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“Raspberry” by Grace Lehto

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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

Friday Feb. 1, 11:30am: First Friday Lunch

at Tupelo Honey, 1829 Hendersonville Road across from Gerber Village.

Plenty of free parking

Website: <https://tupelohoneycafe.com>

Contact: Fae Armstrong, one4fae2@yahoo.com

Tuesday Feb. 5, 6pm: Executive Committee Meeting

At the home of Grace Lehto, 25 Hopedale Circle in Asheville

Contact: SharronArmel@gmail.com.

Monday Feb. 11, Trivia (6:30 for dinner, 7:30 to play)

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

Website: <https://jackofthewood.com/>

Contact: Will McGuffin, wmcguffin@charter.net

Tuesday Feb. 16, 6pm: Just Desserts & Games

At the home of Grace Lehto, 25 Hopedale Circle in Asheville

Bring a yummy dessert to share. Coffee,, iced tea, and water will be served as well; BYOB.

Contact: GraceLehto@yahoo.com

Thursday Feb. 21, 6pm: Thu.D!

at Piazza East, 4 Olde Eastwood Village Blvd #301, in Asheville

Website: <http://www.piazzaeast.com/>

Contact: 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!



New Members: French Broad Mensa will welcome you with a \$5 contribution to your first meal with the group!

Coming Attractions

Watch next month's *Broadcast* for an announcement of a speaker at our March 21 Thu.D. gathering! Several potential speakers—Mensa members and others—have been identified. This kind of event has been popular in past years, and the Ex.Comm. hopes you'll join the fun this time around.

If you help arrange a speaker and a location for one of our Thu.D. events (4th Thursday of each month except November & December), FBM will cover the cost of the speaker's dinner, and yours as well.

Meet a Fellow Mensan



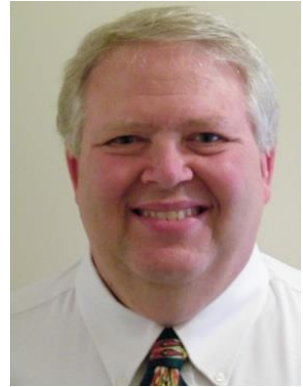
Johanna Dokter has been active in French Broad Mensa for the past few years, served as Deputy Local Secretary in 2018, and is presently a Mensa Proctor-in-Training. You may see her cheerful smile at Mensa events, or with the many community organizations she supports. Johanna is fluent in Dutch, German, English, familiar with French, and is a tutor in the ESL (English as a Second Language) program. She also helps with American Red Cross blood drives, and delivers Meals on

Wheels. For her church, she volunteers as a bookkeeper, and delivers the Sunday flowers to church members at home, in a nursing home or hospital. This winter she's busy with the IRS "VITA" (Volunteer Income Tax Assistance) program training, and will soon be helping individuals with state and federal forms again this year.

Born and raised in The Netherlands, Johanna earned a B.A. in Political Science, and an E.J.D. (Executive Juris Doctor). She enjoys reading, cooking, and camping. Johanna and her husband Jan have lived and worked in Germany, Ohio, California, and Pennsylvania before choosing Hendersonville, North Carolina for retirement. French Broad Mensa is fortunate to have made her acquaintance.

Regional Vice-Chairman's Message

I don't know about the rest of you, but, in Middle Tennessee, this has been an unusual winter. So far, it's more like Spring. Hopefully, we'll have a little bit of winter before it's over.



It won't be long until I am headed to Birmingham for the "Blast from the Past" RG. Registration is \$65 until January 31 and \$70 after that. You can make a reservation at the Residence Inn, Birmingham at:

<http://tinyurl.com/CAM-RG2019-hotel>. The registrar, Mary Ambridge, can be reached at: ambridge@bellsouth.net and you can check out their Facebook page: [facebook.com/centralalmensa](https://www.facebook.com/centralalmensa). Their RGs have always been a great way to enjoy a weekend in Birmingham. Hope to see some of you there.

The last Region 5 Regional Gathering of the Spring will take place March 22-24 in Greenville, South Carolina. The "NaNa NaNa NaNa NaNa" RG will feature all kinds of programming as well as plenty to eat and drink. You can contact registrar, Mary Ann Cox at 509 Bethel Drive, Mauldin, SC, 29662, phone 864-963-2335, e-mail: registrar@piedmontareamensa.org (Please call or e-mail to request credit card instructions.)

Registration for CultureQuest® is now open. This contest of literacy has been a Mensa tradition since 1990. You can register and get more information at: <https://www.us.mensa.org/attend/culturequest/>

If you read this before January 31, I encourage you to go to the National office website and go to: <https://www.us.mensa.org/lead/amc/elections/>. There may still be candidates for the AMC who need your electronic signature in order to get on the ballot. There are 3 candidates to succeed me as RVC 5.

As you can see, there's a lot going on over the next few months. It's a great time to renew your membership. Renew by March 31 so that you can participate in these great events. You don't want to miss out on

anything going on in Mensa, whether it's a national, regional, or local event.

If you haven't done so yet, don't forget to register for "Mensa Rising", this year's Annual Gathering. It will take place in Phoenix, AZ, July 3-3. Registration and hotel rooms are available and it should be a great event. If you are heading on down there, you might also want to check out the Colloquium, which deals with: Privacy in the 21st Century: Mystery or Myth?. You can get more information at: ag.us.mensa.org.

Several local groups have new leadership. Thank you to all the leaders who are moving on and to those who are taking their places.

Baker Ring
Region 5 Vice-Chairman

Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
January 8, 2019

Held at Pomodoro's Café South

Present were ExComm members Sharron Armel, Grace Lehto, and Jeff Patterson; other FBM members Michael Havelin and Will McGuffin.

Sharron Armel informed the group that, following a decision made at the December meeting, she is now a signer on the group's bank account, and can make necessary payments in Bob Bouvier's absence.

Since Grace Lehto has joined the Executive Committee, she can no longer act as Ombudsman, Grace moved that Will McGuffin be appointed as Ombudsman. Jeff Patterson seconded the motion; the motion carried.

Submitted by
Grace Lehto,
Deputy Local Secretary

You may suggest topics for future agendas by emailing SharronArmel@gmail.com .
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Financial Report for December 2018

Opening Balance	\$4,414.65
Receipts:	
Am. MENSA Contribution 12/16/18	\$149.80
Total Receipts	\$149.80
Disbursements:	
Ck#633, Holiday party food	169.93
Total Disbursements	\$169.93
Closing Balance	\$4,394.52

Financial Report for Fourth Quarter 2018

Opening Balance	\$4,386.05
Receipts:	
Am. MENSA Contribution 10/19/18	\$108.80
Am. MENSA Contribution 11/16/18	149.80
Participant pmts (8) for LaZoom tour	104.00
Am. MENSA Contribution 12/16/18	\$149.80
Total Receipts	\$512.40
Disbursements:	
Ck#630, S. Armel, LaZoom tickets	\$264.42
Ck#631, W. Stanko, mailing labels	19.88
Ck#632, S. Armel, postage	49.70
Ck#633, Holiday party food	169.93
Total Disbursements	\$503.93
Closing Balance	\$4,394.52

Submitted by Sharron Armel for Bob Bouvier, Treasurer

Trivial Report

After being snowed out in December, the Whoos were eager to resume their winning ways against 18 teams at Quizzo at Jack of the Wood.

The category for round one was serpents and snakes.

1. What is a dice throw of one and one called?
2. In what 1981 film did Harrison Ford say “I hate snakes?”
3. Who is the doomsday Norse god that kills the serpent and drowns in the venom?
Extra. What is the name of the Norse mischief maker?
4. What sea serpent constellation is the Earth’s largest?
5. A pit python senses what to detect its prey?
6. What Aztec god created the calendar?
7. What Australian python looks like patterns on an oriental rug?
8. The Great Serpent Mound is found in what state?
9. What fast African snake has four species (1 black and 3 green)?
10. A cultivated plant with multiple genetics is called what?

Answers

1. Snake eyes; 2. Raiders of the Lost Ark; 3. Thor; Extra: Loki; 4. Hydra (Robert); 5. Heat; 6. Quetzalcoatl; 7. Carpet (Will); 8. Ohio (Karen); 9. Mambas; 10. Chimera (Robert). We answered all questions correctly. We were in first place with a two point lead.

The category for round two was mnemonics — phrases that help one remember things. Most of these were too long to write down quickly. A few examples are shown below.

1. M, M, VENUS, J
2. Lucy can’t drink milk.
3. Seems like Mata Hari picked her targets carefully.
4. Periodic table: Happy Henry likes beer. What is L?
Extra: What does beer represent?
5. Sam’s horses must eat oats.

Answers

1. Planets from small to large (Robert); 2. Roman numerals; 3. Wonders of the world; 4. Lithium; Extra. Beryllium (Robert); 5. The Great Lakes (Sharron). We got 10 of 11 right and were in first place by one point.

The third round is the speed round. We were given a list of twelve questions we had five minutes to answer. Theme was contronyms -- words that can be the opposite of themselves in terms of meaning. Here are a few of the questions.

1. To withstand something, or to wear away.
2. A bonus on a plate, or a bummer to wages.
3. The mildest type of burn, or the harshest type of murder.
4. Skilled on a computer, or bad on a golf course.
5. To remove excess fat, or to add Christmas ornaments.
6. A solid fruit core, or a cavity in the ground.
7. To hide by blocking, or to show by projecting.

Answers

1. Weather (Robert); 2. Garnish; 3. First degree; 4. Hacker; 5. Trim; 6. Pit; 7. Screen (Robert). We got ten of twelve correct and were in second place, one point behind.

The category of round four was potpourri.

1. Prime Minister Boc of what European country resigned on 2012?
2. What film won the Oscar for best picture in 2012?
3. What 90 year old DNA pioneer was stripped of his titles due to racist remarks?
4. Spell exaggerate.
5. What trade is an old word for 12 dozen?
6. Carlsberg beer was founded in what country in 1847?
7. Born in 1931, who was the last Premier of the Soviet Union?
8. Banana Republic in O' Henry's *Cabbages and Kings* referred to what country?
9. What is French for long chair?

Answers

1. Romania; 2.The Artist; 3. Watson (Wayne); 5. Grocer (Robert);
6. Denmark (Wayne); 7. Gorbachev; 8. Honduras ; 9. Chaise longue. We
only answered six correctly, but the other teams had problems too, so we
finished in second place, one point back, earning a \$20 gift certificate.

We have won money in five of the last six months. Why don't you join
us next month? The answer you know could be the one to extend our
winning streak.



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