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**French Broad Mensa
Executive Committee Update**

French Broad Mensa bids "Farewell" and "Good Luck" to Scott Samson and Nel Ruffin, who have moved to South Carolina. Your ExCom was instantly reduced to 50% strength! Bylaws provide for the Deputy LocSec to assume the LocSec duties in this situation. Bob Bouvier continues as Treasurer. Johanna Dokter and Will McGuffin have graciously agreed to fill the two resulting vacancies (Deputy LocSec and Member-at-Large) through the end of this calendar year.

Any help or advice you can offer to us will be welcome.

Local Secretary Sharron Armel

French Broad Mensa wins DIAMOND Award

American Mensa recently recognized French Broad Mensa with their highest "jewel" honor — the Diamond Award for groups with 100-199 members. You can read more about the awards, their history, and the selection criteria at:

<http://www.us.mensa.org/recognize/group-awards/local-group-jewels/2018-winners/>

What are we doing right? Activities that garnered points for us include:

- Financial report published in newsletter
- Timely reporting of year-end financials to the national office
- Activities calendar published in the newsletter
- Website on file with the national office
- Reporting LocSec changeover to national office
- Variety and quality of programs offered to members
- Communicating with members
- Recruitment/retention of membership
- Participation in Mensa testing

Congratulations and many thanks to all who have made this achievement possible!

Submissions to the Broadcast

Deadline for articles, letters, comments, etc. is the 15th of each month preceding publication. Original material is welcomed. Maximum length is 250 words. Editor reserves the right to refuse publication or to edit submissions, as long as intent and meaning are retained.

No personal attacks!

French Broad Mensa
August 2018 Events Calendar

Friday August 3, 11:30am: First Friday Lunch at Iannucci's,
1981 Hendersonville Rd, Asheville, NC (828) 684-5050

Menu: <https://iannuccis.com/asheville-location>

Contact Fae Armstrong, one4fae2@yahoo.com or (828)575-0121

Tuesday August 7, 6:00pm: Executive Committee Meeting at Stone
Ridge Tavern, 1003 Brevard Rd, Asheville, NC (828)665-3333

Menu: thestoneridgetavern.com/menus/

Contact SharronArmel@gmail.com or 828-280-6234.

Monday August 13: Trivia (6:30 for dinner, 7:30 to play)

at Jack of the Wood, 95 Patton Ave, Asheville NC (828) 252-3445

Menu: <https://jackofthewood.com/menu/>

Contact Will McGuffin, wmcguffin@charter.net or (828)296-7544.

Sunday August 19, 3:00pm: Discussion Group

at 60 Gerber Rd, Apt. 209, Asheville NC

Contact Fae Armstrong, one4fae2@yahoo.com or (828)575-0121.

Thursday August 23, 6:00pm: Thu.D! at Chupacabra Latin Cafe, 50
North Merrimon #101, Asheville NC (828)333-9230

Menu: chupacabralatincafe.com/full-menu

Contact SharronArmel@gmail.com or 828-280-6234.

NOTE: RSVPs are important for table planning. Please respond if you plan to attend an event. If you don't reply to the contact person, we might not be able to seat you. Seating preference goes to those who confirm attendance.

And don't forget to look for the Big Yellow M at Mensa events!

Discussion Group

Fae Armstrong will initiate a **discussion group as a new activity** for the French Broad Mensa. The first meeting will focus on the books, **LIGHTS OUT** by Ted Koppel and **ONE SECOND AFTER** by William Forstchen. The broader subject for discussion: "Is there a way our population can survive after a catastrophic failure if we have no more hope of a power grid?"

In discussion after this topic, anyone can bring up books they like or recommend and other topics for general discussion. Books can also be loaned, given away, and exchanged while we are there. We will also discuss future topics, rules, and format for future bi-monthly meetings.

Tea, coffee, and a cola will be provided, and members can BYOB and bring snacks to share if they wish.

The group's first meeting will be **3:00 p.m. on Sunday, August 19th** at 60 Gerber Rd, Apt #209.

Contact Fae Armstrong at one4fae2@yahoo.com or phone 828 575 0121.

Non-Mensa Events

EVENTS: There are many **free and very cheap cultural events** available in Asheville. We would like to publish details in the French Broad Newsletter. Please send an email to Fae at one4fae2@yahoo.com if you know of any good ones, including what, who, where, when, etc.. Also, yours and any pertinent phone numbers or email addresses with which we can verify the information.

Announcing these events means **you can go alone or get your own group together**. We do not plan to announce it as a **Mensa** event

French Broad Mensa Financial Reports

Financial Report for June 2018

Opening Balance:		\$4,200.41
Credits:		
Am. MENSA Contribution 6/15/2018	\$104.00	
Total Credits:		\$104.00
Debits:		
Check 626-Stanko-mailing misc	\$69.88	
Check 627-Karen Youket-testing travel/fees	\$26.78	
Check 628-meeting room fee-testing	\$10.00	
Total Debits:		\$106.66
Closing Balance:		\$4,197.75

Second Quarter Financial Report, 2018

Beginning Balance:		\$4,101.62
Credits:		
American MENSA Contribution April 2018	\$116.75	
American MENSA Contribution May 2018	\$100.45	
American MENSA Contribution June 2018	\$104.00	
Total Credits:		\$321.20
Debits:		
Check 625 - cleanup crew lunch	\$118.41	
Check 626 - Stanko mailing costs	\$69.88	
Check 627 - Jouket testing costs	\$26.78	
Check 628 - Stanko - testing room cost	\$10.00	
Total Debits:		\$225.07
Ending Balance:		\$4,197.75

Bob Bouvier, Treasurer

***French Broad Mensa
Minutes from the July 2018 Executive Committee Meeting***

Held July 3, 2018 at Atlanta Bread Company on Hendersonville Road in Asheville

Present: Sharron Armel, Bob Bouvier, Will McGuffin, Nel Ruffin, Scott Samson, Wayne Stanko

Executive Committee Changes:

Local Secretary Scott Samson and Member-at-Large Nel Ruffin are moving to South Carolina by mid-July. According to the by-laws, Deputy LocSec Sharron Armel will become LocSec; ExCom will appoint two new members to serve as Deputy LocSec and Member-at-Large for the remainder of the calendar year. Much of the meeting was an informal orientation given by Scott, Nel, Will, and Wayne to Sharron. (Greatly appreciated!)

Newsletter:

Sharron will produce the newsletter until further notice.

Website:

No one has yet agreed to manage our website. Will McGuffin will continue to manage our Facebook presence.

Schedule of Events:

The committee compared calendars and confirmed the dates and locations of upcoming events. (See Page 4 for specifics.)

Respectfully submitted by Sharron Armel

Trivial Report

New member Betsy Richards played for the first time, joining nine other players to help the Whoos compete against 16 teams at Quizzo at Jack of the Wood in July.

The theme of round one was animals on the map.

1. What New York city is known as the good neighbor city and the nickel city?
 2. What city with a population of 3200 is located in northern Dare County?
 3. In what city is Dolly Parton's Dixie Stampede located?
 4. The Hudson River Painters were located in what mountain range?
 5. The New England Patriots' Gillette stadium is located in what town?
 6. Cardiff is the capital of what country?
 7. Three per cent of what country is located in southern Europe next to Thrace?
- Extra. Canadian jet pilot training base is located in a city named after a deer body part?
8. What river rises in New Mexico and joins the Colorado?
 9. Where did the Pilgrims land in 1620?
 10. What archipelago is located off the west coast of Africa?

We answered all questions correctly and were tied for first place with one team.

The theme of the second round was the ancient world.

1. What two months are named for Caesars?
 2. The Art of War was written by what Chinese general?
 3. The Flavia Amphitheater is also known as what?
 4. What city-state fought and lost three wars with Rome?
 5. Which seventh wonder of the ancient world is still standing?
 6. Whose people are called Kemet after the black soil left by a flooding river?
 7. The Sumerians were located in what current country?
- Extra, What city of sailors was located on the Mediterranean Sea?

8. What ancient unit is defined as the distance from the tip of the forearm to the elbow?
9. Zeus sent one eagle to the east and one to the west. They met in what city?
10. The Trung sisters led Viet Nam in a revolt against what country?

We again got all the answers right and were now alone in first place with a three point lead.

The third round is the speed round. We were given a sheet of questions that we had five minutes to complete. In the first part, we were given a list of music festivals and had to tell in which state they were held. In the second part, we had to fill in the blanks of proverbs. We got all the proverbs correct.

At the end of the round we were still in first place, but our lead had shrunk to one point.

The theme of the fourth round was potpourri.

1. What body organ is made of the dermis and epidermis?
2. The stairway to heaven refers to what in the bible?
3. The Alt key on a PC is equivalent to what on a MAC?
4. The 1825 Decembrist revolution was in what country?
5. What country calls itself Barhat?
6. Stannic and stannous refer to what element?
- Extra. How many full years are there from the start of 17 BC to the start of 17 AD?
7. Which of the following notes are not used to tune a violin- E,A, B, D, or G?
8. The Nile river empties into what body of water?
9. In 2013 what country recognized alternative genders: Italy, Germany, Greece, or Sweden?
10. The pickled buds of the Flinder Rose are called what?

We answered 8 of the 11 questions correctly and finished in second place one point behind. We earned a \$20 gift card for the next time we play.

Answers for the Trivial Report

Round 1

1. Buffalo (Karen); 2. Duck (Sharron); 3. Pigeon Forge (Wayne);
4. Catskills (Sharron); 5. Foxboro (Wayne); 6. Wales; 7. Turkey (Robert);
Extra. Moose Jaw (Robert); 8. Gila (Wayne); 9. Cape Cod; 10. Canary
Islands.

Round 2

1, July and August; 2. Sun Tzu (Sharron); 3. Roman Colosseum;
4. Carthage (Robert); 5. Egyptian pyramids; 6. Egypt (Karen); 7. Iraq;
Extra. Phoenicians; 8. Cubit; 9. Delphi (Pat); 10. China

Round 4

1. Skin; 2. Jacob's Ladder (Sharron); 3. Options key; 4. Russia;
5. India (Robert); 6. Tin (Wayne); Extra. 33 years (Robert); 7. B;
8. Mediterranean; 9. Germany; 10. Capers (Wayne)



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