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THE FINE PRINT

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**September is Chicken Month, Honey Month, National Courtesy Month,
National Piano Month**

Have a great month from The Muse!

Holidays provided by www.holidayinsights.com



September RVC Column

RVC Rich Olcott

Gatherings

September's peak harvest time here in the Heartland Region, from sorghum on our south side to sugar beets up north; corn, soybeans and truck crops everywhere. The farmer's market pickings (including Colorado's famed Palisades peaches) have been glorious.

True to the time of year, **Central Iowa Mensa** will host their annual *Harvest Regional Gathering* in Des Moines on October 4-6. I went last year, had a fine time, met some good people and enjoyed my best bowl of chicken'n'dumplings in a long time. Those folks know how to lay out a table. Contact Michelle Herring (herringmichellel@johndeere.com) for more information.

Which got me thinking about the word "gathering" and how Mensa has **Gatherings** instead of conventions, conferences, meetings and such. Sure, our ExComms have meetings and many Local Groups do Meet-And-Greets, but our Monthly, Regional and Annual Gatherings are peculiarly Mensan. Why is that?

I've got a theory. Meetings and conventions are formal occasions with intent to do an organization's business. However, the word "Gathering" carries the feeling of people being drawn towards each other. Impelled, even. That definitely fits with my experiences. Mensans just seem to connect with each other in a way that doesn't happen so easily elsewhere. If you're one of our many members who hasn't yet shown

up for a Local Group event, do that. Once you've learned that you truly belong here, I think you'll come back again.

Lots of things to be proud of in Region 7 this month. **Mid-America Mensa's** Wes Benson was the featured artist in the July 2018 *Bulletin*, copping both the issue cover and the illustration for the Table of Contents page. Two of our Heartland Region CultureQuest® teams placed in the Top 20 for the 2018 competition. Out of 107 teams, the **Plains&Peaks** "Peak of Perfection" posse came in at #13 and the **Nebraska and Western Iowa** "You Go Girls" group finished at #18. And at the Omaha LDW* I had the pleasure of awarding two more RVC Service Awards in recognition of many years of hard, effective work for Mensa – to Diana Dyer of **Mid-America Mensa** and Beth Anne Demeter of **Denver Mensa**. Congratulations, everyone.

* - If you're curious about what went on at the Leadership Development Workshops, all the presentation materials are posted online at region7.us.mensa.org/The_Nuts_and_Bolts_of_ExComm_1.htm.

~~ Rich

WHO would like to **Give It A Try** being:
LocSec, Ass't LocSec, or Treasurer ?
Elections coming - December Dinner

SEPTEMBER'S CALENDAR OF EVENTS!

SEPTEMBER'S DINNER!

Tuesday, September 18th

At



1555 S. Hover Road, Longmont, CO 80501

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, Sept 8, 2018

Fall Quarterly ExComm

**+ Pizza Party
+ Games**

TRIPLE PLAY



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

Enjoy pre-function **SOCIALIZING**, **free** 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 3rd quarterly ExComm meeting of 2017. **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 a prize.



But WAIT - There's MORE!

See you there

3. Pizza Party + Game Night: 6PM - 9PM

Bring **your favorite table games** and **your wits** - enjoy **GAMES**, **free Hot Pizza**, 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.

**AVAST ! Wed 9/19/18 is International
TALK LIKE A PIRATE DAY ARRRR !**

FYI/help here is are **LINKS** to Basic and Advanced Pirate Lingo:

- 1) [International Talk Like A Pirate Day - How To Do It](http://www.talklikeapirate.com/howto.html#basic)
(<http://www.talklikeapirate.com/howto.html#basic>)
- 2) [International Talk Like A Pirate Day – Pirate Links](http://www.talklikeapirate.com/links.html)
(<http://www.talklikeapirate.com/links.html>)
- 3) [How to Talk Like a Pirate: Step-by-Step Instructions - wikiHow](http://www.wikihow.com/Talk-Like-a-Pirate)
(<http://www.wikihow.com/Talk-Like-a-Pirate>)
- 4) [Talk Like a Pirate Day: The Five A's - YouTube](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2cKCkbWDGwE)
(<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2cKCkbWDGwE>),
- 5) [Talk like a Pirate - YouTube](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fqMu6e5Dq1g) (www.youtube.com/watch?v=fqMu6e5Dq1g)



and **AVAST!**, this here be an **English t' Pirate translator**:

- 6) http://pirate.monkeyness.com/online_pirate_translator

What's yer Pirate name? :

- 7) quiz : <http://www.piratequiz.com>

**Practice yer NEW Pirate Lingo at Sat 9/8 ExComm
Pizza Party and the Tues 9/18 B/FRM Dinner**

A Few Pirate Talk Words:

Ahoy! - *"Hello!"*

Avast! - Stop and give attention. It can be used in a sense of surprise, *"Whoa! Get a load of that!"* which today makes it more of a *"Check it out"* or *"No way!"* or *"Get off!"*

Aye! - *"Why yes, I agree most heartily with everything you just said or did."*

Aye aye! - *"I'll get right on that sir, as soon as my break is over."*

Arrrr! - This one is often confused with *arrrrgh*, which is of course the sound you make when you sit on a belaying pin. **"Arrrr!"** can mean, variously, *"yes," "I agree," "I'm happy," "I'm enjoying this beer," "My team is going to win it all," "I saw that television show, it sucked!"* and *"That was a clever remark you or I just made."* And those are just a few of the myriad possibilities of **Arrrrrr!**

How to Talk Like a Pirate (Starter Steps) !

Nothing will ruin your image more easily than just adding the stereotypical "Arrrrr!" to the end of every sentence. So don't settle for being an imitation pirate, or you'll get labeled a "lubber" in no time. **Here's how to be AUTHENTIC and COLORFUL - like a REAL SWASHBUCKLING MAN O' THE SEA !:**

Growl - and scowl often. Pirates don't use a cultured, elegant, smooth vocalization - they mutter and growl... A lot.

Use pirate lingo. Sounding like a pirate isn't as hard as it seems! There are lots of resources for picking up pirate "lingo," so make use of them (some common terms listed below) in addition to trying to affect a vocal sound. Avoid using modern epithets (swear words). It's much more colorful (and kid-friendly) to use "pirate slang" for those naughty words.

Gesture with your hands frequently. Don't forget that pirates do most of their talking on the deck of a ship - out on the ocean, where wind, waves, and bird calls make it tough to hear. Gesturing often gives you a sense of "being there."

Slur your words together. Saying, "The boys and I were out for a lovely day on the water today" sounds like something you'd overhear at a yacht club, not out on the bounding main! Instead, try, "Me 'n' these here scurvy scallywags drug our sorry keesters out t'th'ship'n'had us a grand great adventuuaarr! We almost had t'keelhaul Mad Connie f'r gettin inter th' grog behind our backs!" Use contractions whenever possible. Be sure to punctuate often with "Arrrrr!"

Never use "you" or "you're" - ever. Instead, use the piratical form, "yer", "ye" or "ya" for all forms of address to others. "Yer a scurvy bilge rat, ya pompous gasbag" or "Here's yer dinner, ya mangy cockroach." Note that you should always endeavor to call the addressee by some insulting name, usually involving an animal.

Embellish at will. A pirate is larger than life, and his or her speech should always reflect this. Don't just say, "We saw a whale off the starboard bow today." Say, "Me'n'th' crew seen a great grand sea beastie, th' mother of all whales, aye!"

Refer to yourself as "me" at all times, never "I." It is not piratically correct to say, "I have a cold." It is far better as a pirate to declare, "Got me a case o'th'sniffles, 'ass rye!"

More importantly, substitute "me" for "my" For example, don't say, "Look at my new sword," say "Lookit me new sword!" Also substitute "meself" for "myself" as in "Got meself a right fine ship!"

Mutter unintelligibly unless yelling. Being a pirate usually meant being liquored up to some degree - a lot of time, pirates were pretty mush-mouthed. In the step preceding, the term "'ass rye" actually translates to "that's right." Get it?

Be as loud as humanly possible. Pirates are not shy - stand tall, me hearties, and be counted!

SEPTEMBER'S PUZZLE!

What number should replace the question mark?

752 - - - 6

687 - - - 2

693 - - - 5

426 - - - ?

AUGUST'S PUZZLE ANSWER!

Rearrange the letters of 'CLOSE US IN' to give a connected nine letter word. What is it?

Answer: Seclusion

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

PHOTOS FROM TED'S MONTANA GRILL!



Bruce R. asks the Skald questions



Peggy is crowned the Skald winner!



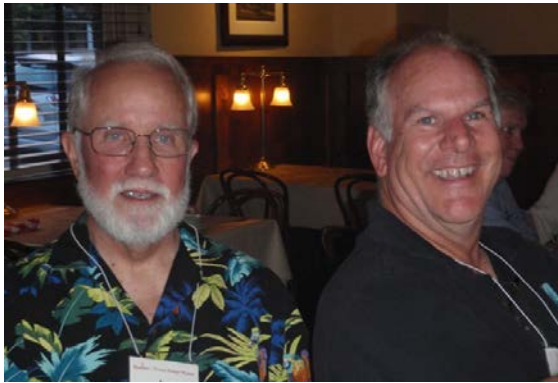
Bruce R. and Linda V. enjoy the atmosphere



Dave O. and Tim K. smile for the camera



Fletcher B., Chris C. and Chris W. strike a pose



Jon S. and Michael K. are in good company



VeraLouise K-P and John P. prepare for the quiz

Membership Happenings!



Joining or Rejoining Us

Keith Nordstrom, Kenneth Riggins, Benjamin Wise

September's Mensaversaries:

2-9 Years

John Allen, Jeremy Jacobson, Christopher Bean, Scott Schleicher, Asher Lee, Hudson Lee, Julie Bernard, Dennis Heimbigner, Aaron Winters

10-19 Years

Ada Palles, William Kucharski, Merl Schachet, Gustav Swanson, Joan De Graaff

20+ Years

George Dancik, Dalin Gayle, Albert Garthwaite, David Kaslow, Richard Kellogg, Raymond Martin

Happy September Birthday wishes to:

Thomas Denkenberger, Dalin Gayle, Gustav Swanson, Bruce Hudspeth, William Kucharski, Lynn Chambers, Liz O'Rourke, Jon Scull

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Boulder Mensa MEETUP Website:	https://www.meetup.com/Boulder-Mensa-Meetup/
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Denver Young Mensans Facebook Page (Denver Mensa):	https://www.facebook.com/groups/denvermensagym/
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From the Editor

VeraLouise Kleinfeld-Pfeiffer and John Pfeiffer generously donated stamps for the Mensa Muse's print edition.

Over summer break, I took my children to a playground and stamped newsletters while they played. The first time eight-year-old Son came to me for water, dinosaur stamps were on the papers. The next time, endangered species stamps were in use. At his third drink, I was gently tearing Humphrey Bogart postage apart.

"Is Humphrey Bogart endangered?" Son asked.

"He passed away many years ago," I answered, concentrating on the perforations.

"Humphrey Bogart is extinct!" Son declared.

I praised Son's use of vocabulary, since he wouldn't understand "Here's looking at you, kid."

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