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Recent Events

June

Lots of MOM: The Saturday meeting began with a gracious handout from Vivian of various Mensan tidbits and puzzles which led into a feisty review of online lists of geniuses and their measurement. We then traversed some sample Mensa questionaires and I discovered that I wasn't off the charts after all…Darn! But it was great fun and who knows what will happen next!

Upcoming Events

July

Mensa Games Night: Summer hiatus due to vacations and too.much.to.do! It's true: beautiful sunsets at the lake have trounced modifications to Occam's Razor!

BUT, if you have suggestions for when we resume, drop Cheryl a note cheryl.braswell@yahoo.com or post on FB and we'll try to work it all in.

MOM at The Library Center: Saturday, July 27 2019 - 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM at the **Library Center (TLC) in the Grafton Room** and, of course, stay tuned in to the MO Ozarks Mensa FaceBook page for updates: https://www.facebook.com/groups/MissouriOzarksMensa/

If you have a need for some keen wit or deep dives into bottomless questions, this is the place to be. But don't take my word for it – read what I wrote above and take my other word for it ;)

MOM plays trivia! On haitus until sometime later...
Watch for resumption on the Facebook event page noted above.

Third Thursday Repast: July 18 at 6:30 pm at Everyday Thai, 2926 South Campbell Ave. in Springfield. Join us for great food and fun conversation at Everyday Thai! Check out their menu here: https://myeverydaythai.com/menu. RSVP to Lorraine at lorrainegardner1@gmail.com or on the Facebook event page.r resumption on the Facebook event page noted above.

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~ Rich Olcott – Gatherings ~

Several things to celebrate this month. Independence Day, for one, and all our Scholarship winners, for another. For the 2019-2020 academic year, our Heartland Region essayists garnered 22 Mensa Foundation scholarships, all together worth $15,100. Thanks go to all our Local Group and Regional essay judges and to the donors and event participants who made that possible. Event participants? Yes, fund-raising events, everything from a benefit auction at an RG to each CultureQuest® team and the AG's "Mr Mensa" … um … pageant, all pouring dollars into the Foundation's scholarship funds. You can find the full list of winners at mensafoundation.org/what-we-do/scholarships/scholarship-winners/.
Oh, yeah, CultureQuest, the uniquely Mensan national team trivia contest. The Heartland Region mounted eight teams this year

- *Clear Lake Clear Thinkers*, from **Central Iowa Mensa**
- *Heart of America*, from **Mid-America Mensa**
- *you go girls!* from **Nebraska-Western Iowa Mensa**
- *Questionable Behavior* (one of my favorite team names) and *Singularity* from **Denver Mensa**
- *Alferd Packer Catering* (another favorite, and yes, that's how he spelled it – look him up and you'll understand the name) from **Boulder/Front Range Mensa**
- *Peaks Pinnacles* and *Prime of the Plains* from **Plains and Peaks Mensa**

The ratings won't be announced until the Annual Gathering in July but I've got my fingers crossed for all of us.

I don't want to close off this month without paying tribute to Tony Jackowski, the other candidate who ran for RVC-7 for this coming term. He and Kim have been mainstays of Mid-America Mensa for a long time. Beyond that, Tony has served Mensa in many positions at both national and international levels. With his long history of volunteering and gaining Mensan friends and experiences along the way, he personifies "Give and it shall be given unto you." What a great role model for other Mensans. Thanks, Tony, and keep doing.

~~ Rich

~ *Member Contribution* ~

Puzzlemania!

BRAIN TEASER QUIZ (Investigator Linda Special Edition!)

By Bill Bultas

Answers appear later in the issue. Try not to peek at them until you're finished with the quiz.

SCALE

0 Correct = Mensa may not be for you, or you had a bad hair day. No worries either way!
1-2 Correct = Mensa might be for you, and you look marvelous!
3-4 Correct = Mensa is very likely for you, and you smell amazing!
5 Correct = G+E+N+I+U+S+!+!+!

1. WHODUNIT?

Linda, a criminal investigator, is trying to find out who murdered the famous wealthy entrepreneur Maximillion Warbucks. With few leads, she sits in a coffee shop hoping that caffeine will stimulate her thinking. Suddenly, a mysterious stranger drops a slip of paper on her table, and runs out the door. She unfolds the paper, which reads:

B O K E E R P E K O

Within minutes, Linda has the murderer in custody. Who is it?

A. The Bartender

B. The Baker

C. The Butler

D. The Bookkeeper

2. Below are several statements seeking the same information. To what are these statements referring?

Between 1 and 100, there are 25 of them

Between 100 and 200, there are 21 of them

Between 200 and 300, there are 16 of them

However, between 400 and 500, there are 17

A. Prime numbers

B. English kings

C. Lunar cycles

D. 2020 Democratic presidential candidates

3. SEARCHING HIGH & LOW

Linda, the investigator who became famous after solving the murder of Maximillion Warbucks, has started her own private practice. She is searching the mansion of the multibillionaire Bigmoney Richman in hopes of finding some of Bigmoney's priceless diamonds that were hidden there by his disgruntled former butler. All that the butler left was a note that reads:

"Can't Help A Novice Detective Every Lighted Inch! Elevation Required!"

It does not take Linda long at all to locate the diamonds, much to Bigmoney's pleasure. Where were they?

Hint: Study the letters in the note.

A. A chandelier

B. Trunk of limousine

C. Lamp in the office

D. Butler's quarters

4. At Parkview High School, the science club has 11 members, the computer club has 14 members, and the puzzle club has 25 members. If a total of 15 students belong to only one of the three clubs, and 10 belong to only two of them, how many students belong to all three clubs?

A. 0

B. 2

C. 5

D. 25

5. Linda, a freelance investigator who has solved a number of crimes, is once again on the case. The tech tycoon and philanthropist Megabuck Milliondollar has unfortunately been murdered. It is believed that one of Milliondollar's sons has committed the crime. An anonymous note is recovered on the Milliondollar estate, which reads:

"Your best bet is to ? Milliondollar. You will find stains from his mother's blood in the trunk of his BMW."

Linda follows up on the note, and it appears that enough evidence exists to establish a prime suspect. Who is it?

Hint: Read the note to yourself out loud.

A. Ted Milliondollar (was being expelled from Yale for running a gambling ring)

B. Tim Milliondollar (was embezzling from mom's businesses)

C. James Milliondollar (illegally selling users' data from mom's social media sites)

D. Mark Milliondollar (just a bad apple all around)

That completes the quiz. You sound wonderful!

Void

Benjamin Ezekiel Elliott
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Bliss asked Nirvana
"What is emptiness?"
Nirvana replied
"The essence of all phenomenon."
"What is essence of all phenomenon?" Bliss replied
"Void replied Nirvana."
"What is void?" replied Bliss
"The pathway to enlightenment"
"What is the pathway to enlightenment?" replied Bliss
"The achievement of Nirvana."
"What is Nirvana?" replied Bliss
Nirvana laughed and replied
"Being one with you Bliss my favorite person to Kiss."

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ANSWERS TO QUIZ

1. D. The Bookkeeper. Take the first letter on the far left, then the first letter on the far right, then the second letter from the far left, then the second letter from the far right, and so on, and the letters will spell out BOOKKEEPER. It turned out that the bookkeeper had embezzled a large sum of money, and Maximillion Warbucks had discovered this and was about to go to the police.

2. A. Prime numbers. The original version of this puzzle was written by renowned puzzle creator Terry Stickels.

3. A. A chandelier. Take the first letter of each word in the note and string them all together. You have the word CHANDELIER, and that is where the butler hid the diamonds.

4. C. 5. First, you total all of the club memberships (11+14+25=50).

You can then subtract students with only one club membership (50-15=35).

Then, you subtract **TWO TIMES** the number of students with two club memberships, since those students have been counted twice for those memberships (so 35-10x2=15).

The remaining number of memberships (15) is then **DIVIDED BY THREE** for students with membership in all three clubs, since those students have been counted three times for those memberships.

Therefore, only 5 students are in 3 of the clubs.

This was tough, but hopefully you figured it out or made a lucky guess. If you didn't, don't feel bad and keep trying these brain teasers. **You will get better with practice!**

5. D. Mark Milliondollar (just a bad apple all around). The note reads: "Your best bet is to ? Milliondollar." A ? is read aloud as "question mark." It so happens that Mark is Megabuck's oldest child, and primary heir to her fortune.

I hope you enjoyed the quiz. I should have one in every issue of *Illuminate* for some time to come!

"As for kids who are struggling personally, ignore the bullies! Who cares what they think? A lot of the time, they're not thinking, so you shouldn't take their words to heart. Ignore, ignore, ignore, and keep pushing forward."

Nolan Gould

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