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I heard the bells on Christmas Day
Their old, familiar carols play,
And wild and sweet
The words repeat
Of peace on earth, good-will to men!

Henry Wadsworth Longfellow
(1807-1882)

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"Something with a Christmas theme. I went up to see the Chickadees on Christmas Day 2007 and took this shot. You will correctly suppose that it was a challenge to get the little guy to wear the hat."

Bill

Our cover shot photographer, Bill Kositzky, and friends at the Mad Hatter Margarita party.

A Note from the Editor



Many of you know that I am a retired high school math teacher. One of my favorite December projects was to use the song "The Twelve Days of Christmas" as a last-day-before-the-holidays activity. And so, to tickle your left-brain, grab your calculator and I will give you the following two questions:

1. What would be the total number of gifts given by my true love? (Note: A partridge in a pear tree counts as one gift, while two turtle doves counts as two, and three French hens as three, etc.)
2. What is the total cost of these gifts in modern currency values? (I'll help you with the pricing. Unfortunately, the 2009 values won't be available until November 30, long after the *Neva-Mind* must go to print. However, I'll supply you with the 2008 Consumer Price Index costs.)



While you're summing the totals, please enjoy our 2009 RG, Reno-ssance, photos (most by cover photographer, Bill Kositzky.) What a party we had! Happy Holidays!

Anna■

Front cover: Partridge: $199.99 and Pear Tree: $20
Turtle doves: $27.50 each

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French Hens:
$10 each

From the LocSec

by Bob McAllister



Bob greets guest presenter Mark Vollmer.

Ordinary, Duodenary Number Twelve

The number twelve has a unique place in our different cultures. Unique in its ubiquitous appearances and that it seems to be taken for granted — almost unnoticed.

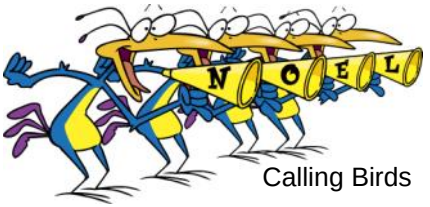
Examples are that:

- There are the twelve disciples in the Bible with the twelve points of doctrine in the Apostles' Creed.
- Precursor societies of Western Society depicted the twelve signs of the zodiac.
- In Japan there are acknowledged twelve signs of the zodiac, known as Kanshi.
- In the ancient beginnings of Islam, the chief of the prophets said, "After me my successors shall be twelve, the first being Talib and the last being Al Mahdi." (Names that we see much in the news these days.)
- The end of the Mayan 'Long Count Calendar' says that the End of Days shall be "twelve."
- There are the Contra Twelve Philosophers in Chinese history.
- In the Commonwealth of Israel, there is the concept of the new Twelve Tribe spiritual Israel.
- We have twelve members of a jury.
- There is a twelve-step procedure to be addressed in recovering from addictions.
- At the highest level, soil taxonomy places soils in one of twelve categories known as orders.
- There are twelve-string guitars which seem to strike appreciative chords with listeners.

That's twelve examples of twelve which needn't be gross (bad pun.) Twelve happens a lot, though. Ever notice?

At the other end of the heliacal clock of midwinter, we have midsummer. (That's twelve months, by the way.) Felix Mendelssohn, at the age of 17 composed the overture music for Shakespeare's “Midsummer Night's Dream” — Mendelssohn's “Opus 21.” Twenty one juxtaposed is twelve... (Okay. that's too much of a stretch for twelve.)

The number twelve occurs with an extraordinary frequency in humanity. If there's a cogent reason for this, it certainly eludes me — and it can't be coincidence. (My earlier years with SFPD cautioned me against coincidence. I'd flippantly tell people that, during the twelfth month, " 'Tis the season to be wary.")



Calling Birds (canaries) $149.99 each

This season, though, the beginning of harsh weather, is also a time for the harbinger of good will. A time of the year of our most taxing time of survival also is a time when we reach out and frequently make that offer of no-strings-attached good will.

I wish that your close of 2009 finds you in a good place.

Peace and Good Will to All. ■

Thank You Reno-ssance Volunteers

Greetings and Salutations to the Biggest Little RG Crew. "We Do the Impossible" is more than just our motto, it is what we do. Your reputation as the “Little Group than Can” has spread far and wide. From our National Leadership down to local groups even smaller than we are, the example has been set. Nothing is impossible, Reno proved that. When asked how we can possibly do such RGs which rival AGs in scope and quality, my answer is simple, we have the best crew in Mensa, and we don't accept less than we would be happy attending. Our goal is, and always has been, for everyone to have a good time.

Making this all possible are the volunteers you will find listed below, and many non-Mensan friends who believe in our goal of everyone having a good time. It takes a crew who are dedicated to serving others and giving of their free time to make such an event happen. I publicly and whole heartedly thank the Biggest Little RG crew and the other volunteers for making Reno-ssance the *rockingest* party of the year in Mensa.

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John Preisach, Security
Anne Stewart, Publications, Auction, and Registration
Anna Wright, Co-chair, Registration, and Hospitality
(and sincere apologies if we missed someone.)

Golden Rings:
$69.99 each



Notes From the ExComm on November 14, 2009

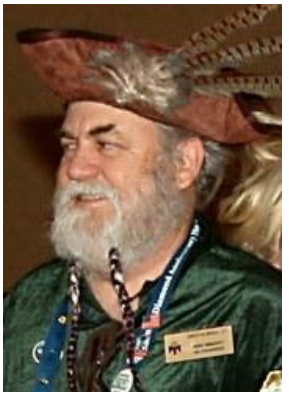
Not having a quorum, the ExComm did not formally meet on November 14. However, present were Bob McAllister, LocSec; Carole Preisach, Treasurer; and Anna Wright, *Neva-Mind* editor.

January Monthly Meeting

Saturday, January 16
Time: Arrive after 6 p.m. Speaker at 7 p.m.
Potluck dinner, so bring a dish to share.
Speaker: Reno author Jack Harpster will address the club in January with his talk, "So you want to write a book."
Hostess: Loren MacArthur, Reno

Snake!

by Ken Wright



It was the summer of 1973, and I was stationed at Fort Benning, Georgia, in the Army. We lived in a little town called Smith Station, Alabama, which was about 30 minutes drive from the base. The road I traveled brought me in the back side of the military reservation, on the opposite side of the Chattahoochee River from the Lawson Army Airfield.

The airport control tower was my destination on this slightly damp day, and I had reached the Alabama side of the base, just across the river from the NW end of the runway. Ahead of me on the two-lane road, which was lined by kudzu vines, making it tunnel like, but with an open top, was a sedan blocking the road.

I slowed down to a speed which didn't even register on my speedometer because the car was backing, and pulling forward, then backing again, like they were attempting to do a three point turn around, but had omitted the turning part. When I got closer, I could see that it was a military police (MP) vehicle with two soldiers inside of it. About two car lengths away I came to a complete stop in my travel lane and waited. That is what one does when an official vehicle is blocking the road in front of you.

The driver finally noticed me sitting there and brought his vehicle into the opposite lane with his window up and his face mashed against the glass, looking for all the world like, (and forgive me my police friends) Porky Pig. He looked at me, waved me forward and pointed down at the road next to his car.

I crept forward and leaned out of my open window to look, much to the horror of the MP driver who had his window up tight, and his door locked. He was gesturing and pointing wildly downward. I looked and looked and all I could see was a bicycle inner tube with a red patch on it lying on the center line of the road.

By gesturing I got the frightened MP to roll his window down a couple of inches so I could hear him.

"SNAKE!" he said, and pointed down, nodding his head yes vigorously for emphasis.

I looked again to be sure and leaned back into my vehicle, struggling hard not to laugh. I made a motion like drawing a pistol out of a shoulder holster and Porky nodded and spoke to his right seat partner, who pulled his sidearm. I gave the OK sign and saluted and Officer Porky-in-Charge returned my salute with a snap.

Continuing on to work, I looked in my rear view mirror and was not at all surprised to see an MP patrol car continuing to kill a bicycle inner tube “snake.” They are very dangerous you know; they can leap straight up off the pavement and through car windows if you give them a chance!

I suppose that I should feel safer that our military police are on the job, but somehow all I can see is Porky Pig killing an inner tube when I close my eyes. ■



Many warm welcomes were given at the Reno-ssance Registration table: Diana Carter and Anne Stewart.



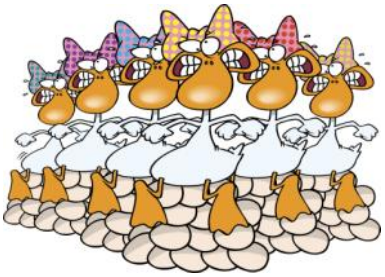
Souvenir pins, sold here by our indispensible Gal-Friday, Ashley, were a popular item at the RG Registration desk. (They are still available to you, too, $5.)



Welcome!

Eli Ganska (Sparks), Joseph Pelletier (Fallon)

Willkommen, Bienvenidos, Chaire,
Irashaimasu, Dobro pozhalovat', Bienvenue



Geese: $40 each

1. The Bible says how many wise men visited the infant Jesus?

a) 0
b) 1
c) 2
d) 3
e) 4
f) 5
g) The Bible doesn't specify a number

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December



Birthstone: Turquoise

Flower: Narcissus

Astrological Signs:

Sagittarius: November 22 - December 21,

Capricorn: December 22 - January 19

Happy Birthday!

2	Don Dixon	Carson City
2	John Clague	Zephyr Cove
7	Ted March	Fernley
8	Joseph Orzano Jr.	Reno
9	Sherey Gould	South Lake Tahoe
11	Harley Moe	Reno
15	Walter Hyatt Jr.	Fallon
16	Roger Moffitt	Reno
19	Robert McAllister	Washoe Valley
19	Eric Marks	Reno
20	Joseph Pelletier	Fallon
23	Josee Perrine	Carson City
24	Squy Wallace Jr.	Elko
26	Kevin Mancuso	Sparks
27	Jude Moran	Sparks
28	Dr. Gerald Lockhart	Carson City
30	Jim Marks	Denio

The Twelve Days of Christmas, and the associated evenings of those twelve days (Twelve-tide), are the festive days beginning on Christmas Day (December 25) through to the evening of the Twelfth Day of Christmas, (January 5.) Thus, the first night of Christmas is December 25 - 26 and Twelfth Night is January 5 - 6. This period is also known as Christmastide. The day after Twelfth Night is Epiphany on January 6.
http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Twelve_Days_of_Christmas



Swans: $800 each

2. Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer was invented by whom?

a) Charles Dickens
b) Washington Irving
c) Clement Clarke Moore
d) A Coca-Cola artist
e) A Montgomery Ward copywriter
f) A CBS television executive
g) The identity of Rudolph's creator is unknown

PUZZLE PAGE

by Joe Kisenwether

For each puzzle, fill in the empty square with letters so that a word is formed when either of the two shown letters is used. For example, one answer to puzzle 1 would be **O-EN**, because **OMEN** and **OXEN** are both words. Some puzzles (including number 1) have more than one correct answer.

1 M / X

2 W / X

3 O / B

4 A / T

5 A / P

6 L / Y

7 A / T

8 O / Y

9 I / S

10 O / B

11 E / S

12 W / Y

13 E / V

14 C / R

15 H / R

16 D / Y

17 C / H

18 F / J

19 H / P

20 A / B

21 H / Z

22 S / Z

23 E / N

24 L / R

25 S / Q

26 K / G

27 I / L

28 O / T

29 G / Z

30 F / K

31 E / N

… The term “calling birds” in the song is a deviation from the original term “colly” or “collie bird.” “Colly” means “black” and came from the old word for coal, so the four colly birds in the carol are in fact blackbirds. http://www.bbc.co.uk/dna/h2g2/alabaster/A212266

Milk Maids: 1 hour, each working at $6.55 per hour





Fun, fun, fun. Is that all we ever do in the Games Room?

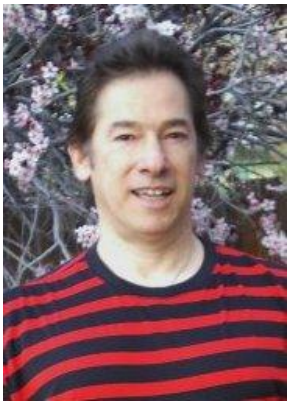
YES!





Answers to November puzzle:

1. West, North, South	- Directions	11. Cantaloupe, Peach, Apple	- Fruit
2. Pants, Shirt, Jacket	- Articles of clothing	12. Fry, Bake, Boil	- Cooking methods
3. Copper, Gold, Tin	- Metals	13. Heart, Club, Spade	- Card suits
4. Sturgeon, Flounder, Herring	- Fish	14. Yard, Inch, Mile	- Units of Distance
5. France, Spain, Greece	- Countries	15. Earth, Saturn, Mars	- Planets
6. Ford, Chevy, Dodge	- Car manufacturers	16. Hammer, Saw, Wrench	- Tools
7. Eggs, Bacon, Toast	- Breakfast food	17. Oak, Willow, Maple	- Trees
8. Aries, Taurus, Libra	- Zodiac signs	18. Red, Yellow, Blue	- Colors
9. Eyes, Ears, Nose	- Parts of the face	19. Knife, Spoon, Fork	- Eating utensils
10. Turkey, Goose, Chicken	- Birds	20. King, Duke, Count	- Royal titles



Program Listing:

by Richard Arbib

December Monthly Meeting: Holiday Party

Saturday, December 19
Time: Arrive after 6 p.m. for potluck dinner and holiday party.
Bring a dish to share.

No speaker tonight, but let's have a **big party**.

December Meeting Gift Exchange: Join the surprise! Bring a wrapped gift ($10 limit) suitable to give to anyone and join in the Yankee Gift Exchange.

Hosts: Bob and Mary McAllister
Location: 350 Old Washoe Circle, Washoe Valley
Telephone: (775) 849-2269

Directions: From Reno, travel south on Highway 395. After the intersection of Highways 395 and 431 (Mt. Rose Hwy.) the distance will be another 7.1 miles.

Watch for Dry Creek Garden Company. When the cement highway divide ends/disappears, make an immediate left turn into Old Washoe Estates. Unfortunately, this will be directly across the northbound Hwy. 395 traffic. Please be careful.

If you are coming from the south on Hwy. 395 through Washoe Valley, the right turn into Old Washoe Estates will be approximately 100 yards north of the Texaco Station.

At the gate, key in #9467. (The # sign is necessary as well as the numbers.) The neighborhood consists of a traffic circle with four tributary spokes. The traffic circle is called Old Washoe Circle. 350 Old Washoe Circle is at the juncture with Wild Life Way. Look for a grey two story house with white trim and lots of parking space. ■

3. The pair of Santa's reindeer we know as "Donner" and "Blitzen" were originally called what?

a) Donner and Blitzen
b) Donder and Blitzen
c) Dunder and Blixem
d) Dunder and Blixen
e) Dun and Bradstreet
f) Donnie and Barie
g) None of these



Ladies Dancing: 3-hour concert, each working at $176.26 per hour.

Calling All Mensa Adventurers! (CAMA!)



Join us for our second annual excursion to the "TubaChristmas" concert. "It's like listening to the largest pipe organ that you can imagine playing all of your favorite holiday songs." And, if the spirit moves you, you are welcome to sing along. Everyone had a great time last year! Afterwards, please join us for a hot cup of coffee and cheerful conversation.

Where: **Wilbur D. May Museum, Rancho San Rafael, Reno**
When: **Saturday, December 5 at 3 p.m.**
Cost: **Free**
Parking: **Free**

Seating fills up quickly, so I recommend you get there early.

For more details:
http://www.tubachristmas.com/readtcloc.php?TCState=NV&TCCity=Reno

Calling All Mensa Adventurers! (CAMA!)

There's no such thing as too much music in December. The CAMA! group invites you to join us for the Reno Wind Symphony Christmas Concert to hear the angelic higher voices of the orchestra. Not a repetition of the previous outing, the music this time will be more in the classical genre. Coffee and conversation afterwards? Of course!

Where: **Nightingale Concert Hall, UNR, Reno**
When: **Sunday, December 13 at 3:00 p.m.**
Cost: **Free**
Parking: available next door in the parking garage and that's usually **free**, too.

Check it out:
http://calendar.unr.edu/calendar/2009/12/reno-wind-symphony.aspx

Need more info?
Email me, Anna Wright, editor@northernnevada.us.mensa.org

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- Seal the centers of all of the open edges .
- Add postage.
- Drop in the mailbox (the ballot is pre-addressed)

- OR give it to your Election Officer, Barbara Day, or any ExComm member.

Thank you.

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Voting Deadline is January 1, 2010

Northern Nevada Mensa 2009 Ballot
for Executive Committee (ExComm) - 2 Year Terms
Voting Deadline is January 1, 2010

Position:	Candidate:	Please mark your Ballot with X for the candidate of your choice OR fill the Write-in space.
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	Write-in:	_____
2nd Vice-Secretary:	Gerald Lockhart	☐
	Write-in:	_____
Treasurer:	Carole Preisach	☐
	Write-in:	_____

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December 2009



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5 Games Night
6	7 Pearl Harbor Day	8	9	10	11	12 Chanukah Begins
13	14	15	16 Lunch Bunch	17	18 Islamic New Year	19 Mensa Party
20	21 Winter Solstice	22	23	24	25 Christmas	26 Kwanzaa Begins
27 Islamic Ashura	28	29	30	31 New Year's Eve	Jan 1	Jan 2 Games Night

Games Night at Joe's Place: Saturday December 5, Potluck. 4:30 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. 1047 Table Mountain Court, Sparks
Contact: (775) 338-6521 or joe_kisenwether@hotmail.com.

Third Wednesday Lunch

The lunch bunch meets a week early to put some distance between it and Christmas. Prepare to indulge as we're heading for the lunch buffet at the El Dorado Hotel and Casino, 345 N. Virginia St. Meet at 11:45 a.m. at the entrance to the buffet (before buying tickets) -- or find us inside on Wednesday, December 16. The master chef prepares a lush spread, and the pastry chef has upgraded the eye-catching desserts. Cost is a little higher than usual, around $11, but, hey, it's the holidays. (Free parking with validation.)

For information, call Loren,

back from purgatory, at 746-2938.

MORE, MORE, MORE!

CAMA! excursions see page 13.

Testing Session: December 5 at 10 a.m. in the Ansari Business Building room 201 on the UNR campus. It takes about 2 hours. Annemarie McTaggart will be the proctor. Bring $40, a picture ID, and your favorite pencil! (If you don't have one, we'll provide one. Ha!) Let me know if you have more questions.
Contact: Mindy call or text (626) 230-0466.

Happy Holidays

Complete the clues at the right. Then find the words in the grid. Words can go horizontally, vertically and diagonally in all eight directions. When you are done, the unused letters in the grid will spell out a hidden message. Pick them out from left to right, top line to bottom line.

G R O M C Y O M A N G E R D T I D

I E N I H L T H G I N G S W E B R

I T N D E O G F K D T M N O E L O

S N Y N S H Y C L I E O E R Y O J

Y I U I T A T H N O N V S R A D Y

O W S G N O S E U R D G R N R T F

T S U H U R O E I E S U S A O Y S

N H A T T D R R N N S G R O C W O

D E L T S I F O O D I C B E L L S

N P C G S O S W C F C E A S H S R

I H A S T A M H N Y T M L T L A S

S E T A E A I E T I L E Y E T I N

G R N S N L W R H D I L G K L L A

N D A H D Y E W A G L N O E R P E

I S S R E E P Y H O A N N H E A W

K Y E A D L O G J E A T R ! M R H

M N R E E D N I E R S I L V E R R

Clues:

1. __, we have heard on high
2. The __ of St. Mary's
3. And the Grinch himself __
4. The __ are lowing
5. And be of good __
6. __ roasting on an open fire
7. Some __ see him
8. __ the snowman
9. Silver and __
10. __! The herald angels sing
11. The __ and the ivy
12. O __ night
13. A right __ old elf
14. __ to the world
15. Good __ Wenceslas
16. We three __
17. Away in a __
18. Have yourself a __
19. It came upon a __
20. And a happy __ __ (2)
21. Silent __
22. The first __
23. Join in any __ games
24. __, the red nosed
25. Yes, Virginia, there is a __ __ (2)
26. 'Tis the __ to be
27. While __ watched
28. __ night
29. __ bells
30. In a one horse open __
31. Let it __ !
32. In the meadow we will build a __
33. __ of wonder
34. Down through the chimney with lots of __
35. Oh Christmas __ !
36. I'm dreaming of a __

_ _ _ _

Reno-Sance

October 2 - 4, 2009



Mark Twain
portrayed by MacAvoy Layne



Swinging poi lessons











Reunion: 2009 Burning Man SIG





Best Male Costume:
Don MacGregor



"Silent"
Auction



A little good-natured fun provided by Asha Belly Dancers.



Second Place Costume Couple:
Bob And Joyce Patterson-Rogers



Best Female Costume:
Susan Heimlich
Best Couple Costume:
Susan Heimlich and Michael Eager

More fun by Bohemian Burlesque.
Yes, Burlesque!









Games Room!



Hospitality with comfort and style





Crossbow Tournament winner: John Recht



Drumming lessons

Mensa for Kids Website:



Four new lesson plans have been posted at www.mensaforkids.org/teachers; you can also access them through the Parent/Teacher Resources section of the Mensa for Kids Web site, www.mensaforkids.org. New lessons include:

- Shapes, for Kindergarteners
- Action Fractions, for 2nd graders
- Screenplay, for 7th graders
- Magical Musical Tour (literary elements), for 9th/10th graders

Since these plans are designed to be completed with minimal supervision, they serve as independent coursework either in the traditional classroom or outside it. You can view the course materials online and download complete copies to hand to your favorite gifted student(s).

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Web addresses provided by Don and Laura MacGregor
Thanks!

4. On which of the following days do stores generally record their highest level of sales?

a) The day before Thanksgiving
b) The day after Thanksgiving
c) The first Saturday in December
d) The last Saturday before Christmas
e) Christmas Eve
f) Christmas Day

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5. Beginning in 1965, a pair of brothers-in-law traded what gift back and forth for the next 25 years?

a) A pair of moleskin pants
b) A 15-inch fruitcake
c) A bust of Richard Nixon
d) Two turtle doves
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f) None of the above

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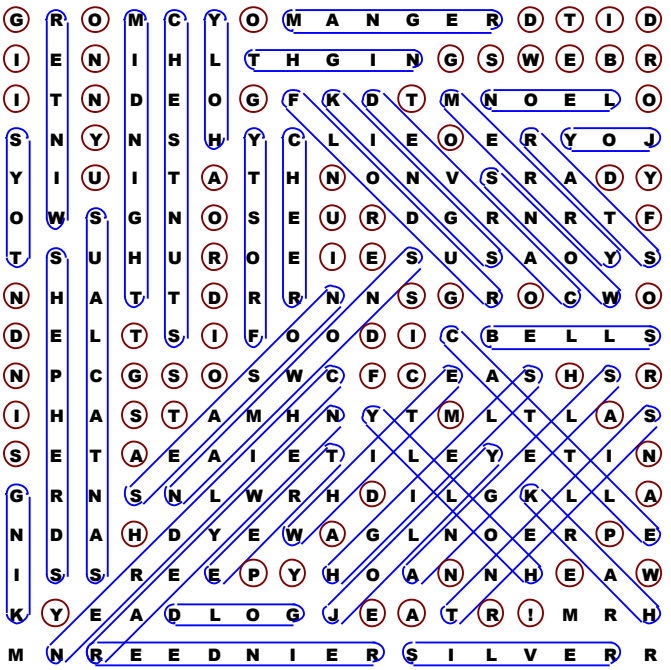
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1. There are a total of 364 gifts given. The mathematical series: n(n+1)/2 = (1 + 2 + 3 + … +12) = 78 gifts would be the count for last day only. Similar series for each of the other days must be added together to get the total.
2. The cost on the last day, rounded to the nearest dollar, would have been $2,475. But, we need to add in all of the costs for the other days as well. The grand total, again rounded to the nearest dollar, would be $86,609.

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AML	American Mensa Ltd. (National Office Employees)
ExComm	Executive Committee (Local Elected Officers)
LDW	Leadership Development Workshop
LocSec	Local Secretary (Local President)
M/Ms	Mensans
MERF	Mensa Education & Research Foundation
MIL	Mensa International Ltd.
NNM	Northern Nevada Mensa
PRP	Publication Recognition Program
RG	Regional Gathering (Conference)
RVC	Regional Vice-Chair
SIG	Special Interest Group
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