

# **Sunflower SEEDS**



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**Pig Out** Saturday, July 1, 12:45 p.m. at **Ruben's Mexican Grill**, 915 W. Douglas.

The owner, Ruben Acosta, was shot by a robber recently. This will be a chance to see how they are doing, and wish them our best.

<http://www.rubensmexicangrill.com/gallery> 260-8045

**Program Meeting** Saturday, July 8, 2:00 p.m. downstairs, at **Watermark Books**, 4701 E. Douglas Ave, at Oliver St.

Christina Unrein of Possibility Lab will talk on succeeding in ambiguous situations and may be a bit of a devil's advocate. She is a happiness coach and helps people succeed in business and life. Invite your friends who want to experiment with something better.

**Food for Thought** Saturday, July 15, 11:00 a.m., downstairs at **Watermark Books**, 4701 E. Douglas Ave, at Oliver Street. Food available. Friends invited.

**Banter and Books** Saturday, July 22, 7:00 p.m., **Barnes and Noble Bookstore** Café, 1920 N. Rock. Drinks and snacks are available here. Socialize with intellectuals.

**Fifth Saturday** Saturday, July 29, 12:45 p.m. **Wichita Art Museum Café**, in Sims Park, a little north of Seneca and Central.

This is a favorite place for us. We usually get our own private dining room, and the museum is free afterward.

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY

The people below have a birthday in July or August. Congratulations to all of you.

## JULY

William Koch	4
Jonathan Jantz	9
Bill Barnett	11
Kelly Huxtable	22
Glenn Personey	22
Blake Shuart	23
Bette Lutes-Konecny	24
Jack Reffner	30
James Klenke	31

## AUGUST

Toni Jackman	3
Philip Parker	9
Amy Katschman	17
James Hohman	18
Randy Holden	21
Timothy Crater	27
Julie Stade	27
Dan Close	29
Mike Dickson	30

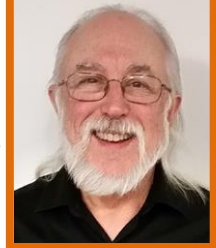
### June Program Meeting

Igor Ponomarev gave us a good picture of what royalty was like in France in the 1600s. It was not all bad. They were romantic. Perhaps some of the charm of those romantic days would be welcome now.



**Hi  
Folks**

**Rich Olcott  
Vice Chair  
Heartland Region 7**



The election results are out and you've Made me the Heartland Region's new RVC to follow Greg Kontz' four-year stint. I appreciate the trust you've placed in me and I'll do my best to live up to that.

First thing is, I ran on the idea that American Mensa is a member-centered volunteer organization. Mensa can only grow if Mensa members attract new members. That'll only happen if Mensan volunteers make Mensa things happen and enjoy doing that. Please respond to LaRae's survey at:

<https://www.research.net/r/CFT792G>

The survey isn't one of those generalized nose-counting things, it's an effort to find out where YOU as an individual would have fun and make things happen as a volunteer, whether in a Local Group or at the national level. We want you to feel like a member, not just a customer.

If you're already a volunteer, bless your heart and thank you. You're part of what makes Mensa Mensa. But take the survey anyway.

Ok, you're thinking, "What does this guy know about it?" Fair question. In the years I lived in Memphis, I served Memphis Mensa as Proctor, At-Large ExComm member, program wrangler, Assistant LocSec, LocSec, Editor, CultureQuest® participant, ByLaws review committee and a few other things I forget. Now that grandkid magnetism has pulled me to Denver I'm still Proctoring and CultureQuesting, and I've served on Denver Mensa's ExComm and the budget committee. I've been enjoying the

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Annual Gatherings since 2008. Online, too – I'm a mod (and Tech Support) on a Mensa SIG message board, I'm active on several Mensa-related Facebook groups/pages, and I've read/written a LOT of messages on the email listservers that National supports for Mensa officer inter-communication.

What I'm saying is, I've seen Mensa in operation, from a lot of different viewpoints. I've learned from some things that worked well and from some things that didn't work well. So I think I can help make things better. But it won't be me doing it; it'll be me helping you do it. I'll do the best I can, but please, respond to that survey and join the team. And let me know how I can help you as a fellow Mensa volunteer.

Thanks.

**Rich Olcott** , 720-390-7889 [rolcott@mindspring.com](mailto:rolcott@mindspring.com)

## **Greg Kontz says:**

**Hi Guys –**

**Please join me in congratulating Rich Olcott as the new RVC for Region 7. I'm sure he'll do a great job for you.**

**Susan and I will be at the AG (July 5-9, Ft. Lauderdale, FL) – hope to see some of you.**

**Thank you for a memorable 4 years. It has been my privilege.**

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



The votes have been counted in our national election. We have a new vice chair in region 7. Richard Olcott will succeed Greg Kontz (see p 4-5) with a 56% to 44% vote. LaRae Bakerink will be the National Chairperson and Lori Norris and Billie Lee will be the Vice Chairs. I think they are all dedicated.

## **\$ AUDIT \$**

John Prechtel has looked at our books. He says:  
“I have examined the Income, Balance and Cash Flow Statements of Kansas Sunflower Mensa for the 2016 fiscal calendar year. In my opinion they present fairly, in all material respects, the organization's financial position, results of their operations and their cash flow for 2016.”

We have about \$4500 in the bank.



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**One of these days we will need a new editor. In the mean time, it would be good to have a back up. Volunteer.**



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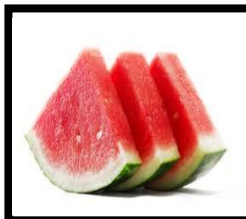
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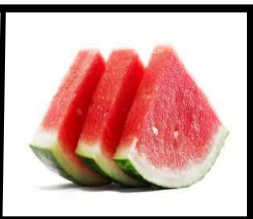
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