

Space Coast Area Mensa



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From Your LocSec

Welcome to the July edition everyone. I often sit and wonder about things. This month I wonder who is or isn't getting the newsletter? To answer that question, I need your help. Shoot me a quick email and let me know if you are getting the newsletter. If your preference is print, it should arrive in your mailbox. If your preference is electronic, you should be notified by National once I've uploaded it there. I've never seen the email that National sends out so I don't know if it contains a copy of the newsletter or if just sends you a link. The second question I would like to know the answer to is assuming that the email from National contains only a link to the newsletter. If that is the case, please let me know if you actually go to the National site and download the newsletter. I also post the newsletter under the 'Files' tab on the SCAM Facebook page and on our Discord server. I am hoping to learn how many of our members are actually getting the newsletter and how you get them would be nice to know as well.

Your ExComm is hard at work planning an event at the Brevard Zoo. It won't happen until September/October time frame though as there are many things to work out. We will be partnering with Central Florida Mensa and will strive to bring you an event to remember while still making it affordable to everyone. More on this later as details get worked out.

A big thank you to **Arleigh Sharpe** who volunteered for the Deputy LocSec position. He was officially confirmed during the June ExComm meeting and he is already hard at work for you. I still need two volunteers for the Nomination/Election committee. I promise this would not take more than a few hours of your time between now and the end of the year.

Lastly, our CultureQuest XXXIII score was again adjusted; out of the 250 questions, we answered 161 correctly.

Jim Fitzgerald

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RVC10—Thomas G. Thomas

At this writing, the agenda for the American Mensa Committee (AMC) meeting in July has not been finalized, so I cannot provide details. However, I will post notices on the Region 10 Mensa Connect community and the Region 10 Facebook group once the agenda has been finalized. By the time you read this, the agenda for both the AMC meeting and the Annual Business Meeting (ABM) plus the quarterly reports from officers and committees should be available at <https://www.us.mensa.org/lead/amc/meeting-reports/>.

The AMC meeting will be held on Thursday, July 7, 2022 in conjunction with the Mensa Annual Gathering (AG) at the Nugget Casino Resort in Sparks, NV, and the ABM will be held the next day, on Friday, July 8. I expect that members who are not in attendance at the AG will be able to listen in on the AMC meeting via a link to be provided in early July, or via a recording posted after the meeting. At this time, I do not know if the ABM will be similarly recorded (it was not last year).

Before each AG, the Mensa Foundation presents a full-day Colloquium on a single major topic, with this year's topic on July 5 being "Giftedness Across The Lifespan: A More Complete Picture". Speakers will present on topics ranging from emotional and social lives of gifted youth, careers and work environments of gifted adults, aging and support for gifted elders, and more. For the first time, the Colloquium will include a livestream option, so members who cannot attend in person can still participate, both in ob-

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servicing the presentations and participating in the question & answer sessions. There is a (discounted) fee of \$99 for virtual registration, or \$79 for Mensa members, with an additional \$20 discount for students. More information can be found at <https://www.us.mensa.org/attend/colloquium/>.

Over the past year the Volunteerism Task Force has worked on examining volunteerism in social organizations in general and providing recommendations to improve volunteer levels and satisfaction in Mensa, with a final report to be included for the July meeting. This report will be included with the committee reports at the link referenced above. The report is comprehensive, and will be valuable at the local group, regional, and national levels.

One of the places I need to improve upon in this area is getting more volunteer involvement at the Regional level. While I have focused on attending Local Group business meetings when I could, I have not been able to put as much time into the various project-level positions in the Region. For instance, all local groups should have some sort of Gifted Youth program, but I'm not fully qualified to help with that. A better approach would be to have a Regional Gifted Youth Coordinator to help the local group Gifted Youth Coordinators with advice and support. While I have been managing the Region 10 social media, having an individual serving as a Region 10 Social Media Coordinator to advise and support the local groups would be more efficient. There are a significant number of young adult Mensans, but I'm not in that demographic anymore (however much I wish I were), and having a Regional Young Adult Mensan (YAM) Coordinator to help encourage and develop YAM programs in local groups would be invaluable. And so forth.

To this end, and to help identify leadership beyond the local group level, I will be posting Region 10 Coordinator positions on the Volunteer Marketplace (<https://www.us.mensa.org/volunteer/volunteer-marketplace/>). In addition to the positions already mentioned, I'll be looking to appoint a Regional Ombudsman, Regional Testing Coordinator, Regional Membership Coordinator, and more. I'll announce these on the Region 10 social media platforms (links below) as I complete each posting. If you're interested in any of these, or have any feedback to offer, please read up on the descriptions and let me know.

Until next month (or until I see you online),

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The Way of the Tao

By Stacy Strickland

For mathematicians born in July, I chose to read about Terence (Terry) Tao (born 17 July 1975). Tao's parents are first generation immigrants from Hong Kong to Australia. His father was a pediatrician born in Shanghai and earned his MD at the University of Hong Kong. His mother received first-class honors degree in astrophysics and mathematics at University of Hong Kong.

Tao is an Australian -American mathematician and professor of mathematics at UCLA. His research involves partial differential equations (one of my interests), combinatorics, probability theory, and analytic number theory. He was a recipient of the 2006 Fields Medal (many consider this the Nobel Prize for mathematics). He was a 2006 MacArthur Fellow and has co-authored over 300 research papers.

A child prodigy, Tao is one of only two children in the history of Johns Hopkins University Study of Exceptional Talent Program to have achieved a score of 760/800 on the SAT math section at the age of eight years old. He is the youngest participant to date in the International Mathematical Olympiad, first competing at the age of 10. He is the youngest winner of each of the three medals (bronze, silver, and gold) in the Olympiad's history, having won the gold medal at age 13. At present, he is a person with a record-ed IQ of 175+ (extrapolated to above 200). He received his bachelor's and masters' at the age of 16 from Flinders University (a public research university in Adelaide, Australia) and held a Postgraduate Fulbright Scholarship while attending Princeton University.

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This month we will learn about the Internet of Things, or IoT. IoT is actually a bit of a misnomer because IoT devices don't actually connect to the Internet. Instead, they connect to other devices which are connected to the Internet.

IoT from the consumer perspective is usually related to 'smart home' technologies. These include refrigerators, ovens, thermostats, Alexa, Google Home, smart clothing, kitchen gadgets, lighting, security and much, much more.

To qualify as IoT, the device only needs to meet two criteria: 1) it must connect to another device that in turn connects to the Internet, and 2) it must be addressable (capable of having its own IP address). In the world of technology, these two things are very easily achieved, which helps to explain why we have billions of IoT devices connected in 2022. Nobody can give a precise number of course, but even estimates vary wildly. IoT handles massive amounts of data and it is measured in Zettabytes. Most people can comprehend easily the storage or data transfer of 1 Terabyte (TB). 1,000 TB equals 1 Petabyte. 1,000 Petabytes is 1 Exabyte and 1,000 Exabytes is equal to 1 Zettabyte. The next step would be Yottabyte. Suffice it to say that a Zettabyte is a tremendous amount of data.

There have been some interesting studies and analysis on various aspects of data storage. Michael Lesk, in the 1990's loosely quantified how much storage would be required for the Library of Congress's; films, images, and so on. You can read about it right here: <https://www.lesk.com/mlesk/ksg97/ksg.html>.

What can IoT do for you?

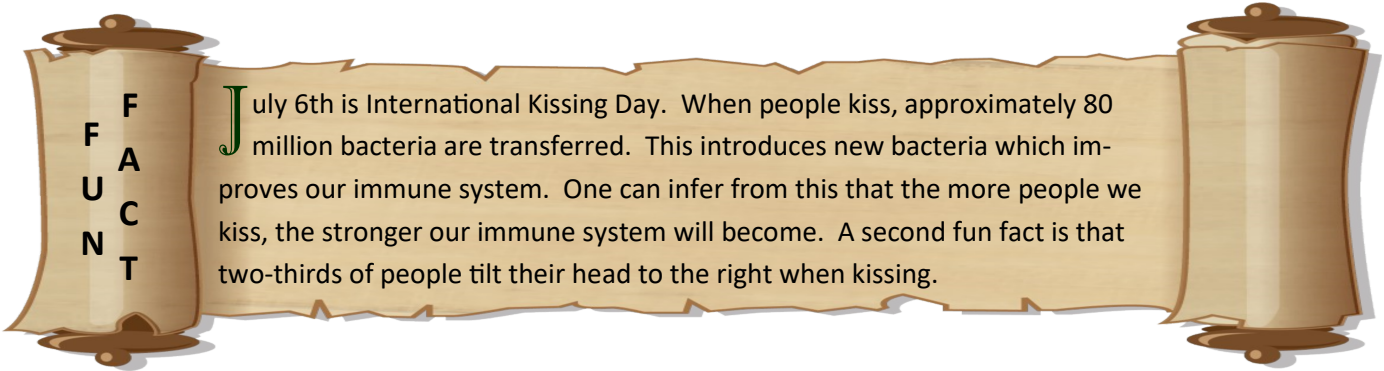
Let's take a quick look at the humble doorbell. A smart doorbell actually provides quite a few useful services. It notifies you when someone approaches or is at your door, it takes a video based on motion activation and stores it in the cloud, and it allows you to answer the doorbell from anywhere in the world so long as your phone is connected to the Internet.

The doorbell is a great example of IoT. The doorbell would be connected to your home network. Your home router is connected to the Internet. Your smart phone is actually connected to the Internet and not considered to be in the realm of IoT but, since the doorbell is connected to something that is connected to the Internet, your doorbell can send a notification to your phone. Really, that is pretty cool but IoT doesn't stop there.

Smart ovens can notify you when your oven has finished preheating, it can turn itself off when your food is done by using a temperature probe and then sending you a notification. You can even start your oven while away so your food is ready when you get home. Smart appliances often have a 'phone home' feature where the appliance contacts the manufacturer when an error is detected from internal diagnostics.

Smart refrigerators can show you a live view of the inside so you can see what the contents are when away from home. Probably not very useful in practice but interesting in theory. It can also track expiration dates and help you compile a shopping list.

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July 6th is International Kissing Day. When people kiss, approximately 80 million bacteria are transferred. This introduces new bacteria which improves our immune system. One can infer from this that the more people we kiss, the stronger our immune system will become. A second fun fact is that two-thirds of people tilt their head to the right when kissing.

The Internet of Things

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Smart phone apps go hand in hand with your smart devices. Apps can gather information from your smart refrigerator and suggest recipes based on what you actually have on hand. This can include the smart pantry you've always dreamed of too.

For pet owners, you can buy a collar that is part of the IoT ecosystem which allow you to track your pet's location and even its health.

Speaking of health, IoT devices exist that allow remote monitoring of heart rate, blood pressure, and temperature of patients not physically present in the doctor's office. Even pacemakers can be IoT.

IoT spans a vast array of uses and not all of it is great or even useful. It takes effort to create an IoT device; hardware development, software, testing, certifications, etc. With all that, you would think that every IoT device out there is useful and solving a real-world problem. Sadly, that is not the case. A few examples are in order; 1) An egg minder that is an egg tray for your fridge that tells you how many eggs you have left and how fresh they are. 2) Smart salt shaker. Yes, you read that correctly. This device includes mood lighting and a built-in speaker complete with a companion app for your phone.

By now you have a good grasp of what IoT is; a truly astounding array of devices and some of them might be useful to you. Before you run out, oh wait, before you jump online and order a bunch of IoT devices to improve your wellness and quality of life, let's talk a bit about security, not the type of security provided by IoT cameras and such. No, I'm talking about security of the devices themselves and the data they store. As consumers, we need to understand only one thing in life, every business out there is trying to make a profit. Nothing is truly free and if it is then it didn't cost that company very much to give it away. In the old days (pre-internet), companies had to make their profit from building quality merchandise and it had to be better than 'the other guy's product'. That is how they earned your repeat business. You would buy a coffee pot from them (think percolator style) and if it was high quality and worked as advertised, you might buy their blender too. That was then and, unfortunately, this is now. Smart consumers need to research before they buy anything. This is especially true for IoT devices, because you effectively hand off some of your control to each device you use. If you don't understand what permissions the device or app gets, you should avoid using it. If you don't understand what data it collects and where that data is stored, you should avoid using it. Today, you must arm yourself with knowledge, and that means you need to at least have some cursory knowledge of smart phone permissions, cloud storage, and IT Security. Like it or not, we are all IT folks.

We will discuss Smartphone permissions, IoT device security, and cloud storage. I can only provide an overview of these areas because newsletters are of limited length and even an overview is going to push me to at least one more newsletter.

Smartphone Permissions: Put succinctly, permissions govern what an application on your phone can and cannot do. When you download an app for your phone, it likely needs certain permissions to do its job. A map application for example needs to know your location so it can provide you navigation. A weather app needs to know your location to provide you correct (ha) weather forecasts. Access to your files, photos, contacts, calendar, microphone, camera, other nearby devices, text messages, etc. are all controlled by permissions. So who grants these permissions to applications? You do. If you download an app that provides weather information, does it need access to your pictures or contacts? Of course not. Does it have access to those? Maybe. Of all the information on your phone, your contacts list is probably the number one thing to protect because it can impact your friends, family, and business contacts.

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Most applications will pop up a window asking for permission to use your microphone, your location, or whatever it needs. You do not have to grant these requests. Obviously a mapping application will have a hard time telling you how to get somewhere if it was not given permission to use your location. Some apps have the option to allow a permission only when the application is in use. I really like that option because my vulnerability is substantially reduced when the application has to be in use before it can access my data. I set all of my apps to this whenever it is an option.

Before installing a new app, go online and review what permissions it needs and why. Many apps ask for permissions it doesn't really need. If you are prompted for your 'step tracking' app to access your microphone, you can tell it 'no'. Will it potentially degrade the app and prevent a feature from working? Possibly. That is why you need to understand what ALL the app does, why it needs given permissions and what those permissions really mean. I know it is a pain to do research on an app that you will use to scan your groceries but it is better to do the homework before installing than it is to find out later that all that new spam email and phone calls you and your friends are getting is because of your new app. As I mentioned earlier, businesses exist to make money. Most apps for your phone are free. Almost certainly the apps that are related to other purchases (such as an oven) will be free when provided by the manufacturer.

What about the apps that aren't tied to a product? You know the ones; useful and didn't cost you a dime. Where is their profit? For many, the profit comes from advertising within the app, a small box at the bottom of the screen that shows an ad while you use their free app. This is profitable because a well-written app that is actually useful may be downloaded by millions of people and used millions of times per day. These tiny ads are harmless right? After all, they can just be ignored. Well, think again, the developers who created the app do not create the ads, they are just using code to pull in ads from ad libraries. Putting it all together: you download an app, grant permissions to it and you unknowingly have granted the same permissions to the ad library used by the developers.

But the app store says this app has been downloaded a billion times so it must be safe, right? Nope. A large number of downloads means it is popular and it earned that popularity by being an app that is useful. North Carolina State University published a study revealing risks through in-app advertising. The risks are a viable threat to your security. From their study of 100,000 apps, 48,139 of them tracked your location presumably to allow ad servers to better target which ads you are shown. 1 out of every 337 apps used ad libraries that made use of an unsafe mechanism to fetch and run code from the Internet. Oh, that study was from 2012. How do you think things have changed 10 years later?

Face it, smart phones are complicated and you need to know them to a greater extent than simply being able to use it as a phone. Protect yourself and understand the devices you use. Back in the 70's, when you bought a car it came with a manual that was maybe 12 pages in length and they were small pages. My latest car came with a manual that was over 400 pages in length. The supplemental manual for the navigation system was another 100 pages. I read them front to back. I do that with virtually everything I buy so that I have at least seen everything provided by the manufacturer. I don't remember all of it, but I do remember all the security related parts and I promptly turn on or off those things I want and don't want. I protect myself with a defensive electronic posture. Having a smartphone brings associated risks so we should at least understand the risks and minimize them where we can.

That covers some of the risks associated with applications on your smartphone. In the next issue, we will learn about security associated with IoT and cloud services.

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Volunteer Opportunities

Your Chapter Needs You

We have a few opportunities for those wanting to volunteer to help out your chapter. Without further ado:

First opportunity: We need two more volunteers for the Nomination & Election committee. This will require very minimal effort. The three person committee would vet anyone wishing to run for a position on the ExComm and publish that list through the newsletter as the list of nominees. That needs to be accomplished as soon as possible to start the election process. The same committee would then meet again and tally the votes. That's it. Real simple and it won't take much time at all. Contact any ExComm member directly if you wish to be on the Nomination & Election Committee.

Second opportunity: Ombudsman. More than just a cool word, in this position you would act as mediator for any disputes within our chapter or with other chapters. This would not be demanding of your time but it is important we have someone to turn to if necessary.

If you are interested in either of the above positions, please contact any ExComm member



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He received his PhD at the age of 21 and joined the faculty at UCLA. In 1999, when he was 24, he was promoted to full professor at UCLA (remaining the youngest person ever appointed to that rank by the institution). He was also awarded a MacArthur Fellowship for his research work.

He is known for his extensive collaboration mindset; by 2006, Tao had worked with over 30 others in his discoveries and reached 68 co-authors by October 2015 (an astonishing number of mathematicians to have done research on topics ranging from harmonic analysis to analytic number theory). As of 2019, Tao has published nearly 350 research papers and 18 books. He has what is called an Erdos number of '2'(This describes the collaborative distance between Hungarian mathematician Paul Erdos and another person. Erdos published 1,525 papers during his lifetime, which is more than any other mathematician in history. It tends to be almost a badge of honor among mathematicians to claim the smallest number possible.) At the age of 10 during this collaboration, Tao can probably claim to be the youngest mathematician with such a small number.

British mathematician and Fields Medalist Timothy Gowers remarked that Tao's breadth of knowledge is incredible. He can lecture and write on several very advanced topics in mathematics. For other areas, he appears to understand at a deep intuitive level of an expert despite officially not working in those areas. How he does all this, as well as writing papers and books at a prodigious rate, is a complete mystery to those who know him. Such is his reputation that mathematicians have competed to interest him in their problems, and has become a type of 'Mr. Fix-it' for those researchers who have hit snags in their mathematical research activities. President Biden selected him to be on the President's Council of Advisors on Science and Technology. He is a member of the U.S. National Academy of Sciences as well as the Royal Society of England. Based on his many accomplishments and awards in both applied and pure mathematics, he definitely deserves the title of 'Mozart of Math'.

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The title of this section uses a common cipher

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What phrase is represented here?

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Answer is at the bottom of page 12

Here are some of the incentives to promote testing at the local group level. For those of us promoting Mensa with friends and colleagues, this is great information to impart if any of them are interested in testing.

- July: 50% off Local Group Testing—Half-price (\$30) LG testing incentive
- Aug. 10-24: \$1 Mensa Practice Test—Practice Test promotion to generate candidate leads
- September: Free Prior Evidence Review—Promotion to coincide with back-to-school season.
- October: 50% off Local Group Testing—Half-price (\$30) LG testing to promote nationwide during Mensa Membership Month.
- November: Free Prior Evidence Review—Promotion held annually.
- Nov. 28: Cyber Monday Promotion—Single-day 99¢ Mensa Practice Test promotion on Cyber Monday.
- Dec. 1-15: \$10 off Private Testing—Timely promotion to supplement window where groups have trouble scheduling testing.

Testing conducted in June

Initial Contacts: 1

Follow-up Contacts: 0

Tested: 0

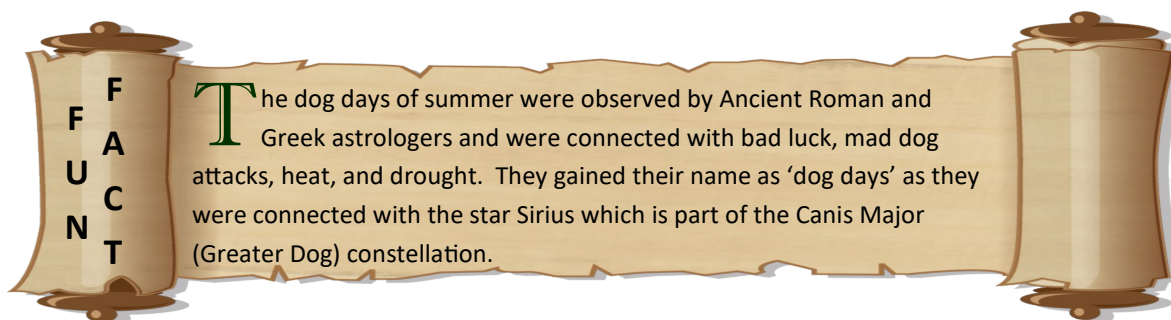
Next test session at the Central Brevard Library in Cocoa (Catherine Schweinberg Rood Central Library) is scheduled for: July 16, 2022.

Prospective candidates should contact us at mensatest@cfl.rr.com

Important Announcement

This will likely be the last full color printed newsletter. Future editions are planned to be printed in grayscale to defer costs. I am making this change because we are still printing and mailing newsletters to nearly half of our members and it costs us more than the stipend we receive each month from National making the number of future newsletters finite. If we can get printed newsletters below 25% of our total member count, I will go back to full color on the printed editions.

Electronic subscribers will continue to get their newsletter in color and all versions I post online will be in color. The savings realized from this change will also help us provide more subsidized events, such as the zoo, later in the year.



Meeting was called to order at 5:45 PM on 6/15/22. In attendance:

Jim Fitzgerald: LocSec

Arleigh Sharpe: Deputy LocSec

Val Valek: Treasurer

Rick Bugado: Recording Secretary

Thomas Thomas: Regional Vice Chair

Minutes from ExComm meeting held on 5/15/22 were read and a motion was made to accept. Motion passed.

Discussions and Motions:

Motion was made to have Arleigh Sharpe fill role as Deputy LocSec—motion passed.

Financial report was provided by Treasurer **Val Valek**. General account contains \$7,492.26 and the reserve account contains \$860.88. A total of \$1,728.57 has been spent on printing newsletters this year.

LocSec announced that Ann Carter volunteered to be on the Nomination/Election committee. LocSec took action to seek two additional volunteers in the July newsletter and asked remaining ExComm members to reach out to members they know and directly seek their involvement.

Rick announced he would provide articles for upcoming newsletters.

Treasurer has no current alternate so, to avoid a single point of failure, the LocSec will become the alternate Treasurer.

LocSec announced that attempts to contact Brevard Zoo group event personnel received no response. Update: LocSec was contacted by Brevard Zoo the day after the ExComm meeting and is moving forward with planning an event for Space Coast and Central Florida Groups.

LocSec to provide rules on new logo design contest which he will announce in the August newsletter. Thomas Thomas provided link to rules governing use of the Mensa logo which will be incorporated into the contest rules.

Suggestion was made to interview members of our group and publish an article in the newsletters with the goal being that we learn more about each other.

LocSec will follow up on a previously passed motion to obtain buttons for Space Coast Area Mensa members. Order to be placed prior to the July ExComm meeting.

Deputy LocSec to contact Enchanted Forest in Titusville as a potential event location. Update: Arleigh visited site and determined it was a good place for a walking event but needs to be held later in the year when it is not as hot and humid.

Recording Secretary to contact King Center and discuss upcoming events and discounts.

Suggestion was made to move meeting time to 6:30 PM to avoid conflicts with work.

Motion made to adjourn at 6:53 PM—Motion passed.

Newsletter Submissions

To submit articles, events, SIGs, announcements, please email locsec@scam.us.mensa.org

All submissions must be received by the Editor before the 15th of the month preceding publication.

Upcoming Events

13 Jul: ExComm Meeting: 6:30 PM meeting via [Zoom](#) Passcode: 719659

17 Jul: Brunch with the LocSec: 11:00 AM meeting at Southern Charm Café, 8501 Astronaut Blvd., Port Canaveral **RSVP**

Picture of the Month



Fireworks

Photo by: Jim Fitzgerald

For the high resolution image, visit the *Picture-of-the-Month* channel on our Discord server

Have a Picture of the Month for the newsletter? Submit to locsec@scam.us.mensa.org.

All submissions must be the original work of the person submitting the image.

Contributed by Eileen L.

Grilled Shrimp with Potatoes

Prep: 5 min | Cook: 30 min | Serves: 4

Pans:

2 heavy duty foil pans, 11 3/4" x 9 1/4"

Preparation:

1 1/2 pounds small potatoes, halved
1 medium red onion, cut into wedges
3 tablespoons unsalted butter, cut into pieces (divided)
Kosher salt
1 12 -ounce bottle lager beer (divided)
1 1/2 pounds large shrimp, peeled and deveined (tails left on)
1 3/4 teaspoon Old Bay Seasoning (divided)
4 cloves of garlic, peeled and roughly chopped (divided)
1/4 cup chopped fresh parsley

Directions:

- 1) Preheat a grill to medium high. Place the potatoes and onion wedges in one of the foil pans. Dot the vegetables with 2 tablespoons butter and sprinkle with 1/2 of the chopped garlic, 1/2 teaspoon salt and 3/4 tsp Old Bay Seasoning; pour in about two-thirds of the beer. Cover the pan with foil and crimp the edges to seal.
- 2) Set the foil pan on the grill, close the grill cover and cook until the potatoes are fork-tender, 20 to 25 minutes.
- 3) Meanwhile, place the shrimp in the second foil pan. Dot the shrimp with the remaining 1 tablespoon butter, sprinkle the remaining chopped garlic and 1 tsp of Old Bay and pour in the remaining beer. Top with a sheet of foil; crimp the edges to seal.
- 4) When the vegetables are almost done, add the shrimp pan to the grill; close the grill cover and cook until the shrimp are pink, 6 to 8 minutes.
- 5) Sprinkle the vegetables with the parsley, and salt to taste. Serve with the shrimp and the cooking liquid from both pans.



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SCAM Web Site

<http://www.spacecoast.us.mensa.org>

SCAM on Discord

<https://discord.gg/s82uBqPTj4>

American Mensa

<https://www.us.mensa.org/>

Mensa Connect

<https://www.us.mensa.org/connect/mensa-connect/>

Your Membership Profile

<https://www.us.mensa.org/my-mensa/my-membership-profile/>

Receiving the newsletter electronically is easy. Just follow these simple steps:

1. Go to <https://members.us.mensa.org/eweb/DynamicPage.aspx?webcode=CommPref>
2. Edit the top box "Publication Preferences" and set 'Local Group Newsletter' to "Electronic" and click 'Save'
3. Done. Told ya it was easy and you save our chapter print costs. Win-win.

Answer from Page 7: Bend over backwards
The cipher used in the title of this section is called Pigpen and translates to **Gray Matters**. You may run into this in an escape room.