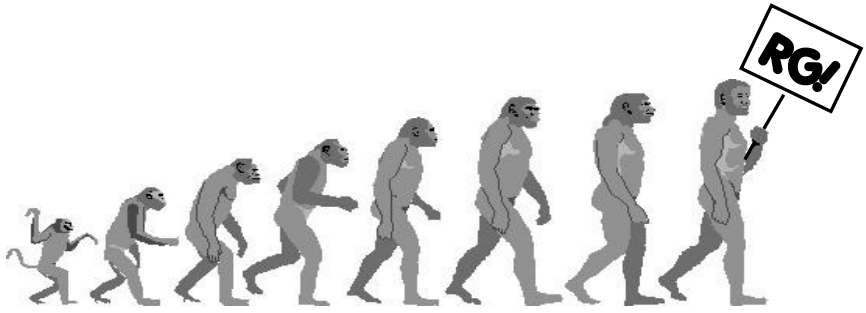
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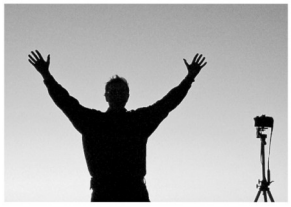
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A Note from the Editor

Can you believe it? It's our first Regional Gathering ever and it's just around the corner! I want to encourage everyone who can to come out for this event. If you can't attend the entire time, register for just one day as a walk-in. If you're a Mensan then there's surely something to pique your interest in our program (pages 6-8). And, as the registrar I have been hearing from Mensans who have moved out of the area and are returning to this event hoping to meet some of their old friends from earlier times. Hospitality has a gorgeous view from the 35th floor with plenty of drinks and snacks. So come out and join us at the Silver Legacy!

Anna ■

We must, indeed, all hang together

or, most assuredly, we shall all hang separately.

Benjamin Franklin (1706 — 1790)

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Without these people, how would we keep Northern Nevada Mensa running?

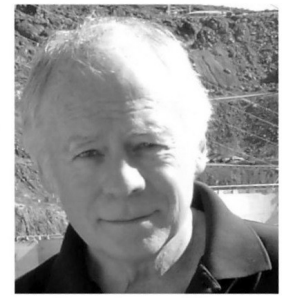
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From the Loc-Sec



by Bob McAllister

We have approximately two months (less, by the time this reaches you) until our country has new officeholders.

I repeat, like a stuck record, all of our ills and complaints can be lain at the feet of one root cause — overpopulation. This is an issue that is never addressed in our politics and, of course, for good reasons.

For one, economists have shown that a population that doesn't grow ends up with an economy that doesn't grow and becomes stagnant. One of the reasons is that other populations that do grow will supplant the one that becomes stagnant. If the sky is no longer the limit, it is an approach that has outlived its usefulness.

Even with our slow growth in the US, we have become overpopulated and the rest of the world is exploding. So, exploding numbers in the human population are more of a problem in the rest of the world which, in turn, impacts everyone — even slowly overpopulating USA. Rather than eliminating excess populations through power plays, perhaps we should have been attempting to assist other populations with their out-of-control growth. Granted, though, that's not necessarily easily accomplished when we, ourselves, are being attacked.

In this election time of our four-year recycling, I'd like to leave you with this thought:

"You can fool some of the people all of the time and you can fool all of the people some of the time, but if you can do it once, it'll last for four (or even eight) years."

'A. Lincoln - paraphrased' ■

October Monthly Meeting Saturday, October 18 at 6 p.m.

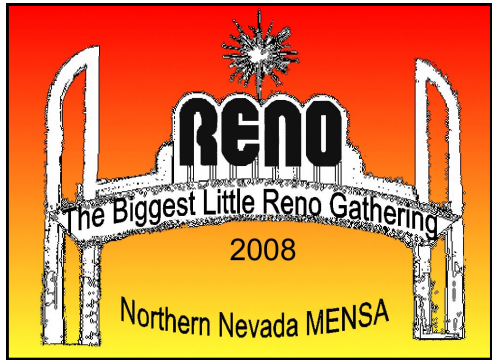
by Richard Arbib

Dinner and Movie Downtown.

6 p.m. sharp: Meet for dinner at the Contrada Cafe restaurant inside the Siena Casino on the corner of Center Street and Mill Street in downtown Reno. The Contrada Cafe has a large menu, good food, and reasonable prices. We can put tables together so that we're all seated as a group. After dinner, we'll go to a movie at the downtown theater on Sierra and First Street, just two blocks away. Parking is free in the Siena parking lot. Since most of us will have attended the Mensa Regional Gathering the weekend before our monthly meeting, we will have heard many great speakers. This will be an opportunity to socialize and see a movie together afterward. The movie will be decided by a group vote of everyone who meets for dinner. Local members who have not been active at meetings are especially encouraged to show up and meet your fellow members. You will find us to be a friendly group of people.

Friday, October 3, 2008

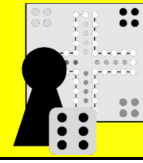
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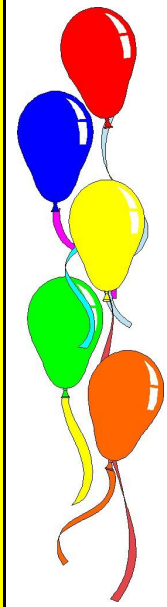
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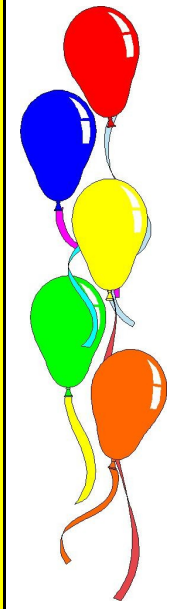
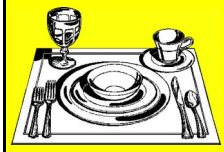
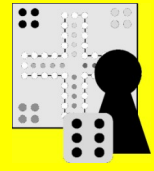


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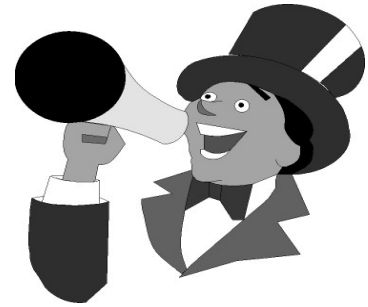
Friday Only Walk–In Rate $30

Saturday October 4, 2008

Silver Baron Room	B	D	E	C	Hospitality	Lobby
9:00 AM	Mensa Admissions Test 	Healthy Biking Adventures: Australia	Great Basin Rock Art	Games Room Open 	Hospitality Open ROOM 3501 	Registration Open 
9:15 AM						
9:30 AM						
9:45 AM						
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10:15 AM		Buddhism 	Davidson Academy			
10:30 AM						
10:45 AM						
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11:30 AM	Canadian Aboriginal Women	Biofeedback 	Donner Party Chautauqua			Saturday Only Walk–In Rate $40
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12:30 PM	Lunch Break					
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1:30 PM	Chocolate Tasting	Inside China & Tibet 	Autism & Service Dogs			
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7:30 PM		Keynote Speaker: Joe Giampapa Success in the 21st Century			Hospitality Reopens	Pub Crawl Begins at Rum Bullions 
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Sunday, October 5, 2008

Silver Baron Room:	A	C	Hospitality	Lobby
9:00 AM	**Closing Speaker Larry Greene on Energy and Environment**	**Games Room Open**	**Hospitality Open**	
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10:45 AM				
11:00 AM				**Hotel Checkout time**



Last Call For Help!

We still need lots of extra hands to help at the RG.
What can you volunteer to do?

Here are some jobs that take two hours or less.

1. How about as a ***speaker shepherd***? - Welcoming the speaker and helping them find their speaking room. Could you read a written introduction to the attendees? (Contact Gloria Dondero, volunteers page)
2. Do you like to hang out in ***hospitality***? You could do a short tour as host by smiling, handing out drinks and filling up potato chip bowls. (Contact Dr. Gerald Lockhart, volunteers page)
3. Lead a dinner group through the casino complex to their destination on ***Dining Out Night.*** (Contact Ken Wright, below.)

Would you like to know more about your own
Reno RG coming up in October?
Contact **Ken Wright**, **strtwlkr2@charter.net** .



From the RG Chair

by Ken Wright

Welcome Back My Friends to the Show That Never Ends, with apologies to ELP (Emerson, Lake and Palmer) for stealing their line, I welcome you all to the Biggest Little Reno Gathering, the very first such event in the history of Northern Nevada Mensa and affectionately known by the crew as the Impossible Gathering. You know the drill; nobody would take on that responsibility, and IF they did, nobody would help, and IF they did, nobody would show up... Oopsie! Here Y'all Are!

To update and change the quote from Las Vegas, "What happens in Reno, doesn't stay in Reno; it goes home with you as a great memory."

This is the wish and the goal of the entire cast and crew of the *Biggest Little Reno Gathering: Come Play with Us*. From the local group member who answers a question for you, to the speaker who delays his or her meal to listen to your comment, to the sleepless RG crew member who forgoes that one chance to sit down to get you what you desire, to the hotel managers who stick their neck out to give us that break we needed to make things work out better, the goal is the same, to give all who attend the best experience possible.

Your mission, should you accept it, is to soak up as much fun as you can, and pass it on.

Thank You and Welcome.

Ken■

Do or do not; there is no try.

Master Yoda, Star Wars



November Monthly Meeting

Saturday, November 15

Speaker and location still to be determined.

Volunteer hosts needed.

Please contact

Richard Arbib at 685-2600.



↑
Missing in the photo, our photographer Richard!



Above, Mensans pose with their Wing Chun Kung Fu Instructors at the August Mensa Meeting.
Back Row: Joyce, Bill, Ken, Joe, Gerry, and Dave
Middle Row: Anna, Gloria, and Loren
In Front: Instructors Kip and Roman

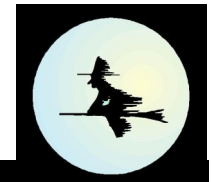


SNAPSHOTS



Above: Ron, Ken, Anna, Gloria, Jason, and in front Patrick and Ashley. Here's a toast to you from our intrepid Pub Crawlers checking out the environment at Cin Cin in the El Dorado. Cin Cin is a possible stop on the RG Pub Crawl, Saturday night, October 4, and specializes in good wines and live music. (Cin Cin, pronounced chin chin, is an Italian toast.)

October 2008



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2 	3 RG!	4 RG!
5 RG!	6 HDAR	7	8	9	10	11
12	13 HDAR	14	15	16	17	18 MENSA Meeting (details on page 5)
19	20 HDAR	21	22 LUNCH BUNCH	23	24 Sacramento Mensa RG	25 Sacramento Mensa RG
26 Sacramento Mensa RG	27 HDAR	28	29	30	31 	

National Mensa Testing Day is Oct 18

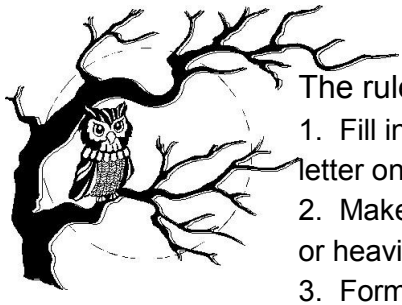
HDAR: High Desert Attitude Reconsideration

Every Monday—Join Mensans for an evening of conversation and drinks starting around 5 PM at Crosswinds in the Airport Plaza Hotel, 1981 Terminal Way, Reno.

October 22 Wednesday

Fourth Wednesday Lunch

The Lunch Bunch visits an Indian restaurant on Wednesday, October 22. Meet at 11:45 a.m. at Chutney Indian Cuisine, 1290 E. Plumb Lane, in the Costco center. The buffet lunch is $8.95 and offers a generous assortment of Indian dishes. For information, call Loren at 746-2938.



Sudokugram

The rules of Sudokugrams in a nutshell:

1. Fill in the empty squares with the letters in the Letter Pool, using each letter only once.
2. Make sure there are no repeating letters in any of the rows, columns, or heavily outlined 2 x 2 boxes.
3. Form twelve different sets of four letters in the rows, columns, and 2 x 2 boxes so that each set can be anagrammed (unscrambled) into a common, clean, non-capitalized word.

Puzzle 4

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	Y	I	
F	A	E	
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Sudokugrams is an American Mensa puzzle book by Alan Stillson and Frank Longo (Sterling Publishing, 2007). It's the first sudoku variation book to combine Logic (Sudoku) with Language (anagrams). Mensa Educational and Research Fund (MERF) gets a portion of the proceeds from all sales of *Sudokugrams*. This puzzle published with permission of Alan Stillson.

Letter Pool**: D E D U C T I O N**



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- you can go to http://www.us.mensa.org/profile (requires login) and check the box at the bottom of the page which reads "I would like to receive publications electronically if available. **I will not receive these publications via regular mail**." then click "Submit".



Numbers Trivia (author unknown) *recreated by Anna Wright*

A long time ago I played a puzzle very similar to this one. Unfortunately, I couldn't find my original copy, so I made a new one. Enjoy!

Each of the following phrases begins with a number. Except for the smaller parts of speech, all the rest of the words in the phrase have been replaced with the first letter of the word they represent.

Example: 76 T in the B P would be "76 Trombones in the Big Parade"

1 20,000 L under the S
2 99 B of B on the W
3 5 S in the H B
4 13 D in a B D
5 81 S in a S P
6 4 Q in a G
7 13 S on the A F
8 101 D
9 221B B S (A of S H)
10 100 C in a M
11 77 S S
12 5,280 F in a M
13 50 S in the U S A
14 1,001 A N
15 4 and 20 B B in a P
16 7 W of the A W
17 12 A M
18 10 A in the B of R
19 7 S
20 9 I in a B G
21 3 S (L, M, and C)
22 5 G R
23 26 L of the A
24 3 B M
25 100 Y in a F F
26 4 S and 7 Y A
27 9 P in the S S (now there are 8)
28 15 M on a D M C
29 64 S on a C B
30 3 T in a T
31 5 R on the O F
32 12 S of the Z
33 200 D for P G in M
34 29 D in F in a L Y
35 18 H in a G C
36 10 D S (A of B P M)
37 88 K on a P
38 3 C in a F
39 10 C
40 4 P in a B
41 16 P A (A of the U S P)
42 4 H of the A
43 212 D F (T at which W B)



AML Nominations

In accordance with the Bylaws and ASIEs of American Mensa, the National Nominating Committee forwarded the following names to the Election Committee and to the AMC as approved candidates:

POSITION: NAME		
Chair: Elissa Rudolph Chair: Dave Swanka	1st Vice Chair: Cookie Bakke* 1st Vice Chair: Dan Burg	2nd Vice: John Recht* 2nd Vice: Craig Thighe
Secretary: Scott Rainey Secretary: Judy Vasiliauskas	Secretary: Guy Conti Secretary: Heather Poirier	Treasurer: Cary Chilson Treasurer: Cyndi Kuyper
	RVC8: Debra Reiger* unopposed	

I would like to thank the hard-working members of the National Nominating Committee for their time and effort.

Susan Heimlich*
Chair, National Nominating Committee
NomComm@us.mensa.org

* These people have made plans to attend our RG. (Cookie is also giving a presentation.) Come and meet them face-to-face! - - Anna



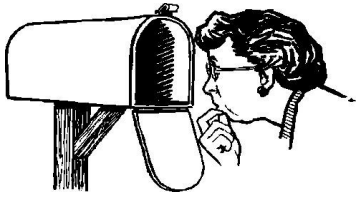
60 MINUTES (*and it's about us!)*

As some of you may know, Lesley Stahl of 60 Minutes attended the Annual Gathering in July and filmed for an upcoming story about Mensa. At this time, we do not know the exact date the story will air, but her producers have indicated that it will be this fall.



NEW MAILING LIST FOR NORTHERN NEVADA MENSA

by Todd A. Jacobs



Bad news for all the Luddites in the audience. Good news for all of us. Northern Nevada Mensa has moved into the 21st century by creating a mailing list for distributing announcements and encouraging online discussions within the group.

For community discussions and flash events that may not have made it to the calendar, please sign yourself up for the mailing list using your web browser:

http://tinyurl.com/5bz9x7

If you have an aggressive web filter or firewall you may subscribe yourself via automated email by sending an email to:

northern.nevada.mensa-subscribe@codegnome.org

Since this is a community effort, the usefulness and success of the list is ultimately up to the people who join. We hope you'll add your support and make this an integral part of your local Mensa participation! ■

Mensa Dues to Increase January 1, 2009

Inflation rates across the country have soared in the past year, and American Mensa has felt the impact throughout our budget. In the past year, expenses in areas including fuel, paper and postage have increased nearly 45%. We have balanced most of these increases by "tightening our belts" in every budget category, but a dues increase has still become necessary.

Effective January 1, annual dues will increase to $59. Second family member rates will increase to $39, 3-year memberships to $160 and 5-year memberships to $260. Please note, you may renew at the current rates until December 31, 2008. Visit www.us.mensa.org/renew or call 888-294-8035 ext. 199 to renew this year and lock in current rates for a 3-year, 5-year or Life Membership.

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Northwest Passages

by *John Recht, Regional Vice-Chair*



When I spoke about the Governance Project last month, I asked for ideas and feedback about the strategic planning process and specific goals that you would like to see the American Mensa Committee (AMC) include on our list of priorities. This month I will continue on that theme.

First, we need to identify what the important issues are. Here is a list of suggestions:

1. What model of governance can American Mensa adopt that ensures the following:
   - Compliance with all relevant laws and requirements
   - Clarity of authority and accountability
   - Appropriate expectations of today's volunteer
   - Effective and timely decision-making
   - Transparency and confidentiality
   - Trust between and among key stakeholders?
2. How can Mensa determine which programs/services need to be reinvented and which need to be “sunsetted”?
3. What are the unique and relevant benefits of membership?
4. How will Mensa develop new revenue streams?
5. How can Mensa improve the public image/perception of the organization and its members?
6. How can national ensure that the reality of the Mensa member experience matches expectations?
7. How can Mensa capitalize on web technologies to create new dimensions in the member experience?
8. What can we do to eliminate confusion between the American Mensa and the International Mensa brands?
9. What kind of pricing strategy should Mensa pursue?
10. How can Mensa build a better understanding of what its members want?

If you have additional suggestions, please send them to me at rvc8@us.mensa.org, and I will make sure that they enter into our discussions. Once we have identified our top choices from among the list of issues, here is the process that Tecker Consultants has recommended to the AMC for our strategic planning purposes:

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October

1	Phillip Fuller	Ely
8	Gloria Dondero	Reno
9	Kelly Heapy	Truckee
9	Becky Smith	Sparks
10	Richard Campbell, Jr.	Carson City
10	Stuart Finlayson	Carson City
12	Diane Howard	Carson City
14	Minnis Alderman	Ely
15	Loren MacArthur	Reno
24	Katherine Stangland	Sparks
25	Anne-Louise Bennett	Reno
27	Donald Newman	South Lake Tahoe
27	Emma Schmelzer	Reno
30	Jennifer Sanches	Fallon

Welcome Back!

Keith Winchester of Carson City
Willkommen, Bienvenidos, Chaire, Irashaimasu, Dobro pozhalovat', Bienvenue

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When we get together in November, the AMC will first work on our strategic plan, and then one or more of the mega-issues. If the AMC agrees to go down this road it will be a very different way of doing business for us, but it is the way that business is done in the 21st century and I am looking forward to it. The Strategic Planning page on the AML web site will be a good place for you to keep tabs on our progress. Look for it in Inside AML under the tab for "AMC & Appointees."

Finally, it's not too late to plan to come to all three Regional Gatherings (RGs) in Region 8 this fall. I'll be in Reno for the RG from October 3-5; ***Biggest Little RG*** information and registration are available on the Northern Nevada Mensa Web site at http://northernnevada.us.mensa.org/. Sacramento Regional Mensa always puts on a terrific RG, and the 25th Gold Country RG - ***High Q Silver....Away*** will take place from October 24-26. Contact Rod Baker at drrodbaker@juno.com for registration information. Another excellent choice is San Francisco Regional Mensa's RG, ***Brilliance By the Bay***, which is on tap from November 28-30. Details and a registration form are available at http://www.sfmensa.org/rg.html. Hope to see you there!■



Solution to Puzzle 4

P	N	I	E
A	W	T	R
M	E	S	I
C	I	P	H

Letter Pool: **D E D U C T I O N**

Across: DUES, TINY, FACE, IDOL

Down: TOFU, LADY, SIDE, NICE

Boxes: DUTY, SINE, FOAL, DICE

Note: Other anagrams like CAFE are okay

Numbers Trivia *recreated by Anna Wright*

Aha! You expected to find answers here. These are hints.

Answers will be supplied next month.

1	literature/language	23	literature/language
2	music/theater	24	music/theater
3	science/geography	25	sports/games
4	measurement	26	social studies
5	sports/games	27	science/geography
6	measurement	28	music/theater
7	social studies	29	sports/games
8	literature/language	30	measurement
9	literature/language	31	social studies
10	measurement	32	misc.
11	music/theater	33	sports/games
12	measurement	34	measurement
13	social studies	35	sports/games
14	literature/language	36	social studies
15	music/theater	37	music/theater
16	science/geography	38	music/theater
17	music/theater	39	literature/language
18	social studies	40	measurement
19	science/geography	41	social studies
20	sports/games	42	literature/language
21	music/theater	43	science/geography
22	music/theater		

Mensa-Speak

AG	Annual gathering
AMC	American Mensa Committee (National Elected or Appointed Officers)
AML	American Mensa Ltd. (National Office Employees)
ExComm	Executive Committee (Local Elected Officers)
LDW	Leadership Development Workshop
LocSec	Local Secretary (Local President)
M's	Mensans
MERF	Mensa Educational & Research Foundation
MIL	Mensa International Ltd.
NNM	Northern Nevada Mensa
PRP	Publication Recognition Program
RG	Regional Gathering
RVC	Regional Vice-Chair
SIG	Special Interest Group
SIGHT	Service of Information, Guidance and Hospitality to Travelers

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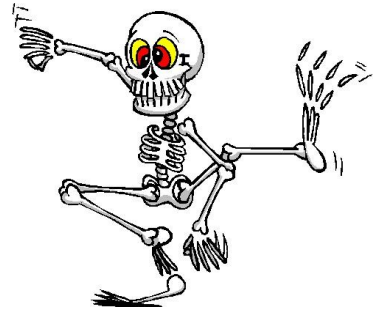
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Brilliance By the Bay

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In downtown San Francisco
November 28 – November 30, 2008



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