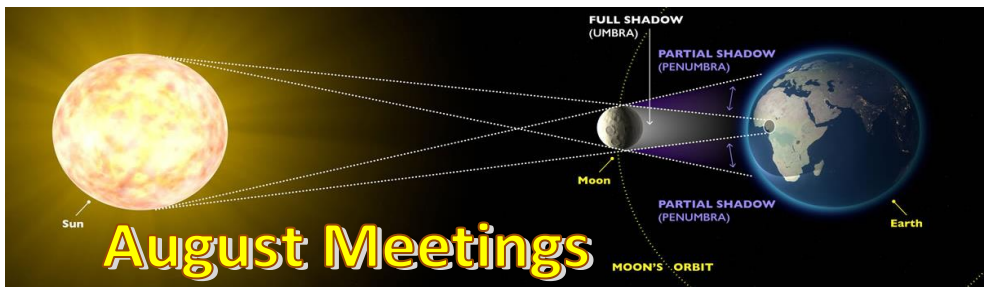




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**Pig Out** Saturday, August 5, 12:45 p.m. at **Fetch Bistro**  
 7718 E 37<sup>th</sup> St N Suite 500 (at Rock). According to their rules, you can bring your dog. Thus the word “**Fetch.**”  
[www.fetchbistro.com](http://www.fetchbistro.com), 927-2227.

**Program Meeting** Saturday, August 12, 2:00 p.m.  
 downstairs, at **Watermark Books**,  
 4701 E. Douglas Ave, at Oliver St.  
 Haley Butts of Kansas Big Brothers Big Sisters will speak at the August meeting.

**Food for Thought** Saturday, August 19, 11:00 a.m.,  
 downstairs at **Watermark Books**,  
 4701 E. Douglas Ave, at Oliver Street. Food available. Friends invited.

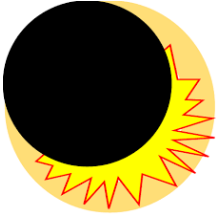
**Banter and Books** Saturday, August 26, 7:00 p.m.,  
**Barnes and Noble Bookstore**  
 Café, 1920 N. Rock. Drinks and snacks are available here. Socialize with intellectuals.

Our scholarship winner, Charles Heminway, has decided to go to **Kansas U**. We have sent a check there on his behalf.

### July Program Meeting

Christina Unrein provided a novel and entertaining program. Much of the time people were paired up, and came up with solutions to ambiguous situations they had experienced.

## ECLIPSE

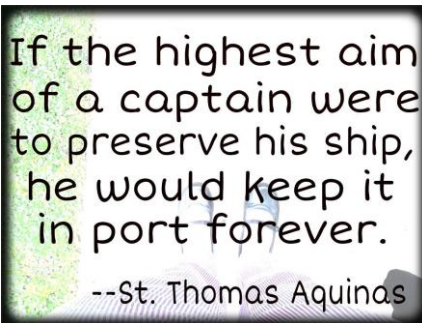


A near total eclipse of the sun will occur near noon on August 21. Closer to Kansas city, it will be total.

If you watch it, wear special glasses (glasses can be purchased on EBay or Amazon), or put a pin hole in a piece of paper and let it project the sun on another piece of paper.

**Q. If you were to spell out numbers, how far would you have to go until you would find the letter 'A'?**

*Answer below.*



If you break the laws of man, you go to jail.

If you break the laws of God, you go to hell.

If you break the laws of physics, you go to Sweden and get a Nobel Prize.

**Girl:** You say god made us, but Dad says we came from monkeys. Why?"

**Mom:** He's talking about his side of the family.

**Sign on the back of a Septic Tank Truck:  
"Caution - This Truck is full of  
Political Promises**

**A. One thousand**

*A wise man once said....nothing.*

**Hi  
Folks**

**Rich Olcott  
Vice Chair  
Heartland Region 7**

## **Journey to Mensa**

Many years ago I drove home to Chicago from school in New Jersey. I had a passenger, a grad student from Africa.

About half-past Ohio he started shaking his head. “So big,” he said, “so big.” The sheer extent of our country was getting to him.

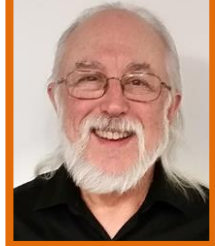
I had a similar experience this month while on my 5,000-mile round trip from here in Denver down to the Annual Gathering near Miami FL. Our Heartland Region is huge, almost 600,000 square miles, 1200 miles from the NW corner of Wyoming Mountain Mensa to the SE edge of Missouri Ozarks Mensa.

The good part of all that driving was that it let me meet so many Heartland Mensans, whether in Kansas City, Omaha or at the AG. Without exception, they were folks who’d enriched their lives and had fun by getting involved with the organization.

You can, too. You’ve taken the hardest step – you’ve qualified and joined up. What’s left is to show up. Keep an eye on this group’s calendar and drop in to an event or two. Join in on the conversation. Enjoy.

But in my experience the big returns come from volunteering. Mensans like personal growth. I can testify that my Mensa experience has broadened my horizons and called forth new skills.

“But how can I get started? What if I volunteer?” I’m glad you asked. Get thee to the Internet and go to this link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/9MY7N22>. It’s an 8-question survey about what you like to do, how far you can travel, stuff like that. Your LocSec (and no-one else) will get your answers. When they see a volunteer opportunity that fits you, they’ll get in touch. Enjoy.



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## SEEN AT THE AG



Friendly natives.

## DID AT THE AG



**Tasting for Mensans.**  
Great drinks for less than \$6 a bottle. They included Thunderbird, Boone's Farm, Three Buck Chuck, MD 20-20, and other greats.

## HEARD AT THE AG

**Buddhist:** "Make me one with everything, and I want change."

**Vendor:** "Here is your hot dog, but change comes from within."

## EXPERIENCED AT THE AG

An airboat trip in the Everglades.



## LEARNED AT THE AG

There were probably 200 seminar/lectures in those 4 days. They covered (almost) every subject. One, on "Intelligent Design," was given by Larry Paarmann. There was a lot to learn here, and fun people to talk to.

## THE SANE ARE INSANE

I don't know how many different personalities I have; they breed when I stop taking my Thorazine. But today I want to talk about a different sort of disorder. In my view, all people are afflicted with one disorder or another—there's a lot of insanity in sanity. This is the clinical point of view too, where every personality type from hyper shyness to hyper extraversion is a disease with an ugly clinical name meant to induce stigma associated with it. So why not for “normalcy” as well? Let's not call it *sanity*, but rather, *meldophrenia*: their minds are “fused”.

If the Intelligent Designer was, in creating the human race, trying to design the perfect species, he did rather a flub job of it. We're a random jumble of inconsistent and meaningless biological urges—meat puppets. The meldophrenics should be called schizophrenic too; there is nothing consistent or “fused” about their psychological behaviors. But it is conventional to regard them thus—and we shall do so here, not wishing to stray too far from convention, because we are nothing if not conventional—if only because most people are blind to the insanity in it all most of the time.

But if they're not crazy, why are religions of tolerance such objects of contention, leading even to wars? The prisons are some of the safest places around, full of docile schizophrenics who cannot function well enough to plan & carry out an insurrection. The meldophrenics, however, control the outer world, which is consequently far more dangerous.

### *THE NATURE OF CONSCIOUSNESS.*

When I look at you, I do not see *you*, but an image of you created in my mind. This image is projected outward by our own conscious brain to give the illusion of an exterior “reality”. Thus, the empyrean concept of “Truth” is founded on a lie. Consciousness is fundamentally diseased.

When schizophrenics hallucinate, they are given Thorazine &/or confined to an isolation room; why not this treatment for meldophrenics?

Because the inmates are running the asylum.

There's a lot of insanity in sanity.

*Stuart Boehmer*



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