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RVC COLUMN

A GLOVe Letter from the RVC June 2025

by Rick Magnus, RVC3

I'm writing this column on May 1. I just returned from Mensa Mind Games in Portland, OR, an event I love (I think this was my 25th time participating). Mind Games is not for everyone, or even every game player; we don't so much play the games as test them, and we play all sorts of games, many of which we wouldn't choose to play if we weren't judging. Next year's Mind Games will be held April 16-19 near Dulles Airport, much closer to those of us in Region 3 (if you're in Keyser, WV, it's about 115 miles); I expect registration to open this autumn.

American Mensa's largest national event is coming up this summer in Chicago, also not far outside Region 3 (if you're in Holland, MI, it's about 150 miles [less by boat]). It's coming up July 2-6. It will have an eclectic mix of speakers, games, contests, Mensa business (including leadership training), hospitality, along with an opportunity to explore the Windy City (including a NASCAR street race right outside the gathering. We will have a Region 3 Meet-and-Greet. It's a great chance to meet Mensa friends, old and new.[1]

What else do members get out of Mensa? Our surveys show that the Mensa Bulletin and local newsletters are favorites of members. We have a wide variety of special interest groups (SIGs), which appeal to a variety of members. And we have local group activities closer to home, with Regional Gatherings not so far away.

We also know that our surveys show our members have a high interest in travel with other Mensans. The Hell's Ms SIG is sponsoring a 14 day cruise from February 24 to March 10 next year, that will visit 8 countries in Southeast Asia and nearby islands. All are welcome; you don't need to be a member of the SIG to take the cruise. (And, as for almost all Mensa social activities, accompanied guests are welcome.)

As I write this, we don't yet have a decision in the lawsuit against American Mensa. If you're interested in reading the documents in the action, here's a link to the Court's website.[2]

By now, you should have received your ballot for the recall election; it's due back to the National Office by the end of the day on June 19.

It's probably not too late to come to Cleveland Area Mensa's adults-only nerd prom in Avon, OH on Saturday May 31, followed by an after-prom at Cedar Point on Sunday June 1. (You can do either or both parts.)[3]

[1] https://ag.us.mensa.org/
[2] https://tinyurl.com/3wm4zfk2
[3] https://givebutter.com/CAM-NerdProm

Bob's Trivia Quiz

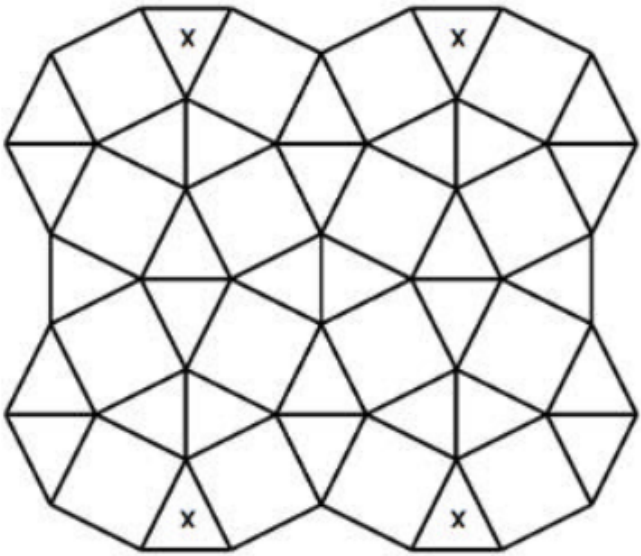
Famous May Days

Name the events that occurred on the following days in May:

A) What natural disaster occurred on May 18, 1980?
B) Which English monarch was born May 24, 1819?
C) Who received a patent for blue jeans on May 20, 1873?
D) Martha Jane Canary was born May 1, 1852. What name is she better known by?
E) What landmark opened on May 1, 1931?
F) Cheryl Sarkisian was born on May 20, 1946. What name is she better known by?
G) Who began their notable travels on May 14, 1804?
H) Sophie von Anhalt-Zerbst was born in May, 1729. What name is she best known by?
I) What future psychotherapist was born on May 6, 1856?
J) Who flew solo across the Atlantic on May 20, 1932?
K) What was established on May 24, 1607?
L) Who did U.S. Special Forces kill on May 2, 2011?
M) What burst into flames at 7:20 PM on May 6, 1937?
N) Which future president was born on May 8, 1884?
O) What ship was sunk by a German submarine on May 7, 1915?

Bob's Math Puzzle
Maze

In this maze you get to walk through the walls! Draw a single line from one X to another, bypassing the other two. Your line can pass through any given square or triangle only once. At most, how many of them can it pass through?



IN-PERSON ACTIVITIES

Fri. June 6: TGIF - Outback in Jackson (Lansing)
**** NEW LOCATION **** 1501 Boardman Rd, in the Jackson Crossing West mall. Australian-style steak, chicken, and shrimp on the barbie!

Fri. June 13: TGIF - Coral Gables (Lansing)
2838 E Grand River, East Lansing, just east of Hagadorn. A favorite of Mid-Michigan Mensa. Serves Greek foods, steaks, seafood, pasta, salads, sandwiches, pizza and more.

Fri. June 20: TGIF - Lucky's Steak House (Lansing)
3554 Okemos Rd, Okemos, just north of Jolly Rd. Famous for steak, seafood, and prime rib with all the trimmings.

Sat. June 21 10:00 AM: Saturday Brunch - Cherie Inn (Grand Rapids)
969 Cherry St SE, Grand Rapids, just west of Eastown in the East Hills business district. This European-style cafe is one of West Michigan's best-kept secrets.

Fri. June 27: TGIF - New Aladdin's Restaurant (Lansing)
300 N. Clippert St., East Lansing, in the Frandor shopping center. Good Middle Eastern/Lebanese food, including vegetarian dishes, with occasional belly dancing.

TGIFs are on Fridays. We meet at about **5:30 PM** but feel free to join us at any time. Come and get acquainted. All members and friends are welcome at the events. Any member may schedule an event. Please remember to include **Who**, **What**, **Where**, **When**, and **Why**. The deadline to schedule an event is the **15th of the month before the event**. Please contact **Ginny Brunke Henderson**, MMM 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

VIRTUAL ACTIVITIES

MENSA VIRTUAL DISCUSSION GROUP
Ken Lawrence (MVirtualDiscussionGroup@gmail.com)

We talk about whatever anybody wants to talk about. Topics can be brought up ahead of time and commented on in the M Saturday Discussion Facebook Group

Time: 2:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada) every Sa./M/W/F

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86726108623?pwd=cUgyelF2K0ZLQzNWbVByZE9UMXpxdz09
Meeting ID: 867 2610 8623 Passcode: 1234

MENSA BRAINSTORMING GROUP
Ken Lawrence (MensaProctor670@gmail.com)

Mensans like to express their views on how things should be in our organizations. While we do not have a way of implementing suggestions, we do have a forum for talking about them. (M Brainstorming Facebook Group)

Time: 9:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada) every Sunday

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82908600785?pwd=Kzl4YUhFbklwSnpCTTl4TDdHN0Jsdz09
Meeting ID: 829 0860 0785 Passcode: 1234

BIBLE STUDY SIG
Ken Lawrence (VirtualChristianBibleStudy@gmail.com)

Religion has a longer intellectual history than science, and Newton published more about the Bible than he did physics. We evaluate the Bible from a Christian perspective, and you are welcome to join us. (Virtual Christian Bible Study SIG)

Time: 7:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada) every Sunday

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86488880838?pwd=QUVUaFhPSjI0Tkt5V1pDZGlnRU5TUT09
Meeting ID: 864 8888 0838 Passcode: 1234

MAY/JUNE 2025 MEMBERSHIP MATTERS

Kathy Teshich, membership Chair
170 Members

Birthdays

John Stephenson	**May 02**
Linda Harrison	**May 09**
Denise Valette	**May 15**
Robert Henderson	**May 16**
Graham Goble	**May 19**
Richard Shaffer	**May 21**
Eric Roath	**May 23**
Joan Forgrave	**May 26**

Ingrid Nova	**June 02**
Kevin Smart	**June 04**
Michael Rademacher	**June 05**
Joel Anderson	**June 06**
Richard Weingartner	**June 09**
Gail Wolfe	**June 11**
Alfons Mueller	**June 12**
Wendy Kassal	**June 13**
L Caldwell	**June 15**
Mark Weiss	**June 16**
Kirby Craw	**June 16**
Paul Kassal	**June 19**
Mike Kolarik	**June 26**

Mensaverseries (May)

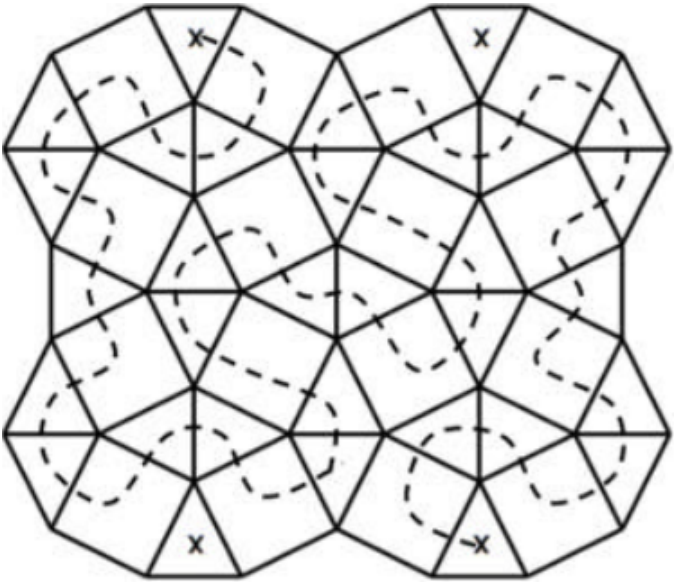
Boxin Sun	**1 yr**
George Ferris	**2 yrs**
John Miller	**4 yrs**
M Rupert	**13 yrs**
Leah Ziegler	**17 yrs**
David Cassiday	**21 yrs**
Charles Allison	**38 yrs**
Richard Horvitz	**51 yrs**

Mensavereries (June)

Diane Mater	**02 yrs**
Olive Scurek	**03 yrs**
Ramona Scurek	**06 yrs**
Elizabeth Peacock	**11 yrs**
Diann Belluomini	**13 yrs**
Max Benedict	**17 yrs**
Frank Dolinar	**26 yrs**
Kayla Morrish	**27 yrs**
A Beckon	**29 yrs**
LauraAnn Gordon	**31 yrs**
Jim Meurs	**36 yrs**
Roy Saper	**56 yrs**

Answers To Puzzles

Math Puzzle



Here is a path that passes through every square and unmarked triangle. Counting the marked triangles at its ends, it visits 46 shapes, omitting only the other two marked triangles. Congratulations if your line visits as many or more!

Bob's Trivia Answers:

A) Mount St. Helens erupted, B) Queen Victoria, C) Levi Strauss and Jacob Davis, D) Calamity Jane, E) The Empire State Building, F) Cher, G) Merriwether Lewis and William Clark, H) Catherine the Great, I) Sigmund Freud, J) Amelia Earhart, K) Jamestown, L) Osama bin Laden, M) The Hindenburg, N) Harry S Truman, O) The Lusitania

Mid-Michigan Mensa Treasurer's Report

Quarter Ending March 31, 2025

STARTING BALANCE	$9,003.66
INCOME	$792.50
AML Subsidy Dec. 2024	194.04
AML Subsidy Jan. 2025	192.08
AML Subsidy Feb. 2025	192.04
AML Supplement Feb. 2025	214.28
5/3 Bank savings interest	0.06
EXPENDITURES	$155.77
Winter Party venue (MLC)	50.00
Winter Party help (Olga)	25.00
Ham for Winter Party (Wendy)	80.77
ACCOUNT BALANCES	
5/3 Checking	$7,641.35
5/3 Savings	1,999.04
ENDING BALANCE	$9,640.39

MOVING?
Send change of address information to:
AMERICAN MENSA, LTD.
1315 Brookside Dr. Hurst, TX 76053

POSTMASTER: Send address changes and returns to address above.

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