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Identify the subjects of these pictures and win a year's subscription to PensaMensa for a friend. The people who took the pictures are not eligible! Do you reckon they're related? Could this be Rosemary's new Baby? The first pair of correct answers wins and will be announced at the Pool Party.

Saturday, June 16, 2 p.m. POOL PARTY! and Open House at Jo and Bob Horne's, 641 Merioneth Ct. NE, Ft. Walton Beach. Bob and Jo's semi-annual parties are immensely popular and well attended - a good chance to meet other members. Bring a snack or beverage to share, and your swimsuit and towel (or not). Info/directions: johorne@cox.net or rhorne@cox.net; 850-315-0255.

Editor's Notes

and news from all over

Thanks to Christine Pincince for sharing Bob's Job Salsa with us. (Sorry, she won't share Bob to do the Job - I already asked.) Look for her great pictures in color in your e-mail newsletter. You've not signed up for the e-mail version instead of print? Just e-mail me at and the deed is done.

I had planned to publish a scholarly essay on grits for the enlightenment of any culturally cuisine challenged carpetbaggers living amongst us, but ran out of space because you really need to think about attending the Annual Gathering in Birmingham. Ask anyone who's been to B'ham - it's one of the very best Gatherings.

Maybe next month you'll get grits. Maybe you'll write something better for next month. No one (except our new member from Annapolis mentioned in the ExComm report) responded to our request for improving the newsletter or meetings . . .

News from all over

Winners:

Jessica McClure of Pensacola won the \$300 Mossip award. She is a junior at Mississippi State, majoring in biological sciences and chemistry.

Daniel Gough of Pace won our local Northwest Florida Mensa award of \$200. He is a graduate student at Florida State, majoring in music performance and musicology.

The winning essays by our scholarship winners will be published in later newsletters.

Kathy Zoss has retired from her psychology practice in Pensacola.

Phil Woolley is on the board of directors of Emerald Coastkeepers, Inc.

Dan Finley is on a circuitous trip to Savannah, Washington, D.C. and then Dallas.

"M"embership News

by Bob Ulrich

Well, boys and girls, we took a nasty membership beating in March, worse than many previous years. As mentioned previously and as you all know March is our annual membership renewal month. Since the year 2000 we have lost between 9% and 15% of our roster each April. This year we had a net loss of 33 members representing a 15.8% decline. As in previous years some of lost sheep will come to their right minds, realize the error of their ways and return to the fold. But for now we have dropped from 209 members to 177 members.

This represents the same number of members we had in April 2004, but it is a drop of 13 members from the total of 190 we had at this date last year. In 2005 we also had a loss of 33 members to a total of 181 in the renewal month so this figure is not unprecedented, but it is still painful.

Normally I list the names and city of all the additions and subtractions to our monthly membership

roster. I will not list the 33 members who chose not to renew (you know who you are) but we did have 1 addition and 1 subtraction not related to renewals.

Chris Collins moved from Niceville, FL to Harvest, AL and **David Pryor** rejoined Mensa after being absent for a while. Good luck and welcome back to the 2 of you. This is a short column this month since all the news was bad. Hopefully I will have better information to report in the coming months. . .

Cryptograms

by **Jill Russ**

Easy Level

WI WR WUXBBX WMFUWG IQNI VB

REBUX FDM RGQFFS XNLR

LBNMUWUC IF CMNXDNIB NUX FDM

MBYNWUWUC XNLR VNTWUC

UFRINSCWG NAFDI FDM RGQFFS XNLR.

~WRNABS VNTYNU

Challenge Level

The Challenge Level includes the "space" as part of the cryptogram. In other words, the letter R might actually be the space, and a space might be a letter. The end of each line of the cryptogram is the end of a word.

JFLVIYFNVEYPMFEDF PYFKR

LREPHDFZ IFJVYFJFW MFYWW

YOYPFENFZ IFJVYFRJSNBVJBHYM.

~JILR VFIPHP KP

The Tenth Story

RVC Column for Region 10

This column marks the last month of my first term as Region 10 Vice Chair, or RVC 10. I had very high hopes for things to accomplish, at the start of my term, very much like any freshman office holder, I imagine, full of big ideas. Some of those things did come to pass, like the Region 10 website. Some of them didn't, such as my plan to have local groups share ideas in my column. It didn't happen, because there was very little feedback. I took for granted that the local officers would have lots of time and energy to respond, and they didn't always have the time.

Which brings me to another thing I do want to mention in this column - all those local officers who are the unsung heroes of Mensa. Without them, local groups wouldn't function. Without the editors (bless them) spending many hours each month putting together the local group newsletters, we wouldn't have said newsletters. Without the proctors testing potential new members, local groups would wither away to nothing eventually. The LocSecs and other members of the ExComm are the veritable glue that hold a local group together. The membership officer is often the one who makes first contact with new members and determines whether that new member gains a bond with the local group. Gifted Children Coordinators, who coordinate activities and information to our youngest members, are encouraging a future generation for Mensa. So from me personally to all current, past, and future local officers of Region 10- a huge THANK YOU for all you do for Mensa. (And, yes, this includes those who host local group events, whether you are an officer or not. You are not forgotten!)

One thing I didn't do that I plan to do in the next term is to visit all the groups. Some groups have RGs, and they are easy to visit because of that. But I know I have neglected many other groups who don't have an RG. So count on the fact that sometime soon I want to come to an event in your group, not because there is a problem that needs fixing, but because we just need to get to know each other. I look forward to it.

Of course, in the meantime, please don't hesitate to initiate a chat with me at an RG. I would love to hear what is going on in your group.

Maggie Truelove, Regional Vice Chair, Region 10

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Cryptogram solutions

Easy Level:

It is indeed ironic that we spend our school days yearning to graduate and our remaining days waxing nostalgic about our school days. ~*Isabel Waxman*

Challenge Level:

A true friend is one who thinks you are a good egg even if you are half-cracked. ~*Author Unknown*

Calendar

Where no specific phone number is given, call 850-585-3194.

Friday, June 1, 11 a.m. 1 p.m. First Friday in Pensacola, L-o-n-g Lunch at Scenic 90 Café, 701 Scenic Highway, Pensacola. Drop in for a long visit if you can, a short one if you can't. As you enter the restaurant, go to your right and to the rear.

Friday, June 8, 6.p.m. Bryan and Jennifer Clark have started a monthly poker night (Texas hold 'em) at their house in Pensacola and would like to invite Mensa folks. It is for all skill levels - beginners welcome. They will also start up other games for those who don't want to play poker. Kids are welcome. For more details, email Jennifer at jenniferwclark@gmail.com and she will email you an e-vite. (No poker in July, but the following months are scheduled.)

Saturday, June 9, 11:30 a.m. Second Saturday in Panama City. Lunch at Chef Imondi's
Downtown, 448 Harrison Avenue.

Tuesday, June 12, 6 p.m. Supper Club in Pensacola, Hall's Seafood, 920 E Gregory St downtown Pensacola. Call Dan Murray on his cell phone, 455- 6339, after 7 p.m. or on weekends please.

Friday, June 15, 5 p.m. Happy Hour! at Hog's Breath in Destin Two for one drinks from 5 to 7 p.m., half- price appetizers, and a real "pubby" feeling. The calamari were great and they have Stella Artois beer, 541 Hwy. 98, on the north side, west of the old Donut Hole. Dave Howard is our coordinator - he and Tehane will be there at 5 p.m. Info: davehoward01@earthlink.net or 897-5702.

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Friday, June 29, 11:30 a.m., Last Friday in Shalimar. Lunch at Shalimar Cheers Pub, 1270 North Eglin Parkway: their # is 651-2740. It's at the back of a yellowish office building immediately north of the courthouse, turn at the red-and-yellow sign and go through the parking area all the way to the back and to the right.

Saturday, June 30, Newsletter Assembly and games at the home of John and Mary Ann Mochan, 616 Overbrook Dr., FWB. John will make brownies; bring your favorite goodies or beverage, fold, staple, mutilate and stamp, get your newsletter early and play games. Info: jmochan@cox.net or 585-3194.

Tentative July events: July 6, Lunch, Pensacola; July 10, Supper Club, Pensacola; July 14, Lunch, Panama City; July 20, Happy Hour, TBD; July 21, ExComm, FWB; July 27, Lunch, Shalimar; July 28, Newsletter/Games Day, FWB

SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

Photography SIG. Dan Murray in Pensacola (455-6339) found out there was no camera club anywhere near him, so he started one.

Pinochle SIG. Contact Bob Mundorff in Navarre at 850) 939-5882 or pinochledd@aol.com .He will coordinate dates/times/schedules and is willing to host the games. For beginners too.

Shooting SIG. Contact Bob Mundorff in Navarre at pinochledd@aol.com or 939-5882 to go shooting during the week at the Escambia River Muzzleloader's range - modern small arms allowed.

A Chess Problem

from Lars Runar

May Solution:

1. Rh5
2. gh5 Bg2
3. Kh4 Bg3 Mate

(Algebraic notation) Reprinted by permission from Chess Training in 5333+1 Positions by Laszlo Polgar © 1994 Konemann Verlags gesellschaft

Sorry, but Lars' new chess problems were not received in time for this issue.

ExComm Report - April

by John Mochan

Called to order at 1:15. Present were John Mochan, Jerry Gilbert, Bobbye Wicke, Bob Ulrich, Bob Horne, Lynda Ulrich, MaryAnn Mochan, and Chris McArdle. The minutes from the previous meeting were unanimously accepted.

President - The National and International Mensa elections are ongoing. Please Vote!!! There was some confusion about the paper ballots that were mailed out. The easiest way to vote is electronically, if you have a computer. A second set of ballots was mailed to give everyone the opportunity to cast a ballot.

Vice President - No Report

Treasurer - See separate report.

Editor - No report.

Membership - See separate report.

OLD BUSINESS

The yard sale made \$244.00 And a great time was had by all!

NEW BUSINESS

We will resurrect the idea of the New Member's Packet that explains the organization and its many acronyms to the new folks.

We still need a Public Relations Person and Gifted Children's Coordinator. More on that later.

The June meeting will be at the Pool Party at the Hornes'.

The August meeting will be at the Pool Party at the Ulrichs' We are trying to line up a speaker for that event.

Meeting adjourned at 1:55.

ExComm Report - May

by Heidi Daniels

The Executive Committee Meeting was held at Heidi Daniels' house on May 19, 2007. The meeting was called to order at 2:22 PM. Attending were: Heidi Daniels, Jerry Gilbert, Mabel Loesch, John Mochan, and Cameron Pouncey.

President: The garage sale went well and we earned \$244. Thanks to all the members who contributed items. Since our finances are in good shape we may consider increasing the scholarship amount in the future. This year the essay winner received \$200. It was proposed that next year we raise the amount to \$400.

We may have a new gifted children's coordinator soon. More details as they unfold. National has developed minimum guidelines for local bylaws. John Mochan will review our Bylaws and propose any changes necessary.

Vice President: A new member from Annapolis has suggested scheduling more events in Pensacola such as speakers, poetry reading, etc. Membership: See details in Membership Officer's Report.

Treasurer: See details in Treasurer's Report.

OLD BUSINESS - none.

NEW BUSINESS - The next ExComm meeting will be June 16, at the Pool Party at the Hornes'.
Adjourned at 2:41 PM.

Treasurer's Report by Jerry Gilbert

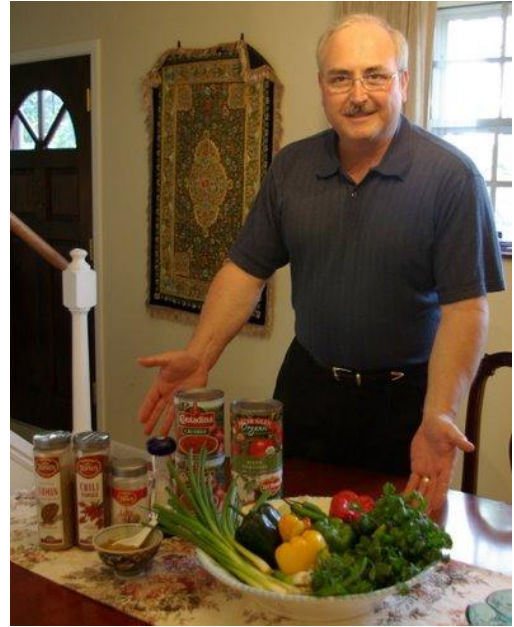
On 20 Apr our American Mensa Funding of \$152.78 was deposited to give us a balance of \$4,470.16. As of 18 May our expenses were \$175.11 for the newsletter and our income came from the Garage Sale (\$244.00) and the National Mensa Funding (\$155.24). This gives us a current balance of \$4694.29. A moment of concern occurred on 14 May when their monthly letter arrived showing a May deposit of \$78.16 due on the 18th. A later letter arrived telling us to disregard previous letter and \$155.24 would be the May deposit. No further explanation was given but evidently they only credited us with 83 members instead of 177 members.

Bob's Job Salsa

by Christine Pincince

Caution! Very important to either use disposable gloves while handling the hot peppers or be sure to very thoroughly wash your hands several times before ever touching face or eyes or kids or pets. Powerful stuff! From experience I can tell you that washing out your eyes with copious amounts of water is no fun and you only need to learn that lesson once!

Whenever Bob makes a batch of salsa, it's a large one! He does it all by hand and finds it quite relaxing to focus his full concentration as he, with great loving care, carefully chops and prepares the fresh ingredients. He always takes some to share with his work friends at Jacobs Engineering, our church, Way of Life Unity Center, my 83 year old mother Mary O'Brian at Teresa village--and me. Everyone loves it. Both of us love to cook and enjoy salsa, but it is Bob's chosen job to be the one to make it happen at our house. That's why I call it 'Bob's Job Salsa'. Bob has to go out west on business for his company on occasion. While there he buys the New Mexican powdered green chili and cumin. We enjoy sampling the salsa in different restaurants to identify the tastes we like with the goal to continually improve on his. Personally, I love Bob's the best.



Of course his recipe can be cut down if you aren't expecting a big crowd. We prefer the white corn restaurant style or baked chips for a more authentic flavor. As a extra wonderful treat we will make hot cheddar cheese nachos in the toaster oven, topped with my homemade guacamole and the salsa. We use organic/natural plain yogurt instead of sour cream. You have to draw the line somewhere! His salsa added to an omelet is a perky morning treat that wakes up those Sunday morning taste buds.

Bob believes that careful fresh pepper selection is key. The firm meaty bells are for their sweetness, color and crunch. The New Mexican and Pablanos peppers add the Tex Mex taste. The dangerous Habanero adds the sneaky heat he is looking for in every batch. Important hint: Best served room temp. It really makes a difference.

Here is our shopping/chopping guide: 2 bunches of fresh cilantro carefully washed and chopped small.

1 red bell pepper chopped small.

1 green bell pepper chopped small (optional).

1 yellow bell pepper chopped small. These bell peppers add sweetness and color.

2 Habanero peppers.

2 New Mexican peppers.

1 large dark Poblano pepper.

1 large white onion chopped or diced small.

2 bunches of scallions, chopped.

2 Large cans of crushed tomatoes.

2 large cans of diced tomatoes; pour off and use the juice and chop the tomatoes smaller.
Cumin to taste. Bob uses 3 heaping tablespoons.
Garlic powder to taste. Bob uses 3 heaping tablespoons.
Chili powder to taste. Bob uses 1 heaping tablespoon. Green chili powder to taste. Bob uses 1 heaping tablespoon.
Salt to taste. Add very little, as the chips are already salty.

Mix all ingredients together thoroughly and gently in a large bowl and let flavors meld for a little while. We then divide it up into smaller containers to share and refrigerate. The next day the salsa is at its peak. Just be sure to let it come to room temp before serving for fullest flavor.

Beer, lemony iced tea or salty margaritas and white corn chips all go well with this hearty salsa. When you take your first bite you will enjoy a mild explosion of flavor with an interesting mix of textures. You will notice the lovely leafy cilantro, satisfying meaty tomatoes, crunchy peppers and onions and perhaps even a little sweetness. Yum, delicious, gimme more, yum. By about your third salsa loaded chip you will begin to feel it. It is the famous sneaky hotness. There may be a point when your forehead sweats, but by then you will be hooked and loading up those chips. ***Yup, that will prove it is 'Bob's Job Salsa'.***

Seven Trivia Questions

Dr. Dan Finley, Brain Bowl Coach & Health Sciences Professor, Gulf Coast Community College, Panama City.

Dr. Dan invites you to submit a guest trivia question to dfinley@gulfcoast.edu for possible inclusion in future columns.

Thanks to David Woodward who noted that the Republic of West Florida was the appropriate answer to the question in last month's column about states that had been independent nations before joining the union. The Florida Parishes were only a part of the Republic of West Florida which also included the panhandle of Florida and the boot-heels of Mississippi and Alabama.

1. What is the Greek translation of the Biblical word 'Pentecost?'
2. Who is the only astronaut to fly on Mercury, Gemini and Apollo missions?
3. What is the oldest continuously-operating professional sports franchise in the U.S.?
4. What is the oldest continuously-operating professional football franchise in the U.S.?
5. What is the largest flying machine ever built?
6. In the 1960 Neil Sedaka hit *Oh! Carol*, who is the real life Carol about whom Sedaka writes?
7. Who is the only person in the Pro Football Hall of Fame who also played in a World Series baseball game?

Career Choices

Tom was in his early 50s, retired and started a second career. However, he just couldn't seem to get to work on time. Every day, he was five, 10, 15 minutes late. But, he was a good worker and real sharp, so the boss was in a quandary about how to deal with it.

Finally, one day he called Tom into his office for a talk. "Tom, I have to tell you, I like your work ethic. You do a bang-up job, but your being late so often is quite bothersome."

"Yes, I know boss and I am working on it."

"Well good, you are a team player. That's what I like to hear. It's odd though, your coming in late. I know you're retired from the Air Force. What did they say if you came in late there"?

"They said, 'Good morning, General.'"

Dead Horse

The tribal wisdom of the Dakota Indians says that when you discover you are riding a dead horse, the best strategy is to dismount. But in government other strategies are often tried with dead horses:

- ⊗ Appointing a committee to study the horse
- ⊗ Hiring outside contractors to ride the dead horse.
- ⊗ Providing additional funding and/or training to improve the dead horse's performance.
- ⊗ And, as a final strategy, promoting the dead horse to a supervisory position.

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Answers to Seven Trivia Questions

1. Pentecost means "fiftieth day" in Greek. It is a Christian feast on the seventh Sunday after Easter commemorating the descent of the Holy Spirit on the apostles, also called Whitsunday. In the Jewish faith, this same holiday is known as Shabuot [sha-BOO-oat] in commemoration of the revelation of the Ten Commandments at Mt. Sinai.

2. Wally Schirra. Schirra became the fifth American in space in 1962 aboard Mercury 8 (Sigma 7). He also flew on Gemini 6-A (1965) and Apollo 7 (1968).

3. Atlanta Braves. The team was founded in 1871 in Boston as a National Association club, making it the oldest continuously operating sports franchise in North American sports. The Chicago Cubs were also founded in 1871, but did not play for two years following the Great Chicago Fire of 1871. The Braves have gone by various names, i.e., Boston Red Stockings (1871-1882), Boston Beaneaters, Boston Doves, Boston Rustlers, Boston Braves, Boston Bees, Milwaukee Braves and Atlanta Braves (1966- present).

4. The Arizona Cardinals. They were formed in 1898 as the Morgan Athletic Club in Chicago. In 1899, the club name was changed to the Racine Normals since they were located in Normal Park on Chicago's Racine Avenue, not Racine, Wisconsin. In 1901, the name changed again to the Racine Cardinals when the collegiate Chicago Maroons gave them their old dark reddish uniforms. In 1920, they become a charter member of the NFL and were renamed the Chicago Cardinals. In 1944, during the lean years of World War- 2, the Cardinals temporarily merged into the Pittsburgh Steelers and became one franchise, usually referred to as Card-Pitt, for that one season. The Cardinals moved to St. Louis, Missouri in 1960 becoming the St. Louis Cardinals. In 1988, the club relocated and became the Phoenix Cardinals before it started using "Arizona" in its name in 1994.

5. The Hindenburg.

6. Carol King, an ex-girlfriend of Sedaka

7. Jim Thorpe

Milestones

Mensaversaries: As of this month, the following Mensans have maintained continuous membership in American Mensa Ltd. for the years shown. These anniversaries may not accurately reflect the total number of years in Mensa if a break in membership of one or more years has occurred.

39 Barbara I. Sands

31 Shirley A. Defries

29 John L. Mohre II

23 Jefferson Damon-Davis

21 Steven H. Brumm

14 Bill Campbell

13 Phillip W. Woolley

10 Barbara B. Woolwine
9 Robert C. Henderson
8 Bill Nichols
8 Christine S. Pincince
2 Heidi Daniels
1 Robert Elens
1 Daniel Mazzeo

HAPPY JUNE BIRTHDAYS!

2 Colby F. Van Atta
3 Bill Nichols
11 Patricia Levesque
12 Daniel Motherway
22 Milton B. Rogers
22 David A. Akerman
23 Donald VanNorman
24 Georgie Kelley
24 Larissa Timper
25 Jill Russ
27 Della N. McGuire
29 Robert L. Ignasiak Sr.
30 Sandra L. Bast

If your birthday isn't listed, it's because it is not on the membership roster we get from the national office each month - and that's because you instructed National to withhold it. Please go to

us.mensa.org and change your listing (or write to the address in your Mensa Bulletin, or call them). We promise not to tell anyone how old you are.



Now you know who to invite to your next potluck. . .

Précis

Fraser Sherman

A cursed object-

HOPE DIAMOND: The Legendary History of a Cursed Gem by Richard Kurin, chronicles how the "Tavernier violet" acquired in India (contrary to later legends, probably not by plucking it from a Hindu idol's brow!) passed through the hands of the Sun King, the French revolutionary government (who may have used it to bribe the leader of invading Prussian forces to throw a key battle), George IV and the wealthy Hopes who gave it its name (though this comes with enough gaps in provenance that the shared identity is high probability more than certainty). Kurin shows how the curse is literally a Printed Legend, a reporter fabricating most of the associated tragedies in a newspaper article that was

embraced for a variety of reasons including marketing ("Major gemstones needed a colorful history."), fascination with Mystic India and possibly class warfare ("A cursed diamond meant that rich aristocrats were being punished for exploiting others."). Very good.

And cursed champions

WATCHMEN - by Alan Moore is a landmark graphic novel set years after the government has hounded super-heroes into retirement as dangerous vigilantes. When someone murders aging World War II heroes the Comedian and Nightowl, the nihilist vigilante Rohrschach investigates (despite being wanted on multiple murder charges) and discovers a very ugly plot to fix the world's problems. This was the definitive What If Super-Heroes Were Real? story with its grim, gritty portrayal of unstable, troubled costumed crimefighters, and still holds up after 20 years.

Quotables and Literary Taunts

Quotables

If Mel Gibson really wants to seek forgiveness from the Jews, he needs to start with a public circumcision. ~ *Joy Behar - the View*

He has never been known to use a word that might send a reader to the dictionary. ~ *William Faulkner (about Ernest Hemingway)*

Literary Taunts

He loves nature in spite of what it did to him. ~ *Forrest Tucker*

I didn't attend the funeral, but I sent a nice letter saying I approved of it. ~ *Mark Twain*

Editorial Policy

PensaMensa welcomes your articles and artwork!! Submissions must show name, address, phone, and may be edited for clarity and space. Please enclose an SASE if you want your material returned. Deadline for submission is the 15th of each month.

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