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Inside the Pocket Protector

Mike Moakley, Editor

Did you ever have a column to write, but wound up having little or nothing to say? I could start with stating: "It's (insert month) already, my how time flies...but we already know that.

I can state that our calendar is just a bit light this month, but a quick perusal of this publication will render this fact evident. Perhaps we need more items. Duly noted. This has been discussed before...on many occasions.

We have also proposed a solution to the challenge presented by having an insufficient number of events. I do not need to reiterate that the best remedy would be for one or more members to host an event. You already know this is as simple as contacting our Calendar Coordinator (*and that the info may be found on Page Two of every issue*).

I have, on numerous occasions during the past year, informed you of my plans to retire as Editor of *The SCAM*, so there is really no need to continually remind you yet again. Yet, I do not know of any willing candidates to succeed me.

However, I will once again remind you that SCAM is *your* Local Group, and that *The SCAM* is *your* newsletter. This group and this newsletter will only be as good as you want it to be.

Yet, you've heard all of this before. But ignoring these repeated messages will not make these issues go away. Which way do we go from here? It is totally up to *you*.

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.

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I started dieting last summer and reached my weight goal. I am several pounds lighter but I am still far from having an Ethiopian appearance. I decided to keep just enough fat to warm me through the cold winter months.

A change in mental attitude was what helped me, more than anything, to lose the weight and the credit should go to China, Ethiopia and Sally Struthers.

As a youngster I was always taught to finish every scrap on my plate because there were people in China who were starving. I did that and now I feel the comfort for almost single-handedly putting China back on her feet, even though they have yet to acknowledge the fact.

I am proud that I have saved a country of several hundred million people, but now, I think it's time for someone else to step up to the plate or at least to sit down to it.

Even though my eating an over abundance of food saved China, the rules seem to have changed since then.

I don't remember hearing that a person should finish their meals because there are bloated bellies and eyes full of flies in Ethiopia. I think a new tactic is needed there.

I'm not exactly sure how the formula for China worked but now, I see enough people not only cleaning their plates but going back for seconds and thirds as well. I salute them. They are doing their darnedest to save the world but, if the formula was still working, there shouldn't be a bloated belly on the planet.

Sally must be using the China formula for Ethiopia too, 'bless her little 'salivating soul'. But, just because I saved a major portion of the world's population by over-eating doesn't mean she can do the same for Ethiopia. She needs a different formula.

The teary-eyed begging doesn't seem to be working because of that "I (heart) buffets" look of hers. I think a person in the early stages of decomposition and too weak to swat flies would make a better spokesperson but that's only my opinion.

However, begging may not be necessary after all and overeating for the sake of saving a country might become a thing of the past as well. Maybe, just maybe, Ethiopians can save themselves.

There are archeologists out there every day digging up bones and, as we know, bones can be very nutritional but, just think how much a person could earn selling bones to those very same archeologists who would have to compete with tourists who will buy anything at any price.

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There are only two basic methods of brewing coffee although there are innumerable variations of each. The methods of brewing coffee has progressed and have become elaborated in recent years. Coffee was originally just boiled in a pot of water. This method is still used around campfires in the U. S. A handful of grounds is thrown into a pot of boiling water and allowed to cook for a while. Sometimes egg shells were thrown in to help settle the grounds.

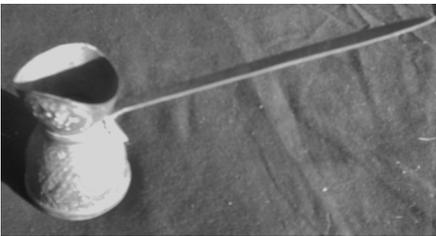
In the Middle-East, boiling in a pot is still the preferred method. Powdered or pulverized coffee is used for this method. Known as Arabic, Greek, or Turkish coffee, a large teaspoon of pulverized, darkest roast coffee is placed in a small pot, known as an ibrik in Turkey, with a few ounces of water. The water is brought to a boil, traditionally the coffee is brought to a boil three times, and served in tiny cups with the grounds. It is usually served sweet or very sweet, almost a coffee syrup, but never with milk or cream.

Once beyond the simple boiling technique, America and several European countries devised different brewing methods. America developed the percolator, which became its standard and symbol of coffee making. In a percolator, medium ground coffee is held in a perforated basket above the water on a hollow tube. The boiling water is driven up the tube and falls back on the coffee in the basket again and again.

In France, the preferred method was to



Cowboy



Turkish Ibrik

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Our Regular Events:

- **C.A.B.A.G.E.:** Food Court at the Merritt Square Mall. Every Monday at 6pm. *Host: Karen Freiberg, 633-1636.*
- **GO!:** Books-A-Million, The Avenue, Viera. Every Saturday at 1pm. Hosted by the Space Coast Area GO Association. Contact George Lebovitz for more info: the.rokkitsci@rocketmail.com.

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It could become a national industry. Instead of running over 'moor and mountain', Marathon style, trying to sell Chinese made tee shirts with "I Love (grandma) Lucy" emblems to visiting scientists and collectors, they could be selling their own selection of bones. Uncle Fred's and cousin Wanda's bones could be excavated and sold as direct descendents. (*Birth certificates and proof of lineage-- extra.*)

There is a pitfall naturally and that is trying to convince a starving person not to eat up the mouth-watering morsels of trade.

Now, if I can only convince a few hungry entrepreneurs of the long-range advantages of selling bones instead of eating them, I just might save my second country without putting on a pound.



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 **Monthly Get-Together** and many of the monthly events we try to organize are, in fact, frequently hit or miss. Some of them have been nearly standing room only, such as the Get-together on Wicca in the fall. Others, like our February Get-together on Cannabis Legalization in Florida had only a token representation of regular attendees.

So, I'd like to ask you the Membership of the Space Coast Area Mensa, "What are you interested in hearing about?" Anyone having thoughts about speakers or subjects, I would greatly appreciate hearing your ideas. Do we need to publicize or market our events better? Anyone with thoughts on that subject would be welcome to respond.

In fact, anyone with any thoughts on anything having to do with this subject, or any other subject you want to discuss is always welcome to give me a call or send me (*or any of the ExComm members*) a message to correspond about your ideas for our local group. Our contact information is posted inside the front cover of your monthly SCAM. This organization is the sum of what the membership puts into it. I hope to hear from you soon!

—Joe

A Mensan in the Workplace?

Are you the **Mensan at work**? Do you work with other Mensans...or...are you the only one? If the latter is true, do your coworkers know you're in Mensa? What about your boss? What are your impressions and experiences at work? Do you have a leadership position? Do you serve in any kind of "support" (formal or informal) role? Does your status as a Mensan have a positive or negative impact on your work relationships? Finally, if preparing a resume, would you include your Mensa membership as an item (or would you state that you qualified to join Mensa)? Why or why not? Let's hear from *you*.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	C.A.B.A.G.E.		2	3		5 GO!
6	7 C.A.B.A.G.E.	8	9	10	11	12 GO!
13	14 C.A.B.A.G.E.	15	16	17	18	19 GO!
20	21 C.A.B.A.G.E.	22	23	24	25	
27	28 C.A.B.A.G.E.	29	30	31		

SCAM Calendar of Events for March 2016

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.*

EXCOMM MEETING

Tuesday, Mar. 1 at 6:00 pm. This is our monthly business meeting. See back page for location.

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

Mar. 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. Next month's test will be held **Apr. 16**. **Contact:** Hank Rhodes, mentsatest@cfl.rr.com.

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 spacecoast.us.mensa.org and click on "Calendar".

Membership Notes for March 2016

WELCOME TO SCAM

Harriet Dyer

WELCOME TO SCAM AND MENSA

Robert Vogel

WELCOME BACK!

Steven Laubenheimer Jr.

MARCH BIRTHDAY GREETINGS

1st	Kathryn Mendoza	16th	Robert Roth
2nd	Joseph Smith	17th	Christopher Dodd
5th	David Terry Sr.	20th	William Daffron III
5th	Stephen Schneider	22nd	Jack Harris
11th	Dennis Schindler	23rd	Terry Grosberg
13th	Gary Sizemore	26th	Cedric Ching
15th	Gary Cordelli	26th	Jenifer Mina
15th	Joseph Cona	30th	Edward Kinnally



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.

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pour or allow hot water to flow through ground coffee beans. Only one pass through the coffee beans is allowed. Several different devices were created to accomplish this. The simplest was derived out of chemistry laboratories. A funnel shaped device held a cone of filter paper in which was put very fine ground coffee beans. This was held over a cup and boiling water was poured through it. The water dripped through the coffee grounds and brought the essence of the coffee to the cup. In France this is called cafe filtre and is the standard.



Percolator

There are many automatic and semi-automatic devices to accomplish the same ends. When coffee machines came to the U.- S., they were percolators with an electric element to heat the water and a timer to limit the perking time. The large coffee urns seen in most diners work on the percolator principle.

Later machines worked on the filter principle and the coffee was call “drip” coffee using very fine ground coffee.



Drip Coffeemaker

In Italy, a different brewing method was devised. Espresso coffee, not meaning “express” but rather “pressed”, is made by driving steam through very fine ground coffee beans. Home espresso machines are available.

The Seattle coffee craze has now enveloped the country. Espresso bars are everywhere in Seattle, store fronts, office buildings, gas stations, supermarkets, and on almost every street corner. Seattle coffee aficionados and purveyors have devised nomenclatures for the infinite varieties of espresso served. The vocabulary is derived mostly from Italian to describe coffee service never seen in the old country.

Café Latte: *The basic Seattle drink.* Espresso with steamed milk. Can be had as a single, double, or triple (the number of shots of espresso in the cup), in different size cups (breve (short), grande (tall), and with added flavorings (if you can name it, they’ve got it).

Americano: *Espresso diluted with hot water.*

Cappuccino: *Espresso topped with foamed milk.*

Caffe Mocha: *Latte with chocolate.*

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Con Panna: Espresso topped with whipped cream.

Doppio: A double shot of espresso.

Harmless Foamless: Decaf latte with no-fat milk.

Latte Macchiato: Foamed milk with a shot of espresso.

Latte Split: Single latte with a shot of espresso on the side.

Macchiato: Espresso with a bit of foamed milk.

Mocha Brive: Espresso with chocolate and half-and-half.

Quad Jammer: Four shots of espresso.

Raspberry Mocha: Espresso with raspberry syrup and chocolate.

Ristretto: A short shot of espresso.

Velvet: Double shot of espresso over vanilla ice cream.

Not in the same category of flavored coffees are the traditional combinations of natural ingredients with coffee which are found in several countries. In Italy, espresso is often served with a twist of lemon peel. In Austria coffee and chocolate is often combined. In many places, such as Lapland, a pinch of salt is added to the coffee.

Iced coffee was once the summer drink in the north-eastern states. It has lost ground to iced tea but has become more common elsewhere.

Finally, there are the combinations of coffee and liqueur. The French may add a shot of brandy to a cup of hot, black, sweetened coffee for an after dinner drink. In Normandy it may be calvados, in Province it would be marc, in Belgium, poire, and Switzerland, kirsch, commonly found in the thee huttes on the ski slopes. Irish coffee is coffee, sweet cream, and Irish whiskey.

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Espresso

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There are automatic and semi-automatic devices to accomplish the same ends. I recently ate in a Turkish restaurant. After I ate I ordered a Turkish coffee, expecting it to be made in an ibrik. But no, it was prepared in the kitchen in an automatic electric device. It was delicious.

America developed the percolator, which became its standard and symbol of coffee making. In a percolator medium ground coffee is held in a perforated basket above the water on a hollow tube in a pot. The pot of water may be heated on a stove or by an internal electric element. The boiling water is driven up the tube and falls back on the coffee in the basket again and again.

In each of the above cases, the longer the coffee remains in contact with the coffee grinds, the stronger and more bitter the coffee will be.

In the last century a new method of brewing emerged. It can be called a one-pass method versus a multi-pass or boiling method, whereby hot water is passed through the coffee grounds only once, the grounds being held back by a filter. This was made possible only after modern technology developed inexpensive commercially available filter media.

Later machines worked on the filter principle using paper filters. The coffee is called "drip" coffee. The drip coffee maker has become the standard in the U. S., probably because of its simplicity and consistency. A measured amount of coffee is put on a paper filter in the top of the machine. Water is put in a separate compartment. The machine is turned on and when the water reaches the proper temperature, it is dripped through the coffee grinds to a glass container below and then turns itself off. It makes six to twelve cups of coffee at a time.

The Keurig coffee maker, a version of the drip maker, which has recently become so popular, is even simpler to use. The coffee and filter are contained in a disposable plastic package. It makes just one or two cups of coffee.

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FOR
YOU

We want to hear from YOU...!

See Page Three of every issue for
SCAM submittal guidelines.

Minutes of the January, 2016 ExComm Meeting

The ExComm met at the home of Karen Freiberg at 876 Buxmont Ct., Rockledge, FL 32955, on Tuesday, January 5th, 2016, called to order by LocSec Joe Janson at 6:06 pm.

Members Present: Joe Janson, Karen Freiberg, Dennis Logan, and George Lebovitz.

Officer/Committee Reports (details may be found in the footnotes):

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer, Dennis Logan, submitted the November and December reports¹ which were accepted by the ExComm.

Testing: The testing coordinator's report was not available at the time of the meeting.

The minutes of the December, 2015 meeting as published in the SCAM were approved.

Joe has tried to contact Thomas G. Thomas via email on 3 occasions to obtain a status of the new proposed bylaws, but has yet to receive a reply. He is going to try to contact him by phone.

The next Speaker Meeting on Saturday, February 13th at the Red Ginger restaurant at the Melbourne Square Mall will feature Jodi James, Director of the Brevard Office of FL CAN (Florida Cannabis Action Network). An interesting presentation is assured. Please arrive at 6:00 pm if you intend to order dinner; otherwise, the presentation should begin around 7:00.

Dennis once again raised the issue of becoming more involved with gifted youth in Brevard County. George volunteered to contact the gifted youth coordinator at the Brevard County School Board to find out how SCAM can both help the gifted program and encourage some of those young people to become members of Mensa. When Joe speaks with Thomas G. Thomas, he will also inquire about educational resources which might be available from national.

The next meeting was set for Tuesday, February 2nd 2016 at 6:00 pm in the home of Karen Freiberg at 876 Buxmont Ct., Rockledge, FL 32955.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:28 pm.

¹ **November:** General Fund: \$860.21, Reserve Fund: \$859.27, Total Funds Available: \$1,719.48.

December: General Fund: \$779.43, Reserve Fund: \$859.31, Total Funds Available: \$1,638.74.