

PROFILES:

A Pre-Eminent Group (Our Teachers)

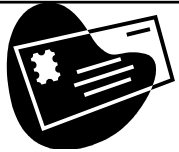


This month we begin a salute to our volunteer teachers with some background about our newest teacher Michael Taylor.

Michael says, " I bought an Altos computer for my petroleum consulting business in Vancouver, Canada in 1980 — cost me C\$22,000. I came to the United States in 1984 and have lived in Leisure World for twenty years." Although he has never taught before, he belonged to Toastmasters where he learned to speak before an audience. A few months ago he became a PC Workshop supervisor and enjoyed helping beginners with their problems so much that when there was a need for more teachers he volunteered his services.

However, Michael is best known for the unusual business he developed after retiring from oil consulting. In and out of Leisure World he is known as the 'Clockman,' due to his restoration and servicing of all kinds of clocks. He belongs to Clocksmiths on the Internet and talks to fellow clocksmiths all over the world, exchanging experiences and getting help with his own web site, which Louise Applequist helped him set up. A man of many interests, Michael has also been a member of Discovery Theater Club for almost 20 years and has taken part in many variety shows here in Leisure World.

Welcome, Michael, and our hopes for your continued participation in our activities.



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The Washington Post's **Mensa Invitational** once again asked readers to take any word from the dictionary, alter it by adding, subtracting, or changing one letter, and supply a new definition. Here are this year's winners:

1. **Intaxication:** Euphoria at getting a tax refund, which lasts until you realize it was your money to start with.
2. **Reintarnation:** Coming back to life as a hillbilly.
3. **Bozone** (n.): The substance surrounding stupid people that stop bright ideas from penetrating. The bozone layer, unfortunately, shows little sign of breaking down in the near future.
4. **Cashtration** (n.): The act of buying a house, which renders the subject financially impotent for an indefinite period.
5. **Giraffiti:** Vandalism spray-painted very, very high.
6. **Sarchasm:** The gulf between the author of sarcastic wit and the person who doesn't get it.
7. **Inoculatte:** To take coffee intravenously when you

are running late.

8. **Hipatitis:** Terminal coolness.
9. **Osteopornosis:** A degenerate disease.
10. **Karmageddon:** It's like, when everybody is sending off all these really bad vibes, right? And then, like, the Earth explodes and it's like, a serious bummer.
11. **Decafalon** (n.): The grueling event of getting through the day consuming only things that are good for you.
12. **Glibido:** All talk and no action.
13. **Dopeler effect:** The tendency of stupid ideas to seem smarter when they come at you rapidly.
14. **Arachnoleptic fit** (n.): The frantic dance performed just after you've accidentally walked through a spider web.
15. **Beelzebug** (n.): Satan in the form of a mosquito, that gets into your bedroom at three in the morning and cannot be cast out.
16. **Caterpallor** (n.): The color you turn after finding half a worm in the fruit you're eating.