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THE FINE PRINT

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From the Editor

I went to CPR/First Aid training to renew my certification. The instructor was excited about new practice mannequins. These devices light up to show how effective the chest compressions are. Unlike older models, the new mannequins did not make a clicking sound during CPR. Our instructor mentioned that some students expected people to click when receiving chest compressions. Here’s hoping that students don’t expect patients to light up like a carnival game.

April is National Humor Month, Keep America Beautiful Month, National Kite Month, National Poetry Month, National Pecan Month, Records and Information Management Month

Have a great month from The *Muse*!

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April RVC Column



RVC Rich Olcott

Ignore the March cold snap. Think ahead to the good things that April brings – flowers and bird-song and CultureQuest® and the *Mensa Cares* projects that many Local Groups schedule to coincide with National Volunteer Week (although Denver Mensa will be doing theirs in May).

For me, March began with a quick trip east for the quarterly AMC meeting and *Snowball*, the Regional Gathering sponsored by Central New Jersey Mensa. Unfortunately, the AMC's meeting schedule obstructed what would have been the highlight of my trip, Dr Harry Ringermacher's presentation of his recent astrophysical observations. I hope I can catch his talk at the AG.

The other unfortunate aspect of the AMC meeting was that once again we had to face up to the same question that occasionally bedevils Local Groups – what do we do when a Mensan behaves badly? Mensa has a formal hearings process for addressing patterns of inappropriate behavior. This meeting we received reports from two such hearings. In each case, the Hearings Committee recommended that the offending individuals should be expelled from our organization – the most severe penalty we can impose. Decisions like that are never easy. After considerable discussion, we concurred with each recommendation.

In that connection, I'd like to state my support for the Event Safety Task Force's proposed Referendum "Procedure relating to discipline of members whose conduct has been deemed to be harmful." This didn't come out of the blue for no reason. What may have been acceptable behavior years ago isn't any longer. Mensa and other organizations are experiencing a rising number of incidents that deserve formal penalties. This proposal is the first of what I expect will be a series from ESTF, all directed to helping our members feel safe and our event sponsors feel that Mensa has their back. Look for it on your ballot in the upcoming American Mensa election. As usual, the ballot will carry *Pro* and *Con* statements. In my opinion, the *Con* statement is erroneous in most of its points. Read the material and make your own judgement.

Now for some good news. Region 7 hasn't hosted a Regional Gathering for a while, but we're getting back into gear. North Dakota Mensa has announced *ForGe North*, to be held in Grand Forks August 2-4. All you folks in the Northern Tier or along I-29, this party's for you! Full details are at northdakota.us.mensa.org/RG.html.

And Spring is coming!

~~ Rich

APRIL'S CALENDAR OF EVENTS!

APRIL'S DINNER!
Monday, April 22nd
At



1002 Walnut Street, Boulder, Colorado 80302

Come enjoy the company of fellow Mensa members at a locally owned restaurant!

Seating begins at 6 and dinner begins at 6:30. Don't forget to prep your brains for a chance to become the Boulder/Front Range Mensa Exalted Skald!

SATURDAY, Apr 13, 2019



Spring Quarterly ExComm

+ Pizza Party
+ Games

1. Open House: 4:30PM - 5PM

Enjoy pre-function **SOCIALIZING**, free snacks, drinks (pop, beer, wine), and GAMES (pool, darts, office putting, etc.) in eager anticipation.

2. ExComm: 5PM - 6PM

Come see your ExComm **IN ACTION** cleverly handling the business of our B/FRM group at the 2nd quarterly ExComm meeting of 2019. **Grade your officers. *Everyone is Welcome.*** Anxiously watch the cliff-hanger resolution voting. Enjoy free snacks, refreshments (pop, beer, wine), and **SOCIALIZING** - PLUS a graded **competitive heckling** contest. Most entertaining heckle wins a prize.



But WAIT – There’s MORE!

See you there

3. Pizza Party + Game Night: 6PM - 9PM

Bring your favorite table games and your wits - enjoy **GAMES**, free **Hot Pizza**, refreshments (pop, beer, wine), snacks, music, **SOCIALIZING**, **CD door prizes**, and sparkling conversation. Meet the interesting B/FRM regulars and new friends. **All**



at Jim Stuart’s, 1082 W. Alder Street, Louisville (303) 666-0662.

LocSec DECREE: Let SpaceIL's 4/11/19 Beresheet
LUNAR Landing (1st Private) be SUCCESSFUL!



The North Dakota Chapter invites you to FoRGe North and join us for our 14th RG, to be held August 2-4 in Grand Forks, north of Fargo on Interstate 29, on the border with Minnesota. Grand Forks is the oldest major city in The Dakotas. Prior to settlement by Europeans, the area where the city now sits (at the forks of the Red River and Red Lake River) had been an important meeting and trading point for Native Americans. Early French explorers, fur trappers, and traders called the area "Les Grandes Fourches" (meaning "The Grand Forks"). But while Grand Forks has a rich history, today it is a modern and diverse city with much to offer. Historically dependent on trading and local agriculture, the city's economy now encompasses higher education, defense, health care, manufacturing, food processing, and scientific research. Our program shall include visits to museums, historic sites, a vineyard with private wine tasting, a Cold War missile silo tour, as well as speakers who will enhance our understanding of the region. We shall also have the opportunity for outdoor activities. One such option will be at the Greenway, a park consisting of 2,200 acres lining the Red River and the Red Lake River as they flow through Grand Forks and East Grand Forks. We shall have many games available for play, and there will be no shortage of food and drink as we shall have full hospitality throughout the weekend. Our invitation, complete weekend program and registration form can be found at:

<http://www.northdakota.us.mensa.org/RG.html>

Regional Election Candidates

American Mensa 2019 election period begins in April. Two candidates submitted statements to our newsletter, seen below in alphabetical order by last name (pages 7, 8 & 9).

Thank you for the honor of serving as your Chair this past term.

I've accomplished many of the goals that I established as priorities:

- The new Volunteer Market allowing for volunteers to help locally, regionally, and nationally. It will help Local Groups find volunteers who have experience and are willing to help, even across Local Groups. It will also help the Foundation to find more scholarship judges.
- Approved an electronic approach in testing facilities which will be available by the end of the year. This innovation doesn't replace but is in addition to our current proctor corps. This will help Local Groups that don't have proctors, will allow testing seven days a week, and will help our membership grow.
- Our technology is progressing on target to what it should be for the preeminent high IQ society, and closer to providing enhanced service to members.
- Our hard work on licensing/marketing activities has come to fruition and is bringing in non-dues dollars. This is important to keep our dues rate at or below its current level.

If you re-elect me, I will focus on:

- Building on our current progress.
- More transparency in what we do and how we do it.
- Supporting Local Groups and Volunteers, increasing our Leadership Development program, and enhancing your member experience.

I will continue to ask a lot of questions and listen. I want to provide a clear path for members to voice their thoughts, concerns, and ideas. That is how we grow our Mensa.

Please vote for me so I may continue working diligently on making your Mensa experience better. Thank you.

LaRae Bakerink

www.bakerink.com

George Haynes for Second Vice Chair.

We're all in this together. Let's reap the benefits of the insights we ALL bring to the table.

1. RESPECT THE PAST, PRESENT, AND FUTURE OF MENSA:

A balanced awareness of past decisions, traditions, and institutional knowledge is essential for optimal decision making in the present. A vibrant future for Mensa requires forward-thinking vision informed by our history and our unique culture as an organization.

2. EMPOWER VOLUNTEERS AND STAFF:

Everyone should feel empowered to do excellent work. Both volunteers and paid professionals need to feel that their roles are valued and enabled to thrive.

3. ADVANCE A SYNERGY OF LEADERSHIP MODELS:

Some decisions require a bottom-up/grassroots approach, while others require a top-down process. Defaulting to one side of this spectrum, exclusively, yields dysfunction. Functional progress comes only from embracing the inherent struggle of these two extremes.

4. PROMOTE (but don't force) CIVIL DISCOURSE:

Words matter. Opinions vary. Civility is essential. Your philosophical foe is not your enemy. That person is a Mensan too.

Campaign Statement, Rich Olcott

Five years ago, this was a very different American Mensa. Over the preceding years I'd watched our national leadership's thinking pivot from members-first to organization-first, from collegiality to corporatism, from volunteer-welcoming to volunteer-averse and consultant-hiring. I didn't like that trend so I joined with some like-minded people to help change it.

I think we've turned the corner in the past couple of years. The Chair we elected two years ago has made a point of reaching out to new volunteers throughout the organization (watch for the Volunteer Market, coming soon). Her leadership has helped the RVCs and other AMC members reach important and in my opinion usually correct decisions despite as wide a variety of opinions as you'd expect from a group of Mensans. If you read the AMC meeting minutes I think you'll find that our discussions and decisions are now more about making things possible than setting out new rules. We hired a new Executive Director who quickly made it clear to his staff that his first priority is us – the members and the Local Groups. From my experience the National Office is following through on that policy, and I believe our Local Group leaders have the same impression.

Meanwhile, I've worked hard this term to help each of Region 7's Local Groups be even better at bringing you what you joined Mensa for – or may not have realized you wanted. Whatever they offer you, be it a volunteer position or a new kind of event, try it, you may like it. The two Leadership Development Workshops we held in 2018 were opportunities for all our leadership teams to get together and swap ideas – which they did with lively discussions about everything from how your dues get spent to ways we can exploit the Internet to deliver more Mensa fun to our far-flung membership.

Why did you join Mensa? In my case I was looking for intelligent social life outside of work, plus an opportunity to grow in new directions. I've found both as your RVC and I'd appreciate your vote so I can continue that social life, that growth, and that guiding American Mensa on a member-centric path.

And thanks for voting for me the first time.

~~ Rich

APRIL'S PUZZLE!

For each of the following, place the two words together and arrange the letters to give a word.

What are the three words?

a) CARE + DEER =

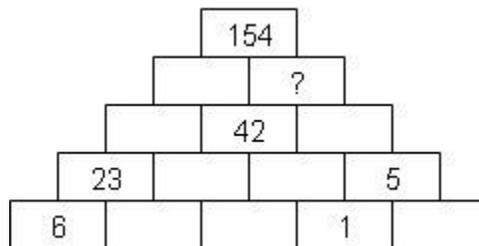
b) DERV + TIDE =

c) TINS + GRUB =

MARCH'S PUZZLE ANSWER!

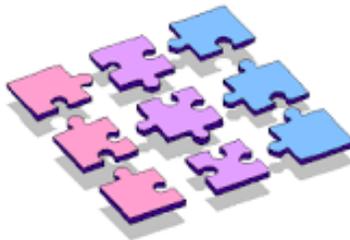
The sum of each two adjacent squares gives the number above.

What number should replace the question mark?



Answer: 60

From the Mensa UK website, <http://www.mensa.org.uk/>



PHOTOS FROM TANDOORI GRILL!



Bruce R. crowns Chris C. with the Skald!



Craig S. and Peggy P-S. grin together



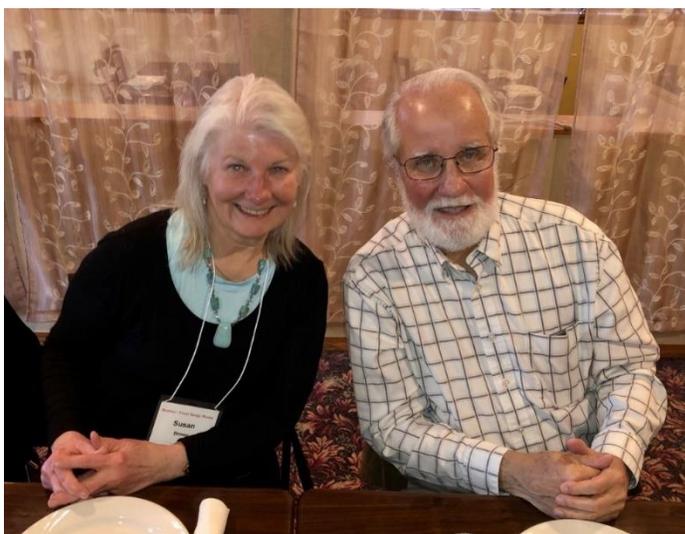
Peter K. and Philip B. enjoy the evening



Linda K. and Ryan B. smile for the camera



Kelly B. (Ryan's mother) and Chris C. beam for a picture



Susan B. and John S. are in good company



VeraLouise K-P and Tim K. take in the atmosphere



Bruce R. and John P. strike a pose



Jim S. and Dalin G. show their pearly whites

Membership Happenings!



Joining or Rejoining Us

George Bailey, Christina Grossman, Madelyn MacLaughlin, Cam Marshall,
Katherine Robertson-Pilling

April's Mensaversaries:

2-9 Years

Edward Rossetto, Ryan Smieja

10-19 Years

Gary Barkow

20+ Years

James Griffey, Lloyd Botway, VeraLouise Kleinfeld-Pfeiffer, John Pfeiffer

Happy April Birthday wishes to:

Blane Yelton, Rachel Friedland, James Stuart, Judith McNary, Cam Marshall, VeraLouise Kleinfeld-Pfeiffer

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