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**Our Local Secretary (LocSec) Speaks — Words from Christiane**

Greetings fellow Mensans,

Hope everybody is having a wonderful summer!

As of September 8, our group has 95 members. In the past 30 days, 6 new members joined. Welcome to our group, Robert, Jackie, Hunter, Henry, Michele, and Richard! We hope to see you soon at one of the monthly dinner meetings. Speaking of which, our next dinner meeting will be on September 26, at 6:00 p.m., at Chappy's, 8141 Vaughn Road in Montgomery. Please check our website (<http://www.montgomery-wiregrass.us.mensa.org>) or our Facebook page for updates.

In other news, we had an ExComm meeting on August 22. This was a very productive meeting. Here are some of the topics we discussed and/or decided at the meeting: Bob Akin volunteered to be the new newsletter editor taking over the job from Barbara Hoover. The newsletter will be a quarterly publication distributed by USPS or email depending on the preference members have filed with American Mensa. It will also be posted to the website in a PDF version. The ExComm approved purchasing a Mensa table cloth for use at events like last month's Student Club and Organization Fair at AUM which is discussed on page 2 of this newsletter.

As you can see from the pictures on page 2, Montgomery-Wiregrass Mensa has a new banner. This banner was specifically made for Montgomery-Wiregrass Mensa, and Julie Garcia, American Mensa Marketing Associate, went over and above to provide this banner to us, just in time for the event at AUM. The banner was free of charge to us. In exchange for the free banner, Julie just asked to email her a picture of the banner in use at our event. I emailed her.

We no longer have a Gifted Youth Coordinator (GYC). Casimir Lukjan, our exiting GYC, recommended that the next GYC be a parent of one of the Young Mensans because, among other things, they already are budgeting the time with Mensa. Any parent of a Young Mensan, who is also a member of Mensa, or any other member of MWM who is interested in the position of GYC Chair, please email me at [germantrans1@roadrunner.com](mailto:germantrans1@roadrunner.com). Although we currently don't have a GYC, I'm still planning on having events and get-togethers for our Young Mensans with the next get-together preferably taking place in the fall at much cooler temperatures, so we can have this get-together outside (maybe a picnic or BBQ at a park?). I need help organizing this event. Better yet, is anybody willing to organize and host this event? Please email me, if you can help.

On July 18, we had a testing session at AUM. A total of six took the Mensa Admissions Test. Everything went without a hitch and we received a lot of very good feedback from the test takers. Mensa Membership Month is October. A key event during the month is Mensa Testing Day which is Saturday, October 17. Details of our next testing session are on page.

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 dinner meetings on our FB page as well as other news and tidbits related to (and sometimes not so related to) our group.

Take care everybody!

Looking forward to seeing everybody again soon,

Christiane Robinson, Loc Sec and Proctor of  
Montgomery-Wiregrass Mensa



**Public Relations Activity**

We had the opportunity to advertise Mensa and the Montgomery-Wiregrass group on August 19, 2015.

Auburn University at Montgomery (AUM) held their Student Club and Organization Fair in AUM’s Taylor Center 230. Our thanks to Mr. Joel Hughes, AUM’s Associate Director of Orientation and Transitions for inviting us to participate. MWM was represented by Christiane Robinson and Bob Akin who set up an impressive display and interviewed several students. More than one person seemed pleased that we would be doing a testing session October 17 on the AUM campus. (Read more about that on page 3 of this newsletter.)

Also, this was our first opportunity to display our new MWM banner which is in one of the pictures below. It was a bittersweet fun time for Christiane and Bob because a number of the students knew little about Mensa. Some had never heard about our organization.

**We are definitely underpublicized.**



**September — December Birthdays.**

Barry McKnight	September 1
Elijah Petry	September 9
Laurel O Akin	October 5
Matthew G Thompson	October 8
Michele L Waters	October 22
Ellen Rotfeld	October 26
Riley Durant	October 29
Jonathan M Beha	November 19
R Martin Ladner	November 20
Nancy T Clasby	November 21
Kathleen Connolly	November 26
J Hugh Nichols	November 27
Ourleane Anthony Spencer	December 18

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

**Puns — worth sharing???**

England may not have kidney bank, but it does have a Liverpool.

Jokes about German sausage are the wurst.

Is a soldier who survived mustard gas and pepper spray now a seasoned veteran?

Yes, the girl said she recognized me from the vegetarian club, but I'd never met herbivore.



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**SCHEDULED MEETINGS**

September 26

Chappy's Deli located in Peppertree Plaza at 8141 Vaughn Road touts providing Southern Hospitality with a New York Flavor

October 17

Testing Day at AUM. See next column this newsletter.

October 24

Venue TBD

November 28

Venue TBD

December

Date and Venue TBD

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**TESTING ACTIVITIES**

We had a successful testing session on July 18, 2015 on the Auburn University at Montgomery (AUM) campus. Dr. Paul Hard had arranged for us to use the South Room on the 10th floor in the Ida Belle Young Library tower. Our two proctors, Christiane Robinson and Bob Akin administered the admissions examinations to six candidates. We can happily report that four have since joined our Montgomery-Wiregrass Group.

The testing news does not end there because Dr. Hard has secured the same venue for us to use for the Annual Mensa Day testing (October 17). This is exciting because, in commemoration of Annual Testing Day, the fee for taking the tests is reduced in half. It will cost only \$20.00 rather than the usual \$40.00. We spread that word at the Student Club and Organization Fair as reported on page 2 of this newsletter. The Mensa Admissions Tests will be administered on October 17, starting at 1:00 A map showing the site for October 17 testing is at [www.aum.edu/about-aum/campus-maps](http://www.aum.edu/about-aum/campus-maps). The "campus buildings and parking" map identifies the library as Item D.

Candidates interested in taking the test should email Bob Akin, Proctor and Testing Coordinator at [bob36330@gmail.com](mailto:bob36330@gmail.com), no later than October 12, 2015. When telling folks about this testing please ensure they know that if the candidate is under age 18 or has need of any Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) consideration they need to contact the Testing Coordinator, Bob Akin, [bob36330@gmail.com](mailto:bob36330@gmail.com), (334)

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