

December 2018

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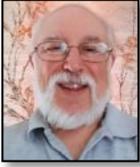
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**December is Bingo Month and Write a Friend Month**

**Have a great month from The *Muse*!**

Holidays provided by [www.holidayinsights.com](http://www.holidayinsights.com)



## December RVC Column

RVC Rich Olcott

Ah, December, all that election to-do is done with and we can get on with being sane and having a life. Well, except for in Mensa. Many of our Local Groups have **Nomination Committees** now seeking candidates for next year's officer positions. If they come to you, please say, "Yes." The more you put into Mensa, the more you'll get out of it – fun, growth, and the satisfaction of a job well done.

American Mensa is looking for candidates, too, but there's no NomComm. Instead we now use the petition system. Any member of American Mensa can apply to be a candidate for any of the elective positions. If you've got Internet connectivity, the good news is that the **2019 petition and election process** has been moved online. If you don't have access to the Internet, that's also the bad news – you can obtain paper copies from the National Office but. The whole procedure is laid out online at [us.mensa.org/lead/amc/elections/2019-board-election/](https://us.mensa.org/lead/amc/elections/2019-board-election/). Links to the forms are there, too, and they can be filled in and returned electronically.

Except for the **Candidate Signatures Petition** form. People actually have to put ink to paper for that one – 100 signatures if you're running for RVC, 250 if you're running for any of the other offices. But even the petitions can be downloaded, signed, scanned and uploaded, or mailed in if that's what works better for you.

Start with the **Candidate Checklist**, a nicely constructed step-by-step roadmap that tells you what needs to be done by when. I'll be happy to answer any questions you might have and give you whatever help you

need along the way, especially if you're in a paper-only situation. Heck, I'll even sign your petition – Greg and I each signed the other's when we ran against each other two years ago.

Quick report on the **October AMC tele-meeting**. Discussion was spirited but civil as we worked through several issues. Your 2019 ballot will include several proposed amendments to the Bylaws. Probably the most important was produced by the Event Safety Task Force. It clarifies what had been an ambiguous and clunky process to address problems created by Mensans who don't behave well. Consider it closely when you vote (online or on paper) in April.

And have a great holiday season before we hunker down for Winter.

~~ Rich



**WILL be FUN! - GIVE IT a TRY!**



**Election 2018**

**You could still GET IN:**

as NEW 2019 LocSec, Ass't LocSec, or Treasurer

**Elections coming - Dec. 17th Dinner**

Just tell current LocSec, Ass't LocSec, or Treasurer

# DECEMBER'S CALENDAR OF EVENTS!

## DECEMBER'S DINNER!

Monday, December 17<sup>th</sup>

At



2347 Clover Basin Dr., Longmont, CO 80503

“Authentic Nepali & Indian Cuisine. . . our team takes pride in the fact that we can provide our new and loyal customers with great tasting healthy and authentic food from the far East.” <https://gurkhasrestaurant.com/>

Seating begins at 6 and dinner begins at 6:30. Don't forget to prep your brains for a chance to become the Boulder/Front Range Mensa Exalted Skald!

SATURDAY, December 15, 2018:

Winter 4th Quarterly

ExComm + Pizza Party



**1. Open House: 4:30PM - 5PM**

Enjoy pre-function **SOCIALIZING**, **FREE** snacks, drinks (pop, beer, wine), and **GAMES** (pool, darts, office putting, etc.) in eager anticipation.

**2. ExComm: 5PM - 6PM**

Come see your **ExComm IN ACTION** cleverly handling the business of our B/FRM group at the 4th quarterly ExComm meeting of 2017. **Grade your officers. Everyone is Welcome.**



Anxiously watch the cliff-hanger resolution voting. Enjoy **FREE** snacks AND refreshments (pop, beer, wine), AND **SOCIALIZING** PLUS a graded **competitive heckling** contest. Most entertaining heckle wins a prize. **But WAIT – There's MORE!**

**3. Pizza Party + Games: 6PM - 9PM**

Bring your favorite table games and your wits - enjoy **GAMES**, **FREE: Hot Pizza**, refreshments (pop, beer, wine), snacks, music **CD door prizes**, + **SOCIALIZING** and sparkling conversation. Meet the interesting B/FRM regulars and new friends.



All at Jim Stuart's, 1082 W. Alder Street, Louisville (303) 666-0662. **See you there.**

**LocSec DECREE : B/FRM BALLOTS?**

**We DON'T need NO Stinkin' Ballots !**

**Let the UNOPPOSED STERLING SLATE BE  
ELECTED by CHEERING LANDSLIDE !  
at the December 17th Dinner  
- BE THERE or BE SQUARE**

**Let there be a Streamlined (Acclamation) Election**

**Process** this year with the sterling slate of **3** Volunteer Officers running unopposed for 2019: **Treasurer:** Lynn Chambers, **Ass't LocSec** Tom Denkenberger, **LocSec:** Jim Stuart



**PLEDGING** that 1) the **4** other ExComm-appointed Volunteer Officers: Bill Irelan, VeraLouise Kleinfeld-Pfeiffer, Tim Kline, Kim Springer AND 2) entire sterling

**B/FRM Volunteer team** (listed in back of MUSE), **All RIDING ON THEIR COATTAILS**, will **CONTINUE** in their **INVALUABLE ROLES** in the **NEW 2019 ADMINISTRATION**. Further let there be the **LANDSLIDE ELECTION by cheering ACCLAMATION** at the December **17th** Dinner. Come make your vote count - see you there! **Election buttons and banners welcome!**



**ATTENTION Last 49 29 members**

*still getting the PRINT MUSE mailed to them!*

**Brace Yourself - NO MORE Mailed**

B&W **Printed** MUSE After Jan'19:

**Only DULLER** B&W **QUARTERLY** 'flyers'

will be mailed out! :- ( so sad, too bad . . .

**But WAIT - There's a SOLUTION:**

→ Get your **Monthly** MUSE **EMAILED** in

**GLORIOUS COLOR!**

**easy - JUST email LocSec:**

"YES - I want my **COLOR MUSE** emailed" :-)

**Note** → B/FRM **Color** MUSE **ALWAYS** POSTED for you at our  
B/FRM Website <http://www.boulder.us.mensa.org>

**Bloomberg: Boulder has highest concentration of brainiacs in the country**



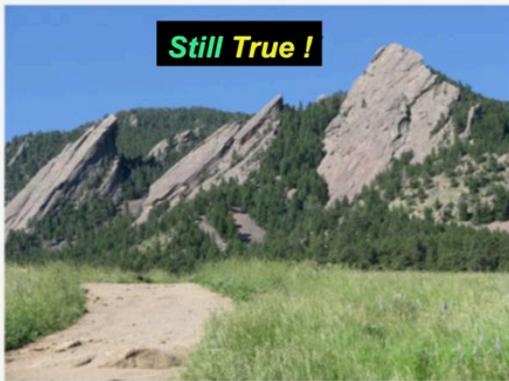
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**POP QUIZ - DO YOU KNOW ?**

"Boulder is full of smart people and actually has a higher concentration of brainiacs than any other city in the United States, according to a new report from Bloomberg. Bloomberg put Boulder in the top spot on its 'Brain Concentration Index' list. Boulder's score of 99.15 beats out well-known Silicon Valley tech hubs like San Francisco and San Jose. . ."

<http://www.thedenverchannel.com/money/science-and-tech/bloomberg-boulder-has-highest-concentration-of-brainiacs-in-the-country>

**Still True !**



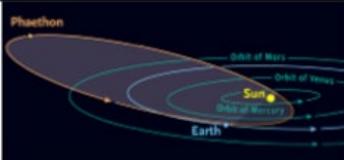
**LocSec DECREE: Let our cosmic B/FRM members  
ENJOY THE BEST: Phaeton's Geminids!**

overnight Thurs-Fri: 12/13-14/18



**December 13, 14 - Geminids Meteor Shower.** The Geminids is the king of the meteor showers. It is considered by many to be the best shower in the heavens, producing up to 120 multicolored meteors per hour at its peak. It is produced by debris left behind by an asteroid known as 3200 Phaethon, which was discovered in 1982. The shower runs annually from December 7-17. It peaks this year on the night of the 13th and morning of the 14th. The first quarter moon will set shortly after midnight leaving dark skies for what should be an excellent early morning show. Best viewing will be from a dark location after midnight. Meteors will radiate from the constellation Gemini, but can appear anywhere in the sky.

- Composed of debris from Asteroid 3200 Phaethon
- Has increased in intensity since first seen in 1862
- This is the most intense of all annual meteor showers, with up to 120/hour
- Geminids fall at over 79,000 mph



## DECEMBER'S PUZZLE!

What letter should appear next in this sequence?

A Z C X F U J Q O ?

## NOVEMBER'S PUZZLE ANSWER!

What number is missing in this sequence?

2 3 6 9 18 27 ? 81

Answer: 54. Alternate between multiplying by 1.5 and multiplying by 2.

From the Mensa UK website, <http://www.mensa.org.uk/>



**PHOTOS FROM DUSHANBE TEAHOUSE!**



Chris C. asks the Skald questions



Bruce R. and Dave O. strike a pose



Dalin G. and Jim S. enjoy the evening



Jon S. and Dagmar R. smile for the camera



Chris C. crowns the new Skald, Dagmar!

# *Membership Happenings!*



## **Joining or Rejoining Us**

Rachel Bayles, Kenneth Gill III, Matthew Kijowski, Kenneth Riggins, William Schleb, Steven Snyder, Marilee Snyder, Allen Stenger, Elizabeth Banner, Michael McKeever, Jennifer Roush

## **December's Mensaversaries:**

### **2-9 Years**

Lynda Bryson, Matthew Kijowski, Karen Stewart

### **10-19 Years**

Janeen Jahn, Douglas Kraus

### **20+ Years**

Michael Kearney, Judith Rhoads, Martha Hyder, Robert Mole, Bruce Lovell

## **Happy December Birthday wishes to:**

Scott Menard, Mark Olson, Michael Schlachter, R Mercedes Lindenoak, Thai Sheridan, Ada Palles, Anthony Zidell, Bob Askey, Bryan Kinderman

## **From the Editor**

2018 was a year for genealogy in our household.

Spouse's aunt and uncle celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary with a family gathering in Colorado Springs. My in-laws have a tidy family tree. Members married, had children and stayed together. Our two kids learned about different levels of cousin. It required an internet search to determine what a family member "once-removed" was.

My grandmother, Ms. Ottie, had her 87<sup>th</sup> birthday party at a cabin in a Louisiana swamp. The location reflected the muddy family ties. Ottie remarried years after my biological grandfather passed away. She and her second husband have "his-and-hers" sets of children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. (Another twist: my mother's two sisters – one her identical twin – married a pair of brothers.) I quickly ran out of terms for kinspeople.

It was pleasant to see distant family and visit. As a bonus, giving a short genealogy when meeting someone gave me "elevator speech" practice.

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