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SCHEDULED MEETINGS

December 14, 2019
Mensa Holiday Dinner
Mr. Gus' Ristorante
6268 Atlanta Highway, Montgomery

January 25, 2020
Mossy Grove Schoolhouse Restaurant
1841 AL Highway 87, Troy

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Words from Steve, our Loc Sec

Happy Holidays! I hope everyone is doing well as we're in the midst of a very busy time of year. Make plans to join us for our Montgomery Wiregrass Mensa Holiday Dinner on Saturday December 14th at 6:00 PM at Mr. Gus' Ristorante in Montgomery. We had a nice turnout last year despite the cold, rainy conditions. Let's keep our fingers crossed that this year's weather is nicer. Immediate family members and significant others are always welcomed, too, PLUS, this is the party for which MWM pays for the meal, so there's no reason to not join us!! Please let me know via email, text, or Facebook if you plan to attend and how many will be in your party.

OH, LOOK!!! I apologize for sounding like a broken record, but PLEASE consider volunteering to help make our group an even greater success by serving in one of our two open opportunities. Our greatest current need is for a quarterly newsletter editor. Bob Akin can address what is required of this position. He has served as "The Wire" editor admirably for several years and we deeply appreciate him and his efforts! Our other open position is for an Assistant Local Secretary. Basically, the Assistant LocSec helps with monthly meeting coordination and will fill-in when I'm away. Each of these two positions don't require a tremendous time commitment and would greatly help MWM.

Welcome again to our new and renewing members and to those who have transferred into Montgomery Wiregrass Mensa. If your membership has recently lapsed, please consider renewing because we want to see you at our meetings! Since August, we've experienced an increase of four new, renewing, or transfer members. We now stand at 85.

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OUR RVC (NANCY CAMPBELL) SPEAKS

Here is another excellent opportunity from the folks at the National Office (NO) – every Local Group has received an MVP Code to share with friends and relatives. This code is good for FREE TESTING and free review of Prior Evidence, until December 31st, 2019, and you can use it for more than one friend or relative.

You received yours back on September 3rd, but if you can't locate it, contact your LocSec. The code is the same for all members of a Local Group. If that fails, contact Becky Folger at the National Office. Contact your friends and relatives, and tell them that they can test FREE using this code. Then nag them to go to the national website on the Join page to convert the MVP Code to a voucher before December 31st. **The MVP codes expire on December 31st.** Be sure to tell them that the Code is applied on the checkout page, not before. That voucher will be good for 24 months! Here's the URL: https://www.us.mensa.org/join/

December is the last month for your friends and family to convert the MVP Code into a testing voucher. This must be done by December 31st. Once converted, the testing voucher will be good for two years, so start nagging your friends to go to the National website https://www.us.mensa.org/join/ now and convert the MVP Code into a voucher. Mention that the MVP Code will not be applied until the checkout page, which will then make the testing voucher free. The voucher is good for Prior Evidence as well as for testing. Can't remember your group's MVP Code? Contact Becky Folger at the National Office. She's a gem!

Don't forget to register for Central Alabama Mensa's upcoming RG in Birmingham, AL from February 14-16, 2020 (Valentine's Day weekend.) Registration before January 1, 2020 is only $60. From January 1 till February 1, $65. Walk-ins are $70. If you have never been to an RG, you're missing out on one of the best experiences in Mensa. Get details about the RG and hotel info from maryam-bridge@gmail.com

Region 5 will be holding a Leadership Development Workshop in Mobile, AL on March 6-8, 2020, hosted by South Coast Mensa. The LDW is not restricted to current officers. If you want to learn more about leadership in Mensa, then **you** are welcome, too. The registration fee is $25. per family. Region 5 will provide all meals, including snacks. There will be some home hospitality available for those who are financially challenged. Plan now to send your LocSec, Treasurer, Gifted Youth Coordinator, Editor and several members for a weekend of training by regional and national leaders. We won't have another LDW on the west side of the Region for at least two years.

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GIFTED YOUTH

No input received for this newsletter

Words from Steve, our Loc Sec

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Beginning in January, we will resume our rotating meeting schedule, beginning with dinner in Troy at the Mossy Grove School House on Saturday, January 25th at 6:00 PM. In February, our meeting will be at Venditori's on Saturday February 22nd at 6:00 PM. In March, we return to Montgomery and Mr. Gus' Ristorante on Saturday the 28th at 6:00 PM. If you have a different meeting location in mind, PLEASE let me know. I realize some members may be getting tired of the "same ole" routine. I don't know the Troy nor Auburn restaurant venues all that well so speak up if you know of a great location! The only requirements we have are the need for a small room or quiet location and the location must be handicapped accessible

That's it from here for now.

Take care!

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Happy Birthday Wishes in November

Eric Payne	Nov 2
Jennifer Cumming	Nov 2
Ray A Garza	Nov 3
Jackie T Milton	Nov 5
Sarah E Connors	Nov 13
R Martin Ladner	Nov 20
Nancy T Clasby	Nov 21
Jay Lewis	Nov 27

Happy Birthday Wishes in December

Mark Steven Wintersole	Dec 3
James C Boxmeyer	Dec 3
Joseph W Yates	Dec 28

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

Membership Anniversaries in November

Sandra G Newman	1 year
Autumn W White	3 years
Carter L deShazo	5 years
Debra Ann Freisleben	6 years
Ray A Garza	8 years
Jackie T Milton	8 years
Frank G Bock	13 years
Allison Shelley	13 years
Victor K Raines	18 years
Cason Coan	18 years
Kenneth C Ball	18 years
David R Harris	30 years
Leopold Blum Babin	34 years

Membership Anniversaries in December

Michael I Wegner	2 years
Brianna Lewis	8 years
Julie Sanderson Kravec	17 years
Bill Taylor	41 years

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