

# Sunflower **SEEDS**



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# MEETINGS

25 MEMORIAL DAY



**Pig Out** Saturday, May 2, 12:45 p.m. at Yy's Diner at 928 W. Second St North, just east of Seneca. This is a classic cheeseburgers and fries place.

**Program Meeting** Saturday, May 9, 2:00 p. m. downstairs at Watermark Books, 4701 E. Douglas Ave, at Oliver St.

This month Braden Brown will speak to us. He is an artist, and teaches art at Curtis Middle School. His subject will be color. What is its effect on us? What colors convey the desired effect in interior design? How are colors created?

**Board Meeting** Immediately after the Program Meeting at Watermark Books.

We appreciate the work that Travis Neal has done as Treasurer, but the Air Force has new plans for him and he will be leaving Wichita soon, and therefore will find it necessary to resign as Treasurer. Therefore we need to meet to elect a new Treasurer.

**Food for Thought** Saturday, May 16, 11:00 a.m. Downstairs at Watermark Books, 4701 E. Douglas Ave, at Oliver Street. Same location as our program meeting. Just friendly conversation.

**Banter and Books** Saturday, May 23, 7:00 p.m. Barnes and Noble bookstore cafeteria, 1920 N. Rock, Wichita. Mensa conversation. All members welcome.

**Fifth Saturday** Saturday, May 30, 12:45 p.m. Wichita Art Museum, café. Museum walk at 2:30. Admission is free. The museum is always interesting. This month there is an exhibit of prints from the Prairie Print Makers. The daguerreotypes are still there. Try the web site: <https://www.wichitaartmuseum.org/exhibitions/current>

## Announcing...MTeen !!

Teens ages 13 – 17 comprise 2% of all Mensans, so you're 2% of the 2%! MTeen is for you. Membership is automatic with Mensa membership. New things for you include:

A section in every issue of *Young Mensan Magazine*

Tshirt available for purchase through Mensa store

International Facebook group membership

MTeen track at the AG

Quarterly e-newsletter created by teen representatives

Contests just for teens

We're excited about MTeen and hope you will be, too.

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**April's Program** Dan Gollub's issue of telepathic love generated a lot of interest. Most everyone thought they either knew about love, or were at least interested in finding out.



## SUNFLOWER MENSA FINANCIAL REPORT

Travis Neal, Treasurer

**January 2015 to March 2015**

Balance January 1, 2015	<b>\$ 3,770.99</b>
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\* *About 65 SEEDS are mailed each month, 60 emailed*

**Hi  
Guys**

**Greg Kontz  
Vice Chair  
Heartland Region 7**

**It's Mensa national/international election season. One of the ways you can tell is that you've received election materials in the mail or email.**

**A few comments on our elections:**

\* We all come from different perspectives. Two people can look at the same thing and see two different things. Sincere people disagree. Does it mean that one is good and the other is evil? Are there times that someone is lying, evil, or ignorant? Yes. We all, at some point, have been guilty. But still, cut the other person some slack.

\* I have conversations where we disagree, and neither will change his opinion. I try to figure out what I can learn from them. Sometimes I walk away without anything new, but most times I learn. When I do, I'm better for it. In Mensa you usually are able to glean something new from interacting with someone. That should be one of the things that make us different.

\* No one runs for office for the Fame or Fortune. Persons do it because they want to help (and have thick skin).

\* Nothing anyone does is going to be perfect. Nothing is so good it can't be better. Nothing is so bad it can't be worse.

\* Mensa is both a social organization and a corporation. You can't ignore the corporate aspect of it. And – somebody's gotta drive the bus.



Later, Greg Kontz, [grik@fisherind.com](mailto:grik@fisherind.com), 701-290-0743

PS: August 7<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> is the RG in Mandan, North Dakota – presentations, tours-like the underground shelter tour, shared meals, socializing – hope to see you there.

[http://www.ndrg2015.org/?page\\_id=57](http://www.ndrg2015.org/?page_id=57)

## GOOD NEWS

Jean Babcock, an active member of our group from some time back has some good news. She left Wichita a few years ago to go to St. Louis to wait for a lung transplant. Well, she has finally received it!! She says she is off oxygen (after maybe five years) and her voice sounds strong and happy.

Recovery will take at least three months and then she will be free to relocate. Maybe we will be lucky, and she will return to Wichita. Jean was inspiring to our group and is responsible for starting some of our monthly meetings.

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY

The people below have a birthday in May or June. Congratulations to all of you.

## MAY

William Henson  
Sonya Kellogg  
Travis Neal  
Robert Byrne  
Gary Witham

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## JUNE

Josh Durner  
Richard Chipman  
Jefferey Helzer  
Laura Brauer  
Amy McVey  
Richard Foster  
Geoffrey Brown  
David St John

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All I ask is a chance to prove that money can't make me happy.



This year the Annual Gathering will be in Louisville. That is driving distance, and for sure you can catch a ride with someone. The AG is about the most fun you can have in Mensa. Just ask someone who has been there.



This is probably the hardest word puzzle I have ever seen. I couldn't solve it. The Answer is on p7.

<b>JULY</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>AUGUST</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>SEPTEMBER</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>OCTOBER</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>

Cheryl says her birthday is one of the dates in red, above. Then she secretly tells Albert the month and Bernard the day and asks them when her birthday is. Albert says, "I can't tell. Neither can Bernard." Bernard says, "Then I know when it is." Albert says, "Then I do also." When is Cheryl's birthday?



**Quiz Answer:** If the day was either 2 or 7 Bernard would know the answer immediately. Albert knew Bernard could not solve it. The only way he could be sure was to know the month was not July or August. It must be September or October. That clue was enough for Bernard. He knew the day. If it was 3, he wouldn't know which month, so it would have to be 4, 5, or 6. That was enough clues for Albert. He knew the month. If it was October, he wouldn't have known if it was 4 or 6. Since he said he solved it, he must have known the month was September and thus the day was September 5.

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Teach a child  
to be polite  
and courteous  
in the home



and, when he grows  
up, he'll never be  
able to merge his car  
onto the freeway.



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