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THE FINE PRINT

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May is Lupus Awareness Month, National Barbecue Month, National Photograph Month, National Salad Month, Older Americans Month

Have a great month from The Muse!

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May RVC Column

RVC Rich Olcott

Mensans love puzzles, so here's one for you.

One of Mensa's unsung benefits is our Leadership Development Workshops – a whole set of short-courses about running a volunteer organization like Mensa. The material is the distillation of experience from scores of our leaders and more than a few followers. It covers everything from recruiting new members, to how to run a meeting, to budgeting, to what's a Bylaw (and why bother?). Some is Mensa-specific but much of it could apply to any group you might be a part of.

The puzzle? Hang on, we're getting there.

You may have noticed that our Region is spread out, from Missouri to Wyoming. We wanted to mount a single LDW for the entire Region but Kearney NE is equally too far away for nearly all of us. So we're doing two events, one in Fort Collins CO for our Western contingent and another in Omaha NE for our Easterners.

OK, here's the puzzle. Each of those two locations is on a major N-S Interstate – Fort Collins is on I-25 and Omaha is on I-29. There's got to be an I-27 so where is it? Keep reading.

The Mensa LDW menu lists over four dozen titles. I asked our LocSecs which they thought would be most valuable for new officers and people who'd like to become an officer. Their responses helped me whittle the list down to half-a-dozen short-courses that would fill a full-day session.

"Which day?" you ask. We picked two weekends. The plan for each is to have an informal get-together session on Friday evening, to allow for people driving in from a distance. That'll be a great opportunity to get

acquainted with fellow Local Group officers. Saturday will be classes from 9:00am to about 4:00pm. We'll provide lunch, of course.

Important note: both events will be FREE. Mensa's picking up the tab for lodging and dinner Friday night, Saturday lunch, and lodging Saturday night for those who'll be driving home on Sunday.

So save the dates –June 15-16 in Fort Collins and July 20-21 in Omaha. More details coming. Thanks for your patience, puzzlers – I-27 runs between Lubbock and Amarillo, staying strictly within Texas despite being called an Interstate. Typical, and they'll tell you so.

~~ Rich

NEW B/FRM Website - "Boulder Mensa Meetup":
<https://www.meetup.com/Boulder-Mensa-Meetup/>
Mark your Calendar Sat. 5/19/18 8PM at Dairy Center

The screenshot shows a Meetup event page. At the top, it says "Next Meetup" on the left and "See all" on the right. The event is scheduled for "Saturday, May 19, 2018, 8:00 PM". The title is "Mystery and Monkey Shines at the Dairy Center". It is hosted by "Peggy P.". The description reads: "BOULDER MENSA welcomes you! Our first event on Meetup, May 19, 8pm Mystery & Monkeyshines at the Dairy Center BLIND TIGER A euphemism for speak easy, which is itself a euphemism for a clandestine bar, Blind Tiger is grown-up, cabaret-style entertainment in a casual atmosphere. Let time slip away as you enjoy performances that are delightful in an era. Felonius Smith Trio performs prewar blues music at its most authentic - taking us back...". To the right of the text is the Mensa logo, a stylized 'M' with a globe on top. Below the logo is a blue "Attend" button. At the bottom right, there is a location pin icon for "Dairy Arts Center" at "2590 Walnut Street (26th & Walnut) - Boulder, CO" and a clock icon for "Respond by: 5/18/2018".

MAY'S CALENDAR OF EVENTS!

MAY'S DINNER! Tuesday, May 22nd

at



303 Main St., Lyons, CO 80540

Enjoy a wide variety of American style dishes, craft beer and locally produced soda pop!

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!

LocSec DECREE: Mark Your Calendar !

B/FRM 7th Annual PICNIC Sat. June 16th at E.G. Fine Park in the Shelter along Boulder Creek (3rd and Arapahoe)



10AM-2PM (short **ExComm** meeting held 10:30AM-11AM, Food served 11:30AM). **Oh Boy!** Louisville's **Dickey's BBQ Pit** is Catering our **7th Annual Picnic!**
Protein and Vegetarian!

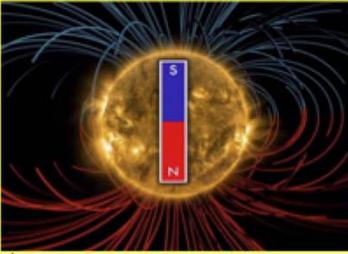
FYI-anticipation: Racks of Ribs, Chicken Breasts, Beef Brisket, Polish Sausage, 4 Salads (Caesar, Coleslaw, Green Bean, Asiago



Spinach), Baked Potato Casserole, Rolls, drinks and dessert cookie! **Picnic-in-the-Park** will have **Babbling Boulder Creek**, **Frisbees** and **Badminton** on the green, GREAT folks, GREAT conversations. GREAT Fun for everyone! **Oh Boy! Oh Boy! You're invited !**

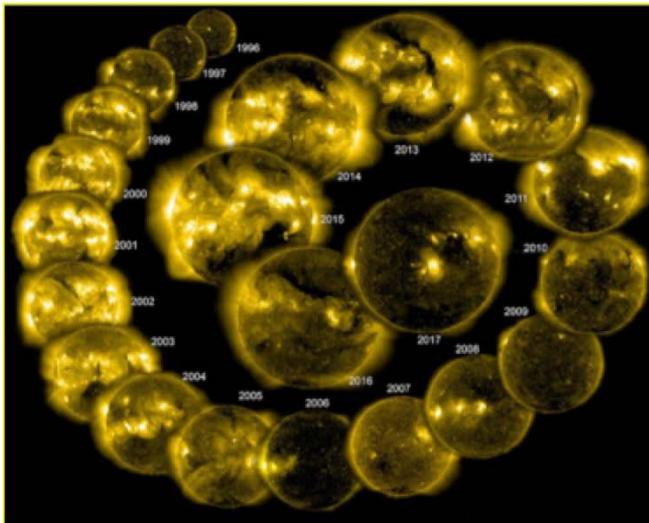
Did You Know: Our Sun's Magnetic Poles FLIP 360° (N - S and S - N) every 22 years

The polarity of the sun's magnetic field **flips over and over and over**. Over 11 years the magnetic field's orientation goes N-S, and another 11 years goes back S-N. Here's **NEW** composite SOHO satellite images of the sun, taken each spring over the 22 year full solar cycle.



When the sun is at its most active, strong

magnetic fields show up as bright spots in the sun's outer atmosphere (corona). Black sunspots (planet-sized magnetic



regions) are only dark in contrast to the bright face of the Sun. If you could place a **Sunspot** elsewhere in the night sky, it would be about as bright as a **full moon**.

MAY'S PUZZLE!

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

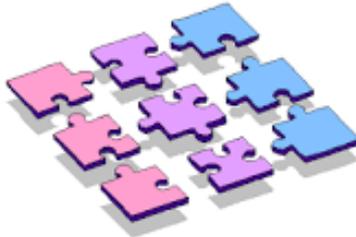
APRIL'S PUZZLE ANSWER!

Fill in the missing words so that a chain is formed with each word suffixing the previous word and prefixing the following word. What are the missing words?

SMOKE _ _ _ _ _ N PLAY _ _ _ U _ _ WORK _ _ R _ _ MEAT

Answer: Screen, ground and force.

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



PHOTOS FROM THE MED!



VeraLouise K-P wins the Skald and is crowned by Bruce R.!



Claire L. and Keith grin together



Dave O. enjoys the atmosphere



Linda V., Steve W., and Craig S. are in good company



VeraLouise K-P and John P. celebrate together



Charlene D., John S., and Dalin G. say “cheese”



Tim K. and Elizabeth B. strike a pose



Chris C. smiles for the camera

Membership Happenings!



Joining or Rejoining Us

Dana Ruehlman, George Bailey, Jesse Nelson

May's Mensaversaries:

2-9 Years

Jeffery Grass, Rick Gapinski, Lydia Jones

10-19 Years

Thomas Lloyd, William Irelan, John Fallon

20+ Years

Mark Levy, Sally Gibson, Yvonne Kristy, Robert Yoder

Happy May Birthday wishes to:

David Kaslow, Peggy Silcox, Charles Gallow, Mary Anne
Florence, George Dancik, Thomas Lloyd, Lynda Bryson,
Petter Reistad

From the Editor

To: 5th Grade Teacher
Subject: Daughter's Math Homework

Dear Teacher,

Yesterday, I helped Daughter with her math homework. I used paper from our scrap pile. These pages are botches print jobs from our printer/scanner/magic box.

The sheet I grabbed was a copy from the "Thug Kitchen" cook book. This book is full of swear words, and the recipe was for a cocktail. Daughter dutifully stapled this page to her assignment to show her work.

I thought you deserved an explanation, and an apology. I hope you will get a chuckle out of this.

To: Kim Springer
From: 5th Grade Teacher
Re: Daughter's Math Homework

Thanks for letting me know... my team got a nice little laugh late this afternoon.

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