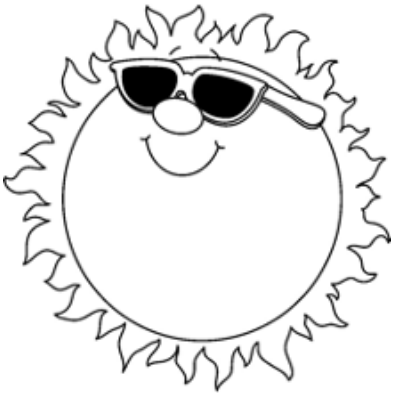
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EDITOR'S COLUMN:

FROM MY BRAIN TO YOURS

by Sharon Plavnick

So dear peeps, my trip to Ireland is over and I am safely back home. I did acquire an unpleasant souvenir during my travels, namely Covid. Yep, it really wrecked my good time, and I will think long and hard about airplane travel in the future.

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 2023

by Robert Henderson, Loc Sec

Happy Anniversary, fellow Mensans! This month we celebrate the founding of Mid-Michigan Mensa exactly 50 years ago. . . some of us have been around long enough to remember it well! Please join us for our Summer Anniversary Party on Sunday, Aug. 6 (for details, see the Activities Calendar inside the back cover).

We also have members working hard to assure that MMM will continue to be around for decades longer. One way to do that is to welcome new members! Our Proctor has now conducted Mensa admission tests in both June and July, with one new member admitted so far and more to come. We plan to conduct more admissions tests every month or two starting in September. . . check future MMM Activities Calendars at the MMM Website or in future issues of the Head-Line.

We have had more than the usual number of non-renewing members since the end of the Mensa year on March 31. . . If you know anyone on the list below, please let them know that we would love to welcome them back! If they don't find our current group activities to be interesting, we would love to hear what else they might suggest. . . This applies to returning MMM members as well!

Our lapsed members as of July 14 include: Matthew Artuso, David Brown, Andrew Celeski, Lloyd Conway, Jeremy Fett, Jeffery Ford, Kerry Haynor, April Hubbell, Eleanor Keating, Malachi King, Eldon Korson, Reece Kramer, Rona Landfield, Kimberly LeBrane, David Macak, David Malosh, Christian Patterson, Carol Scot, Keith Shaw, Robert Smith, and Liberty Turner. Do you know any of these former MMM members? Any ideas why they let their memberships lapse? Thanks for your help!

Mitchell's Musings - RVC3 Column August 2023

Today has been a rough day at work. Some days, I am in meetings so long that it's hard to get anything accomplished. Other days, I have plenty of productive time planned, and the plan goes right out the window with what I will politely call "unusual events". I've been in HR for more than 25 years, and have done risk management for most of that, and the things that happen still surprise me.

Our agency is also in an era of growth, change, and opportunity. We have a fabulous new CEO that has ideas that could solidify our impact in the area of Workforce Development in a rapidly- growing city. It's not like we don't already have practice: we've been around for 125 years. We, like many organizations, have two main barriers: discomfort with change and lack of revenue.

I often see parallels with Mensa. We as an organization are well positioned to have an enormous impact. We also have a lot of compliance and risk management pieces. And yet, the opposition to change and fear of the new experiences still exists. Much like my job, I spend a lot of time explaining to people WHY a historical thing happens, WHY it can (or can't change), and what barriers to other things they want to come true are.

I'm seeing this particularly true in today's world, when people have had their trust broken by the universe, and people are feeling like the life they dreamed of will never exist. Because--- it won't. Life is messy. Relationships are messy. Nothing is ever truly predictable. The only way to survive is—to survive. We have to be resilient, kind, and open minded to make it through.

And survival is a team sport. To facilitate not just change, but thriving, we have to create space where other people feel safe and smart. Not the smartest, but where their ideas and contributions matter.

To those leaders that are being intentional about this: kudos to you. You have a legacy that will live on. To the members who do not feel their chapters are offering that: there are opportunities for you to create it. Connections matter, and your thoughtful, welcoming voice is needed. I hope for you that you come forward and help others feel welcome in our space.

As a reminder, in an act of regional solidarity, I am asking all chapters to promote an ice cream related event on August 5th, for a truly regional Brain Freeze. If your chapter has been unable to participate, or your distance/ time does not allow, please join us some time that day for a scoop or three and know we're celebrating together.

"*We are wired for connection. But the key is that, in any given moment of it, it has to be real."*- Brene Brown.

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Bob's Word Puzzle: Cryptic Crossword Clues

Find words matching the letter patterns given for each clue. Each includes an American-style definition and also a wordplay hint (anagram, homophone, etc.).

1) Blackadder's last to take advantage of cunning plan (4):
R_S_
2) Asian monk heard beast (4):
_A_A
3) American uncle raised backward cats (5):
P_M_S
4) Skater is forced to move very fast (6):
S_R_A_
5) Game span (6):
_R_D_E
6) Glass for the acrobat (7):
T_M_L_R
7) Insect in secure US city (5,2):
S_N_A _E
8) Organisms present in dressed crab I ate? (8):
_A_T_R_A
9) Not wanting to be shot (6-3):
_A_E_A-_H_
10) Walker confused dean and priest (10):
P_D_S_R_A_

Bob's Math Puzzle: Crossing the Desert

You have set up a fuel base at the western edge of a desert and wish to drive your jeep to the far edge 1000 km to the east, but your fuel tank only holds enough to drive 500 km! You may need to get creative. . .

Your jeep can carry only yourself and one jerry can that holds 250 km of fuel, but this still leaves you 250 km short of your goal. . . How can you get all the way across the desert in the minimum total driving distance and amount of fuel consumed?

Bob's Trivia Quiz: Jeopardy style

1) BUSINESS & INDUSTRY: First automaker to offer alternators, power steering & electric ignition
2) THE LAKE SHOW: 12 years before meeting Stanley, Livingstone reached this "national" lake
3) ARTISTS: Despite how he's known, he was probably actually born in Anchiano, near Florence
4) THE SOLAR SYSTEM: Only 1 of 8 planets not named for a Greek or Roman mythological figure
5) LANDMARKS: A huge embroidered work known as the Kiswa adorns & protects this structure
6) NOVELS: "Breeders, Wives and Unwomen" headed the New York Times' review of this novel
7) RIVERS: It carries more water than the longest rivers in Asia, Africa & No. America combined
8) WORLD CITIES: This capital city established in 1567 was where OPEC was founded in 1961
9) NOTORIOUS PLACES: Al Capone played banjo in the Rock Islanders at this notorious spot
10) TITLED HEADS: N.Y. financier Al Grimaldi was next in line for the throne of this principality
11) CORPORATE MASCOTS: The U.S. Navy joked that he was not in their personnel records
12) THE U.S. GOVERNMENT: The person in this post has an official residence in New York City
13) 20th CENTURY PEOPLE: In December 1999 Time magazine named him Person of the Century
14) SCIENCE: The species that holds the record for the longest mammalian lifespan
15) FICTIONAL PLACES: This land "extends five thousand blustrugs (about twelve miles)"

See Answers on page 6.

AUGUST 2023 MEMBERSHIP MATTERS
Kathy Teshich, Membership Chair
98 members

BIRTHDAYS

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

MENSAVERSERIES

Peter Wood	1 yr
Jeffrey Buchhop	6 yrs
Gordon MacDonald	14 yrs
Matthew Carter	19 yrs
Leonard Peterson	26 yrs
Thomas Allor	33 yrs
Wendy Carnegie	33 yrs
Dardanella Becker	42 yrs

Answers To Puzzles

Math Puzzle Answer
The trick is to cache some fuel partway to the goal! Start with a full fuel tank and jerry can, drive 250 km, and leave the full jerry can there. You will then have just enough fuel in your tank to return to your base.

Fill up your tank, pick up another jerry can, and head for your cache. When you get there your tank will be half empty as in the first trip, but now you also have TWO full jerry cans! Fill the fuel tank from one and drive 500 more km with the other, using up all the fuel in the tank. Fill it from the second jerry can and drive the remaining 250 km to reach your goal!

Your net driving distance is 500 km + 1000 km = 1500 km using two full fuel tanks (2 x 500 km) and two full jerry cans (2 x 250 km), with no fuel remaining. . . Did you remember to set up another fuel base at your goal?

Word Puzzle Answers
1) RUSE (R + USE)
2) LAMAS (homophone of LLAMAS)
3) PUMAS (SAM + UP backwards)
4) STREAK (anagram of SKATER)
5) BRIDGE (can mean either clue word)
6) TUMBLER (can mean either clue word)
7) SANTA FE (ANT inside SAFE)
8) BACTERIA (anagram of CRAB + I + ATE)
9) CAMERA-SHY (Not the "shot" you thought?)
10) PEDESTRIAN (anagram of DEAN + PRIEST)

Trivia Quiz Answers:
Chrysler, Lake Malawi, Leonardo da Vinci, Earth, the Kaaba, The Handmaid's Tale, the Amazon, Caracas, Alcatraz, Monaco, Cap'n Crunch, Ambassador to the United Nations, Albert Einstein, Humans, Lilliput.

TED TALK

The title of the August Theodore Talk is, "The Galileo Project: In Search for Technological Interstellar Objects". This virtual event will take place on Zoom August 27 at 2:30 p.m. Central Time (3:30 Eastern, 12:30 Pacific, 7:30 GMT).

ABSTRACT: The search for extraterrestrial life is one of the most exciting frontiers in science. First tentative clues were identified close to Earth in the form of the extraordinary interstellar meteor CNEOS 2014-01-08, the unusual interstellar object `Oumuamua and Unidentified Aerial Phenomena (UAP) near Earth. The recently announced "Galileo Project" ushers the new frontier of "space archeology" in search of extraterrestrial technological relics.

Dr. Avi Loeb, Professor of Science, Harvard University, will feature content from the book "Extraterrestrial: The First Sign of Intelligent Life Beyond Earth" and textbook "Life in the Cosmos: From Biosignatures to Technosignatures ", both published in 2021, as well as material from recent commentaries.

Register for this presentation at https://tinyurl.com/mpwccp4a.

You must register for each lecture with an email address associated with your Zoom account. If you don't have one, you can sign up for a free Zoom account at https://zoom.us/signup.

Even if you can't attend the live Theodore Talk, as long as you register in advance you will receive a link to the Zoom recording of the event. All Theodore Talks have Closed Captioning enabled.

----------Theodore Talks take place on Zoom the fourth Sunday of each month at 2:30 p.m. CT.

A list of future Theodore Talks can be found on the Mensa National Events Calendar at https://www.us.mensa.org/attend/calendar/, or by viewing the January issue of the Mensa Bulletin. The article on the 2023 Theodore Talks begins on p. 26. The PDF for the magazine can be found here:

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Questions? Contact Brad Lucht at TheodoreTalks@MAMensa.org.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

By Barb Ford

All good cooks have their secrets. Most have go-to recipes that they can put together in a pinch and wow even the pickiest eaters. My mother was a master at this. She never failed to deliver great food even on a moment's notice. My dad used to boast that she could whip up a gourmet meal out of thin air. Maybe this comes from dealing with the lean years when she was a child, and my grandmother produced mouthwatering table fare from the simplest and least expensive ingredients. Perhaps this ability is in my genes, as I can usually do the same. A few basic recipes and combinations assist me in these endeavors. One of my favorite recipes is for a quick and easy muffin. This versatile recipe can be made in 45 minutes or less, and can be savory or sweet. I will give the basic muffin recipe below, and your own creativity will determine what you make of it. One thing to keep in mind is to limit add-ins to one cup per batch. You can add spices, nuts, dried fruit, herbs, or my personal favorite: grated sharp cheddar and crumbled bacon. Oh yeah, baby!

Barb's Basic Muffins

Dry ingredients:	Wet ingredients:
2 Cups unbleached all purpose flour	1 Cup milk or buttermilk
2 Tablespoons sugar	1 Large egg
2 Teaspoons baking powder	¼ Cup vegetable oil
¼ Teaspoon Salt	

Directions: Combine the dry ingredients. Whisk together the wet ingredients. Stir the wet and dry ingredients together, mixing gently. Spoon the batter into a well-greased muffin pan. (Two thirds full in each well.) Bake at 425 degrees for about 25 minutes. Cool five minutes and remove from pan. Enjoy!

AUGUST 2023 MMM Activities Calendar

Fri. Aug. 4: TGIF - Lucky's Steakhouse

3554 Okemos Rd, Okemos, just north of Jolly Rd. Famous for steak, seafood, and prime rib with all the trimmings.

Sun. Aug. 6: MMM Summer Anniversary Party
Join us at Bob and Ginny Henderson's, 3369 Harper Rd, Mason. We will meet at 3:00 PM
and eat at 4:00. Shrimp will be provided. Please bring a veggie dish or dessert to share.

Fri. Aug. 11: TGIF - Delhi Cafe
4625 Willoughby Rd, Holt, between Cedar St and Aurelius Rd. A Mensa favorite with good Greek and American food.

Steering Committee Meeting - to follow dinner

Fri. Aug. 18: TGIF - Bravo Italian Kitchen
2970 Towne Center Blvd, Lansing, in Eastwood Towne Center. Upscale-casual Italian restaurant with a Roman-ruins ambiance serving pasta, grilled dishes and pizza.

Fri. Aug. 25: TGIF - Olga's Kitchen
354 Frandor Ave in the Frandor Mall, East Lansing. Soups, salads, and Olga's signature gyro sandwiches.

TGIFs are on Fridays. We meet at about **6 PM** and order soon after 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