

The Wire

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Mensa Dates

- August 27 meeting at Asla Bistro
- Next meeting September 24 - location to be announced

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Welcome to our newest member!



Christiane at our May meeting with her Mensan daughter Vanessa on her right, and fellow Mensan Laurel Akin to her left.

My name is Christiane Robinson. I was born and raised in Germany, but have lived in different countries, so I consider myself a world citizen. I am married and have two wonderful daughters, Mensan and ILJan Vanessa (15) and Kiara (11). I am a certified freelance translator working from

home. Main interests are traveling and exploring new cultures, stargazing, cooking, psychology, gifted education, hanging out with my daughters, K-Pop, theatre, films, and fine art. I'm also a member of Intertel.

I like freethinkers and visionaries, people who embrace and enjoy cultural diversity and are open to new ideas and concepts. I dislike when people start talking very slowly when they notice my foreign accent.

Favorite quote:

Here's to the crazy ones, the misfits, the rebels, the troublemakers, the round pegs in the square holes...the ones who see things differently -- they're not fond of rules... You can quote them, disagree with them, glorify or vilify them, but the only thing you can't do is ignore them because they change things... they push the human race forward, and while some may see them as the crazy ones, we see genius, because the ones who are crazy enough to think that they can change the world, are the ones who do. - Steve Jobs

Come and visit me on Facebook at <http://facebook.com/christiane.robinson>

Terrible Puns on One!



- ~ The fattest knight at King Arthur's round table was Sir Cumference. He acquired his size from too much pi.
- ~I thought I saw an eye doctor on an Alaskan island, but it turned out to be an optical Aleutian.
- ~She was only a whiskey maker, but he loved her still.

Looking for a few good Mensans.....

While there are 87 on our mailing list for Wiregrass Mensa, involvement at the meetings, events and with the newsletter are low. Rodger Morrison, our local secretary, has sent out a questionnaire and has been looking for ways to encourage our members to participate and to help our chapter grow.

How can each of you help individually?

- Attending meetings - they can be in your town but we need your help
- Contribute articles, poems, pictures, etc. to the newsletter
- Join us for planned activities and events
- Encourage others to test for and join Mensa....and, of course, our chapter
- Attend regional events
- Tell us about events in your area to which you'd like to invite our chapter

Please help make our chapter an outstanding one. Call or email me with ideas, questions, articles, etc. Thanks! ~ Barbara Hoover (contact info on front page)

Newsletter Preference

At their March 2011 meeting, the American Mensa Committee passed a motion to make electronic delivery (instead of print delivery) the default release for members to receive local electronic publications. This policy will take effect Sept. 1, 2011.

Making a selection is simple. Members can visit www.us.mensa.org/mynewsletterdelivery and select

- "I prefer to receive my local publications electronically if available." or
 "I prefer to receive my local publications via regular mail."

When selecting the electronic option, members are prompted to provide an email address and release their email address within the organization.

Members can also email membership@americanmensa.org; call 888/294-8035 ext. 199 during regular business hours; initiate a LiveSupport chat session via our Web site; or mail their request to American Mensa, Ltd., 1229 Corporate Drive West, Arlington, Texas 76006. Our Web Services team (WebServices@americanmensa.org or 888/294-8035 ext. 5005) is happy to assist with member login issues.

Wiregrass Mensa Happenings - Let me know if you're coming or going!

- Jazz in the Grass - Sept. 5th River Walk Amphitheater, Montgomery
- Hymn Sing & Covered Dish Dinner Gathering - September 10th at 6:00 - David and Barbara Hoover's house in Montgomery. For more information and to RSVP call - 423-364-9242 or email bihoover71@gmail.com
- Atlanta Peactreat XXXVI RG Sept. 23-25 <http://mensaingeorgia.org/rg2011/index.html>
- Montgomery Riverwalk Wine Festival - Saturday, Oct. 8, 2011 from 1:00 until 4:00 pm
Tickets \$25 per person. For more info: <http://riverwalkwinefestival.com/>
- Wine Fest Cruise - Saturday, Oct. 8. The Cruise takes place after the Wine Festival and will start boarding at 4:30 p.m. The boat will cruise from 5-6:30 p.m. Tickets are \$20 without a Wine Festival ticket and \$10 with. For more info: <http://riverwalkwinefestival.com>
- Alabama Shakespeare Festival Backstage Tour - Let me know if you're interested in signing up. I'm starting a list and will set a date when we have enough interest.

Thanks, Barbara (contact information on front page)

Ready to be Mensa Brilliant?

In celebration of Mensa International's 65th anniversary, American Mensa will transform National Testing Day into a month-long Mensa Brilliant testing event. We want every Local Group to participate to help ensure Mensa's next 65 years are as wonderful as the first 65!

To help each group get started, we've created three levels of participation for this event; if your group successfully achieves one of the levels, it will receive the following bonus funding for October:

Silver Level: \$25 bonus

Hold one test session during October.

List that test session on the AML testing calendar by Friday, Sept 16.

Complete two promotional activities.

Gold Level: \$50 bonus

Hold two test sessions during October.

List those test sessions on the AML testing calendar by Friday, Sept 16.

Complete three promotional activities.

Diamond Level: Brilliant! \$65 bonus, plus Mensa Brilliant T-shirts for your testing team

Hold three test sessions during October.

List those test sessions on the AML testing calendar by Friday, Sept 16.

Complete four promotional activities.

We've prepared a list of promotional activities (and detailed how-to instructions) that range from sending an email to prospects about the test session to putting ads in the local newspaper. Please help your group participate in any way you can! Get more information and fill out your group's