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Inside the Pocket Protector

Mike Moakley, Editor

This month I can report to you we actually had an election (of sorts). Let us welcome Joe Janson as our newest ExComm member, while at the same time give our thanks to outgoing ExComm member Terry Valek for her dedicated service to SCAM.

George Patterson, who holds a few appointed positions within SCAM, is proposing a new SCAM event to be known as the “Salon” for those who may wish to engage in serious discussions. See his column elsewhere in this issue.

I have learned there is a chance we can cut down on our newsletter expense without cutting back the number of issues or cutting back on the quantity or quality of the newsletter content.

Finally, for those who missed the last issue or are concerned with the future of *The SCAM*, please be reassured that I am committed to continue serving as our Editor for the entire term of the new ExComm. While I still am considering retirement after that point, please also be assured that I will not let *The SCAM* go without an Editor. In any event, I look forward to producing this newsletter in the year to come.

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Starman was a Japanese superhero who looked like a combination of Superman and Rocketman. He was a true anomaly because he didn't seem to possess any noticeable super powers.

When he saw wrong-doing he would dart behind a building, change into his super costume, run out to confront the wrong-doers then instantly get the shih tzu bitch-slapped out of him. It seemed that every person he confronted, even a street punk, was a martial arts master. But he was my hero and if he truly had a super power it had to be much like the 'Timex' logo, 'it takes a licking and keeps on ticking'. He was the comeback man if ever there was one. He would get hammered time and time again until he finally overcame the cigarette-smoking punks who's specific crimes were never clear.

Ken Utsui, who portrayed Starman, had had his days in the sun many years ago and like so many stars of yesteryear just faded into the past. But, what becomes of these heroes? They don't all die soon after their last rerun. Elvis was sighted at least a dozen times last month alone. He must be pushing eighty about now but the sightings all seem to be of him at his peak in his early thirties. No fat Elvises are ever sighted.

Father Time has been very kind to him unlike my hero Starman who was spotted only yesterday. Yes, I was the spotter and I was pretty darned sure about this one. I know my Japanese super-heroes. He was at a Micky Dees dressed in street clothes which seemed to fool everyone but me. He was much older and much feebler but, there was hardly any question in my mind, it was Ken.

I wondered about this superhero's choice of restaurants then considered that running from behind isolated buildings into public in his outer underwear probably didn't pay banker's salaries and retirements. Did he have a union? Was there such a thing as a Super-Hero's union? Did he get any pension or was he reduced to begging for welfare? He deserved so much more if only for the many beatings he had endured. The Japanese can be so unjust and cruel. Was this my hero's reward after getting slapped around by street thugs numerous times just to save a few million Japanese Samurai wannabees? Was this the ultimate pay-off for having to bring a pre-historic monster under control by a simple hand-wave and secret utterance that only he and Godzilla understood?

My hero was staring intently at a very curvaceous pretty young associate who was cleaning tables just in front of him. He made no attempt to hide his salacious staring which was public and very apparent. No, he wasn't just staring he was ogling, tongue dragging ogling.

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In a recent article in the *Wall Street Journal* by Raymond Sokalov, he describes the latest trend in dining in Manhattan. Long the citadel of upscale, fusion, and exotic cookery, some restaurants have reverted to homey, comfort food, particularly macaroni and cheese.

This staple of home cooking (*that's a stretch on the word "cooking" when prepared out of a box*) pleased the kids and saved money, a box can cost as little as 33 cents for a generic brand in some dollar stores to feed four. It can also be made from scratch, the basic recipe includes pasta, usually elbow macaroni but not limited to that, American cheese (Velveeta is a standard), butter, and milk. Cook the macaroni, melt the mixture of the cheese, milk, and butter and pour over cooked pasta. In these days of austerity, macaroni and cheese fits right in.

What can an upscale restaurant do to it to make it interesting to their clientele and to charge enough to make a profit? They do things like using other cheeses than the ubiquitous American, such as Hickory smoked cheddar, blue, camembert, and Swiss, and add other things to the basic cheese. Things that can be added are bread crumbs and toppings such as mushrooms, masala to make an Indian version, pizza sauce and spices to make it Italian. Other macaroni shapes rather than the ubiquitous elbow macaroni can and are used.

Although quintessentially American, macaroni and cheese is not exclusively American. In England the dish is called "macaroni cheese" and in Caribbean English, macaroni pie. The Swiss version is called *Älplermagronen*. *Pasta al burro*, which means "pasta with butter", is the classic, least expensive Italian pasta dish, is always served with a generous serving of grated Parmesan cheese on top, making it a macaroni and cheese. A more upscale version of Italian macaroni and cheese is pasta with Alfredo sauce.

In the U.S. variations on the basic dish are common. Additional ingredients are used such as vegetables (broccoli, cauliflower), meats (sausage, hamburger), herbs, and spices. The variations are unlimited.

There is no need to be embarrassed about serving this most inexpensive dish. Just add or change a few ingredients and give it a foreign name and you will be counted among the gourmet cooks.

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I mentally begged him; Ken, pulleezee! Give me a break. This public disrobing made a mockery of what had always been his quintessential goodness. He was even giving conscientious lechers a bad name. I felt like telling him not to get his famous outside panties in a knot but he had lost interest by then. How could this be?

Now, running around in outer underwear a-la Superman and Madonna doesn't always mean they must have super powers or an irrepressible sexual desire. Ken had always used his outer panties to fight for justice without actual Superman type super powers.

I wondered if this was actual x-ray vision I was witnessing, which was always #1 on my super power list, and if he posed a cancer risk to her private area. I wondered if his glasses would vaporize. I wondered if she could feel him peeling back her outer-wear. I wondered if he still ran behind any seemingly unused building to change into his famous Starman costume and how long it might take him now and just where he hid his street clothes? I wondered if he could still remember where he put his street clothes. I wondered if he now had to use the handicap stalls or if he was ever arrested for indecent exposure while attempting to save the world.

I wondered about children. Had he sired ordinary, constantly texting, know-it-all, overweight/obese children or were they semi-super stupid? Would their ordinary powers parallel his own? Would they be highly disturbed, perverted, licentious individuals like their father? Would they be able to change their inner wear underwear into outer underwear in a heartbeat and get ass-whipped by street punks in the blink of an eye? Could they survive the beatings of villainous punks and still provide evidence in court to put their worthless butts off screen and out of view until the next movie?

I wondered if only the good public servants had super powers. Did the powers only serve the upstanding citizens of society? How about the dregs of society? Who would serve them? Who would fight for prurience? Could salacious individuals also have super powers?

“Super Porn Powers---Activate!”

I wondered.....Oh No! He had turned and was now facing me. What the.....? This wasn't my hero Ken. He wasn't even Japanese. Oh! Sooo, soooo solly Ken..., Gomennasai!

What could I have possibly been thinking? Even if it had been Ken, I wouldn't have blamed him for an instant. After all she was very pretty and...oooh so sexy...and....that body...those hu hus...*and just look at that....*

We are putting a new monthly event on the calendar in September. It will be called 2nd Tuesday Salon. Hopefully it will continue for a number of months, if not indefinitely. Barbara and I will be hosting it at our home in Indialantic. We will be starting in September because we need some time to figure out how to do it.

What is it intended to be? Many of you will be familiar with the notion of a salon (not a hair or nail salon) from the literature of the last two centuries. About.com has a nice and appropriate description.

Salon, from the French word salon (a living room or parlor), means a conversational gathering. Usually this is a select group of intellectuals, artists and politicians who meet in the private residence of a socially influential (and often wealthy) person. Numerous wealthy women have presided over salons in France and England since the 17th century. The American novelist and playwright Gertrude Stein (1874-1946) was known for her salon at 27 rue de Fleurus in Paris, where Picasso, Matisse and other creative people would meet to discuss art, literature, politics and, no doubt, themselves.

While we are neither socially influential or wealthy, we do have a house full of art and a desire to add a trace of intellectual activity to the local Mensa diet. I don't expect to attract any politicians, besides our own, and the range of discussions will be whatever it turns out to be.

Perhaps a mix of the sort of items on a New York Times op-ed page, minus, hopefully, partisan politics. On the other hand, "Political theory" - whatever that is - might go reasonably well.

This is currently envisioned as an after dinner get together with light refreshments and probably wine. Those who attend will be solicited for opinions and how to do it better the next time, and with any luck, this may evolve into a regular, enriching, and useful event.

On re-reading the above, I see the spector of pretentiousness hovering overhead. Too bad. That's the price of hosting a Mensa event without games.

But we do have a "back room"... And if, by any chance, this announcement is greeted with great enthusiasm, we might attempt to get started in August.

In many different contexts, I have often heard it said that truth is stranger than fiction. One recent instance is a pending case, *Susan B. Anthony List v. Driehaus*. According to the June 17 issue of the *New York Times* ⁽¹⁾, the United States Supreme Court is permitting the legal challenge presented in that case. Essentially, the case is about two political advocacy organizations, Susan B. Anthony List and Coalition to Oppose Additional Spending and Taxes, who are challenging the constitutionality of an Ohio law that criminalizes making knowingly or recklessly false statements about candidates to either help elect or defeat the candidate for a public office.

I first learned of this case when, in March, I came across an amicus curiae brief⁽²⁾ satirist P. J. O'Rourke submitted in support of the constitutional challenge. In that brief, O'Rourke opines: *"This Court has repeatedly held that political speech, including and especially speech about politicians, merits the highest level of protection. Indeed quite recently this Court held that the First Amendment protects outright lies with as much force as the truth (Citations omitted)."*

There you have it: Assuming P. J. O'Rourke is correct, the First Amendment, along with its other rights, also declares that we have the right to lie. Can that really be? Let's take a look at the case. At issue is an Ohio law enacted back in 1995, Chapter 3517.21⁽³⁾, which reads in part: *"No person ... shall knowingly and with intent to affect the outcome of such campaign do any of the following:*

(9) Make a false statement concerning the voting record of a candidate or public official;

(10) Post, publish, circulate, distribute, or otherwise disseminate a false statement concerning a candidate, either knowing the same to be false or with reckless disregard of whether it was false or not, if the statement is designed to promote the election, nomination, or defeat of the candidate."

This case itself began in 2010, when in opposition to Congressman Steve Driehaus's reelection bid, the Susan B. Anthony List (SBA List), an anti-abortion group advertised that, by voting for the Affordable Care Act (known as "Obamacare"), Driehaus had voted in favor of "taxpayer supported abortions". In response, Driehaus filed a complaint with the State of Ohio alleging that the SBA List violated Chapter 3517.21 by lying about his voting record.

Driehaus ultimately lost his reelection bid and subsequently withdrew the complaint. The SBA List, on the other hand, filed a challenge to the Ohio

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Well, we have a new ExComm. Congratulations to incoming Assistant LocSec Joe Janson. I'd like to thank outgoing Assistant LocSec Val Valek for her many years of service to SCAM. It's hard to believe that you can receive 75% of the votes cast and come up short, but it was an extremely close election.

The new ExComm has its work cut out for it. We have already identified several areas where we feel we need to concentrate on. In addition to beefing up the calendar with additional events, we need to put more emphasis on publicity, and work on turning interest in testing into membership.

George Patterson is checking out the possibility of going from a bulk rate permit to a publication permit for our newsletter mailing. It appears that this move may well bring newsletter costs down to a level we can sustain over the long haul.

We should also be sending out a survey on how SCAM can provide more value to our membership. The data from this survey will go a long way towards steering the ExComm in a direction that will result in greater opportunities for our members to participate in local events that interest them.

We still have the bylaws to update, something that was deferred to the new ExComm as it is likely to be a rather long procedure.

As always, if you have any ideas for SCAM events you'd like to see, please pass them along to the ExComm and we'll see if we can't bring them about.

July 2014

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SCAM Calendar of Events for July 2014

1st - Tuesday 6:00 PM

EXCOMM MEETING

This is our monthly business meeting. See back page for location.

4th - Friday 5:30 PM

FIRST FRIDAY AT HOOTERS SIG

Come join us for drinks, open discussion and food (latter two optional) at the Melbourne Hooter's, 877 S. Babcock Street.

Hosted by: *Dennis Logan, 501-7547.*

11th - Friday 3:30 PM

GITBP (NEW EVENT)

Come join us at our newest event (Give Into Beer Pressure) at Squid Lips at the foot of the Eau Gallie Causeway (1477 Pineapple Ave.) in Melbourne. The event lasts until 10 pm, so you can join us later. Don't forget to check out the great menu: www.squidlipsgrill.com.

Contact: *Vera Cartwright (864)430-0126.*

26th - Saturday 5:45 PM

S.N.O.R.T.

Join us for some Japanese cuisine at The SCAM's best attended event at our new venue, **Hioki's**, 3200 NE Dixie Hwy. (US 1) in Palm Bay. It is about 2 miles south of US 192.

Contact: *George, 474-4075 for details.*

MENSA TESTING

July 19 at Central Brevard Library, 308 Forrest Ave., Cocoa. Please arrive by 9:45 am, as testing begins at 10 am. \$40 fee and photo ID required. Reservations encouraged but not required. Candidates must be age 14 or older. Testing next month will be Aug. 16.

Contact: Hank Rhodes, mensatest@cfl.rr.com, for details.

Of CABBAGES and Coffee: (Our Regular Events)

C.A.B.A.G.E.: Every Monday in the Food Court, Merritt Square Mall
6 p.m. Host: Karen Freiberg, 633-1636

GO!: Every Saturday at Books-A-Million, The Avenue, Viera. Hosted by
1 p.m. the Space Coast Area GO Association.
Host: George Lebovitz,
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Membership Notes for July 2014

WELCOME TO SCAM

Lori Lynn Lantz

Gregory Showman

WELCOME BACK!

Alexios Vrotsos

Yanni Vrotsos

JULY BIRTHDAY GREETINGS

4th	Chari Fry	20th	Jeffrey Barbour
5th	Robert Tuck	21st	William Hartman
6th	James Conaway II	23rd	R M Livingston
8th	Ian McClure	26th	Pepper Stevens
9th	Michael Zielinski	26th	Amy Sue Duffy
9th	Rick Bugado	27th	Paul Hargraves
20th	MaryKay Dailey		



The "Fine Print" for Calendar Events:

Membership in American Mensa, Ltd. makes you eligible to attend SCAM social functions. Escorted and invited guests of a member or host are welcome. Adult family members of Mensans are encouraged to participate in SCAM activities, as are well behaved children. However, attendance at any social function in a **private home** is subject to the hospitality of the host. Compliance with published house rules is required, and "Kitty" payment is **not optional**. As a courtesy, notify the host if you plan to attend. Announced hosts should attend their events or arrange for a stand-in if unable. When reservations are required, you may not be able to participate if you fail to call.

S-Smoking; NS- No Smoking; SS-Separate Smoking Area; P-Pets in the home; NP-No Pets present; BYO_-Bring Your Own: _Snacks, _Drinks, _Everything.

I thought I would try to find a mathematician born on the 4th of July for this month. Not only did I find one, but he is a writer as well. Not only that, I have read most of his books that he has written for the public. In addition, not only that: He is a professional mathematician I have talked with on one occasion.

John Allen Paulos was born July 4, 1945 in Denver, Colorado. He is a professor of mathematics at Temple University in Philadelphia. He gained his BS (University of Wisconsin) and MS (University of Washington) and PhD (University of Wisconsin) in mathematics and did a stint in the Peace Corps before entering the field of math. He has gained recognition as a speaker and a writer on the importance of mathematical ‘ill’- literacy (a term called ‘innumeracy’ by many that he helped popularize) concerning the layperson misconception about numbers, probability, and logic.

His academic work has been primarily in mathematical logic and probability theory. However, he is most noted for his books for the public. *Innumeracy: Mathematical Illiteracy and its Consequences*, was actually a bestseller and *A Mathematician Reads the Newspaper* extended the knowledge of the public when reading newspaper articles (much in a humorous vein, but also explaining important mathematical concepts in determining their veracity and confusion in applying math.). Some other books of his that I have also read are *Mathematics and Humor*, *I Think therefore I Laugh*, *a Mathematician Plays the Stock Market*, and arguments for and against a deity’s existence in his book *Irreligion*. He uses quirky anecdotes, facts, scenarios, personal experiences, and humorous cartoons and jokes to encourage readers to look at their world in a more quantitative fashion.

Paulos has appeared on radio and television shows, including the BBC adaptation of *A Mathematician Reads the Newspaper*, and has appeared on what was the *Lehrer News Hour*. He was also a guest on *20/20*, *Larry King*, and *David Letterman*. He has received the American Association for the Advancement of Science Award for promoting the public understanding of science and technology (2003). As well as received the University Creativity Award at Temple University (2002). His article, “Counting on Dyscalculia”, appeared in *Discover* magazine in 1994 and won a Folio Award for that year.

After I had read some of his books and provided a review on *Amazon*, I talked with Paulos. He has a very dry sense of humor and comes across as a very respectful and thoughtful person. I mentioned to him once that I thought that when I retired some day, I might want to teach a math class part-time to help people understand mathematics in their daily lives. He said that was a

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worthy ambition, but not to try and get my hopes up too much. In his many years of teaching, he found some students just seem to take to liking math naturally and could see its applications. He found it at times frustrating with trying to motivate some students, who seemed to think they could never understand mathematics at all in life and did not feel it was that important to them. However, he said that if I did pursue that activity; to never give up hope in trying to help others better understand the use of mathematics in their lives.

If you get the chance to read one of his books, then do so. They are informative and entertaining, as well as being a quick read. Well 'red', 'white'- up your alley, and 'blue-ti-ful' humor.

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law, essentially stating that criminal sanctions against making false statements against a candidate for public office violates its free speech rights under the First Amendment to the U. S. Constitution.

As the SBA List challenge worked its way through the courts, each court in turn had rejected the challenge because the Driehaus complaint had been withdrawn. The challenge then went to the U. S. Supreme Court, who, on June 16, decided that the SBA List did have standing to challenge to the Ohio law⁽⁴⁾.

In short, the SBA List is now free to pursue its litigation. I, for one, am looking forward to it. The question brought forward by the SBA List needs to be definitively answered.

Finally, what are the possible answers? Certainly, the SBA List, with the support of its allies, will pursue the case. It is my guess that the case will eventually wind up again before the Supreme Court. Once there, the Supreme Court could rule, generally speaking, in three ways:

1. The Court could reject the challenge outright and uphold the Ohio law, in effect declaring that lying is not protected speech under the First Amendment.
2. The Court could uphold the challenge and rule the Ohio law unconstitutional on its face, thus declaring that lying (in the context of political speech) is protected speech under the First Amendment.
3. The Court could rule the Ohio law to be unconstitutional because it finds technical defects with that law that it rules is chilling to free speech, effectively sidestepping the question of whether lying is protected free speech.

I plan to follow this case until it reaches its conclusion. It will be interesting to learn the outcome and how (or if) the Supreme Court rules on whether lying is free speech. However, if I were to guess the outcome, I believe the final decision will be some incarnation of Option 3, leaving the underlying question unanswered. Yet, this may not be all bad.

I fully support the Ohio law banning lying to influence elections. I believe other states (including ours) should have similar laws on the books. If the Supreme Court rules as I believe it will, the ruling can serve as an instruction manual of sorts to guide our lawmakers in crafting an effective “anti-lying” statute that would survive a Constitutional challenge.

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Zip Orlando! If this sounds like something you'd find fun, email Melissa Stephens at programs@tampa.us.mensa.org for more details.

Finally, I don't want to leave out the Annual Gathering in Boston, where I will be hosting a Region 10 Meet 'N' Greet on Saturday, July 5 at 10:30 a.m. If you're going to the AG, I hope you will join us and meet with other members of the Region!

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A Mensan in the family?

Are you the Mensan in your family? Or, is your spouse, child, parent or sibling the Mensan in your household? Are two or more (maybe all) in your household Mensans? If any of these apply, *The SCAM* is soliciting an article from *you*. All members of SCAM or family members are invited to respond. What are your impressions and experiences?

THE LAST MINUTE

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meeting was rapidly adjourned by LocSec Wynn Rostek at 6:27 pm in order to seat the new ExComm to conduct further business.

Minutes of the second June, 2014 ExComm Meeting:

The adjourned ExComm un-adjourned, called to order by LocSec Wynn Rostek at 6:27 pm, and immediately set forth to establish committee positions. Since Joe was replacing Terry, it seemed only reasonable that he take her position and without much ado, the formal process of nominating, seconding, and voting on all ExComm positions was conducted with the results as expected.

New Business:

To survive and grow, SCAM needs to reach out to younger members. There was discussion of perhaps scheduling youth-oriented activities such as a trip to the Orlando Science Center or the Brevard Zoo. However, the problem of how to reach out to the “millennials” still remains. Furthermore, we need to be able to identify our younger population, difficult since national does not provide the birth year of members, only birth month. It was suggested that we send out a one-time questionnaire, requesting that members provide their birth information as well as providing suggestions for how SCAM can improve its communication and expansion.

At the request of our newly-seated member, Joe Janson, the ExComm meeting day will be changed from the first Wednesday to the first Tuesday of each month and the next meeting was set for Tuesday, July 1st, in the home of Karen Freiberg at 876 Buxmont Ct., Rockledge, FL 32955.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:48 pm.

1 Unavailable at the time of this writing.

2 Unavailable at the time of this writing.

It's been a very busy couple of months! First, congratulations are due to Tampa Bay Mensa for their very successful Regional Gathering (RG) over Memorial Day weekend. "MaRGaritaville" was the largest gathering they've thrown in years, with members attending from all over the country (thanks to terrific of support from members of the American Mensa FaceBook community) to a new hotel venue in Oldsmar. Kudos to all involved in putting this event together, including Art Schwartz, Sylvia Zadorozny, Melissa Stephens and Jack Brawner, and all other volunteers who helped to make this a success!

Also, I'd like to continue my congratulations to the Central Florida Mensa public relations team, led by Public Relations Officer David Fleming and Membership Officer Debbie Freeland. Following up on their well-received booth at MegaCon 2014, Debbie sent information for 92 prospects who had signed up at the event to 10 of the 12 local groups in Region 10, requesting more information about membership in Mensa. That doesn't include the 100 plus prospects that Central Florida itself garnered, or any prospects from outside our region who attended the Con. Now we just have to arrange to test all these new and eager prospects!

This leads into another recent bit of news. Over the last couple of months, proctors have been asked to review and sign a new Ethical Guidelines and Code of Conduct for Proctors, which was deemed necessary by Dr. G. Frank Lawlis, Supervisory Psychologist for American Mensa. This provided a better defined outline of the responsibilities and requirements of proctoring, and the majority of proctors and proctors-in-training signed the form before the deadline. However, since we always have more prospects in line to take the Mensa Admission Tests, we likewise need a steady supply of proctors to administer these tests. Becoming a proctor requires that you have a four-year degree (required by the company from whom we license the tests, not by Mensa), observing up to two proctored tests being administered, and being observed administering up to two proctored tests. If you'd be interested in this important position of first contact for many new members, contact your local group testing coordinator or local secretary (president) to find out more.

Other news over the past couple of months: I worked with Gainesville Area Mensa to appoint a new Executive Committee, after a series of events left them without any leadership. Thanks to Mark Kelly, Mike Perry, Pat Bartlett and Kathleen Stipek for stepping up until their elections in November, and for moving forward with updating their bylaws. I foresee exciting things in their future!

Also, Tampa Bay Mensa is partnering with Central Florida Mensa and Broward Mensa to create a cross-chapter event on Saturday, August 16. The plan is to assemble a large group of M's to do a zip-line tour in Kissimmee with

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Minutes of the first June 2014 ExComm Meeting:

The ExComm met at the home of Karen Freiberg at 876 Buxmont Ct., Rockledge, FL 32955, on Wednesday, June 11th, 2014, called to order by LocSec Wynn Rostek at 6:15 pm.

Members Present: Wynn Rostek, Karen Freiberg, Terry Valek, and George Lebovitz. **Guests:** George Patterson and Joe Janson.

The minutes of the May, 2014 minutes as published in the SCAM were approved.

Officer/Committee Reports (details may be found in the footnotes):**Treasurer's Report**¹**Testing**²

The open meeting of Saturday, May 10, 2014 was well-attended and feedback from the 20 or so who were there was generally favorable, complimenting both the food and the speaker. The next open meeting will be conducted on Saturday, June 16, 2014 (*unfortunately, after you are reading this*) at the Cross-Fire Deli & Grill (*located at the intersection of Wickham & Lake Washington roads in Melbourne: <http://crossfiredeli-grill.com>*), beginning at 6:00 pm with dinner, followed by a presentation from Wynn Rostek on "Fur People."

There is a nasty rumor afoot that, after lo these many hundreds of years, our beloved SCAM editor, Mike Moakley, is considering stepping down from his position. Notwithstanding the fact that it would be virtually impossible to find a replacement for him, he would be grievously missed. Therefore, I would (*unofficially, of course*) encourage all readers to flood the (e)mails with letters of praise and encouragement to try to dissuade Master Moakley from this disastrous course of action.

The recent ExComm election balloting ended in a three-way tie for the remaining two positions. Per our bylaws, the determination of who would be in and who would be out was to be decided by drawing names. The names of the three candidates, Joe Janson, Terry Valek, and George Lebovitz (*that would be myself*) were placed in a bowl and George Patterson was asked to draw two names. He drew Joe Janson and George Lebovitz (*still myself*), leaving Terry Valek. Ms. Valek was thanked for her many years of excellent service to SCAM as a member of the ExComm and was immediately assailed with requests to assure that she would not renounce any of her other committee positions. After reassuring us that she would still be an active participating member, the

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