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April Trivia Night—Wednesday 10th, 6:30pm at Buffalo Wild Wings

April Excom Meeting—Sunday 14th, 2:00pm at Panera Bread, 500 S. National, Springfield

April Monthly Dinner—Friday 26th, 6:30pm at **The Grotto: Grill Salad Pizza**  
301 E. Battlefield, Springfield, MO

May Cocktail Party—Saturday 4th, 6:00pm at the home of Debra Course, 231 N. Ken, Springfield, MO

May Monthly Dinner—22nd, 6:30pm at Migulito's Wrap & Roll Café, Downtown, Springfield

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### **LocSec Corner: from Gary Kirkpatrick**

Another executive committee meeting is coming up on Sunday, April 14 -- 2:00 PM at Panera Bread at 500 S. National in Springfield. It will be the usual business meeting with possible discussions of the hard drive purchase to archive our local group files, possible locations and subjects for future group meetings, etc.

The Friends of the Library book sale in Springfield at Remington's on Republic Road near Kansas Expressway. A large group of volunteers set-up tables with over 100,000 books and audiovisual items such as CD's, DVD's and VHS tapes. The sale will start with a Friend's night starting at 5:00 PM on Monday for members (\$5 annual dues can be paid at the door) followed by daily sales from 10 to 8 (Tuesday through Saturday) running through the following Sunday. Each year this has raised over \$100,000 for library related activities, including a bookmobile. Most items are fifty cents or a dollar, with a Better Books section for books selling for two dollars or more. Saturday is usually a half-price day, and a bag day starting at 1:00 PM on Sunday with bags selling for \$1 and \$5 (five dollars per bag for books from the Better Books section.)

On a personal note, I've been working on putting together two sudoku puzzle web sites, [minimumsudoku.com](http://minimumsudoku.com) and [sfsudoku.com](http://sfsudoku.com). Dr. Clarke hosted a sudoku get together for our group about a year ago. and we may schedule another Sudoku activity if there is enough interest.

Thanks for all of the members who attend the dinner meetings and other activities, as well as participating on our group's Facebook activities.

## Editor's Note

I'm jumping the gun on spring—don't talk to me about snow next week. I've just had a lovely weekend to feed my spirit. It started with a trip to Fayetteville on Good Friday in search of Mid Century Modern goodies. I was looking for a lounge chair for the living room but had the happy surprise of my daughter being off work and able to travel with my friend Sara and I. Rhi's friend Ashley tagged along as well so the pickup had to stay home this trip. I still managed to find an amazing lamp, an orchid, and a box of heirloom tomatoes to bring back with me.



We found a great mall in Rogers on the way back, hence the orchid and tomatoes. There was a grocery store in the mall that had their orchids on sale for \$20 bucks! We'll see if I can keep it alive. I've never had an orchid before. We also sampled some great gourmet coffee and if it hadn't been a long drive back, some of their artisanal cheeses would have made their way into my shopping cart.

We taste tested some delicious lemon quinoa at Williams Sonoma while we drooled over their copper pans and professional Kitchen aid mixers. I'm also stealing several ideas from Pottery Barn. I'm going to start with the mason jar candles made with sand and braided wire. Why don't we have these stores here?

Yesterday I went to Sutherlands to pick up shelving for my office. I immediately got sucked into the lawn and garden area where I was forced to buy a \$1.99 tomato and a flat of Marigolds (4-pack for .78 cents each). Hmm wonder if the snow supposedly coming in next week has anything to do with those low prices? I don't think I even care. I spent several lovely hours outside yesterday puttering around in the dirt and they're so bright and cheery. I have a plastic painters tarp that may serve double duty as a greenhouse cover.

Today I finished up my homework for my online class and finally got around to making dryer balls for the laundry. Cool Pinterest idea... you have to have real wool, then you wrap it up into a yarn ball, stick it in a pair of panty hose and throw it into the washer in really hot water. Once that's done you dry it, also as hot as you can get it. This causes the yarn to felt which sort of sticks it all together. Once it's finished you just throw it into the dryer with your clothes and it bounces around in there and helps dry them faster. That idea came from a great blog called "One Good Thing" by Jillie. I also managed to paint a clear vase with a mixture of glue and food coloring. It's supposed to look like sea glass when your done. So many projects, so little time.



My new house is just about ready for company so I'm having a party in May. I'm calling it a cocktail party and we will probably have some sort of punch but it'll be a BYOB kind of thing—unless we have a good bartender in our group? If so we'll talk. I'll have appetizers of some sort, and maybe cake. I do have lots of fur babies but they can go to the garage so we can go in and out from the patio. If you're highly allergic though this may not be doable for you. They do live in the house most of the time. Feel free to smoke—in your car on the way over (even though it's really bad for you).

Watch for further details in your email or on our Facebook page. Or possibly a postcard for the electronically challenged. Also, please note that we have an Excom meeting coming up on the 14th. It's open to all members so if you have something to say or want to volunteer (ideas for upcoming events, content for the newsletter, etc.) drop by.

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On Mar. 4, 2013, Treasurer Nick Sanford presented an online overview of the 2013-2014 budget that was prepared by the staff and Finance Committee. The webinar allowed members to listen in and view a Power-Point presentation about the budget and financial expectations for the coming year. Questions were asked via chat during the presentation.

The webinar is available at <http://www.us.mensa.org/amc>; select Webinars from the left menu. The agenda and budget are available at <http://www.us.mensa.org/meetingreports>.



**April 2013 "What's Up In Our Region"**  
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**ELECTIONS!**

Send in your ballot today! Details on all the candidates are in this month's Mensa Bulletin. If you'd like my opinion on any of the other national candidates, please contact me personally at [RVC7@us.mensa.org](mailto:RVC7@us.mensa.org). Once again, here's the info sent to me by our 2 candidates for RVC-7:

**GREG KONTZ** is highly qualified with experience locally (as Area Coordinator, he increased membership in his area of North Dakota with testing at the best per capita ratio nationally), regionally (learned the ropes as my Assistant RVC), nationally (presented leadership workshops at the Annual Gathering); and internationally (one of 3 American Mensans chosen to present leadership workshop at European Mensan Annual Gathering in Prague). Greg is currently Local Secretary for North Dakota Mensa and has won the prestigious Dr. Salny Award.

**JAKE WINSHIP** is an up-and-coming member, finishing his term as Local Secretary for Mid-America Mensa one of our region's largest groups. He is an actuary with a concentration in health benefit systems. He's worked in the insurance industry in Virginia, Connecticut and Dallas-Fort Worth before returning to Kansas City and has been a fast pitch softball umpire, a sports editor and a collegiate wrestler. He's taught religious education in Texas and Kansas and also has co-served as a gifted youth coordinator for Mid-America Mensa.

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS**

**June 14-16** faRGo – our Regional Gathering in Fargo ND! [faRG02013@live.com](mailto:faRG02013@live.com)

**July 2** Colloquium in Ft. Worth "Between Science Fiction and Science" \$69 includes lunch

**July 3-7** Culture in Cow Town Annual Gathering [ag2013.us.mensa.org](http://ag2013.us.mensa.org) Registration \$140; Sheriton Hotel is \$99 per night +fees.

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Looking for new Editor(s) for this newsletter & program currently being run by Jim & Kerin Bunstock. For more information: [jim@bunstock@gmail.com](mailto:jim@bunstock@gmail.com) or [kerin.bunstock@gmail.com](mailto:kerin.bunstock@gmail.com)

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