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Happy Holidays

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LocSec Thoughts

Happy Holidays! Wishing you and your friends and loved ones a great Thanksgiving and the upcoming December Holidays. With Thanksgiving, Christmas, Hanukkah, and Kwanzaa (depending on your background) coming up and, presuming everyone will be really busy, I won't schedule a Lunch Bunch or other get-together in December. However, if someone want to do something impromptu, you can always email me (LocSec) and I can send out an email to the email group to let everyone know. So, I will just take this opportunity to wish everyone a happy holiday season and we'll see you all in the new year. I encourage everyone to think about events in which you would like to participate in the coming year and make suggestions for January Lunch Bunch, the possibility of an evening dinner event venue or movie night, and other get-togethers that interest you, so that we can get them on the schedule and keep members informed. Many thanks.

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 November Thoughts

Welcome November! This is the time of year when days get darker and fall back out of daylight savings time. It's also the time we focus on being thankful for what we have. I'm thankful for my friends and the great people I've met through Mensa, and I hope you are too. Let's focus on those good feelings this giving season and think about how we can spread what we have so others can join in the comradery. Shorter days might have us at home a little more, where we have time to think about what we can do to bring new people into our groups.

The best thing you can do is to reach out to other members and make a connection. We can also reach out to prospective members and invite them to an event or encourage them to take a test. Your friends can even submit prior evidence test scores to qualify. If we can get that connection made, let's make sure we're giving our members a place where they can feel welcome and in a community where they belong.

I know sometimes you might meet a person that just rubs you the wrong way or maybe there is a difference of opinion. In a lot of ways, we're growing more divided as a country and a society instead of growing closer together, but let's still look at this as an opportunity. Maybe you aren't the best person to connect with a particular individual, but I bet there is someone close to you in your group who is. Even if you aren't the connection for that person, let's work together to get the right connections made.

If you're sitting at home while it's starting to get dark in the middle of day, wishing you were out mowing the lawn like in June, American Mensa might have the perfect way for you to kill some time and maybe learn new things that can help your local group. Head over to https://www.us.mensa.org/lead/leadership-workshops/ and click through some helpful and educational power points.

Our next AMC meeting is December 5. I'll be heading down to Hurst, TX, near where the next Annual Gathering will be held. If you have any new ideas you want me to take down there with me,

please feel free to reach out. Thank you to everyone working to help grow Mensa!

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 November, 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.

If your membership has lapsed, you can renew at by going to the American Mensa website and clicking 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

DECEMBER 2025						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19 Submissions for January	20
21	22	23	24 Christmas Eve	25 Christmas	26	27
28	29	30	31			

Hanukkah through 22nd

Coming Events

DEADLINE FOR CALENDAR/ILLUMINATE SUBMISSIONS

December 19 at 5pm: This is the deadline for submissions of Events and Articles for the January Newsletter/Website update 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).

NOVEMBER/DECEMBER SATURDAY LUNCH BUNCH

With as busy as most folks are during the November/December holidays (Christmas week is around the time of our normal Lunch Bunch, Hanukkah is December 14-22, and Kwanzaa is the 25 through January 1st), we'll just cancel for November/December. Feel free to make suggestions for the January 17th gathering. Of course, if someone wants to have an impromptu get-together, email me and I'll spread the word via email.

December Birthdays

Doug Cloyd (28)
Derek Fraley (27)
Elsa Hazell (15)
Angela Herren (28)
John Summer (19)

December Anniversaries

Kevin Evans (12/10/2012)
Angela Herren (12/31/2014)
Elizabeth Rogers (12/7/2021)
Roddy Rupert (12/17/2015)

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