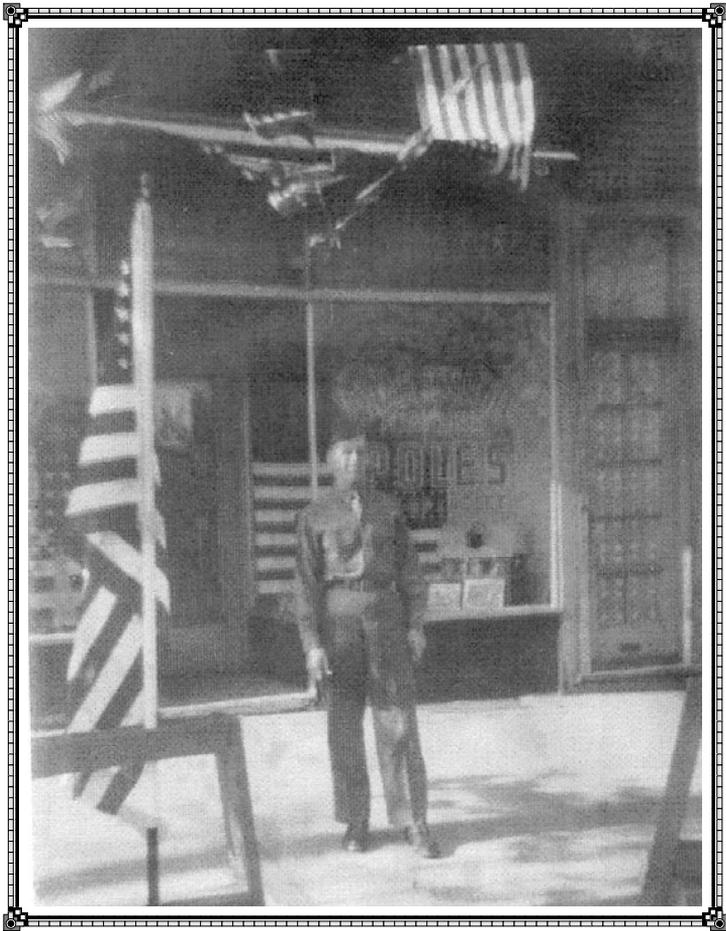


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Scholarship Notice!

Rita Johnson-Aronna, Scholarship Chair

The 2005 Jim Johnson/Doug Pearson Scholarship for \$500.00 is available from the Space Coast Area Mensa to a student attending a local area college. Any student may qualify. To qualify for this scholarship, the student must submit an essay stating how he or she would benefit from the Scholarship award, The essay must be typed double spaced, and contain no more than 500 words. This Scholarship may be used at any local college in Brevard County, plus Indian River Community College.

The deadline is **July 15, 2005**. Student's name or personal information are not required. We prefer some form of college ID number or other number familiar to the Financial Aid coordinator so selection can be based objectively from the essay.

The essay should be submitted to:

Rita Johnson-Aronna, Scholarship Chair
151 Nemo Circle NE
Palm Bay FL 32907

All submissions must be received by the Editor before the 10th of the month preceding publication. Please allow extra time for mailed submissions, which may be **typed** or **legibly handwritten**. Whenever possible, we prefer submissions via e-mail. They may be in **e-mail text** or any of most **word processing** formats. **All** submissions should be sent to the **Editor**, whose contact information appears above.

Episode 14.8: It was a dark and stormy night...

It should not have happened, but one thing is certain: it did happen. Defying Heisenberg's Uncertainty Principle and involving all sorts of carbohydrate calamities, it looks like the Wabasso Triangle has struck again.

Anthony T. Chianti, Licensed Private Eye and Indian River Community Pasta Detective, reporting:

But first, here's this month's Oat Cuisine Tip: Those pointy orange things in the produce department are actually carrots, but without the cake.

And here's an urgent Community Bulletin Update: It's so stinking hot outside that tonight's sweat lodge has been cancelled.

It was Monday, last Monday, and it wasn't a very good start to the week, what with one thing and another. I'm not sure what caused it, but all my underwear is now the color of Pepto-Bismol.

As if that wasn't enough, the computer died again. Well, that wasn't enough either. As Chairman Mao said, "The journey of a thousand miles begins with a single car key." And the keys were nowhere to be found. Naturally, I hot-wired my faithful Buick Testudo and she was running in a couple of minutes. I scraped aside a few mushrooms in the trunk and loaded up the computer, then drove over to my hi-tech buddy's, Noel Modem.

"Chianti – that's Italian, right?"

"Sure."

"So you must be Catholic then, because there's something I've always wanted to ask. If the Pope, you know, when he arrives on the plane and walks down the steps, if he really, really liked the country, would he French kiss the ground?"

On the way home I wound down the window and popped in an eight track of my favourite jazz guitarist – Pat Metheny. It was too nice to go straight home. What a beautiful day I thought to myself. I turned up the music and headed for the River.

I was stopped at a traffic light when, suddenly, it went dark. Strange, I thought, this can mean only one thing: the Wabasso Triangle has struck again. Or maybe it's a solar eclipse. But no, a Suzuki Saskatchewan had stopped next to me. I hate SUVs – big ugly things. They're nothing but station wagons that fall over.

Not that my car is small; my mom always refers to it as the: "Liberian-Registered Buick Testudo." Family – you gotta love 'em. I used to play with my grandfather until I was in sixth grade – his ashes were in my Etch-a-Sketch.

As I pulled away the tape started playing faster and faster until it was a job to keep up. Fortunately, I was now within range of my favorite radio station. Lately, I've been getting into crossover music. Like, at the moment I'm really into White Supremacist Gospel.

Parking beside the Causeway, I walked over to the river bank and sat down. This was always a favorite meditation spot, somewhere to go when I needed to think things through, like those troubling times when I start to question the futility of existence, or when I'm beset with niggling doubts. Or even big doubts, like: did those panties I bought on eBay really belong to Anna Kornicova?

I was mentally plotting my autobiography, and just reached Chapter 6, The Vietnam Years, but in any case I couldn't remember the name of that bar in Montreal. . . .

It was dark when a mosquito woke me up. Fortunately, years of Pasta Detective training paid off and I immediately realized the problem: it was a dark and stormy night. Night again? Didn't we have one of those yesterday?

Pity, I was hoping to catch that new series I heard about – Fibonacci. Sounds popular. Apparently the numbers are going up every week. It would have made a nice change from reruns of Wabasso Five-O with that miserable Steve McGemelli.

The car started OK without keys, my alligator clips must still be in place. It was only when I arrived home that I realized the problem, but breaking into my own house should be straightforward for someone trained in alternative information gathering techniques.

Maybe it was my nosey neighbors, for someone called the police just because I was stuck halfway in the bathroom window for a couple of hours.

"Chianti, what are you up to this time?" It was Detective-Inspector "Raving" Ravioli of the Serious Pasta Crimes Squad.

"Ravioli, thank God you've arrived. Speaking to you is always a breath of fresh air. Well, apart from the halitosis."

Well, amazing but true, and it can only have happened here. That's about it for this month's update from the Wabasso Triangle.

Anthony Chianti, Indian River Community Pasta Detective, signing off.
Bed 23, Men's Surgical Ward, Indian River Memorial Hospital.

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At the time of her construction in 2003, the Queen Mary 2 was, in every dimension, the largest passenger ship ever built. However, she will lose this title to Royal Caribbean's new class of mega-ships in May 2006. The *Freedom of the Seas* will have almost a 5,000 passenger capacity. But QM2 will remain as the largest ocean liner. While the QM2 is the largest passenger ship, there are larger ships. A 461-meter long supertanker, the Knock Nevis, built in 1979, currently holds the record for sheer size. Additionally, the U.S. Navy's USS Enterprise and Nimitz-class super carriers all are considerably greater in displacement. Each of Royal Caribbean's Voyager class of cruise ships (Voyager of the Seas, Mariner of the Seas, Explorer of the Seas, Adventure of the Seas, and Navigator of the Seas) although

physically smaller, has greater passenger capacities, 3,838 or 3,840. The Princess class of cruise ships, of which there are seven, are yet smaller, but they all have larger passenger capacities (3100) than the QM2.

Ocean liners differ from cruise ships in several respects. Generally, the cabins and the public areas are larger on ocean liners. This is important on a trans-Atlantic voyages and round-the-world cruises as it is not possible to get off every day or every other day in mid-ocean to stretch one's legs. Cruise ships rarely go more than one day at sea without stopping at a port. The QM2 has a smaller passenger capacity than smaller sized cruise ships even though it is a larger ship.

The cabins on the QM2 are significantly larger than those on most cruise ships. Standard cabins measure 194 square feet, some have four-foot to eight-foot-deep balconies.

Every cabin in the classes above the Standard Cabin has a private balcony. Deluxe cabins measure 291 square feet. Seventy-eight suites each measure 388 square feet. Six penthouses at 570 square feet have butler and concierge service. Four deluxe penthouses, overlooking the bow, measure between 861 and 1,076 square feet, can be combined together and connected with two of the suites to create a single

HMS Queen Mary 2

Length: 345 meters (1,132 feet)

Beam: 40 meters (135 feet)

Beam at Bridge Wings: 45 meters (147.5 feet)

Draft: 10 meters (32 feet 10 inches)

Height (Keel to Funnel): 72 meters (236.2 feet)

Gross Registered Tonnage: Approximately 150,000

Passengers: 2,620

Crew: 1,253

Top Speed: Approximately 30 knots (34.5 mph)

Power: 157,000 H.P. gas turbine / diesel electric plant

Propulsion: Four pods of 20 MW each. 2 fixed and 2 rotatable for steering assistance and docking.

Strength: Extra thick steel hull for strength and stability for transatlantic crossings.

Stabilizers: Two sets

Cost: \$800 million

living area totaling more than 5,000 square feet. Five duplex apartments, which are two stories high, measure more than 1,650 square feet with a two-story glass wall. Duplex apartments can be connected to penthouses to create a 2,220-square-foot living space, an accommodation choice unrivalled on any other passenger ship.

Trans-Atlantic liners are also constructed differently than cruise ships. Their hulls are deeper, the hull plates are thicker (one inch in the case of the QM2), and the bulkheads are stronger to better withstand the rigors of a North Atlantic winter crossing. On our trip from New York to Southampton we encountered 40-foot waves, but we hardly noticed it in our cabin or in the public rooms. Because of her length, the ship rode over several waves rather than dipping from trough to crest. The deeper hull along with the four stabilizers almost eliminated rolling.

Because of the deeper keel, ocean liners cannot anchor in smaller harbors the way cruise ships do. They must omit many ports from their itiner-



aries, or use tenders to get their passengers ashore.

On a cruise the ports of call are as important, if not more important, than life aboard the ship. Because on trans-Atlantic crossings passengers are confined to the ship for six days and nights, the entertainment goes on all day, every day and there are more and larger public rooms to sit, to read, to play board games, or to have a drink.

On the QM2 a professional theater group, the Royal Academy of Dramatic Arts, puts on two shows on each crossing. Daytime lectures by teachers from Oxford University are given three times daily. Evenings aboard the QM2 are formal. Most men wear dinner suits and the women are in long gowns. One evening is styled “informal” which on the QM2 means jacket and tie for the men.

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The QM2 is essentially a three-class ship as designated by the three main dining rooms, the Britannia, the Princess Grill, and the Queens Grill. The dining room to which a passenger is assigned is determined by the class of cabin purchased. The Britannia, the main dining room, is two stories tall and seats 1,200 in each of two sittings for dinner. The other main dining rooms have one sitting. Other dining accommodations include the King' Court, a buffet restaurant for breakfast and lunch and which is converted into a group of specialty restaurants for the evening meal. Other specialty restaurants, such as the Lion's Club, a pub, and Todd English require additional payment.

QM2's amenities include 15 restaurants and bars, five swimming pools, a casino, a ballroom, two auditoria, and a planetarium. The library would do a small city proud. The Queen's Room is a ballroom with the largest dance floor afloat. A dance orchestra plays there every evening. The Queen's Room also is used for afternoon tea. A string quartet plays at dinner in the main dining room and in the rotunda after the evening shows.

The QM2 is not a steamship like her predecessors. The propulsion system is radically different than the older mode in which the propellers are driven directly from inboard mounted diesel or steam-turbine engines. On the QM2 gas turbines and diesels power electric generators. Four electric motors are mounted in pods outside the hull of the ship and these drive the propellers. This system opens up more space in the bowels of the ship and provides better control of the propeller speeds and directions, especially as two of the electric motor pods are fixed and two can swivel to aid steering and docking.



Greetings Fellow SCAM Members,

First of all - I would like to congratulate and welcome all of my fellow new (and not so new) ExComm members. Thanks for stepping up and choosing to help make a difference for us all. I would also like to extend my deepest gratitude to our departing ExComm members, Sam Kirschten, Suzanne Leichtling and Helen Lee Moore - you guys are awesome and will be missed.

You're going to find this hard to believe, but we have to begin planning for our Regional Gathering (RG) that, following a long chain of tradition, should be held in late October 2006. I know it seems early, but with the reduction of "convention-type" accommodations in the area as a result of the hurricanes, we have to at least start looking for and reserving a location. Unfortunately, the talk on the street is that Holiday Inn-Oceanfront, our longtime, traditional site, is turning the Penthouse into a group of standard hotel rooms, so we need to find another location.

Ideally, we would like to find a Chairperson for the event. This job would consist of planning, managing, organizing, documenting and presenting a reasonably well financed, Friday evening to Sunday afternoon party for up to 150 people. You will be assisted by a team of sub-chairpersons, who will take charge of responsibilities such as Hotel Liaison, Registrar, Hospitality, Events...etc. If you are unable to commit to chairing this project, there is no reason why we can't have a member beginning to take care of some of the sub-chair responsibilities. If you would like to help with this project, please feel free to contact me, or better yet, join us at the next ExComm Meeting (time and location listed elsewhere in this publication).

There is also another item I would like to touch on. There has been a recent trend of decreasing social gathering opportunities among the membership. This past year has been a trying one for everyone in the area, and the basic shell-shock from what we went through late last Summer with the hurricanes may have left many of us feeling a little less "in-control" and little less interested in organizing or hosting a social event for the membership. Many of our members feel that the opportunity to spend some time with each other is the most important benefit of being a member of SCAM.

So if you are ready to get back into the swing of things (or ready to help the rest of us to), please let us know if you would like to plan an event or even host one yourself. Generally, we're a pretty well-behaved group, and with a little encouragement have even been known to clean up after ourselves (or at least chip in to help defray the cost to the host).

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To the SCAM Membership and ExComm:

The Audit Committee has examined the records and documentation of the financial transactions of Space Coast Area Mensa for the period **May 1, 2004 to April 30, 2005.**

Examination of all journals, receipts, bank statements and Treasurer's Reports revealed no discrepancies.

Account balances were as follows:

Scholarship	\$ 762.20
General Fund CD	\$3000.00
RG Fund Account	\$ 209.30
USPS Drawing Account	\$ 148.48
General Fund Account	\$ 844.76

Additionally the Audit Committee commends Helen Lee Moore for her diligence and meticulous records!

Respectfully submitted,

Doug Starke
Wynn Rostek
Theresa Valek

A signed and dated copy of this report is on file with the Treasurer.

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If you contact me, I will help you get the word out, or better yet, contact our most excellent SCAM Newsletter Editor, Mike Moakley, and have him list your event in the next issue.

Hope to see you all soon,

Joe Smith
Member-At-Large 2005-06

We always hear "the rules" from the female side. Now here are the rules from the male side. These are our rules!

Please note... these are all numbered "1" ON PURPOSE!

1. Learn to work the toilet seat. You're a big girl. If it's up, put it down. We need it up, you need it down. You don't hear us complaining about you leaving it down.

1. Sunday sports. It's like the full moon or the changing of the tides. Let it be.

1. Shopping is NOT a sport. And no, we are never going to think of it that way.

1. Crying is blackmail.

1. Ask for what you want. Let us be clear on this one: Subtle hints do not work! Strong hints do not work! Obvious hints do not work! Just say it!

1. Yes and No are perfectly acceptable answers to almost every question.

1. Come to us with a problem only if you want help solving it. That's what we do. Sympathy is what your girlfriends are for.

1. A headache that lasts for 17 months is a problem. See a doctor.

1. Anything we said 6 months ago is inadmissible in an argument. In fact, all comments become null and void after 7 days.

1. If you won't dress like the Victoria's Secret girls, don't expect us to act like soap opera guys.

1. If you think you're fat, you probably are. Don't ask us.

1. If something we said can be interpreted two ways and one of the ways makes you sad or angry, we meant the other one.

1. You can either ask us to do something or tell us how you want it done. Not both. If you already know best how to do it, just do it yourself.

1. Whenever possible, please say whatever you have to say during commercials.

1. Christopher Columbus did not need directions and neither do we.

1. ALL men see in only 16 colors, like Windows default settings. Peach, for example, is a fruit, not a color. Pumpkin is also a fruit. We have no idea what mauve is.

1. If it itches, it will be scratched. We do that.

1. If we ask what is wrong and you say "nothing," we will act like nothing's wrong. We know you are lying, but it is just not worth the hassle.

1. If you ask a question you don't want an answer to, expect an answer you don't want to hear.

1. When we have to go somewhere, absolutely anything you wear

is fine...Really.

1. Don't ask us what we're thinking about unless you are prepared to discuss such topics as baseball, the shotgun formation, or monster trucks.

1. You have enough clothes.

1. You have too many shoes.

1. I am in shape. Round is a shape.

1. Thank you for reading this. Yes, I know, I have to sleep on the couch tonight; but did you know men really don't mind that? It's like camping.

***EDITOR'S NOTE:** The preceding is NOT copyrighted material; thus, it is not covered by The SCAM's copyright. It was sent to me via e-mail with the invitation to "pass it on". The reader is likewise invited to pass this on to the person of his or her choice. Many thanks to my brother Chris in Pennsylvania for passing this on to me.*

Writer's Block

Mike Moakley, SCAM Editor

With a new ExComm having been seated, The SCAM begins its new year. Having been reappointed by the new ExComm, I continue to be Editor of The SCAM. It has been my pleasure serving in this capacity since I started with the November 2003 issue; I look forward to yet another year.

I offer my congratulations to all the new (and not-so-new) officers, and express my appreciation to them for having sufficient faith in me to allow me to continue as Editor. I also appreciate the support I have received from the outgoing ExComm, as well as their service and dedication to all the members of the Space Coast Area Mensa.

I also appreciate all the people who, each month, help me convert each issue of The SCAM from concept to reality. This includes Kat, our Calendar Coordinator, Clara and J.T., our Circulation staff, our writers, and our Past Editors J. T. Moran and Helen Lee Moore who provide me immeasurable help and guidance in the production of The SCAM. I look forward to continuing to work with you in the year to come.

Once again, I extend the invitation to each and every member of SCAM to contribute to this newsletter. Do you have a topic of interest to you, but does not appear in The SCAM? Write about it and submit it to me. Publication guidelines are found on Page Three of every issue. As the new year begins, I would like to see more variety published in The SCAM. Whether or not this happens, however, is up to you.

Have you seen all those big full page ads for hedge funds in the Wall Street Journal, the Financial Times, Investors Business Daily? You haven't. Maybe they are being drowned out by the regular mutual funds who continually tell you how great they are.

Shucks! I forgot. Hedge funds are not allowed to advertise. I wonder why. Maybe they think that their potential customers are too dumb to know that hedge funds are a poor investment. Could be. The Securities and Exchange Commission is trying to protect investors – I think?

To be able to buy into a hedge fund the smallest investor must have a net worth of \$1,000,000 and an income of more than \$200,000 per year. Maybe the SEC doesn't think these folks are bright enough to know a good thing when they see it.

There are other groups that are major investors with the hedge funds. Literally billions of dollars are invested by university endowments, charitable trusts, state and corporate pension plans. Could it be that they have a better return than regular mutual funds? Naw! The media would tell you wouldn't they?

The media is there to report the facts. It is hard to believe that just because a large portion of their income is from advertising revenues of mutual funds that they would be lax about this.

If you were a fund manager and your fund was under performing and it was reported in the local paper, TV, or radio would you pay them to carry your advertising? You sure would not want to be compared with performance of a hedge fund.

What is it that makes the difference of a standard mutual fund with a hedge fund? Why does the smart money gravitate to them? One word. Performance. A regular hedge fund manager is paid on HOW MUCH money he has in his fund and not on how much he makes for the investor. The hedge fund manager is paid a percentage of the PROFITS he makes for the investors. No profit means no bonus so he better do the job or he will be out of a job. Smart money moves. It moves to where the profit is being made.

The SEC will not allow standard mutual fund managers to be compensated in this manner. Their claim is that it will be too dangerous for the small investor. Hog wash! If a fund is losing money the little guy should be selling his current funds like the smart money and finding a better performing fund. None of the media recommend this to the little guy.

My guess is there are enough intelligent fund managers who would like to be paid for performance and would set up no-load funds to attract investors. The SEC seems to think more of the funds than they do of the smaller investors.

It is a shame you can't check the advertising claims of standard mutual funds against the returns of hedge funds.

Al Thomas' best selling book, "If It Doesn't Go Up, Don't Buy It!" has helped thousands of people make money and keep their profits with his simple 2-step method. Read the first chapter at www.mutualfundmagic.com and discover why he's the man that Wall Street does not want you to know.

The committee thanks all who agreed to run. We apologize to Jason Brugman for the mistake of leaving his name off of the ballot – it was purely accidental.

We are extending a very big “thank you” to all who voted. The elections could not take place without your assistance. As a note, we did not have to reject any ballots for failure to follow the rule of placing the ballot into a seal, unmarked inner envelope (though some got creative) or for being a lapsed member but voting anyway. Those were the two big reasons for rejecting ballots in the past. The only other reason a ballot is not counted is when it arrives after the deadline. There has been only one ballot falling into that category.

The full results (numbers of ballots cast, counted, the count per candidate, etc) was available for 60 days after the election – which, coincidentally was exactly the time frame in which a challenge could occur.

A Reminder from the Editor

- **All Newsletter** submissions are due on the **10th**. Items for the **Calendar** are due on the **8th**.
- **All** correspondence sent to The SCAM may, at the Editor’s discretion, be published in The SCAM, **unless** it is marked “NFP” or “**Not for publication**”.
- **All** opinions on a topic are welcome; none are censored. However, attacks on members, and other offensive material are **not** welcome.
- **Opinions** you disagree with are **not**, solely for such reason, included in the category of offensive material.

Welcome to SCAM

Michael Friedman
Jenifer Zito

***Welcome to SCAM
and Mensa:***

Christopher Johnson
Kaye McKee

***Welcome Back to
SCAM:***

Jennifer Duggan
Barbara Ann O’Donnell



July Birthday Greetings!

01-John Redmond
05-Robert Tuck
08-Helen Lee Moore
13-Dale Irwin
20-Jeffrey Barbour
20-Betty Valentine
24-Sandra Hense
28-William Anderson
28-Thomas Wheat
31-Greer Maeder



My sincere apologies to **Richard Kerlin**, who celebrated his 88th birthday **June 21**, not the 24th as reported last month.

There is a lot happening this month! First, welcome to our new Ex-Comm!

Be sure to visit our website at <http://spacecoastareamensa.org> to see the most current calendar and our new Wiki! What is a wiki, you say? According to its inventor, Ward Cunningham, Wiki is "The simplest online database that could possibly work." That really doesn't explain it, though. Essentially, wiki is a website that anyone can edit, regardless of their knowledge or lack of it of programming or markup languages. This makes it an ideal environment for collaborative writing and communications. One very famous and successful example of Wiki can be found at <http://en.wikipedia.org> which is a free online encyclopedia that is very good indeed. It is right up to the minute and has an incredible number of in-depth entries contributed by subject experts all over the world.

You can get to our Wiki directly by surfing to <http://wiki.spacecoastareamensa.org> or from a link on the SCAM homepage. Once there, however, you will just see a title page with a field to enter a password. That word (for now) is "mensa" -- all lower-case, but without the quote marks. After you type that in, be sure to hit the "enter" or "return" key to send the password to the server, and then you'll see the real Wiki.

Please feel free to play around with it, create new pages, edit existing ones, and generally have a good time. Remember to sign your work, though! Only the last person to edit a page is listed on the page itself, although each contributor has a list by their name of all the pages they've edited on the "Author" page. Editing instructions are available when you click the "Edit" button at the bottom of each page, and there is also a page about "How to use this Wiki", so there's no excuse not to give it a whirl.

Other events this month, besides the usual ones, include a new "Games Night at the Miller's" hosted by our new ExComm Recording Secretary, Cliff Miller, and his wife and son. That sounds like a lot of fun. See the calendar listing for more details.

Since I'm going to be out of town several weeks this month, I will not be able to make it to C.A.B.A.G.E. South . We're going to Ireland for 2 weeks, then I've got a business trip to Atlanta scheduled toward the end of the month.

Cheers,
Kat

SCAM Calendar of Events for July 2005

6th - Wednesday 6:00 PM

COFFEE, ETC.

Come join us at the House of Joe, 1224 W. New Haven Ave., Melbourne. Great place for a get-together over coffee; a free Wi-fi connection is featured for those so inclined. *One of our best regular events.*

Contact: *Trish Thornton, e-mail: coffeetc@spacecoastareamensa.org*

9th - Saturday 12:00 PM

MOVIES AT THE METRO...?

...or perhaps some place else?

Please be sure to call Rita to find out the final location for this event...One thing is for sure, it will be lots of fun at minimal cost. So, why not take a chance?

Contact: *Rita Johnson-Aronna, 676-5999, e-mail: flix@spacecoastareamensa.org*

13th - Wednesday 6:00 PM

THAI ONE ON

Once again, let's orient our taste buds to some excellent Thai fare at **Thai Thai 2**, 2320 North Hwy. A1A, in Satellite Beach. It is located behind Ichabod's. See you there!

Host: *Katherine Cochrane, 432-9703.*

17th - Sunday 11:00 AM

BRUNCH WITH JIM

Join Jim for Sunday Brunch at the Colossus Restaurant, 380 N. Wickham Road, in Melbourne. You must arrive on time or you may not be seated with our group.

Contact: *Jim Trammel, 242-8985.*

23rd - Saturday 6:00 PM

GAMES NIGHT

Join us for Games Night at the Miller's. Games provided for adults and gifted children 11 and up...or bring your own. Event will be coordinated with Palm Beach Mensa. Location: 916 47th Ave., Vero Beach. **\$3 kitty, NS, NP, RSVP.**

Contact: *Cliff Miller, vblawyer@bellsouth.net.*

30th - Saturday 6:00 PM

S.N.O.R.T.

Join us for some sushi and tempura at The SCAM's best attended event at Miyako's, 1411 S. Harbor City Blvd. (US#1) in Melbourne.

Contact: *Your Newsletter Editor, or e-mail: snort@spacecoastareamensa.org.*

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PUZZLES (While supplies last) **WAS NOW**

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7834 * THE STATUE OF LIBERTY: Written Images from the Words of the US constitution" 1,000 pieces	\$12	\$ 8

PERFALOCK PUZZLES

7849 WINGMASTER - 1,000 pieces	\$10	\$ 6
7850 FAIR TALES -1,000 pieces	\$10	\$ 6
7851 SUMMER JOY - 1,000 pieces	\$10	\$ 6
7852 COUNTRY COOKING - 1,000 pieces	\$10	\$ 6
7853 BERRY CONTENTED - 500 pieces	\$ 6	\$ 4
7854 THE ATTACK - 500 pieces	\$ 6	\$ 4
7855 THE TIGER - 500 pieces	\$ 6	\$ 4
7856 SANCTUARY - 400 pieces	\$ 6	\$ 4

MINI PUZZLES - approx 70 pieces each

7770 SUBMERSIBLE	\$ 7	\$ 5
EGYPTIAN TOMB	\$ 7	\$ 5
AMBULANCE	\$ 7	\$ 5
TOW TRUCK	\$ 7	\$ 5
HELICOPTER	\$ 7	\$ 5
POLICE CAR	\$ 7	\$ 5
4x4	\$ 7	\$ 5
STEALTH FIGHTER	\$ 7	\$ 5
TRACTOR TRAILER	\$ 7	\$ 5
BULLDOZER	\$ 7	\$ 5
SPACE SHUTTLE DISCOVERY	\$ 7	\$ 5

BRICK & STONE MORTAR PUZZLES

7882 LONDON TOWER BRIDGE	\$30	\$25
7881 MAYAN TEMPLE	\$30	\$25

GAMES

GE63 PIN ART	\$20	\$10
BG57 IMAGINIFF	\$30	\$20
BG61 FINISH LINES	\$30	\$25
BG73 GIVE & TAKE	\$25	\$15
BG132 OUT OF CONTROL	\$13	\$10

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BE114 Making MASKS	\$ 6	\$ 2
BE115 MAKING KITES	\$ 6	\$ 2
BE116 PAPER MACHE	\$ 6	\$ 2
BE117 JEWELRY MAKING	\$ 6	\$ 2
BE118 PRINT MAKING	\$ 6	\$ 2
BE119 CREATIVE CRAFTS	\$ 6	\$ 2
BE120 CHILDREN'S COSTUMES	\$ 6	\$ 2
BE121 PAPER CRAFTS	\$ 6	\$ 2
BE122 MAKING MODELS	\$ 6	\$ 2
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“He shall have Power, by and with the Advice and Consent of the Senate, to make Treaties, provided two thirds of the Senators present concur; and he shall nominate, and by and with the Advice and Consent of the Senate, shall appoint Ambassadors, other public Ministers and Consuls, Judges of the supreme Court, and all other Officers of the United States...”

That is the opening phrase of Article II, Section 2, Clause 2 of the Constitution of the United States. “He” refers to the President of the United States.

This phrase is interpreted by the Left to mean that the President only has power if the Senate agrees. Well, in a sense that is true. But, and this is a big BUT, that would mean the Senate as a whole. Not the eighteen members of the Senate Judiciary Committee, nor the few Senators who threaten filibusters of nominees. And most especially not The Incompetent Seven .

The Incompetent Seven are comprised of Republican Senators Mike DeWine of Ohio, Susan Collins of Maine, Lindsey Graham of South Carolina, Lincoln Chaffee of Rhode Island, John McCain of Arizona, John W. Warner of Virginia and Olympia J. Snowe of Maine. Purportedly “moderate” (at least when being lauded by the Liberal media), their *American Conservative Union* ratings run from a high (*most conservative*) of 91 for Senator Graham to a low (*most liberal*) of 41 for Senator Chafee. Senators Snowe and Collins are barely above 50, and Senators DeWine, McCain and Warner have been trending downward (toward the Left) by more than 10 points since 2004.

Even so, they are true centrists when compared to The Sinister Seven. This crew is made up of Democrat Senators Ben Nelson of Nebraska, Joe Lieberman of Connecticut, Mark Pryor of Arkansas, Robert C. Byrd of West Virginia, Mary L. Landrieu of Louisiana, Ken Salazar of Colorado and Daniel K. Inouye of Hawaii. Also referred to as “moderate” and “centrist” by the media, their voting records reflect a different reality.

As rated by the *Americans for Democratic Action* the Sinister Seven liberalism runs from a high (*most liberal*) of 100 for Senator Inouye to a low (*most conservative*) of 65 for Senator Nelson. Only Senator Salazar did not receive a Liberal rating, but that was because he is unrated, having only been elected in 2004.

Both rating organizations consider a rating of 50, plus/minus 15 points, to be “moderate”. Based on their voting records, not a one of the Democrats can truly be considered as moderate. In fact, they are, for the most part, far to the left of center, whereas the Republicans have one true conservative (Graham) with the rest within 15 points of center.

So where do you find a median point when the compromise is between far left Democrats and moderate Republicans? One thing is for sure, it is not in what anyone would call the “centrist” zone.

The agreement between these factions allows a minority party, in fact a single minority Senator, to dictate which nominee of a majority party President will receive a vote by the entire Senate. It does not guarantee against filibusters, real or threatened.

“Signatories will exercise their responsibilities under the Advice and Consent Clause of the United States Constitution in good faith. Nominees should only be filibustered under extraordinary circumstances, and each signatory must use his or her own discretion and judgment in determining whether such circumstances exist.”

Thus reads the “Future Nominations” clause of the agreement. And it only took three days for these “extraordinary” circumstances to appear.

Part of the agreement between Senate leaders Frist and Reid was that UN Ambassador-nominee John Bolton would get his up-or-down vote in the full Senate. But when the vote for cloture was called it failed 56 - 42 with Dem signatories Byrd, Salazar, Lieberman and Inouye voting against cloture. Minority Leader Reid initially stated on the floor of the Senate that ***“We’re not here to filibuster Bolton, we’re here to get information on Bolton.”***, but later, still from the floor, stated: ***“This is the first filibuster that’s been conducted in this Congress...”***

The vote for cloture on Bolton was the first issue brought up for consideration since the signing of the “agreement” by the Gang of Fourteen.

Republicans have apparently never been comfortable in the role of the majority power. They have, since the 2000 election when they surrendered the majority-vote status Vice President Cheney gave them and agreed to “share power”, never acted as the majority power. They have consistently surrendered to the Liberal media-supported Democrat demands for “comity”, “friendship”, and “good-faith”. Such capitulations are a betrayal of the voters who put them in the majority, as well as evidence of either extreme naivety, incompetence, or just plain stupidity, because:

To believe in the “good faith” and “discretion and judgment” of liberal Democrats regarding conservative nominees - Stupid.

To believe that the Democrats would give up any power or opportunity to prevent the nomination of constructionist judges by President Bush - Very Stupid.

To believe that six far-left Democrats with a combined average liberal rating of 83 would adhere to the spirit of the agreement - Incredibly Stupid.

To believe that the Democrats would have sought such an agreement, or allowed such an agreement to be made by their members if they were in the majority, or will adhere to it if they achieve majority status - Criminally Stupid.

To believe that the media would have been, or will be supportive of a Republican minority seeking such a restriction of the power of a liberal majority - Brain Dead.

Republican Senators need to smarten up before the people who voted for them do.

Deb's Corner

Hi,

Are you concerned about our environment, but maybe at a loss as to how you can make a difference? Here are a couple of ideas. I have found websites containing suggestions that anyone can use.

The first one, Backyardbrevard.com, may be of interest to any Brevard homeowner. According to their home page:

“Project Backyard Brevard was created as a means to encourage each citizen of Brevard County to take responsibility for their own piece of the local environment...their own homes and yards. Our aim is to provide information to all residents, old and new alike, about what they can do as individuals to help protect the wildlife and natural habitat that make Brevard so special and unique. By focusing on their own piece of property, we believe that each citizen can make a difference in habitat preservation throughout the county.”

The second deals with recycling things you no longer want or need. Their info is below:

Florida Reusable Resources Network Brevard County, Reusable Resources Association, Institute for Self Active Education
P.O. Box 511001, Melbourne Beach, FL 32951
Tel: 321-984-1018 or 321-729-0100, Fax: 321-729-6796 or 321-984-9090.
E-mail: dr-drew@earthlink.net, website: www.reusableresources.org.

In Indian River County, contact:

Reusable Resources Recovery Center Indian River County,
Old City Hall Annex (Main St.), Sebastian, FL 32958
Tel: 772-388-5472, e-mail: carolynKIRB@aol.com, website: <http://www.kirb.org/>

Thank you for visiting my corner,
See you at the library!

Deb

Submitted for your consideration, the source of a recent controversy:

“...And finally, New Rule: The people in America who are most in favor of the Iraq war must now go there and fight it. The Army missed its recruiting goal by 42% last month. More people joined the Michael Jackson Fan Club. ‘We’ve done picked all the low-lying Lynndie England fruit.’ And now we need warm bodies. We need warm bodies like Paula Abdul needs...warm bodies! ...Well, if we’re that certain these days that George Bush is always that right about everything, then going to Iraq to fulfill the glorious leader’s vision would seem the least one could do. And, hey, if it makes it any easier for you, just think of it as a reality show... ‘Survivor: Sunni Triangle’...Now, I know you’re thinking, ‘But, Bill, I already do my part with the ‘Support Our Troops’ magnet I have on my Chevy Tahoe. How much more can one man give?’ Well, here’s an intriguing economic indicator. It’s been over a year since they graduated, but neither of the Bush twins has been able to find work. Why don’t they sign up? Do they hate America or just freedom in general? ...And that goes for everybody who helped sell this war. You’ve got to go first. ... Ann Coulter, darling, trust me, you will love the Army. You think you make up [stuff]... Curt Schilling, b-bye! You ended the curse on [the Boston Red Sox]. Good. Let’s try your luck in Fallouja...In summation, you cannot advocate for something you wouldn’t do yourself...”

-Comedian Bill Maher

The following was a response:

“Recently on HBO, Bill Maher insulted and demeaned all members of the U.S. military when he said, ‘The Army missed its recruiting goal by 42% last month. More people joined the Michael Jackson Fan Club. ‘We’ve done picked all the low-lying Lynndie England fruit.’ ‘And now we need warm bodies’... ‘To characterize the men and women currently serving and risking their lives in Afghanistan and Iraq as low lying fruit is reprehensible,’ said Congressman Bachus [who] has sent a letter to the entire Board of Directors of Time Warner, HBO’s parent company, asking that they stop distributing this tasteless and hurtful programming. The episode of Real Time with Bill Maher containing his despicable commentary first aired on May 13th and has appeared more recently as a re-run...”

-Press Release from the office of Congressman Spencer Bachus,
Republican, 6th District of Alabama

It should be readily apparent to the unbiased reader that Congressman Bachus’ press release distorts Bill Maher’s original commentary.

Although Maher’s original statement has been edited for brevity, clarity, and also for language (since *The SCAM* is for family consumption, unlike the offerings of the Fox network), it is clear Maher does not “insult and demean” all members of the U.S. military, only the Lynndie England

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faction, who represent a tiny minority. Furthermore, Bill Maher's primary argument isn't the shortfall of quality recruits (since this statistic is not challenged by the Congressman, we can presume it is true), but rather the apparent unwillingness of many in this country to perform a risky and unpleasant duty, while America's bravest bear the burden exclusively.

By quoting Bill Maher out of the full context, Congressman Bachus (who served in the National Guard from 1969-1971) appears to have manipulated the original commentary, and the image of our service men and women, for political gain. Until Congressman Bachus gained media attention by targeting Bill Maher, few people outside of the Beltway or the outlying areas of Birmingham (which comprise Alabama's 6th District) would have been able to distinguish him from the other minions of Tom DeLay.

Bill Maher's commentary does highlight some important issues:

- How does a democratic nation with voluntary military service obtain adequate recruits in time of protracted combat?
- How do the armed forces assure proper standards when the "free market" apparently provides more attractive alternatives than military service for the better qualified young people?
- In times of national crisis (like war), should there be an effort to distribute the burden equitably?
- If so, how?

Despite all the public professions of patriotism lately, it appears that only a relatively small fraction of Americans are really willing to accept any additional personal risk to themselves or to their own family members.

Of course, most of our military personnel are serving with honor, and they deserve our respect and appreciation. Certainly, their spouses, parents, and other family members are also deserving of our deep gratitude and respect.

And the author must acknowledge that in the eyes of some of his former military supervisors, he was probably categorized as "low-lying fruit." (But he received an honorable discharge, just as President Bush did!)

The good Congressman from Alabama may be quite sincere in his concern for our military personnel, but it is always cheap and easy to impugn the patriotism of someone else who expresses a disagreeable opinion.

The right way to honor the sacrifices of our service men and women is by preserving fundamental American values like freedom of expression. Even better, we should be willing to accept the financial burden of assuring our troops have the means to wage effective combat, that they have every material advantage which we can provide them when they engage the enemy, and that they receive adequate medical care and compensation when

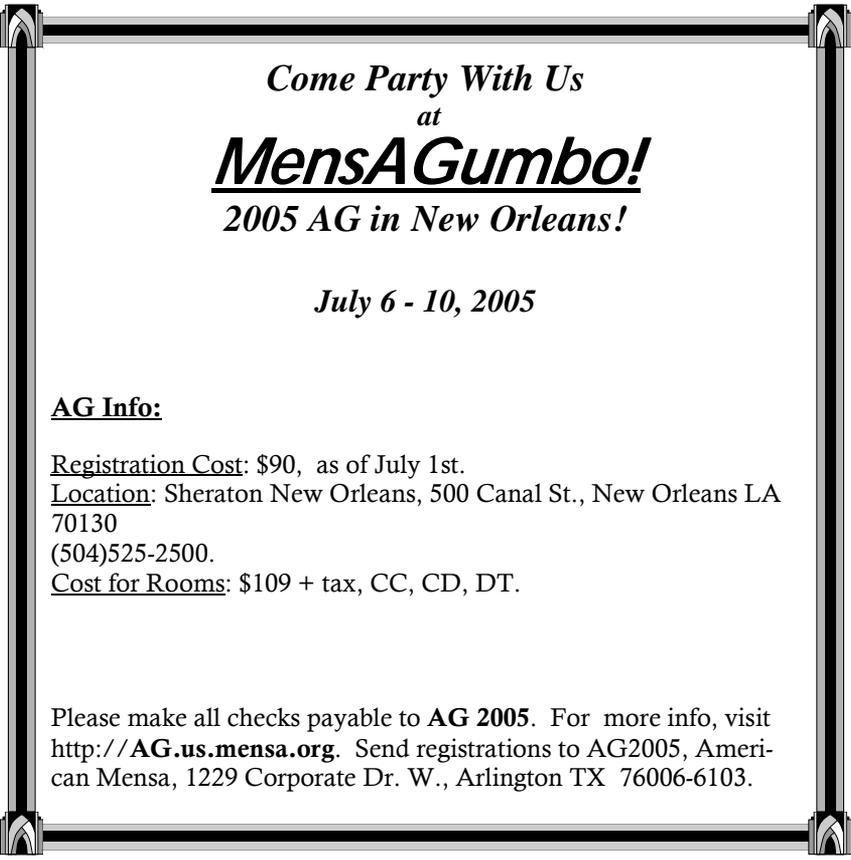
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they return. And we must stop living in the fantasyland where we can have everything we want from our government without making any sacrifices ourselves.

Sources:

Bill Maher's commentary is found at: http://www.hbo.com/billmaher/new_rules/index.html

Congressman Bachus' press release is found at: <http://bachus.house.gov/HoR/AL06/Home.htm>



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The Pilgrims came across the ocean because the government of their country was also the religion of the country and they did not quite believe as did the government so they were accused of crimes against the State. Both the Church of England and Government of England were Christian based but not all Christians think alike.

The Puritans and Pilgrims and the Quakers could not get along after they came here – they could not agree on which religion would run the government. There were several Utopian societies started and all failed. There ought to be a lesson in there somewhere.

An ancestor of mine was called the Apostle to the Indians (couldn't leave well enough alone, I think). He started a College for the Indians at Harvard. He translated the Bible into a language the Indians could learn to read and understand. How noble of him – of course he learned nothing of what the Indians believed.

A Buddhist is uncomfortable entering into a Church for a secular ceremony because he believes he is unwelcome there...no where does he say he actually has been told to stay out of the Church or that he cannot enter the Church without being converted to the religion of that Church. Would this Buddhist welcome a Baptist into his temple to see how the Buddhists conduct ceremonies, to look at his symbols but not for participation in that religion?

As a true non-religious person, I have been in many different Churches and participated in a variety of services and ceremonies. I have been offended in these facilities on only a very few occasions and not for any religious reasons, but that's a story for another time.

I believe that I am welcome to enter any Church, except a Synagogue but only if I do not enter in the area reserved for women.

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Cliff moved that we appoint a social coordinator to set up events.

George seconded. Tabled to next meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 5:10 pm. Next meeting will be at **George Patterson's** house 301 Sand Pine Rd; Indialantic on **August 6, 2005** at **4:00 pm**.

*“I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America,
And to the Republic for which it stands, one Nation
Under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.”*

-- The “Pledge of Allegiance”, as revised in 1954

As our great Nation celebrates yet another birthday, many of us will reflect on the words above that we commonly know as “The Pledge”. It seems that we as a country are going through a resurgence of both patriotism and religion – often to the detriment of the very liberty and justice we declare as we recite The Pledge.

Indeed, because the religious conservatives currently in power are taking liberties with our liberties, once again, The Pledge itself is under fire. At issue is the phrase, “Under God”. Is it an unconstitutional establishment of a national religion, or is it an expression of “A nation founded on Christian principles,” as our leaders would have us believe?

To satisfactorily answer that question, one would do well to review the history of the Pledge of Allegiance:

*“Francis Bellamy (1855 - 1931), a Baptist minister, wrote the original Pledge in August 1892. He was a Christian Socialist. In his Pledge, he is expressing the ideas of his first cousin, Edward Bellamy, author of the American socialist utopian novels, **Looking Backward** (1888) and **Equality** (1897). ...*

*His original Pledge read as follows: **‘I pledge allegiance to my Flag and (to*) the Republic for which it stands, one nation, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.’** He considered placing the word, ‘equality,’ in his Pledge, but knew that the state superintendents of education on his committee were against equality for women and African Americans (* ‘to’ added in October, 1892)...*

In 1923 and 1924 the National Flag Conference, under the leadership of the American Legion and the Daughters of the American Revolution, changed the Pledge’s words, ‘my Flag,’ to ‘the Flag of the United States of America.’...

In 1954, Congress after a campaign by the Knights of Columbus, added the words, ‘under God,’ to the Pledge. The Pledge was now both a patriotic oath and a public prayer. ... (1)”

History, however, is not just about facts and figures. To fully appreciate history, it is not simply remembering dates and events, but one must be able to fully understand their implications. One such way to gain that understanding is by use of the oral history, where a person gives his own account of some remembered period of time or an event, and how it affected him and his contemporaries during that time.

What follows is such an oral history of how The Pledge affected a young child a few years after the most recent revision (1954) of The Pledge took effect. The following passage reflects the memory of one man’s thoughts as a five-year-old boy who, some 45 years ago, had just begun the

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long journey we know as “school”. Not your average five-year-old, he had the additional challenge of a noticeable speech impediment. In fact, he had not been able to speak until less than a year prior to that memorable first day.

‘It was late one Wednesday morning, as I had just completed an unusually early lunch. It was the first day of school – a brand new experience that left me both excited and apprehensive. Inside the big room were about 30 other kids my age – and a young woman who I was just told a few minutes before was The Teacher. I remembered what Mom told me just before she left me there: ‘Be a good boy and do everything The Teacher tells you.’

One of the first things I’d learned was the meaning of ‘class’. When The Teacher said, ‘Now, class...’ she meant all of us, we were then expected as a whole to follow her instructions. As I had never been inside a classroom before, it seems I spent most of that fateful day checking out all the unfamiliar items...blackboard...teacher’s desk... chairs that were just the right size for us, in front of some low tables... ‘Class...’ The Teacher began, ‘...we will now say the Pledge.’ What’s a pledge, I wondered. ‘This is how we do it,’ she continued. ‘Stand up, put your right hand over your heart, like this – no, that’s your left hand – use your right hand...’ School was a place for learning; I now knew the difference between the left hand and the right hand. ‘...Now repeat after me...’

I PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG... What does that mean; I’ve never heard these words before. In fact, some of them I could not even pronounce. I did recognize ‘flag’, for I was told moments before the multicolored piece of cloth hanging on a stick over the blackboard was the Flag.

...OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA... By now, I was totally confused; virtually none of these words were in my vocabulary.

...AND TO THE REPUBLIC FOR WHICH IT STANDS... I recognized ‘stands’; that’s what we were doing as we repeated those words.

...ONE NATION, UNDER GOD, INDIVISIBLE... Well, this time, I recognized ‘God’, as my brother and I prayed to Him every night before going to bed, particularly for the Guardian Angel to watch over us while we slept. And what was that word I heard - ‘invisible’ - not able to be seen, just like God and the Guardian Angels. I still had trouble even saying that word. As I was not able to speak as well as my classmates, another thing I learned quickly that day was to speak as softly as possible, so as not to make my mispronunciations too evident.

...WITH LIBERTY AND JUSTICE FOR ALL. Whatever they were, everyone in the class was getting them. The Pledge now finished, we were once again able to sit down at those low tables. I spent the next several minutes in a state of utter confusion over what we as a class had just said and done.

After not too much time passed, my first day of school came to an end. As I walked home with Mom and my two younger siblings, I kept wondering, ‘What is a Pledge?’ Much later on, someone – I cannot remember who - had said something about the Pledge as a statement of our loyalty to our country. I was still confused as we didn’t live in the country – I’d seen all the children’s books showing the country, where

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you saw chickens, cows, barns, hay and so forth – all of them on lots of land. We had none of those things where I lived.

It would take several years for me to get even a basic understanding of the concepts embraced by the Pledge. Up to that point, on every school day, we would simply stand up and repeat back what, to me, were essentially meaningless sounds in response to the teacher’s instructions. Oh, yes...in First Grade, I did learn what a PA system was; now our meaningless sounds were in response to a voice with no face.”(2)

I could never quite figure out the reasoning behind requiring young children to recite words when they obviously have no clue as to their meaning. In fact, no one has ever given me a satisfactory explanation. I would not be honest, however, if I did not point out that I had, during that time, simply dismissed the issue as being relatively unimportant.

It has been since the 9/11 terrorist attacks, that the Pledge has once again become an issue. With the resultant resurgence of “Patriotism on Parade”, the American Civil Liberties Union once again challenged the existence of the phrase “under God” in the Pledge, since the United States is constitutionally barred from having an official religion. My initial reaction was that the phrase was not really appropriate, but like “In God We Trust” on our coins, the issue does not rise to the level of importance that would justify continuous litigation in the face of far more important civil liberties issues.

However, too often, once a question is asked, it begets an even larger question: Why have young children recite the Pledge in the first place? Why, in a country that prides itself as the beacon of liberty and democracy, must we indoctrinate our children by having them recite an oath that is all but impossible for them to understand? Could it be that our leadership would, in truth, rather have a nation of believers rather than thinkers?

There is, however, at least one source of amusement in this saga. The original words of The Pledge were written by a Socialist. The late Joe McCarthy, the sworn enemy of Communism, Socialism and all else that is “un-American”, must be turning in his grave. In fact, I wonder how many of our friends on the Christian Right are aware of this fact.

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FAREWELL AND HELLO

FAREWELL—From Elissa: To all of you who voted me into the office of Second Vice Chair of American Mensa, thank you for your support! My goal in the next two years is to be worthy of your confidence. We will have a great team working for you headed by Russ Bakke, whose many years as a Mensa official give him a solid foundation as Chairman. And with two Floridians on the board, how can our Mensa organization not succeed??

My successor, Maggie Truelove, will take Region 10 beyond what we've accomplished in the past four years. Give her your support. If you have a regional problem or question, call or email her. If your problem goes beyond regional borders, call or email me. We're there for you. And now, here is your new regional representative . . .

HELLO—From Maggie: I know you all join me in congratulating Elissa on her election to Second Vice Chair. She has done such a terrific job as RVC10, leaving me huge shoes to fill, and I am sure she will continue to do an excellent job in her new position on the AMC as the Second Vice Chair. As for me, I am pleased that I will still have her to work with as we both embark on our new journeys in new positions. I imagine I will lean on her a lot!

As for me, I have been giving serious thought to what I would like to see Region 10 accomplish over the next two years. I find myself setting some lofty goals for us. We may not be able to fully accomplish them, but I hope we can all give it the old college try. Notice that I said WE. These are not things I can accomplish on my own. The best I can do is facilitate, so that the region can improve and benefit. Over the next few months I will introduce these goals one at a time, and ask for your help in accomplishing them.

The first of these goals is to improve how we welcome new members. I have heard from several new or fairly new members that one of the hardest things they ever did was to venture into that first Mensa event, unless they already had a friend in the group. Every group has its own method - or not, and I would like to hear from someone from each of the twelve groups in Region 10 about what your group does to welcome new members. My hope is that sharing these ideas among the groups will help spread the things that work.

You should be reading this in the July issue of your local newsletters. I hope I will be seeing many of you during July at the Annual Gathering in New Orleans. Following this AG, we will focus attention and effort on the World Gathering to celebrate Mensa's 60th birthday. If you haven't heard already, this World Gathering (August 8-14, 2006) will be held right here, in the heart of Region 10, at Disney's Coronado Springs Resort. What an opportunity for all of us, to meet Mensans from around the world, right here at home. I imagine we will be seeing most of you at THIS event!

Until next month,
Maggie Truelove

Meeting called to order at 4:04 pm by LocSec Sam Kirschten.

Members present: Sam Kirschten, Helen Lee Moore, Joe Smith and George Patterson. Suzanne Leichtling was unable to attend.

Welcome Guests: Harold "Bud" Long, Cliff Miller, Thomas Wheat, Ben Miller, son of Cliff.

Minutes for the May 1, 2005 meeting were approved as published. Moved by Helen, approved unanimously.

Officer Reports:

Treasurer: The May 31, 2005 report was distributed by Helen.

Testing: Helen (Proctor Coordinator) reported that a test was scheduled for June. No candidates were tested in May.

Committee Report:

Helen reported that the Audit Committee had completed their audit. They found everything in order. (Report appears elsewhere in this issue) George moved to accept the Audit Committee Report, passed by a 3-0 vote with Helen abstaining.

Old Business: There was no old business.

New Business: There was no new business.

Sam moved to adjourn at 4:10 pm for purpose of seating new ExComm. Passed unanimously.

Meeting to seat ExComm officers called to order at 4:10pm. Officers agreed by acclamation. They are as follows: **George Patterson** - LocSec, **Tom Wheat** - Asst. LocSec, **Joe Smith** - Member at large, **Bud Long** - Treasurer, **Cliff Miller** - Recording secretary. Adjourned 4:17 pm.

New ExComm Meeting called to order by LocSec George Patterson at 4:17 pm. All officers present as well as welcome guests: Sam Kirschten, Helen Lee Moore and Ben Miller.

Appointments:

Mike Moakley has volunteered to remain as editor of SCAM. Bud moved, Cliff seconded. Passed unanimously: All other appointments also renewed.

Old Business:

Helen has a list of SCAM property and wants to know what to do with the property. Helen will turn over property to George, who will check it at that time. Helen gave checkbooks and other treasurer documents to Bud Long. George will turn over tapes and recorder to new recording secretary.

Send minutes of this ExComm meeting to SCAM editor.

New Business:

Joe suggested we need to begin planning for RG in October 2006. **Anyone interested in helping with the RG please let any ExComm member know. We need a chairperson and others.**

Members are requested to let ExComm members know what they would like to see on calendar.

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