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Welcome to GLAAM StaRGazing 2019!

February 15-18 at the DoubleTree Hotel in San Pedro

We are delighted to welcome everyone to the 2019 GLAAM Regional Gathering. We hope that you make the most of your experience by getting to know more of the chapter and participating fully in the event. Take many opportunities to introduce yourself to others or volunteer as a way to break the ice!

We have some guidelines we ask you to adhere to:

- Please clean up after yourself in Hospitality and the StaRGazers Lounge. The hotel staff is not tasked with this clean-up. Committee volunteers are already working hard, so please help by doing your part.
- During the presentations, please give the Speakers a chance to present their point of view. Rousing discussions can be quite fun, but monopolizing a Speaker's presentation with constant challenges interferes with everyone's experience.
- Game Room: Please treat games gently. Return all pieces to the box and back to the game room.
- We need all alcohol to stay in the StaRGazers Lounge and all food and other beverages (except water) to be kept in Hospitality.
- Please note that you cannot enter the Program Rooms or Hospitality without your badge.

Media Exchange:

Bring your unwanted books, CD's, VHS tapes, etc. to the two tables in the Galletti Gallery. Please do not bring textbooks or moldy/smelly books. If you see something you want, take it! We don't want to take these back home!

Hug Dots:

Hug Dots are available for your badge. Green dots indicates "accepts and



gives hugs,” yellow is “ask first,” and red indicates “please respect my personal space”.

Photography:

The RG Committee will be taking publicity photographs which may be posted to the GLAAM website and elsewhere. Please let photographers know if you do not wish to be photographed.

Volunteers:

Volunteers are always welcome. Volunteer to be a Speaker Shepherd, or help set-up or serve in Hospitality, or monitor the Game Room or StaRGazers Lounge, or help at Registration, or Pack-up/Pack-out on Monday. Ask Madeline for details on any of these opportunities.

Smoking is not permitted in any indoor space, including Hospitality. Smoking is permitted only at designated outside areas.

Thank you for coming to StaRGazing 2019. We hope you have a wonderful time.

Madeline Walker

Desiree Elliott

Jay Friedlander



FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2019

3:00 - 9:00 pm **REGISTRATION OPENS** **Madeo Room**

3:30 – 4:30 pm **THE SECRET IS OUT** **Galletti Gallery**



Afi Bell

The ancient Greeks thought epilepsy was a divine dispensation, calling it the “sacred disease.” Socrates had epilepsy, hearing voices that “directed him.” Since early childhood, he experienced both simple and complex partial seizures as a brief voice. Over 2000 years later, modern medicine made a diagnosis of temporal lobe epilepsy. Afi has info and stories of famous people with epilepsy, and different types of seizures.

5:00 – 6:00 pm **SCIENTIFIC TESTING OF WILD CLAIMS** **Galletti Gallery**



James Underdown

Jim will give us a presentation about the scientific testing of wild claims. His Center for Inquiry Investigations Group (CFIIG) was recently featured on National Geographic Explorer (Season 11, episode 5 Space Race) in their battle with flat earthers. CFIIG has tested alleged psychics, dowzers, telekinetics, faith healers and many other extraordinary claims. The CFIIG now offers \$250,000 to anyone who can prove paranormal ability under testing conditions.

6:00 pm **PIZZA DINNER ☺** **Madeo Room**



Interactive Game/Activity



Lecture/Group Discussion



Field Trip

**6:30 – 7:30 pm CHINESE STORIES****Galletti Gallery***Sandra Smith*

China is one of the oldest cultures on earth, and encompasses more land than any other nation. In addition, they emphasized education and literacy so there is an extensive quantity of myths, folk tales, children's stories, love stories, villains and heroes, animal stories etc. Today will be like a Chinese Buffet where we will sample many forms of Chinese stories.

6:30 – 7:30 pm TABOO**Madeo Room***Jay Friedlander*

Some things are better left unsaid. How do you get your team to say “diamond” if you can't say baseball, ring, carat, jewel, or engagement. Each time your team shouts out the secret word, you get a point, but be careful, your opponents will be looking over your shoulder making sure you don't say any of the Taboo words.

7:00 pm**GEN X & Y MEET & GREET****Hotel Lobby***Nik Ki Smith*

Want to meet others your age? GenX and Gen Y will get together to start the RG off right. We are open to anyone interested in activities and discussions focused on people in Generation X (b.1961–1981) or Y (b.1976–1990), which is anyone in their 20s, 30s, and 40s.



8:00 – 9:00 pm **THE CHILD INSIDE SPARKS CURIOSITY, PLAYFULNESS, AND POSSIBILITIES** **Galletti Gallery**



Gavin Masumiya

A program about psychology: the psychology behind shyness, leading research, and practical measures to transform shyness. For those who want to participate, there will also be interactive communication exercises. It will be catered to being a more effective communicator.

8:00 – 9:00 pm **PALABRA** **Madeo Room**



Ed You

Cards with color-coded letters create crafty new ways to score. Make words from cards — all the same color scores double. Make “straights” of three or more consecutive letters. Starred cards double or triple the value. Make “flushes” (five or more cards all the same color, no word necessary). And other shrewd and wily ways to score.

8:00 pm **PUB CRAWL DEPARTS** **Hotel Lobby**



Nik Ki Smith

Join me in the hotel lobby for the pub crawl. \$5 each for the privilege of having a designated driver. The venerable Doug Walker will keep us safe through our beer soaked adventures. First stop will be around 8PM, www.brouwerijwest.com (Don't worry, I can't pronounce it either) for \$4 handcrafted beers in their tasting room. Food Trucks may be available and outside food is ok. Plenty of tables and seating to sit back, relax and enjoy a flight of their world-class beers. After that, we will cruise on over to 6th and 7th Street to take our pick of the 7 or so bars there.





8:30 – 9:30 pm CELEBRATE GLAAM

StaRGazer's Lounge



Desiree Elliott

In what may become an annual tradition, this is an opportunity for members of our chapter to come together and reminisce about the people and events in our past. Take the opportunity to share, laugh, cry, and mostly remember things from the last year or further back.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2019

8:00 – 9:30 am BREAKFAST ☺

Madeo Room

**8:30 am –
6:00 pm REGISTRATION OPEN**

Madeo Room

**8:45 am –
5:45 pm A SILENT AUCTION OF OWLS!**

Portofino Alcove



For Mensa Foundation

Stuffed? Plaster? Nightlight? Framed picture? And more. A whole bunch of owls ready to be bid on, Saturday 9:00 am to 6:00 pm in the alcove on the west side of the Portofino Room. Funds will go to the Mensa Foundation - Cash or Check only.

**9:00 am – noon MENSA TESTING****Boardroom #1**

Invite your family and friends to take the official Mensa exam and see if they qualify for membership in Mensa. Feel free to stay and join us for the day's festivities. Please sign up at least a week in advance! Contact Mensa Testing Coordinator Desiree Elliot at 626-329-3979 or at Dezlaw@aol.com

9:00 – 10:00 am EMOTIONS ARE NOT REAL**Portofino***Prince Simmons*

What role do our five senses play in shaping our life? Can we maintain control of our emotions? During this intriguing presentation, Prince will reveal the truth behind emotions and show you how they are not something you experience, but instead are conjured up!

9:00 – 10:00 am INDEPENDENT TRAVEL FOR FOLKS 45+**Catalina***Deborah Shadovitz*

Ah, to travel the world! Exciting! Scary? Costly? Too costly? Lonely? Want to travel but you're not the fixed-tour-package type? We'll cover as much as possible, touching upon: travel on a modest budget - affordable airfare, lodging; meeting people and having true cultural and educational experiences; packing for 1-bag travel™ - backpack or wheels, bring what's needed without breaking your back; navigating when you're on your own; accessing your money from afar; staying connected — dealing with time zones.



**10:30 – 11:30 am YOUR TIME****Portofino***Marty Nemko*

We've all heard time management tips, yet our life still seems too busy, or we may feel appropriately busy but aren't spending our time the way we'd really like to. This session will go beyond the obvious to help us reap more from our lives, day to day, and over our lifetime, so we end up feeling we've lived a life well-led.

10:30 – 11:30 am CARNELLI**Santa Rosa***Jay Friedlander*

Carnelli is the classic Mensa word-association game consisting of movies, music, books, and whatever else the capricious and arbitrary host will allow. More details are on Wikipedia's Carnelli page.

10:30 – 11:30 am ACHIEVING BALANCE IN AN UNBALANCED WORLD**Catalina***H. Stan Jones*

Do you have or only dream about having a Quality of Life? Those subjects will be discussed in an interactive format: Family – Where it All Begins; Community – Staying Connected in an Unconnected World; Education – A Never-Ending Quest; Career – Love What You Do; Do What You love; Finances – To Achieve Financial Independence, Start Early; Health - More than Just Minding Body & Soul; Leisure – Avoid the Syndrome of All Work & No Play; Spirituality – Getting in Touch with Your Greater Self

**12:00 – 1:30 pm LUNCH ☺****Madeo Room****1:30 – 2:30 pm** **RELATIONAL INTELLIGENCE: THE 6 PRACTICES OF HIGHLY ENGAGING PEOPLE****Portofino***Jorge Sciupac*

For centuries we have been nurturing and praising human Rational Intelligence. “It’s what makes us different from other animals!” Most recently we have studied the power of Emotional Intelligence. “The key to success resides in EQ” we found. And now we are trying to figure out what do we do with the new Artificial Intelligence... but in this process we forget that what mostly matters for humankind is Relational Intelligence. In this presentation we will discuss 6 specific practices that anyone can leverage to further develop Relational Intelligence and creatively improve our interactions.

1:30 – 2:30 pm **PLAYREADING****Santa Rosa***Jana Bickel*

Participants will be asked to select from a set of scenes from plays and films the role they wish to read. The scenes are short and could include scenes from “The Graduate”, “It Happened One Night”, “On the Waterfront” “Pride and Prejudice” and others. You do not have to have acting experience to participate. If you enjoy plays or movies and always wanted to know what it would be like to be saying the lines, come and try it out. You may also choose to be part of the audience.



**1:30 – 2:30 pm HOW I WAS SCAMMED OUT OF \$6,000 Catalina***H. Stan Jones*

An interesting but sad tale. Anyone can be had by the smooth con artist. The schemers were very experienced and had an answer for everything. Happy to tell about it so others don't get taken too: Why was the date significant? Why did I have to spell the name of my son? Why did they want "gift cards"? Was the court going to keep my son in jail unless provided \$6,000 as bail?

3:00 – 4:00 pm JUNO, UNION OF ART AND SCIENCE Portofino*Theo Clarke*

Employing Power Point, videos, audio recordings and a 3D model Theo Clarke will unveil the Juno mission at the planet Jupiter, the Earth encounter that slung it to Jupiter, and the amazing cultural connections that define its mission.

3:00 – 4:00 pm PSYCHIC DEBRIS AND CROWDED CLOSETS Santa Rosa*Regina Lark*

Cluttered minds and crowded closets weigh us down, thwart productivity, and make it difficult to move forward with ease and a sense of clarity. "Psychic Debris, Crowded Closets: The Relationship Between the Stuff in Your Head, and What's Under the Bed" is a fun, funny insightful conversation about our relationship with mess as a chronic condition. Dr. Regina Lark provides practical tools and strategies to de-clutter the mind, and other matters.

**3:00 – 4:00 pm NEW MEMBER MEET & GREET Catalina***Desiree Elliott*

Welcome to Greater Los Angeles Area Mensa! Whether you are new to Mensa or new to the Los Angeles area – or both! – this is a great opportunity to find out about the kinds of things that happen in our chapter and learn about the stuff you might want to get involved with...or even decide to start something yourself!

3:00 – 4:00 pm PARODY SING-ALONG Galletti Gallery*Alan Stillson*

Enjoy singing along or not in the zany world of parodies. Some of these were written by host Alan Stillson. If you'd like, BYOP (bring your own parody).

4:30 – 5:30 pm FIVE MYTHS ABOUT NUCLEAR POWER Portofino*Van Synder*

Wind can never supply more than 15% of total energy demand. Storage to provide firm power from wind and solar would cost about three times US GDP EVERY YEAR! Nothing but nuclear would work if the goal is to eliminate CO2 emissions. Five myths about nuclear power -- it's not safe, nobody knows what to do about spent fuel, it's too expensive, it leads to weapons proliferation, and there's not enough uranium anyway -- are all false.





4:30 – 5:30 pm IMPROV FOR ADULTS **Catalina**


Karyss Gonzalez

Through a series of games, this improv workshop helps you be more spontaneous and trust your choices. It is an experience in liberation, agility, resilience and quick thinking. It is a great way to test your creative reflexes and almost always involve plenty of laughter.

4:30 – 5:30 pm WEREWOLVES AND VILLAGERS **Santa Rosa**


Ed You

By night, werewolves kill off villagers. By day, angry villagers kill off suspected werewolves. (But oops; sometimes they just kill off “innocent villagers.”) “Werewolf” requires observation, some deduction, and a lot of bold-faced lying. Who will prevail: the werewolves or the villagers? Since an average game takes 15-20 minutes, new players can join quickly. (This game is similar to, but better than, “Mafia.”)

4:30 – 5:30 pm ODD MAN OUT **Galletti Gallery**


Marty Nemko

We are not our Facebook or LinkedIn profiles. A darker truths lie beneath. Marty Nemko will reveal all in stories to make you smile as well as purse your lips in recognition. Piano playing is a thread that goes through Marty’s life so he’ll intersperse by playing everything from Scott Joplin to Tom Lehrer. This show has been performed at the San Francisco Civic Center’s Koret Auditorium, etc.

6:00 – 7:30 pm DINNER ☺ **Madeo Room**

**7:30 – 8:30 pm GETTING CREATIVE ABOUT AGING Portofino***Robert Owens*

Robert will talk about growing wiser as we age, and being creative about how we get the most out of the experience. He learned life-long insights and wisdom from his Stanford Undergrad and Stanford Law School MENSA Father. You will appreciate their relationship and their story. When most have long since slowed as they approach their golden years, Robert continues to routinely take on unprecedented challenges, and to help others see what can be achieved in their own lives.

7:30 – 8:30 pm YOU AIN'T NOTHIN' BUT A HOUND DOG: THE BIRTH OF ROCK AND ROLL Catalina*Craig Lancaster*

You know it can't be fun sitting home all alone. We'll be having some fun tonight. Just let yourself hear some of that rock and roll music. With a whole lotta' shaking going on. Don't be a poor little fool and miss this program. Stick around until you get your kicks. It's gotta be rock and roll music.

7:30 – 8:30 pm Meet & Greet with the Chair of American Mensa Santa Rosa*LaRae Bakerink*

Find out what's new and exciting with our organization.

7:30 – 9:00 pm MOVIE: TBD Back Patio


9:00 – 10:45 pm SATURDAY STAND-UP, AN EVENING
Portofino

OF COMEDY

Enjoy an evening of Stand-up comedy. Samantha Hale, filmmaker and stand-up comedian (and granddaughter of Alan Hale, the Skipper from Gilligan's Island), will Host a group of smart comics for our enjoyment. Among them will be: Carmen Morales, Jennifer Murray, Nicole Aimee Schreiber, Jessica Michelle Singleton, Anna Valenzuela, and Jay Washington.

**11:00 pm –
1:00 am**

MOVIE: PI
Portofino

Written and directed by Darren Aronofsky - a thriller about a man determined to unlock the mysteries of the universe through mathematics and patterns. Look up Pi Aronofsky to learn more. 85 min.

**11:00 pm –
Midnight**

OH HELL
Santa Rosa
Nikki Frey

A strategy card game where sticking it to your opponents is half the fun! Very easy to learn, 3 to 20 players can participate. Play it for a while, and when the cards don't go your way, you'll find yourself saying "Oh Hell!"

**11:00 pm –
12:30am**

ENCORE
Galletti Gallery
Jay Friedlander

Your team will get an ordinary word, and you've got to help them out by thinking of a song that has that word in the lyrics. Any song will do, even old commercial jingles or TV theme songs. Actually, you'll have to sing at least eight words of the song, but no one cares how badly you sing or if you're off-key, just sing it!



SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2019

8:30 am – 3:00 pm **REGISTRATION OPEN**

Madeo Room

9:00 – 10:00 am **RVC Q&A**

Portofino



Michael Wong

Come chat with the Regional Vice Chair, Michael Wong, about what is going on in Mensa today. Feel free to ask questions and offer comments about any issues regarding Mensa during this program.

9:00 – 10:00 am **END-OF-LIFE OPTIONS ACT INFORMATION AND UPDATE**

Catalina



Viki Kind

People have a lot of questions and misconceptions about the new End-of-Life Options Act (AKA Medical Aid in Dying). What does the law mandate? What protections are put into place? Who can participate? Do you have to be terminal? How do you find a doctor? Viki will present data from the first year and a half of the law being implemented, how the process works, and what are the requirements to participate. Viki will focus on what the law mandates and how it is going in California. At the end, people can discuss their own opinions once they know the details of the law.



**10:00 am – Noon BRUNCH (pre-reserved)****Galletti Gallery**

A scrumptious Brunch will be available for \$55 in the Galletti Gallery at 10:00 am, including a presentation by the president and CEO of the Aquarium of the Pacific speaking about “Water: the Gift of Life” at 11:00 am. Reservations must be pre-paid by Saturday at noon, February 16. Enjoy Alan Stillson’s piano medleys as you enter and dine.

11:00 am**Water: The Gift of Life****Galletti Gallery***Dr. Jerry Schubel*

The Aquarium of the Pacific in Long Beach is Southern California’s largest aquarium, and the fourth most-attended aquarium in the nation, displaying over 11,000 animals. Dr. Schubel will share his experience about the dynamics of water, both in Aquariums and in waters of the earth. The Aquarium has just completed “Pacific Vision” a two-story, sustainable biomorphic glass structure that houses an immersive theater experience.

10:30 am**KIDS TRACK CHECK IN****Madeo Room**

See pages 24-25 for details.

12:15 – 1:15 pm SPELLING BEE**Catalina***Jonathan Elliott*

Watch out...the leader might sometimes “accidentally” mispronounce the word to be spelled. Make sure not to rely completely on the administrator’s pronunciation, because it is not always going to be completely correct ...but it does make things more challenging for us! This game was brought to StaRGazing by our friend, Stratton Lindenmeyer.

**12:15 – 1:15 pm ALL ABOUT SPIDERS****Portofino***Angela Madsen*

The fear of spiders is in the top 10 most common fears people have. However, the more you learn about these 8-legged, multi-eyed hunters, the more you see just how amazing they really are. Spiders are wickedly intelligent, talented, beautiful, and have some of the strangest adaptations (like vegetarian spiders!) Come geek out about arachnids, and learn some of the latest research.

1:30 – 2:15 pm LEARN ABOUT INTERTEL**Catalina***Lou*Lou*

Intertel is an international organization for people who test in the top 1%. The SouthWest Region includes California, Arizona, New Mexico, Nevada and Hawaii. In Los Angeles, they have a monthly meeting where they meet for lunch and then go on a field trip, such as a Dispensary for Cannabis and the Nedercutt Museum. Meet with Lou*Lou, relax and learn about Intertel.

1:30 – 2:30 pm THE REPTILE FAMILY**Galletti Gallerie**

The Reptile Family will bring a variety of critters to admire and even touch: arachnids, amphibians, snakes, and more! They will delight and educate. Touch if you wish!

2:45 – 4:30 pm CHEESE TASTING – ITALIAN CHEESES**Madeo Room***Michael Wong*

Savor and share in the taste of a variety of Italian cheeses in our not-to-be-missed annual Cheese Tasting event! \$8 fee.



Interactive Game/Activity



Lecture/Group Discussion



Field Trip

**3:00 – 4:00 pm HOMOPHONIA** **Portofino***Alan Stillson*

Homophonia is an interactive word game that involves quick identification of two consecutive homophones (words that sound alike) that are missing from a sentence. An example is “She saw a man with a wooden BLANK away a mosquito.” The answer is shoe and shoo.

3:00 – 4:00 pm POPULAR MUSIC ID QUIZ **Catalina***Robert Savenye*

If you can identify song titles and the artists who recorded them from hearing short segments of them, you’ll do well on this quiz. Hints and trivia about the songs will be provided. There will be three sections: (a) Top 10 hits from the 1960’s (b) Holiday songs & (c) Popular folk songs.

3:00 – 4:00 pm MARILYN REVISITED **Galletti Gallery***Greg Schreiner*

Don’t miss this rare opportunity to meet Marilyn collector Greg Schreiner. Hear the history and unique stories behind the intriguing items, including costumes and personal effects. This is a photo presentation with live piano music by Greg, her fan club president.

4:30 – 5:30 pm ACRYLIC PAINTING **Galletti Gallery***Nik Ki Smith*

Come relax and unwind with friends while bringing out your creative side! We will be using acrylics to paint the seascape shown. I will be bringing paint and canvases. No experience necessary! \$20 charge for supplies.

**4:30 – 5:30 pm LIFE AFTER DEATH Portofino***Sue Crossen*

The overwhelming evidence that we don't die, messages from those who have had a Near Death Experience (NDE), and varied components of an NDE. Sue Crossen presents discussions by scientists and physicians, on both sides of the aisle, of NDE's validity or if they're just the last gasp of a dying brain.

4:30 – 5:30 pm LAWYERS GAMES Catalina*Ed You*

Also called Minute Mysteries, a short mystery is stated, and the audience ask questions that the leader can answer either "Yes" or "No" until the mystery is solved. Sample: "The music stopped. The woman died. How?" Once solved, we start another riddle. This game was brought to StaR Gazing by our friend, Myron Faverman.

6:00 – 7:00 pm DINNER ☺ Madeo Room**7:30 – 8:30 pm THE NAUGHTY LADY OF SHADY LANE: Santa Rosa
AMERICAN POPULAR MUSIC 1950 – 59***Craig Lancaster*

American Popular music was in transition in the 1950s. The big band era was over. Groups like the Four Lads, the Four Aces and the Ames Brothers were popular. Vocalists like Eddie Fisher, Frank Sinatra and Perry Como dominated the charts. Women like Doris Day, Patti Page and Debbie Reynolds had major hits. New artists like Pat Boone and Bobby Darin made their debuts. Come hear how American popular music sounded before rock and roll changed it forever.



**7:30 – 8:30 pm CARNELLI****Portofino***Jay Friedlander*

See page 8 for details.

8:00 pm**COSTUME PARTY AND CONTEST****Galletti Gallery***Nikki Frey*

Sunday evening (Feb. 17). Most people loved to play “Dress Up” when they were kids – and we still do! After dinner, put on your favorite costume and “strut your hour upon the stage”! Costume parties have always been very popular at RGs. We will be in the room next to Hospitality, and have prizes for the following: Most Creative, Most Realistic, Best Famous Character, Sexiest, Best Animal Character, Best Historical Character. Be there!

8:30 – 9:30 pm LIFE IN CAMEROON**Catalina***Elvis Prince Tognia*

Elvis Prince Tognia is a passionate speaker whose voice you will fall in love with the minute he says a word. He will tell us about his life in Cameroon, and his organization, Africa U Can, which is dedicated to helping Africans. He will tell us about the conditions in Cameroon (where they still practice “breast ironing”), and “what I would do if I could change Africa.”

**9:00 – 10:00 pm PICTORIAL TRIVIA****Santa Rosa***Jana Bickel*

Here's a new twist on an old favorite. Get together in teams of six and identify photographs of famous people, places and things and the facts behind them. The famous people may include scientists, world leaders, authors, artists, musicians. Places may include iconic buildings and other structures in the U.S. and around the world. Jana Bickel will be the host and Craig Lancaster will facilitate the computer graphics. Come and test your visual knowledge.

**10:00 pm –
11:30 am****CARDS AGAINST HUMANITY****Galletti Gallery***Jay Friedlander*

Cards Against Humanity is a party game in which players complete fill-in-the-blank statements using words or phrases typically deemed as offensive, risqué or politically incorrect printed on playing cards. Note: Adult language, offensive and scatological humor. It is the parent's full and complete responsibility to restrict their children from playing if they do not wish them to participate.

10:00 pm**MOVIE: A BEAUTIFUL MIND****Portofino**

Directed by Ron Howard - a biographical drama about John Nash, a Nobel Laureate of Economics plagued with paranoid schizophrenia. Look up A Beautiful Mind to learn more. 135 min.





MONDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2019

8:00 – 9:30 am LEFTOVER BREAKFAST ☺

Madeo Room

9:00 – 10:00 am TODAY'S TAXES – WHAT'S NEW?

Catalina



Linda Dorfmont

The 1040 Tour Guide will take you on a trip around John and Jane Doe's tax return covering types of income deductions, tax credits, and audit preparation. The new tax law, good, bad, or ugly, will be explained before it is amended with technical corrections. See how John and Jane Doe are affected by the new law. The lecture will discuss wage earner income and expenses and self-employment issues including office in the home, depreciation of assets, and self-employment tax. Education credits and adjustments will be explained. If you want a better understanding of what you file under penalty of perjury with the government each year, this session is for you.

11:00 – noon VULTURE CONSERVATION

Catalina



Chandra David

Why are vultures necessary in our world? They are not attractive and they wouldn't make a good pet, but they do soar across open spaces, using their keen eyesite to spot dead prey, and go about cleaning up the remains. Vultures keep balance in the earth's ecosystems.



10:00 – noon **ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING** **Galletti Gallery**



Desiree Elliott

All Mensa members (and guests when approved) are welcome to find out what has happened in GLAAM during the preceding year and what the Board's vision is for the future.

10:30 am **FOOD SALE** **Madeo Room**

12:00 noon **End of GLAAM RG 2019!**

We hope you had a wonderful time!

The GLAAM RG Committee





SUNDAY KIDS' TRACK

Cost is \$35 per child, including entry for a parent or two. Children 12 and under must be accompanied by an adult. Youth 13-17 must have an adult on premises and a cell phone number available at the registration desk. For activities outside of the hotel, every child must be supervised by their adult.

Kids who hold a full-event or a two-day Sun/Mon registration do not need to pay extra for Kids Track activities.

Kids are welcome at all Mensa lectures and games unless otherwise notified. A few presentations may be labeled “Adults only”, and parents are expected to use their judgment on other presentations with questionable titles.



**SUNDAY KIDS TRACK ACTIVITIES:**

Times approximate!

- 10:30am Check in at Registration Desk in Madeo Hospitality Room
- 11:00am Santa Rosa Room. Minute Mysteries by Teodora Chrystie. A mystery is stated in a few words. Participants can ask questions, but Teodora will answer only yes or no. Can you solve the mystery? When one mystery is solved, let's try another one!
- 12:15pm Madeo Room. Snack time. There is no "official" lunch, but there will be sandwich fixings and snacks available.
- 1:30pm Galletti Gallerie. The Reptile Family will bring a variety of critters to admire and even touch: arachnids, amphibians, snakes, and more! They will delight and educate. Nobody has to touch or hold any of them if you don't want to, but this is your opportunity to get up close to these safe animals.
- 2:30pm Santa Rosa Room. Kids' Werewolves and Villagers by Ed You. Each player picks a card to find out their character. Keep it a secret! Everyone tries to find out who is the werewolf, but sometimes a villager gets kicked out instead. Keep your ears and eyes open to watch out for a werewolf pretending to be a villager. During the hour, the group can usually play 3 rounds.
- 3:30pm Santa Rosa Room. Karyss Gonzalez will lead exercises in Improvisation. Improv is a form of theater in which all action is unplanned. The performers act upon the actions of each other. Be creative, be inventive, and have fun.
- 4:30pm Santa Rosa Room. Selwyn Freeman will ask questions from Trivial Pursuit Jr/Family Edition. The person who answers the most questions will win a prize.

Teens (13-17) are welcome to stay with the activities above, or group together to decide on some of the other presentations or games available. Some of these are: All About Spiders, Spelling Bee, Popular Music ID Quiz, Acrylic Painting, Lawyers Games (Minute Mysteries).

PROGRAM ROOMS

