Volume 40 June 2019 Issue 6

Illuminate

The Newsletter of Missouri Ozarks Mensa

Recent Events

May

Lots of MOM: The Saturday meeting was replete with cryptograms ala Gary K, card cutting fun with Vivian & Stu, mind boggling posits from Ben, general discussion on local emergency services & employment, job descriptions that might be good for alternate thinkers and Stu's gracious delivery of cranberry & walnut muffins accompanied by an abundant supply of butter due to my zealous interaction at the coffee house. We even had to be reminded that our time was over by very polite library personnel.

Upcoming Events

June

Mensa Games Night: Summer hiatus due to vacations and too.much.to.do! If you see a chicken head rolling down the street quoting Epicurian Tangibles or calculating cube roots of fractions, please return it to MOM ;)

BUT, if you have suggestions to make our super-fun mind-boggling list even longer, drop Cheryl a note cheryl.braswell@yahoo.com or post on FB and we'll get an even bigger ball rolling for autumn.

MOM at The Library Center: Saturday, June 29 2019 - 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM at the **Library Center (TLC) in the Community Meeting Room A** and, of course, stay tuned in to the MO Ozarks Mensa FaceBook page for updates: https://www.facebook.com/groups/MissouriOzarksMensa/

This is a great time of lively & varied discussion that you don't want to miss! Not only discovering each others' depth of knowledge, we toss about the import & feasibility of new technologies and the intent of classic prose. A real think tank, paid with stimulation & entertainment instead of dollars and sometimes goodies ☺

MOM plays trivia! June 30, 7:00 pm at Patton Alley Pub, 313 S. Patton Ave. in Springfield
Join us to play trivia and have some fun! We need 2-5 people to make a team. (If we have six or more people, we can make two teams.) We'll meet at 7:00, and trivia starts at 7:30. Patton Alley also serves food, so you can eat dinner there if you'd like! http://thepattonalleypub.com/food-menu/ RSVP to Lorraine at lorrainegardner1@gmail.com or on the Facebook event page

Illuminate is a monthly publication of Missouri Ozarks Mensa, a division of American Mensa, Ltd., 1200 E Copeland Rd, Ste 550, Arlington, TX 76011-1344.

Mensa is an international society whose sole requirement for membership is a score in the upper 2% on a standardized IQ test. It is nonprofit, has no religious or political affiliation, and holds no opinions.

MENSA serves as a means of communication and assembly for its members and is interested in gifted children and psychological research.

The web address for American Mensa is www.us.mensa.org

~ Rich Olcott – Gatherings ~

I know this will be controversial in some quarters, but I like Daylight Savings Time. Last night the sun set at 8:00 pm (it's early May as I write this) so there was plenty of time for an afternoon walk and a late dinner before I settled in for a good read. I understand and sympathize with the many people who object to the twice-a-year time change. Easy to fix – just stay on DST all year round. Problem solved. A couple of our Colorado state legislators submitted a bill last year to do just that but it failed. Then this year an opposing cabal of Wrong Thinkers submitted a bill to completely do away with DST. That failed, too. I guess we'll keep tinkering with the clock a while longer.

Being a voracious reader, I truly enjoy reviewing our Local Group newsletters. Each has their strong points and all of them report on local doings so I can keep track of Mensa friends I've met across the Region. I daren't try to pick favorites, but **Dennis Lenahan**'s *HMMmm* (High Mountain Mensa) stands out for humor and puzzles, **Tami Whitney**'s *Brainiac* (Nebraska/Western Iowa Mensa) features poetry, **Klaus Trenary**'s *Seeds* (Kansas Sunflower Mensa) and **Gail Elliott**'s *Mpressions* (Central Iowa Mensa) provide thought-provoking articles, **Diana Dyer**'s *Mension* (Mid-America Mensa) even includes recipes, and Wyoming Mensa's **Paula Wilson-Caziér** (*WyoMensa*), Plains&Peaks Mensa's **Betsy Ogan** (*PlainsPeaking*) and Denver Mensa's **Taylor Profita** (*Matrix*) generally knock my socks off for their visual design work. You can check most Local Group newsletters for yourself. Just logon to the American Mensa Web site, navigate to us.mensa.org/read/group-newsletters/ and download your pick of current and archived issues.

~~ Rich

~ *Member Contribution* ~

Puzzles Galore!

(VERY) UNOFFICIAL QUIZ FOR MENSA

By Bill Bultas

Give these a shot, or have friends and family try these. These are intended for adults. Add points or whatnot for kids who try them.

HIGHLY NON-STANDARDIZED SCORING CHART

0 = Maybe Mensa material, this quiz may just not be your thing (don't feel bad)
1 = Maybe Mensa Material
2 = Likely Mensa Material
3 = Very Likely Mensa Material
4 = We'll see you at a meeting already!
5 - G-E-N-I-U-S-!-!-!

1. 5 of the following words relate to a word that is not shown. Determine which of the following has no relationship with the missing word:

gun cooper pork cracker drum knife

2. Remove my first, and you have an opening. Remove my fourth, and you have courage. I am a swindle. What am I?

Choose from: bulge grift joke shoe

3. 5 of the following words relate in some way to a word that is not shown. 1 word has no relationship with the missing word. Decide which of these does not belong:

natural leap cooking mask sag chlorine

4. You are in a room with 2 men, 1 of whom always lies, and the other always tells truth. One of them has a diamond. You don't know which tells the truth or lies, or which has the diamond. What 1 question should you ask 1 of the men to be sure of which has the diamond?

Who would the other guy say has the diamond?

Which one of you does NOT have the diamond?

Who would the other guy say is the liar?

Does the other guy NOT have the diamond?

5. 27 cubes are individually numbered 1-27, and then assembled into a larger cube (so 9 cubes on the top layer, 9 in the middle, and 9 on the bottom). No consecutively numbered cubes may have their faces touching. That is, cube 7 cannot have any of its faces touching any of cube 8's, etc. Given this, of the following choices, which cube would allow the largest number of possible permutations (feel free to look up 'permutations' if you are not sure what this word means!) of the surrounding cubes if it was placed in the center of the larger cube?

2 10 20 27

~

~ *Just an Opinion…* ~

Book Review

Bone to be Wild (Sarah Delaney series)
HAINES, CAROLYN

I actually enjoyed this even with the intrusion of the “spirits” giving super vague guidance to the single female protagonist and suspect this will be a good run of intrigue if I can find the related works.

After waffling over reading a mystery that also promised a women’s viewpoint of romance, I gave it a go. I’m not against romance at all, but didn’t want to suffer what I would expect to be typical serial puppy love. It turned out well. Some authors go on & on with the intro and scene setting but this book had only 2.5 pages of it before sliding into the plot. Which is the heroine and a couple of her friends and ex-lovers lifting the cloud of a possible curse or haunting of a musical venue while summiting the machinations of a gaggle of greedy bastards.

It’s set in New Orleans and the author did a pretty good job of helping me feel like I was there. I’ve noticed, after watching so many movies this last year, that even well written dialog sounds a little stilted to me, but was able to allow myself to fall into the cantor of prose and noticed an unwillingness to put the book down.

It has a couple good twists and I concur that she deserved her literary awards.

~~ Geeno B’do

~

For Information or to host an Upcoming Event

Check our Facebook page
https://www.facebook.com/groups/MissouriOzarksMensa/

Or contact Lorraine 417.619.8719 lorrainegardner1@gmail.com

~

Missouri Ozarks Mensa Elected Officers

Local Secretary: *Eugene Maddux*	417.770.6493	HappyGene@WindStream.Net
Assistant Loc Sec: *Gary Kirkpatrick*	417.501.1868	garykspr@yahoo.com
Treasurer: *Lorraine Gardner*	417.619-8719	lorrainegardner1@gmail.com
Recorder/Secretary: *Bill Bultas*	314.962.5828	billbultas@yahoo.com
At-Large Member: *Cheryl Braswell*	781.929.7097	cheryl.braswell@yahoo.com

Missouri Ozarks Mensa Appointed Officers

Program Coord: *Lorraine Gardner*	417.619-8719	lorrainegardner1@gmail.com
Publications Officer: *Eugene Maddux*	417.770.6493	HappyGene@WindStream.Net
Editor/Web Master: *Eugene Maddux*	417.770.6493	HappyGene@WindStream.Net
Membership Officer: *Bill Bultas*	314.962.5828	billbultas@yahoo.com
Proctor (testing): OPEN		
Scholarship Coord: *Andrea Miller*		inquiry3@yahoo.com
Joplin Area Coord: OPEN		
Southern Area Coord.: *Sally Schuster*	501.521.6443	grannys@aol.com

~

ANSWERS TO QUIZ:

1. The answer is KNIFE. All of the other words relate to the word BARREL: a GUN barrel; a COOPER makes barrels; PORK barrel (e.g. pork barrel politics); CRACKER-barrel (Cracker Barrel is also the name of a chain of restaurants in the U.S.); DRUM and barrel are synonyms.

2. The answer is GRIFT (a swindle). By removing the first letter of grift, you have RIFT (an opening), and if you remove the fourth letter of grift, you have GRIT (courage).

3. LEAP does not belong. All of the other words relate to the word GAS: NATURAL gas; COOKING with gas (this is an expression and a common practice); gas MASK; SAG is 'gas' backwards; and CHLORINE gas (chlorine is a yellow-green gas at room temperature, which is highly toxic).

4. "Who would the other guy say has the diamond?" You then pick the person who is NOT indicated as having the diamond. Another possible answer, not given as a choice, would be "who would the other guy say does NOT have the diamond?" Again, you then pick the person NOT stated to be the holder of the diamond. These are the only 2 answers that guarantee a correct pick. This can be verified if you create a grid of all of the possible answers, given the scenarios. This is a slight twist on a very old and well known problem. It was very tough, so don't feel bad if you missed it!

5. Cube 1 has no number preceding it, and cube 27 has nothing after it. Since the center cube touches more cubes than any of the others, having 1 or 27 in the center would limit the surrounding cubes the least, and thus allow the largest number of possible permutations. Since 1 was not given as an answer choice but 27 was, 27 is the correct choice.

~

"You learn to write by writing, and by reading and thinking about how writers have created their characters and invented their stories. If you are not a reader, don't even think about being a writer."
Jean M. Auel

USE OF THIS DIRECTORY IS RESTRICTED. This directory is copyright 2018 by American Mensa, Ltd., and is intended only for use by its members for the purposes of organizational and personal correspondence. Reproduction or use by nonmembers and use by members for commercial purposes are expressly forbidden.



American Mensa, Ltd.
1229 Corporate Dr West
Arlington TX 76006-6103