

June 2018

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## THE FINE PRINT

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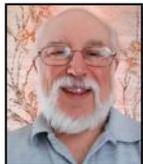
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**June is Aquarium Month, Candy Month, National Accordion Awareness Month, National Fresh Fruit and Vegetables Month**

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

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## June RVC Column

RVC Rich Olcott

“What is so rare as a day in June?” asked James Russell Lowell. A day at the [Mensa Annual Gathering](#), for one. June has thirty days but there’s only 4½ days in the AG (5½ counting Colloquium). A day at the AG is six times more rare. And those days go by so fast – half-a-dozen tracks of seminars on everything under the Sun and then some, hours spent with old friends and new friends in Hospitality or the Game Room, maybe do a run or some dancing, a Debate Room session exchanging views on a controversial topic in a surprisingly cordial atmosphere, taking in or even entering a goofy contest or two, maybe a few minutes watching a flock of Young Mensans dash by on a quest... And on the way home you catch your breath thinking, “Aw, gee, a whole year until the next one!” Rare, indeed.

OK, strictly speaking the AG starts in July, but there’s travel time to consider and you really should register soon because things get helter-skelter that last weekend.

If you’re a Local Group officer or thinking about volunteering but want to know what you’d be getting into, plan to attend **The Nuts and Bolts of the ExComm**, the FREE (meals and overnight lodging are on us) Leadership Development Workshops I wrote about last month. You can learn how American Mensa works and how you can make it better. Topic list includes LocSec Basics, Getting People Involved, Getting PR for Mensa, Financial Basics Overview, Recruitment and Retention Overview, and Exploiting The Internet. You’re invited to choose one of

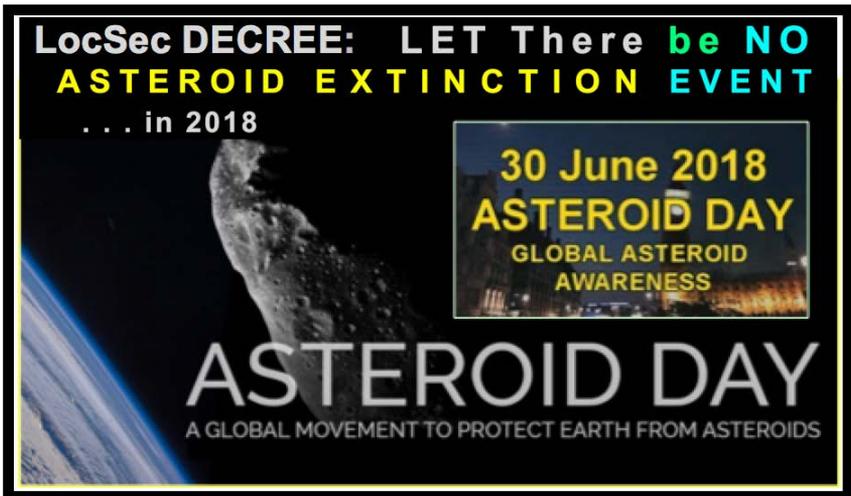
- **Fort Collins** -- Arrive Friday June 15 at Residence Inn by Marriott, 1127 Oakridge Dr, Fort Collins, CO 80525. Call Ashlea Underwood at 970-212-9403 and tell her you’re with Mensa.

- **Omaha** -- Arrive Friday July 20 at Fairfield Inn and Suites, 17240 Wright St, Omaha NE 68130. Reserve at [this online link](#) or call 402-504-9444 and ask for “the Mensa Leadership block.”

The plan for each LDW is for people to arrive Friday afternoon/evening for dinner (if you can make it that early) and Hospitality/get-acquainted time. We stay over Friday night, attend sessions (and have lunch) until 4:00pm or so on Saturday. Some people will want to stay overnight Saturday and that'll be covered, too.

Late-and-great news – our Heartland Region has **something more to be proud of**. We're only 6% of American Mensa's membership, but this year we fielded 13% of the CultureQuest teams. Yay us!

~~ Rich



# **JUNE'S CALENDAR OF EVENTS!**

## **JUNE'S DINNER!**

**Monday, June 25<sup>th</sup>**

**at**



**2630 Baseline Rd., Boulder, CO 80305**

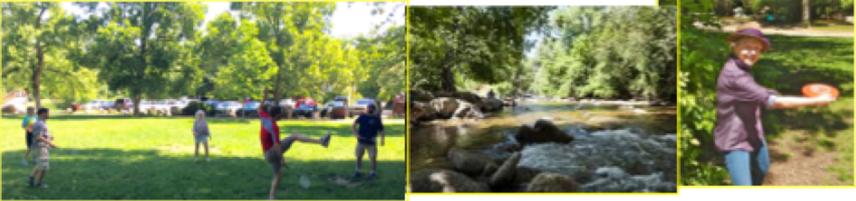
Join us at this long time Boulder favorite!

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, June 16, 2018**

**B/FRM 7th Annual PICNIC: 10AM to 2PM**

Enjoy a **fun free lunch** in the park: Louisville's **Dickey's BBQ Pit** is **Catering** our **7th Annual Picnic!** Protein and Vegetarian! Racks of Ribs, Chicken Breasts, Beef Brisket, Polish Sausage, 4 Salads (Caesar, Coleslaw, Green Bean, Asiago Spinach), Baked Potato Casserole, Rolls, drinks and dessert cookie! **Picnic-in-the-Park** will have babbling Boulder



Creek, **Games-on-the-Green** (Frisbees, Badminton, etc), great folks, **sparkling conversations** + **Bonus: ExComm meeting** (short) will be held **10:30AM-11AM**. **Come early to watch the ExComm action before picnic lunch.** Everything's provided. (OK to **BYOB** if you want alcoholic refreshments – **NO glass containers**.) B/FRM members, significant others, family and prospective members **ALL WELCOME**. Take home leftovers!



Fun for everyone! **Oh boy! Oh Boy!**

**Directions** From 28th Street, go West on Arapahoe towards mountains to ~3rd

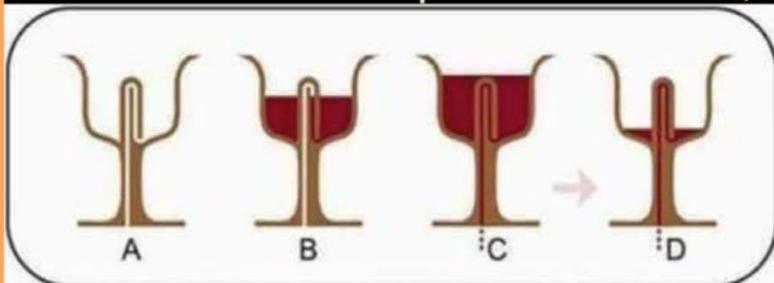
Street - on the right you will see a small sign: "Eben G. Fine Park" and the driveway that takes you down into the Park parking lot (there's street



[www.boulderguide.info/eben-g-fine-park](http://www.boulderguide.info/eben-g-fine-park)

parking also). We'll be in the Shelter. **You're invited !**

Did You Know? **Pythagoras' joke cup:**  
drains wine out on anyone  
who fills their cup **TOO** much :-)



Pythagoras invented a practical joke cup  
that would spill wine all over a person if  
they filled their cup too much.

## **JUNE'S PUZZLE!**

The following words have a connection with plants, what is it?

**PROSECUTE UGLILY IRISH CHIVY**

## **MAY'S PUZZLE ANSWER!**

Add together three of the following numbers each time to score 33.

Each number can be used as many times as you wish.

How many different combinations are possible?

**3 5 10 15 20 25**

Answer: Three.

$$15 + 15 + 3$$

$$25 + 5 + 3$$

$$20 + 10 + 3$$

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

**PHOTOS FROM OSKAR BLUES!**



VeraLouise crowns Tim K. with the Skald!



Bill I., Jim S. and Jon S. are in good company



Charlene D. and VeraLouise K-P. smile for the camera



John P., Kaden W. and Bruce R. prepare for the Exalted Skald quiz



Michael K., Tim K. and Fletch B. enjoy the atmosphere



Peggy P-S. and Craig S. strike a pose



Steve W. and Chris C. say “cheese”

# *Membership Happenings!*



## **Joining or Rejoining Us**

John Ruffin, Renee Damm, Ryan Smieja

***Check for new members and changes here!***

## **June's Mensaversaries:**

### **2-9 Years**

Kimberley Springer, Ronald Hastings

### **10-19 Years**

Melanie Lawrence

### **20+ Years**

Bob Askey

## **Happy June Birthday wishes to:**

Richard Wingerson, John Ruffin, Megan Finnigan, Lloyd Botway, Mary Broughall, Christina Grossman, Michael Kearney, Frank Welzig

## **From the Editor**

My oldest child has a mild hearing loss, so both of my children and I know some American Sign Language.

Recently at a movie theater, the three of us watched a preview for the film “Rampage.” Dwayne Johnson portrays a zookeeper; he used Sign to communicate with his charge, a gorilla.

“Mom!” the Offspring squealed. “He’s using Sign!”

“I’ve been Signing to a couple of apes for years,” I replied.

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