened the tomb. Boris Karloff brought such nightmares to the silver screen, establishing a franchise that continues to (mis)influence generations of viewers.
This talk begins to unravel the threads of this cultural phenomenon from its ancient inspirations to its sci-fi origins, from pulp fiction to blockbuster releases.
This is a Zoom meeting.
Please register:
https://livepresentation.link/AUG

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 a location to be determined.

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 Spinato's Pizzeria and Family Kitchen, 4848 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 - Location changes monthly. For July 9th, Join us at Krazy Cajun Seafood & Hibachi-Tempe, 9880 S Rural Rd #105, Tempe, AZ 85284.
  by Tuesday, July 7 to lesrees@yahoo.com RSVP in the headline, please, or phone or text 480-476-2458. This event is for Mensa and Intertel members. They may each bring one guest.

2nd Saturday

- ME/P - GPM Forum 2026 - Forum on Summer Hiatus, resuming in October. Questions: forum@phoenixmensa.org Mensans, guests, and the public invited.

3rd Saturday

- MO - Mensa Dine-Out - 6:30 - Closing. Location changes each month. For July, please join us Saturday July 18th, 6:30 PM at Julio G's, 12631 N. Tatum Blvd., Phx., 85032 for good food and conversation. RSVP to Ellen Milner at elsbells417@yahoo.com or call 602 992-3031 by Wednesday July 15th to reserve your place.AE - Adult Event.

4th Saturday

- MO - 5:00 to 8:00 PM - Games Night! Has resumed monthly meetings at Mox Boarding House, 1371 N Alma School Rd, Chandler, AZ 85224. Bring your friends and family. Bring your favorite game, play one of mine, or check out one from Mox's free lending library. No table fees, on-site restaurant, no outside food or drink allowed. Plenty of tables for gaming. https://www.moxboardinghouse.com Look for the Mensa mind games tote bag or text me when you arrive and I'll tell you where we are. RJ (Rebecca Janssen) 480-250-8109.

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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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