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LOVING, GUN TOTING, AMERICA LOVING BIGOTS!**

Election Issue!

Vote to Keep

French Broad Mensa

Alive!

RVC Column, December, 2017

Season's Greetings to our Region 5 Mensa family.

During October, Mensa Proctors administered 547 tests. Use the voucher code you received in October to let friends or family test or to have prior evidence checked for free. Over 175 codes used, but only a few in Region 5.

The 2018 Annual Gathering will be here before you know it. AG and hotel registrations are now open. I encourage you to head to the website and scroll down to the AG information. The complex has 4 hotels at various prices. Indianapolis is a short drive and it will be the closest one for several years to come.

Two RGs are coming this winter and spring: Central Alabama is holding "Mensa Family Reunion" February 16-18 in Birmingham. Hotel registration is at: <https://tinyurl.com/CAM2018RG-Hotel>. For more info, check out Central Alabama's Facebook page. If you live in the western half of our region, Birmingham is a short drive on this long weekend. Hope to see y'all there.

And in March, don't miss Piedmont Area Mensa's 2018 Carolinah RG in Greenville, South Carolina, March 3-25. This year's theme is "Get Smart," and pays homage to the classic TV show. Registration is \$70 until February 23. For more info, contact Mary Ann Cox at: registrar@piedmontareamensa.org. The RG will be at the Drury Inn and Suites Greenville, as in previous years. This RG has been known to draw over 100 folks.

Scholarship applications became available on Sept 15 and can be accessed online until Jan 15. The scholarships are based on essays, and Mensa membership is not required for most, although there are scholarships for Mensans and their dependents. Please pass the link, <http://www.mensafoundation.org/what-we-do/scholarships/>, to Mensa and non-Mensa friends so that they and their children can apply. Some scholarships are limited to Region 5 people. One of these is the Charlotte Duggar Memorial Nursing Scholarship. Bunny Warsh of South Coast Mensa started this scholarship in memory of her mother. I encourage individual Mensans, as well as local groups, to donate to this fund through the Mensa Foundation so that it can be fully endowed.

American Mensa is preparing to introduce "Mensa Connect," a community platform for members, volunteers, and leaders. The rollout begins December 5 and should be completed by April 1. Keep your eyes out for more info.

Have a safe and happy holiday season.

Editorial Mutterings

Vote! Or you're in trouble! If you don't vote... well, I can't be threatening anyone, so... But just go ahead and vote, will ya'?

Your Editorial Sorcerer & Anointed Officer,
Michael Havelin



Annual French Broad Mensa Elections Are Here!

A tear-out ballot is the centerfold in this issue.

French Broad Mensa wants and needs your input.



SOME BENEFITS OF MENSA MEMBERSHIP

Benefits Spotlight

Priceline: Taking you where you want to go. We've partnered with the Priceline Partner Network to provide an entire website to handle all of your travel-related needs: hotel, flights, and car rentals - save even more on package deals.

Travel With Mensa >> us.mensa.org/shop/benefits-and-services/priceline-travel



ExCom Minutes - French Broad Mensa - 11/7/17

Held 6 pm at Ole's Guacamole, Black Mountain
Present: John Federspiel, Pat Benard, Bob Bouvier,
Nel Ruffin, Will McGuffin

Financial Report for December 2017

Opening Balance:.....	\$4,039.71
Credits: Am. MENSA Contribution 9/15/2017.....	<u>\$105.40</u>
Total Credits:.....	<u>\$105.40</u>
.....Debits:	
Check 618 - Mileage for test proctor	\$21.40
Total Debits:.....	<u>\$21.40</u>
Closing Balance:	\$4,123.71

Submitted by Bob Bouvier, Treasurer

Events planned for December:

Fri, Dec 1, 11:30 - First Friday Lunch at Longhorn Steakhouse, on Restaurant Road - the street beside the ABC on Tunnel Road. Details will be furnished later in a reminder e-mail to members. Contact Fae Armstrong at one4fae2@yahoo.com or phone (828) 298-1707.

ExCom meeting, Tuesday, Dec. 5, 6 pm - Ole's Guacamole. 401 E Main St., Black Mountain. Contact - John Federspiel

Trivia - Monday, Dec. 11 - 6:30 to eat, 7:30 to play. Jack of the Wood. 95 Patton Av. Asheville. Contact - Wayne Stanko

Chriskwanzakah Party - Sat. Dec. 16. 5 pm. Bob DeBrecht's house, 11 Briarcliff Dr. 28803. Directions: From I 26, get off at exit 37, Long shoals Rd and go east. Turn left at the 3rd light onto Overlook Rd. Go past one light and turn right on Briarcliff Dr.

From Hendersonville Rd, Turn onto Overlook (Gold's Gym on the corner) and continue 1.3 miles, turning left onto Briarcliff Dr. Number 11 is on the right, just before the creek.

The food will be catered. Optional: Attendees are asked to bring a small dessert to share, and such adult beverages as they require. Those who want to participate in the gift grab should bring a gift worth ~\$15, gift-wrapped. RSVP's, please, no later than Wed, Dec. 13, so the right amount of food can be ordered.

Contact: Bob DeBrecht, 828-712-7489, rdebrecht@ieee.org

Plans for Chriskwanzakah party – food discussion- John will head a small committee (of one) to handle food selection and caterers. We will ask attendees to bring a small dessert to share.

Proctors for Mensa tests – We only have Karen Youket at the moment. Nel says she's willing to qualify. She will contact Wayne.

Nel is trying to increase participation in the Mensa facebook page. If there isn't more interest in it she may close it down.

Meeting Adjourned 7:10 pm

Submitted by Pat Benard, Deputy Loc Sec.



Candidate Statements

Sharron Armel - I would be pleased to serve as a member of the Executive Committee in the coming year. Since joining this group, I've been welcomed and treated as a guest; now I'd like to be involved in some of the behind-the-scenes work that makes the group successful.

Bob Bouvier - I have been the Treasurer for one year and have enjoyed being part of ExComm. All bills and reimbursements have been paid very promptly and I have not lost track of one single cent. I pledge to repeat my Zero Defects performance in 2018. I hope to meet many of you next year and am open to suggestions on how to diversify our activities.

Nel Ruffin - As your Member at Large for calendar year 2017, my primary goal has been to come up with ways to interest more of you in attending our live and in-person gatherings. I believe there are more and better things we can do for the membership as a whole, and I hope you'll vote for me to keep on trying in 2018.



Scott Samson - Mensa brings together folks of like minds (well, relatively like minds) and indulges in creative thinking and cerebral debauchery. And while we have great participation in our various events we are coming into contact with a minority of members of the French Broad Mensa. Our membership extends from Murphy to Little Switzerland (120 miles). And over mountain roads. We, officers as well as members of the French Broad Mensa, need to put our eclectic brains together to examine creative approaches to provide members in rural locales the opportunity to participate in new outreach activities. How does the Utah Mensa local group, with 200 members across Utah, interact among its dispersed members? It is also necessary for us to be proactive in recruiting young people to join Mensa and become active members of the French Broad Mensa. These are issues I would like to explore as a member of our executive committee.



Fold hereabouts.

***French Broad Mensa
December 2017
Official Election Ballot***

**Only this ballot from the newsletter will be accepted.
Copies are not acceptable.**

Instructions:

1. Print your membership number here _____.
2. Vote for any four candidates.
3. Return your completed ballot to Mensa Elections, c/o Wayne Stanko, 26 Greenleaf Circle, Asheville, NC 28804-2320.
 - a: Mailed ballots must be received (!) by December 15, 2017.or
 - b: Deliver your ballot in person at the Annual Seasonal Party on Dec 16. The winning four (most votes) will form the new Executive Committee (Excomm) and will distribute the various offices amongst themselves as their first official act. The results will be announced at the seasonal party and in the January issue of **BROADCAST**.

The Candidates

(Vote for four)

Sharron Armel

Bob Bouvier

Nel Ruffin

Scott Samson



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Mon, Dec 11, Trivia at Jack of the Wood, 95 Patton Ave, Asheville. Dinner at 6:30 pm, game at 7:30 pm. Contact: Contact: Wayne Stanko, 828-253-8781 or wstanko@charter.net

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Trivial Report

by Wayne Stanko

Six Whoos competed against 19 teams playing Quizzo at Jack of the Wood in November. Some of the questions are below. The first round theme was talented kids.

1. What member of a famous family played Penny in the TV show *Good Times*?
 2. Who was the first woman to win a Nobel Prize?
 3. What notorious person entered college at 16 and became a Stanford professor at 24?
 4. What 10 year old scored 678 goals for his hockey team in 1971?
 5. Who won the Oscar for supporting actress in the movie *Paper Moon*?
 6. What drummer had a role in *Oliver* at the age of 13 in 1964?
 7. Who was the youngest person to win the World Chess Championship?
 8. Lisa Simpson plays what instrument?
 9. What French thinker has a theory and a triangle named after him?
 10. Who played young boys named Cunningham and Taylor on TV?
- We got nine of ten correct.

The theme for the second round was libraries.

1. What capital city library holds millions of family histories?
 2. What library holds Captain Cook's *Endeavor* log book?
 3. What D. C. Shakespeare library contains a replica of an Elizabethan stage?
 4. Ptolemy founded what library?
 5. The British burned the Library of Congress in 1814. Who gave it his personal library?
 6. Whose I. M. Pei designed presidential library was completed in 1979?
 7. What N. C. Senator married to another Senator has her own library?
 8. What San Marina library has Canterbury Tales and Gutenberg entries?
 9. The entrance to what library is guarded by two marble lions?
 10. What English library offers free copies of all books?
- We only got six correct.

Round three is the speed round. We had five minutes to answer a sheet of questions. The theme of the first part was fictional heroines, and the second part was people who used heroin. We got seven correct.

The fourth round theme was potpourri.

1. What insect was recently found trapped in a Van Gogh painting?
 2. In what part of the human body is the calcaneum found?
 3. Janka is the hardness test for what material?
 4. What was the name Southerners called Yankees who moved south after the Civil War?
 5. The Sumida and Arakawa rivers flow through what capital?
 6. In the 16th through 18th centuries, New France was located on what continent?
 7. How many seconds are in a year?
 8. Who was the famous sister of Lee Radizwell?
 9. What metal is used to galvanize iron?
 10. What monster was guarding the Davelis labyrinth?
- We got 9 of 10 correct and tied for fourth place with 41 points.
The winner had 50.

Answers

Round 1: 1. Janet Jackson; 2. Marie Curie; 3. Ted Kaczynski (The Uni-bomber); 4. Wayne Gretsky; 5. Tatum O'Neal; 6. Phil Collins; 7. Kasparov; 8. Saxophone; 9. Pascal; 10. Ron Howard.

Round two: 1. Salt Lake City; 2. Australia; 3. Folger; 4. Alexandria; 5. Thomas Jefferson; 6. John Kennedy; 7. Elizabeth Dole; 8. Huntington; 9. New York City; 10. Oxford.

Round three: 1. Grasshopper; 2. Heel; 3. Wood; 4. Carpetbagger; 5. Tokyo; 6. North America; 7. 31,636,000; 8. Jackie Kennedy; 9. Zinc; 10. Minotaur.



Nel's Nth Neologism

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Inquiring Mind

Dear Concerned...

Dear Mind,

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Gabbie



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