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WENDY'S WORLD

Wendy Carnegie,

Last month I told you about Mind Games. The event was covered by the media. While I was playing Reverse Charades, reporters from the *Sunday Gazette* of Schenectady, New York came. They took pictures of us playing the game and our names. I was unable to check out the paper the next day, as the hotel didn't carry any papers. The AML News emailed a list of April Mensa headlines. Included was an article with pictures of Mensans playing games and of the group playing Reverse Charades. You guessed it. I made the paper. It's not a bad picture--thank goodness. I've downloaded it for a keepsake.

Quite a few of you haven't renewed their membership yet. I received a Current Year Lapsed List from National this month. Mid-Michigan Mensa has 26 members who have lapsed. If you are one of them, you will only receive only one more edition of the Head-Line. We (MMM) would like to keep you as members--we will miss you very much if you don't renew. Please renew at your earliest convenience

Here are some more Holiday Celebrations.

June 11: The Queen's Birthday / Trooping of the Colors: This is the official birthday celebration of Queen Elizabeth. It is held on the second Saturday in June.

June 14: Flag Day It was first proclaimed by President Woodrow Wilson in 1916 and then again in 1927 by President Calvin Coolidge. It didn't officially become a holiday until President Harry Truman said so in 1949.

June 19: Father's Day

Juneteenth (June 19): It also stands for Emancipation Day, Freedom day, and, Jun-Jun. It is the oldest African-American observance in the United States and celebrates freedom from slavery.

June 21: Summer Solstice / First day of summer.

June 23: Wianki festival of Wreaths. The observance originates from Poland, where wianke means wreath in Polish. Wreaths of fresh greens with a candle in the center are set afloat in the reflecting pool in front of the Lincoln Memorial. If the wreath drifts to shore, it is taken as a sign the girl will never marry. If it sinks, the girl will die within the year. If it floats downstream, the girl will definitely be married.



Frankly Speaking

by Frank Dolinar, LocSec

"Climate is what we expect, weather is what we get." I don't remember where I first heard the aphorism or who wrote it, but it seems particularly true this season. It seems it's always about the weather in Michigan. It's mid-May as I write this and if the weather isn't serving up snow, sleet, and hail, it seems determined to include every other possible variant… weekly. And this week, Joplin, Missouri, got a lot more weather than it needed.

June brings us Flag Day, Father's Day, and the Summer Solstice.

Flag Day, which isn't a national holiday, commemorates the adoption of the flag of the United States on June 14, 1777, by resolution of the Second Continental Congress. Flag day was officially established in 1916 by a proclamation of President Woodrow Wilson. In August of 1949, National Flag Day was established by an Act of Congress.

In many countries, including the United States, the third Sunday of June is celebrated as Father's Day, honoring fathers and celebrating fatherhood, paternal bonds, and the influence of fathers in society. It has a convoluted history. Father's Day was first observed on June 19, 1910, in Spokane, Washington. A bill was introduced in the US Congress in 1913 to nationally recognize the holiday. In 1916, Woodrow Wilson wanted to make it official, but Congress resisted. In 1924, Calvin Coolidge recommended that the day be observed nationally, but stopped short of issuing a national proclamation. In 1966, Lyndon Johnson issued the first presidential proclamation, designating the third Sunday in June as Father's Day. It was, finally, made a permanent national holiday by Richard Nixon, who signed it into law in 1972.

The Summer Solstice is the day with the greatest elapsed time between sunrise and sunset and the official beginning of Summer in the Northern hemisphere. Depending on the shift of the calendar, the summer solstice occurs some time between June 20 and June 21. Though the summer solstice is an instant in time, the term is also colloquially used to refer to the day on which it occurs.

The beginning of July brings the annual Mensa pilgrimage to the AG. This year, an estimated 2000 of our fellow Mensans will travel to Portland, Oregon, to attend the first AG in the Pacific Northwest. If you are among them, have a great trip and a great time.

It's your Mensa. Be part of it.

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reMARK, June, 2011

Betsy Yvonne Mark, RVC3

This is going to be short and sweet. I have been very busy since returning home from Florida with my duties as Registrar for SEMMantics XXXII, the Seminal Event of 2011, Southeast Michigan Mensa's Regional Gathering. A fabulous event it was. There were attendees from the entire region, as well as from California, Florida, Illinois and our neighbors to the south, Canada. I heard wonderful things about Dayton's Regional Gathering and was truly sorry to have missed it for the first time in years. If you have never attended a regional gathering, please do so soon and attend one in our region. I've attended gatherings across the nation and Region 3's are the very best! See the list below.

Register Now! The price is going from $100 to $110 after June 15 for the Annual Gathering in Portland, Oregon: A Great Journey West, June 30-July 4. Tour announcements and other information may be found at: http://www.ag2011.us.mensa.org/AM/Template.cfm?Section=Sitemap1&Template=/CM/SiteMap.cfm. The registration form can be found at: http://www.ag2011.us.mensa.org/AM/Template.cfm?Section=Register_Online7&Template=/customsource/cfauthnet_sim/forms/ag11/ag_1.cfm
I will be there and hope to see you at the Region 3 Meet and Greet.

Register now for the following Region 3 events:

*July 29, 2011 - July 31, 2011 - Columbus Regional Gathering; The Write Stuff in Columbus, Ohio. Enjoy the pool, games, speakers and family track. Guests: NYT best-selling authors William H. Keith and Kenneth Sewell. All meals included with registration; complimentary hot breakfast with room reservation. Ramada East Airport Hotel, 4801 E. Broad St., Columbus, OH 43213; 614/861-0321. Contact Julia at psibernaut@yahoo.com

*September 2, 2011 - September 5, 2011 - Western PA Regional Gathering; The Birds and the Bees in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Programs, Tournaments, Games, Food, Friends and Fun - pool and hot tub. Two catered meals included in registration. Radisson Hotel, Pittsburgh (Greentree), 412 922 8400 or 800 333 3333 ask for Western PA Mensa rate. Contact: Marty Flowers, auntkitti@aol.com WPAM website http://wpam.us.mensa.org

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*December 2, 2011 - December 4, 2011 - Cincinnati Regional Gathering; Just for Your CAMusement! in Cincinnati, Ohio
I am looking forward to seeing you soon.

LLAP and Peace,

Betsy

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Monthly Math Puzzle

Bob Henderson

Imagine a topologically spherical but bumpy solid shape (a potato will do nicely). Think of a closed curve on its surface such as a letter "O" hand-drawn on it with a fine felt-tip marker. Obviously you could draw many such closed curves of different sizes and shapes on such a surface. . . Prove that among them are some that exactly match the shape of another such closed curve drawn on the surface of some other such "potato-shaped" solid!

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Steering Committee Meeting Minutes

Wendy Carnegie, Scribe

May 13, 2011

PRESENT: Frank Dolinar, Elizabeth Evangelista, Eileen Hatt, Wendy Carnegie, Deborah Frank, and John Garrison.

ABSENT: Doug McCall.

The meeting was called to order at 7:06 PM by Loc Sec, Frank Dolinar.

The minutes of the April 13, 2011 were accepted as printed after verification that Doug McCall accepted the position as a member of the Steering Committee.

Eileen reported that she is going to reserve the East Lansing Public Library for 2 testings. One will be a mid-week evening test and the other will be on a Saturday. She will have the dates by our next meeting.

John reported that the Mason Masonic Lodge was approached by the Cooly Law School Stadium to run a concession. He said that we could join with them on the venture. It will be $180 per game and 6 people will be needed to run the concession stand. There is a choice of 10 games. Frank said he will call the stadium and see if we can get a deal of our own. If that isn't possible, we will go with the Mason's.

Wendy reported that after attending Mind Games, she wanted to have a games night. She is trying to decide between a Saturday, Sunday, or a week night. It was questioned if this would be a one time event, or would it be on a regular basis. Wendy decided to start out by trying a Friday evening after the TG. Wendy said she will decide if this will be a one time event or an ongoing one after the first one. She will see how the turnout and interest is.

Elizabeth reported that Frank's friend, Oren Kennedy with the Department of Environmental Quality will be speaking in the near future.

Deborah reported that she has facebook set up but not has activated it yet. She reported she is working on setting up a time for a Texas Hold'em poker night with her friend who has a place in the Hannah Plaza. This will be a money making event for us. Deborah and Frank will work on this together. Frank is working on the paperwork.

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Steering Committee Meeting--Continued

Wendy has some questions for Roy Saper on the budget. After some discussion it was decided to ask Roy to attend a Steering Committee Meeting to go over the budget and answer questions.

Frank reported that the National Scholarship Chair will provide some funds for support of the Scholarship Fund.

With business concluded, the meeting was adjourned at 7:45 PM



Answers to Monthly Math Puzzle

Imagine that the two 3-D "potato" shapes are not so solid, so that you can mentally push them together until there is some volume that is inside both shapes. Note that there is then a closed curve where their outer surfaces intersect that lies on both of their surfaces. If you mentally mark this line on each surface and then visualize pulling the 3-D shapes back apart, the marked lines on each surface will have exactly the same shape.

Mid-Michigan Mensa Membership

Wendy Carnegie

June 2011

136 Members

MENSAversaries

Congratulations

42 Years Roy Saper
24 Years John Garrison
12 Years Frank Dolinar
11 Years Pamela Benzing
7 Years Frederick Bies
2 Years John Lorenz
37 Years Frances Fouty
15 Years Lawrence Beckon
11 Years Kevin Anstett
10 Years Mary Winter
2 Years Richard Beaderstadt

MENSA Birthdays

Happy Birthday

4 Kevin Smart
11 Gail Wolfe
16 Jeromy Alexander
19 Paul Kassal
27 Igor Guro
9 Richard Weingartner
13 Wendy Kassal
16 Mark Weiss
27 Matthew Carter
29 Richard Beaderstadt

Reinstating/Renewing Members

Welcome--We're glad you're back

Lynn Brown--Lansing



Food For Thought

By Barb Ford

I believe in angels. They are all around me; protective agents of God. How do I know this? There's lots of proof. Like how in the world did my Dad make it through his last years without a major accident; or how did he even make it through his last years at all. Like how many times I have come so close to being in an accident, but it never happened? Like how in the world did I make it this long with such a grim diagnosis 12 years ago? Like how did Gary and I end up in the beautiful state of North Carolina? Like how is it that I always find the item I am looking for when I stop and ask my angels to help me find it? Like how am I so lucky to be who and where I am? Like how do I often seem to "know" unrevealed things about people, situations and events? Angels. Angels. Angels.

When my Dad died, I think I inherited his angels; just as he inherited my Mom's angels when she died. Oh yeah, and they are really busy! I have always believed in angels. I feel strongly that our childhood imaginary friends aren't so imaginary. They are angels. Right, Sharon?

In his book, Home with God, Neale Donald Walsch states that at any given time, we are surrounded by one hundred thousand angels. Cool. Nice to know they are there when I need them…which is nearly all of the time?

I am currently reading a fascinating book by Robert J. Grant: *Edgar Cayce on Angels, Archangels and the Unseen Forces*. Amazing book, and many of the aspects of angels described within its pages resonate so very true to me. It has interesting information about the life of Edgar Cayce as well. Oh, and within it, I learned the answer to a 2009 Culture Quest question. The Angelic Hierarchy (according to Pseudo-Dionysius the Areopagite) is as follows:

Supreme Hierarchy: Seraphim, Cherubim, and Thrones.
Middle Hierarchy: Dominions, Virtues, and Powers.
Lower Hierarchy: Principalities, Archangels, and Angels.

Even Mensans believe in Angels!



TC's Puzzles

TC Shaw

#156
If eyes were eggs
The plan would be
That albumen is what
He would wait to see

#157
It's why funny-girl Imogene
Has to cower
Every time
She takes a shower

#158
Not this baby's daddy
That I know
But many will claim him
And that is so
To those it seems
He was Heaven sent
To others he's where
The big toe went

#159
Donner and Blitzen
Always came aroun'
Every time he laid
His hammer down

#160
Ernest and Jenny Craig never met
It was never on his list
When the Clarks gave him a nickname
It gave his life a twist

Answers

#156 William Prescott #157 Sid Ceasar
#158 Pere Marquette #159 Thor
#160 Chubby Checker

U.S. Money Trivia

Chiam Greenburg

Historically the US Government has printed paper money in various denominations. The following bills are no longer printed or in circulation. Whose picture was on each bill?

Hint: They were all US Presidents except one.

1. $500
2. $1,000
3. $5,000
4. $10,000
5. $100,000

Flag Day--June 14, 2011



Money Trivia Answers

1. William McKinley
2. Grover Cleveland
3. James Madison
4. Salmon P. Chase
5. Woodrow Wilson

More Books Banned by American Schools and Libraries

Socially Offensive

1. The Autobiography of Benjamin Franklin, Benjamin Franklin, 1791
2. The Scarlet Letter, Nathaniel Hawthorne,1850
3. The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn, Mark Twain,1884
4. As I Lay Dying, William Faulkner, 1930
5. Brave New World, Aldous Huxley, 1932
6. Gone With the Wind, Margaret Mitchell, 1936
7. 0f Mice and Men, John Steinbeck, 1937
8. Anne Frank: The Diary of a Young Girl, Anne Frank, 1947
9. The Catcher in t4 the Rye, J.D. Salinger, 1951
10. Fahrenheit 451, Ray Bradbury, 1953
11. To Kill a Mockingbird, Harper Lee, 1960
12. James and the Giant Peach, Roald Dahl,1961
13. Catch-22, Joseph Heller, 1961
14. A Clockwork Orange, Anthony Burgess, 1962
15. One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest, Ken Kesey, 1962
16. In Cold Blood, Truman Capote, 1966
17. Cujo, Stephen King, 1981
18. The Color Purple, Alice Walker, 1982
19. Ordinary People, Judith Guest, 1982
20. A Thousand Acres, Jane Smiley, 1991

More Puns For Those With A Higher IQ

Internet

Time flies like an arrow. Fruit flies like a banana.

In democracy your vote counts. In feudalism your count votes.

She was engaged to a boyfriend with a wooden leg but broke it off.

A chicken crossing the road is poultry in motion.

If you don't pay your exorcist, you get repossessed

With her marriage, she got a new name and a dress.

The man who fell into an upholstery machine is fully recovered.

You feel stuck with your debt if you can't budge it.

Local Area Network in Australia - the LAN down under.

Every calendar's days are numbered.

A lot of money is tainted - Taint yours and taint mine.

A boiled egg in the morning is hard to beat.

He had a photographic memory that was never developed.

A midget fortune-teller who escapes from prison is a small medium at large.

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Once you've seen one shopping center, you've seen a mall.

Bakers trade bread recipes on a knead-to-know basis.

Santa's helpers are subordinate clauses.

Acupuncture is a jab well done.

June 2011 Calendar

Fri., June 3	**TGIF: GRAND TRAVERSE PIE COMPANY:** 1403 E. Grand River Ave., E. Grand River Ave., East Lansing.
Fri., June 3	**SPEAKER:** Fartha Abbasi, MD, will speak on *"A Modern Muslim Woman: Breaking the Myth"* Dr. Abbasi is a Psychiatrist and is in Residency at MSU. It's not necessary to attend the dinner to come hear the speaker.
Fri., June 10	**TGIF: ALDACO'S MEXICAN RESTAURANT:** 6527 S. Cedar St., Lansing. Near the intersection of Cedar and Pennsylvania.
Fri., June 10	**STEERING COMMITTEE:** After dinner at Aldaco's.
Fri., June 17	**TGIF: OLD CHICAGO:** 1938 W. Grand River Ave., Okemos. Pizza and Italian food.
Fri., June 24	**TGIF: BROOKSHIRE INN:** 205 W. Church St., Williamston. We'll eat outside if weather permits. To play golf at Brookshire in the afternoon, contact Doug McCall at MMMweb@gmail.com
Fri., July 1	**TGIF: CHAPBOOK CAFE AT SCHULERS BOOKS AND MUSIC**: 2820 Towne Centre Blvd, Lansing. In the Eastwood Towne Centre. We'll sit on the patio, weather permitting
Fri., July 8	**TGIF: DELHI CAFE**: 4625 Willoughby Rd., Holt
Fri., July 8	**STEERING COMMITTEE:** Following dinner.
Sun., July 10	**LITSIG**: Meet at 2:00 at the home of Joanne Sullivan, 802 Searles Estates, St. John's. Discussion of *Beloved* by Toni Morrison. Snacks and conversation.
Fri., July 15	**TGIF: GUERRAZZI'S**: 15643 S. US 27, Lansing. Good Italian food.
Fri., July 15	**SPEAKER:** Dr. Steven Pueppke will speak on *"The Bioeconomy-What It Is and What It Can Do for Michigan".* Dr. Pueppke is the Director of the Michigan Agricultural Experiment Station at MSU. His talk will begin at about 7 PM, after dinner at Guerazzi's. It is not necessary to attend dinner to come hear the speaker.

TGIFs are on Fridays. We meet at 6:00 PM and order around 6:15 PM., but you're welcome at any time. 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: 517-351-3645; or by email: evangel6@comcast.net