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September Meetings

Pig Out

Saturday, September 2, 12:45 p.m. at YaYa' Euro Bistro at 8115 E. 21st N. (On the south side, just east of Rock).

Some people in the group thought it would be nice for our lunch SIG to meet at an upscale restaurant occasionally. This was chosen, and would probably be considered one of Wichita's finest restaurants. There are items as inexpensive as \$6 soup and as high as \$17 Crab Louis. You can read more at:

<http://www.yayaswichita.com/>

Program Meeting

Saturday, September 9, 2:00 p.m. downstairs, at Watermark Books, 4701 E. Douglas Ave, at Oliver St.

The meeting this month will be a book review by Bill Barnett. There are boy brains and girl brains. Some have a little of both. Why do we develop these personality types? *Brain Sex: The Real Difference Between Men & Women* is a controversial best seller that Bill promises will be interesting. Bring your significant other.

Food for Thought

Saturday, September 16, 11:00 a.m., downstairs at Watermark Books, 4701 E. Douglas Ave, at Oliver Street. Food is available. Friends are invited.

Banter and Books

Saturday, September 23, 7:00 p.m., Barnes and Noble Bookstore Café, 1920 N. Rock. Drinks and snacks are available here.

Fifth Saturday

Saturday, September 30, 12:45 p.m. Wichita Art Museum Café, in Sims Park, a little north of Seneca and Central.

This is our usual Fifth Saturday place, but we always enjoy it. 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.

SEPTEMBER

Don Berry	1
Howard Rooney	3
George Meier	12
Anne Watson	14
Gary Weiner	15
Wayne Butterfield	20
Mark Robertson	21
J. M. Buchanan	24
Lucille Campbell	25
Matthew Means	30
Charlotte Shideler	30

OCTOBER

William Beaver	2
Susan Pung	2
James Updegrove	5
Kimberly Schrant	7
Robert Cook	8
Viktor Lafave	12
Lance James	17
Robert McCaslin	17
Neville Helms	20
Diane Powell	27
James Martinson	27

August Program Meeting

Mary Shannon filled in this month for Haley Butts. Badly abused herself as a child, she realized the usefulness of a “Big Brother or Sister” to help an unfortunate youth. As president of the Kansas organization, she looks for volunteers and tries to help make sure they give the help that is needed. Volunteers spend a couple of hours 2-4 times a month with their “Little.” 300 children in Kansas are waiting now for someone to be their friend.

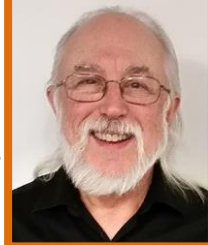
Interested? Call 316-263-3300.



Hi Folks

Rich Olcott Vice Chair Heartland Region 7

It's September, traditionally the opening of the school year. It's also when the Mensa Foundation begins accepting applications for our next round of scholarships. The Foundation is American Mensa's charitable arm, the place where you can make tax-deductible donations to support scholarships and our gifted youth outreach programs.



We're upping our game, too. Last year the Foundation awarded \$135,000 in scholarships and the Board voted to raise their target for this year. Anyone, Mensan or otherwise, is eligible to apply if they'll be enrolled in a US college or university during the 2018-2019 academic year. Visit mensafoundation.org/what-we-do/scholarships/ for full details.

But the scholarship program would grind to a halt if it weren't for the efforts of our Local Group Scholarship Chairs, the people who've volunteered to manage the judging of all those essays. I'm so proud of our Heartland Region. Once again, every Local Group has staffed up to support the program. This year's chairs are:

- Larry Brandt for Central Iowa Mensa
- Christy Zwagerman for South Dakota Mensa
- Maggie Kohls for North Dakota Mensa
- Rhonda Johnston for Mid-America Mensa
- Andrea Miller (assisted by Elaine Johnson) for Missouri Ozarks Mensa
- Larry Paarmann for Kansas Sunflower Mensa
- Sherri Levers for Nebraska-Western Iowa Mensa
- Tim Winkelman for Denver Mensa
- Martha Hyder for Boulder-Front Range Mensa

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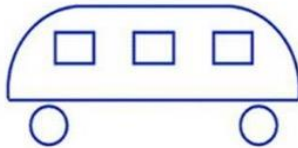
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- Sandy Halby for Plains And Peaks Mensa
- Donna Scott for High Mountain Mensa
- Terry Yentzer for Wyoming Mountain Mensa

These folks and the legion of judges they'll assemble are the beating heart of Mensa's efforts on behalf of education in this country. My thanks and Mensa's thanks to you all.

If you'd like to help out, I'm sure your Chair would be delighted to hear from you. It's a one-time commitment to join the other judges as you score application essays for content and craftsmanship. Some of those essays are a joy to read, and you'll know you're helping the winners on their way to their goals. What a great way to spend a January or February afternoon.

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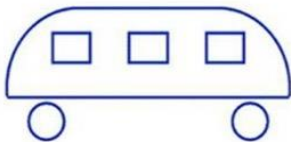
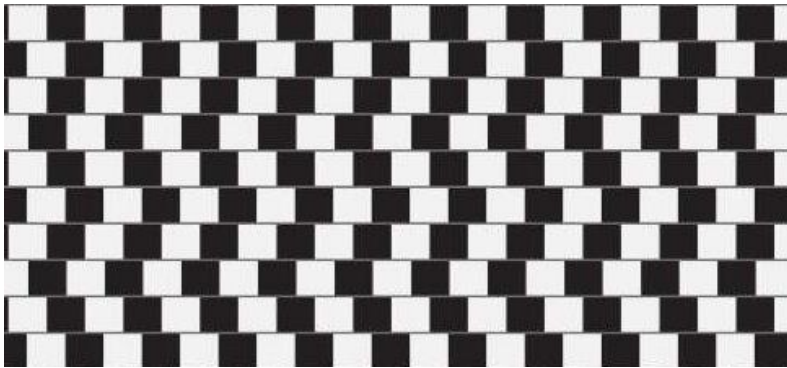
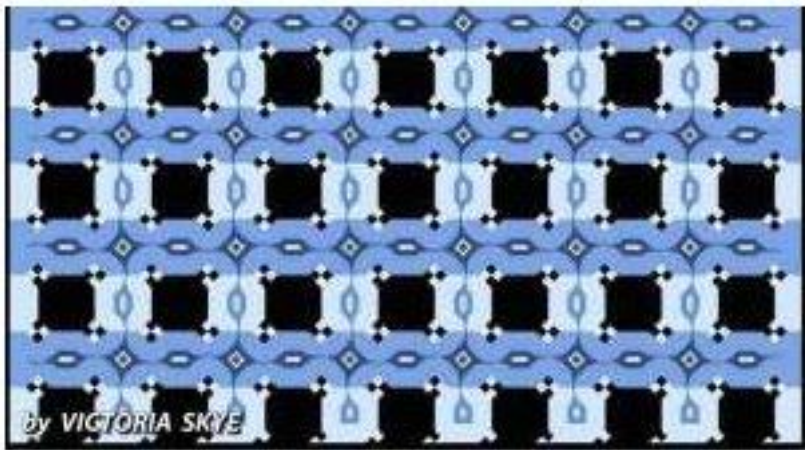
**WHICH WAY IS
THE BUS GOING?**

Answer on page 6.



**Wichita sky,
Photographed at 1:20 PM
August 21**

Some people think the horizontal lines in these two figures are parallel. Do you?



Answer from page 5:

92% of school children knew it was going to the left, because you can't see the door.



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CASH FOR COLLEGE

The Mensa Education and Research Foundation is offering scholarships for students of all ages. The application period is open from Sept. 15 through Jan. 15.



Members of American Mensa as well as non-members may apply to the scholarship program. Applicants are required to submit an essay to be considered. Grades, academic program and/or financial need are not included in the final determination of scholarship recipients.



Find out more by visiting, mensafoundation.org or by calling 888-294-8035 ext. 5509.



College students enter by writing a description of their career, academic and/or vocational goals.

The contest is sponsored by National Mensa. This year, 2017, there were 13 applicants in the Kansas Sunflower Local Group area of American Mensa who won at least one award. The awardees averaged \$1,000.00 each.



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