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ON THE COVERS:

Front *Top:* August poker winners (*l-r*): 2nd - Jerry Law, 1st - Tommy Wright, 3rd - Carlos Navarrete
Bottom: At the Medal of Honor Museum, *l-r* Ignatz, Beckett and his family, Brighton and his Dad

Back It was a big crowd all concentrating on WITS AND WAGERS (*l-r*): Carlos, Monica, Cathy, Lauren, Laura, Ellen, Barbara, Charles and Chuck, taking their best shot at "how tall is Tom Cruise?" or "when was Medicare started?" or "how long is the Golden Gate Bridge?"

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FROM THE NTM PRESIDENT

CATHY ALLSHOUSE

Happy October to you all and here's hoping our Texas temperatures start cooling off quickly. Recently I read a short piece on the difference between intelligence and wisdom. All of us in North Texas Mensa are more intelligent than most--that's been proven; otherwise we wouldn't even be here. Being wise may be another matter altogether. In my life, it seems that although intelligence is a great asset, wisdom might be even more powerful. Essentially, intelligence is about knowing (the "what" and "how"), whereas wisdom is about understanding and making good choices about the why and when. Here are some quotes on the topic:

"A clever person solves a problem. A wise person avoids it." — Albert Einstein

"Intelligence is knowing the words; wisdom is knowing when to speak them." — Anonymous

"Intelligence is knowing that a tomato is a fruit; wisdom is not putting a tomato into a fruit salad." -- Anonymous

I urge you all to attend North Texas Mensa events throughout the month to enjoy the company of our many varied and sometimes quirky intelligent members. Please check out the calendar on page 6. Our October general meeting (Sunday Oct. 21st at 7pm at the usual place) will be purely a social opportunity to gather and have fun. PLUS we'll have a sneak preview of the North Texas Mensa RG. Planning is well underway and I know you wouldn't want to miss the event. Registration information is on page 5. I hope to see you there!

I'll be striving for more wisdom in my small corner of this world and I wish you the same and keep that tomato out of the fruit salad!

Cathy Allshouse-Your (most definitely quirky) NTM President for 2025

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: Evelyn Barber, Billy Emmons, David Hood, Ruby Johnson, Mason Scott, Claire Viehbeck, Kendrick Wilson

Moving to NTM: Bart Crowder, Richard Williams

Rejoining Mensa and NTM: Abigail Dressell, Jarrod Fowler, Marissa Merrill

We welcome you <u>all</u>, and look forward to seeing you at future functions!

Howdy!

RC 6 COLUMN *by Penny Robe*

Happenings at American Mensa October 2025 Newsletter Article by Penny Robe, RC6 (Region 6 Regional Coordinator) For some of us, Regional Gatherings (RGs) are one of the greatest things about being in Mensa. Our region's next RG is the North Texas Mensa (NTM) RG November 27-30, 2025. Yes, it is over Thanksgiving weekend and has been for over 30 years. Doors open Thursday evening and events go into Sunday afternoon. Find more details for the NTM RG at https://www.northtexasmensa.org/index.php/rg-events/rg-program

After NTM's RG, save the date for Gulf Coast Mensa's RG SynRG May 21-25, 2026. And, of course, our next Annual Gathering is in Fort Worth, Texas next July! Upcoming Change for Region 6: My role as our regional coordinator will end when a new regional vice chair (RVC6) is elected, which will be shortly after November 30. I am not seeking to be elected as RVC6 due to personal time commitments in other volunteer areas, and I am happy to talk to anyone about the time commitment, and other aspects of the role. For those interested in being RVC6, now is the time to create your candidate profile, and seek signatures of other Region 6 members so you can appear on the ballot. The window to file a petition to be a candidate for election as RVC6 opened August 15 and closes October 12. Candidates must complete the candidate profile and get 100 current members in Region 6 to sign their candidate petition. Signing a petition is done through the website.

We already have two well-qualified people who have met this goal, and will be on your ballot for RVC6: Felicia Davis and Laura Smith (alphabetically). All candidate petitions can be seen at: https://www.us.mensa.org/lead/amc/election/candidate-petitions/ The voting window is November 1-30. All deadlines and details are available at https://www.us.mensa.org/lead/amc/election/amc-2025-special-election/ Both candidates have agreed to participate in an RVC6 candidate forum at the NTM RG.

The NTM RG dates are November 27-30, and the forum is on Saturday. This falls within the voting window, so there is time to hear from them in person before you vote. 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.

SNEAK PEEK

What follows is a preliminary list of the NTM Regional Gathering 2025 programs. More programs, games, tournaments and other merriments are still in the planning stages.

Registration opens at 5:00 p.m. on Thursday. Programming starts at 9:30 a.m. on Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Yes! Sunday! For the first time, we are continuing the programs through Sunday!

Thursday

- History Buff's Trivia Contest: Wars, Revolutions and Revolts
- Debate Room

Friday

- A History of Disney
- Language Learning for Adults
- Why Exercise?
- Intelligence and Intelligence Testing
- Good Horse Keeping
- Drones Over Dallas: Search and Rescue
- Beer Tasting (Theme TBD)
- Sudoku Tournament
- Spirits Tasting
- History Buff's Trivia Contest: American Edition
- Dirty Bingo
- Murder Mystery

Saturday

- The Honey Bee
- You Got Science in My Fiction
- Complaints and Opportunities: Capitalizing on Change
- Computer Dating Don'ts
- Meet the RVC Candidates
- Parenting Thinkers: Independence, Choices and Discipline'
- Wine Tasting: American Wines
- Hootenanny Shindig Jam
- Trivia Contest Goes to the Movies
- Texas Hold 'Em

Sunday

- Meet Tamesha Logan, Executive Director of American Mensa
- Immigrant Syndrome
- Jet Lag, Jungle Toilets and Joy
- The Scottish Reformation: How the Scottish Invented the Modern World

Being Planned But Not Yet Scheduled:

More Games! More Debate Room Sessions! More Speakers!

Is something missing? Let Karen know at kwbrack18@gmail.com or 214.477.1151. Register today using the handy form in this M-Aura, or online at *www.northtexasmensa.org —> RG Events*

OCTOBER

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			01 1 pm VDG	**02** 1 pm Lunch Group 7 pm HOTDAM 7:30 pm NTM Board Meeting	**03** 1 pm VDG 1 pm East Dallas Lunch Bunch New date and time	**04** 1 pm VDG
05 12:30 pm GY book club 	**06** 1 pm VDG 7 pm Munch Bunch	**07** 7 pm Beer Garden	**08** 1 pm VDG	**09** 1 pm Lunch Group 7 pm HOTDAM 9 pm *M-Aura* Calendar Deadline	**10** 1 pm VDG 1 pm East Dallas Lunch Bunch 9 pm *M-Aura* All-Copy Deadline	**11** 8:30 am GY at TRAC 1 pm VDG 7 pm Singles Chat 'n Chew
12 2 pm Bright Ladies SIG 	**13** 1 pm VDG 7 pm Munch Bunch	**14** 7 pm Beer Garden	**15** 1 pm VDG 7 pm MADEATS	**16** 1 pm Lunch Group 7 pm HOTDAM	**17** 1 pm VDG 1 pm East Dallas Lunch Bunch 7 pm Texas Hold 'Em 	**18** 10:30 am Mensa Testing 1 pm VDG 4 pm Small Group Meeting 6:30 pm Games SIG
19 7:30 NTM General Meeting	**20** 1 pm VDG 7 pm Munch Bunch	**21** 7 pm Beer Garden	**22** 1 pm VDG	**23** 1 pm Lunch Group 7 pm HOTDAM	**24** 1 pm VDG 1 pm East Dallas Lunch Bunch	**25** 9:30 am Mensa Testing 1 pm VDG
26 1:30 pm Eclectic Book Club 2:30 pm Theodore Talk	**27** 1 pm VDG 7 pm Munch Bunch	**28** 7 pm Beer Garden	**29** 1 pm VDG	**30** 1 pm Lunch Group 7 pm HOTDAM	**31** 1 pm VDG 1 pm East Dallas Lunch Bunch 	2025

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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 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=cUgyelF2KoZLQzNWbVByZE9UMXpxdz09 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

October Events

02 THURSDAY

New Date and Time

7:30PM - Board Meeting
Location: **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.
Contact: **Cathy Allshouse, President**: (president@northtexasmensa.org)

05 SUNDAY

12:30PM - NTM Gifted Youth Book Club
(First Sunday of each month)
Location: **Zoom Meeting**
At this meeting, we will be discussing ***The Fort*** by Gordon Korman.
Meeting Link: https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87284610508?pwd=WnZWQ2JhbmlEamJzcmc1TkRBcFZjZz09
Contact: **Bill Rock**: (972.396.8160, william.m.rock@gmail.com)

09 THURSDAY

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

10 FRIDAY

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)

11 SATURDAY

8:30 AM Gifted Youth Guided Hike

Location: Trinity River Audubon Center, 6500 Great Trinity Forest Way, Dallas, TX 75217

Let's get out and take a guided tour of the beautiful Audubon Center southeast of Dallas. Tickets are $15 and include admission to the center. Limited to 15 participants.

https://trinityriver.audubon.org/events/second-saturday-guided-hike-24

Contact: **Bill Rock**: (972.415.5302, 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)

12 SUNDAY

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 WEDNESDAY

7:00PM – MADEATS

Location: **Cosmo's:** 1212 Skillman Street
Dallas, 75206

Cosmo's has been appearing on critics' "Best of..." lists for years. The combination of funky dive bar and Vietnamese food may be reason enough to check it out. But when that food includes some of the best pho in the city, well... here we come! In addition to pho & banh mi sandwiches, Cosmo's also serves French bread pizza and some bar food favorites. Vegetarian and gluten free options are available. As always MADEATS hopefully requests, but does not require, RSVPs.

Contact: **Karen Brack**: (kwbrack18@gmail.com; 214.477.1151)

17 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 October, 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)

18 SATURDAY

10:30AM - 12:45PM– MENSA Admissions Testing

Location: **Carrollton Public Library (Hebron & Josey Branch)** Conference Room: 4220 N. Josey Ln, Carrollton, TX 75010

50% off testing in October. 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)

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, 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)

19 SUNDAY
7:30PM – Monthly Program (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
Program: The program for the October general meeting will be a "sneak peek" at the marvelous events at the upcoming regional gathering in November. Plus, plenty of time to visit with friends. **Please note** that the monthly board meeting has been uncoupled from the general meeting and will be held by zoom on Thurs., Oct 2nd at 7:30. The zoom link for it is on p 8 -- it's the usual one. Any NTM member is free to attend to see what we're up to. If you have something to bring before the board, please let the President know ahead of time.

25 SATURDAY
9:30AM – 11:45AM– MENSA Admissions Testing

Location: **Dallas Public Library – Timberglen Branch Conference Room**: 18505 Midway Rd., Dallas, TX 75287
50% off testing in October. 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)

26 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 Under Alien Skies: A Sightseer's Guide to the Universe by Phil Plait. 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**: (972.415.5302 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: U.S. First Ladies: More Than the Women Behind the Men
Register here: https://tinyurl.com/296t52xw

Calendar/Event Guidelines and Policies: No guarantee of inclusion or accuracy is made with regard to calendar events. For best possible accuracy, email information directly to the Calendar Chair. Costs listed are intended only as reimbursement of expenses and should be honored when listed. Events on the calendar are open to all members. If an event is designated for a specific group, and you don't fall within that group, please have the courtesy to seek the consent of the host/hostess prior to attending the event. The monthly meeting is open to the public. If you wish to bring a non-member to another event, please contact the host/hostess for permission prior to attendance. Email all event information by the deadline listed in the calendar to calendarchair@northtexasmensa.org.

GIFTED YOUTH CORNER

by Bill Rock

In August we visited the Medal of Honor Museum in Arlington. It was an amazing visit, for the stories on display, and also for the interesting architecture. I would encourage those that could not make the event to visit in the future. It is an excellent addition to the great museums we have in the metroplex.

For October, we are getting out and enjoying some time away from the city. The Trinity River Audubon Center is a great place to get in touch with nature. On Saturday October 11th they will be having a guided hike, so we can enjoy nature and at the same time be able to learn about it as well. Those that are planning to join us need to get tickets from the Audubon center in advance: https://trinityriver.audubon.org/events. Tour is limited to 15, so I would get tickets early if you are planning to join us. We can also do a self-guided exploration if there is not enough space on the guided tour.

Planning ahead, I'll try and set up a day in December to do ornament making, and in January I'd like to have a parent meeting where we can discuss what we would like to see the group headed.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY! The following NTMers add another candle to the cake in October:
Stephanie Copeland, Charles "umbrage" Rigsby, Warren Puziewicz, David Webster, Winston Black, Martin Gross, Lloyd Segler, Andrew Essary, Erin Wheeler, Robert Pittman, Julie Bradley, Benjamin Proctor, Mark Magazu, Tony Wang, Sonya Cooper, Davin Sanchez, Derek Blount, Collene Goldman, Jacqueline White, Curry Taylor, Roland Freeman, Lucy Hooker, Robert Hatridge, James Oates, Jerold Skaggs, Alan Kazdoy, Kathy McWhorter, Holly Stone, Darlene Wade, Adam Walker, Alexander Southard, Douglas "deal me in" Fix, Michael Moss, Julie "Jeopardy" Sandel, Anita Raskin, Thomas Rogers, Sven Ola Magnusson, James Binford, Adam Dagley, John Daly, Glenn Harrison, Kimberly Chapin, Meghan Horton, Robert Rollins, Sara Stokes, Eric Beeby

REPORT OF THE BYLAWS COMMITTEE *by Randy Brack*

Every decade or so, NTM has to update its bylaws, and once again, it's time. Proposed NTM bylaws are printed this month in an expanded edition of the M-Aura. You will be asked to vote to approve them as part of the general election in November, thus saving everyone the hassle of having a special referendum. Didn't we just do this last year, you ask? Well, yes, we did, but the referendum didn't pass, and significant changes have been made to the bylaws since then. Here are some of the reasons for updating the bylaws:

- Our preferential voting system is being changed to a plurality system. Only three people understand the current system of counting votes, and we're all aging out. NTM needs something simpler.
- The number of people on the Nominating and Election Committees is being reduced from five to three each. It is impossible to find ten people to serve on these committees. And people may now serve on both committees.
- To eliminate a "blackout period" for appointed positions, people in those positions may now serve past December 31 until the first meeting of the newly elected Board.
- Currently, nobody may serve more than two terms in an elected office. That is being changed to affect only the President and Vice President so we can retain good volunteers in other offices.
- The office of Publications Officer is removed. We don't have one. Other obsolete sections are deleted.
- The word "shall" (which is unclear), has been replaced with either "must," "should," or "may."
- Gender neutral terms are used, e.g., "Ombudsman" is now "Ombudsperson" and "Chairman" is now "Chair."
- Current bylaws do not meet the Minimum Standard Bylaws (MSBs) for Local Groups of American Mensa, Ltd. (AML)

The MSBs have been updated four times since 2007, including a new version that took effect in 2024. Any updates we make to our bylaws must bring them into compliance with the current MSBs. This required over 10 changes to the bylaws. Several new sections were added.

Because there are so many changes (especially in the election section), it is almost a total rewrite. For this reason, the usual method of publishing a version with the changes (deletions crossed out, insertions underlined) was not done. A final, "clean" version is published. Both a clean and a version with "track changes" turned on can be found on the NTM website for those who are interested in specific changes.

Because of all the sections being added, changed, or moved, this set of bylaws is being presented as a whole, not as a set of amendments. We can't do this piecemeal. All of the changes are mandated by the reasons above. Nothing is optional. A two-thirds "yes" vote is required of valid ballots received for the new bylaws to pass. If we don't get the necessary votes, we will have to hold a special referendum to try again.

There must be at least 90 days between the time the proposed bylaws are published and the date the ballots are due. As I mentioned, we'll publish the ballot in conjunction with the general election in November. Ballots will be counted in January. This gives plenty of time for debate. I encourage any of you who have opinions, pro or con, to send your comments to the Editor for publication. (Email editor@northtexasmensa.org.)

Please vote.

NORTH TEXAS MENSA BYLAWS

EFFECTIVE MONTH DD, 2026

ARTICLE I. NAME AND PURPOSE

1. The name of this organization is North Texas Mensa.
2. North Texas Mensa is a Local Group of American Mensa, Ltd. and is subject to the Constitution of Mensa, the Bylaws of American Mensa, Ltd., and the resolutions adopted by the American Mensa Committee. American Mensa, Ltd. is abbreviated in these bylaws as "AML" and the American Mensa Committee as "AMC." North Texas Mensa is abbreviated as "NTM."

ARTICLE II. MEMBERSHIP

1. Membership of NTM is open to all members of AML in good standing in the geographic areas assigned to NTM by the AMC, or as otherwise assigned by AML. Members of NTM residing outside this area but who are assigned to NTM by AML are full members in NTM for all purposes, including but not limited to voting and holding elected or appointed office.
2. Mensa members in good standing, including those who are not also members of NTM, are welcome to participate in the social activities of NTM at the discretion of the host(s).
3. The National Ombudsperson (or designee), the Regional Ombudsperson (or designee), and members of the AMC are permitted to participate in the business affairs of NTM in the discharge of their official duties.

ARTICLE III.OFFICERS AND DUTIES

1. An officer is defined as any person whose position is specified in these bylaws or who is appointed by the Board of Directors (Board), or a member thereof, to a position with a title and specific responsibilities. All NTM officers, whether elected or appointed, must be current members in good standing of AML and of NTM.
2. Board of Directors

A. The governing body of NTM is a Board of Directors that conducts the business of NTM. The Board consists of the following elected voting members: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and three Board Members at Large.
B. The conflict of interest rules stated in the Bylaws of American Mensa for the AMC are also applicable to NTM and the members of its Board.
C. No person may hold more than one elected position on the Board simultaneously.
D. No member of the Board may personally hold more than one vote, no matter how many positions the person holds.

3. President

A. The President is the chief executive officer of NTM and the liaison with other local groups. The President presides at Board meetings and meetings of the membership and is the chief point of contact between AML and NTM. The President must endeavor to pass information to and from NTM in a timely fashion and must notify AML (through the National Office) and the Regional Vice Chair (RVC) for NTM within two weeks of the results of elections and of changes in the officers of the group.
B. The President has the authority to approve disbursements in amounts up to and including $200.00.
C. The President is a member ex-officio of all committees except the Nominating Committee and the Election Committee.
4. The Vice President assists the President and presides over meetings in the absence of the President.
5. Treasurer

A. The Treasurer is responsible for financial matters of NTM and must submit to the Board a semi-annual financial report that must also be published in the newsletter. The financial report must contain schedules of income, expenses, and balances of all funds under the control of NTM, including Regional Gathering, scholarship, and other special funds. Single disbursements of funds exceeding $200.00 must be approved by a majority of the Board.
B. At least quarterly, the Treasurer must submit to the President or their designee, statements from banks and any other institutions where the group's money is deposited or

must cause a statement to be sent directly to the President or their designee (who must also be a member of the Board). All accounts must be separate accounts in the name of NTM and must have more than one signatory so that funds can be accessed in the temporary absence of the Treasurer. The Treasurer must be one of the signatories on all accounts.

C. The Treasurer maintains a listing of all equipment owned by NTM.

D The Treasurer must ensure that NTM complies with all federal financial reporting requirements, including preparing and submitting an annual financial report to AML.

6. The Secretary is responsible for the taking and maintaining of minutes of Board meetings and for maintaining a list of Standing Policies.

7. The Board Members at Large perform such duties as are assigned by the Board.

8. The Editor edits the newsletter. The Editor is appointed by the Board for a term of office expiring on February 14th of each year to provide continuity while the new Board takes office. The outgoing Editor must turn over all files, materials, computer software, user IDs, passwords, and equipment, in good order to the incoming Editor no later than 15 days after the outgoing Editor leaves office.

9. The Circulation Manager is responsible for distributing the newsletter and, if required, maintaining an address that will be on file with the U.S. Postal Service and preparing and publishing Post Office forms. The Circulation Manager is appointed by the Board for a term of office concurrent with that of the Editor. The Circulation Manager may act as publisher for the purpose of signing Post Office forms. The Editor and Circulation Manager may be the same person.

10. Ombudsperson

A. The Board must appoint an Ombudsperson, whose duties include pursuing local resolution of disputes and also performing such other duties as may be required for all local group ombudspersons by AML. The Ombudsperson may not be a member of the Board.

B. The term of office for the Ombudsperson is three years from the date of appointment. Once appointed, the Ombudsperson cannot be removed from office by the appointing Board or any succeeding Board. The mechanism for removal of an Ombudsperson from office prior to their term's expiration is a recall referendum as described in Article III, Section 13.

11. The term of office of elected officers is one year from January 1st to December 31st, or until installation of a properly qualified successor, except in the case of resignation; succession to higher office as provided in Article III, Section 15; failure to maintain membership; or removal from office as provided in Article III, Sections 13 and 14. The President and the Vice President may not serve more than two consecutive terms in the same office. Service in office of six or months or more in a calendar year counts as a term of office.

12. Term of office of appointed officers

A. Unless specified otherwise in these bylaws:

i. The term of office for all appointed officers and positions expires at the beginning of the first Board meeting in the term following their appointment.

ii. Appointed officers, positions, and committees are appointed by the President with the approval of the Board.

iii. Appointed officers, positions, and committees may be removed from office by majority vote of the Board.

B. The Gathering Committee is a standing committee and has no expiration date.

C. Any election/referendum committee in existence will so remain until the results of the election/referendum are certified, ballots are presented to the Board, and all challenges are resolved.

13. Members of the Board and/or the Ombudsperson may be removed from office by recall referendum. A recall referendum may be called by a petition citing the reason for such action, signed by ten or more members of NTM as listed on the most recent membership roster available from AML, and presented at a regular or special meeting of the Board. Ballots must be sent to members according to the provisions of Article VI, Section 7.C within 60 days of the presentation of the petition to the Board, and the dates set forth in Article VI must be adjusted accordingly. Each such removal from office becomes effective

when ratified by a two-thirds vote of those valid ballots cast in person or received in accordance with Article VI, Section 14.
14. Any member of the Board is automatically removed from office for three consecutive absences at Board meetings or absence from any five Board meetings within the period of one term of office. The application of this section to any Board member(s) may be waived by majority vote of the other Board members.
15. Should the office of President become vacant, the Vice President immediately and automatically succeeds to that office. Should a vacancy exist in any other Board position, the vacancy may be filled by appointment by the President. A replacement for an elected officer is considered to be an elected officer whose term of office ends with the seating of the elected members of the Board following the next regular election.
16. All elected and appointed officers must turn over all files, equipment, computer software, user IDs, passwords, and materials pertaining to their offices to either their successor(s), to the current President, or to another member of the Board no later than four weeks after leaving office unless otherwise stated in these bylaws. The sole exception is the Ombudsperson, who may, at their discretion, redact false, misleading, or otherwise unusually sensitive materials before turning records over.
17. An annual financial review must be conducted during January of each year. The Board must appoint someone to conduct the review who was not involved in the issuing or collecting of money during the period being reviewed. The review must include viewing statements from banks and any other institutions where the group's money was held during the period being reviewed.

ARTICLE IV. PUBLICATION

1. The Board must publish monthly a printed newsletter that is the official publication of NTM. If an electronic version of the newsletter is created, the NTM must observe the preferences of members regarding how their newsletters are to be delivered (electronically or printed), as filed with AML. The Board may, at its discretion, send printed copies of the newsletter in addition to the electronic version to members who would otherwise get only the electronic version.
2. The newsletter must contain, at a minimum, notices of meetings and programs, required ballots, results of Board meetings and elections, amendments to these bylaws and related discussions and ballots, the semi-annual financial reports, and official communications to the membership from AML, the RVC, and the National, Regional and local Ombudspersons. Draft minutes of each meeting of the Board must be published in the newsletter within 50 days thereafter.
3. The National, Regional, and local Ombudsperson, or their designees, may submit material to the Editor marked "for publication" that relates to their official duties. Anything so marked must be given the highest practicable priority for publication in the newsletter.
4. NTM must observe the preferences of members for suppression and publication of personal data, as filed with AML, when publishing a local group roster or membership directory/register.

ARTICLE V. MEETINGS AND ACTIVITIES

1. Regularly scheduled meetings of the Board and meetings of the membership must be held at least once a month with the optional exception of a membership meeting in December. Such meetings are open to all members of NTM. Notice of meetings and activities must be published in the newsletter or otherwise sent to each member, the RVC, and the National Office. If remote electronic access to the meeting is allowed for the membership and others, notice of the technical requirements for such access is to be provided at least 48 hours in advance.
2. The November meeting of the membership must be held on or before the 20th of the month in order to permit members to cast a ballot in person during the general election.
3. A special Board meeting may be called at any time by the President or by any three members of the Board and must be called upon receipt by any member of the Board of a petition made in writing signed by ten or more members of NTM as listed on the most recent membership roster available from AML. The date, time, place, technical requirements for remote access, and purpose of any special Board meeting must be announced in the newsletter (or by direct mail to each member, the RVC, and the

National Office) if practicable, and must be reported in the newsletter afterward. No business other than that indicated in the notice calling the meeting may be acted on.
4. For both regularly scheduled and special meetings of the Board, a simple majority of all members of the Board constitutes a quorum to transact business, and tied votes are considered not passed.
5. Remote participation during meetings of the Board and of committees established by these bylaws is allowed. Any one or more members of the Board or committee may participate in such meeting by means of telephone, on-line conference, or similar communications equipment allowing all persons participating in the meeting to communicate aurally with each other simultaneously; participation by such means constitutes presence in person at the meeting.

ARTICLE VI. ELECTIONS

1. Nominating Committee
A. No later than July 10th of each year, the Board must appoint a Nominating Committee consisting of a Chair and at least two members. The names of the Nominating Committee members must be published in the August issue of the local newsletter.
B. The Nominating Committee must, no later than the deadline for the September issue of the newsletter, nominate one or more candidates for each elective office. The Nominating Committee must cause the names of the candidates they have nominated to be either (a) published in the September issue of the newsletter, or (b) mailed by post or electronically to all members of NTM, no later than September 1st.
2. Election Committee
A. No later than July 10th of each year, the Board must appoint an Election Committee consisting of a Chair and at least two members. The names of the Election Committee members must be published in the September and November issues of the local newsletter.
B. The Election Committee is responsible for conducting the election, creating the ballot, receiving and counting the returned ballots, overseeing and safeguarding the ballots, and certifying the election results.
C. The Election Committee should ratify an election code by August 10th. If the election code is not ratified by August 10th, the election code in effect on that date will be in effect for the election. Those sections of the election code pertaining to the duties of candidates must be published in the September issue of the newsletter. The election code must not be changed between ratification and the election, although the Election Committee may make necessary decisions on its own initiative in the absence of specific direction.
D. The Election Committee should strive to maintain the anonymity of voters.
3. A member accepting appointment to the Nominating Committee or Election Committee may not be a member of the Board or a candidate in the upcoming election. The Nominating and Election Committees may comprise or include the same members. Doing so will not constitute a conflict.
4. Additional nominations may be made in writing signed by three members of NTM other than the nominee and delivered to any member of the Election Committee no later than October 1st before the election.
5. All nominations must include a signed statement from the nominee expressing their willingness to be nominated and, if elected, to serve and discharge the duties of the office.
6. Eligibility
A. Candidates must be members of NTM in good standing to be eligible for nomination to office. No person is eligible for nomination to more than one office in the same election.
B. Persons who are members of NTM according to the most current membership list available from AML are eligible to cast one ballot in any election or referendum.
C. No person's name may appear in more than one race on the same ballot.
7. Ballots
A. The Election Committee must create the ballot no later than the submission deadline for the November newsletter.
B. Ballots must contain all necessary voting instructions, including the deadline for receipt of ballots, the address where completed ballots are to be mailed, and the names of all nominated candidates in random order, whether nominated by the Nominating Committee or by petition. Write-in candidates are not allowed.

C. Ballots must be printed in the November issue of the newsletter, including in the electronic version of the newsletter if such is available, or mailed by post or electronically to all members of NTM, at least 15 days prior to the deadline for the return of ballots. Electronic distribution is acceptable for those members who request electronic distribution but cannot supplant distribution by postal mail for those members who want postal mail. The Election Committee (or Referendum Committee, in the case of a referendum) must provide ballots to members who certify that they did not receive theirs.
8. Voting
A. For each office, the voter may vote from one to n candidates, where n is the number of positions available. n=1 for all offices, except for Board Member at Large, where n=3.
B. Cumulative voting, in which a voter may give more than one vote to a candidate, is not allowed.
9. Returning of Ballots
A. Balloting by Mail
i. Each voter must mail their ballot in an envelope on which the voter's name and address are clearly legible in the upper left corner. The ballot may, at the voter's option, be sealed inside a blank envelope before being sealed in the mailing envelope. Ballots must be mailed to the Chair of the Election Committee (or Referendum Supervisor, in the case of a Referendum) and received no later than the deadline date shown on the ballot, which must be November 15th in the case of general elections. Ballots received after the deadline date will not be counted. Ballots must be counted within six days of the deadline date.
ii. A mailing envelope may contain more than one ballot, so long as the name and address of each voter is shown as required in Section 9.A.i of this Article.
B. Balloting in Person
i. NTM members may vote in person at a meeting called for that purpose ("the meeting"). In the case of a general election, the meeting will be the November meeting of the membership. The Election Committee or Referendum Committee, as appropriate, will have blank ballots available at the meeting.
ii. Members may fill in the ballot at the meeting or prior to the meeting. At the meeting, the member will hand the completed ballot to a member of the Election/Referendum Committee or place the ballot in a receptacle provided by the Committee.
C. Procedures
i. At the meeting, a member whose ballot has not been received by the Election/ Referendum Committee may cast a ballot in person. A member who has voted in the election/referendum by mail and whose ballot has already been received by the Election/ Referendum Committee may not cast a second ballot.
ii. If the Election/Referendum Committee receives a mailed ballot from a member who has already voted in person or by mail in that election/referendum, the Committee will discard the second ballot received.
iii. If a voter does not follow the rules for submitting ballots in such a way as to compromise confidentiality, but the ballot is otherwise acceptable, the ballot must be accepted and the voter is deemed to have waived confidentiality.
10.Counting of Votes
A. Uncontested Races
Any unopposed candidate will be declared elected.
B. Contested Races
i. A plurality of votes cast for each position constitutes election. If multiple candidates exist for the Board Member at Large positions, those candidates will be placed into a single pool. Each voter may vote for up to three candidates in the pool. The candidates with the greatest number of votes will be declared elected to the available Board Member at Large positions.
ii. Votes that are tied will be determined by the Chair of the Election Committee by the flip of a coin.
11. The Chair of the Election Committee/Referendum Supervisor must certify the election/referendum results and, in the case of a general election, notify the President and all candidates of election results prior to November 30. The report of the Committee, including the election/referendum results, must be published in the next practical issue of the local newsletter.

12. Any challenge to the election/referendum must be made in writing to the Chair of the Election Committee/Referendum Supervisor and received within 30 days following the election/referendum. Any such challenge must be adjudicated by the Election/ Referendum Committee within 14 days of submission. Any actions by the Board while a challenge is pending are not affected by the outcome of any such challenge.
13. When the results of the election are certified, the Election/Referendum Committee will turn over all ballots to the Board, who will preserve them for a period of two months after the election and then destroy them.
14. Referenda
A vote of the membership for recall of a Board member as specified in Article III, Section 13; recall of the Ombudsperson as specified in Article III, Section 10.B, and new bylaws or amendments to these bylaws as specified in Article VII must be conducted by referendum. Each member may vote in person at a meeting of the membership specified for that purpose or may vote by mail in accordance with the procedures of Article VI, Section 9. The Board must establish the dates for balloting and appoint a Referendum Supervisor and at least two other Referendum Committee members who must: conduct the election; cause the publication of statements; prepare and distribute ballots; receive, verify, and count ballots; and certify and publish the results. Ballots must be mailed to the membership in accordance with Article VI, Section 7 and dates must be adjusted accordingly.

ARTICLE VII. AMENDMENTS

1. New bylaws and amendments to these bylaws may be proposed by the Board or by a written petition signed by ten or more members of NTM and received by any member of the Board. Such proposals must be submitted first to the AMC for its approval to ballot. After approval to ballot has been received, the proposed bylaws or amendment(s) must be published in the next issue of the newsletter. A ballot must be published in the issue of the newsletter that follows publication of the proposal and sent to every member of NTM.
2. Changes to these bylaws will be conducted by referendum as provided by Article VI, Section 14. The balloting deadline must be no less than 90 days following the first publication of the proposed amendment(s) in the newsletter.
3. To become effective, an amendment to these bylaws requires an affirmative vote of a two-thirds vote of members casting valid ballots, as well as final approval by the AMC and filing of revised bylaws with the National Bylaws Committee. After filing of the amended bylaws with the National Bylaws Committee after the membership has voted, the National Bylaws Committee will notify NTM of the effective date of the bylaws as amended.

ARTICLE VIII. MENSA NAME AND LOGO

American Mensa, Ltd. (AML) has granted a royalty free, nonexclusive license to North Texas Mensa for the use of the mark "Mensa" and a logo, consisting of a globe over a stylized "M" within a border, in conjunction with the non-commercial uses of North Texas Mensa. AML retains full ownership of the mark and logo and all statutory and common law rights in the mark and logo.

ARTICLE IX. AUTHORITIES

1. The Minimum Standard Bylaws for Local Groups of AML are implicitly included in these bylaws. The minimum requirements are enforceable even if they are not explicitly contained in these bylaws. If there is a conflict between these bylaws and the Minimum Standards, the Minimum Standards take precedence.
2. The rules contained in Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised, latest edition, govern NTM in all cases to which they are applicable and not inconsistent with these bylaws and any special rules of order NTM may adopt.

Editor's Note: For those that want to see what the changes were go to: https://tinyurl.com/NTM-bylaws-changes

NTM BOARD PROCEEDINGS- Sunday August 17th

North Texas Mensa Board of Directors minutes for August 17, 2025

Meeting was called to order at 6:05PM 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, Secretary Eric "Gunny" Hartman, and Board Member at Large Chuck Weis. BMALs Jonathan Bethune and Juan Faura were present via Zoom.

1. Reports: The following reports were given.

President – Cathy Allshouse … The next Board meeting: 6PM September 21, 2025 at Five Star Premier Residences of Dallas (5455 La Sierra Drive, Dallas) in the Glen Lakes Room. However, look for the Board meetings in October, November, and December to be conducted via Zoom during a weekday evening. (The general meetings/programs would still be in the Glen Lakes Room in person.) There will be a New Members Party on September 27th. NTM's letter of intent to host the 2027 Mind Games has been submitted and we are in the bidding process. We are to compile a committee to oversee it. Someone who has been to a Mind Games is preferred to chair the committee, but so far those who have attended and asked are not interested. Cathy is willing to chair the committee, even though she has not been to one in the past.

Vice-President – Chris Cree … Efforts to cut costs by encouraging members to receive the M-Aura electronically continue to yield results, from 447 receiving print copies down to 417.

Secretary – Gunny Hartman … The minutes of the July 2025 meeting were distributed via email and paper copies. The minutes were accepted without modifications.

Treasurer – Paul Whiteman … We are through about 70% of the year and have spent about 40% of our budget. As of 7/31/2025, NTM had $31,456.90 in total assets, which includes $7,796.87 in checking, $13,660.03 in savings, $21,456.90 cash on hand, and a note receivable of $10,000. The RG account balance was $3,127.71. As of August 17, 2025, NTM had $8,158.98 in checking, $13,660.03 in savings, and a note receivable of $10,000. The RG account balance is $1,500 after transfer from RG.

Membership – Chris Cree … NTM gained 32 members, from 973 to 1005. There are plans to once again contact lapsed members to encourage them to rejoin.

Ombudsman – Roger Durham … Nothing to report

Marketing – Juan Faura … 5 NTM logo options were distributed via email for NTM officers' feedback/votes. Once feedback is tabulated, a report will be made regarding what we might use for a NTM online store (e.g., Shopify), whereby we can buy attire, cups, etc. with our logo.

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

Gifted Youth – Bill Rock … August meeting at Medal of Honor museum was attended by two families. "September event is a model rocket meet in Gunter."

Editor – Bill Rock … "M-Aura went to the printer on Friday; expect paper copies to be delivered before the end of the week. Calendar Chair has stepped down. Unsure of the status of a replacement, or where the calendarchair@northtexasmensa.org email should be pointed. Two extra pages this month (election materials and RG registration form). Requesting the Board

to consider if more pleas to switch to electronic delivery will gain any more converts."

Scholarship – Lauren Ogden … Nothing to report

Calendar – Vacant … Jonathan Bethune will ensure calendar items in the M -Aura make it into the online website calendar.

Webmaster – Jonathan Bethune … "Need to follow up with Cathy on PayPal verification. Will send Laura Stuart the login info for RG registration info." Updates have been made to the site to support the RG. Jonathan is looking into the potential of incorporating AI into the site, particularly for engagement of site visitors to chat, to answer their questions, to point them to events, etc. He will report back on what that might look like and what it might cost. He needs to submit some bills for reimbursement.

Testing Coordinator – Rebecca Raymond … "Testing is going well! We had two testers at our August test and our September test is slated for September 6. We've got two tests booked for October to align with the 50% off Mensa Month promotion."

Social Media/Facebook - Collene Goldman … "No changes; things are good."

Programs – Karen Brack … For August, Roger Durham will highlight instances of stupidity among the criminal element.

Regional Gathering – Karen Brack … Some speakers have been lined up, but Karen is seeking more. The plan is to also have speakers on Sunday morning this year. Registrations are coming in. There will be a RG Committee meeting September 3rd via Zoom.

Bylaws Committee – Randy Brack and Paul Whiteman … After the resignations of Chris Cree and Roger Durham, only Randy and Paul remain. National wanted a few changes (for clarifications) to our bylaws before we can ballot them. After the Board approval of the suggested edits, that version will be submitted to national with a view toward balloting. The proposed bylaws will be in the October M-Aura. That proposed version, the old/current version, and a version showing the potential changes to the old/ current version will be available on our website. The ballot should be in the November M-Aura and potentially on the same ballot used for the election of Board members in November.

Nominating Committee – (Chair) Bill Rock … "Ten candidates have volunteered to run for next year's board. Signed letters of intent have been provided to the Election Committee Chair."

Election Committee – (Chair) Lauren Ogden … "Election Committee Members are Chris Cree, Randy Brack, and Karen Brack. The Committee has received the nominations from the Nominating Committee. We are working on next steps including designing the ballot and getting bios and candidate statements (if any)."

2. Actions: The following actions were taken.

A motion was made by Paul Whiteman, seconded by Chris Cree, and passed by the board to accept the edits the Bylaws Committee made to the proposed bylaws, edits that were made to satisfy the requests of national in order to ballot.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:09PM after a motion was made by Chris Cree to that effect, which was seconded by Paul Whiteman, and subsequently passed.

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Thank you **to those who have switched!! —***NTM Board*

North Texas Mensa Presents:

The Feast of Pleasures and Delights XLIV

Thanksgiving Weekend: Nov. 27 to Nov.30, 2025

Go to: https://www.northtexasmensa.org/rg_event/ to register on line.

North Texas Mensa is proud to announce our 44th Regional Gathering. Come join us for entertaining events, great speakers, a variety of games, a wonderful indoor pool, delicious tastings and other interesting activities. The RG runs from Thanksgiving evening through Sunday. This RG will truly please and delight one and all. So come join your Mensa family and friends for another fun-filled Thanksgiving weekend.

BONUS! For the first time, we are adding programs and lunch on Sunday!

Where: Holiday Inn Express & Suites North Dallas at Preston
6055 Lyndon B Johnson Fwy, Dallas, TX 75240
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Be sure to tell them you are with the North Texas Mensa Regional Gathering!!

Our discounted room rate is $109 for any room. The rate is guaranteed through 11/7. The rooms are enormous and come equipped with a mini-fridge, microwave and coffee maker. Plus, the hotel has a full breakfast buffet for all overnight guests.

Registration: The early registration rate is $125, which ends on October 31. Starting November 1st the rate will be $150, which will also be the walk-in rate. Children 0-5 years of age are free. Older children (6–12 at time of RG) are ½ the regular registration price on the day they register. See registration form for day rates. Check, money order, PayPal or credit cards are accepted. You can register by using the handy form on the back and sending it to Registrar Laura Stuart, 11911 Greenville, Apt. 1118, Dallas, TX 75243. Call her at 214-641-2520 or email lrstuart@earthlink.net with questions. You can also call or email RG Chair and Program Chair Karen Brack at kwbrack18@gmail.com or 214.477.1151 for more information or to volunteer.

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The registration fee includes three catered dinners, three catered lunches, continuous snacking opportunities, soft drinks, beer and wine, all speaker events, parties, games, tournaments, etc.
The only events not included are the tastings, which are separately ticketed events.

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In response to a frequently asked question, your non-Mensan spouse/partner/significant other/best friend/out of town guest, etc. is welcome to register with you. The more, the merrier.

Tastings!
Beer, Chocolate, Wine…and More!

"More details coming soon! "

"ALL TASTING TICKETS WILL BE SOLD ON SITE AT THE RG"

To print the registration form, in acrobat reader choose file —> Print. Then under **Pages to Print** click “pages” and specify 27. Under **Page Sizing and Handling** click “size” and choose “fit”. Then click lower right “Print”

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Phone ( )	Email	
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Name #3	☐ All weekend, *or*: ☐ Fri ☐ Sat Name Tag #3	
Name #4	☐ All weekend, *or*: ☐ Fri ☐ Sat Name Tag #4	

Do you wish to be contacted via ☐ E-mail? ☐ Text? ☐ Snail-mail?

Registration Fees: Includes 3 catered dinners and 3 catered lunches, snacks, beverages, programs, entertainment, games, tournaments, speakers and all other events for the whole weekend! Tastings require the purchase of separate tickets to cover expenses.

Single days: Fri or Sat - $75, Sun, - $40
$125 (postmarked by Oct 31, 2025)
$150 after Oct 31, 2025
½ price for those 6-12 years of age
(Kids 0-5 years are *free*)

Registrant #1 $_____
Registrant # 2 $_____
Registrant # 3 $_____
Registrant # 4 $_____

Total enclosed: _____

Payment: *check one* ☐ Money order
☐ Check payable to **NTM RG**
☐ Visa ☐ Master Card
Credit card #: _____

Expiration date on credit card: _____ Security Code on card: _____

Signature: _____

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I'd like to volunteer for:
☐ Registration
☐ Programs *(specify)* _____
☐ Games/tournament *(specify)* _____
☐ Speaker(s) Escort
☐ Hospitality
☐ Other *(specify)* _____