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LocSec Thoughts

It's autumn in the Ozarks with several holidays and opportunities to enjoy in the coming months!

Those of us who have regularly attended our events are hoping that more of you will add the coming get togethers to your calendars, RSVP your plans to attend, and you will attend with friends and family.

Are any of you published or aspiring authors? You are welcome to tell us about your book and we can pass it on to the rest of the membership for our enjoyment and encouragement. If you have a short article you think would interest our membership we can publish in the newsletter or a longer article that we can publish on the website, please email it as a PDF file to the LocSec.

"A good person repays a favor; a great person pays it forward."

Regional Vice Chairman September Thoughts

Summer is coming to a close as Autumn settles into her routine of sleepy evenings and pumpkin spice. It's been a hot summer this year, and maybe we've been breathing in some Saharan dust, but fortunately for us it probably wasn't the hottest ever. We've had some warm water moving from Australia to South America over the past couple months. As El Nino was gaining strength through August, I'd like to give a shout out to my friends in North Dakota who held their Regional Gathering, FoRGe North. It's still getting up to 80 degrees there in August, so maybe they don't need the

heat either. Once he gets to the Panama Canal, we're in for another change in weather. This is expected to grow through September, when the AMC meets again in Fort Worth, up through October, when our elections referendum petition process closes. We will continue to see the dramatic effects of El Nino's 2026 weather patterns when WEEM, the Chicago Regional Gathering, is held at the end of October. An exciting timeline both for the weather and for Mensa! This EL Nino effect is going to carry through the year, into American Mensa's election season starting in December with petitions to be included on the ballot. While El Nino is expected to hit its peak around January of 2027, the effects will last well into election season, even the voting months of April to May. What does all of this mean? By July of next year, we should have a new term started for the AMC, a new Annual Gathering in Atlanta, and a new hottest year on record. A lot to look forward to! Stay hydrated friends. Let me know what you want from your Mensa organization and what I can do to help!

Feedback is always appreciated. You can send me your thoughts at rvc7@us.mensa.org.

Steering Committee/Volunteers

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 Corner

As of the end of August, we're up to 85 members in Missouri Ozarks Mensa, an increase of 5 because of new members and late renewals. 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.

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.

Treasurer's Report

Opening Balance 7/1/2026:	11,873.96
Deposits From National:	77.76
Expenditures (Newsletters Print/Postage):	168.77
Closing Balance 7/30/2026:	11,782.95

Events Calendar

SEPTEMBER 2026						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7 Labor Day	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19 Lunch Bunch
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30			

OCTOBER 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	21	22	23	24 Lunch Bunch
25	16	27	28	29	30	31

NOVEMBER 2026						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14 Lunch Bunch

15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26 Thanksgiving Day	27	28
29	30					

Coming Events

Deadline for Winter Calendar/Illuminate Submissions

November 6h at 5pm: This is the deadline for submissions of Events and Articles for the Winter 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 locsec@missouriozarks.us.mensa.org.

September Saturday Lunch Bunch

Let's Lunch Bunch on September 19th at 1pm at McAlister's, 1460 E. Primrose, Springfield. Please email me by 5pm, August 17th at locsec@missouriozarks.us.mensa.org if you will be attending so that we can provide a good head count. Thanks so much and we hope to see a good group. Remember that friends and family members are welcome to attend.

OCTOBER SATURDAY LUNCH BUNCH

Let's Lunch Bunch on October 24th at 1pm at Bambino's Café on Battlefield, 2810 E. Battlefield, Springfield. Please email me by 5pm, October 17th at locsec@missouriozarks.us.mensa.org if you will be attending so that we can provide a good head count. Thanks so much and we hope to see a good group. Remember that friends and family members are welcome to attend.

NOVEMBER SATURDAY LUNCH BUNCH

Let's Lunch Bunch on November 14th at 1pm. This is earlier this month to keep out of the way of members' Thanksgiving plans. Let's do FD's Grill, 245 E Monastery St, Springfield, MO 65810, since they have good reviews and we had a previous Lunch Bunch there.. Please email me by 5pm, November 6th at locsec@missouriozarks.us.mensa.org if you will be attending so that we can provide a good head count. We really need a good head count for this one. Thanks so much and we hope to see a good group. Remember that friends and family members are welcome to attend.

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