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LocSec News

Hello, fellow Plains & Peaks Mensans! Sorry about being late with the newsletter this month - entirely my fault! We've gotten busy on other projects and Rent-A-Mike was under the weather for a while. Then - the guest speaker I had lined up for April had a family emergency and will probably be gone for several weeks!

So ... in April - for our Main Monthly Meeting, we'll be visiting the Colorado Springs Pioneer Museum. They've updated some of their old exhibits and added some new things since we last visited. Right now, there are four major exhibits (in addition to the permanent ones): Meet the Press, which featuring sketches by local artist Helen Cogswell Trostel (1894-1989); The Simpich Story, with over 100 Simpich figurines; Marketing the Mountain: Pikes Peak in the Popular Imagination, which displays examples of souvenirs ("from the trendy to the tacky) and marketing items that feature our mountain; and lastly, the Looming Large exhibit, which has art featuring Pikes Peak. The Looming Large exhibit has about 40 pieces of art taken from the Pioneer Museum, other museums, and private collections, all gathered into one display. The museum is really very nice, admission

is free, and if people are interested, we can have lunch downtown after our museum visit!

Please do check out our web-site at www.plainsandpeaks.us.mensa.org. Our webmaster, Windy, has developed a spectacular web-site for us. Take a look at the photos page and check out the extra links, including FreeRice and the new Colorado Springs Scrabble club. Please contact Windy to add other links or send in photos to be posted.

All for now Hope to see you soon!

-Sandy

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Welcome and Farewell

WELCOME:

Marcia M Carroll, who moved here from New Jersey.
Joseph W Davidson III, formerly of Texas!
Mark Berte, who used to hail from Virginia.
Jimmie Myers, a new Mensan!

WELCOME BACK:

Roger Weitzel, who is rejoining our group. Hello, again!

FAREWELL:

Robin Doran, who is currently overseas. We'll keep Robin on all our mailings, however, 'cause we know she'll be back!

Project Inkslinger

by Paul Jensen

As Project Inkslinger coordinator, I have found a second Elementary school that has suffered the loss of library books. Please consider sending appropriate books to the school, and inform others of the activity.

Vandals have trashed the library at Ridgeview Elementary School in Yucaipa, California in the San Bernardino Valley. Over 2,400 children's books were destroyed - virtually the entire inventory. Break-ins occurred on New Years eve and again on January 31st - one month later!

Children's books (K-6th grade) are needed, and can be sent to this address:

Ridgeview Elementary School
11021 Sunnyside,
Yucaipa, CA 92399
909-790-3270
Shelly Dearmin, Librarian

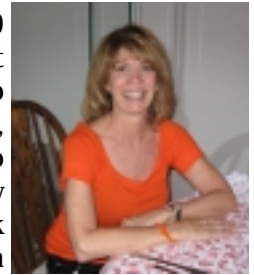
As always, books should be packed in no more than 20-30 lb packages, and sent prepaid at donor expense directly to the school. This is another great project for our Western Mensa Groups.

HELP WANTED: TREASURER!
Larry Lukenbill, who has been our Plains & Peaks Treasurer for many years, will be stepping down in March/April. Since we're a small group, our finances are not complicated and about all that is required is a twice-yearly report to American Mensa and keeping our checkbook balance up to date. If you'd like to take over from Larry, please contact me at 528-5483 or mandshalby@comcast.net. I sincerely appreciate the support Larry has given our group over the years and wish to extend a heart-felt "Thank You" to him for his friendship and service.

Region 7 News

by Peggy Panke-Smith

A Mighty April Welcome to our 19 NEW MEMBERS in Region 7 last month! Special official welcome to CENTRAL IOWA's new Editor, Linda Sharp. Big Congratulations to LINCOLN NEBRASKA on their spiffy new Bylaws. Warm pat on the back to NEBRASKA WESTERN IOWA in the process of updating their Bylaws.



Regional Gathering NORTH DAKOTA is excited about the upcoming Potluck Picnic and Fireworks Regional Gathering on May 31 and June 1 in Valley City (about an hour west of Fargo). 1920s ragtime in a big historic President's House. Contest to name the new "Mensaboat" and races with the Knudson canoe. Horsehoes, fireworks and potluck picnic. Registration is only \$12 and includes a pizza lunch! Contact SHIRLEY STARKE at sstarke@nodaknet.net or (701) 845-2382.

Games Do you love playing games? How about a whole weekend at Mind Games in Phoenix from April 11 to April 13. Contact Greg Webster at MGChair@mindgames.us.mensa.org or (602) 451-6631 for last-minute registration including 2 meals at the Grace Inn. I'll be there eager to see many of our Region 7 members at the gaming tables.

Culture Quest Our national Mensa trivia competition takes place on Sunday April 27. Let's root for our Region 7 teams!

Coming Up Saturday August 2, NORTH DAKOTA sponsors the Region 7 Leadership Development Workshop in Bismarck. Sound boring? Ha! A day filled with ice-breakers, helpful workshops (Getting Money from Mensa for Gifted Children's Activities, PR 101, Motivating Volunteers, Getting People Involved, Connecting with GenX), lunch and dinner. Best of all, registration, workshops and meals are free! Do you have kids? Guests at the hotel enjoy a 150' waterslide and indoor waterpark! Mark your calendar for a fun-filled weekend in Bismarck. Contact ERIN KOFFLER at ekoffler@msn.com or (701) 293-4831.

Website Our Region 7 website is up and revised, thanks to our talented Region 7 Webmaster, BILL SCHIEB. Visit region7.us.mensa.org to learn the latest. See what other Region 7 groups are up to and to share your group's ideas and events.

Sixth Grade History Answers**from the Internet**

These are answers provided by 6th graders during history tests.

1. Ancient Egypt was inhabited by mummies and they all wrote in hydraulics. They lived in the Sarah Dessert. The climate of the Sarah is such that all the inhabitants have to live elsewhere.

2. Moses led the Hebrew slaves to the Red Sea where they made unleavened bread, which is bread made without any ingredients. Moses went up on Mount Cyanide to get the ten commandments. He died before he ever reached Canada.

3. The Greeks were a highly sculptured people, and without them we wouldn't have history. The Greeks also had myths. A myth is a female moth.

4. Socrates was a famous Greek teacher who went around giving people advice. They killed him. Socrates died from an overdose of wedlock. After his death, his career suffered a dramatic decline.

5. Julius Caesar extinguished himself on the battlefields of Gaul. The Ides of March murdered him because they thought he was going to be made king. Dying, he gasped out: "Tee hee, Brutus."

6. Joan of Arc was burnt to a steak and was canonized by Bernard Shaw.

7. It was an age of great inventions and discoveries. Gutenberg invented removable type and the Bible. Another important invention was the circulation of blood. Sir Walter Raleigh is a historical figure because he invented cigarettes and started smoking.

8. Sir Francis Drake circumcised the world in a 100-foot clipper.

9. The greatest writer of the Renaissance was William Shakespeare. He was born in the year 1564, supposedly on his birthday. He never made much money and is famous only because of his plays. He wrote tragedies, comedies, and hysterectomies, all in Islamic pentameter. Romeo and Juliet are an example of a heroic couple. Romeo's last wish was to be laid by Juliet.

10. Writing at the same time as Shakespeare was Miguel Cervantes. He wrote Donkey Hote. The next great author was John Milton. Milton wrote Paradise Lost. Then his wife died and he wrote Paradise Regained.

11. Delegates from the original 13 states formed the Contented Congress. Thomas Jefferson, a Virgin, and Benjamin Franklin were two singers of the Declaration of Independence. Franklin discovered electricity by rubbing two cats backward and declared, "A horse divided against itself cannot stand." Franklin died in 1790 and is still dead.

12. Abraham Lincoln became America's greatest Precedent. Lincoln's mother died in infancy, and he was born in a log cabin

which he built with his own hands. Abraham Lincoln freed the slaves by signing the Emasculation Proclamation. On the night of April 14, 1865, Lincoln went to the theater and got shot in his seat by one of the actors in a moving picture show. They believe the assassin was John Wilkes Booth, a supposedly insane actor. This ruined Booth's career.

13. Johann Bach wrote a great many musical compositions and had a large number of children. In between, he practiced on an old spinster which he kept up in his attic. Bach died from 1750 to the present. Bach was the most famous composer in the world and so was Handel. Handel was half German, half Italian, and half English. He was very large.

14. The nineteenth century was a time of great many thoughts and inventions. People stopped reproducing by hand and started reproducing by machine. The invention of the steamboat caused a network of rivers to spring up. Cyrus McCormick invented the McCormick raper, which did the work of a hundred men. Louis Pasteur discovered a cure for rabbits. Charles Darwin was a naturalist who wrote the Organ of the Species. Karl Marx became one of the Marx Brothers.

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Mensa Marketplace at the Denver AG**by Donna Jadis**

The Mensa Marketplace would like to invite Denver area Mensa members who are crafters to join us at the AG and show/sell their work to what's going to be a HUGE audience of your fellow Mensans! The Marketplace has been growing over the past few years, with new and returning crafters from around the country. And Mensa AG attendees are a wonderful, generous and appreciative group. If you've never tried selling your hand-made craft before, this is an opportunity to see how it works for you. It's low cost (\$23 for a 6' table for one day -- and splitting a table with another crafter is possible), low stress, and could be profitable!

We'll be setting up the Marketplace for two days: Friday and Saturday of the AG (July 4th and 5th), from 10 am to 4 pm. Vendors who wish to stay longer are welcome to. If you can't be

there at 10 or need to pack up early, that's OK. Only want to be in the Marketplace for one day? No problem! See what we mean about "low stress?"

Please check out the Marketplace on the AG web site:
<http://www.ag2008.us.mensa.org>
 (go to Programs, and then Marketplace.)

You'll find information about participating as well as the application form.

If you have any questions, please contact the Mensa Marketplace coordinator at marketplace@ag.us.mensa.org.

Hope to see you there!

Dear Dogs and Cats**from the Internet**

When I say to move, it means go someplace else, not switch positions with each other so there are still two of you in the way.

The dishes with the paw print are yours and contain your food. The other dishes are mine and contain my food. Please note, placing a paw print in the middle of my plate and food does not stake a claim for it becoming your food and dish, nor do I find that aesthetically pleasing in the slightest.

The stairway was not designed by NASCAR and is not a race track. Beating me to the bottom is not the object. Tripping me doesn't help, because I fall faster than you can run.

I cannot buy anything bigger than a king size bed. I am very sorry about this. Do not think I will continue to sleep on the couch to ensure your comfort. Look at videos of dogs and cats sleeping, they can actually curl up in a ball. It is not necessary to sleep perpendicular to each other stretched out to the fullest extent possible I also know that sticking tails straight out and having tongues hanging out the other end to maximize space used is nothing but sarcasm.

My compact discs are not miniature Frisbees.

For the last time, there is not a secret exit from the bathroom. If by some miracle I beat you there and manage to get the door shut, it is not necessary to claw, whine, attempt to turn the knob, or get your paw under the edge and try to pull the door open. I must exit through the same door I entered. I have been using bathrooms for years; canine attendance is not mandatory.

The proper order is kiss me, then go smell the other dogs' butt. I cannot stress this enough. It would be a simple change for you. To pacify you I have posted the following message on our front door...

**Rules for Non-Pet Owners Who Visit
and Like to Complain About Our Pets:**

1. They live here. You don't.
2. If you don't want their hair on your clothes, stay off the furniture. I like my pet a lot better than I like most people.

To you, it's an animal. To me, he/she is an adopted son/daughter who is short, hairy, walks on all fours and doesn't speak clearly. Dogs and cats are better than kids. They eat less, don't ask for money all the time, are easier to train, usually come when called, never drive your car, don't hang out with drug-using friends, don't smoke or drink, don't worry about buying the latest fashions, don't wear your clothes, don't need a gazillion dollars for college, and if they get pregnant, you can sell the results.

April Birthdays

Kenneth P Geohegan	Apr 1
William J Kubida Esq	Apr 3
Maj Alan Bowen	Apr 7
Perry B Bach MD	Apr 8
Jan Caffey	Apr 8
Paul G Novak	Apr 14
William G Ebersohl	Apr 18
Julie Armstrong	Apr 21
Monica L Klodnicki	Apr 22
Dr Raymond Steiner	Apr 23
Steven E Boggs	Apr 28
Diana M Bayette	Apr 29
Stephen Andreorio	Apr 30

NOTE: If you don't see your birthday posted here, it's probably because that information (and perhaps more) is marked "non-releasable" on our rosters. If you'd like to check on your personal information release status, please contact American Mensa (1-800-66-MENSA) or go to www.us.mensa.org and under Member resources, select the PDQ section.

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7 6:30 PM Ex-Comm Mtg & Dinner @ Good Company	8	9	10	11	12 6:00 PM Poker Night
13	14	15	15	17	18	19 10 AM Colorado Springs Pioneers Museum
20	21	22	23 8:00 pm Reservations for Ultimate Saturday Supper	24	25	26 6:30 PM Ultimate Saturday Supper Iron Springs Chateau Melo- drama Dinner Theater
27	28	29	30			

April Calendar

Monday, Apr 7th, 6:30 pm: April ExComm Meeting and Dinner. The April ExComm Meeting and Dinner will be at Good Company, 7625 North Union (at the corner of Briargate and Union), www.goodcompanybar.com. Please join us for a short (very short) Executive Committee meeting and then dinner afterwards. As with all our events, Mensa members and their guests are welcome.

Saturday, Apr 19th, 10:00 am: Colorado Springs Pioneers Museum. It's time to visit our city museum and see what's new! One of the featured displays right now is "The Simpich Story," which displays over 100 figurines created by the Simpich Company. The making of these collectables started in the Simpich home in 1952 and continued until Jan and Bob retired in 2006. Another featured exhibit is the presentation *Marketing the Mountain: Pikes Peak in the Popular Imagination*, which shows advertising used by civic boosters and businesses to promote our area and which feature Pikes Peak as a focal point. And, as always, our museum has their *Relics and Oddities* display, which features some of their most unusual artifacts. Please meet at the Museum's front desk at 10:00 am. The Colorado Springs Pioneer Museum is at 215 South Tejon and admission is free.

Wednesday, Apr 23rd, 8:00 pm: Reservations for Ultimate Saturday Supper!! Call Al at 635-4910 to confirm a seat at the table and a chair in the theater at the Iron Springs Chateau Inn on Saturday!

Saturday, Apr 26th, 6:30 pm: Ultimate Saturday Supper at the Iron Springs Chateau Melodrama Dinner Theater! "For more than 45 years, the Iron Springs Chateau Melodrama Dinner Theater has provided the Pikes Peak Region with an evening of hilarious comedy and quality entertainment. The evening begins with a family-style dinner with the melodrama immediately following (audience participation is strongly encouraged). After the melodrama, a foot-stomping sing-along and vaudeville olio full of song, dance and comedy continues the fun throughout the evening." The Chateau dinner is chicken and BBQ beef (and sides), and there is a full service bar. The Dinner and Show package prices are: Adult: \$28.50; Child 12 & under: \$15.50; Senior 62+: \$27.00. (Tax and tip not included.) The Iron Springs Chateau is at 444 Ruxton Avenue in Manitou Springs. Visit www.ironspringschateau.com for more information!

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