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June Meetings

Pig Out Saturday, June 4, 12:45 p.m. *The Good Egg*,
Near rock and 21st. This is in Bradley Fair on the SE
corner, near 21st but a bit East of Rock. It is primarily a breakfast place
but does have lunch items as well. If you have suggestions for future Pig
Outs pass them on to Mike Dickson at 651-4707

Program Meeting Saturday, June 11, 2:00p.m.
downstairs at *Watermark Books*,
4701 E. Douglas Ave, at Oliver St.

Raquel Stucky, Olympic trial athlete, and part owner of First Gear,
will talk about starting / improving a running fitness program. She will
also tell us about her successes and failures in Olympic trials.
Invite all your friends to see and hear a fine athlete talk about being
successful.

A board meeting will be held after the program. All are invited. See
agenda on page 3.

Food for Thought Saturday, June 18, 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. Members and guests
are welcome.

Banter and Books Saturday, June 25, 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.

May Program Meeting

Kyle's lesson on gravity and fast space travel generated a lot of
interest. However, I will admit it was still over my head. I
can't even understand a high school student. I guess that is old
age.

Board Meeting

Saturday, June 11, after the Program Meeting.

Proposal #1

It is propose that in lieu of a financial payment to non-member speakers at our monthly program meetings, that a Mensa memento be given instead. Two possibilities are: A clear glass or ceramic mug with etched Mensa logo. and a similar ceramic one. These cost \$15 each and can be seen at: http://foximaging.com/store/index.php?main_page=product_info&cPath=6_17&products_id=902 and: http://foximaging.com/store/index.php?main_page=product_info&cPath=6_17&products_id=160

Exceptions: if someone travels from out of Wichita, then, in addition to the memento, we could and should still provide travel expenses. This should be decided by the Board before the event. Either of these two items mentioned above would demonstrate our appreciation to the speaker for their participation, would provide them with a lasting reminder of Mensa, and would promote Mensa to all who see them.

Proposal #2

It is proposed that we obtain a few (perhaps initially three) 11" x 17" Mensa Posters, put each in a frame (perhaps Plexiglas), and then have a Plexiglas holders on the sides holding Mensa Brochures and Bookmarks. Larry Paarmann has volunteered to ask Watermark Books and Barnes & Noble to let us place them in their meeting rooms and/or cafes. This would be a good promotion for our group.

Proposal #3

Appoint a membership chair. Dan Gollub, our proctor, is suggested as a possibility.

Proposal #4

Appoint an ombudsman.

All members are invited to attend the board meeting. If someone has another item they want brought up, please inform Larry Paarmann. Members will also be free to make proposals at the meeting and to speak if called on by the chair.

Hi
Guys

Greg Kontz
Vice Chair
Heartland Region 7

So – here’s what’s been happening:

- The Name and Logo ad hoc Committee issued a statement regarding expression of opinion when speaking as an official part of Mensa. It was put on American Mensa Hospitality and American Mensa Firehouse websites. The statement was not final – it was put out to elicit comment. If you are so inclined – have at it. This is going to be a drawn out process, I suspect. Please don’t let that discourage you from participating.
- We (the board) are having a teleconference meeting on May 18 – the agenda is posted on the American Mensa website. Go to **READ > BOARD MEETING REPORTS** – then select May 18.
- This was in my last column – I think it is worth repeating: The RVCs (me, for Region 7) receive \$2000 per year discretionary funding. There will be another \$1000 added this year– for distribution to Local Groups. Since I have not been traveling, I have typically been donating my \$2000 to Local Groups. We’re trying to get feedback from Local Groups regarding what works, and what doesn’t so much. There will also be up to \$4000 for Leadership Development Workshops (4 each) at the Local Group level. Here’s what I need (want) from you guys: If you have something you’d like to spend some money on at the Local Group level, such as an RG, promotional program, etc. – holler.



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- Got my 'hard' collar off about 3 weeks ago. Which was about the time that my wife Susan got a new knee. In the last 6 months or so, between us, we've had an angioplasty, a posterior laminectomy on C#3-#4-#5-#6, and a total knee replacement. Truth be told, we're very grateful for the results that were achieved. Any of those things could have 'gone south' in a big way – and didn't. Grateful as we are, we would still really like to experience 10 years of 'boring' now – that would be really appreciated.
- Hope to see you at the San Diego AG on the 4th of July weekend. We had a meeting there in December 2014 – neat place. I believe our Region 7 Meet and Greet is on Wednesday - see you then.
- Here's an achievement: The last national survey generated a 'Net Promoter Score' (NPS) which is an indicator of the level of satisfaction of members. Scores ranged from 19 to 34. We were second at 33.

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

National Mensa AG (PARTY)

Mensans know how to have fun, This is witnessed by the AG (Annual Gathering), and also by local Regional Gatherings. I have never heard of anyone attending who did not think it was great. June 29 – July 3, 2016 in San Diego. Members can bring friends or significant others, and can attend all or only part of the events.



My Way

“If you would just do it my way, you would be right.” Have you ever heard or thought that?

In this day and age we have all sorts of different ideas on how a society should be run. There are differences between nations, but even within nations, there are often disagreements. Why? Isn't what people think is the “right way” largely based on their upbringing?

We Americans are brought up to believe we should help others and not take things that are not ours. Be kind to people that are less fortunate, our culture says. If somebody needs help then help him or her if you can.

Not all cultures teach that. For example, some cultures teach that a person should take anything he can get away with taking. Don't give a sucker a fair deal. And there is just about everything in between. Of course, each group thinks they are right. And, if everyone in a group agrees on what is right, things can operate fairly smoothly. That can be true at either extreme.

However, when groups with different beliefs come together, problems can appear. What happens? Well there is conflict. Each side tells the other that they are wrong. My group is right. The people in each group think they are right because they were brought up that way. Usually it ends up that the two sides will have conflict until one side dominates the other. They will say, “It is my way or no way.” It is the survival of the fittest. But at least, there is peace.

Dexter Schnebly

[Gordon Bakken has been nominated by the Libertarian Party to run for the 4th District congressional seat against the current congressman, Mike Pompeo.](#)

[Bill Barnett has started a new business. He will help you get your business web page to come up higher on the list when your prospects search on Google.](#)



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Flag Day

June 14 is national Flag Day. On that day in 1777 the design on the cover with 13 stripes and 13 stars, supposedly made by Betsy Ross, was chosen.

160 years later a contest was held to create a Wichita flag, with a prize of \$40. The winner is shown on the last page.

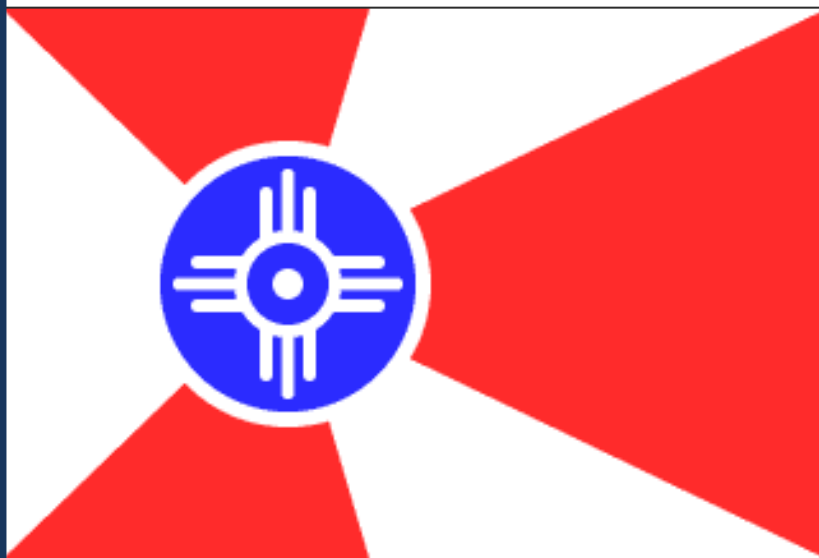
The white circle with 12 emanating lines on the Wichita flag is an Indian symbol for home. The red and white rays mean you can leave and return freely.

An amendment was proposed in 1940 to add the word WICHITA in white letters on the large red ray but was never voted on.



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