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Recent Events

Oct-Nov

Lots of stuff: But I was too busy to record much of it! Hmmm…does that mean busy = lazy? Comments are welcome!

Upcoming Events

December

Holiday Multi-Purpose Pary: Saturday, 12/01/18 at 6:00 PM, 1510 N. Washington Ave., Springfield, MO 65803. Christmas / Games / Just-for-Fun at Cheryl Braswell's. BYOB, BYOG (Bring Your Own Game) I'll provide soft drinks, hot punch, snacks, etc. *** Dec 1st *** Dec 1st *** Dec 1st ***

MOM at The Library Center: Not sure about this, so stay tuned in to the MO Ozarks Mensa FaceBook page for updates: https://www.facebook.com/groups/MissouriOzarksMensa/

~ Rich Olcott – Gatherings ~

Ah, December, all that election to-do is done with and we can get on with being sane and having a life. Well, except for in Mensa. Many of our Local Groups have **Nomination Committees** now seeking candidates for next year's officer positions. If they come to you, please say, "Yes." The more you put into Mensa, the more you'll get out of it – fun, growth, and the satisfaction of a job well done.
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American Mensa is looking for candidates, too, but there's no NomComm. Instead we now use the petition system. Any member of American Mensa can apply to be a candidate for any of the elective positions. If you've got Internet connectivity, the good news is that the **2019 petition and election process** has been moved online. If you don't have access to the Internet, that's also the bad news – you can obtain paper copies from the National Office but. The whole procedure is laid out online at us.mensa.org/lead/amc/elections/2019-board-election/. Links to the forms are there, too, and they can be filled in and returned electronically.

Except for the **Candidate Signatures Petition** form. People actually have to put ink to paper for that one – 100 signatures if you're running for RVC, 250 if you're running for any of the other offices. But even the petitions can be downloaded, signed, scanned and uploaded, or mailed in if that's what works better for you.

Start with the **Candidate Checklist**, a nicely constructed step-by-step roadmap that tells you what needs to be done by when. I'll be happy to answer any questions you might have and give you whatever help you need along the way, especially if you're in a paper-only situation. Heck, I'll even sign your petition – Greg and I each signed the other's when we ran against each other two years ago.

Quick report on the **October AMC tele-meeting**. Discussion was spirited but civil as we worked through several issues. Your 2019 ballot will include several proposed amendments to the Bylaws. Probably the most important was produced by the Event Safety Task Force. It clarifies what had been an ambiguous and clunky process to address problems created by Mensans who don't behave well. Consider it closely when you vote (online or on paper) in April.

And have a great holiday season before we hunker down for Winter.
~~ Rich

~ *Just an Opinion…* ~

I watched "The Last Jedi" and was hoping for much more of a precursor & demonstration of supernatural/metaphysical powers – the Force – and was soundly disappointed. The largest draw to the franchise, for me; is that biographical trope of foreseen, nearly lost and then revealed power & significance - whether from anointing or lineage, a magnificent destiny is most satisfying.

The delivery here, though, is 95% human tenacity & skill nearly-summiting-all-odds. Don't misunderstand, I'm all for enablement & preservation of the human spirit, but my expected "feel good" for these movies is the emergence of unexpected worth &

authority – I want to feel more important & powerful along with the hero and be amazed also by that of the bad guy (who then suffers mightily…Yeah!!)

Darth gives us one obligatory (and silly) dark-side suffa-grip – should've just left that out…the best runners up (who satisfied) were the archer and his body-guard buddy. I liked the movie as a regular adventure, but that's all.

Email me your view if you have time and let's get some back'n'forth going here in the newsletter. Or…send in your own review and I'll agree or start an argument – but more importantly, we'll share our thinking patterns in a most delightful way (that last part was written to a bouncing melody…email me and state why, you might win something…)

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