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# October Meetings

## Pig Out

Saturday, October 7, 12:45 p.m. at **El Mexico Café**, 2544 S. Seneca. They have been voted the best Mexican restaurant with the best Margaritas in Wichita for 5 years in the Wichita Eagle poll. Their menu is at: [https://forms.360wichita.com/3306/lunch\\_june14.pdf](https://forms.360wichita.com/3306/lunch_june14.pdf)

## Program Meeting

Saturday, October 14, 2:00 p.m. downstairs, at **Watermark Books**, 4701 E. Douglas Ave, at Oliver St. Michael Hunter will speak on "*Mindfulness Meditation And The Nature Of Self.*" Michael has spoken to us before. He is a therapist and has run a therapy clinic and a non-profit therapy unit.

## Food for Thought

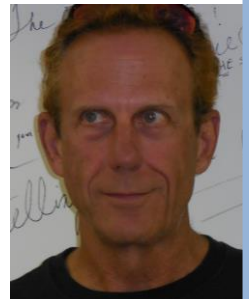
Saturday, October 21, 11:00 a.m., downstairs at **Watermark Books**, 4701 E. Douglas Ave, at Oliver Street. Food available. Friends invited.

## Banter and Books

Saturday, October 28, 7:00 p.m., **Barnes and Noble Bookstore** Café, 1920 N. Rock. Drinks and snacks are available here. Socialize with intellectuals.

## September Program Meeting

The speaker was Bill Barnett, our V. P. His presentation was a book review of *Brain Sex: The Real Difference Between Men and Women*. Bill had a handout with important points from the book, and also a handout test to determine how masculine or feminine our minds are. The audience had many questions and comments.





## Lucille Campbell

Previous treasurer, current Member at Large and proctor, and faithful long-term member Lucille Campbell passed away September 11, 2017. We will miss her.

She was originally a teacher, but made a name for herself by fighting the ground pollution in her then hometown of Neodesha, and also has written three children's books. The latest, *Irish of Mulberry Hill*, is to be released soon.

## Possible New Sunflower Seeds Editor

The aging Gordon Bakken, our SEEDS editor, is hoping that someone can be found soon to take over that job. Klaus Trenary has volunteered to be that person. He has tentatively agreed to put out the November issue. He is proposing a new format, and will present it for our group to evaluate.

Some of the proposed changes include:

- \* A full sheet layout with more color photos and graphics.
- \* A full page of puzzles, games, jokes and/or riddles designed to titillate one's grey matter.
- \* Larger fonts for easier perusal, and revised page formatting to enhance the reading experience.
- \* More original articles, stories or some sort of salient written or artistic work that would be of interest to the intellectual, preferably from someone in the group.
- \* A "letters to the editor" section to increase feedback will also be tried.

He hopes to make our monthly newsletter second to none, and help cement our chapter's reputation as a progressive, forward thinking bastion of enlightenment. It could help increase membership, group participation and positive public exposure. He thanks us for the chance to give something back to the group.

**Hi  
Folks**

**Rich Olcott  
Vice Chair  
Heartland Region 7**

I'm just back from the Buffalo RanGe, North Dakota Mensa's regional gathering. Come share a few things I learned on that 1,600-mile drive.

First lesson – we've got a LOT of really cool landscape in Region 7. The Rockies, of course, but also eastern Wyoming's mesas, the chalk cliffs at the southern edge of Custer National Forest in South Dakota, Nebraska's Sandhills, ... even the legendarily flat plains of Kansas are remarkable in their own way. If you've not seen some of these wonders, do make an opportunity to do so while the weather's traveler-friendly.



The second thing I learned is how spread apart we are, geographically speaking. By my rough estimate, our Heartland Region averages about 4 Mensans per 1,000 square miles. Boulder/Front Range Mensa is at the high end, with about  $\frac{1}{5}$  member per square mile. Denver Mensa's near a tenth of that, and we've got several Local Groups at or below one per 1,000 square miles. How can we extend our community to include Mensans who are hundreds of miles away from an urban center?

My 10-year-old granddaughter was quick with a solution – “Internet.” However, once you get away from the Interstates, Internet coverage often fades. If true for you, please drop me a note at 1001 E. Bayaud Ave, Apt 1003, Denver CO 80209. Maybe it's not a problem, but maybe it is.

On the other hand, maybe you're happily electronicated and would like to be our Regional Webmaster, in charge of what folks see at [region7.us.mensa.org](http://region7.us.mensa.org). Maintain what we've got or update it to your taste, your choice. Ping me at [rvc7@us.mensa.org](mailto:rvc7@us.mensa.org) and we'll discuss. Thanks.

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### Algebra refresher

If :  $Y + X = 2$ , and  $Y * X = 3$

What is:  $1/X + 1/Y$  ?

**This is easy if you can find the trick.**

*Answer page 7*

These are good sentences.

Can you understand them?

1. The old man the boat.
2. The complex houses married soldiers and their families.
3. The prime number few.
4. The man who hunts ducks out on weekends.
5. Until the police arrest the drug dealers control the street.
6. Fat people eat accumulates.

*See page 6*

**TO SEE HOW THEY  
LOOK TODAY,  
TURN PICTURE  
UPSIDE DOWN.**

**(OR LOOK AT LAST  
PAGE.)**



**Donald in 1967**



**Helen and Bill when married in 1967.**

*From page 5.* Adding a word or two makes the sentences more understandable, but the sentences are valid without them.

1. The old PEOPLE man the boat.
2. The APARTMENT complex houses married soldiers and their families.
3. The prime SUSPECTS number few.
4. The man who hunts DURING THE WEEK ducks out on weekends.
5. Until the police arrest SOMEONE the drug dealers control the street.
6. Fat THAT people eat accumulates.

*Contributed by Igor Ponomarev*



## Poetry Corner

### *And Yet All Will Be Well*

Atlantis will not rise again, not by my magic.  
It's more than a fact. It's essentially tragic.  
In the sky you see the little twinkles.  
But would they be more interesting with wrinkles and crinkles?  
You planted rosebushes and ended up with fescue,  
And Merlin the magician did not come to the rescue.  
Some people make the wrong things right, and the road kill  
undead.  
Can you restore the best strangeness to the world inside your  
head?  
Complexity rules: everyone is entangled, especially you,  
Plus the emus in the garden who escaped from the zoo.  
Nonsense comes easy, and clarity is a drudge.  
Let us repair to the kitchen for diamonds and fudge.

*Dan Gollub*

**Algebra refresher** *from page 3*

$$1/X + 1/Y = (Y + X) / (X*Y) = 2/3$$

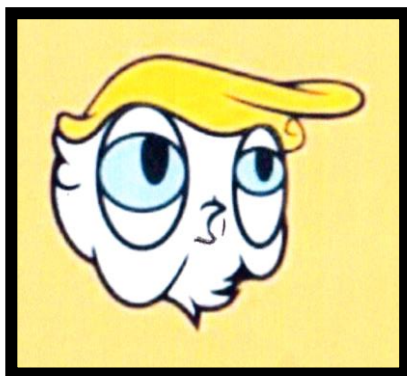


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