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LocSec Thoughts

Autumn has arrived. I hope everyone had a great summer and that we're ready to meet up and participate in events. The past few Lunch Bunches have had pretty slim participation so I'm hoping that we get better participation in our get togethers going forward.

I know I have asked this before but only got two replies so I'm asking readers again to find out how many of you are actually reading the newsletter or reviewing the Website. If you would be so kind to email the LocSec to let me know if you're reading the newsletter. It will also be helpful to know and what additional kinds of things you want to see in the newsletter and, if you're checking out the Website, and what you may want added/edited on the Website). Your feedback will be gratefully received. My Email is locsec@missouriozarks.us.mensa.org. I'm really looking forward to reading your feedback.

I'm curious if anyone is interested in a visit to the Nature Center or a hike on one of our many trails. Please let me know.

Also, looking forward to the Autumn and Winter holidays, would anyone be interested in some kind of holiday party/pot luck? Anyone interested in hosting, or should we pick a restaurant?

Remember that our website is updated at least once a week, so please visit https://missouriozarks.us.mensa.org to check out the updates and keep abreast of what's coming up.

Regional Vice Chairman June Thoughts

Spooky season is upon us, the time when the veil between the physical and ethereal grows thin. It's a time to honor the family and loved ones we lost, and to ward off the malevolent spirits that might have wandered through. It's a time to enjoy the changing colors of the seasons. It's also the time spiders start coming out. I'm looking forward to all of it. I hope you all have an opportunity to get dressed up, eat some candy, and maybe not run the air conditioner so much for the next few months.

We had a virtual AMC meeting in September, and we're trying to get back to a sense of normalcy after the leadership shake-ups of 2025. We will be holding an online special election through November. The deadline for candidate petitions and the deadline to gather signatures will be October 12. This doesn't affect our Region too much because we don't need a new RVC and we can't add signatures to petitions for other regions. It will be exciting to have a full Board again.

The end of October will also bring us HalloweeM, the Regional Gathering for our neighbors in Chicago. Best of luck to anyone heading back after the great job they did putting together the AG in July.

As a final note, do you know what else starts happening in October? Soup season! Time to get out the crock pots and cozy up with in a warm sweater. If you have any recipes I need to try this year, post them to Connect or Facebook and let us know.

If you have any ideas or concerns, please let me know. I can be reached at RVC7@us.mensa.org or curtkram2001@yahoo.com. Mensa is what you make it. Thank you.

Steering Committee/Volunteers

Thanks to those who cast their ballots for the Steering Committee. Below it the full list of Steers and Volunteers. If you want to volunteer for one of the vacant Volunteer Positions, please email the LocSec at locsec@missouriozarks.us.mensa.org.

STEERING COMMITTEE

Local Secretary (LocSec):	Lonny Burger
Vice President:	Jonathan Long
Recording Secretary:	Felicia Ellis
Treasurer:	Felicia Ellis
Ombudsman:	Wes Young
Illuminate Editor (Non-Voting):	Lonny Burger

OTHER VOLUNTEERS

Calendar Editor:	Vacant
Gifted Children:	Vacant
Hosting:	Vacant
Membership:	Vacant
Testing Coordinator:	Charles Myers
Testing Proctor:	Charles Myers
Publicity:	Vacant
Public Relations:	Vacant
Puzzle Master	Wes Young
Scholarships:	Vacant
SIGHT Coordinator:	Vacant
Speaker Coordinator:	Vacant
Webmaster:	Lonny Burger

Membership Report

As of the end of September, there are 87 members in Missouri Ozarks Mensa. If you know people who might be interested in joining, please direct them to the Membership Page of the Website.

Membership Corner

Moving? If you are moving or have a change of address the simplest way to have your records changed is to log in to your MENSA account at https://www.us.mensa.org/. If you don't have an account with American Mensa, it is a simple process to create a new account.

Mensa Memberships expired March 31, 2025 (except life and some multi-year memberships) Does your Mensa membership expire on March 31? If so, please renew now. You can renew at American Mensa and click on JOIN at the left of the top menu bar, then Rejoin from the dropdown. You can also rejoin by phone or mail to American Mensa, 1315 Brookside Dr., Hurst, TX 76053, 1-817-607 0060.

Treasurer's Report

August Opening Balance	10,850.84
August Expenditures	0.00
August Closing Balance	10,850.84

Events Calendar

October 2025						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15 Submissions	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25 Lunch Bunch
29	30	31				

Coming Events

Deadline for Calendar/Illuminate Submissions

October 15 at 5pm: This is the deadline for submissions of Events and Articles for the November Newsletter/Website to assure we have time to get them posted to the Website and included in the Newsletter in time for printing and mailing. Please email your events and any articles you want to include in the newsletter to the LocSec (locsec@missouriozarks.us.mensa.org).

October Saturday Lunch Bunch

Kicking off the Saturday Lunch Bunch for the fall, let's get together on Saturday, October 25 at 1pm: We'll meet at Asian King Buffet, 3130 S Glenstone Ave, Springfield, MO 65804. This is the same location as our first Lunch Bunch last year, which was the most attended Lunch Bunch we've had to date. I really hope that we have a good turnout this time. Please RSVP to the LocSec at locsec@missouriozarks.us.mensa.org by 5pm, October 15th, so that we can let them know how many to expect. Family and friends are welcome to attend.

October Birthdays

Pamela Harp (21)
Bob Lynch (27)
Warren Muldrow (23)
Andrew Wilson (20)

October Anniversaries

Bruce Allen (10/01/1979)
Laura Massey (10/24/1983)
Marianne Stanley (10/10/2018)
Robert Street (1/26/2011)

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