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THE FINE PRINT

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From the Editor

Happy New Year, everyone!

January is National Blood Donor Month, National Hobby Month, Hot Tea Month, National Soup Month

Have a great month from The *Muse*!

Holidays provided by www.holidayinsights.com



January RVC Column

RVC Rich Olcott

I don't know about you, but come each January I generally find I've gained weight. I prefer to think of it as acquiring an additional layer of insulation. I blame the November and December party season, of course, although a couple of our Local Groups have extended the season into January. Good idea – December's so busy already we need to spread the fun around.

The most way-out party possible will kick off January and continue for several days beyond. The timing's pure coincidence, of course, but just before midnight Mountain Time on New Year's Eve we expect NASA's Pluto-observing *New Horizons* spacecraft to reach its closest approach to "Ultima Thule," also known as 2014 MU₆₉. UT's an asteroid or maybe a dwarf planet that orbits the Sun half again as far away as Pluto does. NASA techies and astronomy buffs will be watching for the images and other data that *New Horizons* will send back home. From *eleven billion miles away*.

The other January thing is American Mensa's nomination process. Any American Mensa member in good standing can submit a petition to be nominated for any of the top five offices (Chairman, First and Second Vice Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer) and/or Regional Vice Chairman. The Election Committee posts the petition online at us.mensa.org/lead/amc/elections/candidate-petitions/, where any member can sign it. Your signature says only that you think this person's name should be on the ballot for the office; voting comes later.

Go ahead, logon to us.mensa.org, check out the list, sign for a few candidates or sign a paper petition if someone asks you to. As I write this I see that Tony Jackowski is running for a return engagement as Heartland RVC. I am, too. What the heck, sign for both of us – a little competition is good for the organization.

And may 2019 be much kinder to everyone.

- Rich

BREAKING NEWS

LANDSLIDE ELECTION!

欢呼! **UNANIMOUS CHEERING ACCLAMATION**

Chinese symbols for "Acclamation" and "Well Done!"

CHEERING LANDSLIDE!

SAME Sterling ELECTED OFFICERS for 2019!

Local Secretary: **Dr. Jim Stuart** (for 11th term)
 Ass't LocSec: **Tom Denkenberger** (8th term on ExComm)
 Treasurer: **Lynn Chambers** (for 5th Term)

+ SAME Sterling Other Appointed EXCOMM OFFICERS!

MUSE Editor: **Kim Springer** (5th term)
 Dinner Chair: **Bill Irelan** (7th term on ExComm)
 Testing Chair: **VeraLouise Kleinfeld-Pfeiffer** (5th term)
 Membership Chair: **Tim Kline** (9th term)

+ SAME Sterling Volunteer Appointed STAFF OFFICERS!

Staff Officers: **Michael Kearney, John Pfeiffer, Taylor Profita, Joi-Lin Russell, Ryan Bettcher, Martha Hyder**

Oh Boy! Boulder TOTAL LUNAR ECLIPSE Sunday 10PM 1/20/19



Full Eclipse begins Jan 20 at 9:41:17 PM MST

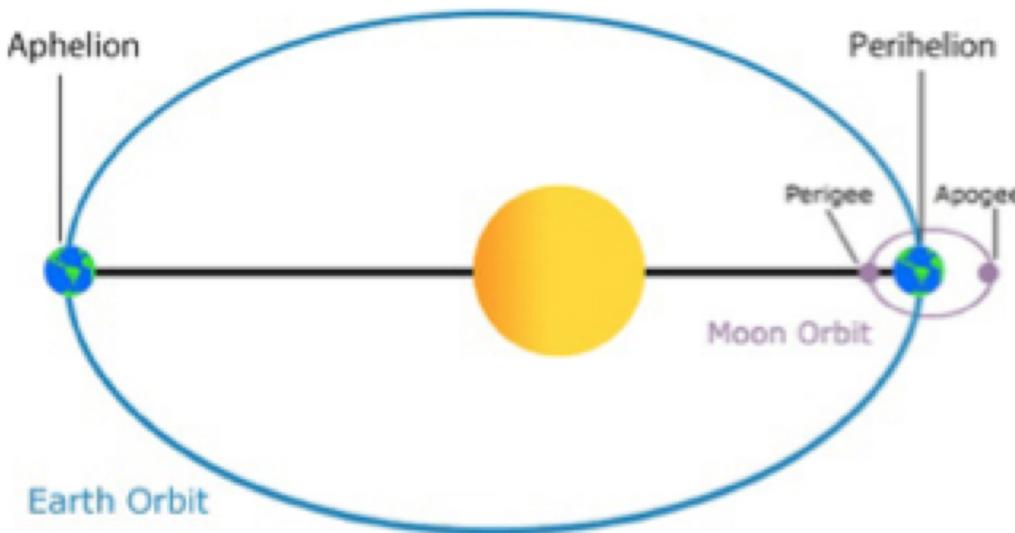
MAXIMUM ECLIPSE Jan 20 at 10:12:14 PM MST

Full Eclipse ends Jan 20 at 10:43:15 PM MST

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

Wed. 1/2/19 10:19PM MST: **RUN EAST!**

By running **EAST** Wed. night 1/2/19 at **10:19PM** 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 in Colorado at about another **700**
miles per hour. **Get Ready, Get Set, GO!**

JANUARY'S CALENDAR OF EVENTS!

JANUARY'S DINNER!

Tuesday, January 22nd

At



1920 South Coffman Street, Longmont, CO 80504

Enjoy Kansas City style BBQ within Colorado! Slow smoked meats and other tasty dishes.

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!

B/FRM Year-to-Date Financials (from 1 April):

Balance Sheet			
ASSETS	11/30/18	11/30/17	Variance
Cash	\$733	\$1,142	(\$409)
LIABILITIES AND EQUITY			
Net Assets	\$733	\$1,142	(\$409)

Profit/Loss Statement			
INCOME	11/30/18	11/30/17	Variance
Member Revenue	\$983	\$993	(\$10)
Testing Revenue	\$125	-	\$125
Total Income	\$1,108	\$993	\$115
EXPENSE			
Administrative	\$10	\$83	(\$73)
Meetings	\$889	\$1,189	(\$300)
Newsletter	\$435	\$556	(\$121)
Total Expense	\$1,334	\$1,828	(\$494)
NET INCOME/(LOSS)	(\$226)	(\$835)	\$609

ExComm Meeting Highlights

by Jim Stuart

Date: Sat. 15 December 2018

Location: Jim Stuart's, Louisville, CO

Attendees: Lynn Chambers, Tim Kline, Kim Springer, Tom Denkenberger, Michael Kearney, Dalin Gayle, Peter Kirslis, Chris Crawford, Mark Chipman, and Jim Stuart



After socializing, the brief 4th quarterly ExComm was promptly called to order at 5:10PM. We heard **excellent** ExComm members' reports (bank balance is \$733) with good discussions of first edition of **NEW Printed Quarterly MUSE Flyer** starting Jan'19. Our regular glorious color **Monthly**



MUSE will **only be electronic** from now on (distributed by email and available online). The meeting was adjourned at 6:08PM for the **PIZZA PARTY**: socializing, eating, imbibing and lively, engaging **group discussions** in kitchen and around the living room circle.

Peter Kirslis prepared a pure gluten-free Pizza option. There were music CD door prizes. **Next ExComm meeting** will be Sat. 3/23/19 at Jim Stuart's (1082 W. Alder Street, Louisville (303) 666-0662) Oh Boy! :-)

JANUARY'S PUZZLE!

A 275 yard long train, travelling at 90 mph, enters a three mile long tunnel.

How many seconds will elapse between the moment the front of the train enters the tunnel and the moment the end of the train clears the tunnel?

DECEMBER'S PUZZLE ANSWER!

What letter should appear next in this sequence?

A Z C X F U J Q O ?

Answer: L. Alternate between taking letters from the beginning and the end of the alphabet, missing one letter, then two, then three, then four.

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

PHOTOS FROM GURKHAS!



Dagmar asks the Skald questions



Rich K. is crowned by Dagmar!



John P., Fletch B., Jon S. are in good company



Linda V. smiles for the camera



Dagmar R. and Dave O. enjoy the evening



Charlene D, and VeraLouise K-P show their pearly whites



Bruce R. and Jim S. prepare for the Skald quiz



Tim K. and Chris C. grin together



Marki T. and Rich K. strike a pose

Membership Happenings!



Joining or Rejoining Us

Philip Brown, Maya Shepard, Christopher Wade

January's Mensaversaries:

2-9 Years

Robert Holden, Teresa Holden, Christina Grossman, Linda Katalenich, Scott Menard, Scott Vanderpoel

10-19 Years

Steven Snyder, George Heinrichs, Tim Kline, Jon Scull, Blane Yelton

20+ Years

Gordon Zellers, Liz O'Rourke, Henry Eckstein, Stephen Tebo, James Stuart

Happy January Birthday wishes to:

Tim Kline, Stephen Geering, Edward Rossetto, Carolann Mahoney, Judith Rhoads

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