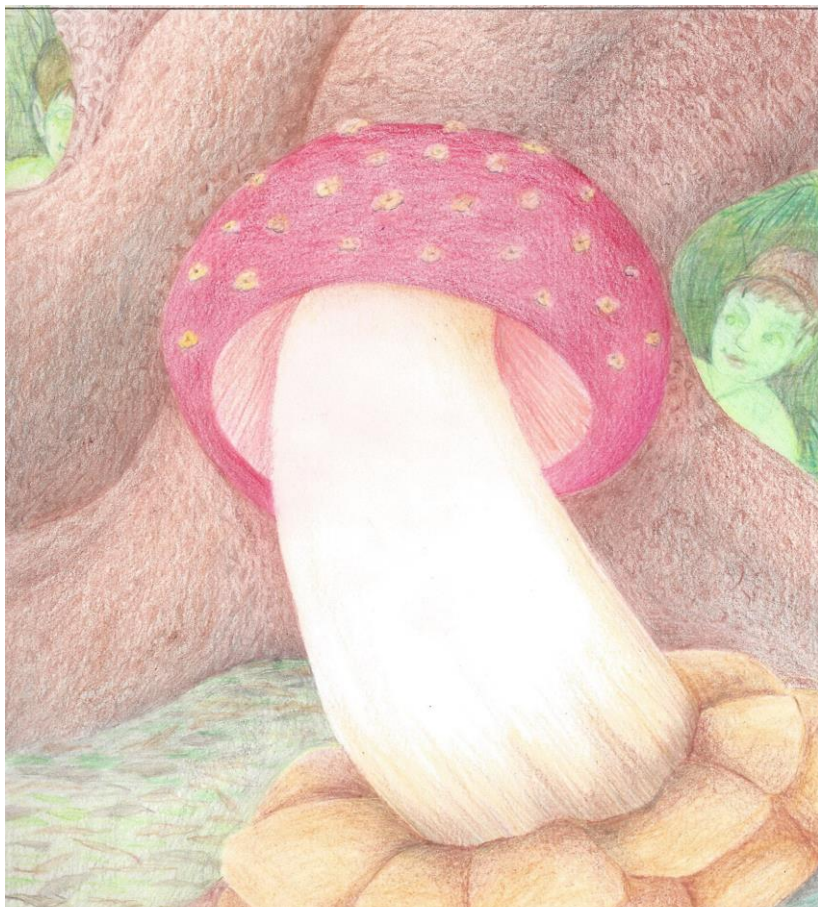


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Grace Lehto***

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 November 2019

All Mensa events are open to members in good standing. 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, November 1, 11:30am: First Friday Lunch

at Red Lobster, 139 Tunnel Rd. in Asheville

Website: www.redlobster.com/locations/list/nc/asheville/139-tunnel-rd

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

Monday, November 4, 6pm: Executive Committee Meeting

at Little Pigs B-B-Q, 384 McDowell St in Asheville

Phone: (828) 299-0216

Contact: sharronarmel@gmail.com

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

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

Website: jackofthewood.com

Contact: wmcguffin@charter.net

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

at House Heidelberg German Restaurant, 630 Greenville Hwy in Hendersonville

Phone: (828) 693-8227

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Mediocre-Okay Advice from Gabbie

Back by popular demand! Gabbie hears your woes, and offers advice.
Send your quandaries to Gabbie c/o the BROADCAST Editor.



Dear Gabbie,

So how come there are so many Democrats running against each other? Where are the Republicans? Are they hiding for some reason? I'm confused. Who should I vote for?

Undecided

Dear Un,

The theory is that after the weeds are cleared from the Dems, they'll have a convention and pick the one candidate they think can beat The Elephant People. Then you and I get to vote for the candidate with the best dental work, after which the Electoral College decides who they want and that's the end of it, except for all the law suits, of course. Personally I think that keeping guns out of the hands of mental cases is a good idea but it doesn't go far enough. They should also be barred from holding political office. Look what happened last time. It's a question of character; the President should have some and not be one.

Just remember: "It's crackers to slip the rozzar the dropsy in snide."

Gabbie

***Meet a Fellow Mensan
Mark Crossley***

Invited to introduce himself to French Broad Mensa, Mark wrote:

I am from Little Rock, Ark. I attended Little Rock Central High and had the distinction of not graduating from that school in 1957 due to the fact that Governor Orval Faubus closed the school defying a supreme order to integrate. Fast forward.... ended up in Asheville, met my wife (Betty Sue), got married. We both graduated from UNCA. My wife in the 1st class and me in the 3rd class. We moved to Salisbury, NC. Our family includes our son, Brett who has a B.S in computer science and owns a computer software development company in Asheville and our daughter Brooke who is a nephrologist at Wake Forest. Our grandson is a senior in high school and will probably follow his dad in computer science.

We moved back to Asheville almost three years ago and are enjoying the mountain experience. I am retired as a consultant in the area of manufacturing quality (Design of Experiments and Reliability). The Science and Math are o.k., but my interest in art and music are more satisfying and rewarding. My activities now are focused on metal artwork...see my website at marksmetallicarts.com. I have played the woodwinds professionally and have dabbled in photography, both of which I now have a renewed interest.



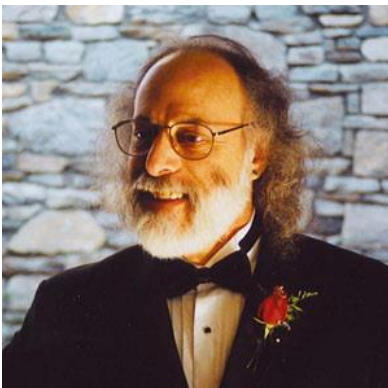
Editorial Mutterings from BROADCAST of Dec 2009

Let's review your duties as members of French Broad Mensa.

1. Vote - If you don't vote, you've no right to complain about who are your officers. In the past, there's been some grumbling because the officers seem to be the same people every year. This brings me to the next membership duty.

2. Participate - This relates not only to French Broad Mensa business (the Executive Committee, for example), but to fun events too. It's your organization, and we do have fun sometimes, eat at decent restaurants lots, make friends among the membership, etc. In short, it's a pre-selected group of people who understand one another's puns. Isn't that worth your annual membership dues? So come on out and enjoy yourselves!

3. Participate - Oh, excuse me. I already harangued on this. Actually, I think it's important enough to repeat. If you want something from YOUR group, bring it forward, present it to the ExComm, maybe even lead the charge. The same names keep showing up on our active lists because these are the only folks who participate. Occasionally we see a new face, but we really need more of that sort of thing. Don't be a stranger. It's your group, and with your participation, it can represent you better, reflect your views, do things that you want to do, and support your interests.



There are really no other duties. Oh, yes... you can pay your dues too, and encourage others to test or join with existing scores, but the biggies are listed above: #1, #2 & #3 (or perhaps #1, #2a & #2b).\

Michael Havelin

Wrinkles

by Grace Lehto

My smiles have caused the crinkles,
My sorrows have creased my brow
And the woman you see today,
That's who I am right now.

You see, I like my wrinkles,
I want my years to show.
I will not hide my age
And I want the world to know.

No, you cannot have my wrinkles
And rob me of my rank.
I wish to face you as I am;
Sincere and candid, frank.

The facelift is a way they say
To banish all my lines,
But I protest, you cannot have them.
I've earned them, they are mine.

Joyousness

by Grace Lehto

I sequin all my moments,
 Bejewel all my hours,
And garnish all my tragedies
 With heady perfumed flowers.

I sing at all my sorrows
 And hum to all my cares.
I'll continue in my joyousness
 As long as I have air.

For I have faced a madman
 Who tried to cause my death
And since his fingers lost their grip
 I've valued every breath.

Regional Vice-Chairman's Message

This month will feature yet another Regional Gathering -- Charlotte Blue Ridge Mensa's RG, "For the Health of It," scheduled for November 15-17, 2019 in Charlotte, NC. Bring the family! There is an extensive Kids' Trak scheduled for the under-17 crowd, and two seminar tracks for the adults, mostly health and wellness related. More information is at www.cbrmensa.org/rg.



Here is another excellent opportunity from the folks at the National Office (NO) – every Local Group has received an MVP Code to share with friends and relatives. This code is good for FREE TESTING and free review of Prior Evidence, until December 31st, 2019, and you can use it for more than one friend or relative. You received yours back on September 3rd, but if you can't locate it, contact your LocSec. The code is the same for all members of a Local Group. If that fails, contact Becky Folger at the National Office. Contact your friends and relatives, and tell them that they can test FREE using this code. Then nag them to go to the national website on the Join page to convert the MVP Code to a voucher before December 31st. **The MVP codes expire on December 31st**. Be sure to tell them that the Code is applied on the checkout page, not before. That voucher will be good for 24 months! Here's the URL: <https://www.us.mensa.org/join/>

During the next week or two, all officers of the Local Groups will receive information from me about the Region 5 Leadership Development Workshop to be held in Mobile, AL on March 6-8, 2020. The LDW is not restricted to current officers. If you want to learn more about leadership in Mensa, then **you** are welcome, too.

The registration fee is only \$25. Region 5 will provide all meals, including snacks. If you can't afford the hotel, there will be some home hospitality available. Plan now to send your LocSec, Treasurer, Gifted Youth Coordinator, Editor and several members for a weekend of training by regional and national leaders. We won't have another LDW on the west side of the Region for at least two years.

Nancy Campbell

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Local Secretary's Message



October was a busy month – with Mensa testing, a steam-engine caboose ride, First Friday Lunch, Thu.D!, Trivia, and your vote to approve a change in the By-Laws.

First, we owe thanks to Karen Youket who proctored the October testing session. Thanks and congratulations are due to Johanna Doktor and James Stewart, who achieved the next step in their Proctor-in-Training requirements.

Since the By-Laws change was approved, Executive Committee officers will now serve two-year terms. Effective immediately, the current team will serve through 2020. That means you don't have to vote this fall. But your attention and effort are still needed, and are important to the continued success of our group. Check out Michael's comments from 10 years ago (page 6), still great advice for FBM members.

Sharron Armel, Local Secretary, SharronArmel@gmail.com

Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
October 6, 2019

The ExComm meeting was held at Ay Caramba in Asheville. Attendees included Sharron Armel, Michael Havelin, Grace Lehto, Will McGuffin, and Wayne Stanko.

The November schedule of events was established. Tentative plans were made for a spring picnic at the Vance Birthplace Historic Site.

Wayne Stanko reported that the ballots he received by mail gave unanimous approval of our June request to change the By-Laws to allow two-year terms for ExComm members. Sharron Armel noted that we followed the process required by existing By-Laws; she will notify Becky Folger of American Mensa of our results; the term-length change will take place immediately, with current ExComm members serving through 2020.

Submitted by
Grace Lehto
Deputy Local Secretary

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

Financial Report for September 2019

Opening Balance at August 31, 2019.....	\$3,895.34
Receipts:	
Am. MENSA Monthly Subsidy	\$110.50
Train Ride Tickets.....	60.00
Total Receipts.....	\$170.50
Disbursements:	
Greenway Cleanup Lunch.....	\$125.00
Bulk Mail Depoist.....	50.00
Total Disbursements.....	\$175.00
Closing Balance at September 30, 2019	\$3,890.84

Submitted by Wayne Stanko, Treasurer

Trivial Report

Jan, Karen, Wayne and Will, representing “The Whoos,” played Quizzo at Jack of the Wood in October. There were 17 teams playing.

The theme of the first round was *PLAYS & PLAYERS WHO PLAYED THEMSELVES*.

1. What highest-paid actor won his fame playing Madea?
2. What game show host knocked out Happy Gilmore?
3. In *A Streetcar Named Desire*, who came to live with Stanley and Stella?
4. What pop star played himself in *Zoolander*?
5. What is the name of the Thornton Wilder play about life in New England?
6. Who directed the movie *Sunset Boulevard*?
7. In a Sophocles play, what was the same name of Jocasta’s son and husband?
8. In the TV show *Arrested Development*, who played himself and his four brothers?
9. In 1989, what alliterative author won the Pulitzer Prize for *Three Sisters*?

Answers

1. Tyler Perry (Karen); 2. Bob Barker; 3. Blanche DuBois; 4. David Bowie; 5. *Our Town* (Wayne); 6. Cecil B. DeMille; 7. *Oedipus* (Wayne); 8. Andy Richter; 9. Wendy Wasserstein.

We had the worst start ever. We were in last place with only four points. We scored only 2 but the emcee felt so sorry for us he gave us two extra points!.

The theme of the second round was *BOATS*

1. What kind of boat keeps sea lanes open in winter?
2. What is the name of Captain Hook’s ship in *Peter Pan*?
3. What British liner launched in 1907 was sunk by a German U-boat 8 years later?
4. What east coast capital named for a queen hosts the annual U. S. Sailboat Show?
5. What is the Spanish word for a boat turning over?
6. In Narnia, what boat comes to life from a picture?
7. The rudder steers the boat. What lever steers the rudder?

8. What is the name of the scientific vessel belonging to the British Center for Oceanography?
9. What markers line the left and right of a shipping channel?
10. Who is the captain of the mythical boat the Argos?

Answers

1. Ice Breaker; 2. Jolly Roger (Will); 3. Lusitania; 4. Annapolis (Will); 5. Capsize; 6. Dawn Treader (Will); 7. Tiller (Jan); 8. Boaty McBoatface (Will); 9. Buoys; 10. Jason

We got all the answers right this round. We were now in ninth place, only five points behind the leader..

Round three, always a speed round, gave us a sheet of questions to answer in 5 minutes.

In Part 1 we had to give the year in which each event occurred.

1. Paul Revere takes his famous ride.
2. Saigon falls to Communist forces.
3. Osama bin Laden is killed in Abbottabad, Pakistan.
4. Apollo 11 Lands on the moon.
5. Lincoln attends his last play.

Answers

1. 1775; 2. 1975; 3. 2011; 4. 1969; 5. 1865,

Part two was *TV NETWORKS*. Given their abbreviation, we had to supply the full names.

1. CBS; 2. IFC; 3.AMC; 4. ESPN; 5. PBS;; 6. QVC; 7. C-SPAN

Answers

- 1.Columbia Broadcasting System; 2. Independent Film Channel (Wayne); 3. American Movie Channel; 4. Entertainment and Sports Programming Network; 5. Public Broadcasting Service; 6. Quality, Value, Convenience; 7. Cable-Satellite Public Affairs Network.

This was harder than it looked. We only got 5 right and slipped to eleventh place, now 8 points behind the leader.

The theme of the fourth round is always *POTPOURRI*.

1. From 1817 to 1931, what was the highest cost of any item at Woolworth's?

2. What father and daughter won Oscars? He played a veteran; she played a mental patient.
 3. The Canary Islands are located in what ocean?
 4. A December 1999 storm flooded the Hermitage Museum in what city?
 5. What Nobel Prize winner, born in 1859, was married to Marie?
 6. The game Jai Alai gets its name from what ethnic group?
- Extra: What two-syllable glass tube is used to transfer liquids?
7. There are two groups of alcoholic drinks. One is fermented. What is the other?
 8. Who is the British archaeologist who opened King Tut's tomb in 1922?
 9. What is the name for an above-ground burial chamber?

Answers

1. Ten cents; 2. Jon Voight and Angelina Jolie; 3. Atlantic;
4. St. Petersburg, Russia; 5. Pierre Curie (Karen); 6. Basque; Extra: Pipette (Wayne); 7. Distilled; 8. Howard Carter; 9. Mausoleum.

We answered 8 correctly, putting us in 12th place, 10 points behind the leader.

We need help! Why don't you join us in November?



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