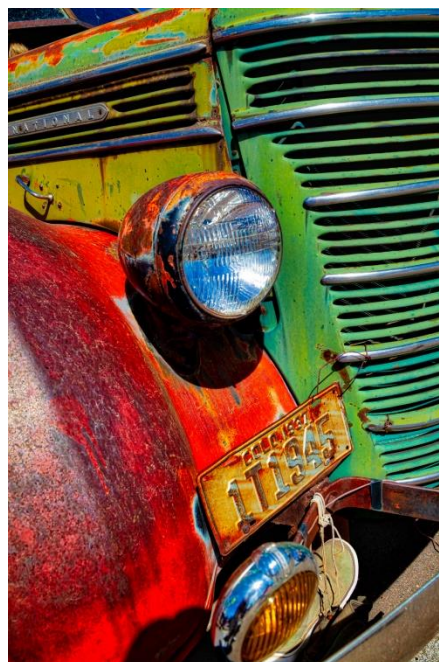




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From the Editor

During a family dinner, the actor Tommy Lee Jones came up in conversation. “I’d like to watch *The Fugitive* again and listen to Jones bark orders,” I said.

“What’s *The Fugitive*?” one of the Offspring asked.

“A movie,” answered Spouse.

“Based on a TV show, that was inspired by a murder in real-life,” I add. Spouse is the resident movie expert, but I’m the useless weird trivia provider.

March is Music in Our Schools Month, National Celery Month, National Peanut Month, Red Cross Month

Have a great month from The Muse!
Holidays provided by www.holidayinsights.com

March RVC Column



RVC Rich Olcott

As a Mensan you probably know this, but here's a reminder. The Romans celebrated New Year in March, when the snows melt away, seeds sprout and flowers brighten our horizons. For American Mensa each membership year ends on March 31 and the new year starts April 1. So, *felix annus novus vobis* and I hope you've renewed your membership.

One reason to do so – **CultureQuest®**, one of Mensa's most Mensa-typical activities. It's a 200-question team trivia contest with proceeds going to the MERF scholarship fund. Well, we think it's fun, anyway. The contest will be on April 28 this year. Teams have to register in March and every team member has to be a paid-up Mensa member. Logon to us.mensa.org and navigate to *Play→CultureQuest* for details.

The word "scholarship" leads into my next topic. You may be one of the dozens of Heartland Region Mensans who judged hundreds of scholarship essays in January or February. On behalf of MERF and the scholarship applicants, I thank you and salute you.

A special nod to our **Scholarship Chairs**. They don't do the judging; they recruit the judges, arrange the judging session and manage the process – pre-screening the essays for rule infractions, printing off the essays and score sheets, and handling all the technical details to get each essay's scores correct and properly recorded in MERF's files. As I ran my eye down the list of Chairs I was struck by how long many of them have served us. Some took on the position relatively recently:

- South Dakota Mensa's **Mike Hamerly** in 2018, following **Christy Zwagermann's** terms
- Nebraska-Western Iowa Mensa's **Sherri Levers** starting in in 2016
- Kansas Sunflower Mensa's **Larry Paarmann** and North Dakota Mensa's **Maggie Kohls** in 2015
- Boulder/Front Range Mensa's **Martha Hyder** and Central Iowa Mensa's **Larry Brandt** in 2010
- Wyoming Mountain Mensa's **Terry Yentzer** in 2008

but these four have been with the project since 2005:

- Mid-America Mensa's **Rhonda Johnson**
- Missouri Ozarks Mensa's **Andrea Miller**
- Denver Mensa's **Tim Winkleman**
- Plains and Peaks Mensa's **Sandy Halby**

High Mountain Mensa's **Donna Scott** is our Longevity Champ. She chaired her first judging team in the year 2000. One more nod – Plains and Peaks Mensa's **Jane Cosper** stepped up to be our Regional Scholarship Chair in 2017. A round of applause for all of you.

March is a good time to plan for April's **Mensa Cares** event. There'll be T-shirts.

~~ Rich

MARCH'S CALENDAR OF EVENTS!

MARCH'S DINNER!

Tuesday, March 26th

At



619 S Broadway, Boulder, CO 80305

Enjoy a meal at a popular Boulder Indian restaurant! Tandoori Grill offers curry, vindaloo, saag and many 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!

Regional Election Candidates

American Mensa 2019 election period begins in April. Two candidates submitted statements to our newsletter, seen below (pages 5 and 6).

CAMPAIGN STATEMENT FOR ANTHONY JACKOWSKI

Candidate for Regional Vice-Chairman 7

Why do I want to be on the AMC again? This is a question I've been asked numerous times over the years. Having already served on AMC as RVC7, 2nd Vice-Chairman, International Board member and Communications Officer, one would think I've had my fill, done my duty. And you would be wrong. In addition to those positions I've also held InterLoc Editor and National Gifted Children's Coordinator, not to mention Co-Chairman of two Annual Gatherings (Goin' to Kansas City 1991, and Rocky Mountain High-IQ Denver 2008), and Assistant Chair of the World Gathering in Orlando 2006. Throw in the various Local Group offices I've held and numerous RG's I've been involved with and you can understand why I'm being asked this question. You would think I've had enough. I should sit back and enjoy my membership. I can't!

I'm a person who needs to be involved, needs to continue to work towards the betterment of Mensa. I owe Mensa a lot. Many people say this but considering that I met my wife in Mensa, one of my son's is a member, and many of my friends are members, I truly mean it. My life has been enriched through my involvement in Mensa. I can't begin to give back what it has given to me, which is why I continue to do whatever I can to help make Mensa the best it can be. For you, for my family and for me. Heck, even my license plate reads MENSA. This organization means that much to me.

I've been Regional Vice-Chairman several times before, as well as 2nd Vice-Chairman and other positions in and on the American Mensa Committee. My vast experience will be a benefit as we move Mensa into the future. I've been on both sides of the table and pride myself in understanding the inner workings of the organization. I'm first and foremost a people person. I enjoy meeting people, talking to them, listening to your views and opinions. I do not jump to conclusions but assess all the information available before making an informed decision. I believe my experience and attitude can help the Heartland Region become the best in the country. I would appreciate the opportunity to serve you on the AMC. Please contact me if you have any questions or wish to share your views. Thank you.

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Campaign Statement for George Haynes

Candidate for Second Vice Chair

If there existed a secret Mensa handshake, I'd ask you to pretend I was offering it to you now. Hello, Mensans all. My name is George Haynes and I'm just popping in to your newsletter to raise awareness that I'm running for a national office within Mensa that YOU will have the opportunity to vote for.

Second Vice Chair is the name of the office for which I'm running. It's like the Vice Vice President of Mensa. If Alexander Haig held this position, his grasp of the rules of succession would be correct (that's my attempt at making a joke).

This is not my official campaign statement or my official biography. This is just a friendly howdy. Although my tone is more informal in this article, you can rest assured that I take this election very seriously and the responsibilities that come with being on Mensa's national board of directors. I served on the AMC (that's the national board) from 2015-2017. I'm currently the LocSec (that's the president) of St. Louis Area Mensa. I was also the newsletter editor for St. Louis from 2010-2015.

Interesting tidbit, I ran in 2015 for the AMC as a total newcomer to elected office for national Mensa. At that time, there were two ways to get on the Mensa ballot: The Nominating Committee (NomComm) was one way and the other way was by petition, i.e. getting enough signatures to get your name on the ballot. The NomComm initially rejected me because they thought my supposed "lack of experience" should keep me out of the running for national office. Thankfully, the people who signed my petition thought otherwise and indeed got me on the ballot. I won that election against my two opponents who were, ironically, favored by the NomComm. By the way, the two guys who were my opponents were great candidates; I consider them both my friends. My victory in 2015 as an AMC member was made even sweeter by a ballot initiative that eliminated the NomComm.

I share that story to respectfully highlight that I was a big outsider candidate four years ago. Even though I have substantially more Mensa experience, now, that outsider mentality still pervades my thinking. Everyone plays politics to a degree; there's no avoiding it. If you say you don't EVER engage in political machinations (at work, at home, etc.), I have a hard time believing you. However, there comes a point where every person should ask the question, wherever they find themselves, "Am I primarily just an authentic person or am I a politician?" My desire is to be an authentic hard-working person (with skills and strengths) who serves the organization faithfully and diligently. Politics are real, but they don't have to pervade everything.

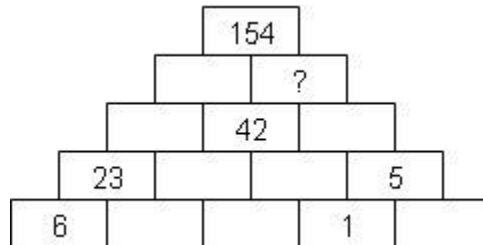
Here comes the campaign slogan (forgive me if it's cheesy): "We're all in this together. You're a Mensan too." If you have specific questions, please email me at: haygeomensa@gmail.com

Please vote George Haynes for Second Vice Chair. Your vote is very much appreciated.

MARCH'S PUZZLE!

The sum of each two adjacent squares gives the number above.

What number should replace the question mark?



FEBURARY'S PUZZLE ANSWER!

Replace the missing vowels in each group then rearrange each group to give the name of a drink.

BCDDDDKLNNR BGGNRR HKKLMS JMNST

What are the four drinks?

Answer: Dandelion and burdock, ginger beer, milkshake and jasmine tea.

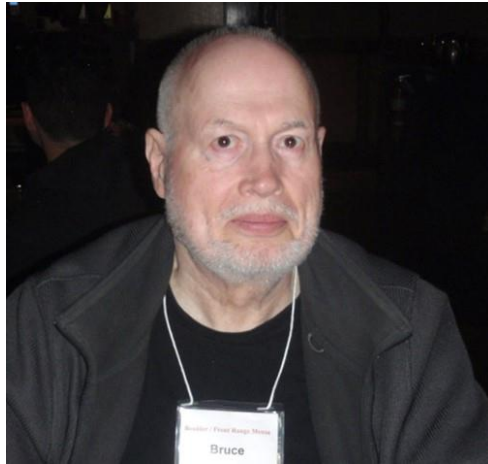
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PHOTOS FROM P.F. CHANG'S!



Charlene D. and Michael Kearney grin together



Bruce H. enjoys the evening



Bill I., Dagmar R., Chris C. engage in shenanigans



Dalin G. and Jim S. smile for the camera



Elizabeth B. and Dave O. show their pearly whites



Jon S., VeraLouise K-P and John P. are in good company



Peggy P-S and Craig S. admire Ryan B.'s walrus impression



Phil and Susan B. strike a pose

Membership Happenings!



Joining or Rejoining Us

William James, Peggy Silcox, Derek Cole

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

Cameron Henneke, Richard Wingerson, Jordan Zach

20+ Years

G Finney, Lynn Chambers, Steven Wahl

Happy March Birthday wishes to:

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Dana Ruehlman, Greg Shonle, Ronald Hastings

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