



Region 5 Newsletter, February 2020

Greetings, Region 5!

Hi! My name is Sylvia Zadorozny, and I'm your new Region 5 Director. As I'm brand new at this, I welcome input on how best to serve you. You can e-mail me at sylviachocolate@gmail.com (Please put "Intertel" in the subject line, so I know it's not spam.)

Before continuing, I want to thank Scott Porter for his years of dedicated service as our Regional Director, and also Linda Woodhead and Grant Logan, who suggested, then nominated me for this position. (For those of you who don't already know, Linda is Intertel's Office Manager and Grant is the editor of *Integra*.) We are lucky to have all these hard-working individuals in Region 5!

Area Coordinators needed!

I noticed that we could use area coordinators to come up with activities in our region. Right now the only spot in our region where Ilians meet in person is Central Florida/Orlando, thanks to Charles Alexiou. But our region is bigger than that! I'm looking for volunteers in other places who would be willing to coordinate or host events. Even a single event in another area would be a step in the right direction.

Annual Gathering in Denver

Registration information on the Annual Gathering (AGA) is up on the Intertel website, as well as in the latest *Integra*. The AGA will be in the Denver area, from June 24 to June 28, 2020. (Save money by taking advantage of the early bird member registration rate!) I just registered and am looking forward to heading out there this year to check it out. Maybe I'll see some of you there?

Regional Gathering, Anyone?

Speaking of gatherings, I wondered if there was any interest in a Region 5 Gathering some time. If so, where do you think might be a good place to hold one? Does anybody know of a good hotel in your city that we might use for such a gathering? If so, let me know! Also, if you'd be willing to speak or volunteer in some other capacity, let me know that too.

Member Bio?

I had the idea that it would nice for members to introduce themselves to one another by featuring a member bio in each newsletter. If you're willing, send me a short description of you/your interests for inclusion in a future newsletter. I'll go first:

I live in Oldsmar, a little town at the top of Tampa Bay in Florida. Although I wasn't born here, I happily embrace the Florida lifestyle, complete with a pink house and plastic lawn flamingos. Hot, humid summer is my favorite season.



As you may have guessed from my email address, my favorite food is chocolate. I don't know if it's the endorphins, serotonin, or just the heavenly taste, but chocolate makes me happy. ☺

I have a reputation as an avid gamer. I've been hosting games nights in my home for 30+ years; I've twice chaired games at Mensa Annual Gatherings and once chaired MindGames. I've found playing games to be a wonderful way to get to know people without tedious small talk, as during games, players reveal strategic thinking, vocabulary, creativity, character, and intelligence, sometimes unwittingly.

Another passion of mine is puzzles—crosswords, jigsaws, Sudoku ... all kinds of puzzles. I create cryptopoems and am including a favorite below for those who might enjoy it.

I'm a birdwatcher and am fortunate to live by a small lake (retention pond really, but small lake sounds better), where I can look out my back window and observe and photograph various waterfowl from the comfort of my home.



Now that you know a bit about me, how about you introduce yourself to the group?



Cryptopoem

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DSF WRSBGK'F YBNOMN ANU PACT,
HRU HURT ANU FUNN FROG DRPNU
PCFA ANU MAN-FROG YRPNU
FAN FAUNN-FRNG FUNN FROG INFRNG ACT.

That's all I have for starters. I look forward to your contributions for our next newsletter. ~ Sylvia