

MENSAGE

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RVC Column - February 2014

As I write this, we are knee deep in winter, and I am looking forward to summer. With summer comes the Mensa Annual Gathering in Boston. If you haven't been to an AG before, this is the one to attend. It already looks like it will be the biggest AG ever.

January is the month when many of our local groups install their new officers. I would like to congratulate Grace Lehto, the new LocSec, and Patricia Benard, the new Asst. LocSec, for French Broad Mensa. Thank you to Christine Chmielewski and Karen Youket for their service.

In my March column, I will introduce the other new officers. In the meantime, I want to extend my thanks to those of you whose terms are up and are not returning to your local group's Ex Com.

During December the chapters in Region 5 added a total of 72 new members. Don't forget to renew your membership for 2014. When you received your renewal info you might have noticed that American Mensa now gives you the opportunity to have your membership renewed automatically each year. If you're like me, you have so much going on that sometimes things get put on the bottom of the pile. By checking the box on the renewal form, your dues will be paid automatically, and you won't have to worry about it.

Charlotte/Blue Ridge Mensa is hosting a Leadership Development Workshop March 28-30 in Charlotte, NC. There is no registration charge, and C/BR will provide meals from Friday night through Sunday breakfast. If you need to stay overnight, you will be responsible for your own accommodations. Workshop applications should be available soon. Two of the workshops will be "Welcoming Members" and "Getting More Members Involved". This LDW is designed both for leaders and those who want to learn more about leadership in Mensa. I look forward to seeing some of you there. The spring AMC meeting will take place at the same location so you will have a chance to meet your national Board of Directors.

This year's Culture Quest will take place on April 27, with the registration deadline set for March 31. There are two divisions: Classic and The Next. Several teams from our region have been successful in the previous competitions. If you are interested in participating you can get more information at: <https://www.us.mensa.org/attend/culturequest/cq-registration/>.

It's not too late to register for the Carolinah RG! Piedmont Area Mensa's "The Great Escape" will take place May 2-4 in Greensboro, SC. For more information, contact Mary Ann Cox at: maryacraig@juno.com. Once you attend you will want to make it an annual event.

If you haven't found it yet, I encourage you to go to our region Facebook page and "Like" us. It is called "Mensa Southeast Region". It is a great place to share information with fellow Mensans. Hope to see you there.

Membership Changes
Date ending: 12/31/2013

Members in Group, beginning count	42
Members leaving Group	< >
Members entering Group	
Total members in Group	42

February Birthdays

Mensaversaries

	Date		Years
Janice Malone	4	Fr. Ray Goodman	16
		Ken Griffey	11
		John Starks, Jr.	11
		Adam Harris	2
		Lauren Ladner	1

January's MTE - was at Half Shell, Biloxi. Present were John Starks and his wife, Kim, Tom and Janet.

February's MTE - Thursday, February 20, 5:30p at Lookout Steakhouse (www.lookoutsteakhouse.com), 1301 26th Ave., Gulfport, 228-248-0555.

South Mississippi Mensa is inviting all new, renewing and reinstating members in 2013, to come and meet us. These are Jade Agler, Ocean Springs; Carol Hilborn, Biloxi; Nicolae Holley, Biloxi; Lauren Ladner, Ocean Springs; Robert Newton II, Biloxi; MSgt Curtis Roudebush, Gulfport; and James Sanders, Biloxi. We would very much like to meet you, so please come and enjoy dinner with us.