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LocSec Thoughts

Happy Summer! The election is done for another year and the results have been reported to National and loaded to the Website.

I'm not sure how many folks are actually reading the newsletter or reviewing the Website. If you would be so kind to email the LocSec to let me know if you're reading the newsletter (and what additional kinds of things you want to see in the newsletter) and if you're checking out the Website (and what you may want added/edited on the Website), I really appreciate your input. Email is locsec@missouriozarks.us.mensa.org.

Remember that our website is updated at least once a week, so please visit https://missouriozarks.us.mensa.org to check out the updates and keep abreast of what's coming up.

Regional Vice Chairman June Thoughts

June and the summer solstice are once again upon us. The solstice will mark our longest day, when we have the most light and we cycle seasons into the waning part of the year. This is a

great time to take stock of what we were able to grow and build in the past year and plan for the new year ahead. The Annual Gathering is right around the corner. I hope to see you there if you can make it. The average temperature in Chicago is around 80+ degrees on July 4 making it that much easier to pack light. The AMC meeting in Chicago will start my second year, and the drama at Nationals may or may not be concluded. I know there are a lot of feelings about all of the things happening, but through that our local services have not stopped, and we hope to work towards growing stronger in all of our local groups. Mensa is what you make of it, not the personality conflicts of a few people who wanted to escalate things a little too far. Hopefully this next year will give us a chance to use the AMC Board to clean things up and make things a little better. I still hope to find a good way to address the concerns with confidentiality some members have expressed. The more I think about it, the harder that gets. I would love to hear from you. Let me know what you think we should do. If we get the full Board put back together again, we can look at simplifying ASIEs and making governance more efficient. I have a lot of hope for the future, but I also don't know which way fate will blow the winds of change. Some things I can't control. I can't control the actions of a few people who may wish to harm to our organization. There are some things I can control though, and if we work together, we can define what we want Mensa to be and make it happen.

If you have any ideas or concerns, please let me know. I can be reached at RVC7@us.mensa.org or curtkram2001@yahoo.com. Mensa is what you make it. Thank you.

Scholarships



Currently, we don't have any funds set aside to provide a scholarship to individuals in the area who are headed to college in the autumn. It would be a great public relations and recruitment outreach to be able to provide a small scholarship (perhaps $500) to a deserving student. I will be happy to notify area high schools and colleges so that those wanting to be considered for the scholarship could submit an essay to the Steering Committee for review. The Steering Committee would vote for and mail the check to the most deserving individual. That way, the personal details of candidates will remain private. I have already added my contribution to the Scholarship Fund in my personal budget but would like feedback from other members before I mail my check to the Treasurer. Please email your thoughts to the LocSec by the end of June.

Steering Committee/Volunteers

Thanks to those who cast their ballots for the Steering Committee. Below it the full list of Steers and Volunteers. If you want to volunteer for one of the vacant Volunteer Positions, please email the LocSec.

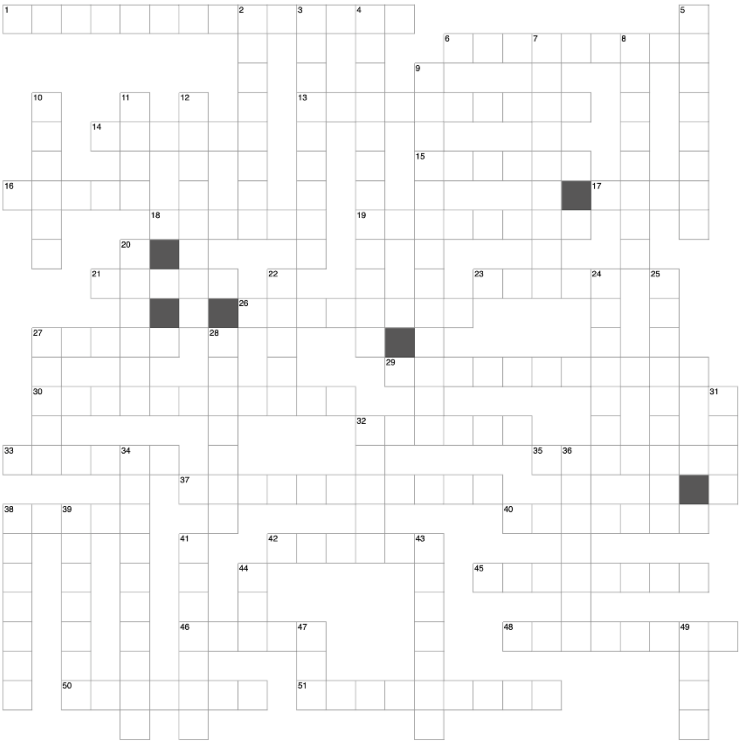
STEERING COMMITTEE

Local Secretary (LocSec):	Lonny Burger
Vice President:	Jonathan Long
Recording Secretary:	Felicia Ellis
Treasurer:	Felicia Ellis
Ombudsman:	Wes Young
Illuminate Editor (Non-Voting):	Lonny Burger

OTHER VOLUNTEERS

Calendar Editor:	Vacant
Gifted Children:	Vacant
Hosting:	Vacant
Membership:	Vacant
Testing Coordinator:	Charles Myers
Testing Proctor:	Charles Myers
Publicity:	Vacant
Public Relations:	Vacant
Puzzle Master	Wes Young
Scholarships:	Vacant
SIGHT Coordinator:	Vacant
Speaker Coordinator:	Vacant
Webmaster:	Lonny Burger

Puzzle Pages



Crossword

By Wesley Young

ACROSS

1 Process by which plants convert light energy into chemical energy
6 Breaking down food
13 Formation of new species
14 Nerve cell
15 Group of similar cells performing a specific function
16 Large geographic area with similar climate and organisms
17 Warm-blooded vertebrate with feathers
18 Biological catalyst
19 Single-celled microorganisms
21 Taxonomic rank below phylum
23 Taxonomic rank below family
26 Change in DNA sequence
27 Taxonomic rank below class
29 Maintaining stable internal conditions
30 Modifying genes
32 Taxonomic rank below kingdom
33 Multicellular heterotrophic organism
35 Basic unit of classification
37 Movement of blood
38 Infectious agent
40 Producing genetically identical copies
42 Group of organs working together
45 Passing of traits from parents to offspring
46 Organ that secretes hormones
48 Study of heredity and variation
50 Study of interactions between organisms and their environment
51 Vertebrate that lives both in water and on land

DOWN

2 Science of classifying organisms
3 Community of living organisms and their physical environment
4 Animal without a backbone
5 Protein that recognizes and binds to foreign substances
7 Change in heritable characteristics of biological populations
8 Resistance to disease
9 Use of living systems and organisms to develop products
10 Taxonomic rank below order
11 Unit of heredity
12 Individual living being
20 Variant form of a gene
22 Eukaryotic organisms including molds and yeasts
24 Junction between two neurons
25 Differences among individuals
27 Structure composed of different tissues
28 Cell division that produces gametes
31 Aquatic vertebrate with gills
32 Multicellular organism that performs photosynthesis
34 Uptake of nutrients
36 Macromolecule performing various cellular functions
38 Preparation that provides immunity
39 Cold-blooded vertebrate with scales
41 Highest taxonomic rank
43 Cell division process for growth and repair
44 Nucleic acid involved in protein synthesis
47 Molecule carrying genetic instructions
49 Basic unit of life

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Membership Report

As of the end of April, there are 87 members in Missouri Ozarks Mensa. If you know people who might be interested in joining, please direct them to the Membership Page of the Website.

Treasurer's Report

April Opening Balance		11,013.61
April Expenditures		115.98
Check Printing	31.00	
Newsletter Print/Postage (Feb-Apr)	84.98	
April Closing Balance		10,897.63

Events Calendar

JUNE 2025						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13 Submissions	14
15 Father's Day	16	17	18	19	20	21 Lunch Bunch
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30					

Coming Events



DEADLINE FOR CALENDAR/ILLUMINATE SUBMISSIONS

June 12 at 5pm: This is the deadline for submissions of Events and Articles for the July Newsletter/Website to assure we have time to get them posted to the Website and included in the Newsletter in time for printing and mailing. Since we don't have an Editor yet, please email your events and any articles you want to include in the newsletter to the LocSec (who is also the Webmaster and Editor).

JUNE SATURDAY LUNCH BUNCH

In an effort to spread around the Lunch Bunch locations, for the June 20st Saturday Lunch Bunch at 1pm, we'll meet at Prima's Mexican Kitchen, 5557 N 21st St, Ozark, MO. (417) 582-2776. Please email the LocSec by close of business on June 14th so that we can give the restaurant a head count. We have had a really small group for the past few Lunch Bunches so mark your

calendars and let me know if you can make it so that we have a larger group for the lunch. Thanks.

MAY SATURDAY LUNCH BUNCH

Just a reminder that May's Saturday Lunch Bunch is May 24th at 1pm: We're going to try McAlister's Deli again since the weather got in the way for the last gathering there. The address is 703 N. McCroskey, Suite 1 Bldg A, Nixa, MO 65714. They have a wide variety of food and beverages. Please RSVP to the LocSec by 5pm, May 13th, so that we can let them know how many to expect. Family and friends are welcome to attend.

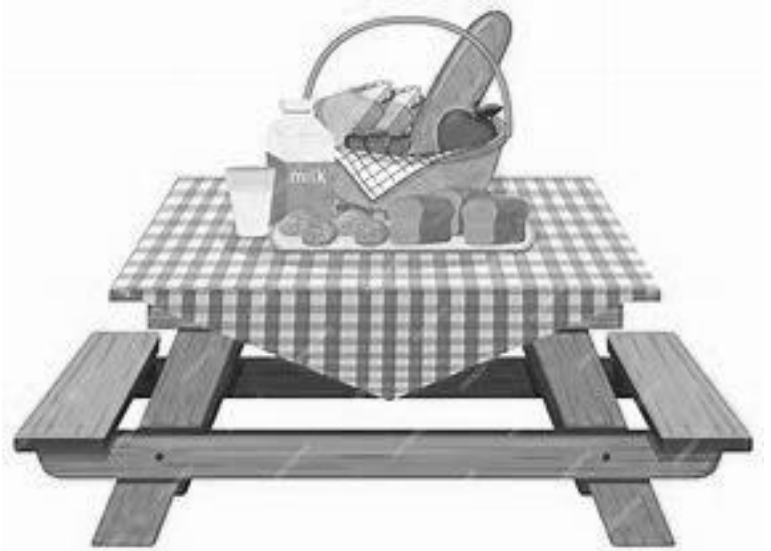
POTENTIAL BOOK CLUB

From Felicia: I recently inherited a LIBRARY of classic leather-bound books. The "top 100" classic books, plus many more. I'm retired now, so am beginning to read some of these wonderful classics that I have somehow missed in my life!! It would be so awesome to have other folks reading these too...so we could discuss them!! If you are interested in getting together to start reading some of the classics...let me know! Felicia Ellis' email is mrsfellis@gmail.com

OTHER SUGGESTIONS FOR JUNE SPRINGFIELD EVENTS

From Felicia: The Art Museum is sponsoring a free concert in Phelps Park on June 21. Oklahoma is at Springfield Little Theater from June 13--29. Springfield Cardinals have lots of home games coming up. The Botanical Gardens always has something in bloom...and their hosta garden is amazing! Hope to see everyone there to help plan some summer fun! Also, there is an at "Art in the Garden tour" in Phelps Grove neighborhood. It costs $15 and includes lots of gardens in Phelps Grove. It's Sunday, June 1 from 1-4 p.m.

Any Interest in a Picnic?



A couple of people have mentioned that a chapter picnic might be a fun event. It would take a lot of coordination from members but, if there is sufficient interest, we could do it as a pot-luck picnic. Labor Day is Monday, September 1st this year, if that's a good day for everyone. If another day is better, please make your suggestion. As always, family and friends are welcome to join in. We will need to know if you're interested and what dishes you would like to bring, as well as games/sporting equipment you can bring. Since I'm newish to the area, suggestions for a location will be appreciated. Please email the LocSec with your thoughts and ideas.

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