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EDITOR'S COLUMN:

FROM MY BRAIN TO YOURS

by Sharon Plavnick

I binged on *Frozen* during the Thanksgiving weekend. I watched the original on TV, then went with my granddaughter to see *Frozen 2*. Now I know why people got so excited about it. I generally always enjoy a Disney animated movie. Good storytelling, great actors, enjoyable music, but especially great imagination and humor. What's not to enjoy? Both *Frozens* ticked off all the boxes, but F2 had a single line that "froze" itself right into my brain and has stuck there.

DO THE NEXT RIGHT THING

In the storyline, one of the sisters is trying to figure out how to get through a troubling situation. She tells herself….when I don't know what to do next, do the next right thing. In essence, trust yourself to know what feels right. And then do it.

I can apply this to just about everything. I want to lose some weight…do the next right thing. (hmm…like just say no to dessert at Friday night TGs? I know the answer to that.)

I want to stay more active all winter long….do the next right thing. (Like walk outdoors for 2 minutes to the fitness room at my complex and use the treadmill and the exercise bike. Of course that's right.)

I want to tackle certain chores I've been putting off for decades, like organizing digital photos. Do the next right thing.

I want to be a better listener…do the next right thing.

I want to write the next adequate American novel…do the next right thing.

I want to be kinder, gentler, more generous, more thoughtful…the list goes on. But the answer is always the same. Do the next right thing.

This makes my New Year's Resolutions list easy-peasy. It boils down to just one thing…the next right thing.

What's your next right thing? As always, reach me at sharonslp@ameritech.net

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John Voymas

Happy New Year!

The theme of this article is brevity. No lengthy diatribe. Just a brief "hello" and info on upcoming events.

In March, Dayton Area Mensa plans on their regional gathering. I'll post info as soon as it is available. A great way to keep up to date is to follow the various Local Group and Region 3 Facebook pages. Southeast Michigan Mensa will host their RG on Friday, April 17 through Sunday, April 19. For more information on upcoming events, you can also check out the Events listing (under the ATTEND drop down) on the American Mensa website at https://www.us.mensa.org/ or check out the RG listings in the Mensa Bulletin.

The Annual Gathering in 2020 will be in Kansas City, MO from July 1 - 5. The day before, the Colloquium will focus on "Advances in Food Science". I hope to see you at both the Colloquium and the AG. For more info on these national events, the direct link is https://ag.us.mensa.org/.

Columbus Area Mensa just announced that their RG will be Friday, October 2 through Sunday, October 4 at the DoubleTree by Hilton Columbus-Worthington. More information will be posted on their website http://www.columbus.us.mensa.org/.

Finally, Mind Games 2021 was just announced. It will be in Portland, Maine!

Have a great 2020!

Mid-Michigan Mensa Steering Committee Minutes

December 13, 2019
Wendy Carnegie, Scribe

PRESENT: LocSec Bob Henderson, Vice LocSec Elizabeth Evangelista, Scribe Wendy Carnegie, Sharon Plavnick, and Squire Jaros.

The meeting was called to order by LocSec Bob Henderson at 7:30 PM.

Minutes of the November 15, 2019 were reviewed. Squire made a motion to accept the minutes as printed. The motion was seconded by Sharon and passed unanimously.

The Bylaw changes were discussed. Wendy presented an amended version of the bylaws. The changes were discussed. Bob made a motion to accept the amended bylaws, Squire seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

The After Glo is coming along well. Ginny Henderson and Karen Petersmarck met and discussed the logistics of the event. Elizabeth and Karen met. Karen wanted to limit invitations to those who usually come to meetings or events. After discussion, it was decided to send invitations to all members.

Roy Saper has agreed to do the annual audit. All 2019 print material, including statements, election results, and MMM Ledger will be sent to Roy for auditing.

It's scholarship time again. Marvin Fouty will be Chairman again this year. Applications and essays are all done on-line this year. National Office will email the essays from our region to us to grade. We need readers to read and grade the essays. If interested contact Marvin at: **mffouty@gmail.com**

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 PM.

Mid-Michigan Mensa Membership

John Garrison, Chairman
January 2020

134 Members

MENSA Birthdays

Happy Birthday to you

3	Carl Helwing	13	Michael Knowlton
14	John Garrison	16	Matthew McNaughton
18	Roy Saper	19	Alec Knox
22	David Custard	22	Clyde Creque
29	Eleanor Keating	30	Eric Horner

MENSAversaries

Congratulations on your years with Mensa

45 Years	Kevin Smart	40 Years	Tom Pascalenos
35 Years	Thomas Korkoske	18 Years	Joseph Werner
18 Years	D. Daw	12 Years	Mark Weiss
11 Years	David Macak	10 Years	Dale Arnold
9 Years	April Hubbell	5 Years	Michael Knowlton
5 Years	Corina Andorfer	4 Years	Joy Rimpau
2 Years	Matthew Artuso	2 Years	Laura Markee
2 Years	Zachary Brennan	1 Year	Kimberly LeBrane

New Members

Welcome to Mid-Michigan Mensa. We're glad you joined us.

David Custard — Grass Lake
Eric Horner — Edmore
Gary Johncox — Howell
Robert Smith — Dewitt

FOOD FOR THOUGHT
By Barb Ford

Savory tarts can be wonderful. I especially love onions and tomatoes…and cheese. This recipe was inspired by a recipe in The Beach House Cookbook by Mary Kay Andrews. I tasted it at a book signing, and it was yummy. Now that I can no longer combine carbs and proteins in the same meal, I needed to adapt a recipe. I learned that Tostitos Queso is essentially a carb food, so decided to incorporate it into a tart. I tested this recipe a few times. It is easy, and always turns out well. I eat it as a meal with a veggie on the side, but it can easily be a side dish to a hearty meal.

CHEESY TOMATO AND ONION TART

Ingredients:
1 Prepared Pie Crust (Sorry, Mom)
3 Medium Onions, Diced and Caramelized
1 C FRESH Tomatoes, (Cut Bite-Sized, and Patted Dry)
2 T Real Mayonnaise
1 T Dijon Mustard
¾ C Tostitos Salsa Con Queso

Directions:
Using a tart pan, prepare the pie crust according to pre-baked single crust instructions. Set aside. Dice tomatoes and lay out on paper towels. Mix mayo and mustard, then spread on bottom of pre-baked pie crust. Sprinkle caramelized onions for first layer. Spread half the Cheese, then layer the tomatoes and drizzle the other half of the cheese on top. Bake at 350 degrees for 35 minutes, and the tart is bubbling on the edges. Cool at least 20 minutes before slicing.

MEET A FELLOW MENSAN

Meet John Garrison

Your first job? Your best job? Your dream job? Your worst job?

My first job was sweeping the driveway (age 7) of my father's place of business in Detroit. Unfortunately, a kid was trying out his father's car and lost control and hit me. I was pronounced dead. Guess what? I'm still here. My best job was running the Marketing Dept. for an Insurance company. I really don't have a dream job but I really enjoy being Santa Claus in the Meridian Mall every year.

Pet peeve(s)?

People on social media who can't spell or punctuate. Also people who post stupid things.

Night owl or early bird?

Night owl. I usually go to bed about 2:00 AM and sleep til noon. It's great to be retired.

Marriages/Divorces/Children

Married 53 years. 2 good kids and one rotten apple. 8 grand children and one great grand child.

Favorite travel experience

We had a motor home for a number of years. We traveled the country and visited all contiguous 48 states. We also visited Hawaii and Alaska but not in the motor home.

I really enjoy cruising. We have taken about a dozen of them over the years. Nothing like sitting on a deck chair while relaxing without a care in the world.

What you like best about being a Mensan

People with diverse views. The Friday TG's are great. You never know who you will be sitting next to and what you will be discussing.

Earliest childhood memory:

Climbing up on the porch at my grandparents apartment building. My grandmother died when I was 3. I still remember seeing her sitting in a chair in the corner of the room.

Something important you learned in HS:

Math. Someday we will be visited by outer space beings. We will be able to communicate with them through mathematics. Radius, Pi, diameter, etc are all the same regardless of what language you are speaking.

Hobbies/interests

I am a registered High School official. Over the last 40 plus years I have officiated Softball, Baseball and Volleyball. I gave up Basketball when I got older and couldn't keep up with the kids.

Favorite food(s)

Anything with noodles. I really like pasta. But, I eat anything but M & M's, Asparagus, and apricots.

At the top of your bucket list

Visit a nude beach. Fly in a helicopter.

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The *Headline*, has room to publish your writing.

Your poem, your puzzle.

Your book or movie or theater or music review.

Your opinion on any topic of interest to you.

Your thoughts, your concerns, your questions.

Send your submissions to me, Sharon Plavnick, at sharonslp@ameritech.net

JANUARY 2020 CALENDAR

Fri. Jan. 10 **TGIF - Boston's Restaurant and Sports Bar:** 3301 Towne Centre Blvd, Lansing. Sports-themed bar serving gourmet pizzas, burgers, wings & more in a relaxed space.

Steering Committee Meeting: to follow dinner.

Fri. Jan 17 **TGIF - Lucky's Steakhouse:** 3554 Okemos Rd, Okemos. Famous for their seafood, steaks, and prime rib with all the trimmings.

Fri. Jan. 24 **TGIF - Sultan's:** 4790 Hagadorn Rd in Hannah Plaza, East Lansing. Delicious Middle Eastern food with great service.

Fri. Jan 31 **TGIF - Bravo Cucina Italiana:** 2970 Towne Centre Blvd, Lansing, in Eastwood Towne Center. Upscale-casual Italian restaurant with a Roman-ruins ambiance serving pasta, grilled dishes, and pizza.

Fri. Feb. 7 **TGIF - Olga's Kitchen:** 354 Frandor Ave. in the Frandor Mall, East Lansing. Soups, salads, and Olga's signature gyro sandwich.

Fri.Feb.14 **TGIF - Boston Market:** 6435 S Cedar St, Holt, between Willoughby Rd and Aurelius Rd. Tasty ready-to-serve dishes.

Steering Committee Meeting: to follow dinner.

TGIFs are on Fridays. We meet at about 5:30 PM and order about 5:30 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**, **Where**, **When**, and **Why**. The deadline to schedule an event is the **15th of the month before the event**. Contact Ginny Brunke Henderson, Calendar Coord. at: gbrunkh@peoplepc.com or 517-676-3369
Calendar event information can also be found on the Mid-Michigan Mensa website at http://midmichigan.us.mensa.org/calendar.htm