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THE FINE PRINT

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December is Bingo Month and Write a Friend Month

Have a great month from The *Muse*!

Holidays provided by www.holidayinsights.com



December RVC Column

RVC Rich Olcott

Hi, folks. Welcome to December, the season of gifting and being gifted.

Speaking of being gifted (see what I did there?), here's another reason to be proud of being a Mensan – our charitable arm, the Mensa Education and Research Foundation (MERF). There's a lot more there than just the scholarship program.

MERF's slogan is, "Advocate for Intelligence." (You can watch a nice video with that title at [MensaFoundation.org/about-the-mensa-foundation/](https://www.mensa.org/about-the-mensa-foundation/)). The Foundation can't lobby in the halls of Congress (their 501(c)(3) designation forbids it). However...

- In partnership with the Library of Congress, MERF sponsors a whole collection of programs and publications to challenge and educate smart kids. If you've got a 6-10-year-old nearby, go to [MensaForKids.org](https://www.mensa.org/for-kids/) and subscribe to *Bright*, a two page e-magazine loaded with puzzles. If the kid's a little older, there's *YM²* e-magazine, written in part by Young Mensans and downloadable from [us.mensa.org](https://www.us.mensa.org/).
- To help teachers cope with their brightest students, MERF offers more than two dozen lesson plans at various levels (downloadable from [MensaForKids.org/teach/lesson-plans/](https://www.mensa.org/for-kids/teach/lesson-plans/))
- MERF sponsors eight national and international awards that are presented in recognition of excellence in teaching, research, and creative achievement.
- MERF publishes the award-winning *Mensa Research Journal*, devoted to scientific investigation of intelligence.

- In conjunction with the AG, MERF presents *Colloquium*, a full-day themed series of thought-provoking talks by leaders in their fields.
- And, of course, there are MERF's national and international scholarship programs. (By the way, proceeds from *Colloquium* registration fees go to that scholarship fund.)

Finally, here's something to consider in your end-of-year tax planning – MERF's status as an IRS-approved charity means that if you've got a few dollars left over after that gifting, you can donate them to MERF and deduct them from your taxable income (good ol' 1040 Schedule A).

See y'all next year.

FYI/Amusement: FREE Things to DO in



B/FRM FREE
Winter Tours & Attractions

DENVER
The Mile High City

THINGS TO DO > FALL & WINTER IN DENVER

FREE WINTER TOURS & ATTRACTIONS

www.denver.org/things-to-do/fall-winter/free-winter-activities/

The image is a promotional graphic for Denver's winter activities. It features a background photograph of a busy city street at dusk or night, with people ice skating in the foreground and tall buildings in the background. The text is overlaid on the image in various colors and fonts. At the top left, it says 'FYI/Amusement: FREE Things to DO in'. Below that is the Denver logo, which consists of a stylized mountain range above the word 'DENVER' and the tagline 'The Mile High City'. To the right of the logo, it says 'B/FRM FREE Winter Tours & Attractions'. At the bottom, it says 'THINGS TO DO > FALL & WINTER IN DENVER' and 'FREE WINTER TOURS & ATTRACTIONS'. At the very bottom, there is a URL: 'www.denver.org/things-to-do/fall-winter/free-winter-activities/'.

DECEMBER'S CALENDAR OF EVENTS!

DECEMBER'S DINNER!

Monday, December 18th

at



1701 Pearl St., Boulder, CO 80302

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, December 16, 2017:



Winter 4th Quarterly ExComm + Pizza Party

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 4th quarterly ExComm meeting of 2017. **Grade your officers. Everyone is Welcome.**



Anxiously watch the cliff-hanger resolution voting. Enjoy **FREE** snacks AND refreshments (pop, beer, wine), AND **SOCIALIZING** PLUS a graded **competitive heckling** contest. Most entertaining heckle wins a prize. **But WAIT – There's MORE!**

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 **CD door prizes**, + **SOCIALIZING** 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. **See you there.**

LocSec DECREE: **B/FRM BALLOTS?**

We DON'T need NO Stinkin' Ballots !

Let the UNOPPOSED STERLING SLATE BE

ELECTED by CHEERING LANDSLIDE !

at the December 18th Dinner

- BE THERE or BE SQUARE

Let there be a Streamlined (Acclamation) Election

Process this year with the sterling slate of **3** Volunteer Officers running unopposed for 2018: **Treasurer: Lynn Chambers, Ass't LocSec Tom Denkenberger, LocSec: Jim Stuart**



PLEDGING that 1) the **4** other ExComm-appointed Volunteer Officers: **Bill Irelan, VeraLouise Kleinfeld-Pfeiffer, Tim Kline, Kim Springer AND** 2) **entire sterling**

B/FRM Volunteer team (listed in back of MUSE), **All RIDING ON THEIR COATTAILS**, will **CONTINUE** in their **INVALUABLE ROLES** in the **NEW 2018 ADMINISTRATION**.

Further let there be the **LANDSLIDE ELECTION by cheering ACCLAMATION** at the December **18th** Dinner. Come make your vote count - see you there! **Election buttons and banners welcome!**



DID YOU KNOW ?

The FIVE Flatirons Numbers ? Name Origin ?



<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Flatirons>

The **Flatirons** are **rock formations** in the **western United States**, near **Boulder, Colorado**, consisting of **flatirons**. There are five large, numbered Flatirons ranging from north to south (First through Fifth, respectively) along the east slope of **Green Mountain** (elev. 8,148 ft (2,484 m)), and the term "The Flatirons" sometimes refers to these five alone. Numerous additional named Flatirons are on the southern part of Green Mountain, **Bear Peak**, and among the surrounding foothills.

The Flatirons were known as the "Chautauqua Slabs" c. 1900 and "The Craggs" c. 1906. There are two hypotheses regarding the origin of the current name, one based on resemblance to old-fashioned **clothes irons**, the other based on resemblance to the **Flatiron Building** completed in 1902.^[1]

DECEMBER'S PUZZLE!

Which of the following words is the odd one out?

SAUCE PAPER TIME RAIN SAW SO

NOVEMBER'S PUZZLE ANSWER!

Add together three numbers each time to score 45.

Each number can be used as many times as you wish.

How many different combinations are there?

5 10 15 20 25

Answer:

Five.

15 15 15

25 10 10

20 20 5

25 15 5

20 15 10

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

PHOTOS FROM MURPHY'S!



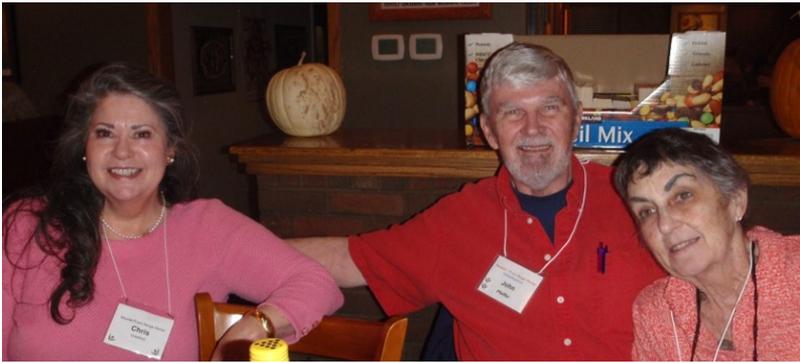
Kim S. gives the Skald quiz



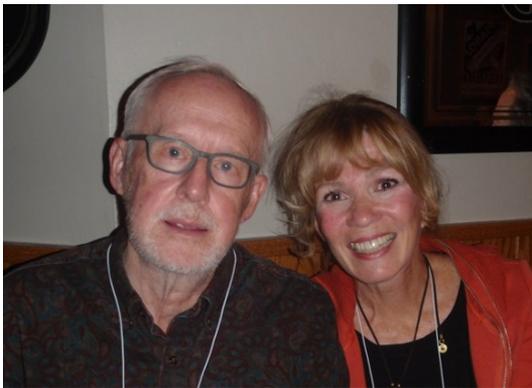
Kim crowns John P. the new Skald victor!



Bruce H., Geoff L. and Tim K. smile for the camera.



Chris C., John P. and VeraLouise K-P. enjoy the atmosphere.



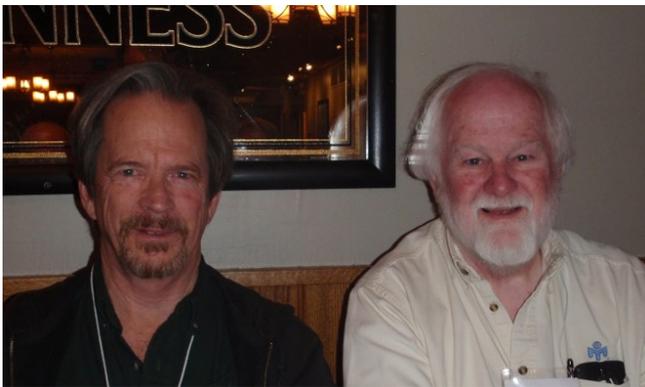
Craig S. and Peggy P-S. grin.



Dalin G. and James S. prepare for the Exalted Skald quiz.



Michael K., Kim S., & Fletch B. are in good company.



Steve W. and Dennis T. beam together.

Membership Happenings!



Joining or Rejoining Us

Brian Lam, Lynda Bryson, Steven Soller, Joseph McMullin

December's Mensaversaries:

2-9 Years

Karen Stewart

10-19 Years

Janeen Jahn, Douglas Kraus,

20+ Years

Michael Kearney, Judith Rhoads, Martha Hyder, Bruce Lovell, Robert Mole

Happy December Birthday wishes to:

Scott Menard, Richard Juday, R Linenoak, Michael Schlachter, Thai Sheridan, Ada Palles, James Daniels, Bob Askey, Yoshi Zrelak, Sonia Martin, Bryan Kinderman

From the Editor

During our first year together, my husband and I traveled to the United Kingdom. At a Christmas themed shop in Edinburgh, we purchased a “Christmas Pixie” tree ornament. For fun, we started to have gifts from the Christmas Pixie under our Yuletide tree.

As our family grew, so did the cast of characters giving gifts. Santa Claus and the Pixie were joined by Mrs. Claus, Polar Bears, Elves assigned random numbers, etc. A tradition evolved to read who “gave” you the gift before opening it.

This year, both Offspring know that the gifts are from family members. In response, the characters have been adapted. Now they are clues to the contents of the package.

Currently, under the tree is gift for me from Davros – a long-time villain in the Dr. Who television series. I’m a little apprehensive about opening it.

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