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Greater Phoenix Mensa's Official Newsletter

GPM Quarterly

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East Side Dining Out SIG (Last Saturday)	
Mary Prior	mgprior66@gmail.com
(***The Original) Games Night! (Fourth Saturday)***	
OPEN - Contact LocSec@phoenixmensa.org	
The Idea Exchange (First Thursday)	
Mike Johnson	mikejohnson@cox.net
Mel's Dinner (Second Friday)	
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Tuesday on Thursdays? (Thursdays)	
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Third Saturday Games Night (Third Saturday)	
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Whine and Dine Happy Hour (Wednesdays)	
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Special Interest Groups (SIGs)

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OPEN - Contact LocSec@phoenixmensa.org	
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ATTENTION GPM MEMBERS: On October 2nd, under the **Member Voucher Program (MVP)**, National Office will be sending out discount codes via **EMAIL** for all members to give to a friend that will allow them to purchase a Mensa Admissions Test voucher or Prior Evidence Review for **FREE!** Print Publication members without email can obtain their code by calling the National Office (817) 607-0600 and ask for your MVP discount code. The code must be entered into the online ordering system to purchase a voucher. Questions? Call GPM LocSec, (602) 677-6129.

GPM ExCom Minutes

Submitted by Marni Landry, Recording Secretary

The ExCom meets the 2nd Sunday of each month at the Hilton Garden Inn Midtown, 4000 N. Central Ave., Phoenix, at 2 p.m

ALL MEMBERS ARE ENCOURAGED AND INVITED TO ATTEND

July 13, 2017

The meeting was called to order at 2:23 PM. Present were LocSec David Pivin; Assistant LocSec (to be appointed); Treasurer (to be appointed); Recording Secretary Marni Landry (absent - excused); Parliamentarian Richard Morris; MAAM Editor Steve Cervera (absent - exused); Members at Large Jim Delton, Jim Giunta, Mitzi Olivere; Member David Coast.

Introduction of 2017-2018 Officers.

Approval of Minutes

ExCom Meeting 11 June 2017 - Motion to Approve by Jim Delton. Mitzi Olivere seconded. Motion passed at 2:29 PM.

Old Business

RG Update - Jim Giunta described progress to date on RG planning

AG Report - David Coast summarized his attendance including as GPM's representative at the LocSec luncheon.

New Business

Resolve Vacancies of Treasurer and Assistant LocSec

- Motion to appoint David Coast treasurer by Richard Morris, seconded by Mitzi Olivere. Motion passed.

Motion to appoint Mitzi Oliver as Asst. LocSec by David Coast, seconded by Jim Delton. Motion passed.

Appointment of Chairs and Coordinators (full listing on GPM Contacts Page)

Motion to reappoint Chairs and coordinator list as it appears on the website by Richard Morris, seconded by Mitzi Olivere. Motion passed.

Year-End Review of GPM Live ExCom Agenda and Minutes Process. ExCom approved continuation.

Credit Union Signature Card Changes

- Richard Morris moved, Mitzi Olivere seconded - It is the sense of the GPM Executive Committee that access to the GPM Gatherings account at One AZ Credit Union shall have the following signators: David Pivin, David Coast, James Giunta, and Richard Morris; motion passed.

Richard Morris is remaining as a signer to facilitate coordination of the RG as chair.

GPM Goals for 2017-18 - David Coast and Jim Giunta will develop a message to membership asking for volunteers.

Officer Reports

Assistant LocSec - Pleased to be reinstated

ISComm - Modifying front page of website

All others - ntr

Next Meeting

13 August 2017, 2 PM at Hilton Garden Inn

Adjourn

Motion to Adjourn by Mitzi Oliver. David Coast seconded. Motion passed at 3:47 PM

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August 13, 2017

The meeting was called to order at 2:01 PM. Present were LocSec David Pivin; Assistant LocSec Mitzi Olivere; Treasurer David Coast; Recording Secretary Marni Landry; Parliamentarian Richard Morris; MAAM Editor Steve Cervera (absent - exused); Members at Large Jim Delton, Jim Giunta.

Approval of Minutes

ExCom Meeting 13 July 2017 - Motion to Approve by Richard Morris. Mitzi Olivere seconded. Motion passed at 2:02 PM.

Old Business

RG Update - Jim Giunta

CU Signature Card Signing - David Coast

- Paperwork for signature cards is complete

GPM Quarterly Delivered

Volunteer SIG status report

- Invitation is posted on front of GPM website
- Ideas are needed to attract event volunteers

Pivin will email a volunteer recruitment request with a sign up. Landry will supply a graphic, Morris will supply the wording. Potentially invite respondents to a "pizza party" to commit.

New Business

Explanation of RG observer/investigator scholarships and request for assistance in making the offering.

- Offer promising high school students Friday Only RG scholarship
- Create a signup sheet limiting it to the first 25 applicants.

Vanguard account now has online access for the treasurer

Officer Reports

Treasurer - $18,929.81

Member@Large - Giunta will provide Comicon photos, please use #GPMRG2017 for photo tags

LocSec - $1,250 available in scholarship fund

All others - ntr

Next Meeting

10 September 2017, 2 PM at Hilton Garden Inn

Adjourn

Motion to Adjourn by Coast. Morris seconded. Motion passed at 3:25 PM

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September 10, 2017

The meeting was called to order at 2:01 PM. Present were LocSec David Pivin; Assistant LocSec Mitzi Olivere; Treasurer David Coast; Recording Secretary Marni Landry; Parliamentarian Richard Morris; MAAM Editor Steve Cervera (via phone); Members at Large Jim Delton, Jim Giunta.

Approval of Minutes

ExCom Meeting, 13 August 2017 - Motion to Approve by David Coast. Richard Morris seconded. Motion passed at 2:02.

Old Business

RG Update - Jim Giunta

Entertainment for Saturday night Wyatt Earp.

Chris Ingle volunteered to be the RG registrar, Tim Richards volunteered as a backup. Pivin will train

Still need 14 more presenters, and volunteers to assemble goody bags

64 current paper registrants and 42 online registrants

Scholarships to Friday's RG update: no takers yet.

"Getting Involved" Pizza Event Update - Richard Morris, Dave Pivin

14 people showed up

successfully recruited volunteers

Tim Richards volunteered to be appointed Member at Large

Chris Ingle volunteered to run a games night in October on a trial.

John Wintersteen offered up the PV town hall as a free meeting place

Expenditure for New Members mailings.

Need to purchase mailing envelopes - Richard Morris will purchase

Only 75 new owner's manuals left. Ready for revision - Richard Morris will begin

New Business

New Voucher Program Committee - info HERE

Need a chairperson to manage the Voucher committee

Richard Morris will research the details until there is an appointed chair.

Motion to appoint Tim Richards as Member at Large by David Coast, seconded by Richard Morris, motion passed at 2:41pm.

Officer Reports

Treasurer - $20,632.04

Member@Large - Attended one event, and has made a commitment to attend more events monthly

LocSec - re-created paper quarterly using free software Scribus

All others - ntr

Next Meeting

8 October 2017, 2 PM at Hilton Garden Inn

Adjourn

Motion to Adjourn by Richard Morris. Marni Landry seconded. Motion passed at 2:58.

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Treasurer's Report YTD as of 28 Sept 2017

Income	8,158.55
Expenses	5,084.31
CU GPM General Account	9,541.79
CU GPM Savings + Vanguard	7,749.28
CU GPM General Account	5,183.46
Total	$22,474.53

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Phoenix Phiesta XXXV:
"Great Minds Like A Think"
53 Years of Greater Phoenix Mensa
GPM Regional Gathering (RG)
November 23-26, 2016

Thanksgiving Day Pot Luck Buffet

30-Plus Programs to Inform, Stimulate and Amuse:
- Interesting Speakers on many subjects
- Games Galore!
- Parties After Dark (pack a bathing suit and your fancy PJs)
- Romance! Sex! Adventure!
- Awesome Kids Track – All Day!
- Endless conversation and an infinity of puns
- Saturday Night Banquet with awesome entertainment!
- **AND MUCH, MUCH, MORE!!** (Subject to confirmation or change)

Hotel Information:

Hilton Garden Inn – Midtown Phoenix, 4000 N. Central Avenue, Phoenix, AZ 85012
Hotel Rates: $75 single or double -- $85 Deluxe -- $85 Suite.
Includes: free self-parking, free in-room internet & free Fitness Center entry.
Hotel is 100% non-smoking. Rates are good from November 22nd to 25th. Our room block is guaranteed for reservations made by October 30, 2017.
Phone: 602-279-9811 (1-800-446-6677), Code: GPHX

Regional Gathering Prices:

Full Registration:	***Includes all meals***
Adults*	$120
First Timers*	$108
Kids 10 - 14	$60
Kids 6 - 9	$50
Kids Under 6	Free

*GPM Members and recent transfers who joined or arrived in 2017 are eligible for a10% discount off these Adult prices.

Day Rates:

Friday	$70
Saturday (Including banquet)	$80
Banquet only	$50

Cancellation Policy: 100% through August 15, 50% through October 1. No refund except in special cases thereafter.

You may register and pay with credit card:
https://tinyurl.com/gpm-rg2017

*Terms, conditions and other folderol:
The rates applicable are determined by the date the registrations are submitted or the postmark of the envelope if hard copy. And if you've ever been arrested for drinking chocolate milk in a suspicious manner you may not claim a discount.

Registrant Information:

Name:_____
Badge Name:_____
Address:_____
City, State, Zip: _____
Phone:_____
Mensa #:_____
Date: _____
E-Mail:_____
Age if minor:_____

Full Weekend: $_____ (Price depends on age group)
Partial:

Fri. Only	_____ $70
Sat. Only (Incl. Banquet)	_____ $80
Banquet Only	_____ $50

Extra Credit questions (If to get the 10% Adult price discount):
First RG? _____
New Member or
Transfer into GPM this year? _____
Member #_____
(First registrant only)

T-Shirt: $15 (high-quality 100% cotton T-Shirt with RG Logo printed)
Youth: ___ M (10-12) ___ L (14/16)
Adult: ___ S ___ M ___ L ___ XL
Adult: ___ 2XL $16 ___ 3XL $17
None___

Total enclosed for this registrant: $_____

Please make your check payable to **GPM Gatherings**

Mail to:
RG Registration
P.O. Box 60456
Phoenix AZ 85082-0456

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Mensa Acronyms & Calendar

AG: Annual Gathering (convention)
AMC: American Mensa Committee (Nationally elected/appointed Officers)
AML: AmericanMensa,Ltd. (National Office Employees)
ASIE: Action Still In Effect (Existing AMC policy)
ExCom: Executive Committee GPM Greater Phoenix Mensa
LDW: Leadership Development Workshop
LocSec: Local Secretary/President
M/Ms: Mensan/Mensans
MERF: Mensa Education & Research Foundation
MIL: Mensa International, Ltd.
NO: NationalOffice
RG: Regional Gathering
RVC: RegionalViceChair
SIG: Special Interest Group
SIGHT: Service of Information, Guidance and Hospitality to Travelers

Calendar Event Codes

MO: Mensans, guests and prospects only.
ME/P: GPM Event, public welcome.
PE/M: Public event, Mensans welcome.
GYP: Event hosted by our **Gifted Youth Program** to support our youth members, families and guests.

IMPORTANT NOTE: As of the time the calendar was printed, the following information was current. For more current information and updates, please go to the website **http://www.phoenix.us.mensa.org/**

Weekly Event Details

- ME/P - Whine and Dine Happy Hour, Wednesdays 5 - 7 pm - Location varies, 1st Wed. - Desert Jade Kitchen, 3215 E Indian School Rd, Phoenix, 2nd - Grassroots, 2119 E Camelback Rd. Phoenix 85016, tel. (602) 368-8766, 3rd - Manuel's Mexican Restaurant & Cantina 2820 E Indian School Rd, Phoenix, AZ 85016, 4th - Wildflower Bread Company, 4290 E Indian School Rd, Phoenix (602) 850-8585, no alcohol, 5th - Aunt Chilada's (602) 944-1286, 7330 N. Dreamy Draw Dr, Phoenix 85020, Contact Mike Johnson 602-956-0180
- MO - Tuesday on Thursdays! - Thursdays 5 - 7 pm - Ruby Tuesdays, 27 S McClintock Dr,#15, Tempe. Gary & Gail 602-790-8626

Monthly Event Details

2nd Sunday

- MO - Executive Committee (ExCom), 2 - 3 pm at the Hilton Garden Inn Midtown, 4000 N. Central Ave., Phoenix. ***MEMBERS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME!***

3rd Sunday

- MO - Oh Hell! At Mel's, 12:30 - 6 pm. 6241 S. 16th Street, Phoenix MO. Contact Mel at mensamela@gmail.com or 602-989- 2542 or 602-824-9389. (Canceled until January 2017.)

4th Sunday

- ME/P - GPM Cycling on Silent Sunday, Time varies with the heat/cold, 10217 S. Central Ave., Phoenix. Contact Dave Pivin at mrpiv.me.com or Gene Holmerud at geneousmaam@gmail.com

2nd Monday

- ME/P - Prescott Minds in the Pines, 5:30 pm - at Augie's Restaurant, 1721 Highway 69, Prescott. Will@Hepburn.com or 928-925-2685.

2nd Tuesday

- ME/P - Burger Madness, 4:30 - 8 pm - at Bar Louis, Tempe Marketplace Mall, 2000 E Rio Salado Pkwy #1220, Temp. Ken Brown, 602-492-8025 or John Randal at 480-361-2523.
- ME/P - Ahwatukee M Happy Hour, 5:30 - 7:30 pm at Keegan's Grill, 4723 E. Ray Road, Phoenix. Michael Riordan 480-335-9890 or PHXRiordan@gmail.com

4th Tuesday

- ME/P - Burger Madness, 4:30 - 8 pm at Bar Louis, Tempe Marketplace Mall, 2000 E Rio Salado Pkwy #1220, Temp. Ken Brown, 602-492-8025 or John Randal at 480-361-2523.

1st Thursday

- ME/P - Westside Lunch Group, 1 - 3 pm at Little Bite of Italy, 15456 N. 99th Ave (at Greenway), Sun City. Contact Jean Barton 623-546-3180 or Bartrabbit@aol.com
- ME/P - The Idea Exchange, 6:30 - 8:30 pm at Denny's, 3315 N. Scottsdale, Rd Scottsdale. Contact Mike Johnson at mikejohnson@cox.net or 602-703-9324.

1st Friday

- ME/P - DinDin With Lynne, 7 - 8 pm - at various locations. drvest55@gmail.com or call 480-254-3311.

4th Friday

- ME/P - Mensa Forum, 7 - 8:45 pm Topics Vary. On Hiatus June, July and August. Granite Reef Senior Center (Rm 7 or Rm 1 cafeteria), 1700 N Granite Reef Rd, Scottsdale, AZ 85257. Tom Albrigo, tvalbrigo@aol.com, Forum Coordinator.
- ME/P - Post Forum Debriefing, 9 - 10 pm New China Gate Restaurant, 7730 East McDowell Road #111, Scottsdale, AZ (480) 990-3388. Contact: Tom Albrigo, tvalbrigo@aol.com, the Forum Coordinator
- PE/M - Contradance, 7:30 - 10:30 pm at Irish Cultural Center, 1106 N Central Ave, Phoenix. Contact Peter B. 323-788-4883 or 1bergonzi1@gmail.com

1st Saturday

- ME/P - Casino Lunch, 12 - 3 pm - This alternates the location each month. About $18. Call 602-703-9324 or MensaMike@gmail

2nd Saturday

- PE/M - Sat., HSGP Game Night, 6:30 - 10 pm at the Humanist Community Center, 627 W. Rio Salado Parkway (a.k.a. 8th St.) Mesa. Email diannn@mindspring.com.
- PE/M - Contradance, 7:30 - 10:30 pm at Kenilworth School, 1210 N 5th Ave, Phoenix. Contact Peter B. 323-788-4883 or 1bergonzi1@gmail.com

3rd Saturday

- MO - Third Saturday Games Night, 6 - 11 pm, New Southeast Valley location for a games night. For location contact: William Bandaruk, williambandaruk@cox.net.

Last Saturday

- ME/P - Eastside Dining Out SIG, Noon to 2:00 PM - Location varies around SE Valley. Please email or text your RSVP to Mary Prior at mgprior66@gmail.com or 206-551-5907.

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