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ON THE COVERS:

Front *Top left:* a ceramic book/box as rendered by Grace. *Top right:* Elim Wong after her amazing performance soloing with the Lewisville Lake Symphony. *Bottom left:* Artists working hard at Quiggly's, including Milena, Grace, Kayleigh, Margaret, and Joanna. *Bottom Right:* Chuck Weiss during his presentation on how technology is shaping the war in Ukraine.

Back *Top left:* April Scholarship Poker top 3: 3rd - Allen Garner, 2nd - Doug Fix, 1st - Mary "*I'm Going 'All In' At 9 PM So I Can Go Home*" Milford. We guess her plan backfired that evening. *Top Right:* Grace with her Mom at the Strawberry Fields. *Bottom left:* What seems to be a national GY book club meeting, with members from Virginia to Oregon (and a few from NTM) have an interesting intesseraction on A Wrinkle In Time. *Bottom right:* a picture of strawberry pizza, made from fresh-picked berries

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FROM THE NTM PRESIDENT

GUNNY HARTMAN

"I would do anything for love, but I won't do that."
~Meatloaf

We are reaching the halfway point of 2024, but for NTM, things are just heating up. We have more than half the fun remaining. But to pull it off, **we need your help.**

North Texas Mensa is a volunteer-led/run organization, so everything is fueled by our members, members just like you. **Would you please consider serving in the following areas?**

- Regional Gathering - This is our biggest endeavor, drawing Mensans from around the country over Thanksgiving weekend. We need the following: RG Chair, RG Committee members (in charge of hospitality or registration or catering or drinks or games, A/V, etc.), RG Speakers, etc.
- Nominating Committee - This group seeks out members interested in running for board positions for the following year.
- Election Committee - This group oversees the Board election in November, and the related processes.

If you are interested in any of those, please let me know at President@NorthTexasMensa.org.

We have many stellar volunteers, with some wearing multiple hats, and they would love reinforcements. At one time, even they were just getting their feet wet in NTM activities and service. It may be the case that you're unsure about what to do and/or you might be nervous about jumping in. We've all been there and we'd love to help you feel comfortable in whatever you find to do. You'll never find your gold on a sandy beach, but **you just might find fun, friends, and fulfillment serving your local chapter of Mensa.**

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: Benjamin Barone, William Bowen, Ronav Datta, Dinika Datta, Adelynn Hernandez, Katie Hutchinson, Charlotte Schwyhart, Nieves Servin

Moving to NTM: Randall Lytle, Ronald Rieke

Rejoining Mensa and NTM: Robert Alexander, Susanna Biancheri, Helen Burt, Massimo Caruso, Abigail Dressell, Lucy Hooker, Jene Huginnie, Gerald Law, Martin Mahony, Jennifer Moore, Eric O'Halloran, Linda O'Rear, Davin Sanchez

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

HOWDY!

SIXTH SENSE — JOHN NEEMIDGE, REGION 6 VICE CHAIR

Here we are: my last column as Regional Vice Chair for Region 6. It has been a privilege and an honor to represent our region on the AMC for the past five years, and I thank all of you for allowing me that privilege.

The election results are final now, and I will be stepping away from the AMC for at least one term. That's fine – I'll be plenty busy in my local group, quite possibly in American Mensa at the national level, and in my life outside of Mensa.

Our new RVC for Region 6 will be David McCallister of Mensa 76. David has been highly active for many years and I'm confident he will do a great job representing Region 6 over the next three years.

This transition comes at a pivotal moment for American Mensa. Our Executive Director, Trevor Mitchell, has submitted his resignation and will leave American Mensa in the next few months to move on in his career. I wish Trevor all the best and am thankful for his service to American Mensa.

That means AML is making a major transition. Finding a new Executive Director is not a fast or easy thing to do. The AMC has already had one special meeting to discuss the search, and there are planned to be two more special meetings during the remainder of my term. Please rest assured that nothing is being done hastily and only preliminary actions will be taken before the new AMC is seated.

The AMC itself will also be making a major transition. While the Chair remains the same, and the nationally elected offices are all members of the current AMC, only one RVC remains from the previous term. Thus, nine members of the AMC will be people who have not served on the AMC since at least 2019 (and, in most cases, have never been AMC members).

The next AMC meeting will be held at the Annual Gathering in Kansas City. I hope to see many of you there! Please consult the agenda when it's posted at https://www.us.mensa.org/lead/amc/meeting-reports/ and let DavidMcCallister know your thoughts.

Even as I leave office, I still welcome thoughts, ideas, questions, concerns, general comments - whatever. I've got a contact form for feedback at https://tinyurl.com/RVC6-JLN. Of course, if you prefer, you can contact me via email at rvc6@us.mensa.org(until June 30th) or by phone at 512-695-9876.

GIFTED YOUTH CORNER

by Bill Rock

We certainly had a full work table in April for our "paint your pottery" event. I saw several of the finished pieces, and they looked quite good, even the three-eyed monster. For me, these events give me a better appreciation for the effort it takes to make really good artwork. Even the simplest looking things take time to get right.

For this month, we're heading back to a virtual event—Board Game Arena has a nice facility for playing on-line games, and we have had a pretty good time there in the past. I'll have a zoom meeting going on the same time as we are on the web site, so we can talk amongst ourselves while we play. For those that have not been on the web site, I recommend visiting it in advance to set up a user profile, then if you can send me your username, I can know who will be on and friend you ahead of time so we can coordinate the operation of the game.

For next month, I am working on a visit to the Texas Instruments facility in North Dallas. It will be our best chance to take a peek inside this worldwide technology leader. The details are not yet finalized; I'm still working out how many slots we might get or any other limitations. If you are interested in this, please let me know and I will start a list of those who want to attend. There is a chance that the event might even happen this month (in June); if that happens, I'll send out an email with the details.

August the plan is for an electronics build session; pick out a fun electronics kit, and bring it over to the house where we will have soldering stations set up; you will learn how to solder and assemble the kit that afternoon. For those that have not done this before, last time we built a one-board synthesizer from Cornfield Electronics, and I think those turned out well. But you can pick out any kit you wish; there are clocks, radios, video games, and ornaments among the options. If you are unsure, just let me know and we can discuss it.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY! The following NTMers add another candle to the cake in June:

Roxanne Hetzel, Michael Crow, David Arehart, Michael Shaffer, Kevin McCullough, Sujeet Acharya, Eleanor Hess, Wyatt Bigham, Greg Greenwood, Parker Key, Robert Rayel, Peter Weinert, Michael Shtofman, Michael Jones, Russell Colburn, Nick Roossien, Kenneth House, Nancy Vickers, Sheila Austin, John Fowler, Stephen Clark, Kurt Regner, Steven Garretson, Jeff Dommenge, Earl Stevenson, Jim "quotable" Mathis, Gerard "let's discuss" Brohman, Michael Ramsey, Morgan Lance, Robert Hollingsworth, Walter Foster, Christopher Hutzler, Charles Wells, Christopher Caravantes, Dharam Kumbhani, Steven Autry, Philip Scriber, Linda O'Rear, Michael Stockham, Chris Burdette, Jeffrey King, Aaron Smith, Brandon Phillips, Harold Mc Auley, Doohi Lee, Donna Clancy, Melvin Courtney, Randall Streig, Christopher O'Blenes, Sam Stripling

June 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 12:30 pm Gifted Youth Book Club 8 pm Brain Storming SIG	**3** 7 pm Munch Bunch	**4** 7 pm Beer Garden	**5**	**6** 1 pm Lunch Group 7 pm HOTDAM	7 1 pm East Dallas Lunch Bunch	**8** 3 pm GY virtual board games 7 pm Singles Chat 'n Chew
9 2 pm Bright Ladies SIG 8 pm Brain Storming SIG 9 pm *M-Aura* Calendar Deadline	**10** 7 pm Munch Bunch 9 pm *M-Aura* All-Copy Deadline	**11** 7 pm Beer Garden	**12**	**13** 1 pm Lunch Group 7 pm HOTDAM	**14** 1 pm East Dallas Lunch Bunch	**15** 4 pm Small Group Meeting 6:30 pm Games SIG
16 6 pm NTM Board Meeting 7:30 pm NTM General Meeting 8 pm Brain Storming SIG	**17** 7 pm Munch Bunch	**18** 7 pm Beer Garden	**19** 7 pm MADEATS	**20** 1 pm Lunch Group 7 pm HOTDAM	**21** 1 pm East Dallas Lunch Bunch 7 pm Texas Hold 'Em 	**22** 9:30 am Mensa Testing
23 1:30 pm Eclectic Book Club 2:30 pm Theodore Talk 8 pm Brain Storming SIG **30** 8 pm Brain Storming SIG	**24** 7 pm Munch Bunch	**25** 7 pm Beer Garden	**26**	**27** 1 pm Lunch Group 7 pm HOTDAM	**28** 1 pm East Dallas Lunch Bunch	**29**

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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 Buck-ner & 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: **Cafe Brazil**, 501 W University Dr, Denton, TX 76201 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)

SUNDAYS
8:00 PM Brain Storming SIG *(from mid MI Mensa)*
Location: **Zoom Meeting**: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82908600785?pwd=Kzl4YUhFbklwSnpCTTl4TDdHNoJsdz09
Meeting ID: 829 0860 0785 Passcode: 1234
SIG's main purpose - Opportunity to brainstorm ways we do things.
Contact: **Ken Lawrence** MBrainstormingSessions@gmail.com

June Events

02 SUNDAY

12:30PM - NTM Gifted Youth Book Club

Location: **Zoom Meeting**
At this meeting, we will be discussing ***Warriors #2: Fire and Ice (Warriors: The Prophecies Begin, 2)*** by Erin Hunter.
Meeting Link: https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87284610508?pwd=WnZWQ2JhbmlEamJzcmc1TkRBcFZjZz09
Contact: **Bill Rock**: (972.396.8160, william.m.rock@gmail.com)

08 SATURDAY

2:00PM – 3:30PM Mensa Foundation Speaker Series 2024

Location: **ZoomMeeting**
Explore the Mensa Foundation Speaker Series in 2024 - an immersive journey into the realms of intelligence and giftedness In collaboration with esteemed partners such as the Gifted Development Center, the Dabrowski Center, and Supporting Emotional Needs of the Gifted (SENG), the Mensa Foundation Speaker Series offers captivating 90-minute virtual sessions that dive deep into the world of intelligence and giftedness. Uncover new perspectives and ignite your intellectual curiosity. June Speaker: **Dr. Robert J. Sternberg**, Transformational Intelligence
Registration and Fee Information: https://mensafoundation.ticketspice.com/mfss2024

3:00PM – Gifted Youth Virtual Board Games

Location: **Board Game Arena**: www.boardgamearena.com
Meeting Link: https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87284610508?pwd=WnZWQ2JhbmlEamJzcmc1TkRBcFZjZz09
Board Game Arena has a nice facility for playing games with friends on-line. It includes a chat feature, and I'll also set up a Zoom

meeting for those that want to talk. Login to the web site before the event, and tell me your username so I can send a message to let people know who they can meet up with. I'll be "wrock_NTM".
Contact: **Bill Rock**: (972.396.8160, william.m.rock@gmail.com)

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)

09 SUNDAY

2:00PM – 4:00PM Bright Ladies Brunch (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)

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

10 MONDAY

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)

15 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, w-rock1@raytheon.com)

16 SUNDAY

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:**Gunny Hartman, President**: (president@northtexasmensa.org)

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) , or **Zoom Phone**: (same as board meeting)
Topic: Join us for a Dickensian Discussion on the enduring appeal of the works of Charles Dickens and his impact on the literary world. Please bring your thoughts about your favorite Dickens stories to share. This discussion will be facilitated by **Cathy Allshouse**, not-an-English-major, but a devout story lover and obsessed reader.

19 WEDNESDAY

7:00PM - MADEATS
Location: **E.B. Latin Bistro** , 6505 West Park Blvd, Ste. 136, Plano eblatinbistro.com
E.B. Latin Bistro is described as a "Hidden Gem." They serve a full

range of Latin American favorites including paellas, ropa vieja, maduros, arroz con pollo, a range of Cubano sandwiches, tacos and enchiladas, grilled specialties, caipirinhas, mojitos, and much more. As always, we here at MADEATS Enterprises stubbornly request – but do not require – that you RSVP if you are planning to join us.
Contact: **Karen Brack,** 'kwbrack18@gmail.com; 214.477.1151.

21 FRIDAY

7:00PM – 11:00PM - NTM Scholarship Foundation Friday Texas Hold 'Em
Location: **Mary Milford's Home:**4812 Rockcreek Lane, Plano, TX 750242
Join us 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. And as always, if you feel sick or if you have Covid, please stay home! **RSVP**: Mary Milford (972-841-9779) or mary.milford1@gmail.comif you plan to attend, since we may have to limit the number of people to "social distance". **FYI** - there is guest parking several houses down the street from Mary's home, if needed.

22 SATURDAY

9:30AM – 11:45AM – MENSA Admissions Testing
Location: **Dallas Public Library - Renner Frankford Branch Auditorium**: 6400 Frankford Rd, Dallas, TX 75252
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)

AMERICAN MENSA HAS ANNOUNCED a change to its Admission Test policy that will allow candidates who fail to qualify initially to retake the test. The threshold for qualifying for Mensa has not changed – candidates still must score in the top 2 percent of a standardized IQ test. Requested for years, the change follows the procedures of the test publishers and mirrors policies by other intelligence-testing entities.

23 SUNDAY

1:30PM - Eclectic Book Club (Fourth Sunday of the Month)
Location: **Half Price Books Mothership**:
5803 E NW Hwy, Dallas, TX 75231
The book selection for this month is ***Casino Royale*** by Ian Fleming. 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 (Fourth Sunday of each month)
Location: **Zoom**
The title of the June Theodore Talk is, "Bottoms Up! A History and Revitalization of a Cocksure Era Spirit in Kansas City" This virtual event will take place on Zoom January 28 at 2:30 p.m. Central Time (3:30 Eastern, 12:30 Pacific, 8:30 GMT).Register for this presentation at https://tinyurl.com/5t4mk2mt.Conducted by American Mensa. A list of future Theodore Talks can be found on the Mensa National Events Calendar at https://www.us.mensa.org/attend/calendar/, or by viewing the January issue of the Mensa Bulletin.

NATIONAL PUZZLERS' LEAGUE headed to Dallas *by Linda Boroughs*
Are you solving the daily Wordle… along with your daily Squaredle, Quordle, Connections, and Waffle? Didja ever notice how easily "didja" can change to "ninja"? Are you solving the New York Times crossword every day… with a permanent marker?
If you can identify with these statements, then maybe it's time to take your puzzling experience to the next level. And fortunately for us, 2024 is a perfect year to expand your puzzling horizons. The National Puzzlers' League's (NPL) annual convention is in Dallas, at the Adolphus Hotel, from July 11-14.
The League, founded in 1883 is the world's oldest puzzlers' organization. The native puzzle type of the NPL is the "flat", a versified puzzle involving wordplay, but League members enjoy many other types of puzzles. At the convention, there will be word puzzles to be solved in groups, in pairs, and solo. There are organized and informal presentations of puzzles. Saturday night is an extravaganza where teams compete to solve a group of puzzles first, in order to snag those precious bragging rights.
Information about the NPL and about the convention can be found at puzzlers.org, and you can email me with any questions at **LABoroughs@gmail.com**. Come join the fun and meet some like-minded wordplay enthusiasts!

NEW MEMBERS PARTY —THANKS! *by Cathy Allshouse*

A million thanks go out to Andy McKellar for opening his home and to Cookie Neely for facilitating the delicious food for our New Member's Party on May 4th. We got to meet new member **Ron Rieke** transferring in from Mensa 76, visit with newer friends and re-connect with long-time members. Much laughter was heard that night, despite impending stormy weather.

NTM BOARD PROCEEDINGS- Sunday Apr 21st, 2024

Meeting called to order at 6:00pm by President Eric "Gunny" Hartman. Attendees: Vice-President Ken Roberts, Treasurer Cathy Allshouse, and Board Members at Large Jonathan Bethune and Juan Faura. Absent: Secretary Paul Whiteman and Board Member at Large Chris Cree.

Reports

President – Eric "Gunny" Hartman ... The next Board Meeting will be 6PM May 19, 2024 at Five Star Premier Residences of Dallas (5455 La Sierra Drive, Dallas).
NOTE: New Email Address = Gunny93@yahoo.com
VP – Ken Roberts ... Nothing to report.
Secretary –The March minutes were presented with no corrections.
Treasurer–Cathy Allshouse ... Treasurer sent financial reporting for Sunday's meeting. Not much activity. If you'll look at the BvA sheet, you'll see we've had a positive cash flow recently (average of over $700.00 per month the first 4 months of 2024), with Total NTM Assets of 27,215.21.
Ombudsman – Roger Durham ... Nothing to report.
Membership – Ken Roberts ... Membership - **Please not the large number of lapsed members and reduction of membership. This happens every April as Mensa enters its new fiscal year. We should still discuss how to approach the lapsed membership.

Date	Roster	Lapsed	Leaving	New	Prospect	Renew Offers	Rank
3/31/24	986	214	2	19	14	268	7

S.I.G.H.T. – Gunny Hartman ... We had two internationals visiting for the April 8th eclipse: one from Germany and one from Italy. The one from Germany attended at least three NTM events.
Editor – Bill Rock ... Still waiting on the March board proceedings (and the RVC column). Should I just say "see March report"? New printer seems to be working well; FCM being delivered quicker than the bulk mail.
Gifted Youth – Bill Rock ... Seven gifted youth participated in the pottery painting on the 14th. Strawberry picking set for May. Possible TI "bring your kids to work" day event on July 26th.
Circulation Manager – Val Beasley ... Count to print is 400+. Down due to lapsed members.
Scholarship – Lauren Ogden ... Scholarship Chair Report: National is changing the company that creates the online scholarship processing. I offered to help test run the new system and redo instructions as needed.
Web Contact – Andy McKellar ... Nothing significant to report. All is working correctly, so far as I know. Given that renewal time has come and gone, I need to

sooner or later go through the registered users and disable the login privilege for those who have lapsed. My procedure in the past has been to wait until June or so to give them time to renew on their own, but I will start immediately if the Board insists. I will comment that this is easily the most time-consuming part of my job, it generally takes about six to eight hours, and I generally spread it over a week or so to relieve the tedium.
ALSO: Annual hosting and maintenance bill of $3,000 will be due in May.
Testing – Rebecca Raymond … Testing update – Jeffrey Bromberger is currently (as of this moment) proctoring our April test – we had 4 pre-registrations but a potential cancellation due to weather. The National Office changed their ruling on retaking the Mensa Admission Test Battery – prospects can now retest after 8 weeks from their previous testing as opposed to only once per lifetime!! I've contacted all of our previous prospects who "timed out" (over 1 year of non-response on the email list) or who previously tested and did not pass to share the new ruling and hopefully increase our future testers!
Calendar – Sara Hawkins …Calendar is running well.
Social Media – Colleen Goldman … The NTM Facebook page stats for past 28 days …Posts reach: 4946. Posts engagement: 607. Reactions: 368. Shares: 51. (https://www.facebook.com/NorthTexasMensa)
Bylaws Committee Interim Report – Randy Brack …Committee members Randy Brack, Chris Cree, Roger Durham, and Paul Whiteman are hard at work on the bylaws, but need another month. We hope to have a proposed set of bylaws to be presented during the May Board meeting.
Dan Burg, chair of the National Bylaws Committee has sent (or it will be sent soon), a letter to LocSecs, dated April 12, 2024, enumerating the new requirements mandated by the latest Minimum Standard Bylaws for Local Groups of American Mensa.

Unfinished Business
NTM Swag Store– Risinghill Marketing, Alan Feigenbaum:
This doesn't cost NTM a penny – they have T-shirts, hats, and jackets.
NTM would be required to have a camera-ready approved logo to use – Ken Roberts, Jonathan Bethune, Juan Faura, and Gunny Hartman will work on this.
NTM does not have to keep any inventory, and items are created by the Swag store when ordered and sent directly to the person.
NTM wants a cut of the money (40% was suggested).
Does anyone have any reservations with pursuing this? No one expressed any reservations, due to no effort in handling orders or inventory.
Dallas Museum visit – Cathy Allshouse suggested an NTM outing to the Meadows Museum on SMS Campus – Free on Thursday nights; 05/16/2024 at 6 PM was a suggested date/time.
RG Chair(s) – We need to solicit at least one! And soon!
Bylaws: New AMC Minimum Standards and Potential of Changing NTM Bylaws– Randy Brack, Chris Cree, Roger Durham, and Paul Whitemanare aiming to present something at the May meeting.
Community Involvement –Juan Faura will have more information on this in upcoming months.
New Members Party – Saturday, May 4th, 7 PM at Andy McKellar's house.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 PM after a motion was made by Roberts and seconded by Bethune, which passed unanimously.
Respectfully submitted by Anne Whiteman, wife of the absent (due to illness) Paul Whiteman.

NTM Board Members for 2024:

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