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Words from Steve, our Loc Sec

Hello Springtime! Welcome to Alabama, where it already feels like summertime. I hope everyone has been well since our last newsletter.



Welcome to our new and renewing members, and to those who have transferred into Montgomery Wiregrass Mensa! In the last year alone, our membership has increased from 74 to 89. As always, we extend an open invitation to our members who we haven't seen in a while. We're still around and still meeting...and are missing you! Please join us at one of our monthly dinner meetings in Auburn, Troy, and Montgomery.

Here's a HUGE thank you to Debra Freisleben who has graciously offered to take the reins of MWM Treasurer from Bob Akin. Bob has served admirably as our treasurer for over 20 years and has done a wonderful job. Please thank Bob and Debra the next time you see them.

This leads into a very important request. We NEED volunteers to serve our group—Assistant Local Secretary, Newsletter Editor, and an additional Testing Proctor trainee. Seriously consider your time and talents in helping your fellow and prospective MWM members. Please contact me if you have questions regarding each position and if you would like to serve. Each position doesn't require a tremendous time commitment and will help MWM greatly.

Our May meeting is scheduled for a favorite of ours—Venditori's in Auburn on Saturday May 25th at 6:00 PM. Due to a calendar quirk, the fourth Saturday falls on Memorial Day weekend. Please don't let this deter you from joining us. Our Saturday June 22nd meeting will be held at Mr. Gus' Ristorante in Montgomery and our Saturday August 24th meeting will be at the Mossy Grove School House in Troy.

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

May 25, 2019
Venditori's Italian Restaurant
2572 Hilton Garden Drive, Auburn

June 22, 2019
Mr. Gus' Ristorante
6268 Atlanta Highway, Montgomery

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OUR RVC (BAKER RING) SPEAKS

The American Mensa elections have begun. I encourage you to vote. You can help determine the future of Mensa. Region 5 has two fine people running for RVC; Middle Tennessee's Dan Brown and Charlotte's Nancy Campbell. Please read their statements and cast your vote. There are also multiple candidates for several national offices, including Chair. As they say, "If you don't vote, don't complain".

I also ask you to vote in the Mensa International election. There are several Americans running for offices and it takes American votes to elect Americans. A very small percentage of American vote. Let's increase those numbers.

The Minutes for the Spring Board Meeting, held in New Jersey, are online. Since March 31 is the end of the Mensa year, the Board passed the budget and completed other business. There were several important actions taken. The fees for Review of Prior Evidence was reduced to \$40. There was a report from the Hearings Committee that recommended expulsion of a member for inappropriate behavior towards several members as well as demonstrating a history of "improperly approaching and verbally and physically harassing female members, including unwanted touching of a sexual nature".

Like always, the Piedmont Area Mensa Regional Gathering was great. We had folks from several states outside of our region. The word is getting around that we put on some pretty good parties. Remember, Georgia in Mensa hosts their RG in September and Charlotte/Blue Ridge Mensa will host one in November. See further information on page 3 of this newsletter. Hope to see some of you there.

If your local group participates in Mensa Cares, I hope that many of you will participate.

Enjoy the rest of your spring and I look forward to seeing many of you in Phoenix.

My term of office ends on July 1, when my successor takes my place. This year's AG in Phoenix will be getting underway a few days later. Tours are listed online, and programs are added as times and dates firm up. I'm looking forward to a great time for all.

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Hope that we have a big contingent from our 20 local groups. If you haven't reserved your room, the host hotel is now full, but there is an overflow hotel and Mensa will be providing a shuttle between hotels. No need to break (too much of a) sweat. The 2020 AG will take place in Kansas City. Make plans now.

As we have ended the Mensa year, I hope that everyone has renewed. If not, why don't you do it today? Every time I read a local group newsletter, I am enthused about the variety of activities that some of our groups host. If your group isn't hosting the type of event that you would like to attend, contact a member of your Executive Committee and work on setting something up.

Baker Ring, Vice Chair Region 5

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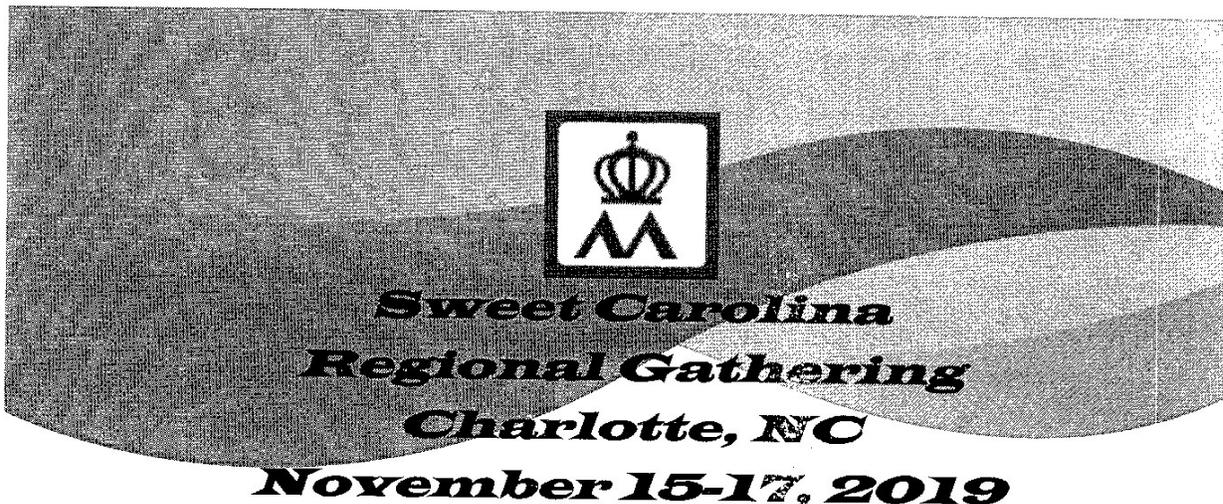
No, I didn't forget about our July meeting! We've decided to have our Saturday July 27th meeting at Riverwalk Stadium in Montgomery. The Biscuits play host to the in-state rival Birmingham Barons with the first pitch at 6:05 PM. This is the annual "Christmas in July" game, with a "Christmas Vacation" movie theme. I'm wondering how many in attendance will be dressed like Cousin Eddie (I won't be!). Riverwalk Stadium is very kid-friendly with a free playground, and a bounce house and train rides for which you have to pay very little. The game will be followed by an always outstanding fireworks display, too. I'll be buying the tickets for everyone as the game draws nearer. As of this writing, we have 13 commitments on our Facebook group poll. If you're not a Facebook user, please call, text, or email me if you're interested. When you're at the game, definitely try a pulled pork sandwich or the pulled pork nachos. I know the guy who smokes the pork and he thinks it's pretty good. (wink wink)

That's it from here for now. See you on May 25th in Auburn!

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GIFTED YOUTH

No input received for this newsletter



Charlotte/Blue Ridge Mensa is excited to present its first RG in a quarter century, "For the Health of It". And, no, it won't all be healthy. The Sweet Carolina RG will be exploring different aspects of the mind and body, including maybe some unconventional methods. Since this is our first RG in a long time, we're geared up to make sure this is a memorable one.

Crowne Plaza Charlotte Executive Park, 5700 Westpark Drive, Charlotte, NC 28217
 Room rate: \$115/night (plus tax), which includes breakfast

(704) 527-9650 or (704) 676-5805 and mention 2019 Mensa Regional Meeting

To make a reservation online, follow this link: [CBR Mensa RG](#) or <https://bit.ly/2Fvj4SS>

Registration form (check appropriate box):

Adults – Full Weekend		Children	
<input type="checkbox"/>	\$85 through May 31st	<input type="checkbox"/>	0-5 years old – Free
<input type="checkbox"/>	\$90 from June 1 st through Sept 15th	<input type="checkbox"/>	6-10 years old - \$25
<input type="checkbox"/>	\$95 after Sept 15 th	<input type="checkbox"/>	11-17 years old - \$55
<input type="checkbox"/>	\$100 at the door		
<input type="checkbox"/>	Adults Saturday only - \$75		

Name: _____ Amount Enclosed: _____

Name on badge: _____ Local Group or City: _____

Mailing address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Hell's M: Yes No Young Mensan? Yes No

Food & Drink Allergies/Dietary Requirements: _____

Make checks payable to: Charlotte/Blue Ridge Mensa

Mail or email registration to: Ruth Green-Waite, 11528 Watermoss Lane, Charlotte, NC 28262

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For information on the RG or to register online (for a small processing fee), visit <https://cbrmensa.org/rg/>.

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