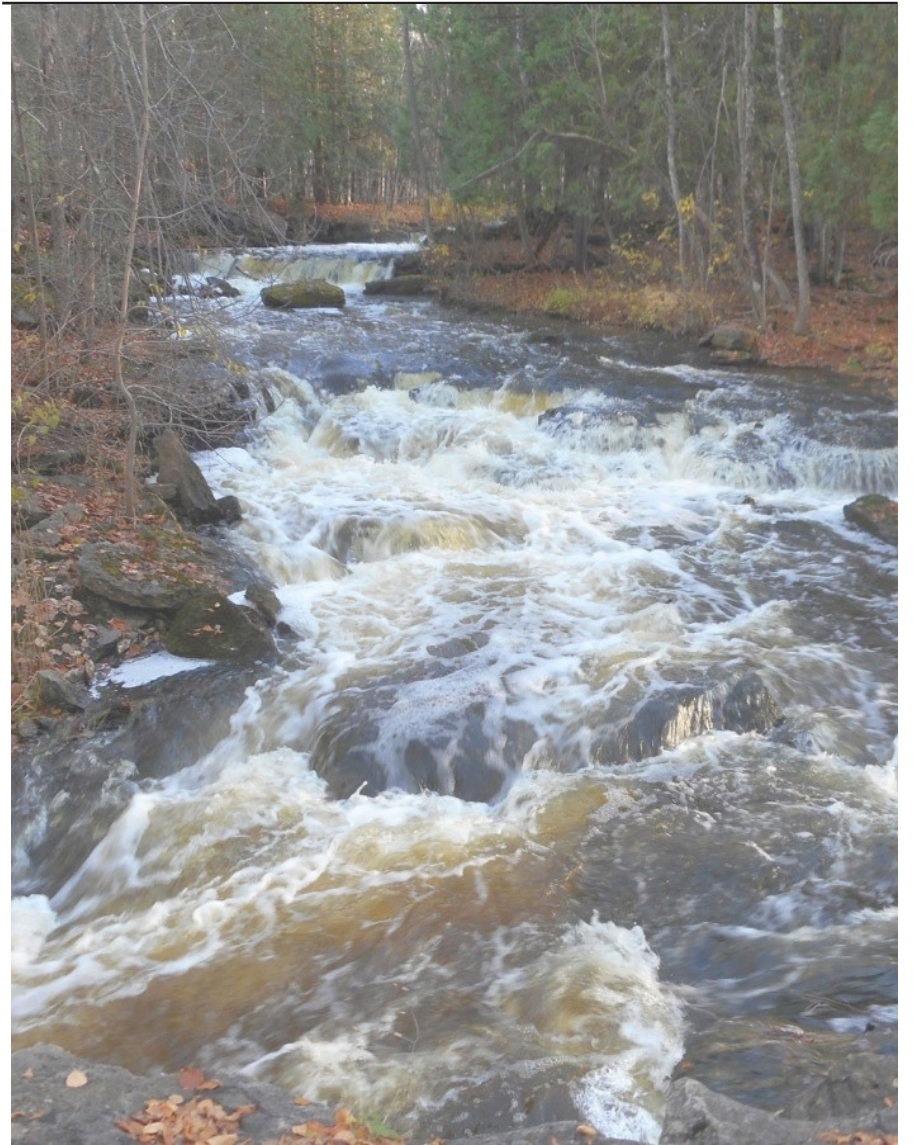


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SEMM Book Club - Zoom meeting

Friday, August 5, 2022, 7:00 PM Eastern

We of NMM have our own book club, of course: Bibliomensans. It's a great group! Try joining us if you haven't already, or if you haven't recently.

Meanwhile, the SouthEast Michigan Mensa (SEMM) book club is also good. Don't believe the name: sometimes there's only one Mensan from that club; sometimes we NMMs outnumber them. Mensans from all over the country join. It's a good group with a different format - reading half a book every two weeks.

Book: Micro (second half)

Author: Michael Crichton

The book reads like a standard Crichton adventure novel with a distinct sci-fi theme. Leave it to Crichton, however, to include some serious food for thought - such as a naturalist's prescription to alleviate the current plague of "theory" infesting various academic disciplines.

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for an invitation, or for more information - such as "What does 'second half' mean?"

NMM ExComm - Zoom meeting

Tuesday, September 13, 2022, 11:00 AM Eastern

Contact an NMM board member for Zoom invitation link



From the Regional Vice Chair

I am continuing to spend time travelling the region, and meeting all of you. Yinz are all such wonderful people, and it is a huge honor to serve you.

As of right now, I have visited (or fully engaged with online) a vast majority of the chapters in the region, and I am finding patterns to the conversations I'm having. It seems to me that I can do a little bit of FAQ with you.

Q. How is our membership size in Region 3 of Mensa? How does my chapter compare?

A. Chapters in R3 vary wildly, from the smallest chapter of 70 to the largest chapter of 833 members. We have 16 chapters in total. Most have fairly stable membership numbers, but there has been a concerned effort to focus on retention and involvement and a little less on recruitment.

Q. What kinds of events are people attending in other chapters?

A. The first answer on this is pretty much always going to be food. Yes, seriously. Feed them and they will come. But it's even more fundamental than that: people are attending the same kinds of things that YOU want to attend. I don't think there's a single group that discourages members from putting things on their calendars that they want to attend, in the hopes someone will join them. Running, craft beer, museums, golf, knitting, physics: we have members that participate in all those things and more. And they're hoping you might set something up. Many members are also now engaging completely online based on things like special interests. Mensa can meet a lot of different needs for different people now, and we continue to build in resilience.

Q. What's this Mensa Cares thing?

A. Mensa Cares is our way of making our communities better by investing a little time in them. While officially we do it during April, groups can do service projects any time of the year. We have amazing brains, and the opportunity to use them feels great!

- URL: <https://www.us.mensa.org/volunteer/community-service/>

From the Regional Vice Chair

Q. Why do you correct yourself when you say MERF?

A. The Mensa Foundation stopped being/using MERF some time ago. There's more emphasis today on being more than scholarships, but also engaging in the study and support of giftedness throughout the lifespan.

Q. Why didn't I see you at the AG?

A. I was there. I promise. I just spend a LOT of time in meetings and similar commitments. I did also give a Leadership Development Workshop (LDW) again this time, this time on the Mensa Hearings Process. Plus we had a Regional Meet and Greet on Saturday!

Q. Are there resources available to groups to increase communication?

A. YES! We have online tutorials for building better websites, we have Email Your Members, Mensa Connect, and a fantastic national office. Chapter funds can be spent on a zoom account. Groups often mentor and support each other like good neighbors and share online events. I'm also happy to help groups with ideas and seed money when appropriate.

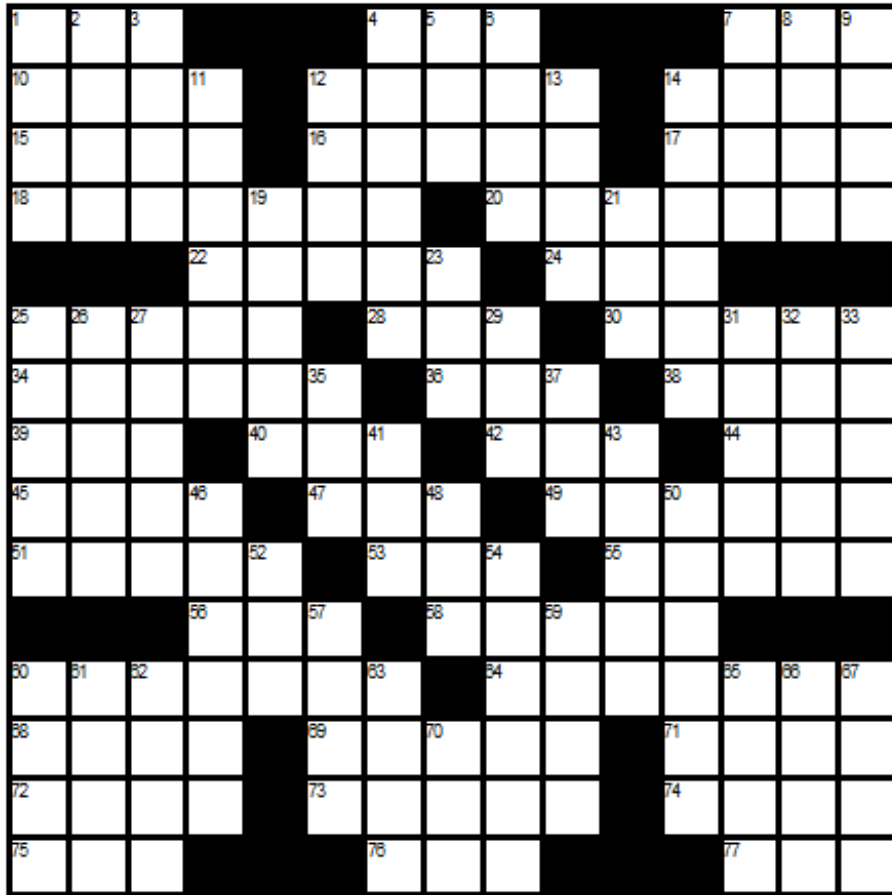
Q. What about my friend? They're also a member. Have you met them?

A. I'm an extrovert who joined in the mid 90's and has always lived in Region 3. If they're active, there's a pretty good chance I've met them. And if I haven't, I'd like to!

~Lora Mitchell, Regional Vice Chair 3

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Crossword - "College Mascots"



RLTurner, Sept, 2022

August cryptogram answer:

Dost thou love life? Then do not squander time, for that is the stuff life is made of. - Benjamin Franklin

September cryptogram hint: The letter 'S' is encoded 'T'

Across	Down
1 Chicago time in summer	1 Taxies
4 School Mascot - Mike the tiger	2 Painter of melting clocks
7 Kitten's cry	3 Woody plant
10 Retired persons Org	4 Optical devices
12 Charter	5 Disconsolate
14 Indonesian island	6 Secondhand
15 French cheese	7 French Sudan
16 Concluded	8 Vivacity
17 Actor Alda	9 Forelimb with feathers
18 Mountain range	11 School Mascot - Boilermaker Pete
20 Resisting	12 Sheet of paper
22 Postpone	13 Paradise
24 Nothing	14 School Mascot - Joy the black bear
25 Embryo	19 Polymer used in varnish
28 Encounter	21 Tell a lie
30 Bungle	23 Arbiter
34 Even though	25 Cabbies' customers
36 Respiratory disease	26 Gentry
38 Govern	27 Cut of beef
39 Argentine destination	29 Shade tree
40 Affirmative gesture	31 Ballerina wear
42 School Mascot - Sparty the Spartan	32 Metallic sound
44 Assess	33 Jinxes
45 Sicilian Volcano	35 Male cat
47 School Mascot - Tim the beaver	37 Chant heard in the Olympics
49 Adjust	41 Morse code dot
51 Looks for	43 Voice
53 Container	46 School Mascot - Zippy the kangaroo
55 Elephant teeth	48 Facial twitch
56 Carpet	50 School Mascot - Riptide the pelican
58 Desert animal	52 Last day of the wk.
60 Same word; different meaning	54 Capital of the Bahamas
64 Pound cake brand	57 Greek sandwich
68 Persia	59 Algebra class
69 Cook with dry heat	60 Stylish people
71 Goose egg	61 Dunking cookie
72 Home of Machu Picchu	62 Marketplace
73 Ms. Winfrey	63 Swabs
74 Ceases	65 Set down
75 Drunk	66 Swirl
76 Mascot: Peruna, a Shetland Mustang	67 Alleviate
77 Change hue	70 Fortify

It's Greek to me Sudoku

Complete the grid so each row column and 3 x 3 box contains every symbol in the set: α β χ π ε φ γ η ι

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This month's recipes are for precursors, or "secondary ingredients" - things you use for making other things. Of course you can find such recipes by the dozens on the internet but these are tested in the home kitchen and they actually work.

Greek Salad Dressing

(for use in making Greek or Mediterranean salad)

Makes one pint

- 1 cup olive oil
- 1/2 cup red basil vinegar
- 1/4 cup lemon juice
- 4 garlic cloves, minced
- 2 teaspoons Dijon mustard or similar
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon pepper
- 1 teaspoon dried oregano

Shake vigorously from time to time, let marinate together.

Italian Seasoning

Of course you can buy this in the store premade. But if you use a lot of it you might want to make it in bulk. Make presents for the upcoming holidays - give to friends in small decorative jars.

Mix the following thoroughly and store in an airtight jar:

- 4 ounces each:
 - Oregano
 - Basil
 - Marjoram
 - Thyme
 - Rosemary

Puzzles & Answers

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August Sudoku:

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September cryptogram:

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