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April Meetings

Pig Out Saturday, April 2, 12:45 p.m. *Bella Luna Café*, on the SE corner of Rock and 21st, between Il Vicino and The Loft, at #107. This is a restaurant recognized for their good Mediterranean food, such as hummus Shawarmah. A variety of items are on their menu, some not expensive, some somewhat so.

<http://www.bellalunacafe.com>

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

The speaker will be Jan Todd, a United Methodist minister and currently a PhD candidate at Kansas State. Rev. Todd's emphasis is *International Development and Theory*. The subject pertains to the Protestant Ethic and its part in globalization and development.

Food for Thought Saturday, April 16, 11:00 a.m. Downstairs at *Watermark Books*, 4701 E. Douglas Ave, at Oliver Street. This is the same location as our program meeting. Food and drink are available. This is an open conversation group where varied comments and opinions are welcome, i. e. Mensa talk.

Banter and Books Saturday, April 23, 7:00 p.m. *Barnes and Noble* bookstore cafeteria, 1920 N. Rock, Wichita. They sell snacks as well as books, and tolerate our attempts at intelligent conversation.

Fifth Saturday Saturday, April 30, 12:45 p.m. *Wichita Art Museum Café*, in Sims Park, a little north of Seneca and Central.

Most people like the food, and we usually get our own private room. After lunch we are free to visit the museum, free. There are always new exhibits.



BEWARE OF DOORMAT!



March Meeting. Autism, Asperger's Syndrome or what we call normal, all have value. Maybe those called "normal" are only labeled that because they are in the majority.

Hi
Guys

Greg Kontz
Vice Chair
Heartland Region 7

There was a Mensa Executive Board meeting March 19th. Here are the highlights:



- The board appointed a Parliamentarian, an Election Committee Chair, and a Culture Quest Coordinator.
- There was discussion regarding ways to encourage members to run for office.
- The Name and Logo ad hoc Committee will soon issue a statement regarding expression of opinion when speaking as an official part of Mensa.
- The RVCs (like me) receive \$2000 per year discretionary funding. There will be another \$1000 added – mainly for distribution to Local Groups. I have typically been donating my \$2000 to LGs anyway. There will also be up to \$4000 for Leadership Development Workshops (4 each) at the Local Group level.
- The main testing program for membership will change to the RAIT – sometime this year. It has been the MAT for many years.
- If your Local Group wants to fund a renewal membership fee for someone – holler. Same goes for wanting some funding for a Local Group event – like an RG. As before, all I ask is that the request comes from the LocSec.

I get my neck brace off in 3 weeks – am really looking forward to that - gonna seem real strange without it. Thanks again for the encouragement and good thoughts sent my way these last few months – much appreciated.

Later – Greg Kontz, grik@fisherind.com, 701-290-0743

Overheard at the *DENSA AG*

They told me I was gullible and I believed them.

Protons have mass? I didn't even know they were Catholic.

What is a "free" gift? Aren't all gifts free?

Experience is what I have left, now that I have lost everything else.

Is it me -- or do buffalo wings taste like chicken?

Last year I joined the procrastinators SIG. We haven't met yet.

Death is the number 1 killer in the world.

Time is what keeps everything from happening all at once.



SUNFLOWER MENSA FINANCIAL REPORT

Diane Powell, Treasurer

January 2016 to March 2016

Balance January 1, 2016	\$ 3,906.68
SEEDS printing	- \$ 41.20
SEEDS postage	- \$100.94
Program speakers	- \$ 40.00
Program [projector rent]	-\$ 32.25
Printing, UPS	-\$ 14.69
National Funding	+ \$ 334.10
Balance December 24, 2015	\$ 4,011.70

Dyslexia & Dyscalculia

Wikipedia defines dyslexia as “characterized by difficulty with learning to read fluently and with accurate comprehension despite normal intelligence.”

I first encountered dyslexia when I was a footloose and fancy-free engineer about 25 years old. I was dating a gal that had a very unusual spelling of an otherwise common name. She was embarrassed by the spelling and explained that both of her parents were illiterate. I figured that one or both of the parents might have dyslexia.

One Sunday her parents came to visit and I was introduced. They both seemed reasonable to me, which ruled out an intellectual source for their problem.

I asked the mother to draw a straight line on a sheet of paper. She drew a wavy line. I then told her to close her eyes, and run her finger along the edge of a straight ruler. She did so and stated that she had drawn what she was then feeling. I then laid the straight edge on her line and helped her draw a straight line, still with her eyes closed. She then looked at the lines and could see that they were different and crossed many times. I explained to her what dyslexia was and what she was looking at. She began to get tears in her eyes. Not a way to impress a girlfriend’s mother! The gal and I drifted apart soon after. But at least the mother understood something of dyslexia.

I have known several other people with dyslexia. One said that he had to use his finger to point at the words that he was reading. His teachers did not tolerate that, and he did not do well in school. Wikipedia defines dyscalculia as “difficulty in learning or comprehending arithmetic.” Many Algebra students seem to think that they have dyscalculia, but I think that is more likely just difficulty in learning Algebra.

Dexter Schnebly



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ONE PROBLEM WITH THE WORLD IS
THAT THE WISE ARE FULL OF
DOUBT, AND THE FOOLS ARE FULL
OF CONFIDENCE.

**Fool me once, shame on you.
Fool me twice, shame on me.
Fool me three times:
you must be a politician.**

**A fool and his money can throw
one heck of a party.**



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