

Mensage

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RVC Newsletter

It was great to connect with so many of you at the AG. By my count, there were about 80 folks from Region 5 there. 15 locals were represented! It was great to see so many people that I knew and to meet some new ones. As is always the case, the AG was a great event. I spent my time volunteering, attending meetings and learning how to best represent you on the Board of Directors (previously AMC); but there was some time for some fun. Chattanooga's Charlie Steinhice did a great job with the Trash Bowl, as always.

Three of our groups were honored for being in the Top 20 for CultureQuest®.

Congratulations to Eastern NC, 8th; Piedmont Area, 10th; and Central SC, 11th places. French Broad Mensa received an award for improving membership, and Bob Cox received a Chairman's Service Award. Next year's AG will be in Boston. Make plans to attend

Thanks to Piedmont Area Mensa (PAM) for completing their by-laws update.

There have been a few changes in leadership. New LocSecs are Barbara Ward in Northern Alabama; Leslie Bays in Upper East Tennessee; David Shiffman in Memphis. Congratulations to the new officers, and thank you for service to those, who are stepping down.

Membership in Region 5 has increased by 96 since June. A great way to increase membership is by testing. Local groups can always use proctors; so if you are interested in training as a proctor, contact your group's Testing Coordinator. The National Office will work with you to help you meet the requirements so that you can provide this important service for Mensa.

By the time this is printed, hopefully, I will have had a chance to visit one or two local groups.

On August 9-11, I will be joining many of you in Birmingham for the Owlabama Blast 2013! And don't forget Peachtreat in Atlanta, Sept. 27-29. While at the AG, several of us from Region 5 did some brainstorming about adding another Regional Gathering at our region, making 4. If it materializes, you will be among the first to know.

For those members, who are parents, students and educators, here's hoping that you have a great school year ahead.

From your Act. LocSec

I am delighted to present *Mensage* once again. I've been feeling really guilty that I've not been keeping our members informed. I was unable to print *Mensage*, so those of you, who do not have email, did not get any information. Also, some email addresses were unavailable, and so those people did not receive their monthly newsletter. But I'm now back in business and happy to be doing so.

**Membership Changes
Date Ending:6/30/2013**

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

August Birthdays

Date

Mensaversaries

Years

MTE

July's MTE was at Olive Garden, D'Iberville. Some people really missed Olive Garden, so we decided to make the long ride over to D'Iberville. Present were Carrie Pate, Tom White, Wayne Elzey, Joe Kirkby and Natalie, and Janet

August's MTE - Thursday, August 15, 5:30 pm at Sakura Restaurant & Sushi Bar, 2667 Pass Rd., Biloxi, www.sakurabiloxi.com, 228-385-8515.