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### ***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!

## **Events Calendar**

### **Tuesday Oct. 2, 6pm: Executive Committee Meeting**

at Post 25 Kitchen & Lounge, 2155 Hendersonville Road in Arden

Menu: <http://post25av1.com/>

Contact: [SharronArmel@gmail.com](mailto:SharronArmel@gmail.com).

### **Friday Oct. 5, 11:30am: First Friday Lunch**

at Chili's Grill & Bar, 253 Tunnel Road in Asheville (just west of the intersection of Tunnel Road and South Tunnel Road)

Menu: <https://www.chilis.com>

Contact: Fae Armstrong, [one4fae2@yahoo.com](mailto:one4fae2@yahoo.com)

### **Monday Oct. 8, 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/>

Contact: Will McGuffin, [wmcguffin@charter.net](mailto:wmcguffin@charter.net)

### **Thursday Oct. 25, 6pm: Thu.D!**

at the Crêperie & Café, 113 North Main St, Weaverville, serving savory and sweet crêpes, all GF, plus beer, wine, & hard cider

Menu: <https://creperieandcafe.com/>

Contact: [SharronArmel@gmail.com](mailto:SharronArmel@gmail.com).

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 Table on the table at Mensa events!

### **Meet a fellow Mensan: Grace Lehto**

An example of Grace's work graces our cover this month. She loves "playing show and tell" with her art, and invites you to call or email and arrange a visit. [grace@mychickensheet.com](mailto:grace@mychickensheet.com)

## ***Non-Mensa Events***

Mensa member Jeff Catanese is directing a production of *Avenue Q* at the Asheville Community Theatre. This puppet-filled witty and raunchy musical comedy throws a group of twenty-somethings seeking their purpose in big-city life. Recent college grad Princeton moves into a shabby New York apartment all the way out on Avenue Q - a street where puppets and humans alike live together. Princeton and his new-found friends struggle with issues of love, sex and sexuality, unemployment, and identity. This is an R rated production. The play runs from October 5 to 28. The box office number is 254-1320.

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](mailto:SharronArmel@gmail.com)

## ***Dinner and a Show?***

Have you heard a speaker who might interest your fellow FBM members? Your Executive Committee is eager to resume this fun and rewarding program. If you can arrange a speaker and a location for one of our Thu.D. events (4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of each month except November & December), FBM will cover the cost of the speaker's dinner, and yours as well. Contact Wayne ([wstanko@charter.net](mailto:wstanko@charter.net)) or Will ([wmcguffin@charter.net](mailto:wmcguffin@charter.net)) for more information.

## ***Scholarships***

Wayne Stanko, FBM's Testing Coordinator for the Mensa Scholarship Program, has sent notices of availability to 43 public and private high schools, junior colleges, and universities in our region. Deadline for applications is January 15, 2019.

## ***Praiseworthy***

FBM received American Mensa's Diamond Award this year. Yes, this is the third "brag" on this topic, but it bears repeating: You can read a little about how we won the award in the August *Broadcast*, and see Pat Benard's striking photograph of it on the cover of the September issue. Credit is also due to Michael Havelin for presenting our activities and accomplishments in such a positive way over his years as *Broadcast* Editor. And finally, FBM owes thanks to all the members who support the group's activities.

## ***RVC Column***

October is Mensa Testing Month and most of our local groups will be conducting testing. This year, the testing is ½ price, \$30. If you have a friend or family member who is interested in taking the test, this is the time to do it. In November, Prior Evidence examination will be 50% off; also \$30. This is a great time to talk to your friends and family about joining MENSA.



Last year Mensa introduced a voucher program. We are doing that once again. Around October 1 you will receive an e-mail which will include a discount code to give to a family member, friend or colleague good for submitting prior evidence or sitting for a supervised test at no cost. We know that word of mouth is the most effective recruitment strategy, so who better than our own members to help us identify and recruit new prospects to Mensa? This is even a better deal than ½ price testing! I used my code so that my (then) 17-year-old nephew could submit prior evidence. I'm sure that you have family members that would qualify too.

Mensa Foundation scholarship applications are now available. Applicants don't have to be a current or recent high school student

in order to qualify for a scholarship. There are several scholarships that are designated for returning students as well as graduate students. If you or a family member might be interested in a scholarship, applications you can find more information at <http://www.mensafoundation.org/what-we-do/scholarships/>.

Thanks for those of you who have volunteered to be Scholarship Chairs for your local groups. If one of our Chairs gives you a call to help judge applications, I encourage you to say yes. This is a great way to spend a few hours volunteering for your local group. You can probably even do it without leaving your house.

If you are a Young Mensan in grades 10 through 12, you are eligible to join the Mensa Honor Society. The ideals of the Mensa Honor Society are integrity, intellectual curiosity, academic commitment and service. The application must be completed solely by the applicant and can be found at:

<https://www.us.mensa.org/forms-library/mhs-application/>.

As I write this, I am preparing to go to Arlington, TX for the fall AMC meeting. Because it's the same weekend as Peachtreat, I won't be able to attend this year. This will be the first RG in Region 5 that I have not been able to attend. Meeting agendas for all of our AMC meetings are online a week or so before each meeting and mini-minutes are available shortly after the meeting ends.

We have members who have been adversely affected by Hurricane Florence. Mensa has implemented a safety check-in — much like you see on Facebook — to ensure our members in the area are safe. The site can be accessed at:

<https://www.us.mensa.org/welcome-to-our-site/safety-check-in/>. It was activated just prior to the hurricane's landfall. Our thoughts and prayers are with those who have been adversely affected.

The 2019 Annual Gathering, "Mensa Rising," will be held in Phoenix, AZ July 3-7. AG registration is available and hotel registration will open November 1. Tours are already posted and

some of them may sell out fast. They've even located the Keynote Speaker. As always, it will be preceded by a Colloquium.

Before school began I was able to attend several local group events. One of those was Games Night for Central Alabama Mensa. We had a great time and had a chance to catch up with Jan Kral, who was back from Russia for a few weeks. We heard about her adventures while in Moscow. I also joined the fine folks in Chattanooga for a great Sunday Brunch. There was a great crowd in attendance.

Every time that I am able to attend a local group activity, no matter which group, I always have a great time. Most Mensans don't attend any local group activities. If that is you, give it a try. Find an activity at your local group – or a nearby group – and show up. I bet that you'll have a good time and may even make new friends.

School is back and some of you are heading off to college, while others have an empty nest for the next few months. Whatever your situation is, make the most of it and enjoy belonging to Mensa.

Everyone stay safe this Fall.

Baker Ring  
Region 5 Vice-Chairman

### ***Financial Report for September 2018***

Opening Balance .....	\$4,357.30
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Submitted by Bob Bouvier, Treasurer

## ***Executive Committee Meeting Minutes September 4, 2018***

Held at the Atlanta Bread Co. on Hendersonville Rd. in Asheville.

Present were ExComm members Sharron Armel, Johanna Dokter, Will McGuffin, Wayne Stanko, and guest Fae Armstrong.

Wayne Stanko, as chairman of the French Broad Mensa nominating committee, reminded the committee that we are at the start of a new election cycle. A nominating committee is to be formed by September 15, 2018. Wayne will send an email blast to all members requesting volunteers.

Events discussed:

- LaZoom Tours. So far 4 people have signed up for the November 2 tour. Final time will be set after September 15, 2018.
- The Christmas Party is set for December 8, 2018. No definite accommodation has been decided on.
- Speakers at FBM meetings will receive a free meal, as will the person who brings in the speaker. Suggestions for speakers can be called in to any ExComm member.

Wayne Stanko will prepare the Statement of Ownership and forward it to Sharron Armel for inclusion in the newsletter, as we are required to do each year to maintain our mailing permit.

Sharron Armel informed the committee that Jason Whisnant is doing a great job as the new FMB webmaster. She suggested we check out our website.

Johanna Dokter has agreed to become a proctor for French Broad Mensa's Testing Program.

Submitted by  
Johanna Dokter  
Deputy LocSec

You may suggest topics for future agendas by emailing [SharronArmel@gmail.com](mailto:SharronArmel@gmail.com).

## ***Trivial Report***

The Whoos won second place in July and first place in August and were eager to keep the streak going in September playing Quizzo at Jack of the Wood. Six players were going against eleven teams.

The theme for round 1 was political terms.

1. What is the term for the three branches of government to limit the power of each?
2. What is it called when a person votes for members of more than one party?
3. What was Alf Landon referring to in 1936 when he said, "We need a new deck!"?
4. What is the nickname for the road around Washington, DC?
5. A conference of house party members is called what?  
Extra. *Auto da fe* referred to what heretic trial tribunal?
6. Originally meaning an Irish outlaw, what is a British conservative called?
7. What was the first American political party?
8. New bills in the house are said to be placed in what funnel-shaped bin for grains?
9. What was the policy required by providence for the U.S. to spread across the entire continent?
10. What is the 60 votes required to end a filibuster in the senate called?

We answered all questions correctly and were tied for first place with three teams.

The theme of round two was business history.

1. What is the current name of the search engine founded in 1998 as Back Rub?
2. What company in Seattle is named after the first mate in *Moby Dick*?
3. In 1957, Cornelius Rooster became the logo of what cereal?
4. What food product line uses a red spoon for a logo?

5. In 1957, Bing Crosby, Frank Sinatra, and Bob Hope debuted an add for what car?
6. What is the first name of Mr. Handwerker who sold hot dogs at Coney Island?
7. In 1953, Mr. Bich bought a patent from Mr. Biro to produce what?
8. What company did Ingvar Kamprad found based on his uncle's design for a kitchen table?
9. In 1933, W. G. Peacock introduced what vegetable drink?
10. In 1836, who founded a fur business in Oregon?

We only missed one question and were now in second place by one point.

The third round is the speed round. It consisted of a list of bands and a list of lead singers. We had five minutes to match the singers with bands. We got only 14 of 23 right. We were now in seventh place ten points behind the leader.

The theme for round four is always potpourri.

1. What member of the dragonfly family also feeds on mosquitoes?
  2. What dark bread is named after the German words for devil's fart?
  3. What term is the anglicized French word for rank?
  4. What is another name for the element brimstone?
  5. The coda in a musical work refers to what?
- Extra. What term is used by the Brewers Association for craft beers produced by large corporations?
6. In 2014, what reality TV star retweeted pictures of a murderous British couple because they said they admired him?
  7. What discipline uses the following abbreviations: P C 1B SS RF?
  8. What profession uses the Universal Decimal and the Library of Congress classification systems?
  9. What is the name of elevator music trademarked in 1930?
  10. What spooky fictional family lived at 1313 Mockingbird Lane?

We answered 10 of 11 correctly and finished in seventh place 10 points behind the leader.

## **Answers**

### **Round 1**

1. Checks and Balances; 2. Split Ticket; 3. New Deal (Sharron); 4. Beltway; 5. Caucus; Extra. Spanish Inquisition; 6. Tory; 7. Federalist; 8. Hopper (Sharron); 9. Manifest Destiny; 10. Cloture.

### **Round 2**

1. Google (Wayne); 2. Starbucks (Wayne); 3. Kellogg's Corn Flakes (Karen); 4. Betty Crocker; 5. Edsel; 6. Nathan (Wayne); 7. Pens; 8. Ikea; 9. V-8; 10. John Jacob Astor (Wayne).

### **Round 4**

1. Damsel fly (Robert); 2. Pumpernickel (Sharron); 3. Echelon (Robert); 4. Sulfur; 5. The end (Wayne); 6. Trump; Extra. Crafty; 7. Baseball (Robert); 8. Librarian; 9. MUZAK; 10. Munsters (Robert).

## **Greenway Cleanup**



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## October Notables

Can you match these folks born in October with some less-known facts (or perhaps alternate facts) about them?

- |                       |   |
|-----------------------|---|
| 2. Mahatma Gandhi     | A. print journalist                               |
| 7. Vladimir Putin     | B. home-schooled naturalist                       |
| 11. Eleanor Roosevelt | C. founded a Rape Crisis Center                   |
| 14. D. D. Eisenhower  | D. pardoned posthumously in 2017                  |
| 16. Oscar Wilde       | E. awarded Culzean Castle in Scotland             |
| 25. Pablo Picasso     | F. featured in a TMNT story                       |
| 26. Hillary Clinton   | G. loves rock music, racecars & dogs              |
| 27. Teddy Roosevelt   | H. 5 Nobel Peace Prize nominations                |
| 28. Bill Gates        | I. became a poet at age 53                        |
| 31. Columbus          | J. read the World Book Encyclopedia as a teenager |



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