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EDITOR'S COLUMN:

FROM MY BRAIN TO YOURS

by Sharon Plavnick

Not much to comment on while I continue to bask in sunshine. Even managing groceries and doing laundry seems so much more pleasant when I am surrounded by warmth and light. My favorite thing about Florida is the visual feast I get from the flight of various flocks of birds like pelicans and herons, and the occasional spotting of an eagle or a roseate spoonbill. Additionally, we've lucked onto several manatee sightings…a majestic thing to see. Take care everyone; stay well.

If you want to respond to anything you read in this issue, send it along to me at: sharonslp@ameritech.net

LOC SEC COLUMN

Bob's Two Bits for February 2022

by Robert Henderson, Loc Sec

Are we seeing the light at the end of the tunnel for the COVID-19 pandemic, or is it just the headlights of a new, even more virulent mutation? Only time will tell, but the virus does seem to be running out of new people to infect as vaccination rates creep upward. Epidemiologists are hopeful that the recent meteoric rise in infections will be followed by a correspondingly precipitous decline. This is what normally happens at the end an epidemic: once herd immunity is reached, the transmission rate gets too low for the virus to continue spreading. Is it too much to hope that this pandemic will follow the same course?

With that in mind, we are voting for confidence in the future by continuing to schedule MMM group activities through February. Members who have their own reasons for feeling less confident can always opt not to attend, but our regular TGIF dinner attendees do seem to appreciate having a

weekly opportunity to socialize. As usual, we request that attendees be fully vaccinated and wear masks when not seated. I am not aware of any MMM members who have become infected lately, and I'm pretty sure I would have heard about it if they had, particularly if a group activity could have been involved.

Since MMM has not had either a holiday or even an "after-glow" party in recent months, Ginny has scheduled us to celebrate National Chocolate Mint Day on February 19th! Many of us particularly enjoy that delicious flavor combination, but all MMM members are invited to our house for lasagna or gluten-free chicken, to be followed by potluck desserts involving mint, chocolate, or your own favorite flavor combination. We're looking forward to trying them all! See the MMM Activities Calendar at the back of the Head-Line or on the MMM Website for details. We will also have a belated White Elephant Gift Exchange, so bring a holiday gift that you haven't returned yet to regift to someone else who might even enjoy it. . . Hope to see you then!

CROSSWORD QUESTION

From Doug McCall

In the LA Times crossword puzzle, Sat Jan 15, 2022, the 48 across clue is 'Pets'. The answer is 'SNITS'.

I don't see the connection. Does anyone have an idea why this makes sense?

This site explains many of the answers but omits that one. https://laxcrossword.com/2022/01

BOB'S WORD PUZZLE FOR FEBRUARY:

The Game of HIPE

Find an ordinary English word that contains each of the following letter sequences without intervening letters. My friend Peter Winkler credits this game with getting him into Harvard!

1) WW
2) VV
3) HH
4) GNT
5) PTC
6) THAC
7) HEMU
8) SPB
9) RAOR
10) XS

BOB'S Math Puzzle: Krypto

Add, subtract, multiply and/or divide the given numbers in any order (grouped using parentheses) so that the final result of the operations is the target shown. This game has been used to sharpen middle schoolers' math skills. . . How sharp are yours?

A) 4, 4, 9, 12, 15, Target = 1
B) 2, 7, 9, 15, 23, Target = 2
C) 1, 7, 12, 14, 21, Target = 3
D) 4, 5, 7, 8, 15, Target = 4
E) 1, 3, 6, 9, 22, Target = 6
F) 1, 7, 8, 15, 18, Target = 9
G) 3, 4, 8, 11, 18, Target = 10
H) 7, 7, 8, 10, 17, Target = 12
I) 5, 8, 10, 13, 25, Target = 13
J) 3, 6, 13, 18, 19, Target = 20

See answer on page 7

Quarter Ending September 30, 2021 (revised)		
STARTING BALANCE		**$7,072.15**
INCOME		**276.31**
AML National Subsidy June 2021	$92.65	
AML National Subsidy July 2021	91.80	
AML National Subsidy Aug. 2021	91.80	
Savings interest	0.06	
EXPENDITURES		**156.32**
MMM Anniversary Party:		
Reimb. G. Brunke (party supplies)	23.50	
Head-Line:		
Reimb. J. Garrison (office supplies)	65.63	
Postage - August Issue	21.89	
Postage - Sept. Issue	22.06	
Postage - Oct. Issue	23.24	
ACCOUNT BALANCES		
5/3 Checking		5,034.84
5/3 Savings		1,998.20
USPS Periodical Postage Account		159.10
ENDING BALANCE		**$7,192.14**

Mid-Michigan Mensa Treasurer's Report		
Quarter Ending December 31, 2021		
STARTING BALANCE		**$7,192.14**
INCOME		**285.26**
AML National Subsidy Sept. 2021	$95.50	
AML National Subsidy Oct. 2021	93.50	
AML National Subsidy Nov. 2021	96.20	
Savings interest	0.06	
EXPENDITURES		**42.08**
Head-Line:		
Postage - Nov. Issue	20.61	
Postage - Dec. Issue	21.47	
ACCOUNT BALANCES		
5/3 Checking		5320.04
5/3 Savings		1998.26
USPS Periodical Postage Account		117.02
ENDING BALANCE		**$7,435.32**

FEBRUARY 2022 MEMBERSHIP MATTERS

Kathy Teshich, Membership Chair
111 members

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

Squire Janos	Feb 1
Gordon MacDonald Jr	Feb 15
David Macak	Feb 21
Todd Eldred	Feb 25

FEBRUARY MENSAVERSARIES

Eric Roath	5 yrs
Carol Duane	11 yrs
Steven Spitzley	12 yrs
Douglas McCall	21 yrs
Joan Forgrave	42 yrs

ANSWERS TO HIPE WORD PUZZLE

1) gloWWorm, poWWow
2) saVVy, reVVing
3) hitcHHike, batHHouse
4) sovereiGNTy
5) bankruPTCy
6) tooTHAChe
7) chrysantHEMUm
8) raSPBerry
9) extRAORdinary
10) coXSwain

KRYPTO MATH PUZZLE ANSWERS

A) (12 / 4) - ((15 - 4) - 9) = 1
B) (23 - 15) / (9 - (7 - 2)) = 2
C) 12 / (((21 + 14) / 7) - 1) = 3
D) 7 - ((15 + (5 + 4)) / 8) = 4
E) (22 - ((9 - 6) + 1)) / 3 = 6
F) (((15 + 8) * 7) + 1) / 18 = 9
G) ((11 * 8) - 18) / (4 + 3) = 10
H) 10 + ((17 - (7 / 7)) / 8) = 12
I) 13 * (8 - ((25 + 10) / 5)) = 13
J) (18 + 3) - ((13 + 6) / 19) = 20

FOOD FOR THOUGHT
By Barb Ford

One of my favorite family recipes came about in the 1970's. My mom called it "Polish Kraut," but it could be German, too. It is incredibly easy to make, and is always a crowd pleaser. Even folks who claim not to like sauerkraut end up liking this dish. Through the years, I have made it my own, and have found it is best made the day before it is served. It makes a great pot luck item, and leftovers are rare. This Holiday season, if you need a great dish for a party or a family gathering, make this.

REBA'S POLISH KRAUT

Ingredients:
One 24 Ounce Jar Sauerkraut, rinsed and drained
One 14.5 Ounce Can Diced Tomatoes, with juice
One Pound Smoked Sausage, cut into 1" pieces
One 4 Ounce Can Sliced Mushrooms, with juice
¾ Cup Diced Celery
1 Teaspoon Caraway Seed

Directions: Combine all ingredients in a large stovetop pan. Bring to a boil. Reduce heat, cover and simmer for 45 minutes. Remove from heat and cool completely. Store in an airtight container overnight. Reheat and serve over mashed potatoes. If desired, this dish can be thickened with a cornstarch slurry (1T cornstarch in ¼ Cup water) before serving.

FEBRUARY 2022 CALENDAR

FRIDAY FEB 4: TGIF: PIZZA HOUSE
4790 S Hagedorn, in the Hannah Plaza, East Lansing. Good selection of American and Italian dishes, including, of course, pizza! Wear a mask whenever you are not seated.

FRIDAY FEB 11: TGIF: LUCKY'S STEAK HOUSE

3554 Okemos Rd, Okemos, just north of Jolly Rd. Famous for their steak, seafood, and prime rib with all the trimmings. Wear a mask whenever you are not seated.

FRIDAY FEB 18: TGIF: LOS TRES AMIGOS (MASON LOCATION)
447 S Jefferson St, Mason, MI. Great selection of delicious Mexican dishes and drinks. Wear a mask whenever you are not seated.

SATURDAY FEB 19: MMM WINTER PARTY: NATIONAL CHOCOLATE MINT DAY
3369 Harper Rd, Mason, MI. Please plan to arrive at about 3:00 and eat at 4:00. Ginny will bake lasagna and a gluten-free chicken dish. Bring salad, vegetables, bread, and/or dessert to share. Wear a mask whenever you are not seated.

FRIDAY FEB 25: TGIF: DELHI CAFE
4625 Willoughby, Rd, Holt, between Cedar and Aurelius. A Mensa favorite with tasty Greek and American dishes. Wear a mask whenever you are not seated.

Generally, if you need information, call 517-676-3369 or visit midmichigan.us.mensa.org for updates.

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.html