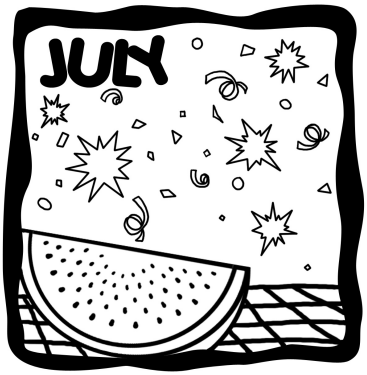
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EDITOR'S COLUMN:

FROM MY BRAIN TO YOURS

by Sharon Plavnick

Did you all notice that crazy pagination mistake in the June issue? Who is to blame for messing up the pages so badly? Mea culpa. It was all me. Obviously I am past my sell-by date, and someone needs to relieve me of my command. Remember that I have given notice that I am not keeping this editor job. The sooner someone steps up, the better. In the meantime, I will endeavor to not make bonehead mistakes again. Haha…let's see what different mischief I can make instead.

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 July 2024

by Robert Henderson, Loc Sec

Happy Summer, MMMensans. . . Effective this month, Mid-Michigan Mensa membership has grown by over 50%! Western Michigan Mensa has been disbanded, and we have been assigned most of its former members. Please welcome them when you see a new face at any of our upcoming activities. . . With so many new members, we have the opportunity to fill some of our open officer positions. If we can't fill them, we could suffer the same fate as WMM, so please consider offering any help you can to keep that from happening!

MMM scheduled another Mensa Admissions Test for Saturday, June 8, but again NO candidates showed up! Rather than try to enroll new members, we might have better luck retaining current members. MMM membership fell to below 100 at the start of the new fiscal year on April 1, and has been slow to recover since then. What do you think would be a good way to keep current members involved? I could send a personal appeal to lapsed members using AML's "Email your members" tool, but what should I offer them as a good reason to rejoin?? I will also be welcoming former WMM members as soon as their names appear on the MMM roster, so it could help to offer the same incentives to them!

My apologies to those of you who found an outdated Activities Calendar on the MMM Website early in June. I turned the June Activities Calendar over to our newsletter editor early in May because we were about to leave for our cruise around Ireland. I rationalized then that putting it on the Web page could wait until we got back, but then forgot about it until our first TGIF dinner in June, when frustrated members started

complaining. . . At least it was good to find out that MMM members still find the online version of the Activities Calendar to be helpful!

To finish up the story of our Ireland cruise: Ginny, I and our travel companions enjoyed the shore excursions in Cobh, Cork, and Dublin, but were disappointed in our visit to Trinity College to see the Book of Kells. The tour guide showed up late and then took us on a hike to several nearby sites of historical interest before going back to Trinity. I could barely keep up with her, and Ginny gave up early to wait there for our return. The tour guide took the group back to a different Trinity entrance, so I went halfway around the campus to find Ginny at the original entrance. By that time we were too late to rejoin the group! At least our companions got to enjoy it. . .

The onboard part of the cruise was also less than impressive. Whenever we ordered chicken in one of their regular dining rooms, it was thin, overcooked, and tough. Only the Italian specialty restaurant had great food. When we ordered Black Forest cake for dessert at another onboard restaurant, what they served us looked and tasted more like a Ding Dong with some whipped cream and a cherry on top! The one part of the sea cruise that we had no complaints about was the evening stage entertainment. The singers and magician were more than competent, and the cabaret act was on a par with the one we saw in Paris a few years ago. Between that and the onshore excursions, we recommend this cruise around Ireland to others (with a few caveats. . .).

A GLOVe Letter from the RVC July 2024

by RVC3 (elect) Rick Magnus

I'm baaaack!

In 2001, I took office as Region 3 Vice Chair (RVC 3) for American Mensa. I left office in 2003, having lost my re-election bid by 8 votes. I never expected that I would start another term as RVC 21 years later, but here I am. In my last term, I was the 3rd youngest member of the American Mensa Committee (AMC); I'll probably be one of the older members during this term (I'm 66). I'll be on my way to the 2024 Annual Gathering (AG) in Kansas City when my term starts on July 1, and I look forward to serving the members of our region for the next three years.

I joined Middle Tennessee Mensa during my last semester of law school in 1982, and transferred my membership to Cincinnati Area Mensa a few months later, where I've served in many local group offices. Except for college in Philadelphia and law school in Nashville, I've lived my whole life in Cincinnati (indeed, both my parents, 3 of my 4 grandparents, and 3

of my 8 great grandparents were born in Cincinnati). Professionally, I'm a criminal defense lawyer.

Region 3 consists of 14 local groups, stretching more or less from Bowling Green, KY to Rochester, NY, and from the Straits of Mackinac to the Appalachian Mountains; the official name of the region (one of 10 in American Mensa) is the Great Lakes and Ohio Valley Region., I called my RVC column a GLOVe Letter from the RVC during my last term, and I still like the name.

I believe that there have been eight RVCs for this region in the interim, and I'm grateful to all of them; I look forward to building on their accomplishments. Special thanks go to Lora Mitchell, my immediate predecessor, on whom I will probably need to lean more than she deserves.

A lot will happen July 3-7 at the AG, including the Annual Business Meeting and the first AMC meeting of my term. (AMC is the board of American Mensa, and I will be one of 15 voting members.) I'll report on some of it in my September column (my August column deadline is before the AG).

The biggest news in American Mensa right now is the resignation of Executive Director (ED) Trevor Mitchell, effective July 12; we wish him well. The ED oversees all paid staff of American Mensa, runs the national office, supports all our volunteer operations, and carries out many of the policies set by AMC. As I write this, it looks like the outgoing AMC will have started the process of hiring a new ED, leaving it to those of us on the incoming AMC to finish the process. Hiring an ED is one of the most important decisions AMC makes (this is only the 2nd ED transition since 1989), and this will be the first time I will have been involved in this process.

I look forward to working with all of you to make Mensa a success in our region.

WEEKLY ZOOM GENERAL DISCUSSION GROUP

From Ken Lawrence

A list of suggested topics, as well as a chance to comment, is available on Facebook under M Saturday Discussion Group. Host Ken Lawrence can be reached at MVirtualDiscussionGroup@gmail.com for more information.

> Topic: Virtual Discussion Group open to all Mensans.
> Time: 2:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada) every Saturday
> https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86726108623?pwd=cUgyelF2K0ZLQzNWbVByZE9UMXpxdz09
> Meeting ID: 867 2610 8623 Passcode: 1234

Additionally, Ken runs two other SIG meetings. One is a Brainstorming SIG, every Sunday at 9pm, eastern time: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82908600785?pwd=Kzl4YUhFbklwSnpCTTl4TDdHN0Jsdz09
More information can be obtained from MBrainstormingSessions@gmail.com or at the Facebook Group (20+) M Brainstorming | Facebook

Also Mensa Christian Bible Study SIG every Sunday 7pm eastern time.
https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86488880838?pwd=QUVUaFhPSjl0Tkt5V1pDZGlnRU5TUT09

Bob's Word Puzzle:

Here is an easy word search puzzle: the letter grid is only one letter high, so there are no vertical or diagonal words to find! How many words can you find in the following string of one hundred letters:

NOTABLESDENIEDARTERIALCOLOSSALLADDERCASSETTESORTIE
BLADETARDYHICCUPSEVERALCEDILLAVENOMENAMELSOMETIME
S

Bob's Math Puzzle:

Do you remember the Pythagorean Theorem? In case you need a reminder, a right triangle has 2 shorter sides of lengths A and B that meet at a right angle and a longer side of length C that connects their free ends to make a right triangle. Pythagoras showed us that for any right triangle, A X A + B X B = C X C.

A) Say you are told that a common factor divides two of the side lengths evenly. What can you deduce about the third side length?

B} What if you are told that NO common factor divides a given pair of side lengths evenly. What can you deduce about the third side length?

Bob's Commercial Aviation Trivia

1) What is the world's largest passenger aircraft?
2) Which country built the first jetliner to enter service?
3) What is the major material an airliner is made of?
4) What is the oldest airline still operating under its original name?
5) What airport handles the most passengers?
6) Name the first supersonic airliner to enter service?
7) What doe "ATC" stand for?
8) what is the maximum altitude airliners reach in regular service?
9) What is the most common type of jet airliner engine?
10) What's the longest nonstop commercial airliner route?
11) What is the front of an airplane called?
12) Why do airliners need wing flaps?
13) What is the angle at which the wing meets the airflow called?
14) What was the first "jumbo jet?"
15) Who flew solo across the North Atlantic in 1927?

See answers on page 7

JULY 2024 MEMBERSHIP MATTERS
Kathy Teshich, Membership Chair
99 **members**

BIRTHDAYS

David Murley	July 7
Kristen Shuler	July 8
Gary Gordon	July 12
David Salsbury	July 17

MENSAVERSARIES

Renee Kulling	1 yr
Larry Sherman	10 yrs
Daniel Thompson	23 yrs
Dawn Ramsay	37 yrs
Ken Lawrence	38 yrs
Squire Jaros	28 yrs

Answers To Puzzles

Math Puzzle Answer

A) Rearrange the formula to put the two sides with a common factor on the left (if A and C have a common factor, the equation becomes C X C - A X A = B X B). The same common factor that divides C and A evenly divides C X C, A X A, and their sum or difference twice, so it also evenly divides B X B twice, making it a factor of B as well!

B) If the third side length could be evenly divided by any of the factors of one of the other sides, we could conclude from (A) above that all three side lengths share that common factor. However, we are told that the other two legs have NO common factors. . . We can conclude that the third side length has NO factors in common with the other two!

Word Puzzle Answer

I hope that you were able to find the 15 words reading forwards (end-to-end) that make up this string of 100 letters. Would you believe that there are another 16 words hiding among them? Hint: take a cue from other word search puzzles and search in a different direction!

Trivia Answers:

The Airbus A-380, The United Kingdom (DeHavilland "Comet"), Aluminum, KLM (since 1919), Atlanta (Hartsfield-Jackson), The Concorde, Air Traffic Control, 65,000 Feet, Turbo-fan, Singapore to New York City, its nose, for shorter take-offs and slower landings, its Angle of Attack, Boeing 747, Charles Lindbergh in "The Spirit of St. Louis."

FOOD FOR THOUGHT
By Barb Ford

I was warned about something 25 years ago. I was a Hospice patient with non-Hodgkin's lymphoma. Stage IVB. The doctors at the UofM Comprehensive Cancer Center told me there was nothing more they could do for me. I was 43 years old. Not ready to die, I sensed there could be a different outcome. It was up to me to claim it. I invested in a Light Beam Generator. It is technology inspired by Royal Raymond Rife. Photons and frequencies. I also obtained an Infratonic sound machine, and am now using my fifth generation of this technology. I had a spiritual healing from a Catholic Priest from India who channeled someone named Padre Pio. Three weeks after my healing, he was canonized and is now known as Saint Padre Pio. I am not Catholic, but this was a true experience for me. A few months later, I stabilized. During a visit to the Cancer Center, my oncologists were baffled. They warned me that this was highly unusual and alluded that my blood was doing something impossible. As I continued to improve, they kept on with their cautionary watchfulness. I was warned that the cell type of the NHL I have never goes into remission, but may remain stable for a period of time. Every single doctor said it WOULD return. "Not if, but when…" They quoted statistics, saying there was a very high chance it would convert to high grade, or the very aggressive, fast-growing form. I would not have much time.

Well, a few weeks ago, I experienced strong symptoms, and it was confirmed that this lymphoma had recurred. Oh, snap. I informed my doctor that I would not consent to chemo or other conventional treatments. He supports me. Smart man.

The first thing I did was to go directly to the local garden center and get plants for my garden. A girl must have goals. When I got home, I emailed my friends at Jampha.com and Tibetan Pharmacy to inquire if they had recommendations for me. Trinn Hatch, the owner, put me on a support protocol. I started it right away. Then, their Tibetan doctor, Amchi La got involved. I am currently on an amazing protocol and feel remarkably well. My bloodwork after a few weeks is turning around. I am doing very well. I am happy to privately discuss the finer details of my experience with anyone who wishes to hear. Know this: *miracles are real*.

By the way, the veggies from my garden are delicious.
I have things yet to accomplish, and plan to be here for a long time. There is much joy yet to be experienced and shared with others.

(Editor's note: I've been holding my breath since Barb informed me last month of this reoccurrence. I know you all join me in wishing her well on her latest journey to wellness.)

JULY 2024 MMM Activities Calendar

Fri. July 5: TGIF - Fiesta Charra
5900 Park Lake Rd, East Lansing, near Costco.
Join us on Cinco de Julio for tasty Mexican food!

Fri. July 12: TGIF - P. F. Chang's
2425 Lake Lansing Rd, Lansing, in Eastwood Towne Center.
A fresh American take on traditional Chinese cuisine!

Fri. July 19: TGIF - Delhi Cafe
4625 Willoughby Rd, Holt, between Cedar St and Aurelius Rd.
A Mensa favorite with good Greek and American food.

Fri. July 26: TGIF - Blue Gill Grill
1591 Lake Lansing Rd, Haslett, just west of Marsh Rd.
Delicious food with friendly service at family prices.

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