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EDITOR'S COLUMN:

FROM MY BRAIN TO YOURS

by Sharon Plavnick

I have noticed that in the past two months, my printed Head-Line has arrived in my mailbox past the first of the month. In fact, between one to two weeks past. I don't know if this is happening to just me, or to a few of us or to many of us. What I do know is that I strive to get our files uploaded to our printer in time to get this newsletter mailed out with enough time to get it to each of us before the first of the month. Obviously that's not working anymore. I will be addressing this with the steering committee, but in the meantime I want to remind everyone that the Head-Line is ALWAYS available to you on time by reading it online.

One way to do so is to go to our MMM website at http://midmichigan.us.mensa.org/ and read it there. A second way is to sign up at the National Mensa site to receive an email notification that it has been posted in the Local Groups section as well. Log in on the site and go to the Connect tab. You'll then see a menu of options; the second on the list is Local Group Newsletters.

While you're on the National Mensa site, please take a moment to make sure your email address is up-to-date. Or to provide an email addy if you haven't already done so. This allows the leadership of our group to connect with all of you in case something comes up that we need to alert you to in between monthly Head-Line issues.

If you want to respond to anything you read in this issue, send it along to me at: sharonslp@ameritech.net

LOC SEC COLUMN: Bob's Two Bits for November 2022

by Robert Henderson, Loc Sec

The following is the next in a continuing series of columns describing the responsibilities of MMM's Local Group officers. This summary is just the first of 41 pages in the "Treasurer's Guide" shown in the American Mensa Website "Officer Handbooks" section.

The Local Group Treasurer's responsibilities include:

• Opening and maintaining a bank account. Local group funding from American Mensa must be direct deposited into the Local Group's bank

account (MMM maintains both a checking account and a savings account at 5/3 Bank).
• A bookkeeping system to record the Local Group's income and expenses. This is a method of organizing information and reporting when money is received or spent (MMM keeps a ledger spreadsheet in Excel for recording all income and expenses).
• Documentation for every bookkeeping transaction. This is necessary to show that the Local Group's funds are being recorded properly (MMM keeps and records receipts for all expenses. 5/3 Online Banking also saves our account records for over 1 year).
• A list of capital assets. The Treasurer is responsible for keeping track of the items owned by the Local Group. This is required by the Minimum Standard Bylaws (MMM's assets are listed in the Excel ledger spreadsheet noted above).
• An expense reimbursement policy. The Treasurer and all elected and appointed officers need a clear understanding of exactly what expenditures will be reimbursed by the Local Group (NEW - MMM expense reports should be turned in within 3 months of incurring any expenses requiring reimbursement).
• An expense reporting form. This provides a consistent format to ensure that all necessary information is included when a local officer requests reimbursement for expenditures (TBD).
• An annual budget. The Local Group's Steering Committee must establish fiscally sound spending priorities and have an early warning if spending is out of control (TBD - note that all MMM spending decisions require prior approval by the Steering Committee).
• A quarterly financial review with the Local Secretary. This is required by Minimum Standard Bylaws (a Treasurer's Report is published in the Head-Line following the end of each quarter).
• A twice-yearly Treasurer's Report printed in the Local Group newsletter. All local Group members need access to information about the financial status of the group (see above).
• An annual financial review. This demonstrates that the Local Group follows appropriate financial accounting policies and procedures and that financial statements are presented fairly (TBD).
• Report the Local Group's annual investment income to American Mensa National Office. This is needed for AML's records (MMM sends an annual Treasurer's Report to American Mensa National Office each April categorizing all income and expenses for the prior 12 months).
• Financial records retention policy (NEW - MMM keeps financial records for 7 years).

Lora Mitchell- RVC3 Column November 2022
Mitchell's Musings

Did you know I'm a dancer? It's funny, I didn't know I was one until I finally gave in to a (Mensan) friend of mine and came to classes with her. I figured taking up belly dancing in my 40's was a totally ridiculous idea, especially because I am not exactly slender or athletic. Or graceful. Turns out, you don't actually need to be any of those. What you do need is a good teacher, hard work, and the freedom to make it your own…all while making connections with people who make you want to come back.

And when I perform in my beautiful sparkly turquoise-and-chartreuse costume, people don't see the safety pins or the hours/weeks/months of learning just HOW to do the thing. They just enjoy it.Sound familiar?

Volunteering and being active in Mensa is very much like that. Everyone needs a good guide to show them the moves, but also be given the ability to make it fresh and new, and to do it in a new way within the confines of the music and the rhythm. And it takes dedication. Having the encouragement of people who believe in you makes any experience feel it is worth repeating. Things are often held together cosmetically behind the scenes, but the appreciation of those who know just how hard you worked is what makes much of it worthwhile.

So thank the volunteers. I know I appreciate the way your moves make the organization look good, and I applaud you.

~Lora Mitchell

"We can't choose the music that life gives us, but we can choose how to dance to it." — Unknown

~Lora Mitchell, Regional Vice Chair 3
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Mid-Michigan Mensa Treasurer's Report
Quarter Ending September 30, 2022

STARTING BALANCE	$7,729.81
INCOME	$328.21
AML Subsidy June 2022	89.55
AML Subsidy July 2022	91.10
AML Subsidy Aug. 2022	97.50
Gift from David W.	50.00
Savings interest	0.06
EXPENDITURES	$187.82
August Anniv. Party (food)	7.38
Head-Line:	
Postage - Aug	24.27
Postage - Sept	22.15
Oct. Address Labels	15.89
Circ. Mgr. Mileage	118.13
ACCOUNT BALANCES	
5/3 Checking	$5,755.69
5/3 Savings	1,998.44
USPS Postage Account	116.07
ENDING BALANCE	$7,870.20

Bob's Word Puzzle

Can you find at least 10 words that contain different sets of 3 consecutive letters of the alphabet? Don't include foreign words or proper nouns.

BOB'S MATH PUZZLE: for November: Even Splits

A (Easy): Divide the integers 1 through 4 into two pairs, each with the same sum.
B (Not so easy): Divide the integers 1 through 8 into two sets of 4 such that each has both the same sum AND the same sum of squares as the other.
C (Hard): Divide the integers 1 through 16 into two sets of 8 such that each has the same sum, the same sum of squares, and the same sum of cubes.

BOB'S HISTORY QUIZ for November

Can you match each date below with its event in history?

Dates

A) Nov. 21, 1783 B) Nov. 26, 1789 C) Nov. 17, 1800
D) Nov. 24, 1859 E) Nov. 19, 1863 F) Nov. 24, 1874
G) Nov. 7, 1917 H) Nov. 11, 1918 I) Nov. 29, 1929
J) Nov. 28, 1942 K) Nov. 3, 1957 L) Nov. 22, 1963
M) Nov. 19, 1978 N) Nov. 9, 1989 O) Nov. 1, 1993

Events

The European Union was founded.
The Soviet Union launched Laika, the first dog in space.
Russian Bolsheviks overthrew the Kerensky government.
The Berlin Wall fell, marking the end of the Cold War.
Armistice was signed ending World War I.
The U.S. Congress first met in Washington, D.C.
President Abraham Lincoln gave the Gettysburg Address.
The biggest mass suicide in history occurred at Jonestown.
The first manned free balloon flight took place in Paris.
President John F. Kennedy was assassinated in Dallas, TX.
Darwin's book On the Origin of Species was published.
Joseph Glidden patented his invention of barbed wire.
The first American Thanksgiving was proclaimed.
A deadly fire erupted in the Coconut Grove nightclub.
Richard Byrd made the first flight over the South Pole.

See Answers on page 7.

NOVEMBER 2022 MEMBERSHIP MATTERS
Kathy Teshich, Membership Chair
110 members

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Tucker Keatley	Nov 24
Peter Wood	Nov 26

NOVEMBER MENSAVERSARIES

Kane Hanson	1 yrs
Tucker Keatley	3 yrs
Ronald Burl	6 yrs
Todd Eldred	10 yrs
Bryan Sayles	19 yrs
Richard Weingartner	19 yrs
Richard Shaffer	21 yrs
Matthew McNaughton	21 yrs
Karen Petersmarck	31 yrs
Walter Purvis	37 yrs

Bob's Word Puzzle Answers

Here are 11: eCDEmic, DEFer, aFGHan, lauGHIng, HIJack, caLMNess, soMNOlent, NOPe, fiRST, STUff, hydroXYZine.

Answers for November Dates in History

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O) The European Union was founded.

Solutions for Math Puzzles:

A (Easy): Make one pair (1, 4) and the other (2, 3). Each set sums to 5.
B (Not so easy): Make one set (1, 4, 6, 7) and the other (2, 3, 5, 8).
Each set sums to 18 and their squares sum to 102.
C (Hard): Make one set {1,4,6,7,10,11,13,16}, the other {2,3,5,8,9,12,14,15}.
Each set sums to 68, their squares sum to 748, and their cubes sum to 9,248.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT
By Barb Ford

As the weather gets cooler many of us start thinking of cozy warming foods such as soups, stews, and chili. Oh YES! Another great comfort food for me is oatmeal. I love to play with the various forms of oatmeal and toppings. I have a friend near Boston who has her personal recipe for Scottish Oatmeal with dried fruits, nuts and maple syrup, plus other irresistible ingredients. Yum. The key is to make it your own with your favorite elements. I thought about the things I like most about oatmeal and have come up with my favorite basic recipe combination of the types of oatmeal available. My preference is to use all Bob's Red Mill organic products. I feel good about this. Looking for a cool holiday gift? The dry ingredients in this recipe fit nicely into a pint canning jar. A hand made label with cooking instructions, and you have a winner! (Permission granted to give this article with the gift.) Make extras for a last-minute gift to have on hand. If you don't give them all away, eat them!

CREAMIEST OATMEAL EVER

Ingredients:
Bob's Red Mill ORGANIC:
2/3 Cup Oat Bran
½ Cup Steel Cut Oats
½ Cup Old Fashioned Oats
5 Cups Filtered Water
Sea Salt To Taste (1/2 to 1tsp)

Directions:
Combine all ingredients in a 3 Quart sauce pan, whisking until totally combined with no lumps. Bring to a boil, whisking frequently. Immediately cover and turn the heat to low. Uncover every minute or so to continue whisking. Cook times may vary, but the finished product will be very creamy, with the slight bite of texture provided by the steel cut oats. Serve this oatmeal up in a way that makes you and your family happy. On the outside chance there are leftovers, serve it cold, perhaps with a bit of whipped cream as a future dessert.

"To a man with an empty stomach, food is God."

Mahatma Gandhi

NOVEMBER 2022 MMM Activities Calendar

Fri. Nov. 4: TGIF - Bravo! Italian Kitchen:
2970 Towne Center Blvd, Lansing, in Eastwood Towne Center. Upscale-casual Italian restaurant with a Roman-ruins ambiance serving pasta, grilled dishes, and pizza.

Fri. Nov. 11: TGIF - Coral Gables:
2838 E Grand River, East Lansing, just east of Hagadorn Rd. A favorite of Mid-Michigan Mensa. Serves Greek foods, steaks, seafood, pasta, salads, sandwiches, pizza and more.

Fri. Nov. 18: 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.

Fri. Nov. 25: TGIF - Asian Taste:
132 S Cedar St, Mason, kitty-corner from the Speedway Station. Wide choice of delicious Chinese specialties including Crab Rangoons and Orange Chicken.

Generally, if you need information, call 517-676-3369 or visit midmichigan.us.mensa.org for updates.

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