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SCHEDULED MEETINGS

February 27, at 6:00 PM, Mr. Gus' Ristorante
Bell Plaza Shopping Center
6268 Atlanta Highway, Montgomery, AL
March 26 — Venue To Be Determined
April 23 — Venue To Be Determined

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Words from Christiane, our Loc Sec



Greetings fellow Mensans,

Hope everybody had a wonderful Christmas and a Happy New Year! It's time to hit the ground running….well….soon. We have had a wonderful combined November-December meeting/party at the home of Bob and Laurel Akin. Thank you again for hosting this; it was so much fun. Also, since the last edition of our newsletter I've had the opportunity to meet members individually outside the monthly dinner meetings which was a real treat for me. Other than that, there is not much to report.

I ask everyone to pay special attention to the Young Mensans information on page 3 of this newsletter. We need to provide more support of gifted youth, particularly ones who are part of our Montgomery-Wiregrass organization.

As of January 20, 2016 our group has 103 members. Two new members joined our chapter in December. Welcome to Montgomery-Wiregrass Mensa, Taylor and Bradford. We hope to see you soon at one of our monthly dinner meetings. Speaking of which, our usual meeting time and place is the fourth Saturday of the month at 6:00 p.m., usually in Troy or Montgomery, occasionally elsewhere. Check the box on the left labeled "Scheduled Meetings" and check our website (http://www.montgomery-wiregrass.us.mensa.org) or our Facebook page for updates.

If you haven't done already, please consider joining us on Facebook https://www.facebook.com/groups/125746080857981/. We usually announce specifics (date/location) of our monthly meetings on our FB page as well as other news and tidbits related to (and sometimes not so related to) our group. To all members, please consider joining us for our monthly dinner meetings. Our casual get-togethers are always fun, lively, and full of good food.

Take care everybody.

Christiane Robinson
Loc Sec

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Opinions expressed herein are those of the writer — not of Mensa nor the editor unless he is the author. Anyone with an opposing or supporting view is encouraged to respond, and to include any other submissions to edtor.the.wire@gmail.com, Robert Akin, 104 Windwood Lane, Enterprise, AL 36330.

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OUR RVC (BAKER RING) SPEAKS

We are now several weeks into the New Year and as usual, there's a lot going on in Mensa. Have you registered for Mensa-Con? That's the 2016 American Mensa Annual Gathering, June 29-July 3 in San Diego. AGs are always a good time and San Diego is a great city to visit. Check out the website (ag.us.mensa.org) or the FB page (Annual Gathering 2016) for more information, including programs and tours. Arrive a day earlier and you can attend the Colloquium. This year's topic is "The Nature of Genetics".

CultureQuest® is right around the corner. The registration deadline for the May 1 contest is March 31. There are two categories: Classic and Next Generation. The Next Generation category, for those under the age of 18, is a great way for Young Mensans to become involved. You can register and get more information at: https://www.us.mensa.org/attend/culturequest/cq-registration/.

Don't forget to register for the Carolinah RG, "OwL-ympics", April 30 - May 1. This is considered one of the best RGs in the nation. Attendees won't just be from our region. In recent years there have been Mensans from Florida, Michigan, Ohio, and from several other states. It's held at the Drury Inn in Greenville, SC. Registration is $70 until March 31. For more information, contact MaryAnn Cox; maryacraig@juno.com; (864) 963-2335.

As you can see, there's a lot going on over the next few months. It's a great time to renew your membership. Renew by March 31 so that you can participate in these great events. You don't want to miss out on anything going on in Mensa, whether it's a national, regional, or local event.

Congratulations to the following Local Groups for increasing their membership of last years

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OUR RVC SPEAKS (CONTINUED)

end of year membership numbers: Middle Tennessee, Montgomery/Wiregrass, Savannah Area, Smoky Mountain and Triad Mensas. Several other local groups should exceed last years numbers by the end of March.

Have you downloaded Mensa's Brain Training App? It's available from the App Store. It provides the ultimate brain-training challenge through a unique test environment and Mensa-approved questions. Train daily in five disciplines designed to test all areas of your brain: memory, concentration, agility, perception and reasoning. Try out this member benefit and see what you think.

Winter will be with us for a little longer. Don't use that as an excuse to stay home from your local Mensa events. Join your fellow Mensans and enjoy the company of some awesome folks.

Help a Friend join Mensa —- For Free

Talk to friends about Mensa and tell them that, as a promotion, American Mensa is slashing the Prior Evidence fee to $0, yes, ZERO, in February and March, 2016. Remember that more than 90% of candidates who submit prior evidence qualify for membership.

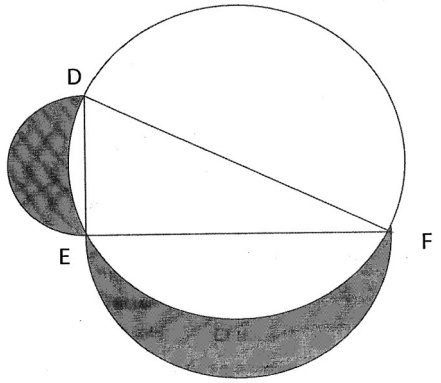
Good information when so many seasonal activities limit attendance at testing sessions. Potential candidates can view qualifying test scores online at http://us.mensa.org/join/testscores/qualifyingscores/ and use the Quick Link on that page to submit qualifying testing evidence.

Early 2016 Birthdays.

Michael P Griffin	January 2
Timothy Johnson Rayborn	January 5
Martha Johnson Whitt	January 9
Angela B Johnson	January 28
Diane King	February 6
Jason Grice	February 7
Cmdr Forrest Wood	February 10
John Simmons	February 13
Roger Corley	February 16
Julie Sanderson Kravec	February 17
Carter deShazo	February 19
Joseph Anderson	February 24
Henry Kravec	March 3
Christopher Morgan	March 4
Timothy French	March 5
Andrew Hood	March 11

List may be incomplete because 43 MWM members have restricted information as to date of birth.

BRAIN TEASER



The perimeter of the right triangle DEF is 40 feet with legs as integer values.. The three semi-circles have diameters of DE, DF, and EF. What is the total area of the two shaded portions?
Send your solutions to editor.the.wire@gmail.com.
Names of winners will be published in next issue.
Thanks to Tom Funk for submission of this puzzle.

Membership Anniversaries in January

Lee Cash	7 years
Nancy Clasby	16 years
Natalia Cumming	1 year
Ibrahim Hakima	1 year
Barbara Hoover	5 years
Matthew Thompson	3 years

Membership Anniversaries in February

Matthew Adcock	1 year
Robert Akin	36 years
Joseph Anderson	17 years
Serin Baek	1 year
Bradford Carmack	10 years
Andrei Chira	10 years
Rebecca Dicks	3 years
Riley Durant	2 years
Kim Edhegard	12 years
Lawrence Gobrecht	5 years
Michael Griffin	11 years
Brandon Hightower	4 years
Phillip Lane	1 year
Fletcher Majors Jr.	1 year
Paul Puckett	10 years
Timothy Rayborn	14 years
Calvin Rhymes	3 years
Taylor Smith	1 year

Membership Anniversaries in March

Laura Blackburn	3 years
Kimberly Garza	12 years
Martin Ladner	9 years
Rich Magill	17 years
Lloyd Probst	1 year
Ellen Rothfield	38 years
Ourleane Spencer	26 years
Preston Thompson	8 years

GIFTED YOUTH PROGRAM

AN APPEAL FROM OUR LOC SEC

We are still looking for a member to fill the position of Gifted Youth Coordinator. Please let me know if you're interested in this position. Our Young Mensans, their parents and guardians, and everybody else in our chapter will thank you.
There are many services Mensa and the Mensa Foundation offers Young Mensans. Additionally, many of the benefits for Young Mensans are available to the children of Mensa members. As we parents of gifted children well know, there are also numerous other Mensa non-related programs out there to help our children learn and grow. I have extensive personal experience with regard to the following programs and organizations: Davidson Institute of Talent Development (http://www.davidsongifted.org/), Duke Talent Identification Program (https://tip.duke.edu/), Stanford University Education Program for Gifted Youth (http://epgy.stanford.edu/), and SENG Supporting Emotional Needs for the Gifted (http://sengifted.org/). Please don't hesitate and ask me questions about these programs and organizations.



From our last Young Mensans' Fun Day



OUR CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION









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