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SCHEDULED MEETINGS

November meeting will be combined into the December (Christmas) activity.

December 12, 2020 — Christmas Special
Mr. Gus' Ristorante
6268 Atlanta Highway, Montgomery

January 23, 2021
Venue TBD

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Words from Steve, our Loc Sec



Hello everyone!

As the "interesting" months continue to pass, our MWM meeting attendee numbers have continued at a lower level; however, the enthusiasm of everyone hasn't waned. I hope this message finds everyone well. Hopefully, from this point forward, we will find the virus effects waning so we can begin to gather in greater numbers again.

Since our last publication, we had one attend our July meeting in Troy, four in August in Montgomery, none in September in Troy, and four most recently in October in Auburn. As customary, we will combine our November and December meetings into one Holiday dinner at Mr. Gus' in Montgomery on Saturday December 12th at 6:00 PM. MWM will pay for the meal as a "Thank You" for your continuing membership and friendship.

Following this edition of "The Wire", I'll be assuming the role of Newsletter Editor for the near future. Please let me know if anyone is interested in assisting. We still need someone to fill the roles of Assistant Local Secretary and Gifted Youth Coordinator. Each role requires very little time. Basically, the Assistant LocSec would step in if I'm unavailable and would also plan our monthly gatherings. Our Gifted Youth Coordinator would plan fun, educational events for our younger members and other younger family members. If you are interested in serving in either role, please let me know.

As of this writing, we have 82 members of Montgomery Wiregrass Mensa! A big "Thank You" to each of you who either renewed your membership or rejoined Mensa…and a super-huge welcome to those who are new to our group either via new membership or those new to the area.

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OUR RVC (NANCY CAMPBELL) SPEAKS



Ok, I guess that it is time to admit that this COVID thing isn't fun anymore (not that it ever was.) To me, the best part of being a Mensan is getting together with other Mensans, that lovely feeling that "at last I have found my tribe."
Part of it is conversation with folks who get your jokes without your having to explain them. Part of it is just the caliber of conversation: the right half of the table is talking about the Higgs-Bosun Particle Accelerator, and at the other end there is a civil political conversation going on. Think about it – where else can you get a real political debate without it coming to blows? I am really, really ready for a Mensa "fix."
I agree with you – online just isn't the same. But it is the best option we've got right now, and for the rest of this year, at least. But electronic meetings are better than nothing. You can find some of them listed on the Events Calendar at https://www.us.mensa.org/attend/calendar/ , like the Disnerd Ms, a group that hosts a virtual watch party of a Disney movie on most Friday evenings, or the Musical Theater Ms, which hosts a virtual watch party of a musical or movie musical on most Sunday afternoons.
Charlotte Blue Ridge Mensa is sharing their speaker meetings by Zoom (fourth Friday of the month, every month.) In September, they hosted "An Evening of Language and Laughter" with Mensa Bulletin language columnist Richard Lederer. Each month there is an online Book Club Meeting, and an "All Talk, No Action" discussion group. CBR Mensa also publishes (with their permission) most of San Francisco Mensa's online offerings. If your group doesn't have someone who wants to put together a Zoom for your local group, at least get your editor to publish what is available from other groups! Last month I joined a Zoom with South Coast Mensa, which has only 67 members. (See? Even small groups can stay in touch!) Those who participated had a lively evening of fun and games.
C'mon, folks, we can DO this!!
join in.

Other groups are holding virtual Games Nights, virtual discussion nights, virtual happy hours, and so on.
See you online at one of these meetings!

RVC 5 COLUMN for November, 2020

Lots of news this month! First of all, **free Prior Evidence has been extended through November 30th**. Tell your friends and relatives to send in their documentation now and take advantage of this special!
The Referendum Petition Process opened October 1st, and will be open until November 15th. If you would like to see a change in the rules, get your petition placed on the national website now, so others can support you. The candidate petition window opens December 1st, so if you plan on running for a National Office, start polishing your resume. For the record, I plan to run again for RVC 5. First, there is a steep learning curve for the national positions, so it makes sense to aim for continuity. Secondly, because of COVID and the ensuing restrictions, I haven't been able to meet everyone properly yet, so I want more time. Would you like to apply for one of the appointed positions (like Communications Officer and Membership Officer)? Let me know and I will nominate you!

Finally, Private Testing is about to become a reality. The current system of volunteer, trained Proctors will continue; but American Mensa has arranged for a private testing company, **Prometric**, to offer the Mensa Testing Battery for a charge of $99. (Current testing by Proctor costs $60.) Candidates will have the choice now of going to a Prometric testing center to take the tests electronically; going to a test session with a Mensa Proctor; or submitting Prior Evidence. The National Office held an online webinar October 22 to explain the process, along with questions and answers. The webinar has been recorded and posted online for your benefit.

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We hope to see many more of you at our monthly dinner gatherings. Please watch our Montgomery Wiregrass Mensa Facebook group. If you're not on Facebook and would like updated meeting information as warranted, please call or text me at 636-346-3522 or email at swknucles@aol.com.

That's it from here for now. Take care!

LocSec Steve

Happy Birthday Wishes in October

Laurel O Akin	Oct 5
Matthew G Thompson	Oct 8
Michele L Waters	Oct 22
Ellen Rotfeld	Oct 26

Happy Birthday Wishes in November

Eric Payne	Nov 2
Jennifer Cumming	Nov 2
Ray A Garza	Nov 3
Jackie T Milton	Nov 5
Sarah E Conners	Nov 13
R Martin Ladner	Nov 20
Nancy T Clasby	Nov 21
Jay Lewis	Nov 27

Happy Birthday Wishes in December

Mark Steven Wintersole	Dec 3
James C Boxmeyer	Dec 3
Joseph W Yates III	Dec 28

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

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Membership Anniversaries in October

McKinley Lee Grier	3 years
Vincent Raymond Courtenay	4 years
Kiara Sherie Robinson	5 years
Jay Lewis	5 years
Jack Patel	6 years
Taj Patel	7 years
Laurel O Akin	17 years
Eric Payne	17 years
Brent Howard Gourley	18 years
James P Golson	25 years

Membership Anniversaries in November

Sandra G Newman	2 years
Autumn W White	4 years
Carter L deShazo	6 years
Debra Ann Friesleben	7 years
Ray A Garza	9 years
Jackie T Milton	9 years
Frank G Beck	14 years
Allisson Shelley	14 years
Victor K Raines	19 years
Cason Coan	19 years
Kenneth C Ball	19 years
David R. Harris	31 years
Leopold Blum Babin	35 years

Membership Anniversaries in December

Michael I Wegner	3 years
Brianna Lewis	9 years
Julie Sanderson Kravec	18 years
Bill Taylor	42 years

There will be a special meeting of the AMC (Board of Directors of American Mensa) on November 14, 2020. It will be held virtually and live-streamed on You-Tube. It is scheduled for noon to 2 PM Central time. More information and instructions for joining are available on the national website, ***us.mensa.org.***





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