
Region 1 Roundup

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News From National:

The mini-minutes and video recording of the December 10, 2016 AMC (American Mensa Committee) meeting held in New Orleans are now available and can be viewed here: <https://www.us.mensa.org/lead/amc/meeting-reports/>.

The annual budget meeting will be held at the national office in Arlington, TX on February 4, 2017 and the next AMC meeting will take place at the Diplomat Resort in Hollywood, FL on April 1, 2017.

A dues increase was discussed and voted on in December (first of two votes required by American Mensa Ltd. bylaws). The increase must be voted on and passed in two consecutive AMC meetings in order for it to go into effect. An increase to \$79 was passed in December; if the vote at the April 2017 AMC meeting also passes, the increase will be effective July 1, 2017.

Mind Games 2017 will take place Friday April 21, 2017 - Sunday April 23, 2017. Join fellow tabletop game enthusiasts and judge new-to-market board and card games. Your votes will determine the Mensa Select winners! Hosted by Metropolitan Washington Mensa at the Dulles Hilton in Herndon, VA. For details or to register: <https://www.us.mensa.org/attend/mindgames/>

News From Around the Region:

VT Mensa recently created a local group mailing list and sent out a survey to find out what sorts of activities would be of interest to its members. The survey asked specific questions about types of events, locations, days and times, and also asked if the member would be interested in hosting. It was very well thought out and formatted - kudos to the VT group! For more details about this survey, you may contact the VT Mensa LocSec, Kimberly Barnhart at kbarnhart.tsa@gmail.com.

Just a reminder... Upcoming Region 1 events:

Register now for the New Hampshire RG (Regional Gathering) February 17-19, 2017 - Around the World (and back to the End of the Universe). Best Western Hotel and Suites, Portsmouth, NH. For information: <http://www.nh.us.mensa.org/rg2017.shtm>

Did you know...?

National Service Week is April 23-29. The Community Services Committee is encouraging local

groups to participate in a Mensa Volunteer Day, to plan and schedule a Community Service Activity for April 29, 2017. Holding a service event could provide another opportunity for our members to do something a little different, have the potential to raise our visibility in the community, and hopefully encourage even more active participation by our members. If you are interested in planning such an event and participating in Mensa Volunteer Day, please contact your group's calendar editor to get a listing of the event into your March and April calendars. There are regional funds available to support local groups in special activities such as this; have your chapter leadership contact me for details.

This month's question for you...

Have you visited the Mensa Foundation website at <http://www.mensafoundation.org/>?

Each year the Mensa Foundation gives away an average of \$90,000 through a scholarship program run by 400 volunteers from coast to coast; presents national and international awards in recognition of research, education and practical achievement regarding giftedness, intelligence and creativity; and publishes the Mensa Research Journal. The Mensa Foundation also sponsors award-winning educational activities including the podcast series Conversations with Mensa and projects for gifted youth such as the Mensa For Kids website.

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