



Palm-Mensa

Palm Beach
County Mensa #10-334

April 2005



Coming Attractions!!

Culture Quest XVI:

Culture Quest XVI ("CQ") will be held during the afternoon of April 10.

Please contact **Barry Karas** for more information.

Mind Games:

April 15-17, Mind Games 2005 in Tampa Bay, FL. For more information, check the links on newsletter at our web sight for links.

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Next Newsletter

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Notes from the Underground by Barry Karas

TERMINATION. A sort-of non-intellectual online monthly recently terminated publication. It presented short biographies of semi-famous (or semi-obscure, you make the choice) people. This is a clear example of the lack of support items that appeal to one's intelligence have. That lack of support may be a portent of things to come...

TRIVIAL MATTERS. Last evening (Saturday) I played NTN trivia. As some of you know, we usually play trivia on Tuesdays. Some teenagers were playing trivia. Now, I am under no illusions, but maybe, just maybe one of those kids will take an interest in sort-of intellectual pursuits?

ANNUAL GATHERING. This year's annual gathering ("AG") will occur July 6 - 10 in New Orleans. A myriad of Mensans attended last year's AG in Las Vegas ranging from computer programmers to trading card collectors. The annual gathering is Mensa's biggest party.

You (and your family) will find many other Mensans to play and/or study with. Contact me for more information.

The trivia question for this month:

What problem did Leonardo da Vinci, Winston Churchill, Albert Einstein, Thomas Edison and General George Patton have in common?

- A) Dyslexia
- B) Color blind
- C) Hard of hearing
- D) Missing an extremity

Please contact me with your answer. (Contact info. is on the front panel.) I do not know the answer, but I do know what I'd guess.

April —	
Fri 1	FIRST FRIDAY 7:00 pm at Payathai, NW corner of Congress Ave and Lantana Road, Lantana. RSVP Barry Karas 561-964-4360 or bkaras@mindspring.com . Palm Beach County Mensa
Fri 1	BULLsig 1:15 pm. North: TBA. Call Jackie Proudfoot, 954-920-3602 Broward Mensa
Sat-Sun 2-3	CANOE/KAYAK AND CAMP OVERNIGHT AT FISH EATING CREEK , about 1/2 hour above Clewiston on Route U.S. 27. We'll rent our boats there, take our tents, stoves, etc., on board, and paddle about 7 miles upstream to our camping site. Make camp, prepare dinner, watch the animal life. Life is good. Next morning, break camp, paddle downstream with the current. Life is better. We have tents, mattresses, sleeping bags you can borrow. Based on the cost of canoes or kayaks: Cost \$45.00 per Member for canoe; \$54.00 per Member for kayak (single or double). \$56.00 per Non-Member for canoe, \$67.00 per Non-member for kayak (single or double). Includes boat with accessories, Saturday night dinner, lots of good, clean exercise, and all the fun you can handle. Leader Jordan London , 954-961-8286. Broward Mensa
Thur 7	1ST THURSDAY PUB NIGHT 7:00 pm. The Field Irish Pub , 3281 Griffin Road, Dania Beach. For further information call Jason Knight , 954-969-0683. Live music! *** Location Change *** Broward Mensa
Fri 8	BULLsig 1:15 pm. South: TBA. Call Jackie Proudfoot, 954-920-3602 Broward Mensa
Fri 8	DEEP SEA FISHING TRIP . Party boat leaves from Fort Lauderdale at 7:30 pm and returns at 11:30 pm. \$30 for members, \$35 for non-members. Cost includes pole, bait, gratuities, snacks & refreshments. Check payable to "OAK" with reservation. Contact Elaine Vitov at 954-748-2927 or via email at EZILY@aol.com . Broward Mensa
Sat 9	MONTHLY OAK/MENSA PARTY IN HOLLYWOOD , 7:00 pm. The usual - good people, good food, good games, good conversation, good time. Bring A Dish, \$3.00 contribution. RSVP to Ruby Allman , 954-961-7334. Broward Mensa
Sun 10	Culture Quest XVI Contact Barry Karas bkaras@adelphia.com for more information
Tue 12	ELECTRONIC TRIVIA NORTH meets, as always, at Rickey's , 4645 Hollywood Blvd. Exit I-95 at Hollywood Blvd. and go west to 48th Ave. Park in back. We meet at 5:30 p.m. since there are some good games early, but if you can't make it early, come when you can. Enjoy pretty good food and very good trivia. Smoking where permitted. Miami Mensa.
Wed 13	DISCUSSION SIG at 8:00 pm. Discuss politics, science, art, etc., in depth. Topics to be decided at each meeting. Dates and location are flexible. Snacks and drinks provided. RSVP to Roy Fischler at 954-578-8273 for location. Pets, no smoking. Broward Mensa
Wed 13	11:30 AM. Northern Counties. Second Wednesday; drop by for lunch at the Treasure Coast Mall in Jensen Beach. Meet in the food court by Pita World (look for two upturned glasses on the table). Bring a friend or two. Questions, call Janice Johnson at (772) 463-0495, janice@aposner.net Palm Beach County Mensa
Fri 15	BULLsig 1:15 pm. East: TBA. Call Jackie Proudfoot, 954-920-3602 Broward Mensa
15 - 17	Mind Games@ 2005 in Tampa Bay, FL. For more information, check the links on the newsletter at our web sight.
Sat 16	TAX RELIEF COVERED DISH DINNER. All tax returns have been mailed, accountants and CPAs have been released from their desks. Join us at 8:00 pm at the home of Joe and Carol Lee Vitale , 3840 N.W. Third Terrace, Pompano Beach. RSVP to 954-781-7659. Pets. Smoking on patio. Broward Mensa
Sun 17	3:30 PM Northern Counties. We will meet at Lightsey's Restaurant in Okeechobee. It is a moderately priced seafood (fresh and saltwater) restaurant with good oysters (raw or cooked), shrimp, scallops, grouper, clams, catfish, etc. Most come with slaw or potatoes (fries or twice baked), and pumpkin bread (fried - the Seminole Indian way) and hush puppies. Beef is also available. Bar is adequate: beer, wine and mixed drinks. RSVP to Robert Rieffel , 863-763-6990, okeerief@earthlink.net . Robert will give you good directions. Palm Beach County Mensa
Sun 17	SUNDAY BRUNCH at The Ark, 11:30 am, prime rib, crab legs, salmon, mussels, shrimp salad, cheesecake, ice cream bar and more! A classic all-you-can-eat buffet featuring all your favorites and Ark specials like cornflake crusted French toast and mounds of flavored butter balls. This fabulous buffet is \$14.99. Located at 6255 Stirling Road, Davie (between University Drive and 441). RSVP to Micki Hawn at 954-345-1688. Broward Mensa
Sun 17	BICYCLE near, to, in and then out of John Prince Park near Lake Worth in Palm Beach County. This is a nice bicycle ride, about 13 miles round trip. We'll have a BYO lunch at John Prince Park, which we can bring in day packs. Nominal fee of \$3.00 for members, \$4.00 Non-Members. We were going to do this in September last year but the hurricanes intervened. Leader Jordan London , 954-961-8286. Broward Mensa
Thur 21	3RD THURSDAY PUB NIGHT 7:00 pm. The Field Irish Pub , 3281 Griffin Road, Dania Beach. For further information call Jason Knight , 954-969-0683. Live music! Broward Mensa
Fri 22	BULLsig 1:15 pm. West: TBA. Call Jackie Proudfoot, 954-920-3602 Broward Mensa
Wed 27	DISCUSSION SIG at 8:00 pm. Discuss politics, science, art, etc., in depth. Topics to be decided at each meeting. Dates and location are flexible. Snacks and drinks provided. RSVP to Roy Fischler at 954-578-8273 for location. Pets, no smoking. Broward Mensa
Fri 29	BULLsig 1:15 pm. Wild: TBA. Call Jackie Proudfoot, 954-920-3602. Broward Mensa
May —	
Thur 5	1ST THURSDAY PUB NIGHT 7:00 pm. The Field Irish Pub , 3281 Griffin Road, Dania Beach. For further information call Jason Knight , 954-969-0683. Live music! *** Location Change *** Broward Mensa
Fri 6	BULLsig 1:15 pm. North: TBA. Call Jackie Proudfoot, 954-920-3602. Broward Mensa
Sat 7	Kayak/Canoe at West Lake Park in Hollywood. We will meet at 9:00-9:15 At West Lake Park Marina. Figure a maximum of 3 hours on the water. Outing cost for single kayak, \$17.00 Members, \$21.00 Non-Members. Tandem kayak or canoe, per person, \$10.00 Members, \$13.00 Non-members. Costs exclude lunch. AFTER- Lunch at Capone's Flicker Light Café on A1A on the beach - not included in the cost of the Outing. Leader Jordan London , 954-961-8286. Broward Mensa
Sat 7	HOLLYWOOD PARTY 7:00 pm (Please note that we've changed the time for May - instead of the second Saturday). Ruby is drilling next weekend Saturday and then Sunday we're packing and leaving early for a week-long group camping vacation, finally - so... Party tonight. Food, games, talk, the patio, the stars outside. Bring-A-Dish, \$3.00 Contribution. RSVP To Ruby Allman , 954-961-7334. Broward Mensa

Palm Beach County Mensa ended February with 376 members. We gained 9 brand new, renewing or moving into our area. Welcome or welcome back to: **Robert J. Killian** of WPB, **Mark Hunt Dorfman** of Royal Palm Beach, **Bettye Pfau** of WPB, **John H. Hotchkiss** of Tequesta, **Gary C. Greenwald** of Port St. Lucie, **Paul R. Sauer** of Port St. Lucie, **Jeff S. Marder** of Boca Raton, **Lawrence E. Hoffer** of Boynton Beach, and **Jerry Mitchell** of Boynton Beach. Come on out to an event or organize one yourself. We'd like to meet you!

Congrats to Maggie Truelove, the new Region 10 Vice-Chairman, starting in July. She has a tough act to follow, taking over RVC10 from Elissa Rudolph.

Other news—

RVC Column by Maggie Truelove

Assistant/Acting RVC10 truluvs@cfl.rr.com

I can report to you that our intrepid RVC, Elissa Rudolph, is making great progress on her master's thesis - which is the reason I am presently Acting RVC. This has given her the time to apply herself and focus on finishing that thesis. Way to go, Elissa!

There are many things to think of this month. First of them should be to make sure that you have renewed your membership. This April issue of your newsletter is the last you will receive if you let your membership lapse. And if you haven't renewed yet, this might be a good time to consider doing a multi-year or even a lifetime membership.

And then there is our date with Uncle Sam, which we each face on or near April 15. Enough about that.

April also brings us MINDGAMES, hosted this year by Tampa Bay Mensa, April 15-17. Just think, you could be one of the Mensan "judges" to play brand new games, only breaking to eat, drink, and sleep. The results of this weekend will determine which five games released in the past year are granted the coveted "Mensa Select" seal. If you are a games player, as so many Mensans are, here is your perfect opportunity, as MINDGAMES is generally a lot farther away than Tampa! Find out more about this event at <http://mindgames.us.mensa.org>.

Moving ahead to May, do plan to join us at Broward Mensa's FLoRanGe RG, Memorial Day weekend, May 27-30. I can't think of a better way to spend a holiday weekend with our wonderful Broward Mensans. Find out more about this event at <http://broward.us.mensa.org>.

I recently received an email telling me that as an unopposed candidate for Region 10 Vice-Chairman, I am "declared elected". I will be seated as RVC10 effective at the New Orleans AG in July. I am both delighted and in awe of the responsibility I will have to all of you. I promise to put forth my best efforts to work with each and every group in the region. This doesn't mean you don't still need to vote in the Mensa National election. Consider carefully the qualifications and words of each candidate and VOTE!

Have a happy spring!
Acting RVC Maggie Truelove

Odds and Ends-

FYI: April Fools Day- When the Julian calendar was used in the 14th to 16th century, the new year began on April 1st, the start of spring. After the Gregorian calendar was mandated, the New Year started on January 1st. Those people that continued to use April 1st as the start on the New Year were sometimes mocked and called fools. Later, April 1st became a day to commit pranks on your friends.

Cellular phone text-messaging is becoming the new way to communicate, and it helps to avoid eavesdropping. There are times when talking on the phone is inappropriate. Acronyms save people having to type as much with the tiny multi-letter keys. A few to remember:

TIA - Thanks In Advance

WYP - What's Your Point?

IMHO - In My Humble Opinion

CUL8R - See You Later

JTUSK - Just Thought yoU Should Know

TEOTWAWKI - The End Of The World As We Know It.

ROTFLSHISMC - Rolling On The Floor Laughing So Hard I Spilt My Coffee

'Stewardesses' is the longest word that is typed with only the left hand when 'touch-typing'.

Lots of great events at your **Palm Beach County Library**.
<http://www.pbclibrary.org/adult.htm>
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