



Summer 2021 Bent Caption Contest Winners

This photo from the Winter 1981 issue of *The Bent* was taken at the 1980 Convention in Tulsa, OK, where the Convention display from Headquarters drew close scrutiny.

First Place - #3 - "When you are trying to look very interested so you don't have to make small talk to the engineer next to you!" – Elise M. Berning, *MN A '21*

Second Place - #10 - "The heck with the charts and certificates on the wall. I want to know what that little thing is that's crawling across the table." – Richard J. Zuccaro Jr., *NY X '74*

Third Place (tie) - #2 - "Are these files.... scented??" - Elizabeth Bartuska, *PA B '21*, and #16 - "I can't believe they spelled my name wrong AGAIN!!" - John F. O'Rourke, *PA Z '73*

Captions:

___ 1. "Did you see their research disclaimers in the fine print?"

3rd_ 2. "Are these files.... scented??"

1st 3. "When you are trying to look very interested so you don't have to make small talk to the engineer next to you!"

___ 4. "So according to that chart on the wall, I should put 3.14159 grams of sugar in my coffee at 183.14159°F?"

___ 5. "Whoever polished that bent didn't do a very good job."

___ 6. "They copied my Middle School Science Fair project."

___ 7. "When you're done here, the hearing test will be given down the hall, to your right...."

___8." Say a prayer or meditate 5 minutes a day, quietly in a room, during a car drive, even while viewing a conference exhibit."

___9. "Whew, there's a lot here and my still small voice says, 'this might work and I'll try it!'"

2nd_10. "The heck with the charts and certificates on the wall. I want to know what that little thing is that's crawling across the table."

___11. "He perfected the three S's of multitasking; scrutiny, stirring, and scratching."

___12." The predictive failure model indicates that the lights should start burning out about ...now! "

___13." Fine print! You've always gotta read the fine print!"

___14. "If I hadn't hurt my back, I could read what's on the bulletin board!"

___15. "Is that a fly in my coffee?"

3rd _16. "I can't believe they spelled my name wrong AGAIN!!

___17. "IS THAT THING IN MY COFFEE ALIVE?"

___18. "Our test data indicate that the I.Q. of our membership is going through the roof, but the fine print says the questions were taken from Family Feud."

___19. "Wanna be a 'Tau Bate'? Then design a new type of coffee cup!"

___20. "When the graph looks this good, the devil is in the details."

___21. "You would think engineers could provide better lighting."

___22. "This display of analytical approaches to find Waldo seems like a bit of overkill..."

___23. "Trying to figure out whether you've registered for the convention."

___24. "I know you told me it's all in the fine print, but believe me there's no fine print to be found anywhere on this table."

___25. "The Winklevoss twins prepare to unveil their new Facebook Instant Message Board. "

___26." I hope his plastic pocket protector does not fall into his coffee."

___27." Eww. Someone squashed a fly on this display picture."

___28. " I don't know about you, but I can't wait until they invent the Internet so I can read all this on my 42" monitor."

___29. "I AM – I SEE !"

___30. "I don't see my name on the meeting list! I know I sent in the registration fee!"

___31. "Please tell the guy in the white shirt that he needs a stronger pair of reading glasses."

_____32. "The Bent is a support structure, and new members tend to study it bent over while councilors pretend to look the other way."

_____33. "These are really interesting science projects at the annual meeting."