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# MEETINGS



## SEPTEMBER

**Pig Out** Saturday, September 5, 12:45 pm. *Teppanyaki & Sushi Grill Buffet*, 6710 W. Kellogg. It is on the north side, west of I-235, east of Ridge, near Best Buy. 942-7777.

For \$6.99 you can get an oriental buffet. Hard to beat that, and the reviews are very good. <http://www.yelp.com/biz/teppanyaki-and-sushi-grill-buffet-wichita>.

**Program Meeting** Saturday, September 12, 2:00 p. m. downstairs at *Watermark Books*, 4701 E. Douglas Ave, at Oliver St.

Michael Hunter of Resolutions Therapy will talk about the Lakota Indians, their history, culture and religion. Michael spoke to us in the past about Motivational Interviewing and was one of the best received speakers we have had.

**Food for Thought** Saturday, September 19, 11:00 a.m. Downstairs at *Watermark Books*, 4701 E. Douglas Ave, at Oliver Street. Same location as our program meeting. Food and drink are available. Members and guests are welcome

**Banter and Books** Saturday, September 26, 7:00 p.m. *Barnes and Noble* bookstore cafeteria, 1920 N. Rock, Wichita. All members and significant others are welcome.

### August meeting

A missionary to the Amazon, George Gonzales, told about his experiences. I decided the Amazon might be an interesting place to visit, but not a good place to live.

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY

The people below have a birthday in September or October. Congratulations to all of you.

## SEPTEMBER

## OCTOBER

Don Barry	1	William Beaver	2
Howard Rooney	3	James	
Charlotte Thomas	10	Updegrove	5
George Meier	12	Kimberly Schrant	7
Anne Watson	14	Robert Cook	8
Gary Weiner	15	Clinton McClure	15
Ian Briggs	18	Lance James	17
Timothy		Neville Helms	20
Chambers	18	James Martenson	27
Wayne Butterfield	20	Diane Powell	27
Michael Buchanan	24		
Shari Theissen	29		
Charlotte Shideler	30		

He held the door open for the clown.  
It was a nice jester.

**Hi  
Guys**

**Greg Kontz  
Vice Chair  
Heartland Region 7**

Got back from the AG in Louisville over a month ago, then from a great RG in Mandan, ND a week ago. I am going to Arlington, TX for an AMC meeting in 3 weeks, and am getting a little worn out. Plus I had a bad cold that turned to bronchitis. I'm waiting for my body/mind to find a new 'normal' as I fall behind on things in general. Self-motivational conversations with myself are quickly turning into arguments.



Whew – I feel a little better now – venting does help.  
Anyway.....

- Had a great time at the RG in Mandan, ND. LocSec Sarah Baehurst did the majority of the heavy lifting, with help from some of her fellow ND Mensans across the state. We had 25+ people from North Dakota, South Dakota, Minnesota, Colorado, and Michigan. There were a half dozen people from Colorado, and one guy drove all the way from Michigan. There were tours, presentations, shared meals, socializing and great conversations. This is what Mensa is about. The fact that it's happening in a remote group with a small population is just icing on the cake.
- One of the upcoming conversations the AMC will be having is regarding the use of the Mensa name/logo when participating in events other than Mensa events. We'll be balancing the constitutional statement

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“Mensa as an organization shall not express an opinion as being that of Mensa...” (IIB), and “Members or groups of members may express opinions as members of Mensa, provided their opinions or actions are not expressed as being those of Mensa as an organization.” (IIC). I plan to listen to everybody, then make a decision. Once the agenda is published, I encourage you to express your opinions to me, or better yet, the AMC in general.

- Another conversation will be about having a Regional Vice Chair (RVC) on the ExComm. This one will also be an interesting discussion, with opinions on both ends of the spectrum.
- The next AMC meeting will be three days – longer than usual.
- Enjoy the rest of your summer, guys – (106 here a couple days ago, in the 70s now).

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

## **October Mensa Testing**

Mensa Membership Month is October. Our goal for Membership Month is to increase membership and awareness nationwide, and we need your help to spread the word about Mensa.

This year we will offer 50% off testing for the entire month! That is just **\$20** to take the official Mensa Admission Test in October!

## A Thought About Robots

If you missed our July Program Meeting, you missed an interesting one. It was about Isaac Asimov and his writings. A lot of time was spent on his “Three Laws of Robotics,” the laws he thought robots should follow. I’d like to comment on those laws, or more correctly, one of those laws.

I very much disagree with his first law: *A robot may not injure a human being or, through inaction, allow a human being to come to harm.* To me this smacks of American upbringing, what we now call political correctness.

Think about the current “Terminator” series of movies that have been out in the last several years. There are multiple robots involved. At least one of them is programmed to do harm to any - maybe all - humans. How about drones? In war we use robot-like machines to kill the enemy. That is good. It is only bad when they kill us.

The first law should really be: *No robot should do harm to me, or through inaction bring harm to me.* Often our enemies believe that way. If we believe, as the politically correct teach us, that we “should be nice to others,” we will come to great harm. In fact it will probably result in bringing about the end of this country. Moral of this story – We are so surrounded by biased information and propaganda that we hardly think for ourselves. Often we pass on our training without thought. Think about George Orwell’s “1984.”



*Dexter Schnebly*

## REMEMBERING

Cole Carland, one of our longest-term members passed away on Monday, August 3.

Before our program on August 8, a number of folk shared memories of him. He was remembered as a supportive person, supportive of individual members and our group.



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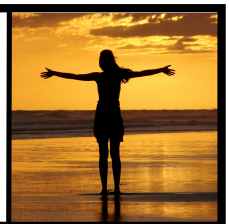
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