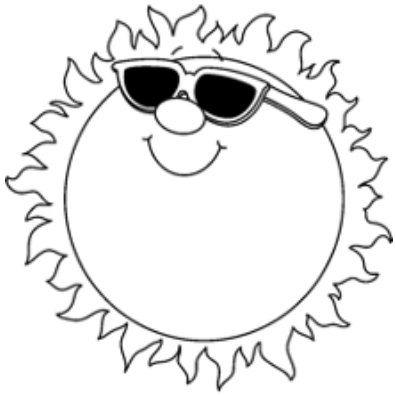
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EDITOR'S COLUMN:

FROM MY BRAIN TO YOURS

by Sharon Plavnick

I'm enjoying the lazy hazy and not too crazy days of summer. I have a stack of library books to entertain me when I lounge on my patio. I have a cache of jigsaw puzzles to get lost in when the weather keeps me inside. I have my wonderful trike with e-assist for idyllic rides along a bike trail. Summertime and the living is easy. I'm just a bundle of summer song lyrics, I guess. How's your summer going, fellow MMMs?

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 August 2022

by Robert Henderson, Loc Sec

If you enjoy going to parties with intelligent people, board games, and free food, you'll love the MMM Summer Anniversary Party on Sunday, August 7! This year we're meeting at 3 PM and eating at 4 PM at Bob and Ginny Henderson's home, 3369 Harper Rd, in Mason. We will have Stauffer's baked lasagna, a gluten-free chicken dish, and a variety of potluck side dishes and desserts to choose from. Weather permitting, we will set up a card table and folding chairs outside our family room downstairs for those who prefer dining out-of-doors. Your RSVP is requested. For further details, please call Bob or Ginny at 517-676-3369. If there are any updates from the info in this column, they will be shown in the MMM August Activities Calendar listed inside the back cover or at the MMM Website shown inside the front cover. You are invited to bring your favorite dishes to pass and your favorite games to play. . . We look forward to seeing you on the 7th!

Bob's Word Puzzle

The 20 words below each have 5 different letters. Can you find an antonym for each that also has 5 letters that are all different? Let me know if you find more answers than the ones shown on a later page of this issue. . . Thanks!

1) Above
2) Adult
3) Black
4) Broke
5) Clean
6) Ebony
7) First
8) Fresh
9) Giant
10) Heavy
11) Major
12) Nicer
13) North
14) Novel
15) Quiet
16) Raise
17) Right
18) Smile
19) Split
20) Young

BOB'S MATH PUZZLE: Locker Doors

Lockers numbered 1 to 100 stand in a row in the main hallway of Euclid Junior High School. The first student arrives and opens all the lockers. The second student then goes through and re-closes lockers numbered 2, 4, 6, etc.; the third student changes the state of every locker whose number is a multiple of 3, then the next every multiple of 4, etc., until the last student opens or closes only locker number 100.

After the 100 students have passed through, which lockers are open?

See Answers on page 6

Lora Mitchell- RVC3 Column August 2022

Since I write these columns a few weeks in advance, I'm busy procrastinating packing for Sparks, even though by the time you read this the AG and R3MiniG will be over. I'm actually very much looking forward to going, especially for seeing all of you. I'm painfully extroverted, so I really truly enjoy being with all of you. I hope when you read this, if you attended the AG, I got to see you at the Meet and Greet.

I am also starting to also plan some personal time over the next couple years to do some non-M travel and see wonderful places. Now that I've started thinking about a personal trip for fall, one of the things that immediately came to mind is the Mensa SIGHT program.

SIGHT — the Service of Information, Guidance and Hospitality to Travelers — makes it easier for Mensa members to enjoy the company and hospitality of other Mensans across the United States and throughout more than 40 other countries. Members can register as a host or as a guest, or both. The range of services — all provided by volunteers — varies a lot from area to area, chapter to chapter Some SIGHT Coordinators provide general info, or local meetings and events, and some incredibly kind volunteers provide logistical info or might even pick someone at the airport. At the extreme end, some may host you at a dinner or let you sleep in their guest room. I touched base with Bill Zigo, the National SIGHT Coordinator, about the program in R3. Region 3 falls in about the middle in terms of requests for help, but only about half of our chapters actually have a SIGHT Coordinator: sadly, the most popular location does not have one. As a result of this, every SIGHT request these days has about an equal chance of being successful or being fruitless. He suspects many chapters do not have a SIGHT coordinator, because M's do not know the position requirements. In reality, there are few. A SIGHT coordinator acts as a facilitator. When a request comes in, that person puts the requesting M in contact with other members of the chapter who offer to provide assistance. Two things to remember are: (1) You only have to work when you receive a request, and (2) The national SIGHT coordinator is always available for assistance. There can also be multiple SIGHT coordinators within a chapter, so work can be divided among all. If you would like to more actively participate in SIGHT discussions, even without taking on any formal responsibilities, there is an International SIGHT group on Facebook called Mensa SIGHT Program, which currently has over 4500 members, ahtough you must be an active dues paying member to join : https://www.facebook.com/groups/176942022394979

You can also get more information by emailing sight@us.mensa.org. It's a wonderful way to make friends from all over the world, and to access resources when you travel as well.

I also want to take a moment and share with you that I now have an opening for a Regional Scholarship Chair. I have been very appreciative of the wonderful job Kymberli did, and I know out there that one of you could also contribute in amazing ways to those who are seeking opportunities from us for educational funds. Please reach out to me at rvc3@us.mensa.org if you would like to discuss, or apply on the Volunteer Marketplace.

AUGUST 2022 MEMBERSHIP MATTERS
Kathy Teshich, Membership Chair
105 members

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

Jennifer Feasal	August 1
Brenton Wilburn	August 5
Ian Smith	August 13
William Deary	August 14
Kenneth Bonifield	August 29
Joseph Werner	August 30

AUGUST MENSAVERSARIES

Jeffrey Buchhop	5 yrs
Gordon MacDonald	13 yrs
Matthew Carter	18 yrs
Leonard Peterson	25 yrs
April Hubbell	29 yrs
Wendy Carnegie	32 yrs
Thomas Allor	32 yrs
Dardanella Becker	41 yrs

Mid-Michigan Mensa Treasurer's Report
Quarter Ending June 30, 2022

STARTING BALANCE	$7,558.43
INCOME	$269.81
AML National Subsidy Mar. 2022	97.90
AML National Subsidy Apr. 2022	86.00
AML National Subsidy May 2022	85.85
Savings interest	0.06
EXPENDITURES	$98.43
Food for Summer Party	17.49
Dinner for GTPie speaker	13.65
Head-Line:	
Postage - May	$22.48
Postage - June	20.54
Postage - July	24.27
ACCOUNT BALANCES	
5/3 Checking	$5,568.94
5/3 Savings	1,998.38
USPS Periodical Postage Account	162.49
ENDING BALANCE	$7,729.81

MATH PUZZLE SOLUTION:

We need to know whether locker number n is open or closed after all the students have passed through. Since it was opened by student #1, it will be open at the end precisely when it was touched by an odd number of students.

Since student number k flips the state of locker number n just when k divides n, locker n will be open at the end just when it has an odd number of divisors.

But divisors come in pairs, right? If k divides n, then so does n/k. But wait, what if k is the square root of n? In that case, k is an unpaired divisor, and all other divisors are paired.

It follows that exactly the lockers whose numbers are perfect squares will be open at the end, namely, the lockers numbered 1, 4, 9, 16, 25, 36, 49, 64, 81, and 100.

BOB'S WORD PUZZLE ANSWERS

1) Above / below, under
2) Adult / youth, child
3) Black / white
4) Broke / fixed
5) Clean / grimy, dirty
6) Ebony / ivory
7) First / final
8) Fresh / moldy, musty
9) Giant / dwarf
10) Heavy / light
11) Major / minor
12) Nicer / worse
13) North / south
14) Novel / stale, tired
15) Quiet / noisy
16) Raise / lower
17) Right / wrong
18) Smile / frown
19) Split / unify, unite
20) Young / older

NEXT MONTH YOUR CONTRIBUTION COULD GO HERE.

A POEM.
A JOKE.
AN EDITORIAL.
A RECIPE.
A TRAVELOGUE.
A REVIEW OF A BOOK, MOVIE, OR TV SERIES.
A THOUGHT.
AN OPINION.
A QUESTION.
A WISH, HOPE, OR DREAM.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT
By Barb Ford
"Not Your Mama's Pimento Cheese Spread"

Most of us gravitate toward foods that we grew up with. When I was a kid, my mother frequently purchased Kraft cheese spreads that came in small jars. We all loved them, and used the jars for juice glasses when the cheese spread was gone. One of my favorites was Pimento. Mom used to spread it on crackers celery sticks, or she made sandwiches with it. Yum.

When Gary and I moved to North Carolina, we discovered that "pimento cheese" is a Southern traditional favorite food. The first time I tried a pimento cheeseburger at a local restaurant, I thought I was in Heaven. Yes, it was THAT good! When I complained to the owner that it did not last long enough on my plate, he laughed and told us that he had won a regional burger cook-off with that recipe. Well, from that moment on, I was hooked. I made it a point to try pimento cheese whenever I had the opportunity. Foothills Brewery in Winston-Salem has the tastiest grilled pimento cheese and bacon sandwich. Ooh, baby!

Interestingly enough, like BBQ sauce down here, everyone seems to have their own recipe for pimento cheese. Most are good, a few are great. In my quest to find the perfect pimento cheese spread, I decided to make up my own recipe. I believe that I have a winner. It is the first item to disappear at get-togethers, and Gary just can't leave it alone. Try it on burgers, sandwiches, baked potatoes and as a spread on crackers or veggies. This easy recipe is sure to be an instant hit when you make it for the folks you care about. WARNING: it is addicting!

BARB'S PIMENTO CHEESE SPREAD

Ingredients:

8 ounces cream cheese, softened

1 C real mayonnaise

½ lb sharp white cheddar, grated

4 ounce jar pimentos, finely chopped

½ t sea salt

1/4 t cayenne pepper

1 t onion powder

½ t garlic powder

Directions: In a large bowl, use a wooden spoon to combine cream cheese and mayonnaise until smooth. Mix in dry spices. Add cheddar and pimentos and mix well. Chill in the fridge for two hours for the flavors to blend. Yield: 3 ½ Cups.

August 2022 MMM Activities Calendar

Friday, Aug. 5: TGIF - Mason Big Boy
660 N Cedar St, Mason, East of US-127. Family-friendly Michigan institution, serving burgers, shakes and comfort food with a 1950's diner vibe.

Sunday, Aug. 7: MMM Summer Anniversary Party
At Bob and Ginny's, 3369 Harper Rd, Mason. Go south on US-127 to the Holt Rd exit, make a quick right and left, and then go about 2 more miles south to Harper. Turn left on Harper to the bottom of the dip before the US-127 overpass (look for the "MENSA" sign between the driveways). We plan to meet at 3 and eat at 4 PM. Ginny plans to serve Stauffer's baked lasagna and a gluten-free chicken dish (bring a side dish or dessert to share). We will have board games to play, or feel free to bring your own favorites! Weather permitting, we will have a table and chairs outside the downstairs family room for al fresco diners.

Friday, Aug. 12: TGIF - Bravo! Italian Kitchen
2970 Town Centre Blvd, Lansing, in the Eastwood Towne Center. Good Italian food that brings MMM back regularly to enjoy their Roman-ruins ambiance.

Friday, Aug. 19: TGIF - Grand Traverse Pie Co.
1403 E Grand River Ave, East Lansing, in the Brookfield Plaza. A Mensa favorite serving soups, salads, and, of course, pie (best enjoyed a la mode). Please bus your table after eating.

Steering Committee meeting: to follow dinner.

Friday Aug. 26: TGIF - Asian Taste
132 S Cedar St, Mason, kitty-corner from the Speedway station. Our family loves their Orange Chicken and Crabs Rangoon, but you may find your own favorite!

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