

# *Mensage*

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### **RVC Column - September 2013**

Since my last column I have had the opportunity to visit with Chattanooga Mensans at one of their lunch gatherings. I also made the trip down to Huntsville for Northern Alabama Mensa's party for their 4 nonagenarians. Thank you to Martha and Roger Williams for hosting this event. After that party I joined over 30 people for a dinner meeting where 2 of their scholarship recipients were honored.

I know that several other groups hold events to honor their scholarship recipients. That's a great idea. I encourage each of your groups to spend some time each year honoring not only nonagenarians, scholarship recipients, but also new members, life members, and anyone else that you can think to honor. After all, it's another way to get together with other Mensans!

I am writing this after returning from Owlabama Blast 2013 in Birmingham. What a great gathering. Everyone had a wonderful time. Thanks to the committee, led by Thomas Hoheisel, for their hard work. By the way, Central Alabama Mensa has a new website: [www.centralalabama.us.mensa.org](http://www.centralalabama.us.mensa.org).

I have appointed Nancy Campbell, LocSec of Charlotte/Blue Ridge Mensa, as my Assistant RVC. She has called every LocSec to encourage them to appoint a Scholarship Chair. I have appointed Bertie Clark, of Mensa in Georgia, as Region 5 Scholarship Chair. Our region had quite a few scholarship winners last year. I'd love to see us have even more. Thank you to those 15 LocSecs, who have appointed Scholarship Chairs. If you haven't appointed one yet, it's not too late

The LocSec of Smoky Mountains Mensa, Jason Burgess, has moved back to his home in West Tennessee to become a teacher. As a teacher, I wish him good luck, and welcome the new LocSec, Anurag Agarwal. In Mensa of Eastern North Carolina, the new LocSec is Kimberly Oliver.

Region 5 membership increased by 85 last month. If every local group schedules a testing session in

October, I bet that we can break the 100 mark! Almost all people who qualify through testing join. It's a wonderful way to increase membership.

Hope to see some of you at Peachtreat in Atlanta, Sept. 27-29.

**Membership Changes**  
**Date Ending:7/31/2013**

Members in Group, beginning count	39
Members leaving Group	< 0 >
Members entering Group	
Total members in Group	39

**September Birthdays**

**Date**

**Mensaversaries**

**Years**

John Lever	8	Carrie Pate	3
Lisa Bernard	16		
Diane Soniat	30		

**MTE**

**August's MTE** was at Sakura in Biloxi. Present were Jane Truax, Tom White, Joe Kirkby and Natalie, and Janet. We were pleased to have some visitors, Susan and Ron, former members of other groups. We're hoping they decide to join our group.

**September's MTE** - Thursday, September 26, 5:30 pm. I'll be out of town the third Thursday (September 19), so I've put the MTE on the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday. I found Hook Gulf Coast Cuisine, 133 Davis Ave., Unit M, Pass Christian, 228-222-4391, on the internet and thought we could try it. Check their website: [hookgcc.com](http://hookgcc.com).