

March 2018

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## THE FINE PRINT

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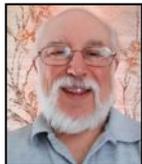
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**March is Irish American Month, National Craft Month, National Women’s History Month, National Frozen Food Month, Social Workers’ Month**

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

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



March RVC Column

RVC Rich Olcott

## Well, it's about time

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The way we do Time is dumb. Does it make sense to have a new day start in the middle of the night? Strictly speaking, the morning's half gone by the time morning starts.

The annual calendar is just wrong, too. If I had my druthers, we'd celebrate New Year in March. That's when the things start moving again after a long Winter sleep, with sprouts sprouting and buds budding all over the place.

Speaking of new things sprouting, we have a few new leadership teams here in the Heartland Region. Central Iowa Mensans elected **Kristi Kozuki** to succeed **Michelle Herring** as LocSec; High Mountain Mensans chose **Gary Preslan** to succeed **Edith Johnston**; and in Wyoming Mountain Mensa, **Bess Carnahan** is taking over for **Fred Coles**. Many thanks to the outgoing officers for their years of service and to the new leaders for stepping up. And a gasp of appreciation for you current LocSecs who are Marching into an additional term of office.

Which brings me, naturally, to the April start of American Mensa's fiscal and membership years. Just the other day my Local Group's Treasurer was grouching to me about the inconvenience of having Mensa's fiscal year three months out of sync with the civil year. No problem summarizing a civil year, but you have to play spreadsheet tricks to get the fiscal year into one set of figures.

That membership year thing – your Mensahood may be in jeopardy. Mensa memberships expire at the end of March. Check the mailing label on your *Bulletin* or newsletter, or logon to [us.mensa.org](http://us.mensa.org) and navigate to *MyMensa*→*MyProfile*. Unless you're a Life Member or have a multi-year membership that spans 2018, it's time to re-up or you'll miss out on stuff. Online's the easiest way, but I'm sure the National Office will accept a check.

One reason to keep that membership going – CultureQuest®. It's a nation-wide 250-questions-in-90-minutes team trivia contest, top teams get \$\$ and the rest of the proceeds go to the MERF Scholarship fund. (Details are at [us.mensa.org](http://us.mensa.org)→*Play*→*CultureQuest*→*ContestRules*.) If the thought of that excites you, ask your LocSec "Where do I sign up for CQ?" But you have to be a paid-up 2018 member by March 31 to play.

~~ Rich

**CultureQuest XXIX ANYONE ?**

American MENSEA

**Start Time: April 29, 2018 2PM MDT**  
**Registration\*: ≤ Mar. 31, 2018**

\* B/FRM pays \$50 Team fee

**Culture QUEST**

**CultureQuest**

**Email: Tim Kline** (see back of MUSE)

**CultureQuest**

<https://www.us.mensa.org/attend/culturequest/contest-rules/>

The graphic is a promotional poster for CultureQuest XXIX. It features a black header with the title in green and yellow. Below the header, there is a white banner with the American Mensa logo and the event details. The text is arranged in a collage-like fashion with various fonts and colors. At the bottom, there is a large white banner with the event name and a URL, along with social media icons for Facebook and Twitter.

# MARCH'S CALENDAR OF EVENTS!

## MARCH'S DINNER! Tuesday, March 20<sup>th</sup> at



**2731 Iris Ave., Boulder, CO  
80304**

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!

**Anyone interested in being TESTED for MENSA  
and/or Intertel membership:**

The cost is **\$60** which is payable by cash or check to American Mensa. Please call to schedule a test session. 303.949.2627 We are not reserving test sites without interested participants. Thanx. Dr. John Pfeiffer and Dr. VeraLouise Kleinfeld-Pfeiffer

SATURDAY,  
Mar 17, 2018:

## Spring Quarterly St. Patty's Day ExComm , Party and Games

→ Oh Boy! Traditional  
New England **BOILED IRISH FOOD !**  
(RSVP's please)

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

Enjoy pre-function **SOCIALIZING**, 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 1st quarterly ExComm meeting of 2018. **Grade your officers. Everyone is Welcome.** Anxiously watch the cliff-hanger resolution voting. Enjoy free snacks, refreshments (pop, beer, wine), and **SOCIALIZING PLUS** a graded **competitive heckling** contest. Most entertaining heckle wins cheering and a prize.



**But WAIT – There's MORE!**

### 3. St Patty's Food, Party and Games: 6PM - 9PM

Bring your favorite table games and your wits - enjoy GAMES, free meal: **Traditional New England Boiled Irish food** cooked by VeraLouise Kleindfeld-Pfeiffer and John Pfeiffer - please RSVP to Pfeiffers for food head count (see back of MUSE), refreshments (pop, beer, wine), snacks, music, **SOCIALIZING, CD door prizes,** 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.**

# Dinosaurs ANYONE ?

Events + Field Trips <http://www.dinoridge.org>



## UPCOMING EVENTS AT DINOSAUR RIDGE

Visit [www.dinoridge.org](http://www.dinoridge.org) for information on all of our upcoming events.

- March 17 (8am-12pm)** FODR Volunteer Introductory Training  
RSVP to [volunteer@dinoridge.org](mailto:volunteer@dinoridge.org)
- May 12 (9am-3pm)** Dinosaur Discovery Day (Boy Scout Day)  
See below for full schedule of DDDs
- May 25-27** Green River Fossil Fish Dig Trip  
Email [events@dinoridge.org](mailto:events@dinoridge.org) for more info
- June 4** 8 weeks of FODR summer camp begin  
See below for full schedule
- June 16** Brontos & Brews! Beer Festival & Guinness World Record Attempt

### FODR Summer Camps

- June 4-8: Fossils and Fun (age 6-10)  
June 11-15: Rock Stars (age 11-13)  
June 18-22: Junior Scientists (age 8-11)  
June 25-29: Nature Trekkers (age 6-10)  
July 9-13: Fossils and Fun (age 6-10)  
July 16-20: Rock Stars (age 11-13)  
July 23-27: Junior Scientists (age 8-11)  
July 30-Aug 3: Nature Trekkers (age 6-10)

### Dinosaur Discovery Days

- Boy Scout Day (May 12)  
Reptile & Bird Day (August 11)  
Gem & Mineral Day (Sept 8)  
Girl Scout Day (Oct 13)

Everything Dinosaurs! educational talks led by Erin LaCount every Tuesday morning at 10am through April 3. RSVP to [education@dinoridge.org](mailto:education@dinoridge.org).

Dinosaur Ridge | Adult Field Trips | Morrison, Colorado



Dinosaur Ridge leads several field trips throughout the year ranging from day trips to multi-day weekend excursions. Please check below for any upcoming field trips that you would like to attend.

### Field Trips 2018

#### Green River Fossil Fish Dig

**Friday, May 25 through Sunday, May 27, 2018**

Join the Friends of Dinosaur Ridge, May 25 through 27, 2018 for an amazing weekend excursion! This trip will visit the Ancient Lake Fossils quarry, commercial quarry in the Green River Formation near Fossil Butte National Monument in Harpersburg, Wyoming.

During this trip we will dig in these active split fish quarry and keep the fish you uncover! Friday evening will feature guest speaker Avid Asses (Fossil Butte National Monument, National Park Service). Saturday evening will feature guest speaker Ancient Lake Fossils Inc. quarry owner Adam Lindgren, quarry staff Dan Harner, and Dinosaur Ridge staff Blake Sullivan.

**Dates:** May 25 through May 27, 2017

#### Cost includes:

- Transportation via bus or van from Dinosaur Ridge
- 2 nights hotel at the Best Western Double occupancy add \$120 for each single room
- 2 days of digging (4 hours each)
- 2 breakfasts at the hotel, 2 lunches at the quarry, water and instant drinks
- 2 guest speakers with an added tour of the Fossil Butte Monument
- Use of tools, YOU KEEP EVERYTHING BUT BARE PRECIOUS!

**Cover:** \$100/person; \$675 for Dinosaur Ridge Members & Volunteers.

**Restrictions:** Anyone under 18 years of age must accompany an adult (not 12 required). All ages welcome. Limited seating field sites. Not wheelchair accessible. Harpersburg and Cheesha provided, but if you have your own please feel free. \$120 non-refundable deposit due with RSVP.

For detailed information and to register, please contact Blake Sullivan at Dinosaur Ridge, [education@dinoridge.org](mailto:education@dinoridge.org) or 720-850-1313.

**To register for the 2018 Fish Dig,** please download the registration form below.

Please print, complete, and mail with your payment to Friends of Dinosaur Ridge

ATTN: Blake Sullivan

14831 W. Alexandra Parkway

Morrison, CO 80465.

Please see the payment plan and cancellation policies on page 2 of the registration form.

#### Anthropological Adventures

**Saturday, October 6 through Wednesday, October 10, 2018**

Join the Friends of Dinosaur Ridge October 6-10, 2018 for an amazing 5-day adventure! This trip will visit Archaeology and Anthropology sites in Mesa Verde, Holbrook Arizona, and Albuquerque, NM!

- Your fee includes:
- Transportation to and from DRI
  - 3 nights camping, 1 night hotel
  - Opportunity to collect Fossil wood and native American artifacts
  - 4 breakfasts, 4 lunches, 4 dinners, water, and Getalene

• Interpretive guides at MV and ABQ

• Two meals in ABQ during GALCON FIESTA WEEK!

The cost of this trip is \$925 for non-members \$900 for members.

Please contact Blake Sullivan at 720-850-1313 or [education@dinoridge.org](mailto:education@dinoridge.org) for more information!



# Astronauts!

## Student Essay Contest

For 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students in Montana, Wyoming and Colorado

The Rocky Mountain Section of the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics ([www.aiaa-rm.org](http://www.aiaa-rm.org)) invites you to submit an original essay about astronauts! Research the aspect you choose (use the library, internet, or interview engineers and scientists); then write an essay to describe the role of astronauts and their impact on NASA, their impact on the future of the United States, and their impact on international partnerships. Begin your research at <https://www.nasa.gov/astronauts> but reach for the stars!

### Requirements:

- Student must be in the 7<sup>th</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup> grade.
- Double-spaced, typewritten (size 12 font), essay, in 1,000 words or less.
- Include student name, teacher name, grade, school name in top right-hand corner of the essay.
- Include teacher/parent/student contact information (name, phone number, email and mailing address) with the essay for acknowledgement and award notification.

### Judging criteria:

- Originality of ideas presented
- Soundness of logic used to develop ideas
- Realism of ideas presented
- Quality of composition and clarity of expression
- Grammar and spelling
- Use of references or quotes to avoid plagiarism



### Prizes at each grade level:

- First place \$100.
- Second place \$50.

### Deadline:

- Essay MUST be submitted by **March 15, 2018**.
- E-mail essays and contact information to [essay2018@aiaa-rm.org](mailto:essay2018@aiaa-rm.org)

The first place winning essays will be forwarded to the 2018 Space Systems Technical Committee AIAA Essay Contest for the national competition and the chance to **win additional awards** and **recognition for the author and their classroom!**



# MARCH'S PUZZLE!

What number should replace the question mark in this sequence?

1 5 21 ? 341 1365

# FEBRUARY'S PUZZLE ANSWER!

On each row place two letters that can be attached to the end of the word to the left to give a longer word. When completed the eight added letters will give another word reading downwards. What is it?

DEAR \_\_

SUP \_\_

DOG \_\_

CAME \_\_

Answer: Thermals

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



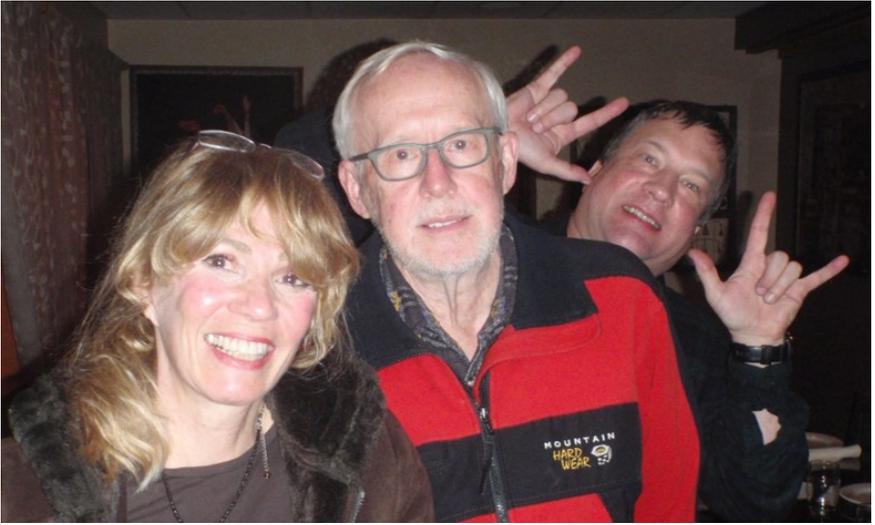
**PHOTOS FROM TANDOORI GRILL!**



Kim gives the Skald Quiz



Steve Wahl is crowned!



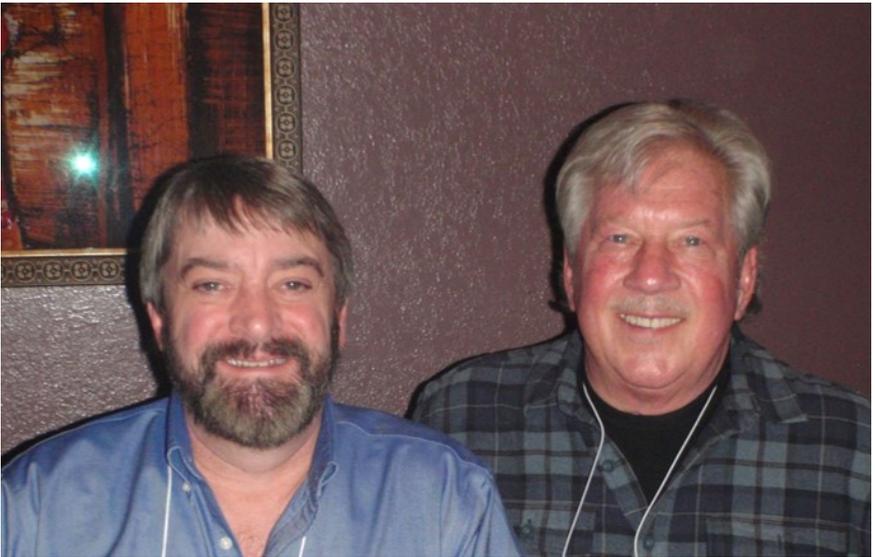
Peggy P-S. and Craig S. are photobombed by Greg S.



Chris C. and Kim S. smile for the camera.



Steve W. and Elizabeth B. enjoy the evening.



Tim K. and Jim S. grin together.

# *Membership Happenings!*



## **Joining or Rejoining Us**

Steve Herrmann, Mark Olson, Christopher Wade, Anthony Zidell, Claire Lepper, Maya Ambraziunas

## **March's Mensaversaries:**

### **2-9 Years**

Michael Samuels, Mary Broughall, Thai Sheridan, Tyler Loomis, Wyatt Barnes, Ryan Bettcher, Thomas Denkenberger, Christine Crawford, Lee Johnson, L Hedding

### **10-19 Years**

Richard Wingerson, Jordan Zach, Sonia Martin

### **20+ Years**

G Finney, Lynn Chambers

## **Happy March Birthday wishes to:**

Craig Smith, Warren Chiles, Annlouise Stevens, Robert Holden, Tina Braxton, Deborah Felin-Magaldi, William Irelan, L Hedding, Riley Combelic, Dana Ruehlman, Greg Shonle, Ronald Hastings

## **From the Editor**

My husband is a photographer, and the source of the Muse cover images. For every issue, this conversation occurred:

“Could you put a cover photo in the Muse? Anything will do.”

This time, my partner has pushed the definition of “anything.” I had to ask him what was in the picture. His explanation: it’s a close up of metal work he spotted in Lafayette.

Lovely, if puzzling, image.

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<b>B/FRM MUSE Newsletter Online</b> (Region 7 / Local Group 803):	<a href="https://www.us.mensa.org/read/group-newsletters/">https://www.us.mensa.org/read/group-newsletters/</a>

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