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Greater Phoenix Mensa's Official Newsletter

GPM Quarterly

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as of July 1, 2025

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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 and their responses will come from the official email.

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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 an issue with paperless!



Treasurer's Report FYTD as of 30 December 2025

Income	7,053.70
Expenses	13,161.12
CU GPM General Account	5,734.51
CU GPM Savings	55.00
Total	$5,789.51

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

October 12, 2025
The meeting was called to order at 2:02 PM as a Zoom teleconference. Present were LocSec Jim Delton; Recording Secretary Lynda Zeise; Treasurer Laura McGirr; Parliamentarian Richard Morris; Members at Large, Judy Herrmann, Seth Forester, and Carol Young; Member, Ruth Forester: Guest, Pete Costantino.

Approval of Minutes
ExCom Meetings, 10 August and 14 September, 2025 - Motion to Approve by Judy Herrmann, Carol Young seconded. Motion passed at 2:05 PM.

Old Business
Thanksgiving Day Update
• Pete Constantino needs budget approval. He would like to add some minor improvements such as table decoration, ect. He reported Sharko's quote is similar to last year; we need a more accurate count.
• Laura McGirr moved to authorize $3000, second by Carol Young. Passed 2:11 PM

User's Manual Update
• Ruth Forester reported that there is a need for someone more familiar with some of the old events that are no longer done. She suggested more people take a look at the old manual and make suggestions - maybe have an in person meeting. Carol Young volunteered to take a look at it before our next meeting. Jim Delton will send Carol Young a copy for her review.

New Business
Scholarship
• $600 of last Year's $1000 approved amount has been paid. Laura McGirr moved that we authorize the last $400 to the Mensa Foundation. Second by Carol Young. Motion passed 2:17
• Discussion: Do we need a small expense policy. General agreement was that all small expenses should be reviewed before being reimbursed. No one expressed a need for a policy.

Officer Reports
• Treasurer - September 2025 Recap
Recurring Expenses:
– Mail Chimp monthly - $41.08
– Fed Withholding - $0.18
Other Expenses:
– Sam's Club Membership (under research): $54.15
Recurring Income:
– Dues from National – $767.44
– Dividend from CU - $0.77
Other Income:
– None
Balance in GPM Accounts end of September: = 9,852.02
Anticipated expenses for October:
– Mail Chimp email - $41.08
– Forum Speaker Lunch – 0 – not scheduled
– Scholarship: $400
Anticipated balance at end of October:
$9,852.02+ $800 - $500.00 = $10,152.02
• LocSec - Jim Delton reminded everyone of the upcoming Adopt-a-Road.
• All others - NTR.

Comments from Members or Guests
• NTR

Next Meeting
November 9, 2025, 2:00 PM by Zoom Teleconference.

Adjourn
Motion to Adjourn by Judy Herrmann, Lynda Zeise seconded. Motion passed at 2:56PM.

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November 9, 2025
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; Member at Large, Judy Herrmann; Parliamentarian Richard Morris; Guest, Pete Costantino.

Approval of Minutes
ExCom Meeting, 12 October, 2025 - Motion to Approve by Marni Landry, Dave Pivin seconded. Motion passed at 2:01 PM.

Old Business
Thanksgiving Get together
• Pete Constantino said the main caterer is settled. He is working on the sandwich cost. We have 21 people reserved for Thursday and 19 reserved for Saturday. Jim will send the signed contract with the Humanist Society to Laura; we are covered by insurance. Another invitation will be sent to the same list about a week before the event as a reminder.

New Business
Go Daddy Email renewal cost.
• Laura proposed the number of email lists be cut to 3 or 4 lists and the rest go to the WebMaster. This could cut our costs in approximately half while giving us the same service.
• Jim did a breakdown of costs that concurs with Dave's analysis which shows the amount to be about $103 per address per year. Dave pointed out that some emails go to different people depending on the year, for example the LocSec and Treasurer. Dave suggested we do not use the Gifted Youth and Prescott Mensa List. Jim suggested we could also get rid of the Twitter part. Laura made a motion to remove Gifted Youth and Prescott Mensa List. Second by Lynda. Passed at 2:25 PM.

Officer Reports
* Treasurer -
Recurring Expenses:
– Mail Chimp monthly - $41.08
– Fed Withholding - $0.21
Other Expenses:
– Costco – Thanksgiving Meal - $47.96
– Mensa Foundation - $400
– Postage - $13.44
Recurring Income:
– Dues from National – $773.12
– Dividend from CU - $0.86
Other Income:
– None
Balance in GPM Accounts end of October: 10,177.46
Anticipated expenses for November:
– Mail Chimp email - $41.08
– Forum Speaker Lunch – $28.99
– Thanksgiving+Black Friday Event - $3,000
– Zoom - $ 184.80
Anticipated balance at end of November:
– $10,177.46+ $780 - $3,300 = $7,657.46
• AsstLocSec - Next Trash Pickup will be in February.
• All Others: NTR.

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

Adjourn
Motion to Adjourn by Richard Morris, Dave Pivin seconded. Motion passed at 3:30 PM.

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December 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, Lynda Zeise; Parliamentarian Richard Morris; Guest Pete Costantino.

Approval of Minutes
ExCom Meeting, 9 November, 2025 - Motion by Richard Morris, seconded by Laura McGirr, approved at 2:02

Old Business
• Pete Constantino reported on the successful Thanksgiving and Black Friday Party.
• Motion by Richard to approve the final financial figures for that party as reported by the Treasurer (below), seconded bt David. Motion passed at 2:05 pm
• Jim reminded people to look at the preliminary Membership guide as put together by Carol so we can discuss at the next meeting.

New Business
• General discussion as to get new members to meet with the Ex Comm in person. Motion by Laura to approve $500 from the already appropriated money to provide pizza or snacks for an in person meeting in March. Second by Marni. Motion passed 2:15 pm.

Officer Reports
• TreasurerMensa Thanksgiving & Black Friday EventMensa Thanksgiving & Black Friday Event
– 11/27 & 11/28/25
– 34 guests on Thursday
– 33 guests on Friday
– 10/28/2025 Costco 47.96 Charge to Mensa CC
– 11/3/2025 Sam's Club 17.63 Charge to Mensa CC
– 11/13/2025 Sam's Club 75.02 Charge to Mensa CC
– 11/14/2025 Total Wine 131.51 Charge to Mensa CC
– 11/17/2025 Sam's Club 41.43 Charge to Mensa CC
– 11/18/2025 Dollar Tree 9.48 Charge to Mensa CC
– 11/24/2025 Sam's Club 17.60 Charge to Mensa CC
– 11/25/2025 Fry's 13.30 Charge to Mensa CC
– 11/27/2025 Basha's 13.47 Charge to Mensa CC
– 11/27/2025 Sharko's 2,026.64 Charge to Mensa CC
– 11/28/2025 Costco 12.97 Charge to Mensa CC
– 11/28/2025 Firehouse Subs Charge to Mensa CC
2,948.44, 541.43 Mensa Acct Charges
– To Be Reimbursed to Pete:
– 11/27/2025 Arco 10.76
– 11/24/2025 Costco 27.87
– 11/13/2025 Costco 106.23 144.86 Reimbursement to Pete - Dec
– 12/1/2025 Sam's Club (35.18) Refund to Mensa CC
– 12/1/2025 Costco (44.66) Refund to Mensa CC
(79.84) Mensa Acct Refunds-Dec
– 11/17/2025 Humanist Society Charge to Mensa CC
300.00 300.00 Mensa Acct Charges
– GRAND TOTAL 3,313.46
• Treasurer - November 2025 Recap
Recurring Expenses:
– Mail Chimp monthly - $41.08
– Fed Withholding - $0.15
Other Expenses:
– Zoom: $186.81
– Postage: $16.85
– Microsoft 365 3-Year Renewal: $2,510.52
Thanksgiving + Black Friday Event – see separate report
– Total = 3,313.46 – Most of the expense was disbursed in Nov - only $65.02 will be paid in Dec.
Recurring Income:
– Dues from National – $790.56
– Dividend from CU - $0.61
Other Income:
– None
Balance in GPM Accounts end of November = 4,983.75
Anticipated expenses for December:
– Mail Chimp email - $41.08
– Forum Speaker Lunch – $30
– Thxgiving balance - $65.02
Anticipated balance at end of December:
– $4983.75+ $780 – 136 = $5,627.75
• MAAM Editor - Dave will be in Europe in April. He will try to do what he can remotely through Starlink.
AsstLocSec - Next garbage pickup scheduled for 21 March.

Next Meeting
12 October, 2025, via Zoom Teleconference

Adjourn
Motion to Adjourn by Richard, Laura seconded. Motion passed at 2:26 PM.

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RC9 Article - Oct - Nov 2025

From Jay Friedlander, RC9

Congratulations to Region 9's Jewel Award winners!
These awards recognize Local Groups that truly sparkle — the ones making a big impact through active participation, creative programming, and contributions that brighten the Mensa experience for everyone.

Class IV (125-199 members)
Mensa Hawaii, Ruby Award
Class II (400-1099 members)
Orange County Mensa, Emerald Award
San Diego Mensa, Emerald Award

GLAAM member receives MERF awards!
Six years ago, GLAAM member Mayank Kejriwal was awarded not one, but two MERF (Mensa Education and Research Foundation) awards for his work on using artificial intelligence to combat human trafficking. He received the Copper Black award for exceptional creativity and problem solving, and the International Intellectual Benefits to Society Award for application of a Mensa's intellectual abilities that result in a tangible benefit to society. Bestowal of these awards was accidentally overlooked due to the pandemic, and we finally presented them last month.
Dr. Kejriwal was recognized for his contributions to the Domain-specific Insight Graphs (DIG) project, an AI system designed to combat human trafficking. It's been deployed by over 200 US law enforcement agencies.
Mayank Kejriwal is a principal scientist and research associate professor at the University of Southern California's Viterbi School of Engineering.
One of Mensa Hawaii's long-time members, Stan Jones, passed away in September on Patriot's Day. Stan had been a very active member and served on various committees, including the Executive Committee. He had been a prior Chair. His wife, Karin Jones, is still alive and well. You can offer her your condolences if you attend his funeral on October 15th at the Hawaiian Memorial Park (45-425 Kamehameha Hwy, Kaneohe) Glass Chapel. Visitation will start at 9:00 a.m., followed by a service at 10:00 a.m. (with lunch to follow). Burial with military honors will take place at 1:00 p.m.

Tucson Mensa wishes to recognize the passing of longtime Tucson Mensa board member Jim Puls. The newly-renamed Jim Puls Memorial Chat takes place Tuesdays at 1:00pm on Zoom. See the Tucson Mensun for details.

And finally, GLAAM wishes to remember Sandra Smith, who joined the GLAAM Board in 2010 and was a contributing member for approximately 11 years. Aside from being a Board Member, Sandra was always willing to help - RG speaker, RG committee member, scholarship essay reader, and she had started the process to become a proctor shortly before Covid interrupted. And Allen Lasko, an active member of the testing team for Los Angeles. Among other things he was in charge of the practice tests. His daughter Stephanie sent us a photo of Allen's grandson Yonah, a prospective 14-year-old member. So Allen's presence will live on with his grandson.

It's important to remember our past, and now we need to look to our future.

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

Greater Los Angeles Area Mensa
Nov 1 (1st Sat) – 6:00 PM to Midnight
Halloween Party at Moses Manor
At the home of Sam Moses, our Local Secretary. 821 Dickson Street, Maria del Rey 90292
Costumes encouraged for this dramatic, horrific, and possibly life-changing event. Near Washington Blvd and Lincoln Blvd. Look for the Halloween decorations in the front yard! Prizes for the best costumes. Bring $10 or some food. (Coastal)

Mensa Hawaii
Big Island Holiday Brunch
Big Island Mensa members and visiting Mensa members will gather for brunch on 2 December at the Four Seasons Resort Hualalai north of Kailua-Kona. This will be the annual holiday gathering for the group. For planning purposes and details, please RSVP to mensanwhois@outlook.com or barbarazipkin@gmail.com by 15 November.

Orange County Mensa
OC Holiday Party
OC Mensa Celebrate the Season…with your fellow Mensans
Sat., Dec. 13, 5 PM - 9 PM
Lake Park Santa Ana North Club House, 1510 Fairhaven Ave, Santa Ana
$20 - adults & teens, $10 - age 12 & under
Includes all-you-can-eat dinner, dessert, & holiday drinks (both alcoholic and nonalcoholic)
Reservation deadline: Saturday, December 6.
To reserve, send payment either:
Online: www.PayPal.com to: treasurer@ocmensa.org
OR via check: Payable to Orange County Mensa, Mail to: Meg Sulzen, OC Mensa Treasurer
1617 E. Washington Ave., Santa Ana, CA 92701
Include name of each attendee and ages of children or teens.
Indicate special dietary requirements: Vegetarian OR Gluten Free
Questions about reservations/payments: text Meg at 714-501-7318
Other questions or to volunteer to help: contact: John Olsen, 714-771-3095 or johnny_automatic@mac.com

Southern Nevada Mensa
The spotlight is on two events which don't happen every month. While they will both have happened by this reading, contact Joyce for the next one, and mark the Quarterly Dinner somewhere on your calendar for three months from now.
Underground Gourmet SIG Dinner at Ichabod's, Wednesday, October 16, 2025, 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm
3300 E Flamingo Rd. Las Vegas, NV 89121
Do you have a favorite restaurant that you want to go back to again and again? A special place with great food, unique choices and free parking for locals?
On October 16, 6:30 PM, please join me at one of my own personal favorite well-hidden eateries. Ichabod's is one of those hard-to-find gems that makes the hunt for it worthwhile. This secret find is far in the back of the shopping center at Pecos & Flamingo, so if you get too lost, their number is 702-451-2323. Please RSVP: Joyce 725-218-8190.
If you're a last minute attendee, drop in and we'll try to make room for you.
Quarterly Dinner at Black Bear Diner, Thursday, Oct 23, 2025, 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm
8565 W Sahara Ave. Las Vegas, NV 89117 (corner of Durango and Sahara Boulevards)
Let's get together for dinner and conversation! See blackbeardiner.com for menu.
Free parking. Non-Mensan guests are welcome. Introvert-friendly. RSVP REQUIRED - send email to mwm.sandy@gmail.com -by Tuesday evening October 21.

San Diego Mensa
2nd Wednesday, October 8th, 1:30 PM
Older and (Allegedly) Wiser SIG
I've been a Mensan for 50 years. I don't go to SIGs anymore because my processing power and speed is diminished, and I don't want to embarrass myself. Is anyone else in this boat? Patio of Cardiff Seaside Market, 2087 San Elijo Av, Encinitas 92007. Info/RSVP: Craig Broude, BlueBrickRed@gmail.com. Use subject line: Older Wiser SIG.
Tucson Mensa
Third Thursday Lunch
11:30 AM Thursday, October 16 (and presumably Thursday November 20?) Check with the host for details.
Baggins Gourmet Sandwiches
5420 E Broadway Blvd. Tucson.
https://bagginsgourmet.com/
Ken and Linda Carpenter, 520-325-9717

Greater Phoenix Mensa
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! 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.

Channel Islands Mensa
Sunday October 5th
First Sunday Lunch
In San Luis Obispo at 12:00pm
Sycamore Mineral Springs Resort (1215 Avila Beach Dr) in the back dining Room (approx.. $20). And bring your walking shoes if you'd like to check out the restaurant's "Secret Garden". It's well worth the 5 minute walk.
This event will have already taken place by press time, but will it become a recurring event the first Sunday in November?
I am going to take the liberty of suggesting that William Noack, Deputy LocSec, Circulation Manager Publications Officer/Editor wnoack@mac.com might be a source to check with for more information.
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RVC9 Article - January 2026

Far West Foreword, January 2026
From Jay Friedlander, RVC9

By the time you read this, **GLAAM's StaRGazing 2026 RG** will most likely have been canceled for February, with refunds issued. GLAAM is optimistic about having a new venue in place later in the year. At the moment, the most likely site is undergoing a remodel, which will make it nicer for us if we do go there. More to come.

I am looking forward to personally attending Orange County Mensa's Holiday Brunch, and was sorry to miss San Diego Mensa's Holiday Party, and Southern Nevada Mensa's upcoming Boxing Day Party, their biggest event of the year.

The AMC meeting took place on the weekend of December 5. The first day was devoted to an outside expert who spoke on strategy and stewardship. It's a subject I take to heart, as every officer in Mensa is a steward for their part of the organization, and for the responsibilities which come with it. The second day was routine AMC business, approving modifications to Mensa's ASIE's. And two new members of the AMC were appointed. Tiyeme Lampart as Communications Officer and David Leavitt as Membership Officer. They both bring a wealth of experience, and welcome both to the AMC.

Fort Worth, all roads lead to the AG: All the AG's a stage! Coming to the Annual Gathering is great — taking the stage is even better. Share your passion, host a meet-and-greet, run a tournament, or lead a workshop. Interested? Submit your proposal now for consideration. And a heads-up, AG rates rise on January 31, so snag the discount while you can!

Around the Region

Southern Nevada Mensa
January 2, First Friday, 7:00 pm, Panera Bread, 7890 W Tropical Parkway, Las Vegas, NV 89149 Join us for casual and unstructured discussion. Feel free to get dinner or a snack if you want - Panera has a wide variety of menu options. No RSVPs needed. Show up and leave whenever you want to, or just drop by for a minute to say hi! Non-Mensan guests are welcome. Introvert-friendly. This will be a recurring event on the first Friday of each month. Contact: Sandy Marshall (703) 731-8852. (Yes, 703 is the correct area code!) mwm.sandy@gmail.com And for those chapters who get an early newsletter drop, don't forget the Boxing Day party on December 26, Joyce 725-218-8190

Utah Mensa
A pair of January events in Utah,
Sunday, January 18, starting at 4:00am, Crystal Hot Springs, 8215 N Highway 38, Honeyville, Utah, many pools and a water slide. new facilities. The senior rates are $3 off the $18 price.
And Wednesday January 21, Dinner at the Bohemian Brewery & Grill 94 E Fort Union Blvd, Midvale, where you'll enjoy some of the best food in town.

Greater Los Angeles Area Mensa
January 11, Folksong SIG and Potluck Hosted by Alan Stillson. 5515 Keokuk Ave. Woodland Hills 91367, near the 101 Freeway and Winnetka. We have songbooks and a full-size keyboard. Limited to fifteen people. It's free. Please bring a potluck item to share – no alcohol. Soft drinks & light snacks are provided. Contact Alan Stillson at astillson13@gmail.com or 818-884-4284 for details and to reserve a spot. We form a song circle and take turns leading a song or passing. Solos and sing-alongs; all genres. Any song that is still performed twenty or more years after its initial popularity as a folksong. If you play a musical instrument, feel free to bring it and play it. (SFV)

Channel Islands Mensa
Sunday January 4th, First Sunday Lunch in SLO at noon on at Sycamore Mineral Springs Resort (1215 Avila Beach Dr) in the back dining Room. This time, your local Mensa chapter will pay for the food and non-alcoholic drinks. And bring your walking shoes if you'd like to check out the restaurant's "Secret Garden". It's well worth the 5 minute walk.
Mensa Hawaii
Monday January, 12, Minecraft Monday! – On the 2nd Monday of each month we gather online to create and explore the amazing world that is Minecraft. Friends are always welcome. Full server instructions as well as a Google map of the world and live Twitch.tv streams of our most active contributors can be found on our website: http://goo.gl/vQBvOy. A RaidCall server is also available as a free voice channel overlay to chat live in-game. Please direct any questions to minecraft@hawaii.us.mensa.org. Or see our Facebook group at https://www.facebook.com/groups/202471639956009.

Orange County Mensa
Wednesday, January 21, 1:00 PM South of the Border
Join us south of the border (the border being the El Toro Y) for a south-county lunch. RSVP not required. Look for the black-and-yellow "M" sign on the table. Contact: Tom Streeter for this month's location, 949-668-3468
San Diego Mensa
Sunday, January 11, 2nd Sunday Bagel Brunch, At the home Chuck and Leona Borough, 1220 Park Hill
Lane, Escondido, CA 92025. Scrambled eggs, breakfast potato fries, cookies, special fruit soup and bagels. Contributions of food or drink cheerfully accepted, but not required. From 15 going North, take Centre City Parkway -right on Felicita, left on Juniper, right on Idaho to top of hill then left on Park Hill Lane. Go 0.5 miles, up gentle grade, then down gentle grade, then the house on left with a walled driveway. Long driveway up hill. Parking at top. Info/Dir: Chuck Borough, ckborough@aol.com, (760) 504-9268.

Tucson Mensa
Ongoing, monthly, Virtual Book Club. This months book is A Man Called Ove, by Fredrik Backman. Join us at www.goodreads.com/group/show/1265373-tucson-mensa

Greater Phoenix Mensa
Tuesday January 13, 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.

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Editor's Note: Jay Friedlander became RVC9 after being declared elected.

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 January 8, Join us at Joe's Real BBQ - 301 N. Gilbert Road, Gilbert, AZ by Tuesday, January 6 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 - Starting off the year on January 10, 10:00 AM to Noon. How to Unwind Your Stress - Trading in Your Stress for Energy by Kebba Button. It will be at Burton Barr Central Library, 1221 N Central Ave, Phoenix, AZ 85004. Second Floor North side. 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 Spinato's, 5509 N. Seventh St., Phx. (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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