



**REGION IV CALENDAR:**

**San Diego's group is planning a meeting for Saturday, February 8<sup>th</sup>. Specifics yet TBD.** Please contact your Area Coordinator (AC/BC) Brett Conner if you are interested in joining their next gathering. He can be reached at [conner\\_b@hotmail.com](mailto:conner_b@hotmail.com). Brett will send out an email with more details and a location before the meeting.

**Greater Phoenix Intertel will be meeting on January 18<sup>th</sup> at 2 pm.** If you'd like to be included in future gatherings, please email Judy Herrman and she'll include you on these e-vites. See details below.



**Hope your 2020 is off to a great start...**

Our first get-together of 2020 will be January 18 at [BeCe Kitchen](#) (formerly Beaver Choice) in Sun Lakes. In its Beaver Choice incarnation, the spot was featured on the Cooking Channel's [Culinary Adventures of Baron Ambrosia](#).

- Where:** BeCe Kitchen  
9542 East Riggs Road (NE Corner Riggs / Dobson)  
Sun Lakes, AZ 85248
- When:** Saturday, January 18 at 2 PM
- RSVP:** Judy Herrman ([mensadinner@gmail.com](mailto:mensadinner@gmail.com)) before January 15

Have a prosperous New Year!

**Greater LA area will be renewing our annual tradition of meeting at former President LOU\*LOU's pad at 5225 Blakeslee Ave. Apt 227 in North Hollywood on Saturday, January 25<sup>th</sup> at noon.** Please do LOU\*LOU the honor of an RSVP so she knows how many people to expect. Her cell number is 512-934-3460 or her email is [apropos@dslextreme.com](mailto:apropos@dslextreme.com). Otherwise, let me know and I'll pass the word on to her.

LOU\*LOU is a wonderful host. She welcomes with cheeses, sandwiches, drinks, and banter. She also has a fun, light activity planned for those interested—without giving too much away, it's a small art project of sorts. Getting into her complex can prove somewhat difficult, so keep her number handy—512-934-3460. And mine is 213-434-4068 or [kylemarvinfox@gmail.com](mailto:kylemarvinfox@gmail.com).

**LA's February meeting will be held on Sunday, 2/23, location and time TBD.** If anyone has anything they'd like to do as group, feel free to reach out and let me know. I'm open to any suggestions (restaurants, events, etc.).

**Las Vegas Intertel is tentatively planning a meeting sometime in late March. Specifics TBD.** Please contact [kylemarvinfox@gmail.com](mailto:kylemarvinfox@gmail.com) or [losmaxwells@gmail.com](mailto:losmaxwells@gmail.com) to express interest. If you'll be in Vegas around that time, we'd love to coordinate a meet up with you and other local members. We'll likely meet for a lunch and conversation over the weekend, but we're open to all ideas.



**Letter from the Regional Director:**

It's been awhile since our last issue so I'm looking to kickstart some meetings and engage more with the membership in 2020. Please feel free to reach out if you would like to arrange a meeting in your area. I would love to get more well-defined activities on the schedule and in the next issue.

If you are in the North Hollywood area, please join us at Lou Lou's on January 25<sup>th</sup> if you can. It's always a wonderful time. She's been kind enough to host a lovely SoCal gathering in her home for many years. I hope to see you there. She has some food and fun activities planned for us as well.

I also hope to make it to Vegas for a meeting in late March. Please reach out if you'll be out there during the back half of March and we'll see if we can coordinate something. I'm also looking into making it down to San Diego as well, perhaps for their February meeting. SD has a lively bunch and I look forward to seeing some old friends again and meeting some of the new faces as well.

Lastly, please start thinking about your plan for this summer's Annual Gathering. It takes place June 24-29, 2020 in Denver. There is already a block of rooms available at La Quinta Inn & Suites DTC, 9009 E Arapahoe Rd, Greenwood Village, Colorado, where the event will be held. You can complete your registration through the Intertel website, and that's the preferred method, but I'll also include a copy with this newsletter that you can send to Linda Woodhead.

As always, I look forward to seeing you all at the upcoming meetings so we can catch up and tell some bad puns to one another.

Yours in Intertel,

Kyle Fox

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**Meeting Reports:**

**San Diego – 11/2019 – Brett Conner**



"Road Closed" read the sign as each of us pulled into park at the Urge Gastropub. Regardless, eight hearty souls braved the unfriendly conditions on November 9<sup>th</sup> in San Marcos, California. The food proved worth the effort and



the company, which was composed of **Dennis and Shannon, Gracie, Rebecca, John McC., Rhonda, Jenn, and Brett**, delivered as well – as always.

Conversation topics included recent and planned travel excursions, typical gifts received once outed as a Mensan, Arcosanti Arizona, Wreaths Across America, The Flying Leatherneck Historical Foundation, and stories of the throes of life. Most enjoyable and we will look forward to the next gathering the second week of February. Although Rhonda has recently provided several excellent ideas for the future gathering, I will be traveling the first part of February and, therefore, may opt for a simple venue and save the good stuff for later...Old Spaghetti Factory anyone? The details of our next gathering will be ironed out in January...don't touch that dial.

Viva Intertel!

### **Los Angeles – Kyle Fox**

Culver City held an Artwalk this past fall and an Ilian contingent met there for a walkabout. There were many strange 'art' exhibits, but honestly, it was more of a farmer's market than an artwalk. Thankfully, it was a free event so no harm done. Anyhow, the group had fun making fun of things.

The trio ate lunch from various food trucks and then perused a shoe-art exhibit where we found several odd paintings and sculptures made out of shoeboxes. We also entered a sound museum and quickly left once everyone agreed that the musty 'artifacts' had more interesting smells than sounds. Though it must be said, the museum was groovy. Ba-dum-tss!



(Case in point: Fred Wilkey, a strange 'art' guy, Kyle Fox giving art-guy bunny ears, and III looking too cool)



(This painting should be Kanye's campaign poster for 2024.)



**Las Vegas**

**Alana Sullivan** and **John Maxwell III** met in Las Vegas recently to catch up and catch a few scent trails. John discovered that Alana Sullivan is proudly working on becoming an olfactory expert. She is working to improve her sense of smell, even sending off for kits to test her keen schnoz’s aptitude. She is very knowledgeable about perfumes, and she is now actively developing her sense of smell. John and Alana also spoke about their kitties, which of course turned into a rather pungent joke about pussies and their fragrances (both pictured below, both Alana’s). Sorry, as always, we find a way to squeeze in some lowbrow humor. Bottom line—a good time was had, and no animals were harmed in the making of this meeting.



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**DID YOU KNOW...**

**Region 4 has an active Internet Presence - Jenn Morris**

Join our Southern California Intertel Facebook group. The goal of the page is to have better awareness of events across our groups, get ideas for new events, and have discussions with fellow southern CA members. Just go to:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/166192387383887/>

Region 4 Membership figures as of **JANUARY 2020** are as follows.

REGION	CURRENT MEMBERS	MEMBERS NOT RENEWED	TOTAL
4	159	59	218

**Please renew soon!** You can renew through the website, or by emailing [office@intertel-iq.org](mailto:office@intertel-iq.org)





# Thoughts

Myra Viola Wilds

What kind of thoughts now, do you carry  
In your travels day by day  
Are they bright and lofty visions,  
Or neglected, gone astray?

Matters not how great in fancy,  
Or what deeds of skill you've wrought;  
Man, though high may be his station,  
Is no better than his thoughts.

Catch your thoughts and hold them tightly,  
Let each one an honor be;  
Purge them, scourge them, burnish brightly,  
Then in love set each one free.

"Thoughts" was originally published in *Thoughts of Idle Hours* (National Baptist Publishing Board, 1915). This poem is in the public domain.

## Area Coordinators Wanted:

Don't see your area represented by a coordinator or feel your area can use additional support? Have some spare time once every two months? If so, you too can set up local meetings. Step right up and volunteer! Send offers of service to KyleMarvinFox@gmail.com or call 602-738-0160

## AREA COORDINATORS:

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## FAREWELLS

WHILE WE NEED NOT GRIEVE THE PASSING OF ANY MEMBERS SINCE OUR LAST ISSUE, WE MUST NONETHELESS SAY FAREWELL TO OUR DIGNITY AS WE CONTINUE TO BEG FOR SUBMISSIONS. PLEASE SEND US CONTENT. PLEASE!



**NEW, RELOCATED AND REINSTATED MEMBERS**

A welcome to all new, relocated and reinstated members, particularly new members **Samuel Schlegel** of Los Angeles, CA; **James Stroup** of Santa Monica, CA; **Dwight Shackelford** of Oakley, CA; **Martin Helliwell** of Morgan Hill, CA; **Eric Kogel** of Aliso Viejo, CA; **Presley Rosen** of Los Angeles, CA; and **Judith Unger** of Discovery Bay, CA.

Also, a special thank you for providing updated contact info to recently relocated members **Alton Hitchcock Jr.** of Santa Ana, CA; **Howard Vipperman** of Minden, NV; and **Karanveer Mohan** of San Francisco, CA.

Lastly, a big welcome to Region 4 to **Gregory West** of Anthem, AZ who comes to us from Region 1. We are happy to have you.

*Submissions are highly encouraged as they discourage the IV-M Staff from generating gibberish.*

**Testing:**

Area Coordinator David Sebesta has been kind enough to provide us with a list of all locations in Region IV that do Miller Analogies Testing. For those millennials who dread yet another high stakes testing session but don't have any other test they can use to qualify for Intertel, the MAT may be their best option. If you think you know a prospective member and would like more information, contact [Losmaxwells@gmail.com](mailto:Losmaxwells@gmail.com) and I will happily provide you with your nearest MAT testing information.

**ALL MEMBERS**

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