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SCHEDULED MEETINGS

February 22, 2020
Venditori's Italian Restautant, Auburn

March 28, 2020
Mr. Gus' Ristorante
6268 Atlanta Highway, Montgomery

April 25, 2020
Venue TBD, Troy

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Words from Steve, our Loc Sec



Hello everyone! I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday season. As Barbara Walters said on so many occasions, "This is 20/20".

We had a wonderful dinner meeting in Troy on January 25th with 12 in attendance. We welcomed Rob and Angie Eaton from Dothan. Please join us on Saturday February 22nd in Auburn at Venditori's Italian Restaurant at 6:00 PM. This information will be available on our website (http://www.montgomery-wiregrass.us.mensa.org/) as well as in our "Montgomery Wiregrass Mensa" Facebook group. Our March meeting will be in Montgomery at Mr. Gus' Ristorante on Saturday the 28th. We will meet again in Troy on April 25th at a location to be determined. Please let me know if you have any ideas of new meeting locations.

We need to give a big "Thank You" to Charles Hightower for again coordinating our Mensa Scholarship Essay Contest. This is an important position in our group that sadly goes overlooked. As of this writing, he has received 55 essays in this year's competition and several MWM members have volunteered to help grade the essays. Thanks to everyone!

We also welcome Kenneth Sullivanne as our new "The Wire" editor for next edition. Thank you for stepping up for us! Everyone, please than Bob Akin for a job well done for so many years. He's the one that keeps me on my toes, reminding me that I'm tardy on my quarterly column contribution! Bob, you're a blessing to this group. We can't thank you enough for all you've contributed as Treasurer, Newsletter Editor, and as our Lead Examination Proctor.

We still need someone to fill the role of Assistant Local Secretary. It requires very little time and effort. If you

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OUR RVC (NANCY CAMPBELL) SPEAKS



Happy New Year!! Happy New Decade, in fact!!!

There are a number of exciting things coming down the pike for 2020. First, electronic testing is almost ready to be launched, and we'll probably see it in 2020. Once electronic testing is available, a candidate will be able to go to one of a number of testing centers nationwide, to take the Mensa tests. This will be a godsend for the many areas which have no local proctors.

Secondly, the word is that the Mensa website will be "searchable" in the near future. What a boon for those of us who know what we are looking for, but not where to look. (Hint: until our national website is searchable, Google works very well. Just Google what you are looking or, then choose the URLs with "Mensa" in them.)

Don't forget to register for Central Alabama Mensa's upcoming RG in Birmingham, AL from February 14-16, 2020 (Valentine's Day weekend.) Registration before January 1, 2020 is only $60. From January 1 till February 1, $65. Walk-ins are $70. If you have never been to an RG, you're missing out on one of the best experiences in Mensa. Get details about the RG and hotel info from maryam-bridge@gmail.com

These are my goals for Region 5 in 2020 and 2021:

1) Find a local group in MS or TN to hold a Regional Gathering (RG). We already have RGs in NC, SC, GA, and AL. All of these are in the eastern half of the region. We need a group to step up and host one in MS or TN. One easy way to start is to hold an all-games gathering. Interested?

2) Hold Leadership Development Workshops every year. We have one planned for March 6-8, 2020 in Mobile, AL with some exciting

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regional and national speakers. My February column will have much more information on this. There will be another in Fall 2020 or Spring 2021.

3) Recruit Proctors for groups which do not have a resident Proctor. The process is fairly easy. The prospective Proctor must have a BA or a BS; they must observe two testing sessions; and then they must be observed leading a testing session. To remain certified, they have to give a test at least every two years. I have Certified Proctors ready to help your group recruit and train a Proctor. Just contact me at rvc5mail@gmail.com, and we'll get the ball rolling.

4) We need to address the challenge of the many members who do not live within easy commuting distance of their group's major population center (s). Lizzz Russell from French Broad Mensa has volunteered to help us get a Region 5 webpage up and running. Once the National Office has turned on the Region 5 page in Mensa Connect, Lizzz will be able to get started on it. Another option that already exists is Isolated M – a monthly electronic newsletter and chat group for isolated folks. That URL is isolatedm.com.

What??!! I missed your favorite goal? Feel free to email me at rvc5mail@gmail.com, and I'll get right on it!

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No input received for this newsletter



Words from Steve, our Loc Sec
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are interested in serving—and you know you are—please let me know.

Great news! Since our last newsletter, we have welcomed nine new members into Montgomery Wiregrass Mensa. As of this writing (1/27/2020), we have 94 members. We hope to see many more of you at our monthly dinner gatherings.

That's it from here for now.

Take care!

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Membership Anniversaries in March

Ryan K Yaun	1 year
Gene Daniel Donney	1 year
Kimberly Michelle Dunn	3 years
Carolyn Lavender Fitz-Gerald	6 years
Gregory Preston Thompson	12 years
R Martin Ladner	13 years
Kimberly B Garza	16 years
Charles John Gantner Jr	40 years
Ellen Rotfeld	42 years

Happy Birthday Wishes in January

Michael P Griffin	Jan 2
Martha Johnson Whitt	Jan 9
Daniel L Mason	Jan 22
Jason Holmes	Jan 26

Happy Birthday Wishes in February

Ken D S Sullivanne	Feb 2
Angela Beltz Eaton	Feb 4
Dawn Green	Feb 6
Diane King	Feb 6
Gregory Hayes	Feb 6
Jason Grice	Feb 7
John Simmons Jr.	Feb 13
Carolyn Lavender Fitz-Gerald	Feb 14
Roger Corley	Feb 16
Julie Sanderson Kravec	Feb 17
Carter L deShazo	Feb 19
Tina Chappell	Feb 26

Happy Birthday Wishes in March

Henry John Kravec	Mar 3
Timothy French	Mar 5

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

Membership Anniversaries in January

Natalia Cumming	2 years
Gabriel Cumming	2 years
Jaden Williams	2 years
Calista Williams	3 years
Matthew G Thompson	8 years
Lee Wiley Cash	12 years
Nancy T Clasby	21 years

Membership Anniversaries in February

Rebecca Dicks	7 years
Calvin Rhymes	7 years
Janes C Boxmeyer	11 years
Paul L Puckett	14 years
Michael P Griffin	15 years
Kim Edhegard	16 years
Timothy Johnson Rayborn	18 years
Steven William Knuckles	28 years
Robert F Akin	40 years







JANUARY 25 MEETING PHOTOGRAPHS





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