

The logo features the words "Sunflower SEEDS" in a bold, black, sans-serif font. "Sunflower" is on the top line, and "SEEDS" is on the bottom line in a larger font size. The text is enclosed in a decorative border consisting of a yellow and black braided pattern, with yellow sunflowers at the corners and several sunflower seeds along the top and bottom edges.

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**Pig Out** Saturday, March 7, 12:45 p.m. at the *Pacific Coast Pizza*, located at 7713 E. 37<sup>th</sup> St. North (37<sup>th</sup> and Rock).

This will be a free lunch - at least for the first five to arrive. Mike Dickson has Trade Bank Points that he will use to pay for them. Yeah!!!

**Program Meeting** Saturday, March 14, 2:00 p. m. downstairs at *Watermark Books*, 4701 E. Douglas Ave, at Oliver St.

Steven Lauder of Elbing, Kansas is a member of our Sunflower group. He has the unusual hobby of making drums, and will show us some of them. They are mostly what one would call “traditional.” That is, they are made like those made by people who had very little else with to make music. He may even let you beat on some.

**Food for Thought** Saturday, March 21, 11:00 a.m. at *Watermark Books*, 4701 E. Douglas Ave, at Oliver Street. Food, drink and access to the world’s wisdom for free. (The wisdom is free, that is.)

**Banter and Books** Saturday, March 28, 7:00 p.m. at *Barnes and Noble* bookstore cafeteria, 1920 N. Rock, Wichita.

### February’s Program

Travis Neal gave us some good ideas on how not to be too overbearing when trying to help others.

FREE ---- prospective members.

Usually the fee is \$40, but during the month of March prospective members can have a previous test score evaluated FREE. Check the American Mensa website under *Join* and *Submit Testing*, or call Bill Barnett at 214-3330 or Jane Johnson at 200-9090.

## Puzzle

This is an old puzzle, but if you have not heard it before, you should.

*Three men checked into a hotel room and gave the clerk \$10 each for the \$30 room. The clerk later realized that the room was only \$25, so he sent the bellhop up with \$5. Realizing how difficult it would be to split \$5, he kept \$2 and gave them \$1 each. Thus each man paid \$9, and the bellhop kept \$2, to total \$29. Where did the other \$1 go?*



**When creating the world, God promised women that good and ideal husbands could be found in all corners of the globe.**

**When He realized he couldn't fulfill that promise, to keep from becoming a liar, He made the world round.**

**Hi  
Guys**

**Greg Kontz  
Vice Chair  
Heartland Region 7**

This one's gonna be short and sweet. Below are some things happening, worth noting:

- There's a Board Meeting March 21 in Indianapolis, Indiana. I imagine the agenda will be posted in the website in the next week or two.
- There's an RG in Bismarck, North Dakota August 7–8–9.
- I'll be RVC for Region 7 again – was unopposed this time around.
- Had my 36<sup>th</sup> sobriety anniversary on Valentine's Day – much better way to go.
- Finally got to the year I could theoretically retire.



Word of the day: RENEW (as in 'your membership'). We all belong for different reasons – they're all valid. There's not many things you can buy for less than twenty cents a day that have the potential to change your life. Membership in Mensa is one of those things. Yes, it'll take some effort on your part. Like most things in life, you'll get as much out of it as you put into it. If you don't belong though, there's no chance for that to happen.

Later, Greg Kontz, 701-290-0743

I could have been a Rhodes Scholar, except for my grades.

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY

The people below have a birthday in March or April. Congratulations to all of you.

## MARCH

Rebecca		Edward Freeman	23
Brandewyne	4	James Zongker	24
Geraldine Flaharty	4	Harold Gaines	26
Joseph Leroux III	6	Sarah Ross	28
Gregory McDonald	13		
Tara Goodwin	13		
Jeffrey Atkin	16		
Saralyn Smith	22		
Bo Anderson	22		
Mark Ward	23		

## APRIL

Jan Santoscoy	11
John Prechtel II	18
Laura Wilson	21
Terry Stofferson	22

## NATIONAL MENSA ELECTION COMING UP

The 2015 Mensa national elections will take place In April. There will be no fewer than thirteen (13) different bylaws amendments for members to evaluate and vote on. One significant issue is the continuing dues increases.

There will also be multiple candidates for several of the national offices for us to chose between.

More on this next month.

# THAT'S THE WAY

Do you ever hear the expression “That’s just the way it is”? I wish I had a dollar for every time I’ve heard it.

In the workplace you may have seen something that you thought could be improved, and got that response. I was once told “We’ve done it this way since I came here over 20 years ago and that is the way we are going to do it.” There seemed to be no logic behind it other than it is the way it was done before.

Even you and I think that way sometimes without realizing it. We often believe that the way we do things is right just because that is the way we were raised doing it. This can apply to our social life, our community, our government, our religion, or in anything we do. We dress the way we do because that is the way we were taught. We eat the foods that we eat because that is what we ate when we were young. We play the games that we do because those are the games we learned when we were young. It just goes on and on.

It is not just us, it is everywhere in the world. Countries fight each other. People kill other people. Religions are dictated. Often it is just because people can’t conceive of anyone doing something differently than the way they’ve done it.

I remember reading a story about a gal that was cooking a roast and the first thing she did was cut off one end before putting it into the pan. She wondered why she did that. So she called her mother, since she had learned to do it from her. Her mother replied that she learned it from her mother. She called her grandmother and asked why. The answer was that her grandmother did not have a pot big enough to hold an entire roast. A good reason then, but not one that needed to be followed.

Look at our language. We have the alphabet and number symbols that we do because...well, that is the way it is. Ever seen the Russian or Chinese alphabets? Do they think our symbols are wrong? Probably they do.

The next time you think your way of doing things is the only way, think again.

Dexter Schnebly

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### **Puzzle Answer**

*The bellhop's \$2 got counted twice, and the \$3 the men got back did not get counted.*

*Actually each man paid \$8.33 for the room totaling \$25.*

*The bellhop got \$2 and the men each got \$1 back, to total \$30.*



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