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Mid-Michigan Mensa Steering Committee Minutes

Friday, August 11, 2017

The Mid-Michigan Mensa (MMM) Steering Committee meeting was called to order by LocSec Maria Koutsoukos at 7:07 P.M. following our TGIF dinner at the Flap Jack restaurant in South Lansing. Committee members Wendy Carnegie—Vice LocSec, Bob Henderson—Treasurer and Scribe, and Pat Thuemmel also attended.

Maria suggested that we start the meeting by approving the July 2017 meeting minutes. A motion to do so was moved, seconded, and approved by the committee members present.

New business: Maria will schedule a visit by MMM members to the Escape Room in Lansing for any of us interested in solving puzzles as a group. The discounted cost will be $22.00 per person for one hour of puzzling fun. Tentative plans are to meet there on a Saturday in September, with details to be announced in the September 2017 issue of the Head-Line.

Wendy reported that she had sent the July 2017 Head-Line to both the American Mensa Limited (AML) and MMM Web sites. AML has notified MMM members, with emails, who have not specified that they want the hard copy issues mailed to them. Mensa members can log in and download the Head-Line as a PDF file to view on their own devices.

Maria announced that MMM had missed the August 1 AML deadline to report our plans to offer a Mensa scholarship, so no scholarship will be offered this year.

John Garrison accepted the position of Nominating Committee chair. He will find candidates for the 3 Steering Committee memberships up for election this year (the other 3 members are in the middle of their 2-year terms). Bob indicated his willingness to continue serving as Scribe.

John also suggested that MMM spend some of our treasury surplus on a celebration to honor members who have contributed greatly to the group since it was founded 44 years ago. This would be a good opportunity to

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engage those MMM members who have not participated lately in other local Mensa activities. John also noted that the online Mensa store sells several items that could be appropriate as service awards.

It was suggested that MMM could publicize Mensa Testing Month in October by setting up a booth in an area shopping mall to distribute flyers describing MMM and AML history and this year's local Mensa admission testing plans. An ad in the Lansing State Journal to encourage prospective candidates to get tested could include similar information. Ginny Henderson noted that Martin Luther Chapel (just north of City Hall in East Lansing) offers space suitable for administering the admissions test at no charge. She will get details from the MLC office, but believed that a few Sunday afternoons would be available.

Bob noted that an outdated Office of Publication address was still printed inside the front cover of the August Head-Line. Wendy agreed to correct it. Bob also agreed to work with our current Webmaster Doug McCall to learn how to update the MMM Web page.

There being no further business to discuss, it was moved, seconded and approved to adjourn the meeting at 7:39 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Bob Henderson, Scribe

"You can live to be 100 if you give up all the things that make you want to live to be 100"

—Woody Allen

Mid-Michigan Mensa Membership

September 2017

Membership Chair—John Garrison

124

Members

MENSAversaries

Congratulations on your years of membership

32 Years	Linda Harrison	29 Years	William Deary
27 Years	John Larson	19 Years	Brian McGrain
15 Years	Paul Kassal	15 Years	David Brown
10 Years	Kristen Kosloski	4 Years	Reece Kramer
3 Years	Michael Rademacher	2 Years	Gary Johncox

MENSA Birthdays

Happy Birthday to you

2	Larry Ackerman	13	Saif Fatteh
20	Leon Volk	28	Daniel Thompson

New Member

Welcome — We're glad you joined us

Jeffrey Touchup — Hillsdale



FOOD FOR THOUGHT

By Barb Ford

I love chili. I also adore Indian food. With that in mind, this is a recipe that will be a staple in my kitchen forever. Chana Masala, also known as Cholle Bhature, is a classic vegetarian Punjabi dish. Family recipes vary, and I have derived my own version. Feel free to change it up to suit your tastes. Keep in mind, this recipe calls for canned beans and tomatoes. Depending on the brand you buy, salt content can vary. Please err on the side of less salt in the dish, and adjust it when serving. Like all chili, it seems to get better with time. I found this dish to be spicy at first, and much milder the next day. The beans really absorb flavor and spice overnight. If it looks like I have a lot of spice in this recipe, trust me on this one. A word about curry powder. No two brands are the same. My personal favorite is Trader Joe's Curry Powder. No matter what brand you like, if you have had it longer than 1 year, pitch it and purchase a fresh one. If the recipe seems too complicated, you can skip the other powdered spices, and go with 3 tablespoons of your favorite sweet curry powder. If you don't like garbanzo beans, any beans will work. I made it with cannellini beans. Still Yummo.

CHANA MASALA, Barb's Way

Ingredients:



3-4 T Light Cooking Oil
3 C Chopped Onion
1½ t Cumin Powder
1 t Turmeric Powder
1 t Chili Powder
1 T Curry Powder
1 T Minced Fresh Garlic, or 1 t Garlic Powder
1 T Freshly Grated Ginger, or 1 t Powdered Ginger
1 15 Ounce Can Diced Tomatoes, or Tomato Sauce
2 15.5 Ounce Cans Garbanzo Beans, (drained, liquid reserved)
Optional Garnish: Lemon Wedge and Fresh Chopped Cilantro

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Directions:
In a large saucepan, sauté oil and onion until golden. Add dry spices, and cook 2 minutes. Add garlic, ginger and tomatoes. Cook 5 minutes. Add beans, and a little reserved bean liquid. Cover and simmer 10 minutes. If the masala is still a little thick, add additional bean liquid. Cover and cook another 5 minutes. Turn off heat, cover and let rest for at least 20 minutes. Garnish and serve. This is also great served with a teaspoon of butter or a splash of coconut milk.
Namaste.



Welcome — Back to School

Some Fun Puns

Internet

A man's home is his castle, in a manor of speaking.

Dijon vu - the same mustard as before.

Practice safe eating - always use condiments.

Shotgun wedding - A case of wife or death.

A man needs a mistress just to break the monogamy.

A hangover is the wrath of grapes.

Does the name Pavlov ring a bell?

Condoms should be used on every conceivable occasion.

Reading while sunbathing makes you well red.

When two egotists meet, it's an I for an I.

A bicycle can't stand on its own because it is two tired.

What's the definition of a will? (It's a dead give away.)

In democracy your vote counts. In feudalism your count votes.

She was engaged to a boyfriend with a wooden leg but broke it off.

A chicken crossing the road is poultry in motion.

If you don't pay your exorcist, You get repossessed

With her marriage, She got a new name and a dress.

The man who fell into an upholstery machine is fully recovered.

You feel stuck with your debt if you can't budge it.

Presidential Trivia

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Richard Lederer

1. Who was the first president born a United States Citizen?
2. Who was the first president to be impeached?
3. Which presidents died by assassination?
4. Who was the only president to be named a sworn enemy of the United States?
5. Who was the only man to be president and vice president but not elected to either office?



Answers to Presidential Trivia

1. Matin Van Buren, our 8th president, was born on December 5, 1782, making him the first president born after the Declaration of Independence was signed.
2. If you answered Richard Nixon, you're wrong. President Nixon resigned before any impeachment trial.
3. Four presidents have died from assassins' bullets: Abraham Lincoln in 1865, James Garfield in 1881. William McKinley in 19901 and, John F. Kennedy in 1963.
4. Gerald Ford. For two years, he was the only man who served as both vice president,(replacing Agnew) and president (replacing Nixon) without having been elected to either office. The only elected office he ever held was a Western Michigan congressional seat. Ford's vice president, Nelson Rockefeller, was also never elected to his office. Ford also became the only president to pardon a former president.

More I Didn't Know That

Internet

Damascus, Syria, Was flourishing a couple of thousand years before Rome was founded in 753 BC making it the oldest continuously inhabited city in existence.

Istanbul, Turkey is the only city in the world located on two continents.

The full name of Loss Angeles is: I Pueblo de Nuestra Señora la Reina de Los Angeles de Porciuncula — and can be abbreviated to 3.63% of its size: L. A.

The term 'The Big Apple' was coined by touring musicians of the 1930s who used the slang expression 'apple' for any town or city. Therefore, to play New York City is to play the big time — The Big Apple. There are more Irish in New York City than in Dublin, Ireland; more Italians in New York City than in Rome, Italy; and more Jews in New York City than in Tel Aviv, Israel.

There are no natural lakes in the state of Ohio, every one is man-made.

The smallest island with Country status is Pitcairn in Polynesia, at just 1.75 sq. miles/4.53 sq. Km.

The first city to reach a population of 1 million people was Rome, Italy (in 133 B.C.). There is a city called Rome on every continent.

Siberia contains more than 25% of the world's forests.

In the Sahara Desert, there's a town named Tidikelt, Algeria, that didn't receive a drop of rain for 10 years. Technically, though, the driest place on earth is in the valleys of the Antarctic near Ross Island. There's been no rainfall there for 2 million years.

The actual smallest sovereign entity in the world Is the Sovereign Military Order of Malta (S.M.O.M). It is located in the city of Rome, Italy, and has an area of two tennis courts. As of 2001, it has a population of 80, 20 less people than the Vatican. It is a sovereign entity under international law ,just as the Vatican is.

SEPTEMBER 2017 CALENDAR

Fri., Sept. 1	**CAPITAL PRIME STEA & SEAFOOD:** 2324 Show Time Dr., Lansing. It's behind the NCG theater in the Eastwood Towne Center.
Mon., Sept 4	**LABOR DAY:** Enjoy the long holiday weekend.
Fri., Sept. 8	**EVERYDAY RESTAURANT:** 1375 E. Grand River Ave., East Lansing. Good Chinese food. It's in the Brookfield Plaza at the corner of Grand River Ave. and Hagadorn Rd.
Fri., Sept. 15	**BOSTON MARKET:** 6435 S. Cedar St., Lansing. We will eat in. Serves rotisserie chicken & pot pie, ribs & meatloaf, turkey, sandwiches, soups & salads, and desserts.
Fri., Sept. 22	**THAI PRINCESS:** 1754 Central Park, Okemos. It offers Thai salads, appetizers, soups, fried rice, curries, stir-fry noodles, stir fries, vegetarian dishes, and desserts. It's in the same mall the Cancun Mexican Grill is IN — across from the MSU Federal Credit Union.
	AUTUMNAL EQUINOX: Occurs at 4:02 P.M.
Fri., Sept. 29	**FINLEY'S GRILL & SMOKEHOUSE:** 6300 S. Cedar St., Lansing. Serves appetizers, burgers, sandwiches, fire-grilled steaks, baby back ribs, salads, and fish.
	YOM KIPPUR STARTS:
Fri., Oct. 6	**OUTBACK STEAKHOUSE:** 4880 Marsh Rd., Okemos. Australian-themed restaurant featuring steaks, seafood, and other steakhouse fare (i.e., Bloomin' Onion) Also good desserts.
Fri., Oct. 13	**WOODY'S OASIS:** 1050 Trowbridge Rd., East Lansing. Great Mediterranean food.

TGIFs are on Fridays. We meet at about 5:30 PM and order about 5:30 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, Where, When, and Why. The deadline to schedule an event is the 15th of the month before the event. You can contact Pat Thuemmel, Calendar Coord. at: 1604 Barritt St., Lansing, MI 48917; Phone: 517-927-1168; email: patjtl@comcast.net