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SCHEDULED MEETINGS

February 23, 2019
Venditori's Italian Restaurant
2572 Hilton Garden Drive, Auburn

March 23, 2019
Fiesta Mexicana Restaurante y Taqueria
8844 Minnie Brown Road, Montgomery

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Words from Steven, our Loc Sec



Season's Greetings! I hope everyone enjoyed the holiday season.

I again extend an open invitation to our members who haven't joined us in a while. Please join us for our monthly dinner/business meetings. We do have a lot of fun, great discussion, and enjoy outstanding food at several restaurants in Montgomery, Auburn, and Troy.

Our January dinner meeting was at a new location for us—The Mossy Grove School House in Troy on Saturday January 26th at 6:00 PM. The property has an interesting history and has also received great reviews. We have a room reserved that seats up to 16 people so please plan on joining us. Our February meeting will be at an Auburn favorite—Venditori's on Saturday February 23rd at 6:00 PM. For a change-of-pace, we'll meet at Fiesta Mexicana in Montgomery on Saturday March 23rd at 6:00 PM.

We had a wonderful October picnic at Chewacla State Park. It was slightly cool which made for a nice autumn atmosphere. Our combined November/ December Holiday meeting was held at Mr. Gus' Ristorante in Montgomery.

We still seek volunteers to serve our group—Assistant Local Secretary, Newsletter Editor, and an additional Testing Proctor. Seriously consider your time and talents in helping your fellow MWM members. Please contact me if you have questions regarding each position and if you would like to serve. Each position doesn't require a tremendous time commitment and will help MWM greatly.

Work still continues on updating our MWM bylaws that date from 1987. A push was made a few years ago to update our bylaws via the National Bylaws committee;

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OUR RVC (BAKER RING) SPEAKS

I don't know about the rest of you, but, in Middle Tennessee, this has been an unusual winter. So far, it's more like Spring. Hopefully, we'll have a little bit of winter before it's over.

It won't be long until I am headed to Birmingham for the "Blast from the Past" RG. Registration is $65 until January 31 and $70 after that. You can make a reservation at the Residence Inn, Birmingham at: http://tinyurl.com/CAM-RG2019-hotel. The registrar, Mary Ambridge can be reached at: ambridge@bellsouth.net and you can check out their Facebook page: facebook.com/centralalmensa. Their RGs have always been a great way to enjoy a weekend in Birmingham. Hope to see some of you there.

The last Region 5 Regional Gathering of the Spring will take place March 22-24 in Greenville, South Carolina. The "NaNa NaNa NaNa NaNa" RG will feature all kinds of programming as well as plenty to eat and drink. You can contact registrar, Mary Ann Cox at" 509 Bethel Drive, Mauldin, SC, 29662, phone 864-963-2335, e-mail: registrar@piedmontareamensa.org (Please call or e-mail to request credit card instructions.

Registration for CultureQuest® is now open. This contest of literacy has been a Mensa tradition since 1990. You can register and get more information at: https://www.us.mensa.org/attend/culturequest/ If you read this before January 31, I encourage you to go to the National office website and go to: https://www.us.mensa.org/lead/amc/elections/. There may still be candidates for the AMC who need your electronic signature in order to get on the ballot. There are 3 candidates to succeed me as RVC 5.

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.

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Happy Birthday Wishes in January

Michael P Griffin	Jan 2
Martha Johnson Whitt	Jan 9

Happy Birthday Wishes in February

Ken D S Sullivanne	Feb 2
Gregory Hayes	Feb 6
Jason B Grice	Feb 7
John Simmons Jr	Feb 13
Carolyn Lavender Jeff	Feb 14
Julie Sanderson Kravec	Feb 16
Carter L deShazo	Feb 19
Tina Chappell	Feb 26

Happy Birthday Wishes in March

Henry John Kravec	Mar 3
Timothy French	Mar 5
Christian L Taylor	Mar 24

List may be incomplete because 36 MWM members have restricted information as to date of birth.

Membership Anniversaries in January

Burt Buchanan	2 years
Matthew G Thompson	6 years
Andrea M Henshall	7 years
Lee Wiley Cash	10 years
Nancy T Clasby	19 years

Membership Anniversaries in February

Rebecca Dicks	6 years
Calvin Rhymes	6 years
Brandon P Hightower	7 years
James C Boxmeyer	10 years
Paul L Puckett	13 years
Michael P Griffin	14 years
Kim Edhegard	15 years
Timothy Johnson Rayborn	17 years
Steven William Knuckles	27 years
Robert F Akin	39 years

Membership Anniversaries in March

Kimberly Michelle Dunn	2 years
Carolyn Lavender Jeff	5 years
Gregory Preston Thompson	11 years
R Martin Ladner	12 years
Kimberly B Garza	15 years
Charles John Gantner Jr	39 years
Ellen Rotfeld	41 years

Loc Sec Comments (Continued)

however, something occurred that impeded that update. I've been in contact with Becky Folger, the Local Groups administrator at the National Office who has been a huge help for us on many issues. Also, a big "Thank You" to Bob Akin for locating the Word files submitted a few years ago. This will be a project that continues for a few weeks or even a few months; however, the end result should serve us well for years to come.

It isn't too early to begin making plans to attend the 2019 Annual Gathering July 3-7 in Phoenix at the Sheraton Grand Phoenix Downtown Hotel. The theme is "Mensa Rising: Hot Place. Cool People.". Registration cost through January 4th is $219 for adults, children 13-20 $175, and children 4-12 $109. Registration through February 28th is $244 for adults, $200 for children 13-20, and $109 for children 4-12. Detailed information can be found at https://ag.us.mensa.org/ . This will be my first time attending an AG and I'm really looking forward to it! Please consider attending.

See you at our upcoming meetings!

Steve

R V C Comments (Continued)

If you haven't done so yet, don't forget to register for "Mensa Rising", this year's Annual Gathering. It will take place in Phoenix, AZ, July 3-3. Registration and hotel rooms are available and it should be a great event. If you are heading on down there, you might also want to check out the Colloquium, which deals with: Privacy in the 21st Century: Mystery or Myth?. You can get more information at: ag.us.mensa.org.

Several local groups have new leadership. Thank you to all the leaders who are moving on and to those who are taking their places.

Baker Ring, Vice Chair Region 5

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