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**SCHEDULED MEETINGS**

October 22 — Mr. Gus, 6268 Atlanta Highway,  
Montgomery, AL  
November 2016 — Date and Venue TBD  
December 2016 — Date and Venue TBD

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**DO YOU LIKE COLOR**

This issue of *The Wire* is being delivered by USPS in living Black and White. It is also available in millions of colors (Microsoft's term, not mine) on the MWM Web site, <http://www.montgomery-wiregrass.us.mensa.org>. The 45 MWM members who opted for electronic delivery are receiving a full color email copy. Other members can have this service by advising American Mensa at <http://www.us.mensa.org> that they elect to receive Electronic Communications.

**Words from Christiane, our Loc Sec**

Greetings fellow Mensans,

Happy Membership Month!  
Take the Mensa test - CHECK  
Pass the Mensa test - CHECK  
Join Mensa... (insert cricket noises)



This October, American Mensa will celebrate their members and invite others to become part of this renowned association. The test is available nationwide for just \$20 for the month of October. Please note that American Mensa cannot test anyone who is not at least 14 years of age on the date of the test; however, they may submit prior evidence for membership. For more info, visit <http://www.us.mensa.org/join/testscores/>

As of September 30, 2016, our group had 91 members. In other news: Montgomery-Wiregrass Mensa (MWM) will be hosting a testing session on October 22 at the Enterprise Library.

On September 17, we had a Mensa Game Day. Mandi Buckalew hosted this Game Day at her bakery Cakeapotamus, at 2213 Pepperell Pkwy in Opelika. Thanks again for hosting the event, Mandi. We had so much fun.

Attention, college-bound Mensans, dependents and friends: The Mensa Foundation's scholarship application season opens Sept. 15 and will run through Jan. 15, 2017. Last year, more than 11,000 students competed for 190 scholarship awards at the local, regional, national, and international level with a value of more than \$91,000. The scholarship program bases its awards solely on essays written by the applicants. Both members and non-members may apply using our streamlined online process. For more information and to apply, visit [mensafoundation.org/scholarships](http://mensafoundation.org/scholarships).

After serving MWM as LocSec for 2+ years, I am stepping down and pass on the torch of leadership to the next LocSec to represent this awesome organization. The job doesn't pay much [cricket noises], but is very rewarding nonetheless, and you get to meet a lot of awesome people/members. I am planning to take my hobby, photography, to the next professional level, which will take time, so I have to let some of my volunteering activities go. Please email me at [germantrans1@roadrunner.com](mailto:germantrans1@roadrunner.com) or message me on FB, if you're interested in the position of LocSec of MWM. Needless to say, I will remain an active member and will also stay on as proctor of MWM.

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Opinions expressed herein are those of the writer — not of Mensa nor the editor unless he is the author. Anyone with an opposing or supporting view is encouraged to respond, and to include any other submissions to [editor.the.wire@gmail.com](mailto:editor.the.wire@gmail.com), Robert Akin, 104 Windwood Lane, Enterprise, AL 36330.

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**OUR RVC (BAKER RING) SPEAKS**

“Apocalypse to Zombies,” Mensa in Georgia’s Regional Gathering, was a spectacular success. They had a great crowd, including several new local group members. Thanks to Charlie Steinhice for conducting a Trash/Academic Bowl. Proctor, Bertie Clarke tested a couple of prospects at their testing session. Can’t wait for next year. The 2017 theme is “42” as it will be their 42nd RG (and The Answer to the Ultimate Question of Life, The Universe, & Everything).

I’m pleased to report that Central Alabama Mensa has scheduled their Regional Gathering. The theme is “The Magic City RG *The Art of Illusion*.” Early registration is \$55 before December 31. For information and updates, go to: [www.facebook.com/CentralALMensa](http://www.facebook.com/CentralALMensa).

Speaking of RGs, Piedmont Area Mensa’s 2017 RG will be take place May 5-7. Early registration usually ends during the first week in January. Look for more information in my December column.

Congratulations to the following local groups whose membership is up over the same time last year: Mensa of Eastern North Carolina, Charlotte/Blue Ridge Mensa, Mensa of Central South Carolina, Coastal Carolina Mensa, Mensa in Georgia, North Alabama Mensa, Middle Tennessee Mensa, Chattanooga Mensa, Upper East Tennessee Mensa, Smoky Mountain Mensa, Memphis Mensa, Mississippi Mensa, and South Mississippi Mensa. We appreciate the leadership of all of our local groups..

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**Happy Birthday Wishes.**

|                   |             |
|-------------------|-------------|
| Eric Payne        | November 2  |
| Ray A. Garza      | November 3  |
| Jackie T. Milton  | November 5  |
| R. Martin Ladner  | November 20 |
| Kim Edhegard      | November 20 |
| Nancy T. Clasby   | November 21 |
| Kathleen Connolly | November 26 |
| Bradford Carmack  | November 26 |
| J. High Nichols   | November 27 |
| Jay Lewis Esq     | November 27 |

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|--------------------------|-------------|
| David Walter Pridgen     | December 10 |
| Ourleane Anthony Spencer | December 18 |

List may be incomplete because 37 MWM members have restricted information as to date of birth.

**Membership Anniversaries in November**

|                      |          |
|----------------------|----------|
| Kenneth C. Ball      | 15 years |
| Frank G. Bock        | 10 years |
| Cason Coan           | 15 years |
| Gabriel Cumming      | 1 year   |
| Carter deShazo       | 2 years  |
| Debra Ann Freisleben | 3 years  |
| Ray A. Garza         | 5 years  |
| Dr David R. Harris   | 27 years |
| Angela B. Johnson    | 11 years |
| Jackie T. Milton     | 5 years  |
| Victor K. Raines     | 15 years |
| Allison Shelley      | 10 years |

**Membership Anniversaries in December**

|                        |          |
|------------------------|----------|
| Julie Sanderson Kravec | 14 years |
| Brianna Lewis          | 5 years  |
| Bill Taylor            | 38 years |

## Words from Christiane, our Loc Sec

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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 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 and be safe,

Christiane Robinson  
Loc Sec

## Notice from our Deputy Loc Sec

I have enjoyed serving as Deputy LocSec for the past two years but it is time to let someone else take over that role. The main responsibility is scheduling our meetings. The Deputy LocSec also presides at meetings in the absence of the LocSec. Our year ends on March 31. We need to elect/appoint new officers prior to that date.

Sincerely,

Laurel Akin, Deputy LocSec  
Montgomery-Wiregrass Mensa

## REPEATED APPEAL FROM OUR LOC SEC

We are still looking for a member to fill the position of Gifted Youth Coordinator. Please let me know if you're interested in this position. There are many services Mensa and the Mensa Foundation offers Young Mensans. Additionally, many of the benefits for Young Mensans are available to the children of Mensa members. As we parents of gifted children well know, there are also numerous other Mensa non-related programs out there to help our children learn and grow. I have extensive personal experience with regard to the following programs and organizations: Davidson Institute of Talent Development (<http://www.davidsongifted.org/>), Duke Talent Identification Program (<https://tip.duke.edu/>), Stanford University Education Program for Gifted Youth (<http://epgy.stanford.edu/>), and SENG Supporting Emotional Needs for the Gifted (<http://sengifted.org/>). Please don't hesitate and ask me questions about these programs and organizations.

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The Fall AMC meeting took place in Arlington, Texas during the middle of September. There were several items of interest on the agenda:

- 1) There was a discussion prompted by the Finance Committee's request to raise dues. This will be back on the agenda for a vote at the December AMC meeting.
- 2) A motion to establish a Hearings and Dispute Resolution Processes Review Ad hoc Committee to review current AML hearings, disciplinary, and dispute resolution processes with the intent to re-organize and condense the information and to make recommendations as appropriate for changes to the processes.
- 3) A motion was passed creating a national Awards Review Task Force to look at all national awards and determine the best course of action for the future.

You can find a summary of the meeting in the Mini-Minutes and the full minutes will be on-line as soon as they are approved by the AMC. If you have any comments on these items, feel free to contact me at [RVC5@americanmensa.org](mailto:RVC5@americanmensa.org).

The next AMC meeting will take place in New Orleans, December 10, in conjunction with the New Orleans RG. Members of American Mensa are always welcome to attend AMC meetings.

A big thanks all the Proctors who tested during October, National Testing Month. Testing is an important part of increasing membership. You do a great service for your local group.

## **HOLIDAY PLANS**

As the November—December holiday time frame approaches we are again faced with the prospect of setting Fourth Saturday meetings aside and having one festive meeting in early December.

Our Executive Committee has selected December 3 as the date with Golden Crane in Troy as the venue. The club will cater a party for members and family — make that and friends, including non-Mensans. We have reserved a private room at the restaurant, not the open dining area.

As it becomes available, more information will be posted on our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/groups/125746080857981/>, and website <http://www.montgomery-wiregrass.us.mensa.org>.

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