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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 on Page 2.

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Mike Moakley, Editor

This month's issue of *The SCAM* is an example of what a Mensa local group newsletter might look like if only material directly Mensa-related is published. As Editor, I receive monthly newsletters from groups all over Florida. They vary greatly in quality and range from a minimal "calendar of events" to high quality reading material more fitting for Mensans. I have found quite a few groups publish a minimal newsletter not unlike this month's issue.

As far back as I can remember, it has always been the tradition of Space Coast Area Mensa to offer its members more than just a "bare bones" monthly calendar and official record of the group's meetings. When I first took this job, I have committed to continue this fine tradition and try to create the finest newsletter that our budget will allow. Be assured, it is a tradition that I remain committed to continue for as long as I'm still Editor. So why, you may ask, is this issue so minimal?

During my tenure, I have actively sought contributions from all of you. I will continue to do so. I have also reprinted articles from other local Mensa newsletters both to fill space and to provide a greater variety of ideas and topics. This month, I have received no material for publication—not even from our regular columnists.

As a result, I have decided to show you what a newsletter looks like without your contributions.

You know you've always wanted to write for *The SCAM*. Why not send that article in now; it's never too late (or too early)!

The SCAM sells classified ad space. SCAM members, non-commercial, no charge. Others: \$20 full page; \$10 half-page; \$5 quarter-page per month, we offer discounts for multiple insertions, and we can help with layout and design.

Subscriptions: SCAM members, included in dues; others, **\$10** for 12 issues.

Account Balance as of October 31, 2006:

General Fund:	\$809.03
Post Office Account:	\$118.99
Reserve Fund:	\$3,094.25
Total Funds Available:	\$4,022.27

Deposits

Mensa Funding:	\$170.49
Bank Interest:	\$4.47

Withdrawals

Printing Costs:	\$119.25
Postage:	\$65.92
Postage for tests:	\$10.96

Transfers

Reserve to General Account:	\$500.00
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SCAM Calendar of Events for December 2006

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@scam.us.mensa.org.*

Any Date—Any Time

YOUR EVENT HERE

Why not host that Mensa event you always wanted? It may be easier than you think...

Contact: *Doug Starke, your Calendar Coordinator*

Calendar Updates

ATTENTION SCAM MEMBERS!

Every effort is made to bring to you an accurate up-to-date Calendar of Events. However, last minute changes can and do occur past newsletter deadline. For up-to-date info, visit scam.us.mensa.org and click on "Calendar".

MEMBERSHIP NOTES

Welcome to SCAM

Debra Saltzberg

Welcome Back

Joseph Richardson

Welcome to SCAM and Mensa

Parker Allen

Alan Ferguson

Maximo Salinas

DECEMBER BIRTHDAY GREETINGS

<i>9th</i>	Roberta Brock	<i>18th</i>	Douglas Parker
<i>10th</i>	George Legters	<i>26th</i>	Monica Byers
<i>11th</i>	John Nahan	<i>29th</i>	Jeanne McNamara
<i>16th</i>	Christopher Glass	<i>30th</i>	Elaine Joyce
<i>17th</i>	Alexander Lauberts		



February 9-11, 2007

At the Holiday Inn, 10 Hwy 98 East, Destin, FL.

A great program is shaping up - pack your most outrageous t-shirt for the Wit T-shirt Contest, your pirate costume, and your GPS - or just come on down and we'll outfit you! All your favorite events are scheduled along with some new treats, and the best RG cuisine anywhere.

Registration is \$40 per person if paid by Feb 1, \$45 per person at the door, or \$20 per person for Friday night, \$35 for Saturday, and \$10 for Sunday. Please make checks payable to Northwest Florida Mensa.

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Room rates are approximately \$75—\$108 depending on Gulf view, double occupancy, add \$10 per extra person. Call the hotel at 877-837-6181 or 850-837-6181 and tell them you are with the Mensa group.

Visit us at: nwflorida.us.mensa.org

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...FOR YOU!

**WHY NOT WRITE FOR THE
SCAMTODAY?**

For details on submitting material
to The SCAM, please see Page 3.

Some years ago I had a period of being disillusioned with Mensa and considered not renewing my membership. I wasn't happy with the way things were going, and I grumbled and groused around a bit, and thought I would just walk away. But I never did. Instead, I thought about all the good things that have come from my membership in Mensa, most of which centered around the many friends and relationships Mensa has given me, along with the good times spent with those friends. They were important to me - important enough that they were much larger than whatever issues were making me unhappy at the time.

And I am still a member. We will soon be receiving notices that it is time to renew our membership, and I think that this is the time I will finally opt for a life membership. I have been paying dues for 25 years, after all, so I guess I will stick with it. I hope the rest of you are planning to renew, as well.

I don't have a lot to say this month related to official Mensa. The AMC met in Rhode Island in October. I could tell you what things were decided at that meeting. But that shouldn't be necessary, since the complete minutes of the meeting are there for you to read on the national website. I will say that there has been a concerted effort to save money. Go read about it on the website, if you are interested.

I will keep this short this month. This will give your editor extra space to include writings from within your local group, hopefully. And at the risk of being politically incorrect, I wish you all the Merriest of Christmases and the Happiest of New Years.

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The ExComm met at the home of George Patterson on Wednesday, October 25, 2006. Called to order at 5:47 pm by LocSec George Patterson.

Members present: George Patterson, Joe Smith, Bud Long, and Thomas Wheat . Terry Valek was unable to attend.

Welcome Guests: None.

Minutes of the August 30 meeting, as published in the October 2006 SCAM, were approved unanimously.

Officer Reports:

LocSec: George reported that he received a letter from one member asking to be removed from the SCAM mailing list as a reaction to the article in the July issue critical of Islamists and our editor's subsequent comments.

Treasurer: Bud submitted the September and October Treasurer's Reports. The October report showed total funds of \$4022.27. The changes to the handling of the Mensa accounts discussed at the August meeting were scheduled to be put into effect in the next several days.

Testing: Bud Long (Proctor) reported that he heard in emails from Helen Lee Moore (proctor coordinator) that two people were tested in September and two in October.

Committee Reports: There were no committee reports.

Old Business: There was no old business.

New Business: There was no new business

General Discussion: It was noted that the long standing event, Saturday Night Of the Round Table, S.N.O.R.T. has been poorly attended most of this year and that some effort ought to be made to rejuvenate it. It was suggested that a change of venue might be helpful. A possible spring party, first brought up in the June meeting (My, how time does fly!) was discussed further. George volunteered to research possible venues such as Wickham park or the many various parks along A1A. Also he would solicit opinions from the membership regarding same.

The move to adjourn was passed by unanimous vote at 6:04 pm, The next meeting of the ExComm is scheduled for ***Wednesday, December 6, at 5:30 pm*** at George Patterson's house, 301 Sand Pine Road, Indialantic. (321-777-3721)