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SCHEDULED MEETINGS

July 28, 2018 — 6:00 pm Auburn, AL
Venditori's Italian Restaurant
2575 Hilton Garden Drive
(334) 826-7360

August 25 2018 — 6:00 pm
Venue To Be Determined

September 29, 2018 — 6:00 pm
Venue To Be Determined

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Words from Steven, our Loc Sec

Greetings fellow Mensans,

I was born and raised in Poplar Bluff, Missouri. I graduated high school in 1980 and from Arkansas State University in December 1983 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Radio and Television Communications.

After marrying Diana in May 1984, we lived in Montgomery for two years where I worked for what is now ABC32 before moving to Tampa. After spending 1.5 years there, I was hired by the US Postal Service in Jacksonville and began my federal career in October 1987. After two years there -- and the birth of our first daughter, Jennifer -- we relocated back to Missouri to be nearer to my elderly parents. Our youngest daughter, Christina, was born in 1991.

My hobbies are limited, yet varied. I am continually working on my paternal family genealogical mysteries and am also a Kansas City BBQ Society Certified Master Judge, having judged 79 contests to-date. The best hobby, however, is playing with our grandchildren! Anna is nine and twins Mason and Mackenzie are two.

I became interested in Mensa in 1991 and obtained my school records shortly thereafter which revealed I had taken two IQ exams as a child. One of those served as my ticket into this wonderful organization. My admission was granted in 1992 and I participated as much as possible with SLAM (St. Louis Area Mensa). I am grateful and honored to be selected as the newest Local Secretary for Montgomery Wiregrass

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.

OUR RVC (BAKER RING) SPEAKS

As usual, with my August column, I'm writing this after the Annual Gathering in Indianapolis. It's always great being among over 1500 Mensans, a lot of them from our very own Region 5. At every Annual Gathering the AMC (Board of Directors) holds a meeting. This gives people who attend the AG the opportunity to see how our governing happens. There is also the Annual Meeting where members hear reports from the Mensa Chair and Treasurer, as well as the Foundation Chair and the Mensa Executive Director. Members are also invited to make comments to the group.

Each year, one of the most anticipated parts of the AG is the Awards Presentation. This year, Martha Williams of North Alabama was a recipient of the Gifted Youth Coordinator Award. Martha has been involved in the gifted Youth Program at the local and national levels for many years. She is greatly deserving of the award and I was glad that I had the opportunity to present it to her at the North Alabama July meeting.

Jewels Awards went to: Diamond Award – Charlotte/Blue Ridge Mensa and French Broad Mensa.

The Ruby was awarded to: Central South Carolina Mensa and North Alabama Mensa.

The Sapphire Awards went to Central Alabama Mensa Piedmont Area Mensa, and Triad Mensa.

Emerald Awards were earned by Mensa in Georgia, Middle Tennessee Mensa, Savannah Area Mensa of Georgia.

The Culture Quest winners were also announced. 8th place went to Piedmont Area Mensa; 10th place went to Mensa of Eastern North Carolina, 20th place was awarded to Charlotte/Blue Ridge Mensa.

More than ½ of our local groups won awards this year. Congratulations to all the groups and individuals who received awards.

The 2019 AG will be held in Phoenix, AZ. Details will be available soon. The earlier you register, the lower the cost. Hotel reservations can be made this fall.

Don't forget that in September, Mensa in Georgia will celebrate "Peachtreat 43: Primed for a Good Time. Register by 9/24for the best rate. Information is available on their website: Georgia.us.mensa.org.

Central Alabama Mensa holds "Owlabama Blast" RG February 15-17, 2019 and Piedmont Area Mensa's "NaNa NaNa NaNa NaNa" RG will take place March 22-24, 2019. All three of the Region 5 RGs are great fun. There are a couple of other groups that are working on planning RGs. If they schedule an RG, you will hear about them here.

I want to inform you that I will not be running for re-election to the office of RVC 5 next year. I am beginning my 6th year on the AMC and believe that it's time for other people to step up to this position. Currently, Dan Brown of Middle Tennessee Mensa and Nancy Campbell of Charlotte/Blue Ridge Mensa have announced their candidacies and there may be other interested candidates. I trust that our members will talk with them and choose the right person to fill the position. I have thoroughly enjoyed serving as RVC 5 and hope to continue to serve the membership of American Mensa.

Happy Birthday Wishes in July

Charles John Gantner, Jr	July 3
Steven William Knuckles	July 16
Gregory Preston Thompson	July 24
Haley Elena Roberts	July 26

Happy Birthday Wishes in August

Michael I Wegner	Aug 1
Vincent Raymond Courtney	Aug 2
Faye B Love	Aug 3
James M Nelson	Aug 24
James P Golson	Aug 29

List may be incomplete because 36 MWM members have restricted information as to date of birth.

Membership Anniversaries in July

Roger Corley	3 years
Christiane Robinson	7 years
Timothy French	14 years
Martha Johnson Whitt	16 years
Thomas Gregory Funk	36 years

Membership Anniversaries in August

Tina Chappell	1 year
Haley Elena Roberts	1 year
Michele L Waters	3 years
Henry John Kravec	32 years

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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 edtor.the.wire@gmail.com, Robert Akin, 104 Windwood Lane, Enterprise, AL 36330.

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FROM A 'LIKE MINDED" GROUP

Columbus Mensa is celebrating the return of our RG :We're Not Dead Yet! We will be having 2 speaker tracks-including Astronomy, How to Solve a Rubik's Cube, AED Training, and The Grateful Dead- along with famous Region 3 Hospitality and lots of games. There's a special appearance of local celebrity Toby the Tortoise, and look for the return of Mystery Snack Theater. We will be gathering on September 28-30, 2018 at The Worthington Doubletree. For questions contact James Nelli at RG@Columbus.us.mensa.org, the Facebook Event https://tinyurl.com/CAMRG2018, or our webpage http://www.columbus.us.mensa.org/regional.html.

REPORTS OF OUR DEMISE HAVE BEEN GREATLY EXAGGERATED!

COLUMBUS AREA MENSA 2018 RG

WE'RE NOT DEAD YET!

SEPTEMBER 28–30, 2018

COLUMBUS– WORTHINGTON DOUBLETREE HOTEL

175 HUTCHINSON AVE, COLUMBUS, OH 43235

614–885–3334

HOTEL RATE $89/ NIGHT PLUS TAXES ETC

ROOM RATE CODE MRG

TO REGISTER GO TO HTTP://WWW.COLUMBUS.US.MENSA.ORG/REGIONAL

OR

QR Link for registration

MAIL REGISTRATION AND CHECK MADE OUT TO COLUMBUS AREA MENSA TO

PO BOX 10706, 33 E 4TH AVE COLUMBUS OH 43201

☐$85 FULL WEEKEND ADULT ☐$60 FULL WEEKEND CHILD

☐$ 55 SATURDAY ADULT ☐$40 SATURDAY CHILD

☐$30 FRIDAY EVE ADULT ☐$20 FRIDAY EVE CHILD

CHILD IS UNDER 18; 5 AND UNDER FREE

REGISTRATION DEADLINE SEPT 15 2018

AT THE DOOR REGISTRATION AVAILABLE FOR AN EXTRA $10

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