

# Sunflower SEEDS



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# MEETINGS

## JULY



### Pig Out

Saturday, July 4th, 12:45 pm. *When Pigs Fly BBQ*, 7011 W. Central Ave, Suite #116, Wichita, 295-2150  
Menu at: <http://whenpigsflywichita.com/menu/> They typically run out of food on July 4<sup>th</sup>, so phone your order in on July 3<sup>rd</sup> to be sure of the items you want.

### Program Meeting

Saturday, July 11, 2:00 p. m.  
downstairs at *Watermark Books*, 4701 E. Douglas Ave, at Oliver St.  
This month's speaker will be Josiah Barnett. Josh is the son of Mensa member Bill Barnett and currently is a psychology student at Friends University. His subject will be "*Isaac Asimov, the prophet of Science fiction, and how he influenced our culture.*" Many of you know that Isaac was a long term Mensa member, and one of our most famous.

### Food for Thought

Saturday, July 18, 11:00 a.m.  
Downstairs at *Watermark Books*, 4701 E. Douglas Ave, at Oliver Street. Same location as our program meeting. Food available.

### Banter and Books

Saturday, July 25, 7:00 p.m.  
*Barnes and Noble* bookstore cafeteria, 1920 N. Rock, Wichita. All members and significant others are welcome.

**June Program** Klaus Trenery gave us a lecture about psychedelic plants that was hard to believe. He told about at least one such plant for each day of the month. There are plenty of ways to change your mood.



## SUNFLOWER MENSA FINANCIAL REPORT

Diane Powell, Treasurer

**April 2015 to June 2015**

Balance April 1, 2015	<b>\$ 3,959.43</b>
SEEDS printing *	- \$ 52.60
SEEDS postage *	- \$128.87
Program speakers	- \$ 40.00
National Funding	+ \$ 315.76
Balance June 24, 2015	<b>\$ 4,053.72</b>

*\* SEEDS expenses include March.*

### Thank you, Jim Martinson

One of our members, Jim, has collected SEEDS and Bulletins since 1982. He has given them to our group. They are now in the possession of the editor, but are considered the property of the group. If anyone wants to look at any of them, they are available.



...is healthy for you!

**Hi  
Guys**

**Greg Kontz  
Vice Chair  
Heartland Region 7**

Greg has no column this month. He says he will write one next month after the Annual Gathering.



## Reduced testing costs

Mensa has announced that they will reduce the cost of taking the Mensa test from \$40 to \$20 during the month of July. If you know anyone interested in taking our test, tell them to call Jane Johnson at 200-9090. They may have to leave a message. Our group will receive \$15 of that fee as usual.



# Unintended Results

My definition of unintended results is when something major happens as the result of some minor action. The following are some examples. In Texas many years ago it was determined that most liquor store hold-ups happened between 1:45 AM and 2:00 AM. So one year the Texas legislature decided they would provide a double whammy on “bad people” and passed a law that all liquor stores were to close at 1:00 A.M., thus reducing the availability of liquor and stopping would-be robbers. From then on most liquor store hold ups occurred between 12:45 AM and 1:00 AM. You see, the robbers were doing the hold-ups just before the closing time of the stores.

Another case concerns the common sparrows. Because sparrows eat grains grown for humans, 1950s China had the “Great Sparrow Campaign” to eliminate, or greatly reduce, the number of them. By reducing the number of sparrows it was expected that there would be more food for people. However, by reducing the number of sparrows the insect population greatly expanded. You see sparrows eat insects as well as grain. The number of crop eating insects resulted in the loss of more grain than to the sparrows.

The great country of USA decided to reduce the number of illegal aliens, mostly men, entering the USA by way of Mexico. So they did more to block the USA to Mexico borders. This resulted in men bringing their families with when they crossed the boarder. This resulted in the families living in the USA and collecting welfare, adding to school sizes and other such problems.

Also in the USA it was once decided that alcohol products were a major problem. There was a big political campaign, significantly led by inhabitants of the state of Kansas, to add an amendment to the US Constitution to stop production and use of alcohol. This became the 18<sup>th</sup> amendment to the Constitution. The result was not so much the elimination of alcohol but an increase in major crime.

*Dexter Schnebly*

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY

The people below have a birthday in July or August. Congratulations to all of you.

## JULY

William Koch	4
Stephanie Williams	10
William Barnett	11
Glenn Personey	22
Blake Shuart	23
Bette Lutes- Konecny	24
J William Davis	26
Jack Reffner	30
James Klenke	31
Daryle Christensen	31

## AUGUST

Phillip Parker	9
Amy Katschman	17
James Hohman	18
Verna Forristal	20
Dan McKenzie	21
Randy Holden	21
Kirk Weaver	26
Timothy Crater	27
Julie Stade	27

1 - 2

2 - 6

3 - 12

4 - 20

5 - 30

6 - 42

9 - \_\_\_\_

### Quiz:

What number goes with 9 -, in the sequence on the left?

Answer on page 7



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### **Quiz Answer, from p 6:**

**90. The sequence is at right. The difference between each two successive numbers is 2 greater than the difference between the two preceding numbers.**

- 1 - 2
- 2 - 6
- 3 - 12
- 4 - 20
- 5 - 30
- 6 - 42
- 7 - 56
- 8 - 72
- 9 - 90

I have no trouble meeting expenses. In fact I meet them everywhere.



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