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Columbia River Mensa

From Our Local Secretary (LocSec)

Bill Sheretz

Interesting facts about Columbia River Mensa: Currently 68 members, covering 13 counties about 27,946 square miles from Oregon to Canada. That equals 411 square miles for each member. 42 of our members are in the greater Tri-Cities area, but Mark, Tim, Bob and I are trying to involve ALL our members, ***especially YOU***! We have also added two more members in the past month! Reminder: We have a Facebook page - https://www.facebook.com/groups/881065439908199!

There are currently 4 of us working on keeping the Local Group running through the Excomm, but we could certainly use some of your help – Open positions include Program/Events Chair, Recruitment Chair -Tim is currently serving as Treasurer, Proctor, Testing Coordinator and Publications Chair/Newsletter Editor! He would certainly appreciate your help!

Tim and I had the opportunity to take a road trip up to Wenatchee in May. We got to have brunch with some of our Wenatchee members and test three new candidates, one of whom passed and subsequently joined Columbia River Mensa. It was truly one of the best Mensa days I have ever had. Meeting new people, listening to everyone stories and learning more about the testing process.

We are scheduling some local events, not just in the Tri-Cities but also some Zoom events to get our members outside the Tri-Cities more involved. Upcoming events we are considering: A Yakima event, a Tri-Cities breakfast,
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> *Success is not final, failure is not fatal: it is the courage to continue that counts.*
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> Winston Churchill

July Theodore Talk

Theodore Talks are Mensa's version of Ted Talks. The title of the July Theodore Talk is, "A Horological Discourse: Mechanism, Risk and Wonder". This virtual event will take place on Zoom July 28 at 2:30 p.m. Central Time (3:30 Eastern, 12:30 Pacific).

With ingenuity and design came reflection on our place in the universe, the tilt of the Earth's axis, precision and predictability, and the limits of our cognitive capacities. We engineered mechanisms to navigate our oceans and map the cosmos, explore metaphysical realms by animating the dead and rendering forms from the golden mean. We generated machines of wonder that could play music, make magic, and conjure bird song. We made devices for detonating the first manifestation of human-made existential risk, destroying living organisms by the millions. Through examining the connections between this diverse set of objects, we will trace the story of craft and the science of horology, demonstrating its pivotal role in design through the ages and why their preservation is vital to our future.

Register for this presentation at https://tinyurl.com/4dre6whp

News from the Regional Vice Chair (RVC)

Tracey Guice

I attended the virtual special meeting on May 15th. It was held entirely in Executive Session. By the time this goes to publication, there will have been a virtual special meeting on June 18th. I expect to also have attended the June 18th meeting. It will be held entirely in Executive Session. The next regular AMC meeting is scheduled for July 4th in Kansas City, Missouri. The July 4th meeting will be the first meeting of the new term with the incoming AMC officers. The Annual Business Meeting is scheduled for July 5th in Kansas City, Missouri. If you need help finding the Agenda, Minutes, Recording or Meeting Reports for any particular meeting, just ask. It was extremely disappointing to learn that the Annual Business meeting would not be livestreamed this year, and that members would not be able to participate remotely. Given the purpose of the Annual Business Meeting and other AMC meetings, I hope that member access is given a greater priority over the next term.

It has been a busy end of the term assisting with elections and leadership transitions for Sacramento Regional Mensa and EWNI Mensa. A big thank you goes out to everyone who has stepped up to volunteer with these groups.

I am also very excited to end my term with two of the Region 8 local groups having onboarded gifted youth members as local group officers this year and two more local groups exploring the option. Providing more opportunities to our gifted youth and young adult Mensans has been one of my larger efforts over my terms. I am extremely pleased with these results.

As this is my last column for at least a while, I hope that you have a great summer and a great Annual Gathering if you will be in Kansas City, Missouri.

Tracey Guice (they/them)
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LocSec Message, continued

and a Leadership Development Workshop on Zoom. The #1 reason cited by members who did not renew their memberships was ***Lack of Local Group Activities of Interest.*** Please, if you have an idea about an activity that interests you, organize it and invite the rest of the group to do it with you! We have funds available to help encourage folks to get more involved.

We are also in the process of developing our Gifted Youth Program – please see Nirbhuy's article in this Chinook. If you know a promising young candidate or you yourself would like to get more involved with the Gifted Youth Program, please reach out to me and we will make that happen.

I sincerely hope you have an awesome summer and that I get to see you soon either at a Local Event or on a Zoom meeting.

All the best,

Bill Sheretz



Letters, Stories, Travel Misadventures and More!
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New RVC



Thank you to everyone who voted in the recent election for Regional Vice Chair (RVC), and (obviously) thank you for electing me as Region 8 RVC for 2024-2027. I've received texts, emails, video greeting cards, and even a box of chocolates offering congratulations (and condolences) on being elected. My thanks to all and my thanks to Jodi Del Mar for being a candidate for this position.

I'm in the process of learning what it means to be a member of the American Mensa Committee (AMC), our board of directors, as well as meeting the new members of the AMC. The majority of the new AMC have, like me, never served on the AMC before, so there's a bit of a learning curve.

My term begins on July 1. I will be at the Annual Gathering in Kansas City for my first time at an AMC meeting sitting at the table, not in the audience. If you are going to KC, a Region 8 Meet-and-Greet is scheduled; please join me there. If you are in the SF Bay Area, please join me for a backyard barbecue on Sunday, July 21. Please see the San Francisco Regional Mensa Calendar, Meetup, or Mensa Connect for details.

I look forward to learning more about the eleven chapters in Region 8 and working with the new AMC. My goal is to be able to represent the needs of Region 8 (although our local groups are very diverse) as well as support American Mensa.

This is a challenging time for American Mensa. Our membership has been declining, dues have increased, our most recent National Ombudsman has resigned, and our Executive Director is leaving. With challenges there's an opportunity for improvements. I hope to be able to contribute to them. Several people have already sent me their good wishes, thoughts, questions, suggestions, and, yes, even some complaints. Please feel free to contact me at rvc8@eagerm.com.

Michael J. Eager

Wenatchee Brunch & Testing

On May 11, LocSec Bill Sheretz and I conducted an admissions test at the NCW Wenatchee Library. The event was set up by new member Thomas Cleveland, who also coordinated a brunch at The Wild Huckleberry Restaurant, which serves the largest pancakes in the Pacific Northwest. We were fortunate to dine with four members previously unmet. I'm pleased to say we had a great time, getting acquainted and sharing stories. We tested three candidates, one of whom, Nikolas Caoile, qualified and has since joined the chapter. Nikolas is the conductor of the Wenatchee Valley Symphony.



Bill & I enjoyed a beautiful drive and the hospitality of the great city of Wenatchee. We hope to encourage more chapter events in our outlying member communities.

—Tim Dees

One Mensan's Journey

Mike Barrett

I decided to take Tim up on his offer to jot down a few words about my career. I'm Mike Barrett, a retired Contracting Officer from the Department of Energy. My career was spent primarily as a contract management official with the Federal Government.

Although I didn't change career fields like Tim did, I did change agencies more than most other Federal employees. I worked for five different Cabinet departments – Agriculture, Treasury, Defense, Interior and Energy. One benefit from Federal employment was it became like changing companies five different times while retaining my seniority, leave time, status, pay, health insurance, etc. It also offered the chance to work and live just about anywhere.

Federal employment was my target growing up in Ogden, Utah. It was largely (at that time, maybe less so now) a "haves" and "have-nots" society. The "haves" worked for the Federal Government (Hill AFB, IRS Service Center, and the Forest Service). The "have-nots" worked elsewhere.

I grew up as a "have-not", so my dad always pushed me towards Federal service. I graduated in Accounting from Weber State University in 1975 to a horrible stagflation economy. Job offers were nil, so when a Federal offer came along, I jumped on it. I struggled for several years in low-graded jobs as a statistical assistant for the Forest Service and a tax examiner for the IRS. I finally broke into contract management as a cost analyst with the Navy in 1979 overseeing rocket motor production at the Hercules plant in Magna UT.

I spent the 80's as a cost analyst and Contracting Officer with the Bureau of Reclamation in SLC, the 90's as a Contracting Officer with DOE Idaho, and from 2000 on, here in the Tri-Cities at the DOE Office of River Protection as the Procurement Director. I retired in 2008, then spent two years as a re-employed annuitant.

In 2010, I formed my own contract management consulting company, working for five more years with Washington River Protection Solutions on the Hanford Tank Farm. I retired for good in 2015 and have been living "the good life" ever since.

I became in Mensan in 2014 after seeing Tim's ad in the Herald that he was giving the Mensa Society test at the Kennewick Library. I remember our Regional Engineer at the Bureau of Reclamation was a smart guy and a Mensan, so I thought I'd see how I stacked up against him. I was the only one that showed up for Tim's test that day.

I didn't pass the Mensa Society test but did pass the Wonderlic test also given to me. Fifty questions, twelve minutes. I remember Tim saying not to worry about finishing all fifty because I wouldn't. I got a score of 38, which is about the number I remember answering. So, I likely didn't get any wrong. I remember having a brain cramp on an easy question that likely cost me two or three points in time delay. This test was more logic-based than the Mensa test, which was right in my wheelhouse.

The Wonderlic test for Mensa is similar in structure to that given to NFL players and prospects. I thought I remembered reading somewhere sometime that the NFL gave you an additional point for each year over age 21, accounting for the natural age-related decline in mental acuity. (Does it really start that early??). So, that I passed the Wonderlic at the "advanced" age of 61 made me feel good.

Next time you are having a beverage with your favorite fellow Mensan, a bar bet you can win. "Who is the only NFL player ever to score a perfect 50 on the Wonderlic?"

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Annual Financial Statement
April 1, 2023 to March 31, 2024

Assets on April 1, 2023			**$ 12,233.51**
	Checking Account	$ 9,564.83	
	Certificate of Deposit	$ 2,668.68	
Income			**$ 649.91**
	Dues and testing income from American Mensa	$ 642.60	
	Interest	$ 7.31	
Expenses			**$ 717.73**
	Newsletter printing	$ 139.50	
	Newsletter postage	$ 578.23	
Assets on March 31, 2023			**$ 12,165.69**
	Checking Account	$ 9,489.70	
	Certificate of Deposit	$ 2,675.99	



Timothy M. Dees, Treasurer and Testing Coordinator
Columbia River Mensa
April 21, 2024

One Mensan's Journey, continued

Mike Barrett

Answer: Pat McInally, a punter and wide receiver for the Cincinnati Bengals from 1976 to 1985.

McInally is also the answer to the trivia question: "Who was the first Harvard graduate to play in the NFL Pro Bowl and the Super Bowl?"

McInally claims it hurt, rather than enhanced, his position in the draft because "coaches and front-office guys don't like extremes one way or the other, but particularly not on the high side. I think they think guys who are intelligent will challenge authority too much." I often wondered after I became a Mensan, would it help or hurt if I listed it on my resume.

In closing, I would like to see other Chapter members tell us a bit about their work history and life path as Tim requested. I always find it interesting how people wound up doing what they do and being where they are.

And..., thanks much to the Chapter Officers – Bill, Tim, Mark and Bob – for giving their time and energy to making the Chapter a success.

--Mike Barrett

Why Mensa & My Goals

Nirbhuy Arun

I am Nirbhuy Arun, and I am nine years old. When I was about three years old, I was the most confused and perplexed person in my Montessori class. My class was quite self-directed and I was entirely stranded and I was aimlessly staring at things that never mattered. However, my teacher taught me a non-verbal lesson that I never understood until I was three-and-a-half. The message in the non-verbal lesson highlighted that people never give you any work to work on. We need to find our own light to live a life that is under our own jurisdiction. This philosophy, at first, was very weird. Catching someone's support and flowing with it elatedly was life was what I thought. It did not appear to me that there was a starting point to aim for the practicality of my initial thought.

The following year my family and I drove to Salt Lake City, Utah. It was a long, nine hour, twenty-two minute journey. However, It was a valuable, worthy drive. In our Airbnb, I found myself contacted with my passion and light with absolute immediacy. I

felt as though I was staring eye-to-eye at my passion with jaw-dropping awe. During the drive, I observed several trucks that amazed and made me curious about the design. I was constantly thinking about these designs that once I reached Utah, I started sketching several truck designs that closely resembled the real ones. I drew designs on tens of papers that ended up with sketches on kitchen tissue papers as I was constantly striving towards my passions. I went quite crazy not only during the vacation, but also for the next few years about truck designs. The overall passion, however, of deciphering the mechanics of complex engineering and geometrical designs never changed during the entirety of my lifetime.

When I was five years old, I became more expressive in terms of my passion. Over the course of the pandemic, truck and .futuristic car designs became a paramount avenue in my passion. I drew over 300 designs during the pandemic and the number of designs are still increasing now with my passion flowing in different domains. As time ticked, the expressiveness of my passion grew as I experienced better clarity.

There was one ancient quote that I meticulously absorbed: "Paper is more patient than man." -Anne Frank, 1942, This quote expresses the value of always reading and studying no matter whether other people interfere with your life.

Later, I got quite hungry for change. I wanted to improve my designs. I was perplexed and chased for support and found three-dimensional modeling as a potential area. Three-dimensional modeling is my passion that I had from the age of seven and half years old. I started creating designs in a basic three-dimensional modeling software called TinkerCAD. I am currently learning Fusion 360 to develop advanced and complex models to understand and appreciate better engineering designs.

Whenever I get time, I get into Fusion 360 to passionately develop my own unique model. I learned that in order for a design to be practical, feasibility was paramount. Simultaneously, while sketching unique designs, I also explored the field of electronics to decode complex mechanisms. This passion led me to develop three working electronic models in the past four years that impact health and wellness in a positive way.

I was gradually intensifying my passion and needed some parallel support. In the fall of 2022, I was inspired by an organization that I came to know as Mensa is an amazing organization where brilliant minds meet together from across the globe with multiple avenues for their giftedness. I was attracted to this potentially phenomenal opportunity and the feeling of being welcomed to such an avenue drove me to take the IQ test.
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North Richland Wrecking Crew



Our weekly lunch gathering continues to be well-attended. The North Richland Wrecking Crew (NRWC, as christened by Assistant LocSec Mark Mitchell) meets at 1:00 PM every Friday at one of seven venues. If one of our venues isn't available when it comes up in the rotation, we look for a new place to try.

If you have been on the fence about attending a Mensa function, the NWRC is a good place to get your feet wet. Most everyone is or has been an active member of Mensa, but we stress that both Mensans and non-Mensans are always welcome. The group is congenial and the conversation is always eclectic. Among the regulars are a couple of retired military NCOs, a retired cop, a few engineers, a physicist or two, and other STEM-type folks.

The NRWC table can be identified by looking for Percy the Owl, pictured at right.

Tim Dees maintains a mailing list sent each week, reminding everyone of that week's venue. If you would like to be added to the distribution list, send an email to treasurer@crm.us.mensa.org. The schedule for the next few weeks is below.

- June 21: Ann's Best Creole & Soul Food, 1901 Terminal Dr., Richland
- June 28: Baby J;s, 2243 Stevens Dr., Richland
- July 5: Family Garden, 1340 Jadwin Ave., Richland
- July 12: Fresh Leaf, 1080 George Washington Way, Richland
- July 19: Isla Bonita Mexican Restaurant, 1524 Jadwin

Why Mensa & My Goals, continued

Nirbhuy Arun

In the early spring of 2023, I was eight years old and joined Mensa. I enjoy listening to the amazing speeches of guest speakers through online facetime apps such as Zoom. On a parallel note, I have a long-term goal to enrich gifted kids in Mensa with five options of online, interactive courses focusing on designing and infrastructure, geometrical modeling, cellular biology, microscopy, and narrative writing. This will not only enhance the child's studies, but also support their passions. As a first step, I am passionate to volunteer as a member of Excomm and actively participate in their activities in extended capacity. I am looking forward to getting involved soon and starting my journey as an active Young Mensan.

Volunteer Tax Return Preparers

Bob Hunt

Last Fall I responded to a post on a local on-line bulletin board looking for volunteers to prepare federal income tax forms for a non-profit joint IRS/AARP operation. This group offers free tax preparation to anyone, with some exceptions for certain digital investments and small businesses with employees. Neither the tax payers nor the volunteers need to be members of AARP, and there are no age or income limits.

After asking some questions of the local coordinator, I was invited to start training early in January. The courses are pretty rigorous, with LOTS of reference materials to go through to find answers to the practice exercises and the staged tests. We had some meetings with other new volunteers, the local coordinator, and the District Coordinator. There were additional tests and documentation for background checks and the organizational ethics. We also had separate training on how to do reviews of taxes prepared by others in our group, as no one's taxes get submitted without having been through a review with a second set of eyes.

Then we got to study Technology and Security, and Policies and Procedures and test on those topics as well.

A few more meetings and some corrections to the test exercises (I love my errors as I learn some more stuff!) and we started planning for tax season. With the number of volunteers we have here in the Methow Valley, we had enough people to have two or three preparers on each of two four-hour shifts each week. Interested taxpayers could get scheduled by dialing 211. Because we were all pretty new, we limited ourselves to one guest per hour per volunteer. Sometimes that left us with some open time, but then other times we could get a stack of tax statements that took most of an hour to sort and extract into Taxslayer (the online software we use to prepare taxes). Some folks would discover part way through the process that they had left some papers at home. If there was time they might run home to fetch them, but more often they needed to reschedule. Strangely we had more volunteers here than in Omak where the only other group in Okanogan County is based (40 miles away) so we had people coming from more than 60 miles to meet with us.

We opened up our schedule in mid-February, but few people had everything together that early in the year, so often we had only one or two guests in a four-hour shift. I met people who had just their Social Security statements and a bit of bank interest (hint: if you don't owe any taxes and didn't have any withholding, you don't have to file, news which delighted a couple of guests). I got to work on some really complex returns where the spouse had passed and there were piles of capital gains and investment documents (I *hate* the way money management businesses prepare their statements). One lady had received only one week of pay in 2023 and was dismayed when we informed her she wasn't required to file, as she thought that meant that the IRS wanted to disown her as a person. As we approached the critical date, the schedule filled up and the filings flowed.

Once the review is complete, we go over the return with the taxpayer, print copies for them along with forms to submit if they owe money, and we submit the return electronically.

I've always done our household taxes, even though my wife is the accountant. She hates taxes after doing them for work. This work was pretty pleasant and I enjoyed it and getting to work with the taxpayers (nobody ever gave us any grief about the results, but you could certainly see the dismay when some got the bad news). The actual preparation is like an online puzzle game with *really* complex rules. We keep the rule books handy at all times.

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What Do Cops Wish the Public Knew?

Tim Dees

In no particular order:

Use of force isn't pretty. People have been conditioned by TV to believe that a properly trained police officer of any size can take down a person of superior size and strength, quickly, almost effortlessly, without the use of weapons, and without any injury to either party. This is not true. Few cops are expert martial artists. The defensive tactics training they receive is fairly perfunctory. Struggles often result in injured joints, lacerations, concussions, and other injuries to both parties. There is lots of cursing and screaming involved. The cops usually win, but only because they can get enough cops on the scene to overwhelm the adversary.

Most cops never shoot anyone. I don't know of any research on this, but my casual estimate is that maybe 12% of cops will fire their sidearms outside of the pistol range at some time in their career (more if the cop works in a rural area where having to "dispatch" wounded animals is common). Some might go months without taking the gun out of the holster.

Cops will go to extremes to avoid shooting people. My personal experience is that, about once a month, I would encounter a situation where I would have been legally justified in shooting someone. I did that only once, so all the other times, I found some other way of resolving the situation. Casual research tells me my experience is not unique. Most cops have ample opportunities to shoot people, but they choose not to do so.

The people at the top often don't have a lot of practical experience. There are exceptions, but most cops who become chiefs, sheriffs, or other high-ranking officers spend most of their career paving the path to promotion. They spend a brief time as working cops, then transfer to a non-enforcement job, where they stay until they get their first promotion. They never truly understand the job, and the cops they oversee don't identify with the brass, or the brass with the cops.

Those guys didn't spend enough time on the street to experience anything that bothered them, and they believe that anyone who is bothered is probably unstable.

There is lots of stress, but not the kind you might think. Most of the stress comes from the police station, not the street. Law enforcement agencies are extremely political. Who likes you or who you're friends or relatives with has a lot more to do with the progress of

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Volunteer Tax Return Preparers (continued)

Bob Hunt

Did you know that there are certain conditions where you can file a Washington State return and receive a refund as well? This is apparently a recent revision to state code to try to compensate low income folks for having to pay a large percentage of their income in sales tax.

As I said, I enjoyed the experience and will do it again. If you think you might like to try, check out the AARP volunteer link and see if there is a group established in your area.

—Bob Hunt
Certified Tax Counselor
Twisp, Washington
https://www.aarp.org/volunteer/

Executive Committee Minutes
June 6, 2024

In attendance: Bill, Mark, Tim, Bob
Open positions: Program Chair, Publications Officer, Events Chair
Call To Order at 7:02 PM

ExComm Officer reports

LocSec: Columbia River Mensa Statistics
Agenda for June and July
Asst Loc Sec: Nirbhuy's article
Treasurer: Certificate of Deposit: $2,678.68
Checking account: $9,433.28
Review / Approve Treasurers report - Approved
Member-At-Large: High school outreach possibility
Testing Chair: Wenatchee – 3 tests, 1 New Member

Actions Still in Effect (Old Business)

Conditionally reimburse test (whether Mensa or Online) / prior evidence fee – only if the candidate joins CRM – Approved at July 14, 2022 Excomm /
Member Appreciation Dinner – January ???

New Business

Strategic Plan – Vision, then tailor to CRM – moving forward
Approval for Tim's gas to Wenatchee – Unanimous (with Tim abstaining)
Approval for Thomas' test fee – as discussed above
Lapsed member contact – Bill
Reviewing the bylaws for compliance - Bill
Nirbhuy's participation as a Member at Large – Bill will provide guidance to ExComm
Possibility of a CRM Regional Gathering – Tabled – Chelan?
Future testing events –
June ***Chinook – Articles to Tim by June 16***
Nirbhuy's article / Michael Eager's (RVC8-Elect) Letter / Mike Barrett Article / Tracey
Effective notice to members of LDW / Membership Meeting

- Activities Calendar / Listing
  - Include LDW – Helping the Local Group Succeed
- ExComm Minutes
- LocSec Column
- Member submissions
- Isolated M's, Mensa Connect
- Officer listing
- RVC Column
- Treasurer's Report
- Specific invitation to Millennials / Gen X via email - Bill

Any other suggestions - Zoom events, in person events
For the good of the order
Adjourned: 7:52 PM Submitted – June 11, 2024

(signed)
—William C. Sheretz
Local Secretary, Columbia River Mensa

What Do Cops Wish the Public Knew? *continued*

your career than how good you are at your job. "Management by intimidation" is a common technique. From a human resources perspective, law enforcement agencies are horrible places to work.

Some of our brother (and sister) officers embarrass us. With the possible exception of field training officers, cops don't have a lot of input to who gets hired and who is retained on their agency. Everyone knows somebody (probably several somebodys) who is reckless, immature, racist, dishonest, or just dumb. When these people are allowed to keep being cops, it's usually because they are politically connected, and reporting them for a transgression will almost always backfire on you.

Your "my favorite police encounter" story is not unique. On learning someone is a police officer, most people will immediately relate their most memorable contact with the police. It's usually a traffic stop, as that's how most people encounter the police. Your new friend will smile and nod politely, but he's silently waiting for it to be over. It's nothing he hasn't heard before.

It's seldom personal. Few cops start their day looking for a particular person, or even a particular class of people to stop. Cops see violations of the law and suspicious circumstances, and they are encouraged by their employers to intervene. If you got a ticket or got arrested, it's probably because you broke the law, not because the cop didn't like you or you are a member of some targeted group. If this happens to you a lot, you might want to stop blaming the variables and consider the constant instead.

Becoming a cop is harder than you think. Some agencies have to collect over 100 applications to get one viable hire. Some of those hires won't make it through the police academy. Some who do won't complete field training. About half of new hires leave law enforcement within five years. Mainly because of anti-police sentiment, it's more difficult to recruit new cops than ever before. You might want to think that people become cops because they're too stupid or lazy for real jobs, but you're fooling yourself. Chances are, you couldn't make the grade.

Television does not represent law enforcement accurately. Most of what most people know about cops is from watching television. This is why people believe that every arrest must be immediately followed by a Miranda warning, that there is a team of FBI agents who fly to crime scenes in an executive jet and solve the case within days, that detectives in one major PD can move to another, distant major PD and instantly resume being detectives, that crime scene investigators collect evidence, identify the suspects, interrogate the suspects, and make the arrests (no one seems to care what the detectives are doing), and that cops who are involved in shootings are back at work the next day.

We wish you would stop telling your children we will arrest them if they aren't good. The day may come, God forbid, that your child is separated from you and doesn't know where to turn. You'll probably call the police if this happens. Do you want your child to look for a police officer to help him, or hide from the police because he is afraid he will go to jail?

You don't understand police work. This applies even if your father, mother, sibling, or next-door-neighbor was a cop. Until you have actually done the job for a few years, you will never understand what it's actually like.

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Columbia River Mensa is the chapter of American Mensa local to most of Eastern Washington. Mensa is an international society whose sole qualification for membership is a score in the top two percent of the general population on a standardized intelligence test. The word ”mensa ”translates to “table” in Latin. The name “Mensa” is reminiscent of “mind, table, month,” which suggests a monthly meeting of great minds around a table.

Mensa has three purposes, which are outlined in its constitution. They are:

1. To identify and foster human intelligence for the benefit of humanity.
2. To encourage research into the nature, characteristics and uses of intelligence.
3. To provide a stimulating intellectual and social environment for its members.

We’re on the Web!

http://crm.us.mensa.org

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