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County Mensa #10-334



September 22--

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Bilbo and Frodo
Baggins!

Help Wanted

We are looking for circulation help with the PBCM newsletter. If you are just a *little bit interested*, check out the ad on the other side of this newsletter.

You have to check out the PBCM First Friday event! Good food and good conversation- this is a great part of Mensa!

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<http://palmbeach.us.mensa.org/>

Next Newsletter

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Notes from the Underground by Barry Karas

September, 2005

CHOCOLATE That's right, chocolate! All we have to do is test on NATIONAL TESTING DAY (Oct. 22, 2005) the amount of people that land us in the top five Mensa chapters. The number of people tested has nothing to do with the size of a group. E.g., I've been examining groups for years, and the largest group, Broward Mensa, does absolutely not have the largest NTD participation. So let us recruit many test-takers. Remember, NTD is next month, so we don't have that much time.

TALK Why don't you speak about PBCM and/or national Mensa if you do any public speaking, and have a choice as to what is said?

ANNIVERSARY Mensa will be 60 years old during 2006. To commemorate that event, American Mensa will be celebrating at Disney World. Details will follow.

NUMBERS As of July, 2005, there are over 40,000 members (nationally, not in PBC Mensa alone). There are 302 members in our chapter, chapter 334.

NEW MEMBERS Phyllis Jones; Sherry Rosen Brown; Caroline Slade; and Edward Sorenson III.

MENSA EDUCATION & RESEARCH FOUNDATION ("MERF") has been around for several years. What is it? MERF is a philanthropic, non-profit organization committed to the pursuit of excellence in the area of intelligence. There are four strategic groups:

- Scholarship Giving;
- Research;
- Education; and
- Awards.

MERF supports itself through monetary donations and is governed by a board of trustees. Details will follow...

REGIONAL VICE CHAIRPERSON Margaret (Maggie) Truelove has taken over from Elissa, the reins of the top officer in our region (Region 10). Elissa is now Second Vice Chairperson. Congratulations to both women.

TWO CENTS I received a bill from a credit card company. There is a balance due? Right? WRONG. The credit balance is for two cents. So then credit card company sent a check to me for \$.02. You figure it out.

INTERLOC I receive this magazine from the national office. It is designed for interested members and officers. HOWEVER, if you are very interested in Mensa, YOU can get this magazine sent to you.

September—	
Thu 1	1ST THURSDAY PUB NIGHT 7:00 pm. Bennigan's on Cypress Creek Road (just west of I-95, north side). For further information call Jason Knight , 954-969-0683. Broward Mensa
Fri 2	FIRST FRIDAY 7:00 pm at Payathai, NW corner of Congress Ave and Lantana Road, Lantana. RSVP Barry Karas , 561-964-4360 or bkaras@adelphia.net . Palm Beach County Mensa
Fri 2	BULLSIG 1:15 pm. North: California Pizza Kitchen, 2301 N. Federal Highway, Fort Lauderdale. Call Jackie Proudfoot , 954-920-3602. Broward Mensa
Fi 9	BULLSIG 1:15 pm. South: Sea Shanty, 3405 Griffin Road, Dania Beach. Call Jackie Proudfoot , 954-920-3602. Broward Mensa
Sat 10	MONTHLY PARTY, 7:00 pm at Ruby Allman and Jordan London's house in Hollywood. Conversation, some arguments, lots of debate, games, wonderful people, relaxation, and of course great food. It's Bring-A-Dish plus \$3.00 contribution. Oh - whoever left their serving/storage set here last time, please pick it up. You'll need it for this party. Please RSVP to Ruby Allman, 954-9961-7334. Broward Mensa
Tue 13	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.
Thu 15	3rd THURSDAY PUB NIGHT 7:00 pm. Bennigan's on Cypress Creek Road (just west of I-95, north side). For further information call Jason Knight , 954-969-0683. Broward Mensa
Fr 16	BULLSIG 1:15 pm. East: Southport Raw Bar, 1536 Cordova Road, Fort Lauderdale. Call Jackie Proudfoot , 954-920-3602 Broward Mensa
Sat 17	FALL INTO STEP (Don't "leaf "us behind) with Broward Mensa and join us for friends, fun and fabulous food at 8:00 at a covered-dish dinner at the home of Joe & Carol Lee Vitale , 3840 N.W. Third Terrace, Pompano Beach. RSVP to 954-781-7659. Pets. Smoking on the front porch or back deck. Broward Mensa
Sun 18	SUNDAY BRUNCH at Wat A Lunch & More. 11:00 am. Not your mother's bagel store...It's more! Wat A Lunch & More serves healthy, wholesome food made from the finest ingredients in a fun atmosphere. On Sundays they have a brunch featuring eggs, bacon, sausage, French toast, pancakes, home fries, blintzes, fruit, deserts and pastries for \$6.95 including beverage. <i>Wat a deal at Wat a Lunch.</i> See you there. 7130 North University Drive, Tamarac. It is across from University Hospital, near the Jewelry Exchange on the east side of University. RSVP to Micki Hawn at 954-345-1688. Broward Mensa
Sun 18	SNORKEL BISCAYNE NATIONAL UNDERWATER PARK - We take their boat out about 8 miles where there are reefs only 6 feet under water. Gorgeous fish, reefs, conger eels, and a totally wonderful time. You can stay in the water for up to 2 hours if you wish. Lunch afterward in nearby Florida City. Always a super time. You can car-pool if you wish. Cost: Members, including snorkel gear, \$40.00; Non-members, \$45.00. Contact Jordan London , 954-961-8286. Broward Mensa
Fri 23	BULLSIG 1:15 pm. West: Vila's Cuban Restaurant, 2027 S. State Road 7, Fort Lauderdale. Call Jackie Proudfoot , 954-920-3602. Broward Mensa
Sat 24	EXPLORE CAPTIVA/SANIBEL ISLANDS by bicycle. We will car-a-van there with our bicycles and ride around the areas. Almost all the damage done by the hurricanes in 2004 has been repaired, and the islands restored. We'll have lunch at a local restaurant while there. Car-pooling will be encouraged and facilitated. Nominal cost of \$5.00 for Members and non-Members; lunch not included. Contact Jordan London , 954-961-8286. Broward Mensa
Sun 25	Contact Donna Bognar , the North County Coordinator (Treasure Coast), for more details about their meets held at 5:30 PM at a local restaurant, on the last Sunday of the month. bobbiek@adelphia.net Treasure Coast
Fri 30	BULLSIG 1:15 pm. Wild: Swiss Chalet, 751 E. Commercial Blvd., Fort Lauderdale. Call Jackie Proudfoot , 954-920-3602. Broward Mensa
October—	
Sat 1	KAYAK THE LOXAHATCHEE RIVER. We start at Indiantown Road, paddle the upper hairpin-turns river to Trapper John's, where we will provide a delicious picnic lunch. From there, we make a decision whether to paddle to the take-out point in Jonathan Dickinson Park and be bused to our vehicles, or go back the way we came, and land at the Outfitter where we started out. A great paddle either way. Cost includes kayaks, accessories, lunch: \$45.00 members, \$50.00 non-members. Leader Jordan London , 954-961-8286. Broward Mensa
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Sat 8	MONTHLY PARTY AT RUBY AND JORDAN'S house in Hollywood at 7:00 pm. Games if you want them, talk is cheap and plentiful, the patio is just perfect for being outdoors under cover, the people are great, and the food (Bring A Dish) is super. \$3.00 contribution per person, members and non-members. Hostess (she's got the mostess') Ruby Allman , 954-961-7334. Broward Mensa
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Sat 22	Mensa National Testing Day!!! Contact a LocSec to book testing for Mensa hopefuls. For Palm Beach County, get details from Barry Karas , 561-964-4360 or bkaras@adelphia.net .

Help Wanted—

Joan Zieff has done a great job handling circulation for more than 2 years and deserves a break. The job entails affixing labels (supplied from the National Office) and seals to close the folded newsletter. Once done, the mgr. then delivers the newsletters to the Boca Raton post office. This is an easy job that really helps the PBCM, and gives an M (new or old) a chance to be involved in the group. If you are interested please call Elissa Rudolph at 561-496-0124 for more info.

North County Coordinator--

Lots of thanks to **Donna Bognar**, who is passing over her responsibilities as North County Coordinator to **Bobbie Kadlec**.

Member News—

Palm Beach County Mensa ended July with 325 members. We gained 4 brand new, renewing or moving into our area. Welcome or welcome back to: **Phyllis Jones**, **Carolyn K. Slade**, **Edward Nils Sorensen II**, and **Ms. Sherry Rosen Brown**. Come on out to an event (the **First Friday** is an event favorite), organize one yourself, or write an article for this newsletter.

Call for Articles—

We are looking for articles and requests for articles from our members. The Ms in our county have a diverse knowledge of all kinds of fascinating things. Email the editor with your ideas: mena@ritchason.net

The Tenth Story—

RVC Column by Maggie Truelove

Most of you had reports of the AG in your newsletters in August, so I won't go on and on about all the wonderful things that took place. I will say that if you missed the AG, you missed a whopper of a good time! Next year, of course, is the World Gathering, right here in the heart of Region 10, in August. Don't miss that one! And remember to get in touch with **Kay Klasen**, volunteer coordinator, to let her know how you would like to help. We hope everyone attending will volunteer to help, even if it is just for an hour.

We can all be proud of the Region 10 folks who received awards at the Awards Luncheon at the AG. In the PRP awards, Special Mention Awards went to editors **Mark Puddephat** (Miami's Flamenco, for numerous excellent continuing items) and **Edgar Coudal** (Manasota's 4M, for "The Way We Were"). Region 10 had only one team place in the money in Culture Quest, and that was the Buns Da Winsin's Next Generation team from Southwest by South, **Zack Mooney**, captain. **Nancy Heinrich** of Manasota was awarded an ABBIE Proctor of the Year Award. We can be especially proud of **Keri Guilbault** from Central Florida Mensa. She was given a National Chair's Award for her work on the new gifted children's handbook, as well as the Community Activities Program award in the Gifted Children Category, for the Junior Engineer Day she single-handedly brought about last fall.

So far, I have only received feedback from one group, Broward, regarding what is done to welcome new members to your group. I am looking forward to hearing from everyone else soon.

I wish there were awards I could give to all of the hard working volunteers across the Region. You know who you are. You are the LocSecs and treasurers and editors and proctors of every local group. You are the Gifted Children's Coordinators and hosts of parties for your fellow Mensans. You all work hard, all year long, to make your local group and Region 10 and American Mensa great! Why not take a few minutes this month to say THANK YOU or give a pat on the back to the ones who keep your local group going? They deserve it.

Have you registered for Tampa Bay's Oktoberfest RG next month? It isn't too late, you know. Contact **Dan Chesnut** (DChesnut@tampabay.rr.com) for information or to register - or see the Bulletin or the website for more details. See you there!

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