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WENDY'S WORLD

Wendy Carnegie,

Happy 2012 to one and all.

I am having a chili cook-off on New Year's Eve to celebrate the New Year. I decided to do this after the December Head-Line was sent. I had Doug McCall put it on the calendar on the web site so those who check there would see it. I brought it up at most of the TGs in December. I apologize to those who didn't get notified and so couldn't attend if they wanted to.

Has anyone checked out American Mensa's *Weekly Brainwave?* The December 20, 2011 issue has some interesting titles: *Bioethics panel urges stronger protections for human subjects, Comet Lovejoy survives fiery plunge through sun, NASA says, Scientists narrow hunt for 'God' particle,are among them..* Check it out. Go to www.us.mensa.org, click on READ and then on Brainwave on the drop down.

I received an email in December from the publisher of Vermillion Road Press. This is a company that wants to publish e-books for the Kindle and Nook markets. They have 3 Mensa-written titles and would like to have them reviewed in Mensa publications. If anyone would like to review these books you would review copies. You can review all of them or just one or two. It's not necessary to have a Kindle or Nook. Free reader apps are available for both formats. The titles are:

I hate to Criticize, But...Professional Writers and Broadcasters are Murdering the English Language, by Gordon K. Anderson, former *Mensa Bulletin* editor and SOTS founder. This book is a must for anyone who cares about language.

Threadbare, by Darlene Underdahl, is an intriguing narrative of escape, understanding, and forgiveness set in the Scandinavian communities of Northern Minnesota. Darlene has been a Mensa member for over 30 years.

The Sociopath of Carson City, also by Darlene Underdahl, is the story of greed, drugs, sex, attempted murder, and the IRS as the good guys.

Let me know if you are interested and I will hook you up with the publisher.

I wish 2012 is a very good year for everyone.

Till next month...



Frankly Speaking

by Frank Dolinar, LocSec

Happy New Year, everyone. 2012 has arrived! Among other things, this year marks the end of a cycle of the Mayan calendar. A noteworthy event, but hardly the end of the world.

There's been an ongoing conversation among the members who regularly attend the Friday evening TGIF dinners and who get together for other events that it would be nice to do more… fundraisers, events, scholarships, potluck dinners, games nights, or even the occasional talk of an RG.

I agree that it's nice to think about doing all of these things. The downside is that out of approximately one hundred and fifty members, we almost never see as many as 20 together in the same place at the same time. I'm not sure I know more than 25 of those members personally.

To do something like a fundraiser, we need a group of volunteers bigger than the number of people actually needed at any given time. For example, if we need three people on available (i.e. on duty) continuously for three hour shifts at all times for a fundraiser that will last for 12 hours, that means we need an absolute minimum of 6 people (with everyone pulling a double shift), a practical minimum of 12, and to cover for last minute changes it would be better to have at least 15. Those numbers represent the number of people who will commit their time and who will reliably be available for the fundraiser.

For an RG, the time commitment is much larger, with specific duties assigned to individuals and/or teams. Planning, registration, hotel liaison, programs, kitchen management, technical support for speakers, printing of the RG brochure, financial management, and regular communication among the RG committee members, culminating with near constant communication and course corrections within the last two weeks before the RG. Say a year's commitment from at least 20 people. An RG is a lot of fun for the attendees and can be very satisfying for the chapter that hosts it. But it's a LOT of work.

There are many possibilities for Mensans to do things together. For these possibilities to become actualities, it takes a group with a threshold

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number of individual volunteers and a threshold percentage of its membership being committed to getting things done.

As is true with every volunteer organization I've ever been a part of, if you want more, you have to do more. However, as I've noted before, the steering committee can't do these things on its own. We are too few and collectively we simply don't have enough time in our lives to do it all.

It's your Mensa.
Be part of it.

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Math Puzzle

Bob Henderson

Consider an 11-digit number XY123456789 in which X and Y represent 2 different non-zero single digits. This number is evenly divisible by 7. When you reverse X and Y, the new 11-digit number YX123456789 is larger than before, but it is still evenly divisible by 7. What are the values of the digits X and Y?

Answer on Page 6

reMARK, JANUARY 2012

Betsy Yvonne Mark, RVC3

Happy New Year! May it be healthy, prosperous and wonderful in every way for each and every one of you and your loved ones.

I know that all who attended the Cincinnati Regional Gathering had a fabulous time; wish I had been there.

Watch for notices of the postings of minutes of the AMC meeting that I attended that same weekend. If you haven't joined the Region 3 Yahoo or Facebook groups where I post such information, as well as Region 3 and National News, please do so.

I know that it's not news to many, but even though there are still 18 months remaining in this term, I want everyone to know that this will be my last term as Region 3 Vice Chairman. I have loved representing the very best of Regions on the American Mensa Committee; it's been an honor and a pleasure. I encourage you to consider succeeding me. Time lines being as they are, in July, those National Nominating Committee members present will meet in Reno at the Annual Gathering. Announcements about receiving endorsement from that committee will be forthcoming. I am happy to discuss your desire to serve Region 3 and American Mensa in this special way.

I haven't traveled much recently, and this year will not be making my sojourn to Florida as I have in the past. I do plan on visiting each local group at least one more time during my last 18 months in office. Last year's traveling really wore my suitcases and me out.

Register now for Dayton Area Mensa's 25th RG, March 30 through April 1, with Karen Lehman, Registrar. Check the following url for more info: http://www.dayton.us.mensa.org/index_files/RG.htm

Register now for SEMMantics XXXIII RG, May 4 – 6, 2012. (See ad on page 5 for further information.

I am looking forward to seeing you soon.

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SOUTHEAST MICHIGAN MENSA REGIONAL GATHERING

Join us!

SEMMantics XXXIII



May 4, 2012 – May 6, 2012

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I would like to volunteer for:
____hospitality _____speaker helper _____registration _____contacting people before the RG _____other

NOTE
To make reservations at the hotel online, enter the group code SEM for SEMM rates.

Steering Committee Meeting

Wendy Carnegie, Scribe

December 9, 2011

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

The meeting was called to order by LocSec, Frank Dolinar.

The minutes of the October 14 and November 11, 2011, were approved as printed in the Head-Line.

John reported that he had heard from the Lugnuts and they will be back in touch if they can use us as volunteers for the 2012 season. They will give opportunities to those who have worked with them before.

As there was no other new or old business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned.



Math Puzzle Answer

Either mathematical intuition or a little trial and error will show you that the digits X and Y must have equal remainders after division by 7 in order for XY and YX (or XY123456789 and YX123456789) to have the same remainder after division by 7. The only possibilities for digits 1 through 9 are (X = 1, Y = 8) or (X = 2, Y = 9). The first pair gives 11-digit numbers with a remainder of 5 after division by 7, but the second pair gives the desired remainder of 0.

The correct answer is then X = 2, Y = 9.

Mid-Michigan Mensa Membership

Deborah Frank

January 2012

144 Members

MENSAversaries

Congratulations

36 Years Kevin Smart
31 Years Tom Pascalenos
20 Years Albert Ruff
10 Years Carole Eberly
8 Years George Russell
3 Years Sandra Callis
3 Years Mark Weiss
2 Years David Macak
1 Year Dale Arnold
1 Year Sheila McCoy
31 Years Genevieve Monk
25 Years Thomas Korkoske
14 Years Gregory Guro
9 Years Joseph Werner
8 Years Roger LaMothe
3 Years Ryan Landay
2 Years Roderick Riggs
1 Year Matthew Martin
1 Year Jacob Miklojcik

MENSA Birthdays

Happy Birthday

1 Casper Klauscher
3 Carl Helwing
14 John Garrison
18 Roy Saper
21 Wendy Crowley
27 Jacob Miklojcik
3 Roger LaMothe
13 Michael Knowlton
15 Matthew Balasa
19 Tom Pascalenos
22 Clyde Creque

Correction

Sorry about the mistake

Congratulations on 34 years with Mensa to Dean Nicolai in December. He was listed by his first and middle name, Dean Lawrence only. His last name, Nicolai, was inadvertently missed.



PARAPROSDOKIANS:

From Doug McCall

I had to look up "paraprosdokians". Here is the definition: "Figure of speech in which the latter part of a sentence or phrase is surprising or unexpected; frequently used in a humorous situation." (I thought it was a religious cult)

"Where there's a will, I want to be in it," is a type of paraprosdokian.

Ok, so now enjoy!

1. Do not argue with an idiot. He will drag you down to his level and beat you with experience.

2. The last thing I want to do is hurt you. But it's still on my list.

3. Light travels faster than sound. This is why some people appear bright until you hear them speak.

4. If I agreed with you, we'd both be wrong.

5. We never really grow up, we only learn how to act in public.

6. War does not determine who is right - only who is left.

7. Knowledge is knowing a tomato is a fruit. Wisdom is not putting it in a fruit salad.

8. Evening news is where they begin with 'Good Evening,' and then proceed to tell you why it isn't.

9. To steal ideas from one person is plagiarism. To steal from many is research.

10. A bus station is where a bus stops. A train station is where a train stops. On my desk, I have a work station.

11. I thought I wanted a career. Turns out I just wanted paychecks.

12. Whenever I fill out an application, in the part that says, 'In case of emergency, notify:' I put 'DOCTOR.'

13. I didn't say it was your fault, I said I was blaming you.

Food For Thought

By Barb Ford

All good cooks have their secrets. Most have go-to recipes that they can put together in a pinch and wow even the pickiest eaters. My mother was a master at this. She never failed to deliver great food even on a moment's notice. My dad used to boast that she could whip up a gourmet meal out of thin air. Maybe this comes from dealing with the lean years when she was a child, and my grandmother produced mouthwatering table fare from the simplest and least expensive ingredients. Perhaps this ability is in my genes, as I can usually do the same. A few basic recipes and combinations assist me in these endeavors. One of my favorite recipes is for a quick and easy muffin. This versatile recipe can be made in 45 minutes or less, and can be savory or sweet. I will give the basic muffin recipe below, and your own creativity will determine what you make of it. One thing to keep in mind is to limit add-ins to one cup per batch. You can add spices, nuts, dried fruit, herbs, or my personal favorite: grated sharp cheddar and crumbled bacon. Oh yeah, baby! If you would like to sample these muffins in-person, come to Games Night in Mocksville on January 28th. See you there!

Barb's Basic Muffins

Dry ingredients:	**Wet ingredients:**
2 Cups unbleached all purpose flour	1 Cup milk or buttermilk
2 Tablespoons sugar	1 Large egg
2 Teaspoons baking powder	¼ Cup vegetable oil
¼ Teaspoon Salt	

Directions: Combine the dry ingredients. Whisk together the wet ingredients. Stir the wet and dry ingredients together, mixing gently. Spoon the batter into a well-greased muffin pan. (Two thirds full in each well.) Bake at 425 degrees for about 25 minutes. Cool five minutes and remove from pan. Enjoy!

TC's Puzzles

TC Shaw

#196
They took his saw-grass acres
And said it had to be
Progress was important
In the sunshine industry
So now his second cousins
And his own progeny
Sell cigarettes for a living
In bulk and duty free

#197
He should be enshrined in Canton
Although he never played
But for the wit that made us laugh
And caustic quips he made
His mom and dad were guilty
For child neglect it's said
They should have stopped the object
That squashed his little head

#198
Like Arm and Hammer he was strong
In raspy language and in song
But singing wasn't all we know
Like the cold north wind
He could really blow

#199
I wonder if he searches still
For one or more who made the kill
Or has he now resigned his fate
To sit in solitude and wait

#200
The story of a singer
Who's rendition was so good
The teary eyes all glistened
As patriotically they stood
'America the Beautiful'
So soulfully was sung
All eyes but his were watching

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Michigan Humanities Council

our stories, our lives

December 19, 2011

Take note all performers! Below is an important announcement by our friends at Creative Capital regarding an upcoming grant opportunity.

Save the Date! **On February 1, 2012, Creative Capital will begin accepting online Letters of Inquiry for grants in Emerging Fields, Literature and Performing Arts. The Inquiry Form will be open until March 1.** Visit creative-capital.org/apply to read the grant guidelines and learn more about the application process, or attend an in-person or online information session.

Creative Capital provides integrated financial and advisory support to artists pursuing innovative and adventurous projects. Acting as a catalyst for the development of exceptional and imaginative ideas, we support artists whose work is provocative, timely and relevant; who are deeply engaged with their art forms and demonstrate a rigorous commitment to their craft, yet are also boldly original and push the boundaries of their genre; who create work that carries the potential to reshape the cultural landscape. Selected grantees receive up to $50,000 in direct support and a suite of services valued at more than $40,000.

To be eligible to apply, an artist must be:
* A U.S. citizen or permanent legal resident
* At least 25 years old
* A working artist with at least five years of professional experience
* Not a full-time student

Questions? Visit creative-capital.org/apply or email grants@creative-capital.org.

FOR OUR CREATIVE MEMBERS

The value in Mensa Membership

by Rob Salkin,
National Membership Officer
Mensa of Northeastern New York (www.monny.us.mensa.org)

The yearly membership fee - currently $63 - is not a tiny amount to many Americans; we get that. However, American Mensa has a lot to offer. Here's just a small list of things that are part of the American Mensa experience:

- **AML Community**. Looking for a place to for a fast-paced chat or a slow-motion discussion? Check out www.community.us.mensa.org
- **Social media** presence on Facebook, Twitter, YouTube and Google+. Interact with other members as part of your daily social media experience. Linked via icons at the top of the American Mensa Web site www.us.mensa.org
- **Money-saving discounts** and money-making CareerLink jobs board. Want to buy a gift for someone - including yourself - or want to improve your career to afford some more good gifts? Take a look at the list here: www.us.mensa.org/benefits
- Vacation opportunities with some of the smartest and most interesting people in the world:
  - The **Annual Gathering** (AG) includes programs, games, food and fun with about 2,000 of your new best friends - www.ag.us.mensa.org
  - **Mind Games®** offers the intense experience of learning and playing dozens of the latest games on the market over a weekend - www.mindgames.us.mensa.org
  - Gorge yourself on knowledge at the 2012 **Colloquiums** - www.colloquium.us.mensa.org
  - Attend one, two or all of the **Regional Gatherings** (RGs), most held at hotels within plane, train and automobile distance - www.us.mensa.org/calendar
  - A few **Special Interest Groups** (SIGs) organize trips to fun places like the Caribbean and Alaska - www.us.mensa.org/calendar
- **CultureQuest®** (CQ). Have a great time finding out you and a few other Mensans really don't know it all - http://www.us.mensa.org/culturequest

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- The ***Mensa Bulletin***. Read about things of interest in and out of Mensa 10 times a year - www.us.mensa.org/bulletin
- **Scholarships**. Going to college? How about your kids? See how easy it is to apply for members-only awards: www.mensafoundation.org/scholarships

Your Local Group gets a monthly stipend from the national organization for each local member. In the past, most groups reserved that money for newsletter production and mailing costs. With a large percentage of members now receiving their local newsletters via email, it is possible that some Local Groups will have the funds necessary to hold more free, reduced-rate or extravagant events. If you're not sure what your group is up to, get in touch with your local leadership to find out what they have planned for 2012. Of course, if there's something you want to do in Mensa that other people aren't doing, offer to help out by hosting an event or taking on a leadership role in your Local Group... or even become the next National Membership Officer!

Take another look at what American Mensa has to offer and get involved at whatever level suits you. Your Mensa friends are waiting!

Email Rob at membership@us.mensa.org.



Answers to TC' Puzzles

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#197--Stewie
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#200--Ray Charles

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Truths

John Garrison

War does not determine who is right. It only determines who is left.

It is easier to ask for forgiveness than to ask for permission.

Progress is the number one cause of roadkill.

Children - the tighter you try to hold on to them the more they slip away.

We all have wounds that we want to heal.

The only way to achieve the impossible is to believe it is possible.

It is far better to be feared than loved.

Trust everyone but cut the cards.

Never get married. Just find a woman you really hate and buy her a house.

Life is just a lot of loose ends.

Anger just breeds more anger.

Sometimes you have to stop and smell more than just flowers.

Trying doesn't matter if you always fail.

Enough for a couple or three months.

December 2011 Calendar

Fri., Dec. 2 **TGIF: CHRISTIE'S BISTRO:** It's in the Lexington Hotel, 925 Creyts Rd., Lansing. It's just south of the corner of Creyts Rd. and St. Joseph St.

Fri., Dec. 9 **TGIF: EVERYDAY RESTAURANT:** 1375 E. Grand River Ave. It's In the Brookfield Plaza at the corner of Grand River Ave. and Hagadorn Rd. Chinese food.
STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING: To follow dinner.

Fri., Dec. 16 **TGIF:RESTAURANT MEDITERAN:** 333 S.Washington Square, Lansing. Foods of Central and Eastern Europe. We'll have a private room.

Sun., Dec. 18 **HOLIDAY PARTY:** At Elizabeth Evangelista's home, 5275 E. Hidden Lake Dr., East Lansing. We'll meet at 3:00 PM and eat about 4 p.m.. See article on page 16 for details.

Fri., Dec. 23 **TGIF: BEGGARS BANQUET:** 218 Abbot Rd., East Lansing.

Fri., Dec. 30 **TGIF: BAGGER DAVE'S:** 1351 E. Grand River Ave., East Lansing. This is a new restaurant in the Brookfield Plaza at the corner of Grand River Ave. and Hagadorn Rd. It specializes in hamburgers, sandwiches, and salads.

Fri., Jan. 6 **TGIF: ALADDIN'S:** 300 N. Clippert St., Lansing. It's in the Frandor Shopping Center next to Video-To-Go. Good Middle Eastern food. This is the night the belly dancers are scheduled to perform.

Fri., Jan. 13 **TGIF: DELHI CAFE:** 4625 Willoughby Rd., Holt.
STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING: To follow 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