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Recent Events

July

Lots of MOM: Well, "what happened next" was enjoying some extra visitors last meeting who were pretty dang interesting! We wrestled with at-risk education, passive bionics, and parallels between familial & public behavior and oft-deceptive food labeling! And then we got hungry...

Upcoming Events

August

Mensa Games Night: Summer hiatus due to vacations and too.much.to.do! "The more complex the mind, the greater the need for the simplicity of play." We know you're going crazy but hold on best you can!

Before your head explodes, drop Cheryl a note cheryl.braswell@yahoo.com or post on FB and we'll try to work in any ideas you may have on resumption :)

MOM plays trivia! On haitus until sometime later...
Watch for resumption at https://www.facebook.com/groups/MissouriOzarksMensa/.

Fourth Saturday Social: August 24 at 12:30 pm at The Big Biscuit, 2920 South Glenstone Ave. in Springfield. Join us for food and fun conversation at one of Springfield's newest restaurants, The Big Biscuit! (Note that this is the South Glenstone location, in Brentwood South.) Check out their menu here: https://www.bigbiscuit.com/#/menu RSVP to Lorraine at lorrainegardner1@gmail.com or on the Facebook event page.

MOM at The Library Center: Saturday, August 31, 2019 - 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM at the **Library Center (TLC) in the Harrison Room** and, of course, stay tuned in to the MO Ozarks Mensa FaceBook page for updates: https://www.facebook.com/groups/MissouriOzarksMensa/

Honestly, I've never gotten bored at these meetings and I always learn something from the other know-it-alls :)

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~ Rich Olcott – Gatherings ~

Geologists know that Time lurks just beneath the surface. Well, maybe not *just* below – in the eastern part of our Region it may be buried beneath hundreds of feet of clay. Out West, though, Time leaps up from the surface and grabs you by the optical system. I'm just back from a road trip to our Annual Gathering in Phoenix, by way of Arizona's Meteor Crater and Route 89A south into Sedona, then back home via Utah's Red Canyon, Bryce Canyon, and the Salt Wash along I-70, finishing up with Colorado's Black Canyon of the Gunnison. If you ever get the chance, do take that route and in that order. It delivers a gradually rising crescendo of "WOW!" moments for anyone with the slightest geological inclination (pun intended). I've driven twisty roads in the Rockies and the Ozarks, but there's a stretch along 89A that's every bit as twisty and it has much prettier rocks. Lots of good hiking along that route but bring along water and take things slow unless you're acclimated to the High Country.

One of the AG's highlights is the Award Ceremony. Heartlanders brought home a healthy crop this year. For the Chairman's Service Award,

- North Dakota Mensa's **Greg Kontz**, who stepped up to fill a partial term as AMC Secretary
- Central Iowa Mensa's **Marie Mayer**, who contributed her calming wisdom to both the Foundation and the AMC.

Jewel Awards are presented to Local Groups in recognition of their service to members. Emeralds went to **Nebraska-Western Iowa Mensa, Central Iowa Mensa, Kansas Sunflower Mensa, North Dakota Mensa** and **Wyoming Mountain Mensa**. Sapphires, the next higher level, went to **Mid-America Mensa** and **Plains and Peaks Mensa**. The top-level award, a Diamond, went to **High Mountain Mensa**. Finally, **Nebraska-Western Iowa Mensa**'s CultureQuest® team ***You Go Girls*** captained by **Tami Whitney** scored 20th out of all the teams in the country. "Woo-hoo" to everybody.

By the time you read this another Gathering will be history – North Dakota Mensa's **FoRGe North** in Grand Forks the first weekend in August. I hope I will have seen you there.

~~ Rich

~ *Member Contribution* ~

Puzzlemania!

BRAIN PUZZLER IQ QUIZ

By Bill Bultas

Here is another quiz for you. This time I included some stats in the results, since these questions have been answered online by individuals who may be representative of the general population. Just give these your best shot, or best guess if you're not sure, and have fun. The answers appear later in this issue, and try not to peek at them until you've answered all of the questions. Questions 1 and 5 are by Famous Mensan (named as such in the July, 2004 *Mensa Bulletin*) Terry Stickels, but I bought the rights to those and many other questions by Stickels years ago, and likely will buy more before long. We also have a 4 time *Jeopardy!* winner who I also know through Mensa who has been writing trivia questions for us, and I'll likely have some of those in upcoming issues as well.

# Correct	Ranking
0-2	This likely isn't a Mensa-level result, but may be due to your being more focused on solving a cold fusion conundrum at the moment, so don't take it to heart.
3	This may be around the Mensa level. You may now continue your work on developing your various perpetual motion devices.
4	Definitely Mensa level. But please don't start wearing t-shirts saying "Beam me up, Scotty. There's not intelligent life down here!"
5	Ok, you are a genius. Now please stop wearing the Scotty shirts referenced in the line above!

1. In one room of a house are three separate switches that are connected in some order to three light bulbs in a second room. Is it possible to visit each room once and only once and determine which switches control which lights? Note: You may not use a screwdriver or unscrew light bulbs to gather clues.

A. YES
B. NO

2. FICTITIOUS is to PSEUDONYM as BACKWARD is to

A. ANTONYM
B. PALINDROME
C. SYNONYM
D. ANANYM

3. 4 friends, Kent, Keller, Karmen and Klive are on a canoe trip. 2 canoes are floating down the river side by side, with 2 people in each canoe. In each canoe, the older person is in front of the younger one. Also:

Keller is sitting diagonal from Karmen

The Engineer & the Programmer are in the same canoe

The Secretary is sitting diagonal from Kent

The Carpenter is sitting in front of Klive

The Engineer is younger than the Programmer

Keller is not the Engineer

What is each person's occupation?

A. Carpenter: Kent, Engineer: Karmen, Programmer: Keller, Secretary: Klive
B. Carpenter: Kent, Engineer: Klive, Programmer: Keller, Secretary: Karmen
C. Carpenter: Karmen, Engineer: Klive, Programmer: Kent, Secretary: Keller
D. Carpenter: Keller, Engineer: Karmen, Programmer: Kent, Secretary: Klive

4. An unlucky number of each. A body organ, gemstone, blunt weapon, and digging tool. What are we?

A. Deadly sins
B. Cards in a deck
C. Nails in a horseshoe
D. Targets on a dartboard

5. All of the letters below can be turned upside down, viewed in a mirror and still appear as they should... all except one, that is. Which one is the "odd man out"?

A. B
B. C
C. D
D. O
E. U

This completes the quiz.

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Death Beyond the Nexxus (we agree that death s/b short & sweet as possible)

Zen Death Poem

Benjamin Ezekiel Elliott © 7-7-2012

Nirvana looked at Bliss
The one he missed
I will meet you again with a Kiss.

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ANSWERS TO BRAIN PUZZLER IQ QUIZ

1. A. YES. In the room with the switches you turn the first 2 ON and leave the 3rd switch OFF. After a couple of minutes, you turn the 2nd switch OFF. You immediately go to the room with the light bulbs. Whichever bulb is still on is connected to switch 1. You then touch the 2 bulbs that are off. Whichever bulb is still warm is connected to switch 2, and the cold bulb is connected to switch 3. This puzzle was created by Terry Stickels. 72% of our respondents have answered this question correctly.

2. D. ANANYM. This was a tough one. A PSEUDONYM is a fictitious name, and an ANANYM is a backward spelling of a name (e.g. Harpo Productions is named for Oprah Winfrey's media company - HARPO is OPRAH spelled backward). An ANTONYM is a word of opposite meaning; a PALINDROME is a word or phrase that is the same forward and backward (such as "dad" and "Madam, I'm Adam"); a SYNONYM is "one of two or more words or expressions of the same language that have the same or nearly the same meaning in some or all senses". Sources: https://www.merriam-webster.com/ and https://en.wikipedia.org/ Only 14% of our respondents got this one right.

3. D. Carpenter: Keller, Engineer: Karmen, Programmer: Kent, Secretary: Klive. Patricia C., who solved this puzzle when it was presented as a contest (which was not multiple choice) many years ago, broke it down as follows:

Canoe 1

Programmer: Kent
Engineer: Karmen

Canoe 2

Carpenter: Keller
Secretary: Klive

Al S. also provided this detailed reponse. The numbers relate to the 6 statements made in the puzzle:

Using 1 and 5, we can place the ENGINEER in the back and the PROGRAMMER in the front of one canoe.

Using 4 and 3, we can place the SECRETARY in the back and the CARPENTER in the front of the other canoe.

Then using 3, we can identify KENT as the PROGRAMMER.

Using 4, we can identify KLIVE as the SECRETARY.

Using 6, we can then identify KELLER as the CARPENTER.

That leaves KARMEN as the ENGINEER.

31% of our respondents answered this correctly.

4. B. Cards in a deck

13 (unlucky number) of each suit:

Clubs (blunt weapon)

Diamonds (gemstone)

Hearts (body organ)

Spades (digging tool)

For a total of 52 cards in the deck. 35% of our respondents answered this correctly.

5. E. U. The original version of this puzzle was created by Terry Stickels. 52% of our respondents answered this correctly.

I hope you enjoyed the quiz. I should have one like this for you in every issue!

"We need to deal with the problem of terrorism across both the war-fighting and criminal-justice paradigm. But you need to choose very carefully which elements go where."

John N. Moore, Prof. Law, UVA

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