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EDITOR'S COLUMN:

FROM MY BRAIN TO YOURS

by Sharon Plavnick

Last month I wrote about the stream-of consciousness thoughts that were flitting through my brain. It occurs to me that my Facebook newsfeed is so much like my SOC brain, that I could really just stop thinking altogether, and let Facebook do it for me. Just for example, here's a sampling of what shows up on my feed.

Exhortations to vote in 2020. The future of the free world depends on it. (I believe this!)

Photos from X's trip to the Baltics. Note to self: schedule a cruise to the Baltics.

Biden is the most qualified candidate to run for the Democratic nomination.

Exquisite photos of birds from other people in Michigan that never show up at MY feeders. Why don't I get bluebirds? Why don't I get red-headed woodpeckers? Why don't I get sandhill cranes?

Warren is the most qualified candidate to run for the Democratic nomination.

Oh look, the photos from my great-niece's wedding are up.

Photos from Y's trip to Barcelona. Note to self: schedule a cruise to Barcelona.

Nobody is qualified to run for the Democratic nomination.

Photos from Z's trip to Montreal and Quebec. Note to self: schedule a cruise of the New England coast and the St. Lawrence seaways for Fall of 2020.

Note to self: schedule a trip to somewhere. A cruise, a tour bus, a road trip, a mule train….just go somewhere and post photos.

What's going on in YOUR consciousness? As always, shoot me an email at sharonslp@ameritech.net to share what's on your mind.

RVC 3 NOVEMBER, 2019 Column

John Voymas

Once again, American Mensa has provided Mensa Voucher Program (MVP) codes to pass on to family, friends, acquaintances ... even strangers. Based on feedback from members, a significant change has been made to the program. Instead of every member receiving a code unique to them that can only be used once, this year each Local Group has one code that any member can provide to any potential new member. This code can be used many times between now and December 31, 2019.

For example, in Southeast Michigan Mensa, the code is MotorCity19. When the prospective member goes to us.mensa.org and wants to purchase a test voucher (or submit prior evidence), they would enter this discount code during their purchase process. It would act just like a discount code at Amazon, subtracting the full cost of the Mensa Test Voucher or Prior Evidence, resulting in a net cost of zero. What a great way to encourage others to join you as a member of Mensa!

All members were emailed their Local Group's discount code around September 3, 2019. The email subject was "Invite a friend using your MVP code". If you don't find the email in your Inbox, simply ask another member what the code is for your group.

Second topic ... Mensa Connect. These communities were intended to be a means to create connected communities within American Mensa. Each Local Group has had one community created for the entire Local Group. When a person becomes a member of American Mensa, they are automatically added to their Local Group's community. They can then choose to receive all postings and announcements from their group, choose only to receive a daily digest, or turn off emails and would then need to sign in to Mensa Connect to view what has been posted to your local community. If a local group has sub-areas, additional communities can be created to include members living in those areas.

One local group in Oregon has found this to be a very effective way to engage new members. The group posts all upcoming events to their page. Members are showing up unexpectedly at events every month as a result. What a great situation! If your group is not yet using Mensa Connect, contact your Loc Sec and ExComm and encourage them to begin connecting with members with this tool.

There is one final Regional Gathering (RG) in Region 3 in 2019. CAMaraderie 2019 is being hosted by Cincinnati Area Mensa from Friday, December 6 through Sunday, December 8, 2019 at the DoubleTree by Hilton on Kemper Road in Sharonville, Ohio. For more information go to https://cincymensa.org/RG2019/.

Have a wonderful Fall season!

VOLUNTEERS: WE LOVE YOU

John Garrison has offered to step into the role being vacated by Wendy Carnegie in January. He will pick up the print copies each month from the printer, put on the mailing labels, and take them to the post office. John was *Headline* Editor himself for many years, and we appreciate his continued dedication to making sure this publication continues to be dispersed.

SAVE THE DATE: NEW YEAR AFTERGLOW

Normally this would be an article about the annual holiday party in December, with all of the when, where, and what details. But after much discussion by the steering committee, we decided to take this popular event out of the busy December calendar and move it into early January instead.

I can divulge that we will wine and dine at the new home of Karen Petersmarck, on Sunday, January 5th. We'll meet at 4, and eat at 5. We will cater it again this year, and it will be necessary to reserve your spot. We're asking attendees to bring either an appetizer or a dessert to share.

And yes, of course we will entertain ourselves with our well-loved White Elephant gift exchange. Look for more details in the December *Headline*.

Mid-Michigan Mensa Steering Committee Minutes

October 11, 2019 Wendy Carnegie, Scribe

PRESENT: Loc Sec Bob Henderson,Vice Loc Sec Elizabeth Evangelista Scribe Wendy Carnegie, Sharon Plavnick, John Garrison, and Squire Jaros.

The meeting was called to order at 6:50 PM.

The by-laws were reviewed. It was decided that the Committee should take home the revisions to study them. Further discussion tabled until the next meting.

John Garrison volunteered to take over Wendy's position as Co-Editor of the Head-Line. Wendy and John will get together to go over things.

The Holiday Party has changed some. It will be called The After-Glo Party. Karen Petersmarck has offered to host it this season on Sunday, January 5, 2020. Ginny Henderson and Elizabeth Evangelista will work together to work out the logistics. Mid-Michigan (MMM) will pay for catering the event for members and one significant other. Karen Petersmarck wants to send invitations to each MMM member. Sharon Plavnick made a motion that MMM also pay for the invitations and postage. John Garrison seconded it. Motion passed unanimously.

Bob Henderson reported that he contacted Roy Saper regarding an annual audit of the books. He is waiting for a reply.

Marvin Fouty has agreed to be the Scholarship Chair again.

With no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 7:55 PM

MID-MICHIGAN MENSA TREASURER'S REPORT		
Quarter Ending September 30, 2019		
BEGINNING BALANCE		**$5,511.25**
INCOME		**305.21**
National Subsidy June 2019	$100.30	
National Subsidy July 2019	102.00	
National Subsidy Aug. 2019	102.85	
Savings interest	0.06	
EXPENDITURES		**260.38**
Anniv. Party supplies - G. Henderson	26.98	
Coffee for August SC Meeting	12.25	
Head-Line		
Printing MJJAS issues	139.87	
Postage JASO issues	81.28	
ACCOUNT BALANCES		
Checking		3,390.10
Savings		1,997.72
Post Office		168.26
ENDING BALANCE		**$5,556.08**

Mid-Michigan Mensa Membership

John Garrison, Chairman
November 2019

126 Members

MENSA Birthdays

Happy Birthday to you

11 Dennis Laakso
14 Sandra Callis
26 Peter Wood

MENSAversaries

Congratulations on Your Years With Mensa

18 Years Richard Shaffer
16 Years Bryan Sales
7 Years Todd Eldred
7 Years Dora Ivkovich
1 Year Rosemarie Kelly
18 Years Matthew McNaughton
16 Years Richard Weingartner
7 years Jacob MacDowell
3 Years Ronald Burl

New Members

Welcome to Mid-Michigan Mensa. We're glad you joined us.

Alec Knox — Bath
Eric Lager — Potterville
Ingrid Nova — Mason
Howard Stewart — Howell



MEET A FELLOW MENSAN

MEET GAIL WOLFE

First, best, worst, and dream job:

My first job was grooming dogs at the Baltimore "Poodle Pub" when I was 16. My best and dream job is the one I've had for the last 49 years, being a veterinarian in my own practice. Worst job was working at the Poodle Pub. My boss was a tiny woman who was a tyrant.

Pet peeve(s)?

Dishonesty, laziness, and neglect or abuse of animals or children.

Night owl or early bird?

Night Owl for sure. I don't like mornings and prefer to stay up all night.

Favorite season?

Favorite season is summer so I guess I'm living in the wrong climate.

Marriages/Divorces/Children

I've been married to my high school sweetheart for 52 years. We have 4 grown and married children and eleven grandchildren.

Favorite travel experience

Favorite travel experience must be our recent trip to Alaska. We saw lots of wildlife and beautiful nature scenes.

What you like best about being a Mensan

I enjoy the TGIFs, good company over a meal.

Earliest childhood memory:

My earliest childhood memory is singing in the car for my father at the age of 4.

Something important you learned in High School

In high school, I learned Latin, which made it easier to learn medical terminology in veterinary school.

Educational background

I went to University of Maryland for pre-vet and Michigan State University for veterinary school.

Best job you ever had/worst job you ever had

Worst job was working at the Poodle Pub. My boss was a tiny woman who was a tyrant.

Hobbies/interests

I'd love to have time again for my old hobby of stamp collecting. I'm interested in summer Olympic sports for which wrestling is my favorite. I also watch entirely too much TV.

Favorite food(s)

Favorite foods are meat, seafood, and sweets.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT
By Barb Ford

Stollen is a traditional holiday bread that hails from Germany. Typically, it is made with candied fruit, stuffed with marzipan and is heavily dusted with powdered sugar. It is heavenly. Not wanting to fuss with marzipan or the mess of powdered sugar, I opted to incorporate almond extract and honey into the dough. This recipe while not super sweet, is best sliced and toasted... with butter and maybe a drizzle of honey. Sliced, it freezes very well in airtight freezer bags.
The method is from nokneadbreadcentral.com, Turbo No Knead Bread.

BARB'S "STOLLEN" BREAD

Ingredients:
14 Ounces Warm Water
1½ t Salt
1¼ t Instant Yeast
½ t Ground Cardamom
1 T Vegetable Oil
2 T Local Organic Honey
½ t Pure Vanilla Extract
¾ t Pure Almond Extract
1 t Raw Apple Cider Vinegar (Bragg's is best)
½ C Candied Fruit (Sold as Fruitcake Fruit)
2 T Raisins or Currants
3½ Cups All Purpose OR Bread Flour

Directions:
Heat large glass mixing bowl. Gently stir together all ingredients except flour. Add flour to the edge of the bowl. Stir with spoon handle. Scrape bowl to bring dough into a ball. Cover with plastic wrap. Proof in warm place (75 to 85 degrees) for 90 minutes. * Stir to de-gas, scrape bowl, dust with flour, turn dough into greased 8.5"x4.5" or 9"x5" bread pan, cover with a tea towel. Proof for 30 minutes. Attach another bread pan on top with clips (Poor Man's Dutch Oven: see videos listed above). Pre heat oven to 400 degrees. Bake 40 minutes with top on. Reduce the oven temp to 375 degrees and bake another 10 minutes with top off to crisp the crust. Remove bread from pan and cool on elevated wire rack. Slice when completely cool. This turns out well every time and is delicious. (Steve says turning the oven light on will heat it enough to provide a good proofing place.)

NOVEMBER 2019 CALENDAR

Fri. Nov. 1 **TGIF - Olga's Kitchen:** 354 Frandor Ave. in the Frandor Mall, East Lansing. Soups, salads, and Olga's signature gyro sandwich.

Fri. Nov. 8 **TGIF - Boston Market:** 6435 S Cedar St, Holt, between ` Willoughby Rd and Aurelius Rd. Tasty ready-to-serve dishes.

(Note: November's Steering Committee meeting has been rescheduled to the following Friday due to planned member absences**)**

Fri. Nov. 15 **TGIF** - **Acapulco Mexican Grille**: 300 N. Clippert St, in the Frandor Shopping Center, Lansing. Generous servings of flavorful Mexican food, reasonable prices, and fast service. Highly recommended!

Steering Committee Meeting: to follow dinner

Fri. Nov. 22 **TGIF - Red Lobster**: 3130 East Saginaw St, Lansing, just north of the Frandor Shopping Center. Delicious seafood, especially lobster!

Fri. Nov. 29 **TGIF - Soup Spoon Cafe:** 1419 E Michigan Ave, Lansing. Wide menu selection, including vegan choices, and, of course, soup.

Fri. Dec. 6 **TGIF - Ozzy's Kabob:** 3536 Meridian Crossings Drive, #260 in the Meridian Crossings Mall. Low-key venue for typical Middle Eastern fare such as chicken shawarma and okra stew.

Fri. Dec 13 **TGIF - Delhi Cafe:** 4625 Willoughby Rd, Holt, between Cedar St. and Aurelius Rd. A Mensa favorite with good Greek and American food.

Steering Committee Meeting: to follow dinner.

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 Ginny Brunke Henderson, Calendar Coord. at: gbrunkh@peoplepc.com or 517-676-3369. Calendar event information can also be found on the Mid-Michigan Website: www.midmichigan.us.mensa.org