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THIS MONTH'S SEEDS WAS CREATED BY THE NEW ASSOCIATE EDITOR, KLAUS TRENARY

MEETINGS



Monthly Pig Out

Saturday, Nov. 4th, 12:45pm
The Olive Garden
Rock RD & Central, Wichita



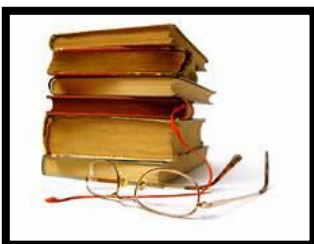
Program Meeting

Saturday, Nov. 11th, 2:00pm
Watermark Books – BSMNT
4701 E Douglas, Wichita
Guest Speaker.



Food for Thought

Saturday, Nov. 18th, 11:00am
Watermark Books – BSMNT
4701 E Douglas, Wichita



Banter and Books

Saturday, Nov. 25th, 7:00pm
Barnes and Noble Books
1920 N Rock RD, Wichita

Last Month's Speaker:

Michael Hunter, a therapist, spoke on Mindfulness Meditation and the Nature of Self. Mindfulness Meditation is related to Buddhism, but is more informal. It is not concerned with the emptying of the mind, but rather getting more in touch with your sensations and perceptions. He led those in attendance in a 5-10 minute meditation, focusing on our own breathing. There were 13 in attendance.



This Month's Speaker:

Saturday, November 11th, 2:00pm.
Downstairs at Watermark Books.
Dave Hodgson will give a presentation called: "What's really known about the Bender Family." The Benders owned an Inn located in Southeast Kansas during the 1870's. They are alleged to have robbed and murdered a dozen or more people. The interesting part is that they disappeared before being arrested and were never seen again.

Birthdays this Month:

George Hiss - 1st, David Hodgson - 2nd, Eric Perkins - 2nd, Emily Gorsuch - 5th, Sean Martchink - 8th, David Olson - 10th, Klaus Trenary - 15th, John Hutton - 26th, Dexter Schnebly - 26th. Happy Birthday wishes to one and all!

Mind Games:

(1) A wolf is capable of sprinting 40 kph for up to 10 minutes, and then 25 kph for up to 3 hours before collapsing from exhaustion. The question is: How far into a wooded area, 8 kilometers in circumference can the wolf run?



(2) What four letter word can be put in front of the following words to create a new word?

LINE PHONE WATERS

(3) Which is greater, a single discount of 12%, or two successive discounts of 6%? Are they the same?

(4) A man tells his son "In four years I will be twice as old as I was fourteen years ago." How old is he?

(5) What is the next number in the series?
1, 2, 6, 30, 60, 180, 900, 1800, 5400, _____

(6) A cryptogram for you to decipher: OTD
X GACOT ST BPWF WASFTOOX.

(7) Add a common suffix to make a new word: STANCE – STATION – TITLE – TRACT – SCRIBE

(8) Nancy is Goldie's father's son's wife's daughter. What's the relationship of Goldie to Nancy?

(9) What is the missing number in this series? 16 21 26 26 12 ? 19



Heartland Mensa Region 7



News Brief by: Rich Olcott

Well, here we are in November. It's mostly a doleful month because the flowers have crumbled, the leaves have turned and dropped, and people are winterizing. But on the other hand it's the month of Thanksgiving, when we can pause to consider all the good things and say, "Thank you."

On my and Mensa's part, I owe a big "Thank you" to the 116 people who serve our Heartland Region's twelve Local Groups – the 29 Proctors who invite in new members, the dozen Scholarship Chairs who manage all those essays, the dozen Treasurers who manage your dues money that National returns to the Local Groups, the many ExComm members and committee heads who give their time, thought and enthusiasm so that the rest of us can enjoy Events and the Newsletter.

Which brings me to every LG's unsung hero, the Editor. Most volunteer positions are episodic – there's something you need to take care of once in a while but that's it. The Editor's task is unrelenting – those pages demand to be filled on time, every publication cycle. Oh, it's fun and a creative outlet and such a joy to see the issue come together, and you really do stay in contact with everything going on in the club. But.

So here's my "Thank you" to these heroes –

- Gail Elliot, Editor of Central Iowa Mensa's *M-pressions*
- Michael Hamerly, Editor of South Dakota Mensa's *Mensodak*
- Sharon Swan Tieszen, Editor of North Dakota Mensa's *Prairie Dawg*
- Shawn Dyer, Editor of Mid-America Mensa's *Mension*
- Deb Course, Editor of Missouri Ozarks Mensa's *Illuminate*
- Gordon Bakken and successor Klaus Trenary, Editors of Kansas Sunflower Mensa's *Seeds*
- Tami Whitney, Editor of Nebraska-Western Iowa Mensa's *Brainiac*
- Jenn Stricklin and her successor Taylor Profita, Editors of Denver Mensa's *Matrix*
- Kim Springer, Editor of Boulder/Front Range Mensa's *MUSE*
- Betsy Ogan, Editor of Plains and Peaks Mensa's *PlainsPeaking*
- Dennis Lenahan, Editor of High Mountain Mensa's *HMMmm*
- Paula Wilson-Caziér, Editor of Wyoming Mountain Mensa's *WyoMensa*

Folks, please consider your praises sung. You deserve it. Thanks. - Rich Olcott

November trivia:

Birthstone: Topaz and citrine

Flower: Chrysanthemum

Zodiac signs: Scorpio and Sagittarius

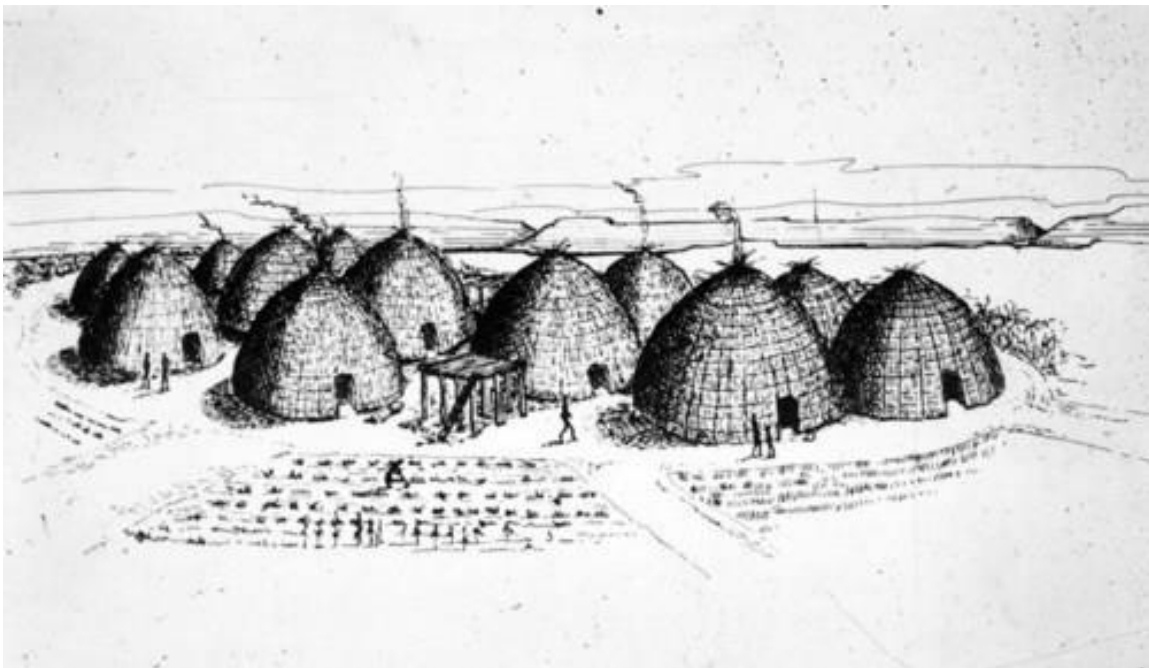
History: November is derived from the Latin word "*novem*" meaning nine. November was originally the ninth month of the Roman year. It assumed its current placement as the eleventh month when the Romans added January and February to the beginning of each year.

In medieval times, November was often thought of as a rather gloomy month because it heralded the start of winter. Much of the month would be spent in the drudgery of chopping firewood, gathering provisions and storing up their harvest, in preparation for the inevitable long, cold winter.

Newsworthy:

This month you will find a little something extra included along with a new version of the usual monthly Seeds. Attached is a copy of an original work by member Klaus Trenary on a subject that might be of interest to most Kansas History buffs. It is a condensed version of a book to be published in early 2018 called "**Etzanoa Kansas, Lost City of Gold?**"

Hope you enjoy! Comments welcome.



My Favorite Quotes:

“Glory is fleeting, but obscurity is forever.” (Napoleon Bonaparte)

“It is much more comfortable to be mad and know it, than to be sane and have one’s doubts.” (G. B. Burgin)

“I think it would be a good idea.” (Mahatma Gandhi), when asked what he thought of western civilization.

“Now, now my good man, this is no time for making enemies.” (Voltaire) On his deathbed in response to a priest asking that he renounce Satan.

“I contend that we are both atheists. I just believe in one fewer God than you do. When you understand why you dismiss the other possible Gods, you will understand why I dismiss yours.” (Sir Stephen Henry Roberts)

“You can get more with a kind word and a gun than you can with a kind word alone.” (Al Capone)

“Never explain – your friends do not need it, and your enemies will not believe you anyway.” (Elbert Hubbard)

“It is better to be feared than loved, if you cannot be both.” (Niccolo Machiavelli) “ The Prince”

Gladstone was heard to say: “I predict Sir, that you will die either by hanging or of some vile disease.” Where upon Lord Desraeli replied, “That all depends, Sir, upon whether I embrace your principals or your mistress.”

“After I’m dead I’d rather have people ask why I have no monument than why I have one” (Cato the Elder)

“When you gaze long into the abyss, the abyss also gazes into you.” (Friedrich Nietzsche)

“Above all we must abolish hope in the heart of man. A calm despair, without angry convulsions, without reproaches to heaven, is the essence of Wisdom.” (Alfred Victor Vigny)



- Answers:
- (1) 4, you can only go half way into anything, after that you are going out.
 - (2) Head
 - (3) 12%. So $12 \times 100 = 12.00$ then $6\% \times 100 = 6.00$, $100 - 6 = 94$, $6\% \times 94 = 5.64$, $6.00 + 5.64 = 11.64$, $12.00 - 11.64 = 0.36$.
 - (4) 32 years
 - (5) 27,000
 - (6) Let a smile be your umbrella.
 - (7) Sub
 - (8) Goldie is Nancy's Aunt.
 - (9) 5 Each number corresponds with its count in the alphabet. It spells the word puzzle.

Don't even think about peeking!

