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*Wraithlike, the dogwood  
Floats among her larger kin.  
Harbinger of Spring.*

Photo and haiku by Will McGuffin

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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**

***So much fun stuff coming up, it won't all fit on one page!***

RSVPs are important for table planning. Please respond if you plan to attend an event. If you don't, we might not be able to seat you. And don't forget to look for the Big Yellow M Table on the table at Mensa events!



**New Members: French Broad Mensa welcomes you! Watch your mail for a coupon that you can trade for a \$5 contribution to your first meal with the group.**

### **Friday, May 3, 11:30am: First Friday Lunch**

at Ay Caramba Restaurant, a Mexican restaurant at 801 Fairview Road in Asheville (Oakley Plaza) – Reasonable prices, good food.

Phone: (828) 299-0216

Contact: Fae Armstrong, [one4fae2@yahoo.com](mailto:one4fae2@yahoo.com) if you can attend; drop-ins are welcome, too.

### **MONDAY, May 6, 6pm: Executive Committee Meeting**

at Zia Taqueria, 521 Haywood Road in West Asheville

Website: <https://ziataco.com/avl>

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

### **Monday, May 13, Trivia (6:30 for dinner, 7:30 to play)**

at Jack of the Wood, 95 Patton Ave. in Asheville

Website: [jackofthewood.com](http://jackofthewood.com)

Contact: [wcmcguffin@charter.net](mailto:wcmcguffin@charter.net)

### **Saturday, May 18, 6pm: Games Night**

at the home of Grace Lehto, 25 Hopedale Circle in Asheville.

Munchies provided, bring some if you like, & BYOB.

Contact: [GraceLehto@yahoo.com](mailto:GraceLehto@yahoo.com)

**Thursday, May 23, 6pm: Thu.D! plus “Show & Tell”**

at Yao Grand Buffet, 153 Smokey Park Highway in Asheville

Do you have an interest you could share? An unusual skill or a fascinating hobby? We'd love to hear about it.

Website: [www.yaobuffet.com](http://www.yaobuffet.com)

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

**Monday, June 3, 6pm: Executive Committee Meeting**

at Taste of Salvador, 1565 Patton Ave in Asheville

Phone: (828) 255-0666

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

***A Non-Mensa Event of Interest***

**June 15, 3pm Book Launch**

at City Lights Bookstore [www.citylightsnc.com](http://www.citylightsnc.com)

3 E. Jackson Street, Sylva, NC 28779 (828) 586-9499

***Ben Bones & The Uncivil War***

***A Genealogical Misadventure in the Ben Bones Series***

by our fellow Mensan Michael Havelin

A family split over Civil War issues. The search for a Confederate war hero's pension; some people doubt his heroism. Danger at the Battle of Cloyd's Mountain reenactment. Ben is in trouble again, and... Who is he working for when his boss is murdered?

**Executive Committee Meeting Minutes**  
**April 2, 2019**

The ExComm meeting was held at Haus Heidelberg in Hendersonville at 6:00 PM. Attendees included Sharron Armel, Bob Bouvier, Grace Lehto, Steven Lerner, and Will McGuffin.

The schedule for the coming month (see pages 3 and 4) was agreed upon. We added and changed a few things:

- ExComm meetings will be held on the first Monday of each month, beginning in May.
- The group happily accepted Grace Lehto's offer to host a Games Night in May.
- Thu.D! in May will feature a "Show and Tell" session.

Sharron informed the group that Lizzz Russell is working on our website with assistance and advice from Sherne Borens, facilitated by our Local Group Services Manager Becky Folger. Sharron will forward some emails from Lizzz, with questions and suggestions we may consider.

Becky Folger has provided a copy of French Broad Mensa's Bylaws, in response to Sharron's question about the process for replacing an elected officer who leaves the area; Becky indicated that we are permitted to appoint a replacement for the rest of the term, and an election is not necessary. Sharron indicated that she will email the boilerplate pdf copy received from Becky, and an editable version that can be used to propose any changes we feel necessary. All changes will have to be reviewed and approved by our membership and by American Mensa (as our existing Bylaws were).

Submitted by

Grace Lehto,  
Deputy Local Secretary

<p>You may suggest topics for future agendas by emailing <a href="mailto:SharronArmel@gmail.com">SharronArmel@gmail.com</a>.</p>
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## **Financial Report for March 2019**

Opening Balance .....	\$4,595.87
Receipts:	
Am. MENSA Contribution 3/15/2019 .....	\$117.60
Total Receipts .....	\$117.60
Disbursements:	
Check #634, Editor's Dues .....	\$79.00
"          , Guest Speaker's Meal .....	30.18
Check #635, Printer's Dues .....	79.00
Total Disbursements .....	\$188.18
Closing Balance .....	\$4,525.29
Submitted by Bob Bouvier, Treasurer	

### **Help Wanted: Treasurer**

Bob Bouvier's departure date gets a little closer every month. When he moves to Texas later this year, we'll need someone to replace his Treasurer duties. Now would be a great time to join the ExComm, learn what's up, and make a smooth transition to Treasurer duties when Bob and Leslie leave the FBM area. The ExComm meets every month at 6pm on the first Monday. If you're interested in supporting your chapter, contact LocSec Sharron Armel at [sharronarmel@gmail.com](mailto:sharronarmel@gmail.com)

### **Who Drove the Ford to the Mensa Meeting?**

Congratulations to **Bob DeBrecht** for sending in the first correct solution to last month's puzzle: Pete drove the Ford to the Mensa meeting.

<b>2015</b>	<b>Lee</b>	<b>Porsche</b>	<b>Dillsboro</b>
<b>2016</b>	<b>Max</b>	<b>Lexus</b>	<b>Black Mtn.</b>
<b>2017</b>	<b>Nora</b>	<b>Honda</b>	<b>Chimney Rock</b>
<b>2018</b>	<b>Ollie</b>	<b>Toyota</b>	<b>Etowah</b>
<b>2019</b>	<b>Pete</b>	<b>Ford</b>	<b>Asheville</b>

## ***Trivial Report***

There were seven Whoos competing with 14 teams at Quizzo at Jack of the Wood in April.

The theme of the first round was double talk.

1. Name a tropical food fish also known as dolphin.
  2. Name a British rock band.
  3. What is the first name of Quick Draw McGraw's sidekick?
  4. What weakness disease is caused by a lack of vitamin B?
  5. Name a female French fashion designer.
- Extra. Whose name did Dodie Goodman say at the beginning of a satirical soap opera?
6. Pago Pago, the capital of American Samoa, was formerly called what?
  7. What is the family-oriented Las Vegas casino?
  8. Name the girl who sold artificial flowers in La Boheme?
  9. What double talk occurs in the Rhyme of the Ancient Mariner?
  10. What talisman works against white and black magic?

Answers

1. Mahi Mahi; 2. Duran Duran (Sharron); 3. Baba; 4. Beriberi; 5. Coco;
- Extra. Mary Hartman, Mary Hartman (Sharron); 6. Pongo Pongo; 7. Circus Circus; 8. Mimi (Will); 9. Water water; 10. Gris gris (Sharron).

We answered all the questions correctly, doubled our score by “joking,” and were in first place by two points.

The theme of the second round was bridges.

1. Alec Guinness played in what WW II movie?
2. In the 1980 movie *Airplane*, who said “I picked a fine time to stop sniffing glue.”?
3. The Honeymoon Bridge at Niagara Falls is also known as what?
4. What bridge, completed in 1936, connected San Francisco and Oakland?
5. In bridge, one of a suit in a hand is called what?

6. Fort Lee is connected across the Hudson River to New York City by what bridge?
- Extra. A support of the Brooklyn Bridge was dedicated to what couple in 1890?
7. The first sentence of what 1927 novel was “The Bridge in Peru broke.”?
  8. What bridge across the Hudson River is named after an Italian explorer?
  9. What London bridge completed in 1176 cost the lives of 150 workers?
  10. What French engineer known for his bridges also completed a monument in Paris in 1858?

#### Answers

1. *The Bridge on the River Kwai*; 2. Lloyd Bridges; 3. Rainbow Bridge; 4. Oakland Bay Bridge; 5. Singleton (Sharron); 6. George Washington Bridge; Extra. Martha and George Washington; 7. *Bridge at San Luis Rey*; 8. Verrazano Bridge; 9. London Bridge; 10. Eiffel.

We got 10 of the 11 right and were now in first place by one point.

The third round was the speed round. We are given a sheet of questions that we have to answer in five minutes. We had to name the capitol of the country in which the following sites were located.

1. The Nobel Peace Center.
2. The Heart of Chopin Monument built in 1810.
3. Gorky Park
4. Chapultepec Park
5. The India Gate
6. The Sibelius Monument
7. The Prado Museum
8. The Reza Abbasi Museum
9. The Franz Kafka Museum
10. Museum Van Loon and the Heineken Experience
11. The Parthenon
12. The Mao Zedong Memorial Hall



## Answers

1. Oslo; 2. Warsaw; 3. Moscow; 4. Mexico City; 5. New Delhi; 6. Helsinki; 7. Madrid; 8. Tehran; 9. Prague; 10. Amsterdam; 11. Athens; 12. Peking.

We got them all and were now in first place by two points.

The theme of round four was potpourri.

1. The President of what Asian country lives in the Blue House?
2. *Definitely/Maybe* was the debut album for what 1990s British rock band?
3. What is the only city to host three Summer Olympic games?
4. What pilot broke the sound barrier in 1947?
5. Who is the author of the Sam Spade mysteries?
6. Toussaint led an 1804 revolt in what Caribbean country?
7. What legendary hero of Greek mythology founded Lisbon?
8. What South American country's official name is Plurinational State?
9. In May 1869 Leland Stanford hit the Golden Spike that connected what two railroads?
10. What is the main ingredient in sealing wax and hairspray?

## Answers

1. South Korea; 2. Oasis; 3. London (Wayne); 4. Chuck Yeager; 5. Dashiell Hammett; 6. Haiti; 7. Odysseus; 8. Bolivia; 9. Union Pacific and Central Pacific; 10. Shellac (Pat)

We only answered six correctly and ended up tied for second place behind the winner. There was a two out of three tie breaker. The first part was a game a game of rock, paper, scissors. We lost. The second part was a shout-out that Robert answered. The third part was another shout-out that the other team answered a split-second before Karen shouted out the correct answer. We ended up in third place which earned us absolutely nothing.

We've won money in six of our last eight attempts. The team that wins splits \$40, the second-place team \$20, and the median-score team gets \$10. Why don't you join us next month? The answer you know could be the one to resume our winning ways.



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**Membership Coordinator** ..... Position Open



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