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Wednesday

8:00 AM - 4:30 PM

Colloquium 2017 — The Health Care of Catastrophes: Innovation Driven by Disaster

Session Description: Catastrophes — from hurricanes to mass shootings to epidemics — present the medical community with care challenges as complex and traumatic as the disasters themselves. Sponsored by the Mensa Education & Research Foundation, this Colloquium will address these health care challenges from the perspective of emerging technology and innovation, as well as evolving policy questions.

Location: Regency Ballroom 1 & 2

Speaker:

Tracks: Foundation

12:00 PM - 1:15 PM

A Prehistory of Music

Session Description: Using art, historical images, ethnographic films and archeological materials, Christopher Kilgore will present a compendium of evidence of early musical performance. Beginning at the dawn of the historical period and working backward, Kilgore will address the cultures of ancient Rome, Greece, China, Egypt, Sumer, Africa and Paleolithic Europe. Topics covered will include the development of music theory, vocal performance, the variety of early musical instruments and the origin of dance. Special attention will be given to the most recent scholarship, including unpublished materials.

Location: Atlantic Ballroom 3

Speaker: Christopher Kilgore

Tracks: Speaker

12:00 PM - 1:15 PM

Revolt of the Deplorables: The Inside Story of the Greatest Political Upset in U.S. History

Session Description: The 2016 presidential campaign pitted one of the best-credentialed candidates ever to seek the presidency against a shoot-from-the-lip billionaire whose followers considered themselves part of a worldwide populist movement. The outcome was the greatest upset in U.S. political history. What happened? In this presentation, based on his forthcoming book *Revolt of the Deplorables*, Dr. Steven J. Allen tells the inside story of a grassroots rebellion that changed the course of America and the world. Allen has been called a “digital revolutionary” (the National Journal) and “the Tea Party’s editor in chief” (The Daily Beast/Newsweek). He served as press secretary to Sen. Jeremiah Denton and senior researcher in Newt Gingrich’s presidential campaign. Currently, he is vice president and chief investigative officer of the Capital Research Center in Washington, D.C. A former Membership Officer of Metropolitan Washington Mensa, he coordinated MWM’s Politics SIG for 10 years.

Location: Atlantic Ballroom 1

Speaker: Steven Allen

Tracks: Speaker

1:00 PM - 4:15 PM

Settlers of Catan Tournament

Session Description: Settlers of Catan is a heavy strategy game, where players collect resources and build towns and cities. We will be using the Settlers of Catan Base Game and will play to 10 Victory Points.

Location: Great Hall 6

Speaker: Kevin Brawner

Tracks: Tournament

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1:30 PM - 2:45 PM

Hidden Gems: Historic Sites In Broward County

Session Description: This presentation will focus on many of the historic sites in Broward County that include pioneer homes, schools and landscapes that are often overlooked by tourist. Scattered throughout the county many of these sites reveal Broward County's contributions to the development of Florida including agriculture, civil rights and military history.

Location: Regency Ballroom 3

Speaker: Roberto Fernandez, III

Tracks: Speaker

1:30 PM - 2:45 PM

Introverted Intuitives: The Top Four Percent

Session Description: The rarest of the 16 Jungian personality types identified in the Myers-Briggs Type Indicator, Introverted Intuitives make up only four percent of the general population. They are the architects of ideas who live primarily in the internal world of concepts and ideas. In a society that values homogeneity of thinking, IN's often experience covert prejudice and discrimination in education, social situations and in the workplace. (To wit: "You know what's wrong with you? You think too much!") In my corporate and private work, I have worked with more than 1,000 Introverted Intuitives. When IN's see the "map" of their personalities, they report that this information changes their lives for the better. I will also present the similarities and differences between INs and people with Asperger's.

Location: Atlantic Ballroom 2

Speaker: Laurie Nadel

Tracks: Speaker

1:30 PM - 2:45 PM

Ozone Beware: A Science Project and a Floridian Teenager's Journey to Effect Melanoma

Session Description: As our ozone continues to catastrophically deplete, reported cases of melanoma will likely increase. Enter the cancer fighting abillites of lycopene and its potential to help millions. Using this research as a stepping stone provides a bigger picture of effectively fighting cancer. It opens the door to encourage research of carotenoids as cancer-fighting agents. The applications are immense and help excite a whole new way of treatment for cancer patients around the world.

Location: Atlantic Ballroom 3

Speaker: Satya Alagarsamy

Tracks: Speaker

3:00 PM - 4:15 PM

Atheist Meet-and-Greet

Session Description: This atheist, agnostic, humanist, etc. meet-and-greet can be "hosted" by anyone that is motivated to lead the discussions, with Ed You as the default host. This forum is for you, whether you want to discuss atheist reading lists, other atheist groups, the politics of atheism, how religious oppression impedes you from coming out of the atheist closet, or if you simply want to meet others that share atheist/agnostic values.

Location: Room 216

Speaker: Ed You

Tracks: M&G

3:00 PM - 4:15 PM**Florida's Big Dig: The History of the Atlantic Intracoastal Waterway, Jacksonville to Miami, 1881-1935**

Session Description: Bill Crawford provides a detailed account of the development of Florida's Intracoastal Waterway. As early as 1636, canals began to replace the oxcart as the means of transporting goods in Colonial America. But the Constitution granted no power to fund inland waterways. In 1825, the completion of the Erie Canal ignited America's first canal renaissance. In 1881, Florida began building what would be the southernmost section of the Atlantic Intracoastal Waterway. A private company agreed to construct a small canal in exchange for public land and the right to charge tolls. The election of Theodore Roosevelt as president set off a second national renaissance of waterway construction. More than 30 waterway associations coalesced into national advocacy groups to lobby Congress for funding. Mr. Crawford will also cover how the sale of the private waterway became a federal, toll-free inland waterway and the source of funds for the first psychiatric hospital for children in the nation.

Location: Atlantic Ballroom 2

Speaker: William Crawford, Jr., Esq.

Tracks: Speaker

3:00 PM - 4:15 PM**Self-Expansiveness: A Transpersonal Construct and Its Supporting Research**

Session Description: Self-expansiveness is a construct referring to how a person can identify with aspects of the world not usually seen in the West as part of the ordinary self. This construct is accompanied by a scientifically well-validated measure, the Self-Expansiveness Level Form (SELF), which has been used in considerable empirical research. In particular, the SELF's Transpersonal Scale, which focuses on extreme levels of self-expansiveness, such as identifying with all of humanity or even all that exists, provides a model for understanding a number of phenomena related to the outer boundaries of human consciousness. This presentation will explore the construct of self-expansiveness and its accompanying measure, as well as summarize the empirical research supporting it. The many implications of this approach, in terms of both further research and applications, will also be explored.

Location: Regency Ballroom 3

Speaker: Harris Friedman, PhD

Tracks: Speaker

3:00 PM - 4:15 PM**Understanding Surrealist Art**

Session Description: Beginning primarily as a literary phenomenon, surrealism ultimately became the most influential artistic movement of the 20th century. Intimately affecting the development of abstract expressionism, pop art, magic realism and advertising, surrealism has achieved a level of integration into the modern collective consciousness that is historically unprecedented. Utilizing an extensive slide presentation, Christopher Kilgore will present a survey of surrealist art and illuminate the historical, political, philosophical and psychological context in which it developed, orienting surrealism within the prevailing Modernist cultural context. Numerous surrealist artworks will be analyzed in terms of their stylistic precedents, technical approaches, and thematic elements. Kilgore will also discuss many of surrealism's greatest artists and the way in which their personalities, relationships, synergies and conflicts influenced the movement's evolution. A syllabus will be provided.

Location: Atlantic Ballroom 3

Speaker: Christopher Kilgore

Tracks: Speaker

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Learning Session — Roll for the Galaxy

Session Description: This game involves rolling worker dice to determine what type of work they want to perform, then assigning them to a variety of tasks that help build your interstellar empire. It's easy to learn. Join us in the Games Room if you would like to learn the game or the Ambition expansion, or need a refresher before the tournament on Wednesday at 3:30 p.m.

Location: Great Hall 5

Speaker: Robert Oldsmith

Tracks: Tournament

4:00 PM - 5:00 PM

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Location: Great Hall 5

Speaker: Richard Manno

Tracks: Tournament

4:30 PM - 7:15 PM

Roll for the Galaxy Tournament

Session Description: Roll for the Galaxy involves rolling worker dice to determine what type of work they want to perform, then assigning them to a variety of tasks that help build your interstellar empire. The tournament will be played in two rounds. Winners in Round 1 will go on to Round 2. Both rounds will use the Ambition expansion. Sign up early! Learn it in the Games Room on Wednesday at 3:30 p.m.

Location: Great Hall 6

Speaker: Robert Oldsmith

Tracks: Tournament

4:30 PM - 5:45 PM

Club Med SIG Meet-and-Greet

Session Description: Meet Mensans who enjoy swimming, snorkeling, kayaking, beach volleyball, sailing, hiking and archery.

Location: Diplomat Ballroom

Speaker: Mary Jane Tala

Tracks: SI

4:30 PM - 5:45 PM

Data Visualization for Everyone: A Truthful Art

Session Description: Never before has so much data been available to the public. From crime statistics to public school test scores, citizens have the ability to access mountains of data on issues that impact their lives. But having information isn't the same as being informed. How can citizens use data to identify trends or pinpoint new solutions? In the past two decades, visualization—the graphical display of information—has become a skill as important as literacy or numeracy, as it is arguably the most powerful tool to help us derive meaning from the enormous amounts of data produced daily. Join international expert Alberto Cairo to see this tool at work.

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Location: Atlantic Ballroom 3

Speaker: Alberto Cairo

Tracks: Speaker

4:30 PM - 5:45 PM

Friends of Bill W

Session Description: For Mensans and guests who are actively practicing any 12-step program. This is a non-hosted, informal program, not for observers or the curious, please.

Location: Room 21

Speaker:

Tracks: M

4:30 PM - 5:45 PM

GenY SIG Meet-and-Greet

Session Description: The GenY SIG is for Mensa members born on or between the years of 1961-1966. Come to this session to meet the other "don't-call-us-millennials" that comprise Mensa. Hear about the super secret A activities for GenY-aged members, get involved in organized and impromptu shenanigans and learn the location of our very own party suite. (You'll receive the official invite at this session.) If you can't make it, never fear. Approach and introduce yourself to any GenY member at the A and see if you can get the lowdown. Or you know, just join the Facebook group GenY Ms.

Location: Room 216

Speaker: Henri Buccine-Schraeder

Tracks: SI

4:30 PM - 5:45 PM

Oil and Gas Foundations and Frac(k)ing: Environmental, Surface Use and Other Issues in Shale Plays

Session Description: The horizontal shale boom that began in 2008 thrust domestic oil and gas production to a level never before anticipated. Apart from the shift in international markets, this paradigm raised important questions related to this new technology: What are the effects of hydraulic fracturing? What is the impact on surface use and encroachment to other developments? What are the implications for federal lands? Is this technology safe and clean? Are state and federal laws equipped to handle these drilling techniques? How do these fossil fuel technologies related to the ongoing green energy movement? This presentation will inform the attendee on the full range of thought of the above questions with an apolitical approach, while presenting thoughtful analysis and context from the unique position of a practicing oil and gas attorney who is also a public health practitioner.

Location: Atlantic Ballroom 2

Speaker: Michael Jewell

Tracks: Speaker

4:30 PM - 5:45 PM

Teen Meet-and-Greet

Session Description: Meet friends, old and new. Find out who's at the A, make plans and catch up with your M Teen peeps

Location: Room 205

Speaker: Jamie Uphold

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Tracks: M

4:30 PM - 5:45 PM

Update on Alzheimer's

Session Description: Alzheimer's is one of the top killers of older adults. Progress in developing preventive drugs has been fitful and difficult, but funded research is continuing. Dr. Tymes will talk about her research within a Mensa population and some preliminary findings about high IQ people and whether they develop the behaviors associated with Alzheimer's.

Location: Atlantic Ballroom 1

Speaker: Elna Tymes

Tracks: Speaker

5:30 PM - 7:30 PM

Dinner

Session Description: Chicken noodle soup, fresh garden salad, country potato salad, fresh coleslaw, hamburgers and veggie burgers with fixings, hot dogs, potato chips, assorted cookies.

Location: Great Hall 3

Speaker:

Tracks: Meal

6:00 PM - 7:15 PM

GenX SIG Meet-and-Greet #1

Session Description: For Gen Xers who watched as video killed the radio star, and all we could do is stand by and mutter "I want my MTV" In hopes of finding that we have more in common than just our 2 percent, we welcome all Mensans born from January 1 '61 through December 31 '81. This is a group of Gen Xers, by Gen Xers, and for Gen Xers.

Location: Diplomat Ballroom

Speaker: Tracey Guice

Tracks: SI

6:00 PM - 7:15 PM

Parents of Gifted Youth Meet-and-Greet

Session Description: Are you parenting a gifted child? Perhaps you're interested in meeting other parents doing the same. Parents and Gifted Youth Coordinators are invited to gather for this opportunity to talk. Note: No childcare will be provided for this event.

Location: Room 216

Speaker: Jamie Uphold

Tracks: M

6:00 PM - 7:15 PM

The Cuban-American Transition: From Little Havana Exiles to Transnational Expats

Session Description: Since their initial and, many thought, temporary arrival in the United States after the Cuban Revolution in 1959, Cuban Americans have continued to come to Miami. But the Cubans that came as exiles in the 1960s and the Cuban Enclave of Little Havana are diminishing in number, even as new layers of Cubans establish themselves on the foundations stones set by the earliest arrivals. The new Cuban immigrants did not leave Cuba for the same reasons as the earlier waves and have a different view of how the diaspora should relate to the Cuban people and the Cuban government. This presentation presents some of the key elements of this transition from exiles to

transnational expats.

Location: Atlantic Ballroom 1

Speaker: Guillermo J. Renier

Tracks: Speaker

6:00 PM - 7:15 PM

What Senior Terrorists Say About Why They Want to Destroy Our Way of Life

Session Description: Beliefs drive behavior. Gain an eye-opening look into the minds of the Islamic terror masterminds seeking to destroy America. Explore their motives and beliefs with the clinical psychologist who, as an interrogator in the controversial CIA Enhanced Interrogation Program, went head-to-head for years with 1 of the most senior terrorists in U.S. custody, including Khalid Sheikh Mohammed the mastermind behind the Sept. 11, 2001, terror attacks. Learn what they told him first-hand about why attacks by violent Islamists are far from over, and why they view many of our freedoms and protections as weaknesses placed in our minds by God to make it easier for them to conquer us. Examine how the lessons learned from these insights can be used to make us safer.

Location: Regency Ballroom 3

Speaker: James Mitchell

Tracks: Speaker

6:00 PM - 6:30 PM

Registration for the American Mensa Admission Test

Session Description: Proctors will register candidates for the American Mensa Admissions Test. The special A test fee is \$30. Test candidates must be at least 18 years of age, provide a photo ID and be a permanent U.S. resident. We will be using our new admission test for this session.

Location: Room 212 - 213

Speaker:

Tracks: Mensa

6:30 PM - 9:00 PM

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Speaker:

Tracks: Mensa

7:30 PM - 10:15 PM

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Location: Great Hall 6

Speaker: Richard Manno

Tracks: Tournament

7:30 PM - 8:45 PM

Eating What You Cook: The Importance of Self-Investment

Session Description: Would you eat food from a chef who doesn't even eat what he cooks? Exactly. Matthew Sullivan an innovator in creative networks and popularly known as MC Kenna, will expound upon the essentiality of self-investment, or Eating What You Cook, in the world of entrepreneurship. Constantly revisiting the chef analogy, Sullivan's presentation humorously highlights checkpoints like finding your niche, investing in others and what money really means. Hear it straight from the horse's mouth. At only 18, the young Matthew Sullivan, an information systems student, has founded three businesses: BeautiFlorida, a creative opportunity platform; FloridaRapMerch, a drop-shipping system to help creatives fund their careers; and Connect The Dots, a color-coded networking event that will soon make its way to Texas, Denver, New York and more.

Location: Atlantic Ballroom 1

Speaker: Matthew Sullivan

Tracks: Speaker

7:30 PM - 8:45 PM

Firehouse Meet-and-Greet

Session Description: Whether you love us, hate us, or just love to hate us, you won't want to miss this year's Firehouse Meet-and-Greet. Join the Queen of Firehouse, our amazing Boob Czar and her court, and meet the infamous Sobeq Ra and his harem of Bookworm Bxtches! All your favorite vixens and villians will be in the (Fire)house! You might even get a KH selfie, if you're lucky! There will be no greater celebration of boobs and bacon at the entire AG. You won't want to miss this! (Program not recommended for snowflakes or SJWs. As always, no rats allowed.)

Location: Atlantic Ballroom 3

Speaker: Laura Smith

Tracks: M&G

7:30 PM - 8:45 PM

Is Waldorf Education the Right Choice for Your Gifted Child or Grandchild?

Session Description: There are some private schools that use an unusual form of pedagogy called Waldorf Education. There are several charter schools and, with the new Washington administration more open to charter schools and educational vouchers, there may be more opportunities for Waldorf schools. Some of the unique features of Waldorf education will be discussed, as well as the basis for its uniqueness.

Location: Atlantic Ballroom 2

Speaker: Dan Punzak

Tracks: Speaker

7:30 PM - 8:45 PM

Weird Florida

Session Description: From cows in the Intracoastal Waterway to haunted airliners to celebrity sex scandals — it all happens in Florida. Is there a weirder state? We say no, and challenge you to prove otherwise. Eliot's comedic delivery and multimedia presentation leave audiences roaring.

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Speaker: Eliot Kleinberg

Tracks: Speaker

9:00 PM - 11:00 PM

Mr. Mensa

Session Description: An AG favorite, the annual Mr. Mensa Pageant and Date Auction is proportionate parts prowess, parody and pandering. Join Nguyen 'Win' Pham (Mr. Mensa 2 11) in his fifth appearance as pageant host, and come cheer on your fellow Mensan men as they showcase their talents and physiques to compete for the crown. Bring those dollars, checkbooks and major credit cards for your chance to win a seat on the judging panel as well as a date with one (or more!) of the contestants. Proceeds benefit the Mensa Foundation.

Location: Regency Ballroom 1 & 2

Speaker: Nguyen 'Win' Pham

Tracks: Entertainment

9:00 PM - 10:15 PM

HELL's M's Prequel

Session Description: Let's get the party started! Wear your favorite black shirt (or not). We'll share a few announcements, make sure everyone knows where the SIG suite is and get the party underway!

Location: Room 21

Speaker: Beth Weiss

Tracks: SIG

9:00 PM - 10:15 PM

When Philosophy Meets Mathematics

Session Description: A question has been raised: What is mathematics? What is its nature? Is it invented or discovered? Many mathematicians have approached the question throughout history. The presentation presents a survey of some answers to these questions.

Location: Regency Ballroom 3

Speaker: Pedro Suarez SJ

Tracks: Speaker

9:00 PM - 10:15 PM

Wines of the Street: A Tasting Like No Other

Session Description: If you are a connoisseur of fine wine who marvels in the bouquet of the cork, swirls vintage grapes in crystal stemware before savoring the complex flavor on your sophisticated pallet, this tasting is not for you. These wines have no pretentiousness. There are no vintages, historic vineyards, or awards from royal commissions. You will not find these popular samples offered by the wine steward at any dining establishment in your agat guide. These are wines for the common man. Wine for those whose objective is simple: get messed up, as quickly and cheaply as possible. These are the Wines of the Street.

Location: Atlantic Ballroom 3

Speaker: Dave Bryant

Tracks: Speaker

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10:30 PM - 11:59 PM

Double Deck Cancellation Hearts Tournament — Round 1

Session Description: ne of the signature games of Mensa and Hell's M's, DDCH is Hearts played with seven to nine players and two decks, where a matching card played cancels out the first one for purposes of taking the trick. Lead rotates, no need to wait for hearts to be broken, no score setbacks, no bucket- -pain . If none of that means anything to you, the full rules will be explained; if it does, this variant is often called guts rules or hio rules . Sign up in advance or show up to replace a no-show. ne winner from each of eight tables goes on to the final round.

Location: Great Hall

Speaker: Stan Ward

Tracks: Tournament