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THE FINE PRINT

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**January is National Bath Safety Month, National Blood Donor Month,
National Hobby Month, Hot Tea Month, and National Oatmeal Month**

Have a great month from The *Muse*!

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January RVC Column

RVC Rich Olcott

January, the month of transition, an appropriate time to discuss three American Mensa transitions you could be part of.

Pam Donahoo, our Executive Director for many years, has left for a new position. So we're looking for her replacement. The ED is responsible for American Mensa's office functions – membership support, marketing, publications, IT, much of the AG planning and support, etc. In turn, the AMC is responsible for setting policies and goals to guide the ED's activities.

Finding the right person for that ED position is probably the AMC's most important activity this year. We're doing that as quickly, conscientiously, transparently and economically as possible, given the confidentiality that personnel matters require. As soon as Pam submitted her resignation, the AMC tasked a 5-member Transition Committee with devising a selection strategy in time for the December AMC meeting. You can read their analysis and recommendation. Logon to us.mensa.org/lead/amc/, navigate to *Meeting Reports*, and choose *2017-12-02 – Houston TX* from the *Select Meeting* pull-down.

Part of their process was to poll Mensans and staff on the traits and qualifications we felt would be most important in the new ED. As I write this, the survey is still open and you can participate.

Download and read the trait definitions from region7.us.mensa.org/Executive%20Director%20Traits.pdf , then answer the survey at surveymonkey.com/r/KLVMYFB.

Meanwhile, somebody's got to mind the store. The AMC appointed AML's Director of Membership and Strategy Trevor Mitchell to be Acting Executive Director. Wearing two hats for the moment, Trevor's too busy to handle the process questions many Local Group leaders had been depending on him for. To fill in the gap, we've set up a new email account, info@americanmensa.org. If you need some help with a National Office function, send a request to that address – they'll route your note to the right support person.

Officers have probably already seen the other transition. We're moving our communications platforms onto new software. To see what it's like, logon to connect.us.mensa.org/home with your regular AML email address and password. The pull-down menu under *Communities* will show you the discussion groups your Local Group leadership position qualifies you to participate in. Within the next month or so, we expect to include all our Mensans – there's a long list of SIGs and such we'll be supporting when/if they choose to move over from other platforms. See you there.

JANUARY'S CALENDAR OF EVENTS!

JANUARY'S DINNER!

Tuesday, January 16th

At



**1920 S. Coffman St, Longmont, CO
80504**

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!

ExComm Meeting Highlights by Jim Stuart

Date: Sat. 11 December 2017

Location: Jim Stuart's, Louisville, CO

Attendees: **VeraLouise Kleinfeld-Pfeiffer**,
Lynn Chambers, **John Pfeiffer**, **Dalin Gayle**,
Tim Kline, **Tom Denkenberger**,
Mark Chipman and **Jim Stuart**



After socializing, the brief 4th quarterly ExComm was promptly called to order at 5:08PM. We heard **excellent** ExComm members' reports with good Testing Tutorial and Q&A by **VeraLouise Kleinfeld-Pfeiffer** (bank balance is \$1,142). The meeting was adjourned at 5:45PM for the



PIZZA PARTY: socializing, eating, imbibing and lively, engaging **group discussions** in kitchen and around the living room circle. Attendees left with lots of pizza and many with music CD door prizes. **Next**

ExComm meeting will be Sat. 3/17/18

on **St. Patty's Day** at Jim Stuart's: 1082 W. Alder Street, Louisville (303) 666-0662, featuring a good MUSE Editor Tutorial and Q&A session by **Kim Springer** and **Traditional New England Boiled Irish food** (corned beef, cabbage, and boiled potatoes) **homemade by VeraLouise** and **John Pfeiffer** (Note that March'18 MUSE ExComm notice will request **RSVP's** please then for food headcount). Oh Boy! :-)



SAME Sterling ELECTED OFFICERS for 2018 !

Local Secretary: **Dr. Jim Stuart** (for 10th term)

Ass't LocSec: **Tom Denkenberger** (7th term on ExComm)

Treasurer: **Lynn Chambers** (for 4th Term)

+ SAME Sterling Other Appointed EXCOMM OFFICERS !

MUSE Editor: **Kim Springer** (4th term)

Dinner Chair: **Bill Irelan** (6th term on ExComm)

Testing Chair: **VeraLouise Kleinfeld-Pfeiffer** (4th term)

Membership Chair: **Tim Kline** (8th term)

+ SAME Sterling Volunteer Appointed STAFF OFFICERS !

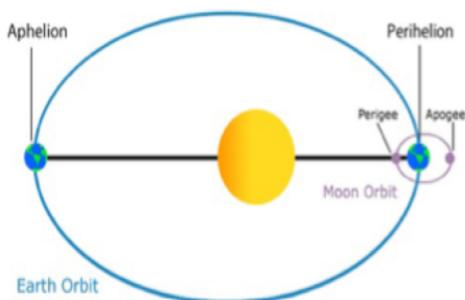
John Pfeiffer, Ryan Bettcher, Martha Hyder, Chris

Wade, Joi-Lin Russell - *See back of MUSE for FULL listing*

**LocSec DECREE: LET our SPEEDY members
run their FASTEST ALL YEAR!**

Tues. 1/2/18 10:34PM MST: RUN EAST!

By running east Tuesday 1/2/18 night at 10:34PM MST at Earth's PERIHELION, when Earth is moving about a mile



per second faster than our average speed in orbit of 18 miles per sec. and when we are at the near-midnight side of the earth

being rotated easterly at about another 700 miles per hour.

Get Ready, Get Set, GO!

HELP PLEASE! We need to **REDUCE COSTS!**

+ DID YOU KNOW: The **MUSE** comes in

GLORIOUS COLOR!

DON'T be last of the **HAPLESS FEW** stuck with a **DULL B&W printed** copy! It's **easy and quick** to start your

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SAVE B/FRM \$'s! GO GREEN! SAVE A TREE! GET IT QUICKER!

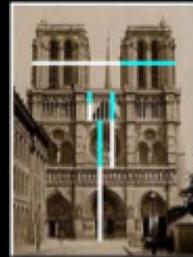
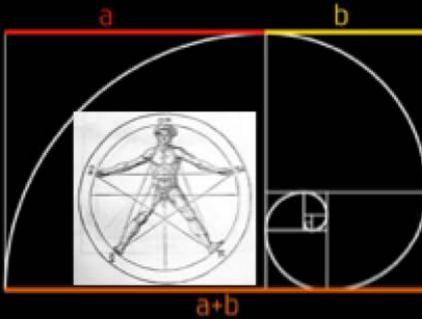
Did You Know: Golden Ratio Day is 1/16/18



Principles: Golden Ratio

COMPOSITION

$$a:b = (a+b):a$$



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Fibonacci Numbers 0, 1, 1, 2, 3, 5, 8, 13, 21...

→ Golden Ratio = 1.6180339887

JANUARY'S PUZZLE!

What numbers should replace the question marks in the grid?

105	15	94
147	21	136
56	8	45
182	26	171
21	?	?

DECEMBER'S PUZZLE ANSWER!

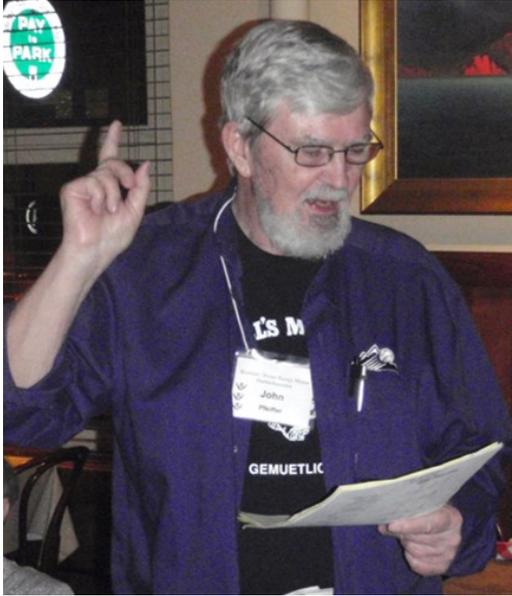
Which of the following words is the odd one out?

SAUCE PAPER TIME RAIN SAW SO

Answer: Paper. All the others have the same pronunciation as another word with a different spelling and meaning (source, thyme, rein, sore/soar, sew).

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

PHOTOS FROM TED'S MONTANA GRILL!



John P. gives the Skald quiz



Bruce R. wins the Skald!



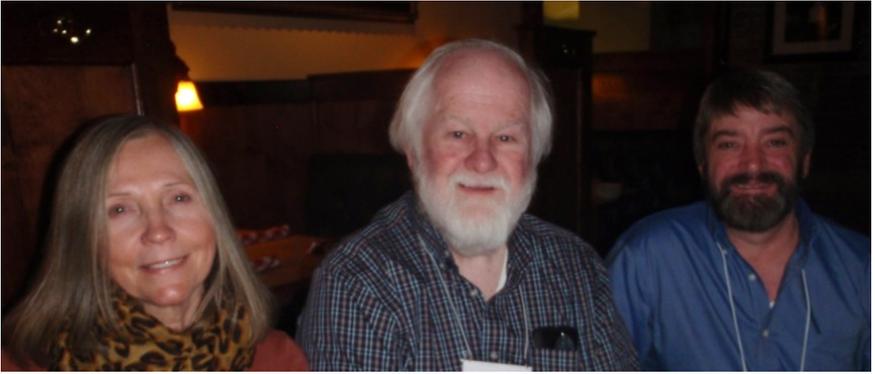
Bryce, Suzanne and Patrick W. grin together.



Charlene D. and Chris C. smile for the camera.



Claire L. and Michael K. enjoy good company.



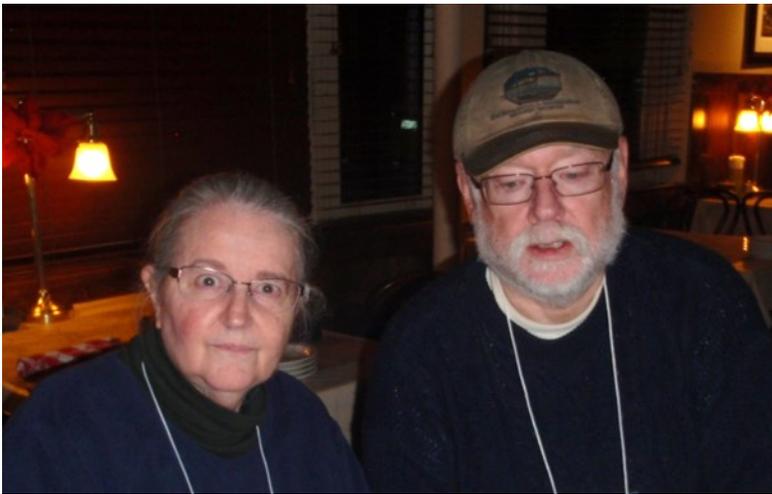
Elizabeth B., Dennis T. and Tim K. mug for a shot.



Jon S. and Dave O. have holiday cheer.



Kim S. and Thorbjørn A., of Mensa Denmark, chat.



Linda V. and Bruce R. prepare for the Exalted Skald quiz.



Steve W. and Webb H. strike a pose.



VeraLouise K-P and Fletch B. turn on the charm.

Membership Happenings!



Joining or Rejoining Us

Elizabeth Banner, Jeremy Jacobson, Michael McKeever, Jennifer Roush, Maya Shepard, Aaron Winters, Teresa Holden, Yoshi Zrelak, Robert Holden, Dennis Bodenchuk

January's Mensaversaries:

2-9 Years

Christina Grossman, Scott Vanderpoel, Scott Menard

10-19 Years

Tim Kline, George Heinrichs, Jon Scull, Blane Yelton,
Gordon Zellers, Liz O'Rourke

20+ Years

Joseph Connell, Bruce Hudspeth, Stephen Tebo, James
Stuart

Happy January Birthday wishes to:

Tim Kline, Stephen Geering, Judith Rhoads, Carolann
Mahoney

From the Editor



Sasha the Reckless Maniac (Left), Taffy the Editorial Supervisor (Right)

Weeks ago, our calico – Sasha – was injured. The veterinarian very kindly treated the ill-tempered feline; then sent me home with antibiotics, a cone-clad cat, and a copy of Sasha’s x-rays. The medical images fell to the floor of my van and were forgotten.

Not long after the vet trip, I was driving the fifth grade carpool. “Oh my god! There’s a skeleton back here!” a child squealed. All the students gasped at the x-rays and my daughter explained their origin. I’m confident that my reputation as the “odd mom” has been cemented.

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