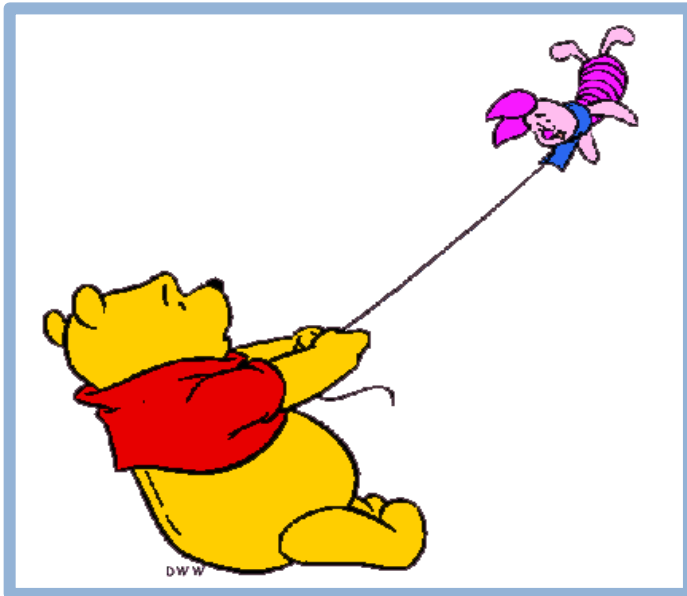


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Pig Out Saturday, March 4, 12:45 p.m. We will meet at **Dillons**, 7701 E. Central, at Rock. This is a very unusual place to eat. But why should it be? They certainly have food with which to make a lunch! Well, they do sell lunch (and dinner), in case you didn't know, and I highly recommend it. The salad bar is great for \$7.99, but that is not all. They have quite a large variety of full-fledged meals. The prices are reasonable, and they do a good job of preparing them. There is a dining room that is not bad. See you there.

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

Kyle Kraemer will speak this month. Kyle is a freshman at Butler College, and will tell us about: *New Discoveries in Science*, such as anti-hydrogen. Many of you will recognize him, as he has attended a number of our meetings, and is seriously considering joining the group. Kyle always has fresh insight when he speaks.

Food for Thought Saturday, March 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 is available.

Banter and Books Saturday, March 25, 7:00 p.m., **Barnes and Noble Bookstore** Café, 1920 N. Rock. There is food and drink available here. You are all welcome to join us for friendly chit-chat. Significant others are welcome also.

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end of March. You should receive
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A man at the bar in the Irish pub couldn't stand up. It seemed he was about as drunk as it's possible to get.

A group of guys, in not much better shape, decided to take him home. He fell down eight times on the way to the car. When they came to his house they simply dragged him to the door.



When his wife saw them she said, "Thanks, but why didn't you bring him home in his wheelchair?"

February Program Meeting

Steve Shumaker spoke on Salesmanship. The presentation focused on creating good relationships, offering the customers what they want, being open, transparent, courteous, optimistic, knowledgeable, respectful, etc.

He was entertaining and humorous as well as informative.



**Hi
Guys**

**Greg Kontz
Vice Chair
Heartland Region 7**

Below is mostly from a couple years ago – but seemed appropriate for right now.



We're in the Mensa election phase and we just got through a national election that was contentious. We've also got more and more social media sites and email threads where Mensans can opine. I don't do a great deal of talking on them, but I do observe a lot. The following comments are not about any specific conversations or opinions, just something I'd like to put out there now.

- We all come from our own perspective, therefore our own perception, therefore our own reality. The fact that someone does not agree with you does not mean that they're stupid, evil, or that they have an agenda. That's not to say it can't be one of those things – just means that you should not automatically assume it is.
- Concentrate on concepts – not people. Things are not changed because individuals 'win' or 'lose' a battle of wills. Concepts are pure things – human interpretation/implementation of them are not.
- If someone doesn't agree with you, ask yourself: Is there something they know that I don't? Is there something I had not considered that I should have? What are the things I agree with?

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- Shouting, going the ad hominem route, being crude, being hurtful or insulting – these are not the tools that Mensans should pull out of the toolbox – period. These are not the tools that indicate your thoughtfulness or depth of knowledge. There’s an old saying: “When all you’ve got in your toolbox is a hammer, every problem looks like a nail.” Concentrate on adding more tools, not on swinging the hammer more forcefully.
- Don’t worry about ‘winning’ a conversation – worry about learning from it.
- You don’t have to abandon your core values to be willing to listen to someone who does not share them. What is pretty much guaranteed is that they won’t if you don’t.
- It’s OK to disengage sometimes. Once in a while, the other person is intractable and/or wants to go the “Look at me! Look at me!” route. It does not mean that you agree. Some things just are not worth major effort
- Realize the value of expanding your perspective/perception: You can improve your reality. A saying I read: “Most people are standing knee deep in a running brook, dying of thirst.”
- The reason that I care about Mensa is because I love the conversations, and what I gain from them. Here’s a statement about Mensa in general: If there is to be only one place on the face of the earth where light is valued over heat – it should be this place.

Thanks for listening, guys.

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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

The people below have a birthday in January or February. Congratulations to all of you.

JANUARY

Ronnie Engle
Chris Nelson
Stephen Kerwick
Ronald Peden
Jim Goering
Daniel Gollub

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FEBRUARY

Geoffrey Todd
Larry Paarmann
Rachael Moon
Blake Escritt
Linda Shriver
Thomas Chase

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GRADE THIS QUIZ

- Q1.. In which battle did Napoleon die? * **his last battle**
Q2.. Where was the Declaration of Independence signed?
* **at the bottom of the page**
Q3.. The Ravi River flows in which state? * **liquid**
Q4.. What is the main reason for divorce? * **marriage**
Q5.. What is the main reason for failure? * **exams**
Q6.. What can you never eat for breakfast? * **Lunch & dinner**
Q7.. What looks like half an apple? * **The other half**
Q8.. If you throw a red stone into the blue sea what it will become? * **Wet**
Q9. If you had three apples and four oranges in one hand and four apples and three oranges in other hand, what would you have? * **Very large hands**
Q10. If it took eight men ten hours to build a wall, how long would it take four men to build it? ***Zero. It is already built.**
Q11. How can you drop a raw egg onto a concrete floor without cracking it? ***Any way. The concrete won't crack.**



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MEMBER NEWS

We have two new members this month, Joseph Yeager and Rachael Moon. Both have moved into our area, and now live in Hays.

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