

**July 07, 2017**

Friday

**7:30 AM - 9:30 AM**

**Breakfast**

Session Description: Whole fresh fruit, assorted freshly baked breakfast breads, hard boiled eggs, bulk cereal (Cheerios, Raisin Bran and Corn Flakes), white and whole wheat toast, milk (whole, 1%, soy), coffee, orange and grapefruit juice.

Location: Great Hall 3 & 4

Speaker:

Tracks: Meal

**8:00 AM - 8:45 AM**

**Yoga "all levels" Vinyasa class with a spiritual intention. Bring a mat/towel. Fitness attire.**

Session Description: Ken Heptig, author of "Yoga Secrets", will lead you through a series of yoga poses. He will give modifications for less or more to keep everyone challenged. Bring a mat or large towel and your sense of humor. Fitness attire recommended. This is not an introduction to yoga class. Ken believes the spiritual intentions are the most valuable part of yoga and can help you find a better life. Yoga studios throughout the United States use his book Yoga Secrets: 52 Life-Changing Secrets. Ken refined the intentions in his book while teaching thousands of yoga classes. He improved the intentions for simplicity and clarity until his students could absorb the intentions while practicing different levels of yoga. The book is suitable for anyone with or without a physical practice of yoga. Use the intentions on your own or add them to a group activity like sporting events, classrooms, and yoga classes. <http://goalyoga.com>

Location: Diplomat Ballroom 4

Speaker: Ken Heptig

Tracks: Fitness

**9:00 AM - 11:45 AM**

**Annual Business Meeting**

Session Description: You're an American Mensan and you want to know what's happening with your organization. Come to the ABM and hear reports from the Chair, Treasurer and Executive Director, as well as the Mensa Foundation President. All members are urged to participate in the Annual Business Meeting, where they have a voice and a vote.

Location: Regency Ballroom 1

Speaker:

Tracks: Mensa

**9:30 AM - 10:30 AM**

**Learning Session — Concordia**

Session Description: This game involves competing to maximize the power and prestige of your house in ancient Rome. Cards are selected and played to determine the action a player takes during a given turn. The game is fairly easy to learn. Join us in the Games Room if you would like to learn the game or the Salt part of the Salsa expansion or need a refresher before the tournament on Friday at 10:30 a.m.

Location: Great Hall 5

Speaker: Robert Goldsmith

Tracks: Tournament

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10:30 AM - 1:15 PM

### **Concordia Tournament**

Session Description: Concordia involves competing to maximize the power and prestige of your house in ancient Rome. Cards are selected and played, determining the action a player takes during a given turn. The tournament will be played in two rounds. Winners in Round 1 will go on to Round 2. Both rounds will use Salt from the Salsa Expansion (but not the Forum). Round 1 will use the Imperium board. The board for Round 2 will be selected by the games master based on the number of players. Sign up early! Learn it in the Games Room on Friday at 9:30 a.m.

Location: Great Hall 6

Speaker: Robert Goldsmith

Tracks: Tournament

10:30 AM - 11:45 AM

### **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

10:30 AM - 11:45 AM

### **Debate Room: "Should Dead Movie Stars Stay Dead?"**

Session Description: Rumor has it that Carrie Fisher will have a digitally generated cameo in an upcoming Star Wars production, despite her death in 2016. Is that a good idea, or icky? How about bringing back Alan Rickman in a follow-on Hogwarts film? Should actors own a character even beyond the grave or should ownership pass to a new generation on the James-Bond-franchise model? Debate Room is not a heated debate, but a fast-paced moderated discussion where everyone gets to be heard, and the most interesting speaker gets a prize!

Location: Diplomat Ballroom 5

Speaker:

Tracks: Debate

10:30 AM - 11:45 AM

### **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 217

Speaker:

Tracks: M&G

10:30 AM - 11:45 AM

### **Infant-directed Singing: What Does It Sound Like and Why Is It Important?**

Session Description: Infant-directed (ID) singing is the unique way mothers sing to infants as part of caregiving. Due to its ubiquitous presence and historical background, ID singing is identified as a universal caregiving behavior, and thus may impart some advantage to infants, and possibly mothers as well. Through ID singing, mothers direct infant attention

and modulate infant arousal, thus providing opportunity for infant self-regulation. This presentation will present descriptive research findings regarding infant response to ID singing, in both typical and clinical populations, including mothers with post-partum depression, and infants with Down syndrome. Additional data will be provided to identify the prominent acoustic parameters of ID singing for both clinical populations. Implications will be presented for using ID singing as therapeutic intervention to promote self-regulation.

Location: Atlantic Ballroom 1

Speaker: Shannon de l'Etoile Ph.D.

Tracks: Speaker

**10:30 AM - 11:45 AM**

**The Bay of Pigs: A Participant's Perspective**

Session Description: The Bay of Pigs invasion of Cuba, was a failed military operation undertaken by the CIA-sponsored Brigade 2506 on April 17, 1961, at the height of the "Cold War." Brigade 2506 was the armed wing of the exile Cuban community's "Democratic Revolutionary Front," and the invasion was intended to overthrow the communist government of Fidel Castro. Dr. Zayas-Bazán participated in the invasion as a frogman and was one of the first six men to land at Girón beach. On the third day of the operation he was wounded in his right knee and captured. Dr. Zayas-Bazán subsequently spent a year in a Cuban prison, before being ransomed by the U.S. government, along with 59 other wounded prisoners that needed urgent medical attention. He will share his personal experience in, and perspective of, the fateful Bay of Pigs debacle.

Location: Regency Ballroom 3

Speaker: Eduardo Zayas-Bazán

Tracks: Speaker

**11:00 AM - 1:00 PM**

**Lunch**

Session Description: Vegetarian minestrone soup, Caesar salad, Italian bean salad, assorted pizzas (including cheese, pepperoni and vegetarian), brownies and blondies.

Location: Great Hall 3 & 4

Speaker:

Tracks: Meal

**12:00 PM - 1:15 PM**

**A History of the UFO Phenomenon**

Session Description: Governments around the world have had to deal with the UFO phenomenon for a good part of a century. This presentation provides an overview of how the United States government has dealt with the phenomenon, beginning in World War II. The seriousness with which the military and the U.S. intelligence communities approached the UFO phenomenon internally is also discussed. At the same time, the story reveals how a subject with such apparent depth of experience and interest became treated as if it were a triviality. Some of the more interesting UFO case histories are touched upon. Also discussed is how other governments have dealt with the phenomenon. As stated in 1952 by the Air Force Chief of Intelligence, Maj. Gen. John Samford, "Credible people have seen incredible things." For more information see [explorescu.org](http://explorescu.org), or contact Robert at [robertmaxpowell@gmail.com](mailto:robertmaxpowell@gmail.com).

Location: Regency Ballroom 1

Speaker: Robert Powell, MUFON Director of Research

Tracks: Speaker

**12:00 PM - 1:15 PM**

**Debate Room: "Sequels, Prequels — Have They Run Out of Ideas?"**

Session Description: What's behind the proliferation of multipart movie franchises? Gone with The Wind was popular in 1936, but there was no Return with The Wind until Scarlett in 1991. Is it just too hard for Hollywood to develop new plots and characters, or do the production companies think it's too hard for audiences to accept them? Do you prefer new or familiar? Debate Room is not a heated debate, but a fast-paced moderated discussion where everyone gets to be heard, and the most interesting speaker gets a prize.

Location: Diplomat Ballroom 5

Speaker:

Tracks: Debate

**12:00 PM - 1:15 PM**

**Fraud: A 2017 Update on the Newest Schemes and Scams That Can Cost Your Fortune or Your Life**

Session Description: Fraud is the fastest growing crime in the U.S. and the world. (ID theft, credit cards, romance scams, investment fraud, telemarketing scams, Nigerian letters, death-for-dollars, health care frauds, Ponzi schemes, pharmaceutical frauds, automobile scams — the list is endless.) There are no boundaries — nobody is safe. The avenues of exposure are multiplying exponentially, and the chameleon that is fraud will chew up and swallow any victim it can find. Sadly stated, the crooks are winning. The strongest weapons available to at-risk individuals (every single one of us) are education, awareness and a general sense of how to best protect ourselves and those around us.

Location: Regency Ballroom 2

Speaker: Cookie Bakke

Tracks: Speaker

**12:00 PM - 1:15 PM**

**HELL's M's SIG Meet-and-Greet**

Session Description: Wonder why all these people are wearing black shirts with an attack owl on them? Do you have one (or more) and want another? Are you interested in what's going on with the SIG? Join us for our annual Meet-and-Greet for the answer to those and other exciting questions.

Location: Diplomat Ballroom 4

Speaker: Beth Weiss

Tracks: SIG

**12:00 PM - 1:15 PM**

**Multiple Intelligences. We Know You Have a High IQ: What About the Rest?**

Session Description: As a card-carrying Mensan, Sally Lein understands better than most that the legendary intelligence quotient measures just a few types of "intelligence." Most serious educational researchers (and kindergarten teachers) understand that there are all brands of "smarts," and that an individual's intelligence is measured and manifested in unique ways. This interactive lecture helps attendees identify which of the multiple intelligences describe them and make them the gifted people they are.

Location: Atlantic Ballroom 2

Speaker: Sally Rountree Lein

Tracks: Speaker

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### **OLÉ! A Demonstration of Flamenco!**

Session Description: Ilisa Rosal, founder and artistic director of Ballet Flamenco La Rosa, and company will explain and demonstrate some of the foundations of Flamenco, including the core aspects of zapateado (footwork), braseo (arms), castanuelas (castanets) and technique for hand movements, as well as basic dance steps and rhythms. She will help us to understand the elegant balance of motion and energy to express the passion that is the hallmark of Flamenco. Ballet Flamenco La Rosa is respected as one of the finest companies in Florida.

Location: Regency Ballroom 3

Speaker: Ilisa Rosal

Tracks: Speaker

12:00 PM - 1:15 PM

### **Region 3 Meet-and-Greet**

Session Description: Join the newly elected RVC 3 and other Region 3 members to talk about what is going on in Mensa as a whole and Region 3 in particular.

Location: Room 216

Speaker: John Voymas

Tracks: M&G

12:00 PM - 1:15 PM

### **Region 7 Meet-and-Greet**

Session Description: Join newly elected RVC 7 Rich Olcott and other Region 7 members to talk about what is going on in Mensa as a whole and Region 7 in particular.

Location: Room 217

Speaker: Rich Olcott

Tracks: M&G

12:00 PM - 1:15 PM

### **Sports Analytics 101**

Session Description: Michael Lewis's Moneyball, published in 2003, documents the success of the Oakland Athletics under the direction of General Manager Billy Beane. Beane eschewed popular-but-primitive approaches to scouting and in-game strategy in favor of a seemingly-radical approach, heavily reliant on advanced statistical analysis, and sparked a revolution within the world of sports. This presentation addresses the key elements of this revolution to this point, and offers a glimpse into the future of our favorite sports. Specifically, this presentation discusses how number crunchers have played an increasingly prominent role in sports in the 21st century. In addition to decisions related to player personnel decisions and on-field strategy, those in the sports world use analytics now more than ever for marketing, player safety, playing rules, etc. Still, statisticians seek to address flaws in these analytics models - flaws that have fueled sports' ongoing old-school-vs. new-school debate.

Location: Atlantic Ballroom 3

Speaker: Nick Elam Ph.D.

Tracks: Speaker

1:30 PM - 4:15 PM

### **Mexican Train Dominoes Tournament**

Session Description: Mexican Train is a game played with a set of double-12 dominoes. The object of the game is to play all the dominoes from your hand onto one or more

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chains, or "trains," emanating from a central hub or "station." The game will consist of randomized tables of 5 - 6 people each, and we will play for a fixed number of rounds. The player with the lowest score wins. Hard copies of the rules will be available near the sign-up sheet in the Tournament Room. All aboard

Location: Great Hall 6

Speaker: Anne McFarlane

Tracks: Tournament

1:30 PM - 2:45 PM

### **Debate Room: "Computers and the Arts — Blessing or Bane?"**

Session Description: Computer Generated Imagery (CGI) has made a place for itself in Hollywood, and you can't escape Auto-Tune in pop music. Yes, they can create effects that challenge unaided humans, but isn't confronting that challenge what art is about? Should audiences value the effect or the effort? Debate Room is not a heated debate, but a fast-paced moderated discussion where everyone gets to be heard, and the most interesting speaker gets a prize

Location: Diplomat Ballroom 5

Speaker:

Tracks: Debate

1:30 PM - 2:45 PM

### **How to Get Started in 3D Printing for Under \$150**

Session Description: Master gadgeteer and consummate tinkerer Leo Doyle will entertain and enlighten the audience with a lively introduction to 3D-printing. He will talk about building several open-source printers, using open-source software, lessons he learned, and the good, the bad and the ugly of 3D-printing.

Location: Atlantic Ballroom 1

Speaker: Leo Doyle

Tracks: Speaker

1:30 PM - 2:45 PM

### **Leading Difficult People: The Role of Emotional Intelligence**

Session Description: We all know people we find challenging. The good news is you can still work effectively with these people if you choose to do so. This session is designed to explore the foundation of Emotional Intelligence and provide participants with tools to better understand and lead others. Emotional Intelligence is the strongest predictor of leadership success. That's because emotional intelligence helps us understand and manage our relationships with others. Self-awareness is the foundation of emotional intelligence. This interactive session will help participants develop greater self-awareness, and thus a greater capacity for emotional intelligence. Through reflection and small group interaction, participants will come to understand how to use emotional intelligence to create better relationships with others. This session is designed for anyone who wants to become more effective in working with other people. For more information: [kapelaleadershipsolutions.com](http://kapelaleadershipsolutions.com)

Location: Regency Ballroom 2

Speaker: Jen Kapela

Tracks: Speaker

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### **London SIG Meet-and-Greet**

Session Description:

Location: Diplomat Ballroom 4

Speaker:

Tracks: SIG

1:30 PM - 2:45 PM

### **Make Your Print Content Mean Something**

Session Description: Any Local Group Newsletter Editor who's ever printed a typo knows how closely members pay attention to the publications. For many members, their newsletter is their primary point of contact with Mensa all the more reason to make the most of your Local Group's periodical. At this LDW, longtime Central Indiana Mensa Mind Editor Teresa Gregory and Bulletin Editor Chip Taulbee will cover the fundamental elements of a quality newsletter, detail pitfalls to avoid and highlight some of the better features and practices Newsletter Editors are employing. Ideal for both new and seasoned editors.

Location: Room 214

Speaker: Chip Taulbee, Teresa Gregory

Tracks: LDW

1:30 PM - 2:45 PM

### **Misguided Mensan Adventures in the Connecticut Department of Corrections**

Session Description: Have you ever wanted to know if the prison life in "the movies" is real or fictional? Have you ever wanted to learn what the day-to-day life and struggles of correctional staff are? Come join Mensa's own Jason DeNolfo as he describes to you the culture of prison life as he has experienced it for the last 11 years as a correction officer in the Connecticut Department of Corrections. Discover how a career in corrections can affect an individual not only behind prison walls, but how it affects one's personal life outside. What is the experience of an individual who has been accused and is just entering prison? How does a correctional staff member address all the ethical dilemmas that are faced on a daily basis? This no-holds-barred presentation will address these controversial topics and more.

Location: Regency Ballroom 3

Speaker: Jason Denolfo

Tracks: Speaker

1:30 PM - 2:45 PM

### **Polyamory from A to MTINYBTYTIK (How Giving a TED Talk Helped Me Fix Everyone Else's Relationships)**

Session Description: Polyamorous relationships consist of individuals of multi-partner relationships and families. Leon offers an insight through his journey in finding polyamory as the means to creating intimate, valuable relationships with multiple people. Through his journey and explanation, Leon debunks myths and presents the values of polyamory. He will be screening his TED Talk video, then lead a discussion on polyamory and related topics. He is currently working on his first book, with the working title matching this talk's.

Location: Atlantic Ballroom 2

Speaker: Leon Feingold

Tracks: Speaker

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### **Preparing Your Student for College: What to Look for and How to Get in!**

Session Description: Competition for acceptance to colleges and universities is at an all-time high. Getting accepted into highly selective colleges has become more and more difficult due to a rapidly growing applicant pool. Parents and middle and high school students are invited to get real and practical answers to crucial questions about what students need to know about preparing for the college admissions process. Seminar topics will include: what should my student do now to prepare for college; how can my student get into the college of his or her choice; how early should my child start the college admission process; what should my student look for when choosing and visiting a college; what role do grades, standardized tests, course load and extracurricular activities play in college admissions; and more.

Location: Regency Ballroom 1

Speaker: Brenda Rudman

Tracks: Speaker

1:30 PM - 2:45 PM

### **Region 1 Meet-and-Greet**

Session Description: Join RVC 1 Ian Strock and other Region 1 members to talk about what is going on in Mensa as a whole and Region 1 in particular.

Location: Room 216

Speaker: Ian Randal Strock

Tracks: M&G

1:30 PM - 2:45 PM

### **Region 5 Meet-and-Greet**

Session Description: Join RVC 5 Baker Ring and other Region 5 members to talk about what is going on in Mensa as a whole and Region 5 in particular.

Location: Room 217

Speaker: Baker Ring

Tracks: M&G

1:30 PM - 2:45 PM

### **Strategic Planning for Your Local Group**

Session Description: Strategic planning can seem like one of those complex processes that is time intensive, and most volunteers don't know where to start or how much time it will take. In this session, we will share the importance of strategic planning and how to make the process easier and manageable for volunteers. Good and bad examples illustrate crucial points

Location: Room 212 & 213

Speaker: Elissa Rudolph, Trevor Mitchell

Tracks: LDW

1:30 PM - 2:45 PM

### **The Auschwitz Album and an Auschwitz Survivor's Testimony**

Session Description: This presentation deals with: 1) The Auschwitz Album, the only surviving visual evidence of the process leading to the mass murder at Auschwitz-Birkenau. It's a unique document that portrays the story of the passengers of one deportation transport that arrived at Auschwitz-Birkenau concentration camp, on May 26, 1944. This album introduces the use of photographs as historical documents that, together with additional sources such as letters and testimonies, help create a



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comprehensive view of a certain historical event, and to put a human face on it's victims.  
2) Testimony and Q&A with Auschwitz survivor Julius Eisenstein.

Location: Atlantic Ballroom 3

Speaker: Julius Eisenstein, Stacey Lowack

Tracks: Speaker

3:00 PM - 4:15 PM

### **An Immigrant's Journey Into The Cosmos**

Session Description: Dr. Edebi Misconi will discuss his recent book, An Immigrant's Journey Into The Cosmos. A summary of the political upheavals in Baghdad, Iraq and the Middle East as he was growing up will be presented. He will describe his TV experience in Baghdad with one hair-raising moment. He chronicles his unique journey into astronomy in the U.S. and his solar system research in Interplanetary Dust Dynamics, comets and asteroids. His laser-particle levitation experiment will be explained in an attempt to simulate IDD in space, and his involvement in the 1980s Star War program as a spin-off research. Later on, he also conducted the first rocket launch in Mexico's history to observe the total solar eclipse, and another NASA launch from the Wallops Island facility. Dr. Misconi will also describe his idea of destroying comets or asteroids that may destroy our civilization. He had interesting dialogues with astronaut Buzz Aldrin and other famous astronomers and astrophysicists.

Location: Regency Ballroom 1

Speaker: Edebi Misconi, Professor Emeritus, University of Central Florida

Tracks: Speaker

3:00 PM - 4:15 PM

### **Dances with Words**

Session Description: Now in the third year of a successful musical partnership, Mensa Bulletin senior columnist Richard Lederer and musical comedian Bill Shipper once again conspire to deliver a fun-filled session exploring wordplay in music and song. These two sparring punsters will deliver newly musicalized linguistic gems and learning disguised as hilarity. Past AG concerts by this delightful duo have ginned up ginormous grins, and this year's performance is sure to surprise and surpass.

Location: Regency Ballroom 2

Speaker: Bill Stanek, Richard Lederer

Tracks: Speaker

3:00 PM - 4:15 PM

### **Debate Room: "Do You See a Movie for the Names or the Story?"**

Session Description: Hollywood's star system was built on the idea that a film's big draw was the recognizable faces on the screen, from Myrna Loy to Elizabeth Taylor. More recently the word "bankable" has been applied to directors as well as to actors. Does that theory hold up in your experience or do you put more weight on the title or the genre or on the critical verdicts? Debate Room is not a heated debate, but a fast-paced moderated discussion where everyone gets to be heard, and the most interesting speaker gets a prize.

Location: Diplomat Ballroom 5

Speaker:

Tracks: Debate

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### **Fast and Effective Business Meetings**

Session Description: We've all been in meetings that went too long, were disorganized, got nothing done and were a complete waste of time. This workshop will lead you through a discussion and give you instruction on how to avoid these and other pitfalls when conducting your own meetings.

Location: Room 212 & 213

Speaker: Jason Seiler

Tracks: LDW

3:00 PM - 4:15 PM

### **Hollywood Looks at Itself**

Session Description: Howard Gross, who has given presentations on such topics as "Reddy Lamarr, Inventor" and "Writer's Cramp" about the experiences of Hemingway, Faulkner, Fitzgerald and Salinger in Hollywood, now brings you an inside look at the movies. He will discuss the lighter view such as Jean Harlow's "Bombshell" and "Singin' in the Rain") and the darker view "Sunset Boulevard" and "The Bad and the Beautiful"). Besides, you'll hear about the 1937 and 1954 versions of "A Star Is Born," how they differ yet are equally entertaining. He will even include the French-made "The Artist," an affectionate look at early Hollywood. You'll laugh, you'll cry... but you won't be bored

Location: Atlantic Ballroom 1

Speaker: Howard Gross

Tracks: Speaker

3:00 PM - 4:15 PM

### **Neither Here nor There: Children of the First Immigrants from Castro's Cuba**

Session Description: As millions of Cubans have settled into Florida, and beyond, in the last 50 years, few remember the pioneers who paved the way for this mass exodus—not only establishing the largest Cuban enclave in the world, but enabling immigration from all Latin American countries. They were a distinct group of middle class professionals, entrepreneurs and white and blue collar workers who stopped looking back. Their children, absorbing their parent's nostalgia, were the first to bridge a divided identity that left them embracing and rejecting their Cubaness and their Americanness at once. Cecilia M. Fernandez, author of *Leaving Little Havana: A Memoir of Miami's Cuban Ghetto*, discusses the bilingual, bicultural, binational state of limbo for many of those perceived to have had no choice in coming to a foreign land. See: [ceciliamfernandez.com](http://ceciliamfernandez.com). Email: [fernandezcm@bellsouth.net](mailto:fernandezcm@bellsouth.net))

Location: Atlantic Ballroom 3

Speaker: Cecilia M. Fernandez

Tracks: Speaker

3:00 PM - 4:15 PM

### **Region 8 Meet-and-Greet**

Session Description: Join RVC Sandra Lackovic and other Region 8 members to talk about what is going on in Mensa as a whole and Region 8 in particular.

Location: Room 216

Speaker: Sandra Lackovic

Tracks: M&G

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### Region 9 Meet-and-Greet

Session Description: Join the newly elected RVC 9 and other Region 9 members to talk about what is going on in Mensa as a whole and Region 9 in particular.

Location: Room 217

Speaker: Michael Wong

Tracks: M&G

3:00 PM - 4:15 PM

### Ski SIG Meet-and-Greet

Session Description:

Location: Diplomat Ballroom 4

Speaker: Suzanne Wills

Tracks: SIG

3:00 PM - 4:15 PM

### Social Media — Which Channels Are You On?

Session Description: Facebook, Twitter, Instagram. Pages, Groups, Events. Are you saving your Snaps? Is your Insta avi on point? Do you know what any of these words mean? Taz and Scott will help you understand the difference between a Facebook Page and a Group and why your Local Group should probably be using both. We'll talk posting frequency, where to scoop the best content for our high-minded audience and more. Learn the basics of how local groups can leverage social media to help with both recruitment and retention.

Location: Room 214

Speaker: Scott Snider, Taz Criss

Tracks: LDW

3:00 PM - 4:15 PM

### The CIA's Magician: The Case of the Top Secret Magic Spy Manuals

Session Description: In 1953, the newly formed Central Intelligence Agency created the now infamous research division Milttra. That same year, Milttra secretly contracted with renowned magician John Mulholland to write two manuals teaching spies how to use magic to deliver information, poison or other drugs to their audience. The scholarly and urbane Mulholland never revealed this project to his colleagues in the magic community. In 1973, CIA Director Richard Helms ordered all Milttra documents destroyed. In 2007, one copy of each of the two magic spy manuals was discovered. In 2011, these manuals were made available to the public. Life Member Neil Caesar, a serious magic nut, was stunned by these revelations. He will share this fascinating confluence of the worlds of magic and espionage. Secrets will be revealed. Be sure your security clearances are in place. The Magicians' Path will be administered onsite.

Location: Atlantic Ballroom 2

Speaker: Neil Caesar

Tracks: Speaker

3:00 PM - 4:15 PM

### Turn Your Life Experience Into Income Through Infopreneurship

Session Description: Mensans have many talents we have honed over the years. Whether they are hobbies we've taught ourselves, skills learned from work or knowledge garnered from education, nearly all of us are experts at something, and we want to share with the world. Do all Mensans realize, though, that you don't have to become a college

professor to share that life experience with others, or to profit from it. "Infopreneurship" is a type of business ownership that allows any individual, regardless of credential, age, title or any other demographic, to create informational products like ebooks, online courses, virtual summits and more to establish themselves as an expert, spread their message, teach others and make income. So whether it's knitting, medicine, marketing, watercolor painting, astronomy, board games or something else entirely, you have the power in today's digital world to spread that life experience through infopreneurship.

Location: Regency Ballroom 3

Speaker: Bailey Richert

Tracks: Speaker

**4:30 PM - 7:15 PM****Euchre Tournament**

Session Description: Euchre (a trick-taking card game usually played in two-player teams using traditional playing cards. We will generally play according to the standard description found in the Wikipedia entry for Euchre, but each round will run maximum of 2 minutes, with winning teams advancing to the next round. Players without partners can pair up in the Tournament Room before play begins. This tournament is for experienced players only; not a time to learn the game. Bring your dinner in with you. You may learn the game by attending the learning session in the Games Room at noon on Thursday.

Location: Great Hall 6

Speaker: Tammy Hicks

Tracks: Tournament

**4:30 PM - 5:45 PM****Beyond Medicine: Why Yes Dear, That Is Marijuana**

Session Description: Around the globe people are talking about cannabis, an ancient medicine, mild psychedelic, modern job creator and a multi-million dollar legal and illegal industry. Jodi James, a 20-plus-year veteran of the war on drugs leads this frank conversation about the plant. James takes participants on a journey through the highs and lows of America's infatuation with pot. Together you will explore the benefits of the plant, the harms of prohibition and the politics behind the laws. Where we go from here is up to you.

Location: Regency Ballroom 2

Speaker: Jodi James

Tracks: Speaker

**4:30 PM - 5:45 PM****Digital Content Creation**

Session Description: Are you ready to unleash and productize transparent users? Maybe you just want to orchestrate open-source information flows. Maybe, just maybe, you'd like to know more about how to create and leverage digital content (read: words, pictures) on your website and social accounts to build community and grow your local group. Well, maybe I can help. Let's chat about how, with a little work up front, you can easily make the web work for you.

Location: Room 214

Speaker: Scott Snider

Tracks: LDW

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### **GeekJobPal: Taking an Idea and Making It Happen**

Session Description: In 2014, Annika spoke at the American Mensa Annual Gathering about MProve: an employment initiative for Mensans. As getting employed in an increasingly competitive job market can seem like an incredibly daunting task, Annika proposed MProve to provide Mensans with employment skills in an online course run by Mensans, for Mensans. When it became clear that a nonprofit did not have the necessary resources needed to provide these services, Annika took a different approach to the problem. Starting GeekJobPal and TechJobPal, Annika hopes to provide people with interviewing tips, resume writing advice, soft skills and navigating social cues, information on how to network, and the ability to make the perfect presentation. People learn differently, so JobPal offers one-on-one sessions, practical skills workshops, webinars and more. Come hear the story so far, what the programs look like and what the future for the JobPal family holds.

Location: Atlantic Ballroom 2

Speaker: Annika Thurlow

Tracks: Speaker

4:30 PM - 5:45 PM

### **Isolated M Family Reunion**

Session Description: Current Isolated Ms, former members and other curious people renew acquaintances and make new friends. Isolated M was started by Harper Fowley in 1974 and now has 700+ members in more than 80 countries (from A to V). Bring your stories about being isolated (or not), travel adventures and retest incidents...but no feghoots!

Location: Room 217

Speaker: Ruth Danielle

Tracks: M&G

4:30 PM - 5:45 PM

### **Leadership Opportunities in Mensa**

Session Description: "Should you put Mensa on your resume?" It's one of the most popular questions members ask. The general consensus is: "It depends on the company, but you definitely can if you are talking about your volunteer or leadership experience!" During this session, we will go over the many different roles available at the local and national level, the time commitment and work involved, qualifications needed and expectations of Mensa volunteers. You will find out what it takes to successfully lead a population of Extremely Smart People, as well as learn about the support you can get from the National Office. This session is highly recommended for members new and old who want to give back to the organization through their skills, expertise and enthusiasm.

Location: Room 212 & 213

Speaker: Becky Folger, Billie Lee

Tracks: LDW

4:30 PM - 5:45 PM

### **Legendary American Political Operative Roger Stone**

Session Description: An in-depth review of how the 2016 election played out during the primaries and general election. How did this election compare to past contests and how it was dramatically different? Was it the toughest race we have seen in our lifetimes? Key elements of what made the Donald Trump campaign successful and what the post-election radicalism really means to American democracy. Examination of the efforts by the media and Democrats trying to manufacture a "Russian Connection" between Trump and top allies... is this the new McCarthyism? How will President Trump deliver on his promises to secure the border, revamp our economy, improve our armed forces and take

care of our veterans? Presentation would conclude explaining why the mainstream media will be extinct or irrelevant in the coming years.

Location: Atlantic Ballroom 1

Speaker: Roger Stone

Tracks: Speaker

**4:30 PM - 5:45 PM**

**SCUBA SIG Meet-and-Greet**

Session Description:

Location: Diplomat Ballroom 4

Speaker: Ann Faget

Tracks: SIG

**4:30 PM - 5:45 PM**

**Understanding Police Use of Force**

Session Description: This lecture demonstration will provide information on a highly politicized, controversial subject. It will NOT be a town hall style format for arguing. It will provide our intelligent members real insight on the training, mindset and brutal reality of making the decision to use force, including deadly force. We will talk about law, ethics, tactics and psychology. Given the nature of the topic and graphic, violent images that will be shown, this class is recommended only for mature members. This presenter is an active career law enforcement officer in Florida who has successfully used every level on the force continuum, including deadly force. He is a police academy instructor and subject matter expert who has testified as an expert witness in court.

Location: Regency Ballroom 1

Speaker: Dave Bryant

Tracks: Speaker

**4:30 PM - 5:45 PM**

**When Caring Hurts: Helping Caregivers Get the Support They Need**

Session Description: Research has shown that caregivers may die four to eight years sooner if they don't get the help they need. Whether you are caring for a child, spouse partner significant other, friend or a family member, caregivers can quickly get overwhelmed by the responsibilities. Viki will share with you how to get past your resistance to asking for help and how to use a four-step process to help you get the support you need. Attendees will learn how to say no when people are asking for too much and how to say yes to take time for yourself. This is an interactive course where caregivers will create action plans that they can use right away. Viki will also share resources to help you find support in your community.

Location: Regency Ballroom 3

Speaker: Viki Kind

Tracks: Speaker

**6:00 PM - 7:15 PM**

**Employing Creative Pedagogy in Developing Nations**

Session Description: How does a nonprofit with insufficient funds educate a village of children? In her presentation, Linda the founder of Charitable Confections, a volunteer-run educational organization that operates in Haiti and Armenia will discuss the creative pedagogical approaches she has implemented in Cite Soleil Port-au-Prince's most destitute and gang-ridden slum and in Yerevan. These methods, carried out via

her organization's "charity du jour," or partner nonprofits, Haiti Scholarship Association and Armenian Missionary Association of America, include peer-to-peer Skype sessions with children in first world countries that foster cross-cultural exchange and learning adult-to-child virtual tutoring via Skype and Facebook messenger in Haiti virtual classroom teaching with Harvard and MIT professors and students in Armenia and fundraising for tuition via unique events such as a formal dinner with an edible robot named Confectionbot, who will accompany Linda to the Mensa event.

Location: Regency Ballroom 1

Speaker: Linda Khachadurian

Tracks: Speaker

**6:00 PM - 7:15 PM**

**Going Dark: The Power of Information Privacy**

Session Description: Today's world brings us a great deal of information to our fingertips and also opens up a spiderweb of our own information, which can make us tremendously vulnerable. How can we secure our privacy, stay anonymous and be safe? This session will introduce you to methods of privacy using free and open-source software and operating systems, mail encryption, the Tor network, an insight into how hard drive and mobile device encryption work and more. You'll learn simple and easy ways to manage your online identity it's not as hard as you might think! This session is open to all levels and will engage in a discussion about the hot topics associated with privacy.

Location: Atlantic Ballroom 2

Speaker: Tom Galanis

Tracks: Speaker

**6:00 PM - 7:15 PM**

**L'ChaiM SIG Meet-and-Greet**

Session Description: Come join fellow Jewish Mensans as we welcome the Sabbath.

Location: Room 217

Speaker: Rick Magnus

Tracks: SIG

**6:00 PM - 7:15 PM**

**Muon Monitoring**

Session Description: The current Standard Model of Fundamental Particles has been able to describe in a single mathematical pattern all visible matter (4 percent of the mass of the universe). It thus states that this matter consists of six electron-like leptons and six quarks making known nuclei and atoms and many unstable particles created in high-energy particle collisions. The remaining 96 percent of the universe is made from a still mysterious set of "dark matter" and "dark energy." The muon, an unstable lepton particle, is effectively a massy version of the electron. Muons are present in the secondary cosmic ray showers in the atmosphere, and are one of the few particles to reach in large numbers a sea level environment. They decay into three other leptons: an electron and two neutrinos, which in our experiment escape undetected. The speaker will explain her experiment, which registers the arrival and stopping of a muon as a voltage pulse, and how it could be used in applications for modern-day society.

Location: Regency Ballroom 2

Speaker: Cioli Barazandeh

Tracks: Speaker

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### **Quantum 101: An Introduction to Quantum Mechanics and Quantum Computers**

Session Description: Strange things happen in the quantum world. Information moves across the universe instantly. Particles travel backward in time to change experimental results. Electrons jump through walls whenever they feel like it. And today, scientists are taking this weird science and building weird computers that will someday process a trillion bits of information in just a few seconds. In the future, our government will be able to use quantum computers to decrypt all data on the Internet. In this session we will look at quantum computers and the quantum mechanics needed to make them work. The talk is 0 percent history lesson, 0 percent science lecture and 100 percent fun. It's appropriate for all ages, and no scientific knowledge skill is required.

Location: Regency Ballroom 3

Speaker: Timmy King

Tracks: Speaker

6:00 PM - 7:15 PM

### **The First Astronomers: The Paleolithic Synthesis of Visual Art, Myth and Natural Science**

Session Description: France's Lascaux Cave contains many of the most spectacular and well-known works of Paleolithic art. These Cro-Magnon paintings, more than 17,000 years old, include the most intriguing and enigmatic of all cave art—the Shaft Scene. These fragile paintings at the bottom of a well in the depths of the cave seem to have an implicit narrative, but scholars disagree as to its meaning. Is it allegorical or literal? Does it represent a masked shaman in trance, surrounded by dream figures? Or perhaps an unfortunate hunter dead at the feet of his mortally wounded prey? Chris Kilgore's revolutionary interpretation answers these questions definitively, elucidating the images as the earliest evidence yet found of astronomical knowledge. Kilgore will demonstrate that the insights captured in these fragile paintings have survived, encoded as myth. Preserved in a sophisticated pre-literate mnemonic system, these astronomical insights spread throughout the prehistoric world and survive to this day.

Location: Atlantic Ballroom 3

Speaker: Christopher Kilgore

Tracks: Speaker

6:00 PM - 7:15 PM

### **What We Have Learned in Eight Years of Bigfoot Research**

Session Description: I have been researching Bigfoot creatures in the Arkansas, Louisiana, Oklahoma and Texas areas for eight years. During that time, other researchers and I, have discovered many previously unreported facts about Bigfoot through observations and field research. We have found out about their movement, mimicking, groups changing members, intelligence indicators and language. We have seen how the creatures react to different equipment used to photograph and record them. We have developed height estimates based on foot size, as verified by researchers' personal experience. If you have any interest in these creatures, please plan to attend.

Location: Atlantic Ballroom 1

Speaker: Carl Hartline

Tracks: Speaker

7:00 PM - 10:00 PM

### **Gala Dinner with speaker Penn Jillette**

Session Description: Penn & Teller's live show spent years on Broadway and is now the longest-running headliner show in Las Vegas. In addition to his numerous television appearances, philanthropy work and popular podcast, Penn has written two books, the latest of which is Presto!, a New York Times best-seller that takes an insightful and humorous look at his recent weight-loss journey. On the big screen, he produced the



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critically lauded 200 documentary *The Aristocrats* and last-year's *Tim's Vermeer*, which follows the journey of an eccentric inventor determined to solve one of the art world's oldest mysteries. (This is a ticketed event, not an open AG event.)

Location: Great Hall 1 & 2

Speaker: Penn Jillette

Tracks: Entertainment

### 7:30 PM - 10:15 PM

#### **An Introduction to Practical Gemology**

Session Description: Joe will present a basic introduction to practical gemology. This will include a discussion and demonstration of the three essential instruments that are the basis of gemological testing. The instruments are: the Hand Loupe, the Dichroscope and the Chelsea Filter. These simple tools can be used to identify almost 90% of the gemstones you are most likely to find in jewelry. The audience will learn the proper usage of these basic tools. Joe will also give a brief overview of some of the more advanced tools used by gemologists. If time permits, Joe will conduct a hands-on workshop that will provide an opportunity to try using the three basic tools. At the conclusion of his program, Joe will provide reference notes.

Location: Atlantic Ballroom 2

Speaker: Joseph Haber

Tracks: Speaker

### 7:30 PM - 8:45 PM

#### **Hitler, Satan and Me: A Love Story**

Session Description: This presentation is an account of evil at work. Setting the stage with a look at Hitler's indoctrination of German boys, Anderson takes us through 2 years of marriage to a former Hitler Youth and the subtle aftermath of their divorce. She lays open the increasing combat with demonic forces. Pranks, physical injuries and attempts to kill her target as she remains determined to shine light on this lurking, invisible evil force. With anecdotes from her Fringe Festival play of the same name and her memoir, "Standing in Deep Water: Overcoming the Infectious Legacy of the Hitler Youth," she takes us through her dark valley to ultimate victory. Those who have a father or grandfather who belonged to Hitler Youth will learn about their own heritage and its consequences. Those who believe in the devil will discover how to recognize and counter his subtle slithering in their lives.

Location: Regency Ballroom 1

Speaker: Kristin Anderson

Tracks: Speaker

### 7:30 PM - 8:45 PM

#### **Intuitive Tarot for Daily Guidance**

Session Description: Discover more about yourself with an intuitive Tarot reading! Kelly Galanis will guide the audience through the fun and engaging ways to do a reading, and help you understand how to practice Tarot in your daily life. Using both traditional Tarot and contemporary decks such as Lenormand, Kipper, Oracle and fortune cards, she has found reading the Tarot to be a vital source offering guidance in everyday life. Come learn how these fun and exciting readings can help benefit and guide you towards the answers you seek! All experience levels are welcome at this talk, and those who are curious, cynical or believers are encouraged to attend.

Location: Regency Ballroom 2

Speaker: Kelly Galanis

Tracks: Speaker

**7:30 PM - 8:45 PM**

**Jesus' Insights vs. Christianity's Fallacy**

Session Description: Jesus spoke of a Kingdom "within" and illustrated this state of mind in his parables. But the primitive, superstitious mindset of the first century turned his insights into blatant myth and fantasy with miracles and phony claims of divine impregnation and deified status. Tom shows just what Jesus meant as he illustrated the functional Oneness of Consciousness with Reality in allegorical terms — the only possibility of communicating advanced concepts to the primitive peasant which was his audience. Tom will provide background on Jesus' contemporary setting — first century Judea — and the common mindset of his peers, awash in superstition and powerlessness. And he'll explain, as detailed in his third book, *The Illusion of "Truth"*, how Christianity grew out of myth and lore about an exaggerated, fantasized Jesus while ignoring the real teachings of the actual man, Yeshua.

Location: Atlantic Ballroom 1

Speaker: Thomas Nehrer

Tracks: Speaker

**7:30 PM - 8:45 PM**

**Perquackey Tournament**

Session Description: Perquackey is a three-minute word-search game. Players are given a pre-determined selection of approximately 12 letters and try to find words of at least three letters in length (then four, then five, etc.) by arranging and rearranging the given letters. Bonus points are awarded for completing consecutive word-length columns of five words each.

Location: Great Hall 6

Speaker: Charles Godfrey

Tracks: Tournament

**7:30 PM - 8:45 PM**

**Police Shootings: Epidemic Yet No Criminal Convictions – Here's Why, and a Surprising What's Next**

Session Description: Is there an epidemic of police shootings sweeping the country? If so, why aren't police officers convicted in criminal trials? The law on police use of force is tricky and police training explains why officers often shoot to kill. Civil rights and criminal defense attorney Norm Pattis has litigated scores of cases involving police violence. His perspective might surprise you.

Location: Regency Ballroom 3

Speaker: Norm Pattis

Tracks: Speaker

**9:00 PM - 11:45 PM**

**Texas Hold-'em Poker Tournament**

Session Description: This is just like the final event of the World Series of Poker that you see on TV, except that our prize is multimillions of dollars smaller. Vie for the glory and for the admiration of your fellow Mensans!

Location: Great Hall 6

Speaker: Stephen Burnham

Tracks: Tournament

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### **Werewolves of Ziggy Hollow**

Session Description: Werewolves have moved into the peaceful village of Ziggy Hollow, and it is up to the townspeople to kill them before they get killed. Ziggy's rules and special characters will be introduced before the start of each game. Adults only please.

Location: Diplomat Ballroom

Speaker: Bill Ziggo

Tracks: Game

9:00 PM - 10:15 PM

### **BDSMians: Smart Kinksters**

Session Description: What's hotter than someone who shares your kink? Someone who shares your kink and can hold an intellectual conversation post-aftercare! This semi-structured Meet-and-Greet event is for anyone with a kink curiosity, regardless of experience. All will be welcome to ask and answer questions about any aspect of the kink community, including how to get involved online and with local kink communities.

Location: Room 216

Speaker: Rob Salkin

Tracks: M G

9:00 PM - 10:15 PM

### **The Anatomy of a Financial Thriller: The Creation of "A Child's Game"**

Session Description: A novel that covers the next two years of our financial world. Bankers are once again called in front of a Congressional Committee to explain what they knew, when they knew it and what they did about it. This is a presentation of the facts that went into the writing of this novel and how they lead to one undeniable conclusion that we cannot escape. Once the audience knows the facts, they will change their personal financial approach to the next 2 months and beyond. The question they will be forced to deal with: What is Hopscotch, and what is its role in the second Great Depression?

Location: Atlantic Ballroom 1

Speaker: Kenneth Campbell

Tracks: Speaker

9:00 PM - 10:15 PM

### **Two Years in the Red-light District of Tijuana — A Photo Ethnography**

Session Description: The red-light district of Tijuana, Mexico, has an enforced no-photos policy but photographer Lily J. Noonan has spent the past two years there openly shooting daily life. Her photos document many rarely captured moments in the Zona Norte, including the homes of prostitutes, deportees, the drug culture, in-room sessions and street life. For each person she photographs, she learns their story and will share their lives with the audience. Due to the graphic nature of some photographs, this presentation is for mature audiences.

Location: Regency Ballroom 1

Speaker: Lily J. Noonan

Tracks: Speaker

9:00 PM - 10:15 PM

### **Video 101**

Session Description: In today's world we are surrounded by video and have to make decisions about how to deal with it. How do I view TV? Broadcast, satellite, cable or just use the web? Do I use DVD, Blu-ray or video files? And what are all those formats? What

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do 2 p, 1 i and 1 p mean? Why is this picture the wrong size? Why can't I buy a HiDef TV anymore what's this HD instead? I shot great video, but when I post it on the web it looks like crap. What happened? Let a professional video engineer explain it. There is something for everyone: Goths (blacker than black), criminals (illegal colors), psychics (prediction) and Sci i fans (backward through time).

Location: Regency Ballroom 3

Speaker: Bruce Mathews

Tracks: Speaker