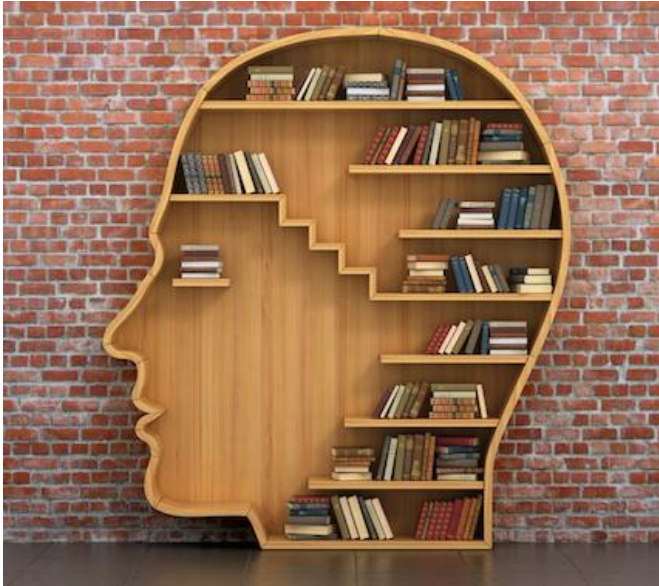




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# September Meetings

**Pig Out** Saturday, September 3, 12:45 p.m. *The Hungry Heart*  
222 S. Commerce, across the street from the NE corner  
of Intrust Arena. They say they have “Gastropub [tavern with good food]  
food with Asian flair, updated BBQ fare & spirits offered in a hip wood-  
&-brick space.” Mike says, “They are a bit expensive, but have upscale  
food.” <http://www.hungryheartwichita.com/>, (316) 440-7542.

**Program Meeting** Saturday, September 10, 2:00p.m.  
downstairs, at *Watermark Books*,  
4701 E. Douglas Ave, at Oliver St.

Jody Dendurent, PE of JASD Consulting, LLC will speak on  
communicating technical and intellectual information to average people.  
She is a civil engineer and technical writer. She has built a career on  
helping academics and technical people and companies communicate  
their ideas and information to all types of audiences. We all need to  
improve communication, and she can help.

**Food for Thought** Saturday, September 17, 11:00 a.m.  
Downstairs at *Watermark Books*,  
4701 E. Douglas Ave, at Oliver Street. This is the same location as our  
program meeting. There is a cafeteria here, so food and drinks are  
available.

**Banter and Books** Saturday, September 24, 7:00  
p.m. *Barnes and Noble* bookstore  
cafeteria, 1920 N. Rock, Wichita. Food and drink are available.  
Members and guests are welcome.

**August Meeting.** Shealah West, clinical social worker, told us  
about Fetal Alcohol Syndrome and babies born addicted to drugs.  
She gave a good insight into this problem, and how the child can be  
helped.

# \$1000 SCHOLARSHIP



For some time our group, led by Bill Barnet and Larry Paarmann has considered offering a scholarship to a future college student from our area. It has now become reality. The national organization has given \$700 toward it, and the group will provide the remaining \$300 and \$200 for administration expenses. The scholarship will be called:

## COLE CARLAND MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

in honor of our respected past member. Applicants must live in the Sunflower Mensa District.

If you know someone headed to college, encourage them to apply. They can apply at: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/cole-carland-memorial-scholarship-1000-hand-written-essay-contest-tickets-26887598531>. There is also more detailed information about the contest rules there, or you can call Bill Barnet at 316-214-3330.

Applicants must apply by October 6. On October 15, at 9:20 AM at the Woodlawn UMC, 4321 S. Woodlawn In Derby they will write an essay on one of a variety of subjects. Judges will pick a winner.



If you have 2 choices and 1 of them is taken away, you have no choices.

No one has ever been in an empty room.

In the word “scent”, is it the S or the C that is silent?

(I am writing this slowly in case you can’t read fast.)

# ***Who invented English?***

## **Asks George Carland**

We'll put stuff in a box, or maybe two boxes.

But if one ox is not enough, we don't use two oxes!

One bird is a goose. Two are geese, Yet a moose and his friend are not called meese.

You may find a lone mouse or a nest full of mice,

Yet I live in a house and the city is not full of hice.

The plural of man is always men,

Why shouldn't the plural of pan be called pen?

If one is a tooth and two are teeth, why aren't two phone booths a set of beeth?

One is that, and two are those,

Yet a pair of hats do not become hose.

If I speak of my foot and show you my feet,

And I put on a boot, would the pair be called beet?

You can make amends, but not just one amend.

The preacher preached, but his teacher never teached.

A vegetarian eats vegetables, but a humanitarian eats....?

I went to a play, and the actors recited. This was followed by a recital where the pianist played.

We ship by car or truck but send cargo by ship.

A house once burned up. Or did it burn down?

The poor owners had to fill out forms.

Or did they fill them in?

I have learned that the masculine pronouns are he, his and him.

So why aren't the feminine: she, shis and shim?

And I call my father Pop.

But I better not call his wife Mop.

*George Carland*

**Hi  
Guys**

**Greg Kontz  
Vice Chair  
Heartland Region 7**

Later, Greg Kontz

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## **Dexter's Comments**

I am listening to a TV talk show and the person being interviewed keeps talking about "it has got" one thing or another. Isn't has and got the same thing?

Would not "it has" be the same as "it got"? Yet I hear it everywhere and I do it myself. It still seems like poor grammar to me. But then isn't grammar defined by usage? If so then isn't it good grammar? It has got a lot of usage.

But even if it has got a lot of usage, that doesn't make it sound right. It has got to be a problem if you think it has got to sound wrong.

If you write right the left is left. But if you write left the right is left!

I am not a good seamstress by any means. I told a person that I sew so so. So sew so so I was told.

Finally, does a car go farther or further with better gas mileage?

*Dexter Schnebly*

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY

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

## SEPTEMBER

Don Barry	1
Howard Rooney	3
Charlotte Thomas	10
George Meier	12
Anne Watson	14
Ian Briggs	18
Wayne Butterfield	20
Michael Buchanan	24
Shari Thiessen	29
Charlotte Shideler	30
Matthew Means	30

## OCTOBER

William Beaver	2
James Updegrave	5
Kimberly Schrant	7
Robert Cook	8
Clinton McClure	15
Lance James	17
Neville Helms	20
Diane Powell	27
James Martinson	27
Candace Lattin	28



## Acceptable Oxymorons?

1. Clearly misunderstood
2. Exact estimate
3. Small crowd
4. Pretty ugly
5. Only choice
6. Act naturally
7. Found missing
8. Fully empty
9. Seriously funny
10. Original copy



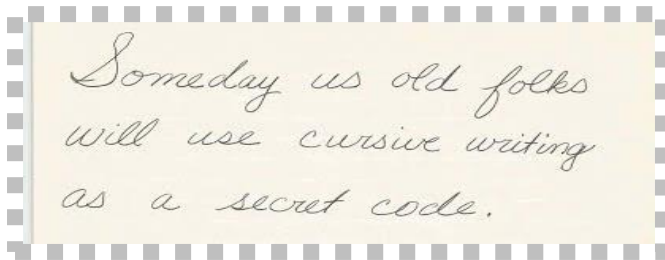
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Never put both feet in your mouth at the same time,  
 because then you won't have a leg to stand on.

I hate it when people use big words just to make  
 themselves sound perspicacious.



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