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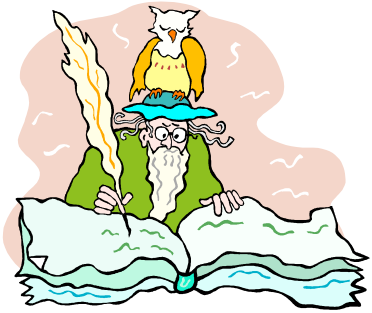
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WENDY'S WORLD

Happy New Year everyone! I'd like to welcome a new decade, but I can't remember if the decade started in 2010 or if it starts this year, 2011. I know it was a huge debate with the start of the new millennium, but I still don't know which one is correct. Someone enlighten me.

In last months column, I mentioned that I was off to Disney World for an anesthesia conference. It was great. One of the best anesthesia meetings I've been to. The speakers were great. They kept your attention all the time--no napping. My friend, Dee, and I are already planning to attend another meeting presented by the same company; Colonial Williamsburg in the fall.

The conference started at 7:00 am and finished by 1:00 pm, so we had most of the afternoon and evening to play in Disney World. We took in my favorite, Epcot, first. We were on the go from about 3:00 pm until about 9:00 every night. We visited all the parks, one each day. The Christmas displays were wonderful, especially the ones in the Hollywood Studio. Zillions of lights! It was sunny everyday, with cool temperatures--but nothing like Michigan.

When I returned home from the conference, my brother, Gavin, asked me to go with him to Texas to visit my nephew and his family. This is the same one I babysat for while they went to China to pick up their adopted son. This was a Christmas trip: Gavin took their Christmas presents. I went along for company. We drove--2 long road days each way! It was great seeing them again--and so soon. The kids were great. They get along very well. May leads and Sen Lin follows. Josh took us to tour his job site: he is a mechanical engineer and works for Lockheed Martin. They are building the new stealth plane for the government. It was really interesting. We also visited the longest continuously operating Dr. Pepper bottling plant in the nation. They still use the original formula. Also visited the Ft. Worth Bureau of Printing and Engraving. They print about 12 million dollars each day. It was really neat. We had a nice visit with sunny weather, but cool.

I hope 2011 will be a great year for everyone.

Till next month...



Frankly Speaking

by Frank Dolinar, LocSec

Welcome to January 2011, the first month of the first year of the second decade of the 21st century.

The month of January is named for the god Janus of Roman mythology. Janus is the god of doorways, beginnings, endings, and time. He is often depicted with two heads, facing in opposite directions; one looking back to last year and one looking forward to the new year.

Looking at the past gives us a chance to learn from history, heeding Santayana's warning that those who do not learn from history are doomed to repeat it.

Looking toward the future gives us a chance to conceive goals and make plans to achieve them – perhaps with something a bit more substantial than the typical New Year's resolutions.

My hope is that we all will make progress toward achieving our personal goals, and that in 2011 we will all be happier, healthier, and more prosperous.

Mid-Michigan Mensa has some plans and goals for the future, too. Our fledgling speakers program is slowly moving, with fits and starts, toward regular monthly presentations. These will be listed in the calendar inside the back cover of the newsletter.

It's your Mensa.

Be part of it.



reMARK, January 2011

Betsy Yvonne Mark, RVC3

Cincinnati's Regional Gathering was wonderful! I had a great time with great friends. If you weren't there, you missed a super weekend. Region 3 has two more RGs coming up very soon. Dayton Area Mensa is hosting 24 Karats! April 1-3, 2011. Information about this great RG can be found at http://www.dayton.us.mensa.org/index_files/RG.htm. It's only $60 postmarked by February 28. Southeast Michigan Mensa is hosting SEMMantics XXXII, The SEMMinal Event of 2011, April 29-May 1. Information about this great RG can be found at http://localsemm.com/semmantics/. Unfortunately, I am not able to attend 24 Karats because I have a family commitment that weekend, but I will be at SEMMantics and am willing to take your money for it – postmarked by January 31 -- it's only $65 (special discounts available at RGs)!

I am flexible! Knee is really good (thanks for your good wishes and support) and my travel schedule has had to be readjusted. I will be going to Florida in mid-February and so I will join Kentuckiana Mensa at their regularly scheduled dinner/speaker meeting on Saturday, February 19 – although this is tentative and subject to change. (I hope to have the final day, date, time, and location in February's reMARK.) On Sunday, February 20, I will be in Lexington, Kentucky, and will have dinner at the Golden Corral, 185 E. New Circle Road, at 5pm. I hope Bluegrass Mensans will join me there as they did last year. Mensa gatherings are good!

The next American Mensa Committee (AMC) meeting is scheduled for March 26 in Atlanta. If you are traveling in that area, please join us. I will be driving there on my way home from Florida. If you have items you wish to see on the agenda, let me know as soon as possible – the deadline for the agenda is February 18 -- and I will try my best.

Speaking of AMC meetings, I have been asked to better report on meetings and to let you know how I voted on the motions presented. Check the National website for the lengthy agenda and minutes. The fall AMC meeting was held November 12-13 in Fort Worth, Texas. We began both Friday and Saturday at 8:45am; Friday we took a couple of hours off for dinner, but my last meeting – of RVCs – ended at 10pm; Saturday we finished at 5pm. The agenda was almost 50 pages and I can't wait to see how long the minutes are! Here goes my short version of what was moved and how I voted.

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*--Motion to increase dues effective January 1, 2011, from $59 to $63 passed. I voted no. Also voting no were Guy Conti, Roger Durham and Marc Lederman.
*--Motion to update Budgetary and Purchasing Policy passed unanimously.
*--Motion to remove the requirement of prior service on the AMC for all candidates for Chairman, whether nominated by the Nominating Committee or by petition failed. I voted for. Also voting for were John Recht, Guy Conti and Marc Lederman.
*--Motion to replace national hearings committee with regional hearings committee failed. I voted no.
*--Motion to appoint auditors passed unanimously.
*--Motion to borrow up to $300,000 from the principal of the Life Dues Fund investment account to fund current operations through December 31, 2010. The principal, including interest at an annualized rate of 2.5%, must be repaid to the Life Dues Fund investment account by March 31, 2011 passes unanimously.
*--A motion concerning ride, room and other event-associated sharing passed unanimously. Basically, it means that Mensans can be guided to venues where they can make their own arrangements, but that assignments should not be made by organizers of events.
*--Motion to list Regional Gatherings in the Bulletin for at least six months passed. I voted yes.
*--Motion that AMC expresses its desire to hold physical meetings 4 times a year passed. I voted yes.
*-- “Motion to revise the MSBs (to allow for electronic distribution of ballots and tidy up a few other minor things to make it all smooth with recent changes in the AML bylaws ((such as the new ombudsman mandates))). One sticking point is that it also mandates that LGs must call an ombudsman an ombudsman, not a mediator or arbitrator.” (wording taken from Robin Crawford’s blog) passed. I voted yes.
*--Motion that the AMC would review and retain final approval for those selected to represent AML in the Leadership Exchange Program failed. I voted yes. Also voting yes was Art Mattson. Abstaining were Jean Becker and Debra Reiger.
*--Motion to adopt updated Model By-laws passed unanimously.
*--Motion to publish mini-minutes of AMC meetings in the Bulletin failed. This motion was requested by a Region 3 member and I moved. I voted for. Also voting for were Debra Reiger, Guy Conti, Marc Lederman, Jean Becker and Bob Bevard. Abstaining were Dan Burg and Robin Crawford.

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*--Consent Agenda passed unanimously.
*--Motion to endorse Willem Bowens for MIL Chair passed. I voted yes.
*--There will be an AMC conference call in January, date not yet determined, to decide Leadership candidates, MIL nominations, and changes to the budget if necessary.
*--Robin Crawford presented the findings of the Governance Task Force.
*--Robin Crawford narrated a Name and Logo Committee Presentation.

Exhausted, yes!

Thanks for letting me represent Region 3.

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Mid-Michigan Mensa Membership

Wendy Carnegie

January 2011

156 Members

MENSAversaries

Congratulations

36 Years Kevin Smart
31 Years Tom Pascalenos
20 Years Albert Ruff
15 Years Thomas Korkoske
11 Years Greg Guro
11 Years Ellen Knickerbocker
10 Years Carole Eberly
9 Years Joseph Werner
8 Years Roger LeMothe
8 Years George Russell
3 Years Sandra Callis
3 Years Ryan Landay
3 Years Mark Weiss
2 Years David Macak
2 Years Roderick Riggs
1 Year Dale Arnold
1 Year Gary Candelario
1 Year Matthew Martin
1 Year Sheila McCoy
1 Year Jacob Miklojcik
1 Year Stephen Yankee

MENSA Birthdays

Happy Birthday

3 Carl Helwing
12 Tom Hunt
14 John Garrison
18 Roy Saper
22 David Cushard
28 Randy Herrick
3 Roger LeMothe
13 Michael Knowlton
15 Matthew Balasa
22 Clyde Creque
27 Jacob Miklojcik

Renewing / Reinstating Members

Welcome Back
Dean Dyer

Moving In

Welcome
Anastasia Guilfoyle

Food For Thought

By Barb Ford

The Holidays are over and a brand new year dawns. Some of us like to celebrate any little old thing, and others wish the end of year festivities had not passed so quickly. Whatever group you fit into, you may enjoy making some of your own "cheer." This is a homemade take on that Irish Cream Liqueur that starts with a "B." It keeps for a couple of weeks in the fridge, so you may want to invite some folks over to help you drink it. This time of year, my favorite way to have it is in strong decaf coffee on a cold evening. Just the thing to warm you up! If there is a January thaw, brave folks might like to try it over ice cream for an adult dessert. At any rate, it is easy to make and sure to impress your friends.
Bobbie, this one's for you!

IRISH CREAM LIQUEUR

Ingredients:

1 C. Irish whiskey (use the good stuff)

8 oz. heavy whipping cream

1 can sweetened condensed milk (Eagle Brand)

4 fresh eggs or 1 cup of Egg Beaters

2 T. Chocolate syrup

½ t. almond extract

¾ T. Real vanilla

Directions: Place all of the above ingredients in a blender and mix for about 30 seconds. Store the liqueur in an airtight container in the refrigerator. Keeps for about 2 weeks, but will probably disappear quicker than that! Enjoy!

Beshert

Steven Pretty

Dear John (a.k.a. Uncle John);

I enjoyed your account of the relationship that Sam and Mary had, but noted that you left out the remainder of the story once you had explained the eight candles. (From Mary's point of view--Ed.)

Years prior to their first meeting, Mary Catherine had a 'real' dream in which she saw Sam as an older man, and knew during that vision that he was the man she would love with all her heart, all her life. Occasionally she had these visions, where she would see a fragment of a future event. When the other elements of the vision lined up in real life, she would know without a doubt that this fragmentary time was about to take place. She learned to keep this to herself since people got put to death for having those sorts of powers. But she also knew without a doubt who she would love with all her heart, for all her life. She was somewhat disappointed that he was so OLD with her being just a girl, but the love was so strong that this was minor. She looked for this man at every town her Caravan went to.

So when she first saw Samuel at the well, she was absolutely overjoyed to see that he was her age. Which meant that her vision would not take place for many years to come and that she would spend her life loving this YOUNG man for his entire life. A passionate, loving relationship this strong does not come along for but a handful of people in this world, yet she was to be blessed with it. The joy in her heart showed no bounds. But she played it cool, because Sammy could not be expected to have shared her visions and would likely be put off by a direct approach.

When the wall fell, she was not afraid because there was no way she or he could be injured or killed and her vision still come true. God had set his own hand to give them this time together, in keeping with the love and joy he had promised to this union in the vision he had granted her. They would live their lives together in utter happiness. Of course she gave herself to him. She had waited years for this moment, her body had always been for him and only him. He ravished her over and over each day, but in the remainder of each day they talked of their future together. He said over and over how much he loved her, which was completely true. There were no priests of either faith that would marry them, nor would their parents be expected to allow it. So on the seventh night they gave their vows to each other and were married before themselves and God.

He talked of how they might be together in the future despite their different backgrounds, and together they hatched a plan to attend the same School as young adults (away from the interference of their families, who would both be against their union). She was extremely gifted with Camels (hence the odor), and he was very bright in his studies and had a newfound interest to study architecture and engineering (walls, he felt, could be better built). They would both apply to all the top schools in the land that had good programs in both areas, and wherever they were both accepted was where they would go.

When they were rescued and her family took her to join up with their Caravan, Samuel was distraught beyond anything she might have imagined. He weeped, and sobbed, and had to be physically dragged away from her by his family. They thought it was the trauma of being trapped for all those days without food and only the water from rain to drink. She thought it was because he could not bear to be apart from her for the year till they would be together again. But she was looking forward to their glorious reunion, one which would last the rest of their lives. The thought never occurred to her that he knew they would never see each other again, because his decision had been made. Being true to both her and his faith were incompatible as far as he was concerned, and he had known before he ever lay with her that he would love her (very much – that part was true) but still leave her.

They secreted letters to each other from time to time (her much more than him) but she chalked this up to him not being much of a letter writer. The did collaborate on School applications, and when one of the Schools they were accepted to was the same she was overjoyed and returned the paperwork to that School right away. Her parents were completely dismayed by her choice of School, since it was way beyond their budget. It was way out of their (Ivy) League and why, oh why, could she not go to a more affordable School that was just as highly rated? But in the end she prevailed, because after all she had always been the perfect daughter and done (and been) everything they could ever hope or dream for in a daughter. There was a price though, in family terms. Things would never be the same after pushing so hard for herself at the expense of her family.

When Mary found out that Sam was going to a different School, her world shattered. How could this be? She did not understand. It had to mean that she was totally wrong about Sam loving her. He had just used her for eight days and cast her aside. Which meant, that her assessments about all the other people in her life could be (and probably

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were) wrong. There was no relationship she could trust, no person she could trust. Her loving family relationships all died that day, and her love for her God was slain that day as well. She could never love again, never open herself to another person. And her visions, which could be wrong, went away. She never had another.

Mary never took another lover although occasionally she felt compelled to have physical relations with other men. But it was never quite the same. She did not intend to ever marry, but as she got older she was courted by a very good man who was quite persistent. He understood without it being openly discussed, that she could never really open her heart to another. But he loved her with all his heart, and saw past the pain to the good that was there under all the armor. Besides, she was extremely good looking, extremely intelligent, fantastic with Camels, and an upstanding citizen. She could occasionally be as mean spirited as the Camels she worked with, and lash out in her pain in ways that hurt him dearly.

For many years his love for her made him look past that, but eventually his love for her died and his heart, also. It became frozen and lifeless behind the armor he needed to protect himself from her occasional tempers. Which of course were there to force him to keep his distance and stop trying to force his way into her heart, which was reserved for another.

They had but one child, since they had waited so long to start a family. But when that child was born, she found that she could love again even if it was only for the child. Years would go by, and her relationship with her husband soured since they both lived behind their walls now. They both tried to make it better, but two people living isolated within themselves can only do so much.

Samuel did indeed marry within his faith, to a girl he met at School, as soon as they graduated. But the girls' father had serious issues with Sam for whatever reason, and her family forced a quick dissolution to the marriage.

He eventually found another girl with a family from a town far away, that did not know him so well. By then he had a good career, as did she. He loved her in his way, and she loved him entirely. But even though he never spoke of the reasons for lighting eight candles each year those

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reasons were there, in a place she could not reach. For all his life he loved Mary Catherine, and only Mary Catherine, with all his heart. She was 'the one'. And so without his full commitment to his marriage deep within his heart, his wife eventually began to despise him for holding that special part of himself apart from her where she could not reach no matter how hard she tried. They had two kids, but Sam's second wife was not quite as good a person as Mary's first and only husband. Perhaps that had something to do with her suffering by being jilted, whereas he had caused the mess. So his second marriage eventually exploded, and Sam was left alone.

She made better money, and the kids needed things like expensive elite educations. Since by example they know that love is unreliable, the things that can be bought with money have higher priority. They went off to Schools of their own, but with a determination that they purposefully were NOT going to marry in the faith. A person can only go by their own experience, and even though they never heard of Mary Catherine they know the truth of the meaning behind lighting the eight candles each year. They want to be happy. They want to have LOVE in their lives. And they know what not to do, even if they do not know exactly what they should do. The odds are good that they will not form successful attachments, even outside the faith, because they don't have a clue how to form them.

Mary was eventually told that her life was at its' end, no question about it, and she had less than a year to live. Her heart was broken, it slife wieems (as if she hadn't known this all her life). So after more than three score of years, she determined to find out before she died, what the heck had happened. How could she have been so wrong? Why had she suffered like this? Why had her vision been denied, and what vile sort of God would do such an unspeakable thing as to give her these visions only to set her up to be broken in spirit by one of them? What did it all mean? She did not want to talk to Sam, but rather searched out some of the people from the town where they met, who might know why Sam had done this to her. They did not tell her anything of use, and in fact, did not even acknowledge her requests for information. But they did tell Sam she had been inquiring about him.

Sam was overjoyed. Here was the chance to set things right. Here was a chance to have love in his life (and what a love it was). Here was a chance to go from being old, lonely, and alone to spending the rest of his

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life with his beloved Mary Catherine! His children were grown now, and he had done his duty as best he could to have children within the faith and raise them within the faith. Now he could go have the life he deserved with Mary.

Mary was overjoyed to hear from Sam, and her love flared back into life like it had never been gone. At the same time, the doctors informed her that her 'broken heart' was inexplicably cured. It was a miracle, something which absolutely could not be explained by medicine. They had not been wrong. But the damage to her heart just was not there any more.

Mary and Sam made their plans to get together and have their glorious reunion, and Mary informed her spouse of the plans. That was not so hard, but things with her daughter would be tougher. Her daughter just would not understand. Financially things would be difficult at first, but love conquers all. Now she saw that her vision had not been wrong, just misleading. The day she had envisioned in which she saw an older Sam and knew that this was the man she had loved with all her heart for all her life would still arrive. The error was in her assumption that this meant she would also spend her entire life with him.

She did not fault him for what he had done to her, because she loved him completely. She understood, now, how important his heritage was to him and why he had done what he felt he had to do. As long as they could be together now and forever, the past did not matter.

But when the time came to leave her husband, she found that she loved him, too! Even more confusing, she loved him now in the same way she loved Sam. Sure there was all the overlying pain of the decades of hurting each other. But in the end, her husband did not want to lose her though he would not say it because he still loved her. Mary had a hard time saying that she did not want to leave him because she had discovered that she had loved him all these years. She had been unable to admit it to herself, for fear of being hurt again by a human being that could not be trusted simply because they were a human being. Plus they had a lot of history together, much of it good. They had common opinions about just about everything in life. They were partners not just in life but in business as well. Not to mention, they had a daughter that they both loved beyond measure. A daughter whose heart was pure and knew nothing about the pain of lost loves. A daughter who had learned

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to love and be loved. Mary kept her lost Sam hidden deeper, under more pain and less guilt than Sam had kept Mary. So the lighting of the candles was not observed by her daughter neither on the mantle nor in her heart.

Mary was probably the most shocked person in the story to discover that when forced to choose, she chose her husband. Things would never be what they could have been with him, but still she chose him. He was a good man and had not deserved any of this. If only she could only go back and love him from the start like he deserved. If only she could have BOTH of them in her life. But her husband (Samuel Adrian by the way) and her first love (Abraham Samuel) were agreed that there would be no sharing. Coincidentally, Sam's second wife was also named Mary. Sam's first child was born prematurely, on Mary's birthday, which served as a constant reminder to him.

Mary had no doubt that she would see her vision in real life one day, and that when she did she would be looking at the person she had loved with all her heart, all her life. But Sam blew it when he went against his heart. Had he gone through with their plan they may have brought both their families around eventually, raising the children with an education in both faiths and letting them decide for themselves when they were adults. The odds are good, that they would choose to be part of a culture and tradition with a sense of belonging to something bigger than themselves. They would have grown up in a household filled with love. They would not have decided that to choose love you had to choose outside your faith.

Sam's choice resulted in his growing old alone. He had no truly close friends. He had sealed himself against close relationships. Perhaps, people could also sense the nature of his heinous crime and guilt. His children grew up to be resentful of him and were inclined more towards their mother. Even Mary Catherine, in the end, had to move on with a life without him. Sam knew what he needed to do, without question, in his heart, but he did not do it. Making it worse, he lied about his choice and stole Mary's heart. He didn't give it back till forced to, over three decades later.

Mary looked at the price she had paid and didn't judge Sam for it. She genuinely wished him nothing but happiness. But the bottom line is that generations of people, in multiple families, all paid high prices for his

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choice. Eventually even his parents, who knew of both 'the choice' and its results, would agree that he had made the wrong choice and should have chosen Mary Catherine. So when the Jewish people think they are lighting the eight candles to commemorate the sacking of the Great Temple, they are not far wrong. The Great Temple sacked, however, was the heart of Mary Catherine.

So now we know the results of the real truth. Mary discovered that in all the years of good and bad with her husband (pain and joy, laughter and tears, poverty and comfort, sickness and health, success and failure) she had witnessed the creation of an unbreakable (albeit scarred) bond. The same bond that she thought had been unbreakable from the start with Sam. Sam denied the Beshert that was presented to him pretty clearly when the walls fell around him but spared him, trapped with his love. He traded it for the memory of eight days of great sex. His wives and children left him to ponder his actions in the lonely decades of his elderly life. He got his Just Besherts, and Mary Justly got Beshert.



Monthly Puzzle

Bob Henderson

You are given a large chocolate bar that is scored into 40 squares. It breaks only along the scored lines. How can you separate it into its individual squares in the fewest steps? In each step you pick up a piece of chocolate larger than one square, break it along one of the scored lines, and set the new, smaller pieces back down with the rest of the chocolate.

Happy Puzzling.

For Cat Lovers

A meow massages the heart.
--Stuart McMillan

Who could believe such pleasure from a wee ball o' fur?
--Irish Saying

Cats are love on four legs.
--Richard Torrergossa

One small cat changes coming home to an empty house to coming home.
--Pam Brown

Thou art the Great Cat, the Avenger of the Gods, and the Judge of Words, and the President of the Sovereign Chiefs, and the Governor of the Holy Circle. Thou art indeed the Great Cat.
--Inscription on the Royal Tomb at Thebes

All animals, except man, know that the principal business of life is to enjoy it.
--Samuel Butler

The smallest feline is a masterpiece.
--Leonardo da Vinci

A cat sleeps fat, yet walks thin.
--Fred Schwab

The cat is nature's beauty.
--French Proverb



Monthly Puzzle Answer

Each step turns one piece of chocolate into two, adding one piece to the total. Starting with one large piece (the chocolate bar), 39 steps will turn it into 40 small pieces (the squares).

ABOUT OUR SPEAKER PROGRAM

Elizabeth Evangelista and Karen Petersmarck

For several months, we have been working on getting a regular program of monthly speakers going. We have lined up several speakers, but the venues have been a challenge. We have tried to find restaurants with a free private room for a speaker, and they are few and far between. We have been able to find one at Guerazzi's for Dr. Karen Petersmarck's talk on "New Developments in Improving Health Care" on January 7th. For Dr. Steven Pueppke's talk on "The Bioeconomy: What It is and how It can Benefit Michigan", we have decided to try a different arrangement. We have rented a room at the Hannah Community Center in East Lansing, and the talk will be given there. We will have dinner at Beggar's Banquet first, and then go to the Hannah Center. It will be necessary to charge $3 for members and $5 for non-members to pay for the room. If we like the room and want to go again, we might consider having a catered dinner before the speaker, which would require reservations. We are be interested in receiving comments. The speakers we have lined up for the next few months are:

Fri., Jan 7:	Dr. Karen Petersmarck, Ph.D., MPH, :" New Developments in Improving Health Care."
Fri., Jan 28	Steven G. Pueppke, Associate Vice-president for Research and Graduate Studies, MSU; Director, Michigan Agricultural Experiment Station; Chair MSU Bioeconomy Network Board of Directors: "The Bioeconomy: What It Is and How it can Benefit Michigan."
Fri., Feb. 18	Jim and Martha White: "Building Homes at the top of the World: Martha and Jim White's Habitat for Humanity Experience in Nepal 2008."
Fri., March 25	Ernst Floeter: " German Soldier--POW in USA."
Fri., April 15	Jeffrey McElwee: " Around the Green Isle - Ireland."



JANUARY 201 CALENDAR

Fri., Dec 31	**TGIF: LITTLE PANDA CHINESE RESTAURANT:** 5439 W. Saginaw Hwy., Lansing. Across from the Lansing Mall.
Fri., Jan 7	**TGIF: GUERRAZZI'S:** 15643 S. US 27, Lansing. Italian food. We will have a private room.
Fri., Jan 7	**SPEAKER:** Our own Dr.Karen Petersmarck, Ph.D, MPH, will speak on "New Developments in Health Care" After dinner at Guerazzi's, at about 6:30. It is not necessary to attend the dinner to hear the speaker.
Fri., Jan 14	**TGIF: MITCHELL'S FISH MARKET:** 2975 Preyde Blvd., Lansing, in the Eastwood Towne Center. We will have a private room.
Fri., Jan 14	**STEERING COMMITTEE:** After dinner at Mitchell's Fish Market.
Sat., Jan 15	**SEMM WINTER BASH:** Berkley VFW Hall, 3025 Coolidge (Between 11 and 12 Mile Rds.) Berkley, MI 48072, $12 in advance, $14 at the door. Call Harley Berger for more info at 248-210-3563.
Sun., Jan 16	**LITSIG:** Meet at 2:00 PM at the home of Wendy Carnegie to discuss *A Thousand Splendid Suns* by Khaled Hosseini. Snacks and conversation. 1715 S. Crystal Cove, Haslett. 339-1448.
Fri., Jan 21	**TGIF: ZEUS CONEY ISLAND:** 6525 S. Pennsylvania Ave., Lansing
Fri., Jan 28	**TGIF: BEGGAR'S BANQUET:** 218 Abbott Rd, East Lansing.
Fri., Feb. 3	**TGIF: THE R CLUB:** 6409 Centurion Dr., Lansing, just N. of I-496 off Creyts Rd. Take Creyts Rd. exit off I-496.
Fri., Feb 10	**TGIF: BANGKOK RESTAURANT:** 420 E. Saginaw, Lansing. On the corner of Cedar St. and Saginaw St. Thai food.
Fri., Feb 10	**STEERING COMMITTEE:** To follow dinner at Bangkok.

TGIFs are on Fridays. We meet around 5:30 PM and order around 5:45 PM. Try to get there by 6:00 PM, but you're welcome at any time. We will be in the non-smoking section unless stated otherwise. Come and get acquainted. All members and friends are welcome aqat the events above. Any member may schedule an event. Please remember: who, what, when, where, and why. The deadline to schedule an event is the 15th of the month before the event. You can contact elizabeth Evangelista, Calendar Coord., by regular mail: 5275 E. Hidden

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