

Mensage

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RVC Column - October 2013

Over the past 3 months I have met a lot of wonderful Mensans in Region 5 and enjoyed a couple of picnics, a lunch, a dinner and a party. If you haven't attended a local group event recently, I encourage you to do so. Associating with fellow Mensans is undoubtedly the greatest benefit of membership.

By the time this appears in print, I will have seen some of you at Peachtreat in Atlanta. If you've never attended an RG, you really ought to. They are a great opportunity to interact with other Mensans. Although Region 5 won't have another RG until 2014, there are RGs in other regions that you can attend. You will find them in the Events Calendar on the national website.

I will be in Dallas in October for the fall meeting of the Board. If you are interested in what we will be discussing, the agenda is available online. The spring Board meeting will be held in Charlotte, NC, and Charlotte/Blue Ridge Mensa is hosting a Leadership Development Workshop in conjunction with the AMC meeting. More information will be forthcoming as soon as things are finalized.

October is National Testing Month. I hope that every group holds at least one test session. Smart people generally have smart friends. Use this opportunity to encourage your non-Mensa friends (and significant others) to test. You never know; they might just qualify for membership. In August, 17 chapters increased membership for a total of 73 new members.

As you may know, scholarship applications became available on September 15 and can be accessed online until January 15. The scholarships are based on essays, and Mensa membership is not required for most of them, although there are scholarships for Mensans and their dependents. Please pass along this link: <http://www.mensafoundation.org/what-we-do/scholarships/> to your Mensa and non-Mensa friends, so that they and their children can apply for available scholarships. There are some scholarships only available to people in Region 5. The newest of these is the Charlotte Duggar Memorial Nursing Scholarship. Bunny

Warsh of South Coast Mensa started this scholarship in memory of her mother. I would encourage individual Mensans as well as local groups to donate to this fund through the Mensa Foundation so that it can be fully endowed.

I want to thank Assistant RVC Nancy Campbell for recruiting 15 Scholarship Chairs. I suspect that's the most of any region. And thanks also to Bertie Clark of Georgia in Mensa for taking on the task of Region 5 Scholarship Chair.

Mensa is a volunteer organization, and I want to offer my appreciation to the leaders of each of our local groups; especially to the LocSecs, who do yeoman work keeping things going. They don't get thanked enough.

Baker Ring

Membership Changes
Date Ending: 8/31/2013

Members in Group, beginning count	39
Members leaving Group	< 0 >
Members entering Group	1
Total members in Group	40

Welcome to new member Jade Agler of Ocean Springs. Hello Jade, please join us at our monthly meetings, usually the third Thursday of the month. We look forward to seeing you.

October Birthdays

Mensaversaries

	Date		Years
Carrie Pate	8	Tom White	31
Fr. Ray Goodman	31	Janice Malone	16
		Jerry Molaison	15
		Jerry Reshew	13

MTE

September's MTE was at Hook Gulf Coast in Pass Christian. Present were Tom White, Joe Kirkby and Natalie, and Janet. I liked this place and wouldn't mind having another MTE here.

October's MTE - Thursday, October 17, 5:30 pm. Haven't decided on a place yet. Any suggestions?