The Official Publication of North Texas Mensa

M-AURA

August

August Speaker:
The Hon. Roger Durham—
"Stupid Criminal Tricks"
7:30 PM on the 17th

2025

Group #750 **CONTENTS** Issue #**566** DLXVI

FROM THE NTM PRESIDENT	**3**
RC 6 COLUMN	**4**
GIFTED YOUTH / THE *SWITCH* IS ON!	**5**
AUGUST EVENTS CALENDAR GRID / EVENTS LISTING	**6—12**
NEW MEMBERS / NOM COM / BEST TIME / BIRTHDAYS	**12- 13**
BOARD PROCEEDINGS / OFFICER LIST / CONTEST	**13-16**

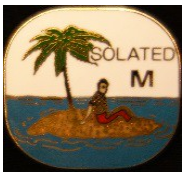
For membership info, contact Chris Cree, membership@northtexasmensa.org or American Mensa at 817.607.0060 (www.us.mensa.org). Mensa is registered at the U.S. Patent Office as the collective mark of an international organization. Qualification for Mensa membership is a score at or above the 98th percentile on any of a number of standardized IQ tests. Mensa is a not-for-profit organization whose main purpose is to serve as a means of communication and assembly for its members. Members receive the American Mensa Bulletin, the International Journal, and they are welcome at Mensa events around the world.

The M-Aura is published monthly by North Texas Mensa. Annual subscriptions are $6 per year for North Texas Mensa members, paid as part of their dues to American Mensa Ltd. Annual subscriptions for other Mensans are $12 per year, payable to North Texas Mensa. To subscribe, send your request to The Office of Publication: Val Beasley, 519 Tiffany Trl, Richardson, TX 75081-5616.

The *fine* **print**: We reserve the right to decline any contribution or advertisement, but we rarely do. I mean, seriously, our standards are pretty low. Submissions may be edited for space, or for any other reason, not to exclude delusions of grandeur (or "mastery" of English) by the editor. Neither the M-Aura nor NTM is responsible for verifying the accuracy of any advertisement appearing herein. The opinions expressed herein, however questionable they may be, are those of the editor or other contributors, and are by definition not those of Mensa, which, of course, has no opinions or body odor. All contents herein are Copyright © 2025, North Texas Mensa (unless otherwise attributed). Other Mensa publications may quote and reprint from this newsletter provided that all quotes and reprints must credit the author and this newsletter as the source, and must carry appropriate copyright notice (as defined in the Code of Federal Regulations). If you reprint something from the M-Aura, please email editor@northtexasmensa.org to let me know what you thought was worth reprinting. Quote/reprint permission for non-Mensa publications must be obtained in writing from an NTM officer or from the editor of this newsletter. So there.

ON THE COVERS:

Front *Top:* June poker winners *(l-r)*: Kim Speed - 3rd; Doug Fix - 2nd; Anne Whiteman - 1st. *Bottom*: Cameron, Jack, Gamble, Lily, Brighton, Anthony, Deccy, and siblings with Judge Lance Baxter touring the McKinney courthouse.
Back *Top:* Cameron giving Judge Baxter a pop quiz.
Middle: Espionage abounds as Games SIG communicates via CODE NAMES—*(cw, from bottom)* Cathy, Chuck, Charles, Carlos, Monica, Jeffery, and Barbara.
Bottom: Downtown Dallas on a Saturday in June.
Signs of the times include: "We shall overcomb" and "IKEA has better cabinets"



Letters, Stories, Travel Misadventures and More! Isolated M SIG monthly newsletter serves as a communication forum for Mensa members around the world -- currently 80 countries.
Electronic issues free! Visit IsolatedM.com for more information

FROM THE NTM PRESIDENT

CATHY ALLSHOUSE

In the realm of Mensa, where intellect is celebrated and curiosity never sleeps, gatherings hold a special place—they're not just social events, but lifelines to shared growth, discovery, and genuine connection. Mensa gatherings serve as a playground for the mind and nourishment for the soul. Attendees dive into speaker sessions, panels, games, and workshops that challenge conventional thought. You might find yourself decoding ancient languages, debating AI ethics, roaming an art museum or learning how to play a new game. The best part? You're surrounded by people who also find that kind of thing thrilling. Shared interests lead to spontaneous camaraderie. It's common for members to forge deep friendships, mentorships, and even romances across generations and geographies. Mensa gatherings remind us that while our brains got us in the door, it's our hearts that keep us coming back. I write this column after having been at the AG in Chicago over the 4th of July week. It was such a wonderful time, seeing old friends from near and far and making new friends. I even got to tour TWO libraries! Now that's the epitome of nerdy joy! The ripple effects of Mensa SIGs and other meetups often extend far beyond the event itself. Ideas shared turn into research projects, businesses, collaborations, or lifelong passions. It is in these serendipitous moments that innovation often finds its spark. So, if you've ever wondered whether it's worth traveling across the country—or even across town—for a Mensa event, consider this your nudge: the right gathering may not only feed your brain, but nurture your soul. The 2026 AG will be in Fort Worth, so it's a short travel distance for us. And the **North Texas Mensa RG** is coming up soon--the weekend after Thanksgiving. Don't miss that. Registration information is on page 13. Not to mention every month on the 3rd Sunday, there is a gathering of North Texas Mensans, see pg 11 for more information on that.

Let the brilliance buzz.

RC 6 COLUMN *by Penny Robe*

Annual Gathering Update

Every year, American Mensa has an Annual Gathering (AG), usually during the week of July 4. This year, the AG was held July 2-6 in Chicago, and was a great time. The AG has a panoply of interesting attractions, including multiple speaker tracks, games room, hospitality for food and drinks, meet-and-greets for each region and for special interest groups (SIGs), a debate room, and special events, including a Gala. This year's Gala speaker, Ken Jennings of Jeopardy! Fame, gave an engaging, entertaining talk. The AG website, which still has the 2025 Chicago AG details for now, can be viewed at https://ag.us.mensa.org/

The Mensa Foundation's annual Colloquium on July 1, 2025, focused on AI and human intelligence from several different perspectives.

The annual business meeting for the members is also held at the same time and location as the AG, along with a quarterly meeting of the American Mensa Committee, our board of directors. The annual business meeting gives members the opportunity to speak about issues concerning the good and welfare of American Mensa, and every time I have attended, many members take the opportunity to make remarks. This year was no exception, with many ideas put forward for consideration.

For 2026, the AG will be held in Region 6 – in Fort Worth, Texas to be specific. Please mark your calendars now for July 1-5, 2026. Region 6 includes New Mexico, Oklahoma, Texas, Arkansas, and Louisiana, and Fort Worth is pretty close to the middle of it.

Speaking of gatherings, North Texas Mensa will hold its regional gathering over Thanksgiving weekend. More information, including registration details, can be found at this link: https://www.northtexasmensa.org/rg_event/

Other regions will also have regional gatherings, and details can be found https://www.us.mensa.org/attend/calendar/

Ways to reach me as your Regional Coordinator: email: penny.robe.mensa@gmail.com or rc6@us.mensa.org; snail mail at 1901 N Central Expy Ste 200, Richardson TX 75080; or talking to me in person at Mensa events.

GIFTED YOUTH CORNER

by Bill Rock

In June we had a very interesting time at the Collin County Courthouse. Judge Lance Baxter took us through the jury selection process, and then we dealt with the case of Goldilocks vs the Bears. After her conviction a couple of us were able to sit in on the last portion of an actual DUI bench trial. If you enjoyed your visit to the courthouse, you can say thanks by sending an email to the court administrator: mquint@collincountytx.gov.

This month we are visiting someplace brand new. The National Medal of Honor Museum opened in March in Arlington. We take some time to understand the lives, actions, and sacrifices of the 4,000 MOH recipients in our nation's history.

For September, we have a couple of possibilities; the weather should have broken by then so we once again consider activities that are outside. As always, send along any event ideas you have.

Just a reminder as summer winds down that Mensa has an Excellence In Reading Program to encourage and recognize those that seek to broaden their horizons through reading (as to why reading is different than other media, I would refer you to Nicholas Carr's excellent book "The Shallows"). For more information, go to MensaForKids.org/EIR.

As I have said in the past, this group is about learning, sharing, and building a community of people with (perhaps uncommon) common interests. If you have something to share with the group, please let me know. If you want to start a talk about a topic, send the info along.

GREETINGS NORTH TEXAS MENSA MEMBERS:

In the interest of reducing paper usage we are asking members to switch to digital only copies of the monthly M-Aura newsletter. Please click the link below, enter the tinyurl in a browser, or scan the QR code to opt-in to the switch. If you wish to continue receiving the paper newsletter then either take no action or fill out the survey and do not check the box.

Thank you for your help!

Use the QR Code or enter the Survey Here:
https://tinyurl.com/NTM-Survey-2025

AUGUST 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					01 1 pm VDG 1 pm East Dallas Lunch Bunch	**02** 12:15 pm Mensa Testing 1 pm VDG
03 12:30 pm GY book club 	**04** 1 pm VDG 7 pm Munch Bunch	**05** 7 pm Beer Garden	**06** 1 pm VDG	**07** 1 pm Lunch Group 7 pm HOTDAM	**08** 1 pm VDG 1 pm East Dallas Lunch Bunch	**09** 1 pm VDG 7 pm Singles Chat 'n Chew 9 pm *M-Aura* Calendar Deadline
10 2 pm Bright Ladies SIG 9 pm *M-Aura* All-Copy Deadline 	**11** 1 pm VDG 7 pm Munch Bunch	**12** 7 pm Beer Garden	**13** 1 pm VDG	**14** 1 pm Lunch Group 7 pm HOTDAM	**15** 1 pm VDG 1 pm East Dallas Lunch Bunch 7 pm Texas Hold 'Em 	**16** 1 pm VDG 4 pm Small Group Meeting 6:30 pm Games SIG
17 1:30 GY MOH Museum 4:30 pm SFRM Speaker 6 pm NTM Board Meeting 7:30 NTM General Meeting	**18** 1 pm VDG 7 pm Munch Bunch	**19** 7 pm Beer Garden	**20** 1 pm VDG 7 pm MADEATS	**21** 1 pm Lunch Group 7 pm HOTDAM	**22** 1 pm VDG 1 pm East Dallas Lunch Bunch	**23** 1 pm VDG
24 1:30 pm Eclectic Book Club 2:30 pm Theodore Talk	**25** 1 pm VDG 7 pm Munch Bunch	**26** 7 pm Beer Garden	**27** 1 pm VDG	**28** 1 pm Lunch Group 7 pm HOTDAM	**29** 1 pm VDG 1 pm East Dallas Lunch Bunch	**30** 1 pm VDG

~July 2025~

FOR CALENDAR UPDATES, PLEASE VISIT
HTTP://WWW.NORTHTEXASMENSA.ORG

~WEEKLY EVENTS~

MONDAYS

7:00 PM - 8:15 PM Munch Bunch - Addison
Location: **BJ's Restaurant,** 4901 Belt Line Rd., Addison 75254
BJ's is an upscale brewpub with an extensive menu. On the north side of Belt Line just a couple of blocks west of the Tollway. Ask at the desk for the Mensa table.
Contact: **Roger Durham** (214.349.4521)

TUESDAYS

7:00 PM - 9:00 PM Beer Garden – Dallas
Location: **District 9 Draught Haus**, 718 N. Buckner Blvd., Dallas
This is a neighborhood pub in the shopping center, corner of Buckner & Northcliff, which is the first stoplight south of NW Hwy. on Buckner. They have a good beer selection, wines and ciders on tap, and a tasty, but somewhat limited, menu. Ask for the Mensa table.
Contact: **Roger Durham** (214.349.4521)

THURSDAYS

1:00 PM - Plano Lunch Group
Location: **King Buffet**: 521 Central Parkway, Plano, TX 75074
Yelp loves King Buffet Plano's wide selection which ranges from pizza to made-to-order hibachi favorites. Look for Ty. https://www.yelp.com/biz/king-buffet-plano-3
Contact: **Ty O'Neil**: (214.394.7364 cell)

7:00 - 9:00 PM HOTDAM
Hang out Together with Denton Area Mensans
Location: **Sidewalk Cafe**, 2900 Wind River Lane, Denton, TX 76210
Meet us for games, revelry, and more. Look for the owl statuette on the table. See YOU 'round!
PLEASE CALL OR TEXT CONTACTS FOR MORE INFO
Contact: **Deb Ramsey** (940.391.9657) or **Christie Miller**, (940.765.0429)

FRIDAYS

1:00 - 2:30 PM East Dallas Lunch Bunch
Location: **Fish City Grill**: 7170 Skillman Street,
Dallas 75231 Fish City Grill is a neighborhood seafood restaurant that delivers the best quality and fresh ingredients.
Contact: **Roger Durham** (214.349.4521)

MONDAY / WEDNESDAY / FRIDAY / SATURDAY

1:00 PM M Virtual Discussion Group (VDG) SIG *(from mid MI Mensa)* Location: **Zoom Meeting**: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86726108623?pwd=cUgyelF2K0ZLQzNWbVByZE9UMXpxdz09 Meeting ID: 867 2610 8623 Passcode: 1234 We can talk about whatever anybody wants to talk about in Mensa; we can talk about current events, or we can talk about what is going on in our lives.
Contact: **Ken Lawrence** MVirtualDiscussionGroup@gmail.com

July Events

02 SATURDAY

12:15PM - 2:30PM– MENSA Admissions Testing

Location: **Dallas Public Library – Timberglen Branch Conference Room**: 18505 Midway Rd., Dallas, TX 75287

Know someone who may qualify for Mensa? Please refer all interested testers (or anyone with questions!) to Rebecca Raymond at NTMTesting@northtexasmensa.org to obtain the pre-registration link and all other required details for this session.
Contact: **Rebecca Raymond**: (ntmtesting@northtexasmensa.org)

03 SUNDAY

12:30PM - NTM Gifted Youth Book Club

(First Sunday of each month)

Location: **Zoom Meeting**

At this meeting, we will be discussing ***The Ear, the Eye, and the Arm*** by Nancy Farmer.
Meeting Link: https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87284610508?pwd=WnZWQ2JhbmlEamJzcmc1TkRBcFZjZz09
Contact: **Bill Rock**: (972.396.8160, william.m.rock@gmail.com)

09 SATURDAY

9:00PM – M-Aura Calendar Deadline (The 9th of each month)
Contact: **Calendar Chair, Sara Hawkins**: (calendarchair@northtexasmensa.org, or 214.801.4704)

7:00PM – 9:00PM – Singles Chat and Chew
(Second Saturday of each month)
Location: **Jason's Deli**: 9100 N. Central Expressway, Suite 139, Dallas, TX 75231.
This at the NE corner of Central Expressway and Park Lane. Come join other singles for dinner and have great conversations.
Contact: **Laura Stuart**: (214.641.2520)

10 SUNDAY
9:00PM – M-Aura All Copy Deadline (The 10th of each month)
Contact: **Editor, Bill Rock**: (william.m.rock@gmail.com or 972.396.8160)

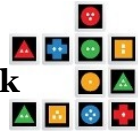
2:00PM – 4:00PM Bright Ladies Gathering (Second Sunday of each month)
Location: **la Madeleine French Bakery & Café**: 15125 Montfort Dr., Dallas
(one block east of the Tollway, on Montfort) Look for us (and the Bright Ladies logo) as you come in.
Contact: **Call Kathy McWhorter for directions or more details**: (214.215.5809)

15 FRIDAY
7:00 – NTM Scholarship Foundation Friday Texas Hold-em

Location: **Bill & Ellen Rock's Home "The Rock Pile"**: 701 Victorian Drive, Allen, TX 75002
In August, we'll be meeting at The Rock Pile for a pleasant evening of cards, bluffing and fun. No big winners or losers, just bragging rights for your $10 contribution to the kitty, and a $5 re-buy if you wish – all of which goes to the Scholarship Foundation. Plenty of snacks and drinks, and those new to the game are welcome to join in. As always, the party starts at 7 PM, and the game commences at 7:30 PM.
PLEASE RSVP: **Bill Rock**: (972.415.5302, william.m.rock@gmail.com)

16 SATURDAY
4:00PM – 6:00PM - Small MENSA Meeting Canton / Wills Point (Third Saturday of each month)
Location: **We meet in each other's homes on a**

rotating basis
We will send out a reminder about a week before each meeting giving this month's location and subject matter to be discussed. Purely a discussion group; no games, no food fests, no partying. Enjoy the exchange of thoughts and ideas without contention!
Contact: **Gerard Brohman**: (gbrohman@live.com)



6:30PM – Games SIG
Location: **Bill & Ellen Rock's Home "The Rock Pile"**: 701 Victorian Drive, Allen, TX 75002
We have some classic board games and some new ones, and we're happy to try anything you care to bring over. Snacks and soft drinks will be available.
Contacts: **Bill and/or Ellen Rock**: (972.396.8160 •/+ 214.356.5819, william.m.rock@gmail.com)

17 SUNDAY
1:30 PM Gifted Youth Visit Heroes
Location: **National Medal of Honor Museum**:
1861 AT&T Way, Arlington, TX 76011
Terms like "sacrifice" "respect" "honor" and "devotion" are frequently tossed around in the media these days. We visit a new museum dedicated to people who have exemplified these terms under the harshest circumstances. The new Medal Of Honor Museum in Arlington is dedicated to telling the stories of those who have been recognized with our nation's highest military honor.
Contact: **Bill Rock**: (972.415.5302, william.m.rock@gmail.com)

4:30PM – San Francisco Regional MENSA Speaker Series
Location: **This is a Zoom meeting.**
To register for this presentation, visit https://livepresentation.link/AUG. You will receive a confirmation email from Zoom that will contain the link needed to join the presentation.
Topic: **Technology of Space** There are numerous spacecraft and satellites orbiting the earth, providing us with valuable data on weather patterns, climate change and communications.

6:00PM- 7:00PM - Board Meeting (Third Sunday of the Month)
Location: **Five Star Premier Residences of Dallas**: 5455 La Sierra Drive, Dallas, or

Zoom Video: https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81692083286?pwd=UWFmMlVvRUpiazBZNldHcmxwSGpvZz09, or **Zoom Phone**: +1 346 248 7799 (in lieu of video call), Meeting ID: 816 9208 3286, Passcode: 448903
All members of NTM are welcome to attend and to address the board. The board conducts the organization business decisions. Members are welcome to bring items to the board's attention if they wish. Following the Board Meeting there is usually time for socializing before the program. If you prefer, you may also attend via Zoom – links above.
Contact: **Cathy Allshouse, President**: (president@northtexasmensa.org)

7:00PM – 7:30PM – *Refreshments and Socializing Following the Board Meeting*

7:30PM – Program Following the Board Meeting (Third Sunday of the Month)
Location: **Five Star Premier Residences of Dallas**, 5455 La Sierra Drive, Dallas, or **Zoom Video**: (same as board meeting above):
Topic: **Stupid Criminal Tricks** — Roger Durham
As some of you may recall, The Hon. Roger Durham spent several years as a municipal judge, back in the early part of the current century. Drawing from his own experiences on the bench, as well as stories from neighboring jurisdictions, Judge Durham will cite various examples of non-Mensa behavior by members of the local criminal fraternity. As one author put it, "There is really only one crime, and it keeps being committed over and over again: stupidity." Roger is a 50-year Mensa member, a former Regional Vice Chair, and a perennial candidate for Resident Curmudgeon.
Contact: Program Chair Extraordinaire **Karen Brack**: (kwbrack18@gmail.com; 214.477.1151)

20 WEDNESDAY
7:00PM – MADEATS
Location: **Tacos El Metro**:
3720 Walnut Hill Lane, Dallas, 75229
D Magazine named El Metro Tacos a Best New Restaurant of 2024, and they must have kept up the good work because they are among that magazine's Best 50 Restaurants of 2025. D says, "Whole roasted pigs become the namesake Puerco El Metro taco, made with pulled pork meat and topped with crispy chicharrones...and there are great snacks like the messy-fun huesitos, pork rib tips absolutely drenched

in salsas." I say, "Let's try it." . RSVP: As always MADEATS hopefully requests, but does not require, RSVPs.
Contact: **Karen Brack**: (kwbrack18@gmail.com; 214.477.1151)

24 SUNDAY

1:30PM – 3:00PM - Eclectic Book Club
(Fourth Sunday of the Month)
Location: **Half Price Books Mothership**:
5803 E NW Hwy, Dallas, TX 75231
This month EBC is reading ***Recursion*** by Blake Crouch. Eclectic Book Club picks are generally available in hardback, paperback or for e-readers. They should also be available at your local library.
Contacts: **Larry Strickler**: (lstrickler1@verizon.net or 972.495.8076) or **Bill Rock**: (972.396.8160 or william.m.rock@gmail.com)

2:30PM – MENSA Theodore Talks
Location: **Zoom meeting with pre-registration required**
This free series of talks was created and is hosted by Mid-America Mensa. Fascinating speakers each month from Jan – October and it's free to members of Mensa.
Topic: The title of the August Talk is, "Spotting the Signs & Preventing Child Sex Trafficking, presented by Susan Burkholder who is the Lead Prevention Education Trainer at Ransomed Life.
Register here: https://tinyurl.com/y5abfb9a

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS !

The following are new or rejoining members of North Texas Mensa. Please join us in welcoming them to our group.

New Mensans: Robert Hatridge, Aydin Hussain, Van Jolas, Daniele LoScerbo, Erene Starkus, Emma Unglaub

Moving to NTM: No one in June

Rejoining Mensa and NTM: Avyan Gupta, Rich Marquardt, Jennifer Moore, Michael Moss, Julie Steward

We welcome you all, and look forward to seeing you at future functions!

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The NTM BOD is pleased to present the nominating committee for the 2026 Board:
Chair - Bill Rock
Members - Sara Hawkins, Anne Whiteman, Laura Stuart
Alternate– would be great
If you would like to run for the board in 2026, please contact a member of the committee for more information. You may also be contacted by one of them asking if you are interested in running for the board.

REQUEST FOR VOLUNTEERS-BEST ROBOTICS *by Bill Rock*

BEST robotics is getting ready to kick off its 33rd season next month with the game "F**A**cto**I**ds". We need volunteers to help make it run. If you are interested in getting involved in helping show students the fun side of STEM, please let me know. We have opportunities for team mentors (remote or in person) mid-September to mid-November, for on-line judging early November, and for judges at game day (Nov 8th at PTAA North Dallas). Training is provided. Contact: bill.rock@bestinc.org Thanks.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY! The following NTMers add another candle to the cake in August:
Jennifer Moore, Zero Ehxe, James Hatchell, Julie Blettner, Sharon Crawford, Richard Smoot, Brandon Guyton, Don Michel, Robert Alexander, Brian Olson, eduardo moreno, Elaine Erback, Anita Morehead, Pamela Carroll, Richard Kempf, Esther Bellah, John Jebavy, Rebecca Raymond, Frank Schultz, Carla Cree, Ryan Sas, Michael Giordano, Nansi Stretcher, Pamela Rogers, Gregory Smith, Marvin Livesay, Parind Poi, Paul "value betting" Whiteman, Benny Vaughn, Jerry "well that sure scared 'em" Law, Lloyd Timmons, Leslie Walker, Natalie Minchillo, Douglas Mehling, Donald Ledbetter, Sophia Novak, Patrick Travers, Tuck Goh, Jim Kerlin, Lisa Potter, Jenna Milinsky, Colleen Skinner

NTM BOARD PROCEEDINGS-Sunday June 15th, 2025

Meeting was called to order at 6:02PM by President Cathy Allshouse at Five Star Premier Residences of Dallas (5455 La Sierra Drive, Dallas). Also present were VP Chris Cree, Treasurer Paul Whiteman, and Board Members at Large Juan Faura. Jonathan Bethune (via zoom) and Chuck Weis. Absent was Secretary Eric "Gunny" Hartman

1. Reports: The following reports were given.

President – Cathy Allshouse … The next Board Meeting: 6PM July 20, 2025 at Five Star Premier Residences of Dallas (5455 La Sierra Drive, Dallas) in the Glen Lakes Room.

Vice-President – Chris Cree … Nothing to report as VP

Secretary – Gunny Hartman … The minutes of the June 2025 meeting were distributed via email. They were accepted without modification. Paul is taking minutes for this meeting.

Treasurer – Paul Whiteman … As of 5/31/2025, NTM had $28,107.84 in total assets, which includes $6,075.73 in checking, $12,032.11 in savings, and a note receivable of $10,000. The RG account balance was $3,127.71. The final accounting for the New Member's Party is still outstanding. Cost is approximately $700. RG account ACH debit of $170 is likely a registration refund.

Membership – Chris Cree … 27 people have signed up since last report bringing membership from 946 to 973. Last year's numbers at this time were 1,020 for April 30 with 1,044 on May 31, 2024. Many renewals received from the email campaign for lapsed members.

Ombudsman – Roger Durham … Nothing to report

Marketing – Juan Faura … Juan reached out to American Mensa about marketing plans. No response yet. Cost for an NTM logo would be about $150. Could facilitate a print-on-demand store.

S.I.G.H.T. – Gunny Hartman … Nothing to report

Gifted Youth – Bill Rock … "Ten kids plus parents attended court on Thursday. July event is augmented reality in Rockwall.

Editor – Bill Rock … "M-Aura will be shipped to the printer Sunday night. Thanks (as always) to those who helped proofread it. Editor needs nominating committee names for the August M-Aura, prior to next board meeting."

Scholarship – Lauren Ogden … Scholarship Report: The finalized list of scholarship recipients has been sent to the Mensa Foundation for approval during their board meeting this Wednesday.

Calendar – Sara Hawkins … "I haven't had an opportunity to try out the latest instructions on editing the online calendar so July is not up yet. I want to get to it later today."

Webmaster – Jonahan Bethune … WordPress site is finished but calendar is update is still under test. Will need the registration portion working for the RG.

Testing Coordinator – Rebecca Raymond … "Testing report: We had 3 testers at our first June session - our next session is tomorrow. July test is scheduled for July 19."

Social Media/Facebook - Collene Goldman … No report.

Programs – Karen Brack … Tonight is the Monuments Men & Women organization. Next month is "A Book I Read".

Bylaws Committee – Chris Cree, Roger Durham, and Paul Whiteman … "I have read and am ok with the attached document prepared by Randy Brack. I would like to step down from this committee."

Nominating Committee – Karen Brack … We need a nominating committee for publication in the next newsletter. Allshouse will call on Bill Rock to chair. Anne Whiteman volunteered to help.

RG Committee – Karen Brack … Some speakers are stepping forward. Would like to have a registration in the next newsletter.

New item for discussion: Is there a better time for the General Meeting to generate more attendance? Motion by Faura to send out survey to poll interest in a new time. Second by Whiteman. Unanimously approved. Allshouse volunteered to do the survey.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:10 PM after a motion was made by Paul Whiteman to that effect, which was seconded by Chris Cree, and subsequently passed.

NTM Board Members for 2025:

Blue italics = new

President Cathy Allshouse	president@northtexasmensa.org 713.398.7963	10702 Stone Canyon Dr., #128, Dallas, TX 75230
Vice President Chris Cree	ccree@earthlink.net 214.701.4681	3541 Colgate Ave Dallas 75225
Treasurer Paul Whiteman	paulw@ieee.org 469.569.3129	4424 Ringgold Ln Plano 75093
Secretary Gunny Hartman	214.477.5047	139 Westminster Ave Murphy, 75094

2025 NTM Board Members At Large:

Jonathan Bethune	jbethune777@gmail.com 972.213.2715
Juan Faura	jafaura@gmail.com 817.937.7435
Chuck Weis	charlesdweis@gmail.com 469.271.4928

Want Your Ad in the *M-Aura*?
Interior Pages:
1/4 page (business card) is $15;
1/2 page is only $25; Full Page is $40
Note: All ads will be in color for eSubscribe

Region 6 Regional Coordinator: Penny Robe, penny.robe.mensa@gmail.com
Region 6 Ombudsperson: Randy Brack, mrbrack46@gmail.com, 972.495.2659

~NTM Appointed Positions ~

Membership Chair
Chris Cree ccree@earthlink.net 214.701.4681
Gifted Youth Coordinator
Bill Rock 972.396.8160 william.m.rock@gmail.com
Proctor/Testing Coordinator
Rebecca Raymond, ntmtesting@northtexasmensa.org
NTM Ombudsman
Roger Durham durhamrog@gmail.com 214.349.4521
Calendar Chair
Sara Hawkins calendarchair@northtexasmensa.org
Webmaster
Jonathan Bethune jbethune777@gmail.com
Communications
Collene Goldman colleneg@gmail.com 469-503-3636

Area Coordinators
Denton/Collin Co, & Texoma Area
Pam Kittenbacher 972.727.3300 pamkittenbacher@gmail.com
East Texas
Cookie Neely , 903-235-8681 syntaxcop@gmail.com
Program Chair
Karen Brack kwbrack18@ gmail.com, 214.477.1151
RG Chair
Karen Brack kwbrack18@ gmail.com, 214.477.1151
Publicity Coordinator —Open
Webmaster:
Jonathan Bethune 972.213.2715

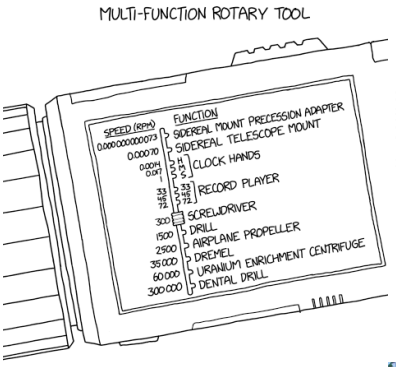
Volunteers Coordinator—Open
M-Aura Editor
Bill Rock , 972.396.8160 editor@northtexasmensa.org
Social Media—Collene Goldman colleneg@gmail.com 469-503-3636
Marketing Chair -Juan Faura jafaura@ gmail.com 817.937.7435
S.I.G.H.T. Coordinator
Eric "Gunny" Hartman SIGHT@NorthTexasMensa.org 214.477.5047
NTM Scholarship Chair
Lauren Ogden 972.207.1776 lrngdn76@gmail.com
Circulation Manager/ Publisher
Val Beasley 972.235.7105 valeria2@tx.rr.com

Gatherings Committee: Kevin Buchanan kevinbob@flash.net, 214.826.7725 Randy Brack, mrbrack46@gmail.com, 972.495.2659 , Karen Brack, 214.477.1151 kwbrack18@gmail.com

Nominating Committee: Bill Rock 972.415.5302 william.m.rock@gmail.com, Sara Hawkins calendarchair@northtexasmensa.org, Anne Whiteman: (Text: 214.868.4410) or anne.whiteman1@gmail.com, Laura Stuart: (214.641.2520)

Election Committee: Open

August CONTEST:
An invaluable prize goes to the first person to correctly indentify the ultra-rare **xkcd typo (!)** below. Email editor@northtexasmensa.org



Xkcd.com: