

Mensage

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RVC Column - November 2013

At the end of September I attended PeachTreat in Atlanta. There was a good group from our region, and there were attendees from several other states, outside our region.

October 3-6, I was in Dallas for the fall meeting of the Board (AMC). Before going, I was in contact with many of you about an item on the agenda, G-14. The Mini-Minutes have been placed on the national website. The policy that was passed banned weapons at all national events: AG, Mindgames, Board Meetings, Annual Business Meetings and Colloquium. It has no effect on local groups, SIG and their events.

The Board also passed a motion allowing American Mensa to alert members to external benefits and services via e-mail. It adds e-mail to the current release policy for mailing addresses through a controlled process in which we approve or disapprove each individual advertisement. E-mails to you will be handled by Mensa's contracted list rental firm or the National Office. Your e-mail will not be released directly to advertisers. The list is rented for one-time use. They are not sold on a permanent basis. You will still be able to control your online privacy. As of this writing, nothing has changed. The National Office will publish a FAQ to let the members know how this policy will affect them.

Much of the agenda cleaned up the ASIEs (Actions Still in Effect), many of which were dated or no longer needed. The full minutes should be online in early November. I hope that you will take time to see what your Board of Directors is doing.

Some exciting news! The Mensa Bulletin will soon be electronic. You will be able to read it on your computer, tablet or phone. Keep your eyes out for the announcement in the coming months.

Congratulations to Kim Kinsey, the new Interim LocSec of Chattanooga Mensa and their new Editor, Bryan Chambers. William Farris was doing both of those jobs. Piedmont Area Mensa also has a new Editor, Larry Bounds, who succeeded David Bennett. Thank you, William and David for your service to your local groups and to American Mensa.

On Monday, 1/7, Paige Faulkner (from the National Office) and I hosted a teleconference with more than half of the Region 5 LocSecs. It was a good opportunity to share best practices and to discuss some concerns. We plan to hold another one in January.

During the month of September Region 5 increased membership by 54. Most of our chapters participated in Mensa Testing Month, and several held more than one test session. I wish to take this opportunity to thank all of our Testing Coordinators and Proctors. October is typically the busiest time of the year for these folks, and they are responsible for bringing new members to our Mensa family. In the words of Archie Campbell (from Hee Haw) SAAA-LUTE!

If you have ever thought that you might like to be a leader in your local Mensa group, you just might have a chance. Many of the groups in our region will be holding elections in the next couple of months. Serving your local group will enhance your Mensa experience.

As we pass through Halloween on our way to Thanksgiving, I hope everyone has more treats than tricks.

Baker Ring

Membership Changes
Date Ending: 9/30/2013

Members in Group, beginning count	40
Members leaving Group	< 0 >
Members entering Group	
Total members in Group	40

November Birthdays

	Date
Alesia Miller	9
Mark Edelinski	12

Mensaversaries

	Years
Diane Soniat	31
Foster Flint	19
Eric Ladner	10
Joseph Deano	3
John Lever	2

MTE

October's MTE was at El Aguila, Gulfport. Only three people came, Tom White and Janet Signer. Guest was Natalie.

November's MTE - Thursday, November 21, 5:30 pm. At Half Shell Oyster House, 2500 13th St., Gulfport, 228-867-7001