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WENDY'S WORLD

Wendy Carnegie,

Ahhhh. It's October, my favorite month. The leaves are turning color, the air is fresh and brisk, and if you're lucky, you can roast marshmallows over a bonfire of dry leaves. I love the smell of leaves burning in the fall. Unfortunately, to save the atmosphere, this isn't really a viable choice.

I've been working on updating the Member Roster. I plan on including it with the January 2012 issue.

Well I'm off to Texas again. My newest great-niece, Eve, is to be baptized October 9, so I'm going down with my brother, Gavin, and sister-in-law, Julie. We'll leave October 3 and Gavin and I will come back October 11. Julie is going to stay a bit longer--to enjoy her grandchildren. My nieces Kelly and Kerry are both going too. Kerry is taking her oldest child, Gavin. Kelly is stopping in Houston to visit an old friend and then both of them will join us in Benbrook (near Fort Worth). Kelly and Kerry are Josh's sisters. Josh is the father of Eve. Malinee is Josh's wife and Eve's mother. Eve has a sister May and a brother Sen LIn. We'll have a great time.

I've seen a couple good movies in the past week. This brought to mind my idea of enticing some movie buff to write up a movie review for the newsletter. If you like to go to movies or watch them in some other way, please think about sending me a review. It wouldn't have to be every month, just when you see a really good movie. I would take what a Mensa reviewer would say over any of the "professional" movie reviewers. I find I usually don't agree with the "professional." It also doesn't have to be a current or "new" movie. A good review of an older movie would be great. It might make me want to see it if I haven't already seen it or maybe even watch it again. Think about it and give it a try. Looking forward to hearing from you.

The above movie scenario would also work with books. I know we have a LIT SIG, but there are so many good books out there that I might miss one. Maybe one of the LIT SIG members would like to do a review of one of their favorite books. Think about it.

Till next month...



Frankly Speaking

by Frank Dolinar, LocSec

Have you noticed that the days are getting shorter? … and daily task lists are getting longer? I certainly have. Autumn has its charms, but the long days of summer spoil me.

Michigan's 19 million acres of woodland provide an annual show of glorious color. If you've never taken a weekend to drive one of the dozens of "color tour" routes in the state, there's no time like the present. Michigan State's football season segues into October and the opening of Big Ten conference play with the Spartans traveling to Ohio State, always a backroom brawl of a football game. The rest of October gets no easier with Michigan, Wisconsin, and Big Ten newcomer Nebraska on the schedule.

Then, there's Columbus Day, commemorating the discovery, in 1492, of the new world by Christopher Columbus (the explorer, not the film director). The discovery was a historic and history changing event. My favorite interpretation of the event is presented in Stan Freberg's satirical review, "The United States of America: The Early Years". In many ways, this is a celebrity roast of the Founding Fathers, while still teaching a bit of history.

At the end of the month, I'll be traveling again, to one of my favorite RGs, Chicago Mensa's HalloweeM.

I appear to have survived seven weeks of technical training that began in mid-August. Somewhere in the middle of that study I felt the befuddlement that comes with information overload. Learned a lot about the new software, but have not yet achieved proficiency in its use.

As I mentioned last month, there's always something new to learn. It's part and parcel of our lives in the 21st century. We have to get used to it.

Finally, let me remind you all that in a volunteer organization, your steering committee needs all the help it can get. So, 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, listen to a speaker, or contact us via Facebook.

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Be part of it.

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Math Puzzle

Bob Henderson

You are given an opaque bag containing 26 tiles, each showing a different letter of the English alphabet but otherwise identical. You draw tiles from the bag one at a time (without peeking) until you have drawn three vowels. The drawn tiles are then placed back in the bag with the undrawn tiles. You continue to draw randomly selected tiles and return them to the bag as above many times. What is the average number of tiles that you can expect to return to the bag each time as the number of repetitions grows larger? Note that Y is not a vowel for this puzzle.

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How many bones are there in the human body?

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reMARK, October 2011

Betsy Yvonne Mark, RVC3

It's fall - my very favorite season! Although I do not look forward to the cold of winter, I love the cool that follows the heat of summer and the fabulous colors of autumn.

Last month I announced my appointment of Guy Conti as Region 3's ombudsman. Guy's contact info as listed in the on-line Mensa Directory is: Guy T. Conti, 8372 Barrington Dr., Superior Township, MI 48198. 734-418-8474 (gconti@gmail.com). Guy's appointment was prompted by our National Ombudsman Dave Cahn's desire to have Region ombudsmen for every Region. Duties that I can foresee Guy, an attorney and mediator by profession and former Mensa Membership Officer, assume include assistance with the resolution of disputes that may be referred to me, complaints about me, problems between any number of Region 3 local groups, or anything that arises in groups that do not have their own ombudsman. Of course, I know no one in Region 3, including myself, will have to contact Guy. Our Region just isn't that kind of Region.

Speaking of ombudsmen, please check your local roster of officers. If an ombudsman is not listed, consider providing that service to your local group. You need not be one who attends all meetings; you just need to be someone who can listen to all sides of any issue and help facilitate a resolution acceptable to all parties. In addition, ombudsmen should not be voting members of their boards. If a mediator or arbitrator is listed and not also designated ombudsman, ask your board of directors to meet the minimum standard by-laws requirement that each local group have an ombudsman. Your mediator or arbitrator can be also designated the ombudsman and a simple motion, passed by your local board of directors, can facilitate that.

I know that Pittsburgh's RG was wonderful, it always is. I sure missed it. Hope to see you there next year.

Don't forget to register for the - Cincinnati Regional Gathering; *Just for Your CAMusement!* in Cincinnati, Ohio, December 2, 2011 - December 4, 2011. It's promised that there will be no clowns. Registration: $65.00 through November 24, 2011; $70.00 from then after; Ages 5 and under are free; Ages 6 to 12 are $10; Ages 13 to 20 are half-price; Friday only $25; Saturday only $60; Dinner & Dance on Saturday (after 5pm) $35. *For More Information Contact:* Marty Meighen 9113 Tag Drive Cincinnati, OH 45231.

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I am looking forward to seeing you soon.

LLAP and Peace,

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Math Puzzle Answer

If you continued to draw tiles from the bag instead of stopping at the third vowel, you would end up with all 21 consonants and all 5 vowels in some order. The key observation is that the third vowel of the 5 in any such sequence is the same letter when that order is reversed. . . Since it doesn't matter which end you start from, the 3rd vowel must average the same distance from either end! This is true only for the middle position (the average between the first and last positions of the 26), which is (1 + 26) / 2 = 13.5. If you stop drawing tiles and return them all to the bag immediately after this tile, the third vowel, is drawn, the average over many repetitions will approach 13.5 returned tiles.

Eye of the Beholder

T C Shaw

“TC, Come tell me what you think about my creation.”

“Your painting is complete? But Babe, I know nothing about art. You know that.”

“Well, just give me your honest opinion. After all, it is my very first.”

“Okay! Well, uhh ahhh. Ohhh! It’s---ahh---is it modern or abstract?”

“Silly! It’s landscape. Soo---what do you think?”

“Ohh—then that is the Goodyear Blimp? And—and—Babe, I can’t quite make out what this thing is. Give me a hint.”

“You’re just being silly. You know very well that that is a cloud and this is a grove of trees.”

“Okay, okay! Then what is this dark thing at the edge?”

“That is where a tree lives in the foreground. That’s why it’s darker and larger than the rest. Don’t you know anything about perspective? Bob Ross taught me all about perspective and contrast.”

“Yes, I’ll bet he did. But Honey, why is the base of the big tree behind the clump of small trees? Could you have made a little mistake?”

“Bob says that there are no such things as mistakes, only happy accidents”

“Then you must be truly ecstatic dear. And Sweetie, when did you buy all this equipment and supplies? I ahh, I mean you must have a small fortune invested.”

“Is that what it’s all about? Money! You’re criticizing my painting when you admit you know nothing about art simply because of a few dollars? How can you put a price on art or beauty, Huh? Can you tell me that smart guy? You’re terrible, just terrible!”

“But, but Honey! I was only---I—I—let me step back a bit --ahh yes, now it’s coming into focus. I think I was standing a little too close to really get a good look. I can see it all now. It truly amazes me how some very

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Eye of the Beholder--Continued

talented people can put their visions on a piece of canvas and create true beauty with only a few measly tubes of paint.

Yes! It's simply amazing! Honey, you might have your own TV show someday. And this is just your very first ahh offering. I can't imagine what other beautiful images you have floating around in that creative head of yours. I can't wait for the next one."

"Oh, thank you Honey! I don't know why you deny it. You really do know art."



Roy Saper to Speak in October

Elizabeth Evangelista

On October 21, at the Grand Traverse Pie Company, our own Roy Saper will be our Speaker. His topic will be "What's Happening in the Art Scene Around Lansing." Besides being the founder of MMM and Treasurer of our local group, Roy is also the owner of The Saper Gallery, at the corner of Albert and Division Streets in East Lansing. Roy is always very knowledgeable and entertaining, and it will be a real treat to have him as our Speaker.

Mid-Michigan Mensa Membership

Deborah Frank

October 2011

143 Members

MENSAversaries

Congratulations

24 Years	Wendy Kassal	17 Years	Matthew Balasa
4 Years	Deborah Frank	3 Years	Karen Laural
2 Years	Robert Henderson	1 Year	Albert Hur
1 Year	Saif Fatteh		

MENSA Birthdays

Happy Birthday

5	Marvin Fouty	16	Dale Arnold
17	Sharon Plavnick	20	Elizabeth Evangelista
26	Dean Nicolai	31	Robert Cool

Members Moving In

Welcome

Danielle Miles--MSU, East Lansing



Steering Committee Meeting Minutes

Wendy Carnegie, Scribe

September 9, 2011

PRESENT: Frank Dolinar, Deborah Frank, Wendy Carnegie, Elizabeth Evangelista, and John Garrison.

The meeting was called to order by Loc Sec, Frank Dolinar, at 7:35 PM.

The Meeting Agenda was reviewed and approved. Frank requested that Steering Committee Members forward their input of the agenda, with each topic addressed, to Wendy by September 15 so that Wendy will be able to review and include their opinions in the September Minutes.

There was no meeting in August due to a lack of a quorum.

The Steering Committee Meeting Minutes of July 8, 2011 were approved as printed.

OLD BUSINESS

Frank reported that we need a confirmed count on the number Mid-Michigan Mensa (MMM) members who would like to take a private Cyclotron/FRIB tour. There are no week-end tours. It was decided to pass a sign-up sheet at the next couple TGIF dinners so as to get a confirmed count.

Frank said we need more information on the Lugnuts Concession. We need a confirmed count of volunteers who can commit to 3 hours at home Lugnut games. John Garrison suggested having a committee for this and offered to Chair it. Due to the season being nearly over, it was decided to postpone this activity until next year.

Frank reported that he requested Roy Saper to attend a Steering Committee Meeting so we can all discuss his ideas regarding potential income generating activities, per his recent letter.

Frank notified Amerian Mensa, Ltd. (AML) of the new roster of MMM Officers

Roy Saper, Treasurer, received a check of about $50 for volunteer work from the Caravan Youth Center Circus in March. Roy wanted to know where to depost it. After discussion the Steering Committee decided to apply it it to the Scholarship Fund.

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Steering Committee Minutes--Continued

Frank suggested the we invite new / returning members to the TGIF Speakers Night and to TGIFs in general. Deborah Frank agreed to extend such an invitation. She also wants to create a social meeting for new / returning members every 2 to 3 months.

Doug McCall has reported that the Officer Roster on the Website has been updated. However, another correction needs to be made as John Lorenz has requested to be relieved of the duties of Parlimentarian. This was granted. The Steering Committee decided not to replace John, but to delete the office.

Wendy Carnegie reported that she has updated the Officer Roster in the Head-Line Masthead. She said she will do the correction for the Office of Parlimentartian.

Deborah reported that she has been working on arrangements for Poker Night. She said she needs to find out what our non-profit status is. Wendy suggested she check with AML to see if we can use AML's non-profit number.

Deborah reported that we are on Facebook. She "liked" us to to area colleges and the River Trail. She will do postings on weekly items. She requested that a space be made on the Masthead to "find" MMM on Facebook.

NEW BUSINESS

Frank reported that 2011 is the 100th Anniversary of IBM and to help celebrate, IBM has decided to give some community service grants. The grants are from $100 to $5000. As Frank works for IBM, he is entitled to apply for a grant. He will pursue this for our Scholarship Fund.

The Steering Committee discussed doing some activities for social gatherings; to meet and become acquainted with MMM members. Wendy said she will try holding another Games Night. John suggested a Movie Sig with members gathering at someone's home and watching a movie--maybe after a Friday TGIF. Frank suggested a week-end pot-luck or ice cream social where we would jlust sit back, relax and talk. This will be pursued at futher meetings.

John made a motion to adjourn. It was seconded and passed. The meeting adjourned at 8:20 PM.

TC's Puzzles

TC Shaw

#176
I don't have the figure
I don't have the face
And Vanna is appealing
And not easy to replace
But take the time to check it out
And I think that you will see
I'm qualified by birthright
And I'd fit perfectly

#177
Of all the thieves the records say
There isn't much dispute
He had the biggest handful
As he made off with the loot

#178
His orders were specific
But he was running late
Not afraid to challenge
Nor to tempt the hand of fate
He started going faster
When all ahead seemed clear
But he hit an object in his path
Because he couldn't steer

#179
T L Gregg whom he'd never met
Helped him—or so it's said
To make history's list of killers
When he got it in his head

#180
He spent his time in the boondocks
And it might sound a bit absurd
That if it weren't for Tagalog
He might have coined the word

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Food For Thought

By Barb Ford

It seems I am always playing around with a new recipe idea. I love to browse through cookbooks and food magazines for inspiration. I particularly like to come up with new recipes for dishes that are good served in a meal, and also as a snack. My love for beans led me to invent this one. I served it at a recent Games Night, and it was merely OK. After tweaking the ingredients, I found that it is much better served warm than cold. With a mildly spicy taste, and creamy texture, this recipe is universally enjoyed. It is easy to make, travels well, and is great served with Tostitos. As a side dish, it loves to be served with seasoned rice. It can be made up the day before, and popped into the oven just before guests arrive. I hope everyone enjoys this one!

HOPPIN' BEAN DIP

Ingredients:

1 15 Ounce Can Pinto beans, well drained

1 14.5 Ounce Can Hoppin' John, well drained

1/2 t Emeril's Essence (Find it in the specialty spice aisle)

1/2 C Bacon crumbles

1/2 C Sharp cheddar cheese, plus a little more for the top of the dish

1/4 C Sour Cream

Directions:

Place contents of both cans and Emeril's Essence in the food processor. Pulse until mixture is somewhat smooth. Add bacon crumbles, sharp cheddar cheese, and sour cream. Pulse until mixture is uniform. Place in a well greased glass baking dish, and top with a few tablespoons of sharp cheddar cheese. Bake at 350 degrees for 15 minutes, or until bubbly. Serve hot, warm, or room temperature, with your favorite corn chips. If you want to sample this recipe in person, come to the October Games Night and Halloween celebration at my home in Mocksville on Oct 29th.

Answers to TC's Puzzles

#176 David Letterman #177 Bernie Madoff
#178 Casey Jones #179 Gary Gilmore
#180 Daniel Boone



There are 206 bones in the human body.



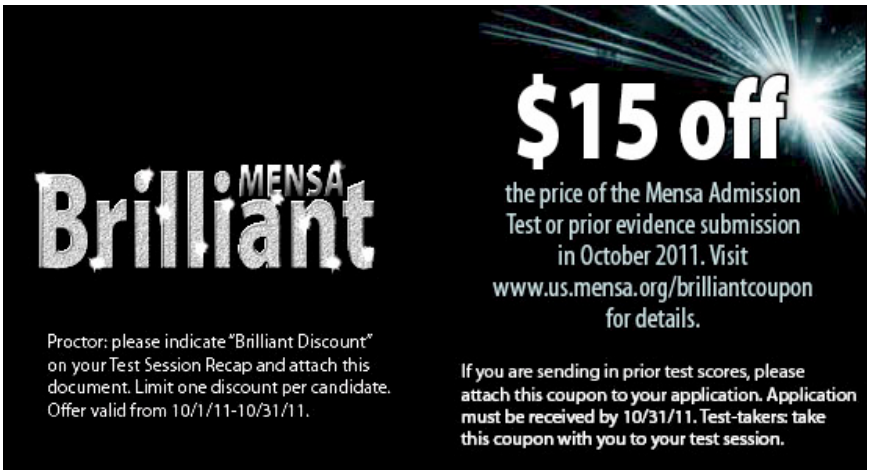
A weary traveler decided to find a hotel for the night. He stumbled to the front desk and said, "Pardon me, ma'am. I'm exhausted--I've been driving for fourteen hours, I'm hungry, and I have a headache. Can you please just tell me what room I'm in?"

"Certainly, sir," the helpful clerk replied. "You are in the lobby."



Are Your Friends Mensa Brilliant?

Of course they are. Give them a coupon to save $15 while they prove it during the Mensa Brilliant celebration! Mensa Brilliant is in celebration of Mensa's 65th anniversary. Download as many copies as you need from www.us.mensa.org/brilliantcoupon. The coupon is good for either admission testing or prior evidence review throughout the month of October. Have them take the coupon with them to any Mensa Admission Testing or attach the coupon to the membership application along with the necessary information on your prior test scores. Eileen Hatt, Proctor, has set up October Testing sessions each Saturday in October. They will start at 12:00 PM and finish at 2:00 PM., at Foster Community Center, 200 N. Foster, Lansing, Room 210. You must be 18 or older to test. The price is $40. Contact Eileen at: eccena@aol.com or 517-487-5170. Also, check out the Lansing State Journal and The State News. Eileen has contacted them to publish a small article or announce the Testing dates.



Mid-Michigan Mensa Funding August 2011

Roy Saper, Treasurer

TO: Treasurer of Local Group 03-488 (Mid-Michigan Mensa)

The following is the breakdown of support paid to your local group by American Mensa, Ltd. for August 2011.

$ 117.26 Members [143 x 0.820]
($9.84 annually for Local Group Support)

$ 0.00 New Members [0 x 1.00]
($1.00 per member new this month)

$ 0.00 Reinstating Members [0 x 1.00]
($1.00 per member reinstating this month after lapse greater than one year)

1 Newsletter(s) Received
$ 0.65 Corporate Subscriptions [1 x 1 x 0.65]

$ 0.00 Current Testing Rate [0 x 15.00]

$ 0.00 Old Testing Rate [0 x 5.00]

$ 0.00 Miscellaneous:

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$ 117.91 TOTAL FUNDING AMOUNT

$ 579.61 Total Funding Year-to-Date

TRANSFER DATE: 9/16/11
TRANSFER AMOUNT: $117.91



Famous Quotes

Uncle John

Don't try starting fires if you have nothing to burn.

Those who can do. Those who can't do teach. Those who can't teach write.

Candy is dandy, but liquor is quicker.

Most suspicious fires are caused by friction. Friction between and over insured building and an insurance policy.

I would rather have a bottle in front of me than a frontal lobotomy.

If you have to ask, then you don't deserve an answer.

If you have never heard of Mensa, then you shouldn't try to join.



OCTOBER 2011 Calendar

Fri. Oct. 7 **TGIF: APPLE JADE**: 300 N. Clippert, Lansing. Chinese food. It's in the Frandor Plaza.

Sat. Oct. 8 **MENSA ADMISSION TEST:** Foster Community Center, 200 N. Foster, Lansing. Room 210 12 PM to 2PM. See page 14 for further info.

Sun. Oct. 9 **LIT SIG:** Meets as 2:00 PM at the home of Elizabeth Ayoub, 6252 W. Walker Rd., St. Johns, to discuss *Arc of Justice: A Saga of Race, Civil Rights and Murder in theJazz Age*, by Kevin Boyle. This book is the pick of the Michigan Humanities Council for the 2011-2012 Great Michigan Read.Snacks and conversation. Call Joanne Sullivan for directions: 989-906-3521

Fri. Oct.14 **TGIF: MITCHELL'S FISH MARKET:** 2975 Pryde Blvd., Lansing. It's in the Eastwood Towne Center.

STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING: To follow dinner.

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Sat. Oct. 15 **MENSA ADMISSION TEST:** Fosgter Community Center, 200 N. Foster, Lansing. Room 210. 12 PM to 2 PM. See page 14 for further info.

Fri. Oct. 21 **MICHIGAN ASSOCIATION FOR GIFTED CHILDREN FALL CONFERENCE:** Doubletree Hilton, Dearborn. For further information go to MIgiftedChild.org.

Fri. Oct. 21 **TGIF: GRAND TRAVERSE PIE COMPANY:** 1403 E. Grand River Ave., East Lansing. It's in the shopping Center at the corner of Grand River and Hagadorn.

SPEAKER: Roy Saper will speak to us about "*What's Happening In The Art Scene Around Lansing."* Join us for dinner or after dinner, about 6:45 PM.

Sat. Oct. 22 **MENSA ADMISSION TEST:** Foster Community Center, 200 N. Foster, Lansing. 12 PM to 2PM. See page 14 for further info.

Sat. Oct. 22 **PUB NIGHT: KELLYS DOWNTOWN:** 203 S. Washington Square, Lansing. Meet at 7:30 PM.

Tues. Oct. 25 **PRESENTATION:** Kevin Boyle, author of *Arc of Justice: A Saga of Race, Civil Rights and Murder in the Jazz Age,* will speak at Cooley Law School, 300 S. Capitol Ave.Lansing. This is a follow- up to the LIT SIG discussion on Oct. 9, but the program is open to all.

Fri. Oct. 28 **TGIF: POTLUCK DINNER:** At the home of Pat Thuemmel, 1604 Barritt, Lansing. Barritt is one block south of Lake Lansing Rd. Bring a dish to pass, or pick up something at the store and join us for an evening of fun and fellowship. There will be movies and/or games to follow dinner.

Sat. Oct. 29 **MENSA ADMISSION TEST:** Foster Community Center, 200 N. Foster, Lansing. Room 210. 12 PM to 2PM. See page 14 for further info.

Fri. Nov. 4 **TGIF: STILLWATER GRILL:** 3544 Meridian Crossing, Okemos. It's on the northwest corner of Okemos and Jolly Rds.

Fri. Nov. 11 **TGIF: OLD GREAT WALL:** 4832 W. Saginaw, Lansing. It's just east of the Lansing Mall. Chinese food.

STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING: To follow dinner.

Sat. Nov. 12 **NEW MEMBER COFFEE BREAK: SCHULERS BOOKS AND MUSIC:** It's on the southwest side of the mall. Meet at 3:00 PM.



TGIFs are on Fridays. We meet at 6:00 PM and order around 6:155 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