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WENDY'S WORLD

Wendy Carnegie,

The Annual Gathering is now over. I haven't heard from anyone how it was, but I'm assuming it was another good one. If anyone from Mid-Michigan Mensa went please let me know what they especially liked. Did any thing stand out for you?

I checked online for holidays in August. It seems August is a dull month--there are no holidays in August. I did, however, find a list of important events that occured in August and here it is: 1846--The Smithsonian Institution was founded in Washington, DC; 1884--The cornerstone was placed for the Statue of Liberty; 1909--The first Lincoln Penny was issued; 1945--America dropped an atomic bomb on Hiroshima; 1959--Hawaii became the 50th American State; and in 1969--The Internet was born.

I received an email from Gail Wolfe regarding the Money Bags article on page 11 of the July Head-Line. She informed me that it was a hoax and sent me to snopes .com. Boy was I surprised. I'm sorry to have been taken in by this and to have publishsed it. Please accept my sincere apology. According to Snopes, August, since it has 31 days, will include 5 Sundays, 5 Mondays, and 5 Tuesdays anytime that month begins on a Sunday. This happens on an average of once every 7 years (not every 823 years). Due to an irregularity caused by leap years, however, August doesn't begin on a Sunday exactly once every 7 years; instead, the phenomenon follows a 6-5-6-11 pattern. We are approaching the end of a cycle and thus the longest gap between occurrences, but that gap is a mere 11 years, not 8 centuries. Thank you Gail for setting me straight. Looks like I better check things out more before I print them. Again, I'm sorry for continuing the hoax.

I hope all of you can attend our Annual Party. See the short artical on page 7. Come on out and meet your fellow Mid-Michigan Mensans.

This is it. I'm off on vacation in a few days. See you when I get back. Have a great month.

Until next month...



Frankly Speaking

by Frank Dolinar, LocSec

We hold our annual picnic in August. If you haven't attended a picnic yet this summer, don't you think it's about time? Come out and share some good food and good company. See the calendar for details.

I'm a little bewildered at the rapid flow of time this year. How did it get to be August already? Michigan summer has arrived with a vengeance. If the sun and wind weren't hot enough the pavement and parking lots seem quite ready to melt tires. Or maybe I'm just not used to it.

August provides no holidays in the US – which must be why so many people take their vacations during this month. Regardless, we're working on some new things.

One of these new things, created by our new Vice LocSec, Deborah Frank, is a Facebook page for our chapter in hopes of fostering communication and interaction among all our members. See Deborah's announcement elsewhere in this newsletter.

It's a good idea and one I would not have thought of, since – reactionary that I am – I don't use Facebook.

I wonder what other valuable ideas are out there that I wouldn't have the experience to suggest. If you think you've got an idea to share, email the members of the board, come to a TGIF dinner and engage in an hour's conversation, or contact us via Facebook.

On Wednesday, August 24, we have our annual Meet in the Middle dinner with Southeast Michigan Mensa. See the calendar for details of this outing. It's a pretty good time with a group of Mensans that don't otherwise get together outside of RGs.

It's your Mensa.

Be an active part of it.

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reMARK, June, 2011

Betsy Yvonne Mark, RVC3

CONGRATULATIONS REGION 3 AWARD WINNERS! What a phenomenal Region! At the 2011 Annual Gathering Awards Luncheon, the following winners were announced:

*GOTYA: Class I - **Southeast Michigan Mensa**
*Prolific Owl - in recognition of outstanding membership growth:
Honorable Mention- **Vandalia Mensa**
*Innovative Owl - in recognition of outstanding membership retention:
Honorable Mention- **Vandalia Mensa**
PRP: NEWSLETTER AWARDS
OVERALL PRESENTATION:
*Graffiti
Cleveland Area Mensa
Scott Vinick, Editor
OUTSTANDING NEWSLETTER (MEDIUM GROUP):
*Graffiti
Cleveland Area Mensa
Scott Vinick, Editor
PRP: WEB SITE AWARDS
OVERALL PRESENTATION:
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*Western New York Mensa
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PRP: CONTRIBUTION AWARDS
POETRY:

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*__Heather Latham Miller__, Dayton Area Mensa
"Offerings At The Table: The Philosophers' Picnic"
MPULSE, July 2010
CultureQuest Winners:
*1st Place- MECCA - **Tiffany Everett** (Cincinnati)
*2nd Place- Uncle Churd - **Barbara McIntyre** (ECOM)
*10th Place- The Original Standard Deviants - **Marty Flowers** (WPAM)
*13th Place- CAMarilla - **Robert Villarreal** (Cleveland)

I am pleased to announce that I have been reappointed, and the AMC has approved**, Misty Richmond**, Cincinnati Area Mensa, as Assistant Regional Vice Chair. And, I have asked **Guy Conti**, Southeast Michigan Mensa, to serve as Region 3 Ombudsman. I am grateful to them for their willingness to serve Region 3 and American Mensa.

Register now for the following Region 3 events:

*September 2, 2011 - September 5, 2011 - Western PA Regional Gathering; *The Birds and the Bees* in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Programs, Tournaments, Games, Food, Friends and Fun - pool and hot tub. Two catered meals included in registration. Radisson Hotel, Pittsburgh (Greentree), 412 922 8400 or 800 333 3333 ask for Western PA Mensa rate. Contact: Marty Flowers, auntkitti@aol.com WPAM website http://wpam.us.mensa.org

*December 2, 2011 - December 4, 2011 - Cincinnati Regional Gathering; *Just for Your CAMusement!* in Cincinnati, Ohio

Unfortunately, I will not be making my traditional Labor Day weekend sojourn to WNYM, RAM and WPAM because I have to be in Arlington for the AMC meeting on September 8. I do hope to visit those groups at another time. And, I have to miss the Cincinnati RG because of the December AMC meeting. Argh!

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I am looking forward to seeing you soon.

LLAP and Peace,

Betsy

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Monthly Math Puzzle

Bob Henderson

You have no way of measuring time except by burning some fuses. These do not burn at a steady rate, but they do burn completely in exactly one minute after either end is lit. Assume that any given length of fuse takes some fixed time to burn completely from either end and that you can light as many ends as you want in a given moment. How can you accurately time a 45-second interval?

Math Puzzle Answer

Start the interval by simultaneously lighting both ends of one fuse and one end of a second fuse. When the first fuse burns out, 30 seconds will have elapsed, and the second fuse will still have 30 seconds of one-ended burn time remaining. At that moment, light the other end of the second fuse as well! It will then burn completely in just 15 more seconds, at which time exactly 45 seconds will have elapsed since you started.

Steering Committee Meeting Minutes

Wendy Carnegie, Scribe

July 8, 2011

PRESENT: Frank Dolinar, Eileen Hatt, Wendy Carnegie, Deborah Frank, and Elizabeth Evangelista.

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM by Loc Sec, Frank Dolinar.

Frank passed out a copy of an email from Roy Saper regarding an invitation from Frank to attend the next Steering Committee meeting for a mid-year review of our books and to discuss ways of generating funds. Roy was unable to attend as he was going to be out of town. He included a copy of our general ledger with incoming and outgoing funds. He also included a copy of the 2011 second quarter Treasurer's Report. He suggested that before we raise funds, we should first determine the objective for raising the funds. When the objectives are met we should have media exposure when the fundsd are distributed. The Steering Committee decided to discuss specific questions with Roy at a later date.

Frank and Joanne Sullivan will get together to get the Schholarship Application signed and sent to National.

Frank would like to know how many Mid-Michigan Mensans would be interested in touring the Cycletron unit at MSU. If there are 12 or more, we can get our own walking tour. Each Steering Committee Member will ask 3 members to attend.

Frank explained that the $300 spent for the Texas-Hold-Em was dues to join the group that offered the service we were going to do. It is doubtful we will get it back.

Elizabeth wanted to know if any money has been received from the Circus for the time Mid-Michigan Mensans volunteered. Looking at the Treasurer's Report it looks as if nothing has been paid yet. Further checking will be needed.

Deborah said she has a friend who would like to join Mensa, but works until 6 to 6:00 PM and can't make it to Friday night TGs. Deborah would would like to organize a small, informal group get-together to encourage new members and Mensa prospects to greet and meet. She suggested a social meeting at Kelly's on a Saturday for a drink. She offered to write a note for the Head-Line and facebook and to organize it.

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Steering Committee Minutes--Continued

Deborah reported that facebook will be online in July. She is preparing an article for the Head-Line.

Deborah also suggested doing a Member Spotlight. She will pick a Mid-Michigan Mensa Member and after contacting them, write a short article about them. This will appear in the Headd-Line.

Wendy asked Deborah if she would be interested in taking over the Chair of the Membership Committee as she is so interested in doing things to get members together. She agreed, as she was Chair of the Membership Committee when she was a Mid-Michigan Mensa member before. Thanks so much Deborah. Wendy will transfer all membership material to Deborah.

Wendy said she is in the process of collecting all the Steering Committee Meeting Minutes so they will be in one place. This will make it easier to do research as needed without having to hunt through every Head-Line.

Motion to adjourn was seconded and passed. Meeting adjourned at 8:05 PM.



Annual Anniversary Party

August is the month for our Annual Party--a celebration of Mid-Michigan Mensa's anniversary. Gail and Al Wolfe have again graciously offered to host the party at their home. The date is Sunday, August 7. Meat will be provided (usually hamburgs, hotdogs, and chicken). Plates and silverware are provided. Bring a dish to pass, your bathing suit and towel, your family, and come for some fun and relaxation with your Mensa family.

Mid-Michigan Mensa Membership

Wendy Carnegie

Auglust 2011

139 Members

MENSAversaries

Congratulations

31 Years Robert Anderson
21 Years Wendy Carnegie
14 Years Leonard Peterson
7 Years Matthew Carter
2 Years Brenton Wilburn
30 Years Dee Becker
20 Years Virginia Werner
8 Years Bruce Lowstuter
2 Years Gary Britten

MENSA Birthdays

Happy Birthday

5 Dee Becker
5 Brenton Wilburn
19 Gary Britten
27 Wayne Joubert
30 Joseph Werner
5 Matthew Martin
14 William Deary III
22 John Hunt
29 Kenneth Bonifield

Renewing/Reinstating Members

Welcome Back--We're glad you're back

William Morrison--Midland

Congratulations

To Eileen Hatt on her award from Sparrow Hospital for 50 years of volunteer service. What dedication!

Mid-Michigan Mensa is on Facebook!

You can now receive updates and reminders about events via facebook. If you have a facebook account just search for Mid-Michigan Mensa then "like" our page. Please e-mail if you have any trouble: deborahannefrank@gmail.com. Also, if there if you are going to an event that you think other Mensa members would enjoy just e-mail it to me and I will get the word out. See you online!

Food For Thought

By Barb Ford

Have you ever had an inner sense about the real truth of something? I do all the time, and have now confirmed a momentous piece of wisdom. I've known it all along; deep down in my inner core. I am sharing it with everyone now as a public service of sorts.

CLEANING YOUR HOUSE CAN BE VERY DANGEROUS!

Today started out as a great day. I had a rare cup of regular tea with caffeine, anticipating a wonderfully productive day. The cats and dog went into hiding as I dragged the noisy sucking beast (aka vacuum cleaner) out of the hall closet. While tidying up and vacuuming my bedroom, I felt energized by my morning jolt, and began excavating the historic pile of magazines next to and under my bed. Encouragingly, the room looked so nice, I decided that it was time to clear out the protective layer of shoes on the floor of my closet to find out what was under them. Just as I remember, the carpet I saw before we moved in was still there! As I was lifting the vacuum into the closet, I raked it over my big toe, and ripped my toenail half off. Taking a rapid deep breath, I almost passed out. Trying not to vomit from the pain, I at least had the presence of mind to pour some alcohol on the gaping wound. I think the screaming stopped around the same time as the bleeding. Presently, I have taken Aleve, bandaged the throbbing appendage, and stowed the offending vacuum cleaner back to its place of seclusion. I'll most probably live to clean another day…a long time in the future. The cats are still in hiding, and Rocky is acting as if he did something terribly wrong.

I fully admit that I am a wuss. No wonder I hesitate to clean my house. I could be mortally wounded! This is an injury that is not likely to be incurred while watching television or reading a book, or even while playing a lively game of Mah Jongg. This is just another reason I enjoy these activities.

Remember….clean your house if you must; but have a first aid kit ready at all times! For maximum safety and protection, steel toed shoes are recommended.

THE PRECCEDING HAS BEEN A FREE PUBLIC SERVICE MESSAGE.

TC's Puzzles

TC Shaw

#166
A redneck truck will testify
To his amazing fame
In the many towns
Where he made his rounds
They pay tribute to his name
He was glorified while living
His name was at the top
And some say he'd still be there
But for a sudden stop

#167
He comes and goes so quickly
You won't see him for long
Like a crack of lightning from the sky
Past the madly cheering throng

#168
Bigger is better I was told
That's why I chose this twist
But now I'm thinking Rolex
And I'll wear that on my wrist

#169
Who's that someone that I smell
He's malodorous and reeking
But wait- it's not a smell at all
It's his initials that I'm speaking

#170
Even when it's hot outside
It's better to look good
So I wear my favorite sweater
While walking through the hood

Answers

#166 Dale Earnhart
#168 Flavor Flax
#170 Mr. Rogers

#167 Usain Bolt
#169 Barack Obama

Mid-Michigan Mensa Treasurer's Report

Quarter Ending June 30,2011

Roy Saper

BEGINNING BALANCE		**$3,779.95**
INCOME		**367.22**
National Subsidy MAM	$366.93	
Interest	0.29	
EXPENDITURES		**360.50**
Head-Line		
Postage AMJ	117.76	
Printing AMJ	242.74	
ACCOUNT BALANCES*		
Checking		1,355.94
Money Market		2,365.38
Post Office		65.35
ENDING BALANCE		**$3,786.67**

***** Includes Scholarship Fund balance of ($949).

Please join us for the annual August eat-out in Brighton/Howell

Wednesday August 24 at 6:30 PM

(Zhu) New Century Buffet
4108 E. Grand River Avenue,
Howell, MI 48843
517.548.6888

The New Century Buffet has a great variety of food, including traditional Chinese, made-to-order sushi, a poached salmon and sirloin of beef, with ice cream, fruit, cookies and cobbler or strudel for dessert. Even the vegetarians who attended last year were well satisfied with the food.

We have our own room reserved at the back of the restaurant, and we can stay and talk as long as we want. Adult dinner is under $10 and we will even have some discount coupons. Being able to go up to the buffet anytime you arrive is perfect for such a large group who are coming and going at different times.

Last year we had over fifty Ms from Toledo to Saginaw and Roseville to Portage in attendance. We hope to see you this year!

Directions:
All directions: The New Century Buffet is in the center of the strip mall on the S.E. Corner of Grand River Avenue and Latson Road, on the far east side of Howell.

From Ann Arbor area and south: Take US-23 to I-96 west. Take the Lake Chemung exit (#141). Turn left and go about one mile, the Buffet is on the left in the middle of the strip mall.

From Detroit area: Take I-96 west and then follow the directions above.

From the Flint area: Take US-23 south and exit at M-59 (exit #67). Go west to Latson Road. Turn left (south) on Latson and then left again on Grand River, and the Buffet is immediately on the right.

From Lansing area: Take I-96 east to the M-59 exit (#133) just before Howell. Exit and turn right at Grand River Avenue. Go through Howell until you pass Latson Road (just past Meijers and Wal-Mart). The Buffet is on your right.

More information? Call Jean or Ed Becker at 810-229-2113, or Bob Strauch (734-973-6522, 734-604-3791; bstra2012@aol.com) or James Draper (810-744-1242).

AUGUST 2011 Calendar

Fri., Aug. 5	**TGIF: DELUCA'S:** 2006 Willow St., Lansing. Good Italian food. It's between Martin Luther King Blvd. and Waverly Rd.
Sun., Aug. 7	**ANNUAL (ANNIVERSARY) PARTY:** At the home of Gail and Al Wolfe: 2298 Bennett Rd., Okemos. See page 7 for details. 517-349-9873
Fri., Aug. 12	**TGIF: BENNIGAN'S:** 718 Delta Commerce Dr., Lansing. The restaurant faces Saginaw St., a little east of I-96, but the parking lot is off Delta Commerce Dr.
Fri., Aug. 12	**STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING:** After dinner.
Fri., Aug. 19	**TGIF: GRAND TRAVERSE PIE CO.:** 1403 E. Grand River Ave., East Lansing. It's in the shopping center at Grand River Ave. and Hagadorn Rd.
Wed., Aug. 24	**MEET-IN-THE-MIDDLE GATHERING: ZHU NEW CENTURY BUFFET:** 4108 E. Grand River Ave., Howell. We have our own room at the back. See page 12 for details.
Fri., Aug. 26	**TGIF: CARRABBAS'S ITALIAN GRILL:** 6540 W. Saginaw St., Lansing. It's just west of Cryets Rd.
Sun., Aug. 28	**LIT SIG:** Meet at 4:00 PM at Mumbai Restaurant, 340 Albert St., East Lansing for dinner and discussion of the "One Book, One Community" selection *Extremely Loud and Incredibly Close* by Jonathon Safran. After dinner (by 7:00 PM) we will go to the East Lansing High School for the kickoff event with the author speaking. Call Elizabeth Evangelista at 517-351-3645 for details.
Fri., Sept. 2	**TGIF: JIMMY'S PUB:** 16804 Chandler Rd., East Lansing.
Fri., Sept 9	**TGIF: GOURMET VILLAGE:** 4790 S. Hagadorn Rd., East Lansing. It's in the Hannah Plaza. Good Chinese food.
Fri., Sept. 9	**STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING:** After dinner.

TGIFs are on Fridays. We meet at 6:00 PM and order around 6:15 PM., but you're welcome at any time. Come and get acquainted. All members and friends are welcome at the events above. Any member may schedule an event. Please remember: who, what, when, where, and why. The deadline to schedule an event is the 15th of the month before the event. You can contact Elizabeth Evangelista, Calendar Coord., by regular mail: 5275 E. Hidden Lake Dr., East Lansing, MI 48823; by phone: 517-351-3645; or by email: evangel6@comcast.net