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Recent Events

January

Lots of stuff: Not applicable…

Upcoming Events

February

First Thursday Repast: Thursday, February 7 at 6:30 pm*Join us for yummy Korean food and fun at Bawi Korean BBQ! It's located at 4121 S. National Ave. in Springfield (former location of Ruby Tuesday). Some important info to know about Bawi:

Adult price $24.98 per person
Children four through twelve $12.98, 3 and under eat free There will be a $10 charge for excess food leftover You can order up to two items at a time

See their website for information about the meats available:
https://www.bawikbbq.com/eat/

https://l.facebook.com/l.php?u=3Dhttps%3A%2F%2Fwww.bawikbbq.com%2Feat%2F%3=Ffbclid%3DIwAR3PesFv1XuBrb_FMEgz7TGjlgZ9QrQY_qElLs6YR8DzBOF4S7wd3fIsUxc&h==3DAT0Wdp2epkoOAX0egNkjR32cSgb30YdATIEoDZu0U3O83mL6qbTA3UT-B9qB94Q1M48g_V81=BWnieYYiYEyRncQmtriFKEu6COyHVzlQV7BiYC269BCZCQqhsWk11Ln9WbO6AA

I have made a reservation for 8 people.**Please* RSVP as soon as possible so I will know how many people to expect and adjust it as needed.* You can RSVP by replying to this email. *** Feb 7th *** Feb 7th *** Feb 7th ***

Mensa Games Night: Saturday, February 16 at 6:30 pm. Join us for an evening of games and conversation at Cheryl's house. Pop and snacks provided, but feel free to bring your own - BYOB/BYOG (games). Address: 1510 N. Washington Ave. in Springfield

MOM Book Club: Wednesday, February 20 at 7:00 pm. This will be the first meeting of our new book club, organized by Pat Mort and Amy Scher! The first book will be "Slant of Light: A Novel of Utopian Dreams and Civil War" (The Daybreak Series). This book was written by a local author (Columbia, MO), features an Ozark setting and local history as well as interesting characters and an interesting plot.

If you wish to attend, please contact Amy Scher at Amy61000@aol.com or 417-714-4200 for directions to her house in Nixa.

MOM at The Library Center: Library Center (TLC) Harrison Room in Library Center (TLC) 2/23/2019 - 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM and, of course, stay tuned in to the MO Ozarks Mensa FaceBook page for updates: https://www.facebook.com/groups/MissouriOzarksMensa/

~ Rich Olcott – Gatherings ~

I've groused here before about February, my least-favorite month. My opinion hasn't changed. All the worst aspects of Winter with few redeeming features other than Valentine's Day, my granddaughter's birthday and crocuses if you're lucky. <*grumble, grumble*>

But January was pretty good. Some of our Local Groups have opted to hold their annual party in January instead of December. The Thanksgiving-New Year's period is already crowded with events and besides, the restaurants are more eager for our business. The Nebraska/Western Iowa Mensa party was special – LocSec Kirk Johnson and I got to present long-time Mensa Foundation stalwart **Jane Hanson** with a **President's Lifetime Volunteer Service Award**, complete with certificate, medallion and a congratulatory letter signed by the President. Recognizing good people who do good things for other people is one of my favorite things.

Another good thing in January – enough folks signed our petitions that both Tony Jackowski and I qualified as candidates in the April election of the **2019-2020 Heartland Region Vice Chair**. You'll get to choose between Tony's youth and vigor, and my old age and ~~trickery~~ wisdom. Look over both of our candidacy statements in an upcoming *Bulletin*.

But you can only vote if **your Mensa membership** is in force. Our year goes from April 1 through March 31. If you're a Life Member, bless you; otherwise you may need to check your membership status. Logon to us.mensa.org and navigate to *MyMensa→MyMensaProfile→MyMemberships* to check. Or just go to us.mensa.org/renew – the software should take you swiftly through the renewal process but only if you need it.

As I write, the National Office staffers are settling into their **new office space**. It's a temporary location while we're searching out a new building that will meet Mensa's and Foundation's needs for the long term. The phone numbers and email addresses we're used to still work fine, but if we need to send them hardcopy (for instance, Proctored test forms) we can mail to *American Mensa, PO Box 535129, Grand Prairie TX 75053-5129*.

Cheer up, March is coming.

~~ Rich

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~ *Just an Opinion…* ~

If you're not ahead, you're behind!

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"I'd be more frightened by not using whatever abilities I'd been given. I'd be more frightened by procrastination and laziness."
Denzel Washington

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