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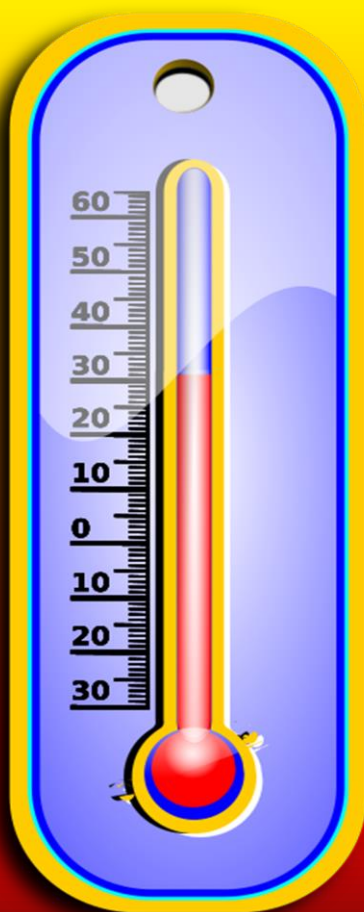
BROADCAST

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It was so hot, I saw a dog chasing a cat and they were both walking!

It was so hot, cows gave powdered milk!



It was so hot, squirrels used pot holders to pick up acorns!

It was so hot, farmers fed chickens ice so they wouldn't lay omelets!

HOW HOT WAS IT?

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How Hot Was It?

Send your best “It was so hot...” expression by August 15!
Your responses will be published in the September *Broadcast*.

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

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, August 2, 11:30am: First Friday Lunch

at Tupelo Honey, 1829 Hendersonville Rd in Asheville Asheville
Contact: Fae Armstrong, one4fae2@yahoo.com if you can attend;
drop-ins are welcome, too.

Monday, August 5, 6pm: Executive Committee Meeting

At the home of Grace Lehto, 25 Hopedale Circle in Asheville.
Grace will serve quiche and homegrown salad.
Contact: gracelehto@yahoo.com

Monday, August 12, Trivia (6:30 for dinner, 7:30 to play)

at Jack of the Wood, 95 Patton Ave. in Asheville
Website: jackofthewood.com
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Thursday, August 15, 6pm: Thu.D!

at Ichiban Japanese Steakhouse,
Website: www.ichibanasheville.com
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The practice of this restaurant is to seat an entire party at one time. If you're late, you may not get to join our group. For this occasion, planning and promptness are a must!

So please RSVP by Wednesday, August 14.

Member News

French Broad Mensa bids farewell to several long-time members who are moving away. The group extends sincere thanks for their enthusiasm, participation, hospitality, and friendship. They will be missed.

Bob & Leslie Bouvier

Former Treasurer Bob Bouvier reports that he and his wife Leslie have settled into a tiny apartment in San Antonio, awaiting the completion of their house in about four months. Their Biltmore Lake house was sold in June. Bob says it took them a couple of weeks to settle in to their apartment, send out scores of change-of-address notices, get the cars registered, etc. He dreams (shudders?) to think of doing it all over again when their house is ready in October! For now, their days are largely unstructured, but it's only a matter of time until they hook up with the local Mensa group. Bob notices that the group doesn't have a lot more activities on their calendar than does FBM, but the LG is spread over a much wider area. Bob and Leslie ask that we stay in touch, and invite any friends who think about visiting San Antonio "to join us as guests in our new house."

Ron & Anne Jones

Ron Jones is preparing to say farewell, too. He says "Anne's kids live in Valencia, Spain, and because we are getting older, they want us there to care for us." They will live in Anne's flat temporarily, then buy an apartment. Meanwhile, he's downsizing to the minimalist profile they'll ship overseas.

John & Cindy Federspiel

The Federspiels are in the midst of selling their house, deciding what to take with them, and establishing a new residence in South Carolina. Unfortunately they will be outside of French Broad Mensa's group borders.

Ombudsman

As French Broad Mensa's Ombudsman, Will McGuffin offers us the Mensa definition of that function:

"In Mensa, ombudsmen help resolve disputes between members that arise within a Mensa context. Resolution of private disputes—those that are not Mensa related—are not within the mandate of an ombudsman, even though the parties happen to be members. An ombudsman serves as a neutral party in any dispute. When a member brings a dispute to an ombudsman, the ombudsman is not an advocate for the member, at least initially. It is the ombudsman's role to investigate the dispute and help the parties to a fair and just resolution. If after neutral investigation, the ombudsman finds a complaint to have at least some validity, that then may mean advocating part or all of a solution desired by the complainant. Other times, the ombudsman may have to explain to a complainant why the treatment has not been unfair. Alternatively, the ombudsman may have other recommendations, different from those sought by the complainant, and may advocate for them."

For anyone who wants more detail, here's a link to the entire handbook:

<http://www.manasota.us.mensa.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/02/OmbudsmanHandbook.pdf>

Submitted by Will McGuffin
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Book to Lend

Bill Smith, our fellow member in Cherokee, has sent another book for us to share.:

Becoming by Michelle Obama

If you're interested in reading it and then passing it along to another member, please let me know.

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Mediocre-Okay Advice from Gabbie

Due to numerous requests for better advice than people seem to have been receiving, I've been asked to contribute to BROADCAST. I think I will. I mean, it's not like it's a living (Mensa doesn't pay me a "living wage" for this or anything else), but I know people are out there suffering and I've decided to help by offering sage advice on the various problems that people present. Good luck to us all and confusion to our enemies!

Send your quandaries to Gabbie c/o the BROADCAST Editor.

Here's the first one:



Regional Vice-Chairman's Message

Well, I'm back from the Annual Gathering (AG) in Phoenix, AZ, the best (if not the biggest) five-day party known to man. I arrived Monday night for the pre-party Tuesday, also known as the Colloquium. This year, the topic was Privacy in the 21st Century: Mystery or Myth? Wednesday through Saturday were devoted to Board training, Board meetings, the Annual Business Meeting, the Chairman's Reception, the formal Foundation Reception followed by the Gala Dinner with Adam Savage as speaker, and the Awards meeting. Sandwiched in among these events were several hundred seminars on about any topic you could name.



Awards! Two of our own from Region 5 received Chairman's Service Awards – Baker Ring for his dedicated service to Region 5 and the AMC, and Ruth Green-Waite for her dedicated service to Charlotte Blue Ridge Mensa. Congratulations!

Several of our local groups received Jewel Awards. French Broad Mensa, North Alabama Mensa, and South Coast Mensa received Ruby awards; and Mensa in Georgia, Charlotte Blue Ridge Mensa, Central South Carolina Mensa, Piedmont Area Mensa, Middle Tennessee Mensa, and Montgomery/Wiregrass Mensa all received Emerald Jewels. Mensa of Eastern North Carolina earned \$110 for their fine showing in Culture Quest. Good work, everybody! Congratulations!

Time is running out to sign up for the upcoming RGs in Region 5: Peachtreat 44, "Double Trouble," takes place in Duluth, GA (near Atlanta) on September 20-22, 2019. You can get more information about it at www.georgia.us.mensa.org/generalinfo.html Sign up now!

Sweet Carolina RG, "For the Health of it," will occur in Charlotte, NC from November 15-17, 2019. Details at www.cbrmensa.org/rg Again, the time to register is now!

In 2020 there will be RGs in Greenville, SC and Birmingham, AL. Rumor has it that Nashville will be joining in the fun as soon as they can locate an affordable hotel.

Most of the LocSecs in Region 5 have received my plea to send in the name of their Scholarship Chair for the 2019-20 scholarships. Registration opens for the candidates on September 15. My goal is for every local group to join in this year. Did you know that there is a separate scholarship each year given to the Region with the highest rate of participation? I want some deserving candidate from Region 5 to receive it! So, even if you have missed the August 1 deadline to name the Scholarship Chair, please send it in anyway. (Call your LocSec and volunteer! It takes so little time and means so much to the recipients!)

Nancy Campbell
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Local Secretary's Message

I've noticed, in several one-year assignments in various organizations, that just about the time I figure out what I'm doing and how to do it well, it's time to hand it over to someone else. As published in the July issue of the *Broadcast*, your Executive Committee proposes changing the term of office from one year to two years.

Specifically, Article III.10 of the French Broad Mensa By-Laws now provides for one-year terms. In the September Broadcast you'll find a ballot for this measure, and you will be asked to vote for (or against) changing "one year" to "two years." The deadline for returning your ballot is October 1 (90 days after initial publication of the change).

Your current Executive Committee believes this will make leading the group easier and more effective. If you have any questions or concerns, please do communicate them to me or to any member of the Executive Committee.

Sharron Armel, Local Secretary
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Executive Committee Meeting Minutes ***July 1, 2019***

The ExComm meeting was held at Galactic Pizza in Asheville. Attendees included Sharron Armel, Grace Lehto, Will McGuffin, and Wayne Stanko.

The August schedule of events was established. If our request for use of the Governor's Western Residence pavilion is not approved for our August Thu.D., we will try for September. An alternative site to consider is the picnic grounds at Pisgah.

The Committee agreed to subsidize the cost of tickets for an Asheville Tourists baseball game on July 18, with members paying \$5 each.

Grace Lehto offered to find more information about horse farm tours at a local farm that we may also consider for a September event.

Regarding our June decision to seek approval of a By-Laws change to allow two-year terms for ExComm members, Sharron Armel reported on our process as required by existing By-Laws:

1. Becky Folger, on behalf of the national office, gave approval to proceed.
2. Publication in our newsletter was done in late June.
3. More detailed article will appear in the August newsletter.
4. Group members will vote by paper ballot to be published in the September newsletter.
5. Deadline for ballot return must be at no less than 90 days following the first publication of the proposal; October 1 will be our deadline.
6. To become effective, an amendment requires an affirmative vote of the majority of those casting valid ballots, as well as the above approval of the AMC.

Submitted by
Grace Lehto
Deputy Local Secretary

You may suggest topics for future agendas by emailing SharronArmel@gmail.com.

Financial Report for June 2019

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| Opening Balance at May 31, 2019..... | \$4,678.29 |
| Receipts: | |
| Am. MENSA Monthly Subsidy..... | \$107.95 |
| Total Receipts..... | \$107.95 |
| Disbursements: | |
| Mensa Train Ride..... | \$1,043.25 |
| Bulk Mail Deposit..... | \$50.00 |
| Total Disbursements..... | \$1,093.25 |
| Closing Balance | \$3,692.98 |

Submitted by Wayne Stanko, Treasurer

Trivial Report

Carol, Karen, Pat, Sharron and Will, representing “The Whoos,” played Quizzo at Jack of the Wood on July 8. There were 21 teams competing.

Shout-Out Questions are asked of the entire group, with no team points scored, but the winner gets a prize.

First: “What is the term for the sandbags a balloonist tosses over the side to adjust his buoyancy?”

Second: “Which of the seven deadly sins is also the name of an animal?”

We knew both answers (ballast and sloth) but couldn’t shout out quickly or loudly enough. Do you like to yell indoors? Come and join us next month.

The first round of questions focused on famous Canadians. (We were doomed.)

1. Who has been the long-running host of the TV show *Jeopardy*?
2. In what war did Billy Bishop, a famed Ontario fighter pilot, achieve 82 aerial victories in 1917-1918?
3. What Edmonton, Alberta native starred in *Best Buds*, *Up in Smoke*, and *Half-Baked*, and appeared as Leo on *That 70s Show*?
4. The Smithsonian has an alkaline battery that Lewis Urry created for the EverReady company. What was its brand name?

5. Ontario's Frederick Banting's 1923 Nobel prize was for his discovery of what pancreatic hormone?
- Extra: Besides being named *People* magazine's "Sexiest Man Alive" in 2007 and 2009, who acquired a share in Aviation Gin in February of 2015?
6. What 1961 singing MC of the Miss Canada pageant later became *NBC News'* nightly anchor at the age of 26?
 7. Halparin was the birthname of a Winnipeg resident who hosted *Let's Make a Deal* from 1963-1986. What was his screen name?
 8. Created by James Gosling, what computer language shares its name with a breakfast beverage and an Indonesian island?
 9. What Alberta native actress starred as Ann Darrow in *King Kong*?
 10. What Ontario funnyman created *Saturday Night Live* and produced late-night TV *Kids in the Hall* and *The Tonight Show*?

Answers

1. Alex Trebek (everyone); 2. World War I (everyone); 3. Tommy Chong; 4. Energizer; 5. Insulin (Karen); Extra. Ryan Reynolds; 6. Peter Jennings (Karen); 7. Monte Hall; 8. Java; 9. Fay Wray (Pat & Will); 10. Lorne Michaels (Karen & Sharron).

We answered only 6 questions correctly, and were solidly at the bottom of the list. The top three teams tied with 20 points each.

The topic of Round 2 was Mary.

1. Name the disease spread from 1904 to 1915 by Mary Mallon, who spent her final 23 years in a medical detention facility.
 2. After a hearing in 1875, what former First Lady was committed to a sanatorium for several months?
 3. Who played Mary Richards on TV and received an Oscar nomination for her role as the mom in the movie *Ordinary People*?
 4. In the 1984 Summer Olympics, what West Virginian won gold and silver medals and became the first American woman to win a gold medal in the- all-around gymnastics competition?
- Extra: What three-word line follows "Mary, Mary" in the opening lyrics in a 1988 song by Run-D.M.C.?
5. In 1959, what noted anthropologist discovered a 1.5 million year old skull in Nairobi's Olduvai Gorge?

6. What impressionist painter, known for “In the Loge” and “The Child’s Bath”, was educated at the Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Arts before settling in Paris?
7. What 1955 mini-skirt innovator and influential fashion designer opened a shop in King’s Road?
8. What daughter of William Goodwin, “the father of philosophical anarchism,” authored the 1823 novel *Valperga*?
9. Who married Douglas Fairbanks and then retired from acting in her mid-30s?
10. Who, before her execution in 1587 by order of the Queen, made a daring escape from Lochleven Castle?

Answers

1. Typhoid (everyone); 2. Mary Todd Lincoln (everyone); 3. Mary Tyler Moore (everyone); 4. Mary Lou Retton (Carol); Extra. “Why ya buggin’?”; 5. Mary Leakey (Will); 6. Mary Cassatt (Carol); 7. Mary Quant (Sharron); 8. Mary Shelley (consensus); 9. Mary Pickford (Will); 10. Mary, Queen of Scots (everyone).

Feeling a little more confident, we joked this round, and got 10 correct answers for 20 points. Our score of 26 moved us up, compared to the top score of 33.

The third round, always a “speed round,” provided us with a list of medical abbreviations; we had to provide the medical term represented, in no more than 5 minutes.

1. One who takes care of the sick: LPN
2. A type of managed care plan: HMO
3. It can save someone’s life: CPR
4. Field of medicine that delivers: OB
5. Critical section of a hospital: ICU
6. Three body parts in a doctor’s specialty: ENT
7. Relating to the heart & blood vessels: CV
8. A vaccination: DPT
9. A form of birth control: IUD
10. Under the tongue: SL
11. A fat & cholesterol-carrying molecule: LDL
12. It separates the outer ear from the middle ear: TM

Answers

1. Licensed Practical Nurse; 2. Health Maintenance Organization; 3. Cardio-Pulmonary Resuscitation; 4. Obstetrics; 5. Intensive Care Unit; 6. Ear, Nose & Throat; 7. Cardiovascular; 8. Diphtheria, Pertussus, Tetanus; 9. Intra-uterine Device; 10. Sublingual; 11. Low Density Lipoprotein; 12. Tympanic Membrane.

We finished quickly, rushed our answer sheet to the MC in less than 2½ minutes hoping for the extra points usually allowed, but were disappointed to learn that there were no extra points this time because the questions had been easy enough for multiple teams to finish quickly. Even so, we answered all 12 questions correctly, bringing our score to 38, a few places behind the top team's 45.

Round 4, as always, is the Potpourri round.

1. What word for a hodgepodge assortment is the French phrase meaning "rotten pot"?
2. In what state is the airport used by Amazon as one of its hubs, originally called Greater Cincinnati Airport and now identified as CVG?
3. What 3-letter word describes a decorative item hanging from a watch chain, and the vest pocket meant to hold the watch?
4. What bank, originally formed as the Bank of Italy in 1904, issued the first credit card in 1958, and recently announced it was ending its association with companies that run detention centers and private prisons?

Extra: When Khrushchev visited Anaheim, who tried repeatedly to get him to tour his fleet of 8 submarines?

5. "Mistrial" is a mistake, "minstrel" is a musician, so what is "mistral"?
6. Which form of needlework uses a hooked needle and the chain stitch?
7. What race was won by Graham Hill on May 30, 1966, in the first time he ever entered the competition?
8. Once a duchy, the historical area of Pomerantz is now divided between Poland and what country?
9. What magazine, featuring Alfred E. Neuman, recently announced it will publish no new content?

10. “Blow the man down” is a line from what type of song sung by sailors as they worked on ships?

Answers

1. Potpourri (Carol & Sharron);
2. Kentucky (Carol & Pat);
3. Fob (everyone);
4. Bank of America (Sharron); Extra. Walt Disney (Will);
5. Windstorm (Pat & Carol);
6. Crochet (Karen, Carol, Sharron);
7. Indy 500 (consensus);
8. Germany;
9. *Mad* Magazine (everyone);
10. Sea chantey (Carol, Sharron, Will).

We had 10 correct answers, bringing our total score to 48. Other teams scored from 6 points to 55.

Do you turn to the Trivial Report as soon as you open the *Broadcast*? Were you able to answer a few of these questions (or maybe a lot of questions)? The Whoos could definitely use your knowledge and enthusiasm at the next Quizzo contest. The question you answer could be the one to help us resume our winning ways!



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