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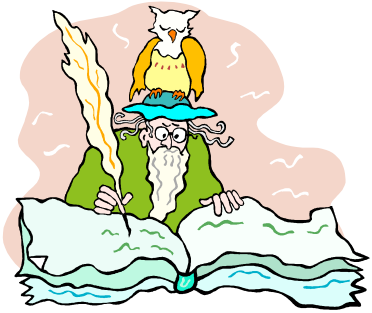
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# WENDY'S WORLD

Welcome to February, the shortest month of the year, which makes it one of my favorites. The drawback is the cold, cold and more cold. In its favor, it means Spring is around the corner. I hope the ground hog doesn't see his shadow, but he probably will.

I talked with Eileen Hatt to see how she is doing. She said she is doing ok, but has developed atrial fibrillation (a fast irregular heart beat) that the doctors are finding hard to control. She said she has good days and bad days, so takes it a day at a time. She plans on coming to a TGIF soon--when the weather is good and she's feeling well. She's glad to be home. Give her a call to say Hi and wish her well (517-487-5170). She will like that.

Check out the article on volunteering for the circus on page 15. It's not hard and is entertaining. You get to watch the circus while volunteering. Mid-Michigan Mensa also gets some reimbursement for helping.

Just a reminder, that March 31 your Mensa membership expires. If it is time for you to renew why not do it now and get it over with. You can choose a single year, multiple year, or life renewals. Check the clip on page 16 to get details. We value your membership and hope you will renew.

Also coming up is Mind Games--at the end of April. It's a lot of fun--you get to play and rate about 30 new games. The games are divided up among the participants at the end of the week-end, so you get to go home with 2 or 3 games.

Till next month...



# Frankly Speaking

by Frank Dolinar, LocSec

February… the deepest of the depths of winter. Or, possibly, the month that we, in Michigan, get really tired of overcast skies, interminable cold and snow, and bad drivers.

February is also the month with Groundhog Day, Valentine's Day, and President's Day.

Groundhog Day is the most humorous, I think. If the groundhog, illuminated by dozens of spotlights, sees his shadow, we'll have six more weeks of winter. That's a laugh since the Vernal Equinox is six weeks away. In Michigan winter hangs on until early April -- if we're lucky. Who knows if the groundhog even knows he has a shadow. He'd probably rather be sleeping.

Personally, I'm on the groundhog's side and remember the aphorism "Waking a person unnecessarily should not be considered a capital offense – the first time."

President's Day is more an homage to the long weekend than to presidents. With its creation, we lost explicit reminders of the birthdays of two great men, Lincoln (Feb 12) and Washington (Feb 22). The curmudgeon in me preferred it the old way.

Then there is Valentine's Day, a day to honor your wife, husband, partner, girlfriend, boyfriend – your significant other in a romantic relationship. It's a day to give gifts to that special person in our lives, to go to dinner, to spend the day in his/her company. A curious morphing of a day that was originally a memorial to early Christian martyrs.

On Valentine's Day, I let those people who are important in my life know it. I do so informally and with no particular fanfare, but I do so unambiguously.

In today's society, the people who are important in our life become our family. For me, that includes the many people I've come to know and respect in Mensa, which makes February a particularly good month for my tag line…

It's your Mensa.
Be part of it.

# reMARK, February, 2011

Betsy Yvonne Mark, RVC3

Remember those little green buttons with the words My First Time? East Central Ohio Mensa has brought them back and has them for sale to Region 3 Local Groups. They are $30/100 pins with a shipping fee of $5. The shipping fee will be waived if alternate delivery can be arranged. Please contact John C. Schmidt, President of ECOM, at nasmen@hughes.net to get pins for your local group. They are great to give to first-timers to let others know who is new at RGs, monthly gatherings, dinners, whatever your group has where a new member is present.

It's membership renewal time. Renew today! This is an election year and you want to be able to vote for those who will represent you on the AMC. Re-up as a Life Member and avoid the hassle of yearly dues. You can renew on-line: https://www.us.mensa.org/AM/Template.cfm?Section=Membership_Renewals&Template=/customsource/cfauthnet_sim/forms/renewal/renewal_1.cfm

I urge you to register for Dayton Area Mensa's RG -- 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. Register for Southeast Michigan Mensa's RG, SEMMantics XXXII, The SEMMinal Event of 2011, April 29-May 1. Information about this great RG can be found at http://localsemm.com/semmantics/.

National Events:
*Register now for Colloquium 2011, Electronic Gaming and Its Impact on Society: http://colloq11.us.mensa.org/AM/Template.cfm?Section=Register_Now_4 to be held February 18-20 in Austin, Texas.
* Mind Games, April 15, Albany, NY, http://mindgames.us.mensa.org/AM/Template.cfm?Section=Player_Registration&Template=/CustomSource/cfauthnet_sim/forms/mindgames/players_1.cfm

And, don't forget the Annual Gathering in Portland, Oregon: A Great Journey West, June 30-July 4; http://www.ag2011.us.mensa.org/AM/Template.cfm?Section=Register_Online7&Template=/customsource/cfauthnet_sim/forms/ag11/ag_1.cfm

I am getting ready to spend some time in Florida with long time friends. On the way there I will be having dinner with Mensans in both Louisville and Lexington, Kentucky. As of penning this, Kentuckiana Mensa has yet

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# reMARK--Continued

to finalize February's monthly gathering. If the meeting is as regularly scheduled on the 3rd Saturday of the month, you will find me at their

speaker meeting on the 19th. I
f their meeting is held on a different day, I will be having dinner at Mark's Feed Store at 6 on the 19th and would love to have your company. The next day (Sunday the 20th) I will be having dinner at the Golden Corral, 185 E. New Circle Road, Lexington, at 5pm with Bluegrass Mensans. If you are in the area, join us.

Déjà vu! 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.

LLAP and Peace,
Betsy

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# Mid-Michigan Mensa Membership

Wendy Carnegie

February 2011

157 Members

## MENSAversaries

Congratulations

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 37 Years | Patrick Wolf | 31 Years | Joan Forgrave |
| 11 Years | Robert Lake | 10 Years | Doug McCall |
| 3 Years | Marilyn McKenzie | 3 Years | Daniel Thompson |
| 2 Years | Jacob Kahn | 2 Years | William Morrison |
| 2 Years | Michelle Packard | 2 Years | Kyle Williams |
| 1 Year | Chad Daunter | 1 Year | Drake Daunter |
| 1 Year | Lauren Fitch | 1 Year | Stephen Spitzley |

## MENSA Birthdays

Happy Birthday

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | Greg Guro | 1 | Kyle Williams |
| 2 | Anne Missavage | 4 | Danielle Merckling |
| 5 | Dean Dyer | 8 | John Lorenz |
| 9 | Karen Laurel | 19 | David Urhmann |
| 21 | David Macak | 23 | Ryan Wood |
| 25 | Marilyn MKenzie | | |

## Renewing /Reinstating

Welcome Back

Paula Harney -- Holt, M
David K. Salsbury -- Jackson

## Moving Out

We'll Miss You
Allen Denton III to College Station, TX

# Diabologic: Elegant Tech

by Frank Dolinar

Archimedes was right about levers. He'd probably be fascinated by the technology that constitutes a lever in the 21st century, while being utterly bewildered by modern culture.

As an undergrad, I took a course titled "Philosophy of Technology". I felt that I had come in at the middle of a conversation and just didn't "get" it. By the end of the course I'd gained an understanding that technology – at its best and as leverage – should be easy to understand, simple to use, and effective at doing its job.

It should deliver an elegant solution.

I have three examples.

The Kensington Wireless Presenter
http://us.kensington.com/html/11189.html

When I give presentations, I want to interact with the audience. I hate to stand behind the podium. I need some way of controlling PowerPoint® that lets me walk around. The solution I found is the Kensington® Wireless Presenter.

It fits in my hand, has four buttons (forward, back, toggle screen on/off, and a laser pointer) and a BlueTooth USB connector that doubles as an on/off switch for the device.

It so effectively disappears that I almost forget it's there.

The Logitech Harmony 1100 Advanced Universal Remote
http://www.logitech.com/en-us/remotes/universal-remotes/devices/4708

How many remotes to you have in your house? Probably too many, each with dozens of buttons, and they all look alike. The family crest of remotes is "Confusion Rampant".

Most universal remotes also have dozens of buttons, which isn't really an improvement.

The Logitech Harmony 1100 is in a class by itself. It only has ten physical controls (buttons) and a touch screen. You have to tell it what electronic gear you have, but that's easy.

Its software accesses Logitech's database of thousands of devices and downloads only those needed for your particular system, then helps you set up each function as a touch selectable image (e.g. "Watch DVD", "Play Game").

Once programmed, you select a function from the touch screen and Harmony 1100 sets up all the equipment in the mode needed to perform that function.

In short, it just works.

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# Diabologic--Continued

The Apple iPad
http://store.apple.com/us/browse/home/shop_ipad/family/ipad?mco=OTY2ODA0NQ

Apple has done a superb job of designing and packaging the iPad and its apps. It is so effortless that anyone who has ever used a touch screen immediately knows how to use it.

The competition wants in on this revenue stream. This year's Consumer Electronics Show (CES) introduced a number of iPad-like devices. A couple of these look promising, but most were not competition for the iPad.

Apple's iron grip on the requirements for the iPad's apps irks some developers. However, strict adherence to those requirements means the apps will work on the iPad – which they do.

As a current example of Elegant Tech, the iPad takes home my prize for "Best of Show".

Elegant Tech is easy to understand, simple to use, and effective at doing its job.

We need a lot more of it.




# Monthly Puzzle

Bob Henderson

100 students walk one after another past a row of closed school lockers numbered 1 to 100. The first student changes (opens) each locker, the second student changes (closes) just the even numbered lockers, the third student changes all of the lockers having a number evenly divisible by 3 (either from open to closed or from closed to open), and so on until the last student has changed only the last locker. Which of the 100 lockers will then be open?

(Answer on Page 13)

# THE PERFECT CANDIDATE

By Anonymous

God had a problem and He/She wasn't sure how to solve it. So H/S called together all of the advisors in Heaven and posed the quandary to them. H/S pointed out that the Triquadrennial Games were coming up shortly and the team from Heaven was incomplete. The games consisted of teams from Heaven competing against teams from Hell in various sporting events. The winning side was awarded the Trophy of Superiority. Heaven had won it every time the games had been held except 1944. That was the year that Hell had stacked their team with German Storm Troopers and Japanese Kamikaze pilots.

God told the advisors that the team from Heaven was a little thin this year. Gabriel reminded God that the Heaven team consisted of athletes the likes of Jackie Robinson, Jim Thorp, Babe Ruth, Jessie Owens, Babe Didrikson Zaharias, Gertrude Elderly and the great Alexi. While the discussion was going on a voice was heard from the back of the room. It said, "Can any of them walk on water?" God looked sternly at the speaker and calmly said, "Quiet son. You are still in a class by yourself."

Someone asked who was representing Hell's team this year? Moses reminded them all that the people from Sodom and Gomorra were coming, along with Hitler, Sadam, John Wayne Gacey, Jeffrey Dahlmer, and a whole bunch of Shiite terrorist bombers. H/S commented to all that Hell's ranks had really swelled since 9/11.

Peter asked God what event H/S was thinking of when H/S called this meeting. God's response was, "The final event." H/S told them that there was confidence in all of Heaven on their team winning all or almost all of the track and field events except the tug of war. Hell's team would be anchored by Goliath himself. And that Heaven needed one super person who could anchor their side during the tug.

Joan of Arc piped in by asking what specific type of person God was looking for. God responded with, "It has to be a man. All participants in the tug of war must be men and since the Jews are my chosen people, he must also be Jewish. It is well known that women are smarter than men. Women are very cunning and can be extremely sly if they want to be but they do not have the physical strength that a man has. We need a smart man to manage the team. Someone in Mensa would be ideal. He must have been athletic in his life. He must have been a good chess player in order to figure strategy. He must have been a teacher and coach so he could lead and motivate the team. He must have been educated with at least an MBA and he must be strong physically. And

finally he must be short and fat because he will be an anchor for the whole team." Again, a voice was heard from the back of the room. "He better not be able to walk on water. That's my specialty" God sighed and continued. "We must put a committee together to look all around Heaven for such a man. If none shall be found we must look on Earth and call someone home early."

Mother Theresa agreed to chair the committee. She chose Benjamin Franklin, Queen Victoria, Mary Pickford and Martin Luther King, Jr. to be on the committee with her. The meeting was adjourned with instructions to meet again in seven splurths. (That's Heaven time because no one in Heaven really cares what time it is. The afterlife is for eternity)

The search committee looked all around Heaven. Not finding anyone who fit all the criteria they then turned their collective eyes to Earth. They held many meetings and discussed many candidates. Finally, when all avenues had been exhausted, it was decided that the search was over and that God should be notified that the perfect candidate had been found.

In exactly seven splurths the committee met with God. They reported that they had found the exact individual that God had described. The only problem was that he was not in Heaven yet. He was still alive on Earth and was enjoying playing with his three dogs and was busy educating his grandchildren. They asked God what H/S wanted to do.

The reply was simple. "I will keep an eye on him until it is time to start the games. If he is not here by then I will call him home early and have him sit on my right hand for he will be truly worthy of sitting next to me." Everyone agreed that this was the best strategy to follow because God had said it and they all knew that you never argued with the Big Guy/Gal.

God is now specifically watching someone on Earth.

If the description of the perfect candidate sounds like anyone you know he should be warned. God is counting on him to shortly sit by His/Her side. It may be tomorrow or in two or three splurths but, it will eventually come to pass. His dogs and grandchildren will surely miss him but Heaven will be gaining a well deserving man.



# Food For Thought

By Barb Ford

Have you ever had a friend or acquaintance that always seemed to hang around your home a little more than you would like? Perhaps they seem to have a knack for showing up when you least desire company. Many of us can think of someone who fits this description, and is or was part of our lives at one point or another. Personally, I can think of a few. I think it is safe to say that the majority of us ***don't*** want to be that person. Ever!

Several decades ago, I remember a humorous anecdote that appeared in the Reader's Digest magazine. It is so funny that I have never forgotten it. The following is my best recollection of the story.

A suburban family had friends that invariably "dropped in" for a visit at dinner time. No matter when the meal was, they often showed up. Being the gracious and generous folks that they were, the hosts would set the table with extra plates, and share their meal with the visitors. After supper, the guests would hang around to talk, but would never help with the cleanup. After a fashion, the family knew that they had to find a way to get their lives back. The "Mom" said she had a plan, and for the rest of the family to follow her lead. The very next time their freeloading friends dropped by, the family shared their dinner just as they always had. At the end of the meal, Mom said to the guests, "We enjoy your visits so very much, and tonight I want to clean up the dishes before we have coffee so we have a nice relaxing chance to talk. You are our guests, so don't get up, we've got this. Kids, help me get these dishes down on the floor." They proceeded to spread the dirty dishes all over the kitchen floor. "Now, kids, please let the dogs in." The family's two big slobbery dogs came into the kitchen and made short work out of licking up every morsel on all of the dishes. Mom then said "Kids, lets finish this." She and her family proceeded to put all of the dishes neatly away in the cupboards. "Well," mom said, "now that we've cleaned up, let's have coffee, and continue our visit." The astonished freeloaders quickly thought of a reason to be leaving right away, and never came by again.

This brings me to my idea of the perfect cleaner for the kitchen floor. Beef broth. Place about one pint of beef broth in a spray bottle. Spray the entire floor liberally with the beef broth, then let the dog in. If you don't have a dog, Rocky will gladly volunteer to help you out. Repeat whenever you want to clean the kitchen floor. Oh, then you can find a new use for the broom and mop. ☺

# Mid-Michigan Mensa
# Treasurer's Report

Quarter Ending December 31, 2010
Roy Saper, Treasurer

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| **BEGINNING BALANCE** | | **$3,461.42** |
| | | |
| **INCOME** | | **751.91** |
| National Subsidy SON | $501.51 | |
| Interest | 0.40 | |
| Donation to Scholarship Fund SP | 250.00 | |
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| **EXPENDITURES** | | **384.27** |
| Head-Line | | |
| Postage OND | 108.14 | |
| Printing OND | 276.13 | |
| | | |
| **ACCOUNT BALANCES*** | | |
| Checking | | 1,413.01 |
| Money Market | | 2,364.80 |
| Post Office | | 51.25 |
| | | |
| **ENDING BALANCE** | | **$3,829.06** |

***** Included Scholarship Fund balance of ($949.19)

# Mid-Michigan Mensa

Calendar Year 2010 Summary of Receipts, Expenditures, and Asset Balance

Roy Saper, Treasurer

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| **RECEIPTS** | | | |
| **National Subsidy receipts total** | | **$1,717.05** | |
| $ 0.82 per member per month | 1471.90 | | |
| $ 1.00 per new or reinstated member | 28.00 | | |
| $ 0.65 for newsletters mailed to others | 7.15 | | |
| $15 per 14 tests administered | 210.00 | | |
| **Interest on bank accounts** | | **1.18** | |
| **Fund-raiser contributions** | | **320.00** | |
| **TOTAL RECEIPTS YEAR 2010** | | | **$2,038.23** |
| | | | |
| **EXPENDITURES** | | | |
| **Head-Line** | | **1,386.60** | |
| Printing | 946.92 | | |
| Postage | 418.69 | | |
| Other | 20.99 | | |
| **TOTAL EXPENDITURES YEAR 2010** | | | **$1,386.60** |

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# Mid-Michigan Mensa

Calendar Year 2010--Continued

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| **Assets at beginning of year** | | | **$3,177.43** |
| **Assets at end of year** | | | **3,829.06** |
| **Increase in value of assets for calendar year 2010** | | | **$651.63** |
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## Answer to Monthly Puzzle

Because the factors of most most numbers occur in pairs, most of the lockers will have been changed an even number of times and will be closed after all 100 students pass. However, any locker numbers that have the same factor twice will have been changed on odd number of times. This occurs only for those lockers with numbrs that are perfect squares, so only lockers 1, 4, 9,16, 25, 36, 49, 64, 81, and 100 will be left open after the above.

# FAMILY TRIVIA

BY Chiam Greenberg

1. Who is Paul Bunyan's son.
2. Who are Noah's three sons.
3. Who are Olive Oyl's brother and parents.
4. What are the names of Popeye's nephews (4).
5. Name Minnie Mouse's nieces (3).
6. Who are King Lear's daughters (3).
7. Name the Gabor sisters.



## Family Trivia Answers

1. Paul's son name is Jean Bunyan.
2. Noah's sons: Ham Shem, and Japheth.
3. Olive Oyl's brother is Caster Oyl and her parents are Cole and Nana Oyl.
4. Popeye's son's are Peepeye, Pipeye, Poopeye, and Pupeye.
5. Minnie's nieces are April, May, and June.
6. King Lear's daughters are: Goneril, wife of the Duke of Albany, Regan, wife of the Duke of Cornwall, and Cordelia, wife of the King of France.
7. The Gabor sisters are: Zsa Zsa, Magda, and Eva. Their mother was Jolie.

# Be A Circus Volunteer

In the past, in conjunction with the Lansing Masons, Mid-Michigan has volunteered to work with the Caravan Youth Center Circus. Mid-Michigan Mensa is reimbursed $3.50 per hour for our time. That works out to be about $12.25 per person per performance. There are 4 performances: Friday, March 11, at 7:00 PM; Saturday, March 12 at 1:30 PM; Saturday, March 12 at 6:30 PM; and Sunday, March 13 at 1:30 PM.

Volunteers are needed to take tickets, usher, assist with the animal rides, sell face painting tickets, and sell programs.

Ushers will direct patrons to their seats. They must be at their station one hour before the show starts. They will be working the bleachers and lower concourse sections, including handicap seating. Ushers will work under the direction of Breslin and Caravan supervisory staff.

Ticket takers will work at one of the four entrances taking/checking patron's tickets. They must available to open and close doors in case of an emergency during the performance, intermission, or after the show. By contract with the Breslin Center, the doors must open one hour before the performance starts. Ticket takers must work all four performances and are under the direction of Breslin and Caravan supervisory staff.

Animal ride assistants must be at their station one hour before the doors open and during intermission.

Face painting assistants will sell tickets, collect tickets, assist with crowd control and keeping the process moving. Concourse level ticket sellers must be at their station one hour before the performance starts, during intermission, and possibly after the performance.

Those selling programs will be on the concourse level and must be at their station one hour before the performance starts, during intermission, and possibly after the performance.

If you are interested, please contact John Garrison (517-349-7313) or Wendy Carnegie (517-339-1448) for an application. The applications must be completed and returned to the circus by Friday, February 11, 2011. (Address on application.)

I've (Wendy Carnegie) volunteered a couple years and enjoyed it. I've ushered and helped with face painting. Not hard and fun to watch the kids reaction when they see their face. Ushering is not hard--just on your feet before and after the performance and during intermission.

# Interesting Facts

Al Capone's business card said he was a used furniture dealer.

A dime has 118 ridges around the edge.

Cats have 32 muscles in each ear.

A crocodile can't stick out its tongue.

Dragon flies have a life span of 24 hours.

Goldfish have a memory span of three seconds.

A "jiffy" is an actual unit of time for 1/100 of a second.

A shark is the only fish that can blink with both eyes.

Snails can sleep for three years.

Almonds are a member of the peach family.

Babies are born without kneecaps. They don't appear until the child reaches 2 to 6 years of age.

Cats have over one hundred vocal sounds. Dogs only have about 10.

February 1865 is the only month in recorded history not to have a full moon.

**It really *IS THAT SIMPLE!***

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# FEBRUARY 2011 CALENDAR

| | |
|---|---|
| Fri., Feb. 4 | **TGIF: THE R CLUB:** 6409 Centurion Dr., Lansing, just North of I-496, off Creyts Rd. |
| Fri., Feb. 11 | **TGIF: BANGKOK RESTAURANT:** 420 E. Saginaw, Lansing. On the corner of Cedar St. and Saginaw. Thai food. |
| Fri., Feb. 11 | **STEERING COMMITTEE:** To follow dinner at Bangkok. |
| Fri., Feb. 18 | **TGIF: GUERAZZI'S:** 15643 S. US 27, Lansing. Italian food. This restaurant worked the best yet for our speaker last month, so we'll try it again. |
| Fri., Feb. 18 | **SPEAKERS:** Jim and Martha White will speak on: *Building Homes at the Top of the World*: *Martha and Jim White's Habitat for Humanity Experience in Nepal, 2008*. They will follow dinner at Guerazzi's at about 6:30. It isn,t necessary to attend the dinner to hear the speaker. |
| Fri., Feb. 25 | **TGIF**: **CORAL GABLES RESTAURANT:** 2835 E. Grand River Ave., East Lansing. An old favorite. |
| Sun., Feb. 27 | **LITSIG**: 2:00 PM. Meet at the home of Elizabeth Evangelista, 5275 E. Hidden Lake Dr., East Lansing, to discuss *Faithful Place* by Tana French. |
| Fri., Mar. 4 | **TGIF: LA SENORITA MEXICAN RESTAURANT:** 2706 Lake Lansing Rd.,Lansing. It's just west of US-127. |
| Fri., Mar. 11 | **TGIF: FINE CHINA RESTAURANT:** 1701 S. Waverly, Lansing. It's in the strip mall between Lansing Rd. and Old Lansing Rd. Good chinese food. |
| Fri., Mar. 11 | **STEERING COMMITTEE:** After dinner at Fine China, |



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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 at 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 Lake Dr., East Lansing, MI 48823; by phone: 351-3645; or by email: evangel6@comcast.net.