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LocSec Thoughts

The current lack of participation, replies to emails, and membership lapses saddens me. For those who have not participated or corresponded with me, what can we do to interest you in participating. Perhaps, this is all that we can be at the present, but I'm not ready to give up. To those who have participated and have corresponded with me via email: many, many thanks. It is participation in events and correspondence that keeps the chapter fun and beneficial to it membership. To those who have let their membership lapse, please renew.

Thinking of the summer months, if anyone is interested in a bicycle group ride or a midday Saturday hike at the Springfield Nature Center, feel free to contact me with your interest (with suggestions as to day/time and route for the group bike ride.)

Many thanks to Austin Sandberg for volunteering to lead the Membership, Scholarships, and Gifted Children's programs. "The test of the morality of a society is what it does for its children." - Dietrich Bonheoffer

Regional Vice Chairman June Thoughts

The month of June brings me to the end of the first quarter of my third year as an RVC. I've learned a lot. I've seen a lot. The National Mensa organization has shifted quite a bit in that small amount of time, but I trust your local experiences have remained fairly consistent and hopefully enjoyable. Looking forward to the Summer and Fall of this year, I'm renewed with a sense of hope and optimism that I share with most of the American Mensa Committee. We've transitioned to a new Executive Director, who has now had a chance to look at where we're at and start developing strategies for our future growth. New members on the Board have also joined with an updated strategic plan that provides us with a foundation to organize and focus our priorities on what's most important. What we've developed so far is the foundation we plan to build on moving forward. Over the next months and into the next Board we'll see how the five pillars develop the leadership and teams that will create the future of the organization. It really is an exciting time to be involved.

Our next AMC meeting is set for the beginning of July at the Annual gathering in Fort Worth. I hope to see you there. If you're reading this early in June, those who haven't registered yet should still have time. If the ASIEs and Bylaws of an AMC meeting don't get you excited, the Texas hospitality and food should. There will be a lot of great speaker highlights as well as the hospitality and games rooms. It promises to be a fun event for everyone. If you have any questions or concerns with the shifting directions at the National level feel free to reach out to me. The last half of 2026 is right around the corner. Let's use that time to make Mensa the best organization we can! Feedback is always appreciated. You can send me your thoughts at rvc7@us.mensa.org.

Steering Committee/Volunteers

We've had more folks volunteer for positions so there are a couple of positions still open. 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:	Lonny Burger
Gifted Children:	Austin Sandberg
Hosting:	Vacant
Membership:	Austin Sandberg
Testing Coordinator:	Charles Myers
Testing Proctor:	Charles Myers
Publicity:	Patrick Flynn
Public Relations:	Patrick Flynn
Puzzle Master	Wes Young
Scholarships:	Austin Sandberg
SIGHT Coordinator:	Vacant
Speaker Coordinator:	Vacant
Webmaster:	Lonny Burger

Membership Report

As of June, we're down to 80 members in Missouri Ozarks Mensa because of lapsed memberships. If you've let your membership lapse, please renew. 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

May Opening Balance	11,601.60
Receipts	0
Expenditures	0
Mayl Closing Balance	11,601.60

Events Calendar

JUNE 2026						
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	20 Lunch Bunch
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30				

Coming Events

Deadline for July Calendar/Illuminate Submissions

June 12 at 5pm: This is the deadline for submissions of Events and Articles for the July 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).

June Saturday Lunch Bunch

June 20th at 1pm. Let's do FD's Grill, 245 E Monastery St, Springfield, MO 65810. They have reviews (4.5/5) and is a popular venue. They have a variety of entrées at a range of prices. For a good head count, please let me know by 5pm, June 12th by email at locsec@missouriozarks.us.mensa.org if you will be attending. Remember that family and friends are always welcome to attend. Their menu is available at:
https://static1.squarespace.com/static/68b074c97979ee472d2a042a/t/68b713733cf57034e9b98c3a/1756840252575/FDSpringfield-Food.pdf.pdf

May Steering Committee Meeting

May 30th at 6pm. The Steering Committee will meet at The Big Slice, 1450 E Sunshine St Springfield, MO 65804 for a meeting to coordinate and plan for the future of Missouri Ozarks Mensa. Not all of the Steers have replied to the emails that have gone out, but we do need the Steers to attend so please be there. Others interested in that meeting are also welcome to attend.

June's Thought

Ideologies separate us, dreams and anguish bring us together. - Eugene Ionesco

June Birthdays

James Byers (8)
Evan Listopad (9)
Laura Massey (5)
Donny Ninemier (2)
Anthony Robertson (15)
Darrell Sour (4)

June Anniversaries

Ben Burnette (6/23/1989)
Charles Chriswell (6/25/1987)
Shane Harrell (6/30/2023)
Ayla Hulbert (6/12/2014)
Rosemary Johnson (6/20/1996)
Jennifer McCroskey (6/21/2013)
Jack Powell (6/28/2024)
Anthony Robertson (6/17/2020)

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