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Please join in welcoming
JASON WHISNANT
As our new Webmaster!

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 decline publication or to edit submissions, as long as intent and meaning are retained.

Please, no personal attacks!

September 2018 FBM Events Calendar

Tuesday Sept. 4, 6pm: Executive Committee Meeting

at Atlanta Bread Company, 484 Hendersonville Road in Asheville

Menu: <https://atlantabread.com/menus/>

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

Friday Sept. 7, 11:30am: First Friday Lunch

at Ay Caramba Mexican Grill & Bar, 801 Fairview Rd #2, in Asheville

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

Saturday, Sept. 15, 11am: Amboy Road Greenway Cleanup

Riverlink will provide gloves, vests, grabbers, and bags. Please let Wayne know if you are coming, so we know how much equipment we need. After the cleanup, FBM will host a lunch for the volunteers.

Contact Wayne Stanko, wstanko@charter.net or 828-253-8751

Monday Sept. 10, 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 Sept. 23, 3pm: Discussion Group

at 60 Gerber Rd, Apt. 209, Asheville NC

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

Thursday Sept. 27, 6pm: Thu.D!

at Pack's Tavern, 20 S. Spruce St, in Asheville (adjacent to Pack Square). Nearby free parking after 5pm on Marjorie St.

Menu: <https://packstavern.com/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

The Discussion Group has been rescheduled for Sunday, September 23rd at 3:00 at Fae's (60 Gerber Road, Apartment #209 in Asheville). Maybe this will also allow time for us to locate the new book, *THE PRESIDENT IS MISSING* to read, along the same subject as our early discussion 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.

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

Mensa Scholarship Program: A Chance to Do Good for Students

HELPING DESERVING STUDENTS pursue their education goals is an investment in society. The Mensa Foundation Scholarship Program is a key part of its mission, and is a volunteer opportunity that 89 Local Groups (including French Broad Mensa) participated in last year. Every participating chapter receives a \$600 Karen Cooper or Diana Mossip Memorial Scholarship awarded on their behalf to a student, with the funding provided by the Foundation.

Wayne Stanko has volunteered to continue as Scholarship Chairman this year. He may soon ask for volunteers to help with promoting the program and judging. Let's keep this important work going!

Comedy Tour

Is laughter really the best medicine? Let's test it out on Saturday, November 3, 2018, by going on the LaZoom "historical and hysterical" Comedy Tour in Asheville.

<https://www.lazoomtours.com/tours/city-tours/>

Tickets are \$29, discounted to \$26 for senior citizens and folks who have a local ID. French Broad Mensa will subsidize half of the ticket cost for participating members. Depending on available seating, we'll choose either the 2pm, 3pm, or 4pm tour. And since we'll still be on Daylight Saving Time, the tour will end well before sunset.

RSVP by September 15 to SharronArmel@gmail.com, so we can reserve seats. Seating is limited, so sign up early!

Non-Mensa Events

Have you heard of a free (or low-cost) community event that might interest your fellow members? Here's the place to share that info.

Please submit details to SharronArmel@gmail.com

For example...

Asheville Quilt Guild's annual quilt show, September 28-30, 2018 at the Davis Event Center at the WNC Ag Center (Airport Road between Asheville & Hendersonville). See more than 350 traditional, modern, & art quilts on display.

<https://www.ashevillequiltguild.org/quilt-show/>



Watch for this Wacky Bird made by a fellow Mensan!

Financial Report for July 2018

Opening Balance.....\$4,197.75
Credits:
 Am. MENSA Contribution 7/20/18....\$159.55
Total Credits.....159.55
Debits: None
Total Debits.....0.00
Closing Balance\$4,357.30
Submitted by Bob Bouvier, Treasurer



DIY B&B @ McGuffin's

Minutes of the August 2018 Executive Committee Meeting

Held August 7, 2018 at Stone Ridge Tavern on Brevard Road in Asheville.

Present were Sharron Armel, Bob Bouvier, Johanna Dokter, Will McGuffin, Wayne Stanko.

June 2018 financial report was presented and discussed.

Events discussed:

- LaZoom Tours: Sharron will arrange for a group of seats on the comedy bus tour in Asheville, sometime in early November.
- Train trip, Great Smoky RR in Bryson City: This has been an event in previous years. It was decided to inquire after the New Year for a possibility to rent the Caboose either in Spring or Fall of 2019.
- The FMB will subsidize 50% of the trip.

New Members:

The committee decided to send a welcome note, a meal discount coupon, and a printed copy of the FBM *Broadcast* to new members. Sharron will send the note and coupons, and Wayne the *Broadcast*.

Award:

The French Broad Mensa received the Diamond Award for excellence. (see details in the August 2018 *Broadcast*.) Sharron showed the award to the committee. Not decided was where to keep the award.

Suggestions are welcome. A picture of the award will be in a future *Broadcast*.

Speaker:

A suggestion from a member about the possibility of a speaker at meetings was discussed. The University can provide a speaker list. Fae Armstrong is looking into speakers available for Mensa meetings, and possible sites. As usual, suggestions from members are always welcome. No decisions were made on this subject at this time.

Submitted by Johanna Dokter, Deputy LocSec

Trivial Report

The Whoos were anxious to play Quizzo at Jack of the Wood in August after missing first place by only one point in July. There were 15 teams participating.

The theme of the first round was autobiographies.

1. In 1972, what heroine of “The Sound of Music” wrote *Maria*?
2. What Saturday Evening Post contributor wrote *My Life as an Illustrator*?
3. Who wrote *On the Other Hand - a letter to King Kong*?
4. Who wrote *Every Single Thing - Life as a Hostage in the SLA*?
5. What bebop trumpeter wrote *To Be or Not to Bop*?
- Extra. In 1917, who wrote *Der Rote Kampflieger*?
6. What South Dakota Senator and Presidential nominee wrote *Grass Roots*?
7. In 1980, what former Vice President wrote *Go Quietly or Else*?
8. In 1791, what American in Paris wrote *Memoirs*?
9. Whose autobiography is *Double Helix*, Watson or Crick?
10. Booker T. Washington’s autobiography is titled *Up from* what?

We answered 10 of 11 correctly, “jokered” our round to double our score, and were in second place two points behind the leader.

The theme of the second round was rocks and minerals.

1. What rock fizzes when it is treated with acid?
2. Brownstone is what type of rock?
3. The White Sands raceway in New Mexico is made of what?
4. Does a stalagmite grow up or down?
5. Kimberlite is named for a city in what country?
6. What volcanic rock can float on water?
7. Name 1 of 2 minerals on the Mohs’ hardness scale ending in z.
Extra. Name the other one.
8. What is the bright red mercury ore?
9. What is true alabaster made of?
10. Galena is the ore of what heavy metal?

We got all 11 questions correct and were now tied for first place.

The third round was the speed round. We have five minutes to answer the questions on a sheet of paper. In the first part, we were given a list of events. We had to name the month in which they occurred. In the second part, we were given a list of tributaries and had to name the main river. We got them all right and turned in our sheet in less than two and a half minutes to earn an extra point. We were still tied for first place with another team one point behind.

The theme of round four was potpourri.

1. The division sign is named after a Greek pointed pillar. What is it?
2. In August of 1914, the SS Ankon was the first ship to pass through what body of water?
3. The Bell and Sikorsky companies produce what?
4. The physics process of particle decay is called what?
5. An analepsis is found in films, plays, and stories. What is it?
6. What part of the human body is the axilla?
Extra. What cars do the F and C stand for in the company FCA?
7. A pyronometer is used to measure what?
8. Tiffy, Easter bunny, and Bubble Gum Troll are characters in what game?
9. What brand founded in 1937 with a nautical logo said in an ad “If your grandfather had not worn it, you wouldn’t exist?”
10. What nursery rhyme did Edison use to demonstrate his recording machine?

We only missed one question and ended winning by two points earning a \$40 gift certificate.

Also, in a shout-out, Robert won a Green Man Brewery T shirt by knowing that “cerine” refers to deer.

Trivia Answers

Round 1

1. Maria Von Trapp; 2. Norman Rockwell (Pat); 3. Fay Wray; 4. Patty Hearst; 5. Dizzy Gillespie (Wayne); Extra. Red Baron (Will); 6. George McGovern (Pat); 7. Spiro Agnew; 8. Ben Franklin; 9. Watson (Karen), 10. Slavery (Robert).

Round 2

1. Lime (Sharron); 2. Brownstone (Robert); 3. Gypsum (Karen); 4. Up; 5. South Africa (Robert); 6. Pumice (Karen); 7. Topaz (Robert); Extra. Quartz (Robert); 8. Cinnabar (Robert); 9. Gypsum (Robert); 10. Lead (Karen).

Round 4

1. Obelisk; 2. Panama Canal (Will); 3. Helicopters (Sharron); 4. Strangeness (Will); 5. Flash back; 6. Armpit (Sharron); Extra. Fiat and Chrysler; 7. Sunlight; 8. Candy Crush; 9. Old Spice (Pat); 10. Mary Had a Little Lamb.



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