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EDITOR'S COLUMN:
FROM MY BRAIN TO YOURS

by Sharon Plavnick

My 40-something son commented recently that he thinks he was awkward as a young adult…that he was a late bloomer and he has only outgrown the awkwardness in his late 30s. My recollection of him at that time of his life is that he was mature beyond his years, and always gave the appearance of confidence and grace.

When I apply this to myself, I know that there is frequently a disconnect between my inner and outer self . Sometimes people think I look happy; inside I'm roiling with discontent. Or conversely, I am not smiling; I'm just thinking about something neutral, but someone comments that I look angry. Gravity can make the aging face at repose look like it's frowning. Sometimes I exude confidence and skill; but inside my brain I'm wondering if I'm really any good at anything. People seem to think I look younger than I am; sometimes I feel a whole lot younger, and sometimes I feel downright elderly.

I've learned that it's pretty rare to think or experience something that no one else has ever thought or experienced. So I assume my imposter feelings are fairly typical for many…maybe most…maybe all people. Now I'm mentally running through a list of friends, wondering if their innies and their outies match.

What about you, Dear Readers? Has anybody finally reached a stage where your inner and outer self are in complete congruence? What does it take to reach that stage? Once you get there…if ever…can you stay there for the duration?

I ponder these things. I'd love it if you'd share some thoughts. Send them to me at sharonslp@ameritech.net. (It's okay to ask for them to be published anonymously.)

RVC 3 JANUARY, 2019 Column

John Voymas

I am writing this right after attending the Cincinnati Area Mensa RG. On the Saturday of the RG, we had the quarterly meeting of the AMC (American Mensa Committee) which is essentially American Mensa's board of directors. In order to save on expenses, this was the first time a quarterly meeting was held via teleconference. This enabled Baker Ring, RVC for Region 5, and myself to host the meeting at the RG for any members who were interested in seeing how we conduct business on behalf of the membership.

The RG was very enjoyable, especially the star of the show, Sydney the white cockatoo, from the Cincinnati Zoo. Sydney was such a hit that he tied for second place in the Hells M's vote for Party Animal. Having animals on an RG program seems to always attract a large audience. I remember animal presentations at the Columbus RG in the past that were fun and informative.

Upcoming RGs in Region 3 include Dayton Area Mensa (DAM) on March 29 - 31, 2019 at the Doubletree hotel where the Cincinnati RG was held and the Southeast Michigan Mensa (SEMM) RG the weekend of April 26 - 28, 2019 near the Detroit Wayne County airport at the Marriott. And for those of you gamers who were fortunate enough to register, Mind Games is the weekend of April 12 - 14, 2019. Now, that's a great way to kick off springtime!

American Mensa's election season is upon us. The nomination period runs from December 1, 2018 through January 31, 2019. During this time, candidates have electronic nomination petitions at https://www.us.mensa.org/lead/amc/elections/candidate-petitions/. Since members can sign nomination papers for all candidates for each and every office, I encourage you to do so. No limits on the number of candidates that you nominate for a specific office! That way, members will have a choice when it comes time to actually vote for the best candidate. Paper petitions can also be downloaded if you would like to circulate a nomination petition for someone. The actual voting period is from April 15, 2019 thru May 15, 2019.

Speaking of elections, there are some Bylaws amendments that will be on the ballot.

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I recommend going to https://www.us.mensa.org/lead/amc/elections/2019-board-election/2019-bylaws-referenda/ to see what is being proposed.

Finally, the new Mensa Store at https://www.mensastore.com/ launched on Cyber Monday. Not all the shelves were stocked on opening day, so check back periodically to see what is being added.

See below for registration information for some upcoming RGs.

Dayton Area Mensa

Presents:

Dayton Area Mensa appreciates your loyal patronage. To thank you, we are offering DAMNations 2019 for the same price as DAMNations 2012. Enjoy!

DAMNations 31 FLAVORS

Games and Tournaments
Crafts and Demonstrations
Talks and Presentations
All five meals included
Famous DAM 24-hr Hospitality
Not your mother's church social

March 29 – 31, 2019

Place Order Here	Pay Here			Pick Up Here
Melissa Shirley	Checks payable to Dayton Mensa RG			DoubleTree Suites*
309 Bending Branch Lane	e-payment options available			6300 East Kemper Rd.
Miamisburg OH 45342	Full weekend	Friday	Saturday	Blue Ash OH 45241
(614) 562-5970	Adults $70*	30	50	(513) 489-3636
rg.registrar@dayton.us.mensa.org	Teens 13 thru 20 $50	25	40	$109 per night + tax
	Kids 6 thru 12 $35	20	30	until 3/4/19
www.dayton.us.mensa.org	Tots under 6 Free			Mention code DMN
	*After the Ides of March add $10.			*Note location for 2019

Registration Form for DAMNations 31 Flavors

Name	Name on tag	E-mail	Age If <21

Street Address _____ Phone (____)_____

City _____ State ___ Zip _____ Local Group _____

A BIT OF CHRISTMAS HUMOR; BETTER LATE THAN NEVER

This just in: Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer dead at 53. While flying over Barcelona, the famed reindeer was hit by a flock of seagulls and a 747. Eyewitnesses report that the reindeer in Spain was hit mainly by the plane.
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Register online at
mensadetroit.com/semmantics
(coming January 2019)

Scan QR code
for more information

SOUTHEAST MICHIGAN MENSA
REGIONAL GATHERING



SEMMantics 40 – An XL-ent RG!
April 26 - April 28, 2019



Detroit Metro Airport Marriott
30559 Flynn Drive
Romulus, Michigan 48174

To get $89/$109 hotel rate, go to goo.gl/aWUKcr, or call 734-729-7555 before April 12, 2019

PRICES FOR CURRENT MEMBERS

Full Weekend
Through 1/31: $89
Through 4/12: $109
4/13 onward $149
Saturday Only
Through 4/12: $79
4/13-onward: $99

Children under 5—free
Children 5-under 18 –1/2 Adult Rate

Non-current members of Mensa add $10
(Must be a guest of a current member)
Non-member children add $5.00

Family Packages (*)
Through 4/12: 1 adult/1 child: $149
4/13 onwards: 1 adult/1 child: $199
Through 4/12: 2 adults/multiple children: $299
4/13 onwards: 2 adults/multiple children: $349
* Family Packages prices include any applicable non-member guest fees

Mail your check, payable to **SEMMantics,** including the information below, to:

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Farmington Hills, MI 48336
323-642-7226
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Name_____

Name for ID Badge_____ **over 21?**_____

For non-members, name of Mensa sponsor:_____

Local Group_____ **Member Number(s)**_____

Address_____

City_____ **State**_____ **Zip**_____

Phone_____ **E-Mail**_____

I'd like to know more about how I can lend a hand in the following area(s):

Audio Visual __ Hospitality __ Speaker Shepherd __ Contacting People __ Publicity ____
Photographer __ Setup/Tear Down __ Shopping __ Transportation __ Kids' Room ___ Other ___

Mid-Michigan Mensa Membership

John Garrison, Chairman

January 2019

124 MEMBERS

MENSA Birthdays

Happy Birthday to you

3 Carl Helwing	13 Michael Knowlton
14 John Garrison	16 Matthew McNaughton
18 Roy Saper	22 Clyde Creque
29 Eleanor Keating	

MENSAversaries

Congratulations on your years with Mensa

44 Years Kevin Smart	39Years Tom Pascalenos
33 Years Thomas Korkoske	17 Years D. A. Daw
17 Years Joseph Werner	11 Years Mar weiss
10 Years David Macak	9 Years Dale Arnold
8 Years April Hubbell	5 Years Ian Clemente
4 Years Heidi Porter	4 Years Michael Knowlton
4 Years Corina Andorfer	3 Years Joy Rimpau
1 Year Matthew Artuso	

Renewing Members

Welcome — We're so glad you rejoined us

Andrew Celeski — Okemos

Mid-Michigan Mensa Steering Committee Minutes

Meeting of December 14, 2018

The meeting was called to order at 6:50 PM, following dinner at Tony M's in Lansing. LocSec Wendy Carnegie presided, with Elizabeth Evangelista and Squire Jaros present. Sharon Plavnick also attended and took notes, subbing for Bob Henderson who was called out of town unexpectedly.

Old Business:
Wendy reported that she has found the revision of our bylaws that was never enacted. She will bring copies of both the original bylaws and the revision to the January meeting so that we can proceed with an update to the bylaws if it is needed.

Wendy gave information from Meridian Mall management regarding our plan to have a membership recruitment display table at the mall. We could sign a one day agreement that would cost $200. We would also need a certificate of insurance. We would be stationed at the Food Court entrance. The mall will provide a table and chairs, and for an additional $100, would also supply a display panel where we can provide flyers. Wendy will check to see how long the display panel would remain in place past the one day we actively staff the table. We have tentatively set December 27th as our active day. Wendy, Elizabeth, and Sharon have volunteered to staff the table that day.

We scheduled a Chili Cookout party on Sunday, January 13, at 5 PM. The party will be held at Wendy's home at 1715 S. Crystal Cove. Attendees should bring their favorite chili dish, or a pot luck side dish.

New Business:
Elizabeth agreed to do a short report about the Christmas party held on Dec. 8.

The Lit Sig book for January is Beneath a Scarlett Sky. It will be held on January 27 at 12:30 PM, at Elizabeth's home. She will write a short article for the January Headline.

It was moved and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 7:18 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Sharon Plavnick (subbing for Bob Henderson, Scribe)

JANUARY THOUGHT QUESTION

by Sharon Plavnick

I am the Maytag repairperson of thought questions? Am I seeking the impossible? That's my question this month.

Do the thought questions at least provoke some thought on your part, even if you aren't spurred to actively write a response? Should I continue asking questions? Do you have any questions you would like me to ask? Should I just fill in the space with a corny joke or two instead?

I welcome your responses. You can ask for them to be published anonymously. Or you can ask that they not be published at all. I'm just feeling lonely out here in Thought Land. Please flood the email box at sharonslp@ameritech.net with your thoughts.

HOLIDAY PARTY IS ENJOYED BY ALL

by Elizabeth Evangelista

On Saturday, December 8th, a group of MMM's met at the Martin Luther Chapel to hold our Annual Holiday Party. We were served a delicious chicken dinner (including two kinds of pie!) and enjoyed lively conversation. After dinner, we moved to the Fireplace Room and had our Annual White Elephant Exchange, complete with many laughs and jibes. It was a lovely party, and we would like to thank Ginny Brunke Henderson for making all the arrangements with the church and the caterer, and generally making it happen. Our heartfelt thanks to you, Ginny!

LIT SIG TO MEET ON JANUARY 27

The Lit Sig will meet on Sunday, January 27th, at 12:30 PM, at the home of Elizabeth Evangelista, 5275 E. Hidden Lake Drive, East Lansing. The book we will discuss is "Beneath a Scarlet Sky" by Mark Sullivan. The cover says "In World War II Italy, love was worth spying for" and "Based on the true story of a forgotten hero, *Beneath a Scarlet Sky* is the triumphant, epic tale of one young man's incredible courage and resilience during one of history's darkest hours". Please come and enjoy some good conversation and some good snacks too.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

By Barb Ford

Cornbread. An American favorite, and a common food on dinner tables in the South. I come from the land of Jiffy Mix (Chelsea, Michigan.) That stuff is sold everywhere, and not too bad. It is fun to doctor it up and claim it as home made. I will not readily admit to that, but….

After moving to North Carolina, I discovered the bliss of eating cornbread and collard greens together. Oh my! Locally, the staple is self-rising cornbread mix. Like Jiffy Mix but sold in packages from 1lb to 55 gallon drums…I think. My favorites are White Lily and Tenda Bake. It does not matter if you buy white or yellow cornbread mix. This recipe will always turn out a beautiful yellow color as a result of the secret ingredient: turmeric. Yup, turmeric. It adds a buttery depth of flavor everyone will love. Please note: I use a small pan for this recipe. 6"x8". The recipe can be multiplied for larger pan sizes. I am experimenting with combining the dry ingredients and storing the mix in the refrigerator, so it will be ready to go. This might make a great gift idea. Hmmm almost as good as the fresh baked cornbread.

Just for fun, stir in ½ cup dried cranberries to the batter after it is mixed. Not bad for a Yankee born chick.

BARB'S CORNBREAD
Ingredients:
Dry:
½t Turmeric
1T Golden Flax Meal (Bob's Red Mill)
1C Self-Rising Cornbread Mix
1T Powdered Buttermilk (Bob's Red Mill)
Wet:
1t Local Honey (or a little more)
1 Large Egg
¼ C Corn Oil
2/3C Milk
Optional: ½C Dried Cranberries added to the batter last

Directions:
Pre heat oven to 425 degrees. Generously butter a 6"x8" baking pan. Mix dry ingredients, set aside. Whisk wet ingredients until fully blended. Stir in dry ingredients. Turn into prepared baking pan. Bake 20-25 minutes until a toothpick inserted into the center comes out clean.

JANUARY 2019 Calendar

Fri. Jan. 4	**TGIF: BOSTON MARKET:** 6435 S Cedar St, Holt, between Willoughby Rd and Aurelius Rd. Tasty ready-to-serve dishes.
Fri. Jan 11	**TGIF: LUCKY'S STEAKHOUSE:** 3554 Okemos Rd, Okemos, formerly Gilbert & Blake's. Famous for their seafood, steaks, and prime rib with all the trimmings.
Sun. Jan 13	**CHILI COOK-OFF:** 1715 S. Crystal Cove. 5 PM. Attendees should bring their favorite chili dish, or a pot-luck side dish. RSVP to Wendy Carnegie at 517-775-0648 or w.carnegie@comcast.net
Fri. Jan 18	**TGIF: CHARLIE KANGS:** 109 E. Grand River Ave., East Lansing. Chinese and Korean cuisine. Park in a ramp and get parking validation.
Fri. Jan. 25	**TGIF: PIZZA HOUSE:** 4790 S. Hagadorn Rd. in the Hannah Plaza, East Lansing. Good selection of Italian food and pizza.
Sun Jan. 27	**LIT SIG:** Elizabeth Evangelista's, 5275 E. Hidden Lake Drive, East Lansing at 12:30 PM. The book we will discuss is *"Beneath a Scarlet Sky"* by Mark Sullivan.
Fri. Feb. 1	**TGIF: CANCUN MEXICAN GRILL:** 1754 Central Park Dr., Meridian Township. Good Mexican food and wonderful margaritas.

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**. Contact Ginny Brunke Henderson, Calendar Coord. at: gbrunkh@peoplepc.com or 517-676-3369 Calendar event information can also be found on the Mid-Michigan Mensa website at http://midmichigan.us.mensa.org/calendar.html