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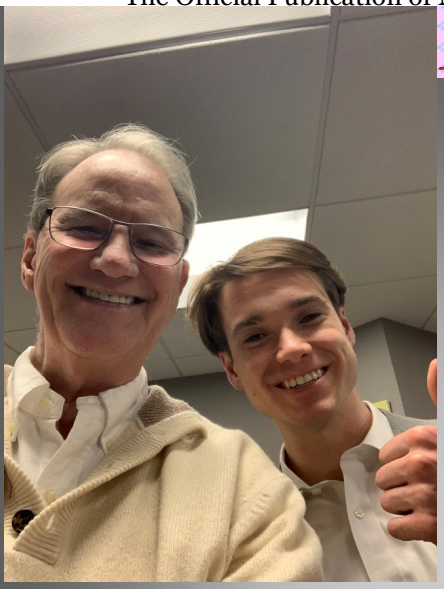

Speaker Apr 13th:
Bruce Jones
Extinct Animals on Bronzes in China

Note: meeting is one week early and in the Glen Lakes room at Five Star

Save the date
Apr 26th

NTM Special Tour of the **SMU Meadows Museum**
See Pg 12

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ON THE COVERS:

Front *Top:* NTM Veep Chris Cree and February Speaker Jordan Parks *Bottom*: Jordan discussing the Plano Symphony Orchestra, including their upcoming programs and outreach efforts

Back *Top:* February Poker finalists, *(l-r)*: 3rd - Laura Stuart, 2nd - Jim Stamm, 1st - Allen Garner *Bottom:* February Eclectic Book Club discusses "Twenty Years Later" (clockwise from bottom left) Chris, (CathyW, hidden), Julie, Kelly, Larry, Charles, Susan, CathyA

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FROM THE NTM PRESIDENT

CATHY ALLSHOUSE

Happy April to all of my friends in North Texas Mensa. I personally am loving that it is staying light later in the evening now. As your NTM President, I feel a commitment to making your experience with your local group enjoyable and enlightening. Although Mensa is primarily a social group, we do love to have learning experiences. Which we do each month at our general meeting with a speaker specially selected for us by our Programs Chair, Karen Brack. Many thanks to her! In April, our speaker will be Bruce Jones, whose topic is "How Extinct Animals Documented Chinese Maps on Bronze Ritual Vessels". Bruce is a dynamic speaker who has presented to us before at general meetings and at the RG. I know you'll enjoy his presentation. Please note that this month's meeting has been moved up a week to the second Sunday (April 13) so as not to conflict with Easter plans. See the meeting notice on page 11 for details. We've also arranged a docent-led group tour of the Meadows Museum for Saturday, April 26 at 2pm. See the announcement also on page 11. In order for us to have these enriching experiences, North Texas Mensa has a wonderful group of volunteers. But we still need your help--if you'd like to volunteer your time or expertise. Please contact me or another board member. We especially currently need some folks to serve on a refreshments committee to bring simple snacks at the general meetings. NTM will be hosting a Regional Gathering as well over Thanksgiving weekend and that committee will need many hands; planning is already underway. Volunteering with North Texas Mensa will only enhance your experiences. I find that to be very true for me. Additionally, please be on the lookout for announcements of the Spring New Member's Party coming up in May. And don't forget about the American Mensa Annual Gathering in Chicago over the 4th of July weekend. I'm looking forward to going. If you've never attended one, it's a fabulous time, with loads of great speakers, fun with Mensa friends from all over, local tours and much more.

"Learning never exhausts the mind." --Leonardo da Vinci

Keep learning, my friends!

RC 6 COLUMN

by Penny Robe

Information Please

In Mid-February, the Local Group leaders in Region 6 nominated me to serve as Regional Coordinator, and I was then appointed by the American Mensa Committee (AMC) which is the board of directors for American Mensa, Ltd. This month's article is focused on information sharing and providing sources for Mensans to learn more, and it is very link heavy. Some of these links are available to members only, and require login. Others are available to the public.

For members wondering about what's happening at the AMC, please note that AMC's meeting materials are available for review at this link: https://www.us.mensa.org/lead/amc/meeting-reports/

For those wondering about the dues increase, the proposed dues increase was included in two consecutive AMC meetings, as required by the bylaws, and those meeting minutes are also at the meeting reports link. For those interested in the discussion about it, select the specific meeting, and a link to the recording of the meeting will be listed.

For those focused on the budget and how dues are spent, all the financial reports are at this link: https://www.us.mensa.org/lead/financials/

For Mensans wanting to better understand their own rights as members, there is a PDF compilation entitled Statement of Member Rights and Responsibilities at this link: https://www.us.mensa.org/my-mensa/statement-of-member-rights-and-responsibilities/

The suggestion form requires login, and is at this link: https://www.us.mensa.org/lead/amc/suggestions/

My term of service as your Regional Coordinator is until a successor Vice Chair for Region 6 (RVC6) is elected. The special election for RVC6 is already underway, in that anyone interested in running for the role can create a candidate petition and seek the requisite 100 signatures to appear on the ballot. I encourage all interested members to run for the position.

The special election procedures are posted here, along with candidate petitions, and a place to create your own candidate petition: https://www.us.mensa.org/lead/amc/elections/amc-2025-special-election/

Candidate petitions, including the 100 signatures, must be completed by 11:59 p.m., Central time, on April 4. Please review the existing petitions and add your signature to as many as you like. The signature only gets the candidate on the ballot, and is not a vote or endorsement. A member is not obliged to sign any petitions but may sign as many different petitions as they wish.

The voting for the special election will be by electronic ballot, so stay tuned to your email for more information on voting procedures.

Announced on March 7, 2025, a recall election will be held and our bylaws require that members are able to watch the vote tallying, so there will not be electronic voting. Members will receive a ballot at their official mailing address on file as of 4/27/2025, so verify your mailing address in order to receive this ballot, and the statements from each side of the request. The recall election procedures can be found at this link: https://www.us.mensa.org/lead/amc/elections/

For those wondering about the backstory of the National Hearings Committee's actions announced January 14, 2025, the link to the PDF of the National Hearing Committee's report is at this link: https://www.us.mensa.org/lead/american-mensas-national-hearings-committee/ and a more detailed explanation of the hearings committee process is at this link: https://www.us.mensa.org/lead/

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understanding-mensas-national-hearings-process-independent-and-confidential/

The best way to reach me as your Regional Coordinator, is through my email address, purpose built for this role: penny.robe.mensa@gmail.com. Other available methods to reach me include the official email address, which will forward to the one I just listed, rc6@us.mensa.org; snail mail at 1901 N Central Expy Ste 200, Richardson TX 75080, telling your Local Group leadership to pass it on to me; or talking to me in person at Mensa events, like Mensa Mind Games in Portland, April 24-27, 2025.

GIFTED YOUTH CORNER

by Bill Rock

We had a small but brave band of disc golfers at the park in February. The day was nice, and the ice on the pond just let us know that the previous night was "a bit nippy". Not to brag, but I set a personal best on the course, achieving a 300— which is what I have heard called a "perfect game" (in one sport or another). For this month, we have something new; the Blackland Prairie Raptor Center gave possibly the most interesting presentation at last year's NTM RG (it certainly was the flightiest). The center is located in Lucas, and once a month they invite families out for activities, games, a live raptor program, and guided trail walks.

Occasionally I like to remind everyone of the resources available for Gifted Youth from the national organization. If you like reading and writing, **Book Parade** gives you the opportunity to read and review books, and the reviews may be posted to book web sites or published in YM2, the Young Mensan Magazine. The national web site also has a **College Readiness Organizer** with checklists, guides and recommendations to help with the application process. These are just two of the dozens of resources on *us.mensa.org*; look under Learn —> Gifted Youth.

Feel free to contact me anytime at william.m.rock@gmail.com with questions, concerns, or ideas for events.

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

Krista Epley, Daniel Brantner, Martha MacDonough, Leonie Moger, April Barlow, William Blackwell, James Payne, Samuel Pawley, Kendall Husa, Kay Brown, Christina Keltner, Mark Petersen, Carol Borchardt, Stephen Hess, Pia Talja, Laural Levine, Kash Hatton, Sandy Lantz, Dan Hinson, Robert Dietrich, Jeremy Maxwell, James Wallace, (welcome back) Ralf Kittenbacher, Caleb Moomey, Richard Hatley, Susan Chizeck, Elizabeth Forman, Brian Perkins, Mitch "nut flush" McCarsky, Colin Kiser, Eric Snuffer, Julie Schmitt, Erich Grundy, Glenn Kreider, Matthew Blokzyl, Steven Novick, Matt Delaney, Cindy Bicking, Edgar Manton, Alfred Fraser, Eric "Gunny" Hartman, Alex Goldmann, Stephen Hightower, Mason Ausmus, Robert Baxter, Dianne Snodgrass, Alfred Pick, Pruitt Swinford, April May, Robert Dempsey, Sarah Terentiev, Paul Birinyi, Leonardo "five speed" Porchia

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

Second Sunday this month! In a new room

~April 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)

SUNDAYS

8:00 PM Brainstorming 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

April Events

05 SATURDAY

9AM to Noon— Gifted Youth visit Blackland Prairie Raptor Center
Location**: Brockdale Park:** 1625 Brockdale Park Road, Lucas 75002
First Saturdays are one of the best times to visit the Raptor Center: they have hands-on activities and games, a live raptor program and guided trail walks. Adults $15, Children $10
Contact: **Bill Rock**: (972.415.5302, william.m.rock@gmail.com)

12:15PM - 2:30PM– MENSA Admissions Testing
Location: **Dallas Public Library (Timberglen Branch) Classroom**.
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)

6:30PM – Games SIG
Location: **Bill & Ellen Rock's Home "The Rock Pile"**: 701 Victorian Drive, Allen, TX 75002
We have classic board games and 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)

06 SUNDAY

12:30PM - NTM Gifted Youth Book Club
(First Sunday of each month)
Location: **Zoom Meeting**

At this meeting, we will be discussing ***The Warlock in Spite of Himself*** by Christopher Stasheff.
Meeting Link: https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87284610508?pwd=WnZWQ2JhbmlEamJzcmc1TkRBcFZjZz09
Contact: **Bill Rock**: (972.396.8160, william.m.rock@gmail.com)

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

10 THURSDAY
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 FRIDAY
7:00 – NTM Scholarship Foundation Friday Texas Hold-em
Location: **Paul & Anne Whiteman's Home:** 4424 Ringgold Lane, Plano, TX 75093
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!
PLEASE RSVP: Anne Whiteman: (Text: 214-868-4410) or anne.whiteman1@gmail.com)

12 SATURDAY
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)

13 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)

4:30PM – San Francisco Regional MENSA Speaker Series
Location: **This is a Zoom meeting. Please register at** https://livepresentation.link/APR.
You will receive a confirmation email from Zoom that will contain the link needed to join the presentation.
Topic: The Beatles were a cultural tsunami. Kansas University's professor of rock and lifelong educator Steve Lopes will lead us in a review of their origin story and Beatlemania, and study how they became so fabulous.

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

7:30PM – Program Following the Board Meeting
Location: Same as board meeting above
Speaker—**Bruce Jones: How Extinct Animals Documented Chinese Maps on Bronze Ritual Vessels** When the Chinese were making their earliest Land Grant Maps many Place Names were associated with animals: Bear Creek was a place bears hung out. We find animals depicted on the bronze land grants as toponyms. But early Europeans, who visited China described the animals on the bronzes as "MYSTERIOUS BEASTS"

The beasts were definitely unfamiliar, because they had become extinct. At least locally extinct in China.

In this presentation I will argue that (at least) six different beasts were real animals that once roamed China and were recorded on the bronzes.

16 WEDNESDAY
7:00PM – MADEATS
Location: **Lalibela**: 9191 Forest Ln. Ste 2. Dallas, TX 75243, lalibeladallastx.com
MADEATS returns to the scene of the fine dinner we enjoyed at Lalibela, an Ethiopian restaurant where MADEATS had one of our first (and biggest) outings. It is vegetarian friendly, BYOB (there is a corkage fee), and the food is delicious.
RSVP: MADEATS energetically requests that you RSVP, but we're not sticklers about it. Karen Brack: (kwbrack18@gmail.com, 214 477.1151).
Coming in May: Havana Cafe

19 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)

26 SATURDAY

2PM - Tour of the Meadows Museum

Location: **SMU Meadows Museum**: 5900 Bishop Blvd, Dallas, TX 75205

NTM has arranged for a special docent-led tour of the collection. Meet at 2 pm in the foyer. No cost. RSVP to Cathy at callshouse1@aol.com by April 18. Free parking

Contact: **Cathy Allshouse, President**: (president@northtexasmensa.org)

27 SUNDAY

1:30PM – 3:00PM - Eclectic Book Club

(Fourth Sunday of the Month)

Location: **Half Price Books Motherhip**: 5803 E NW Hwy, Dallas, TX 75231

The book selection for this month is ***Blood Test*** by Charles Baxter.

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. Topic: When the World Came to Chicago: The World's Columbian Exposition of 1893.

Register here: rb.gy/e4yzv9 (shortened URL)

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: Juliette Cardwell, Hayden Holbrook, Lukas Marszalek, Adil Nota, Oliver Park, Ranveer Sharma, Eric Snuffer, Alexander Southard

Moving to NTM: Amanda Bush

Rejoining Mensa and NTM: Ada Brown, Michael Covert, Ralf "Burn and Dunk" Kittenbacher

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

HOWDY!

NTM BOARD PROCEEDINGS-Sunday February 16th, 2025

Meeting was called to order at 6:00PM 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 BMALs Jonathan Bethune and Chuck Weis. Attending via Zoom was Juan Faura.

1. Reports: The following reports were given.

President – Cathy Allshouse … The next Board Meeting: 6PM March 16, 2025 at Five Star Premier Residences of Dallas (5455 La Sierra Drive, Dallas). Members, in general, and board members, in particular, are encouraged to renew their memberships, if necessary. Some may have heard of the semi-recent kerfuffle at the national level of Mensa, wherein something happened in the executive session, the details of which are withheld due to confidentiality issues. It was noted that, in response, 8 of 10 RVCs had been disqualified from holding those offices and interim RCs would replace them, acting like RVCs, but without the capacity to vote. NTM's Penny Robe was introduced as our interim RC. April's Board Meeting and General Meeting may be moved to April 13th, instead of April 20th.

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

Secretary – Gunny Hartman … The minutes of the January 2025 meeting were distributed via email and in person. They were accepted without modification.

Treasurer – Paul Whiteman … As of 1/31/2025, we had $27,472.92 in total NTM assets. That includes $5,441.20 in checking, $12,031.72 in savings, and a note receivable of $10,000.

As of 2/16/2025, we have $27,024.70 in total NTM assets. That includes $4,992.98 in checking, $12,031.72 in savings, and a note receivable of $10,000. After accounting for expenses, the RG account has a balance of $3,609.71. $2,000 would be left in the RG account and $1,609.71 moved to the main NTM account. It was noted that changing from color photos to black & white in the printed version of the M-Aura has saved money; moving from 16 to 12 pages would help in that regard too. Presently, it costs NTM more to get a printed newsletter to members than we receive each month in stipend. The Denver newsletter was shared as an example of what could be done with a QR code to simplify the process of getting members to switch to receiving the M-Aura electronically, wherein all photos are in color, and NTM could use the funds saved on other activities. The contents of the storage shed will be examined, with the potential of saving the membership over $1,000 annually, as we may not have items of value stored to justify the expense.

Membership – Vacant … A membership chair is needed.

Ombudsman – Roger Durham … Nothing to report

Marketing – Vacant … Someone is needed to serve in this role. It would be necessary to coordinate with American Mensa for any use of the word "Mensa" or the Mensa logo, including any products or materials we might generate.

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

Gifted Youth – Bill Rock … "Had 5 kids + parents show up to make cards in January. Playing disc golf next Saturday [Feb 22], board games in March"

Editor – Bill Rock … "M-Aura will go to press Sunday. No Election Committee report yet. Would like to include a link to the Brad Lucht article, in March or April."

Publisher – Val Beasley … Nothing to report

Scholarship – Lauren Ogden … Judging is extended into March.

Calendar – Sara Hawkins … "The calendar is going great! I'll have March updated online this weekend. As always, please reach out if you need me."

Webmaster – Jonahan Bethune … The site is being maintained, including confirming and enabling new members. Upgrades, which should cost about $1,000, will start in a few weeks. We will be using WordPress and the goal for completion is mid March.

Testing Coordinator – Rebecca Raymond … "We had 9 testers in January and 2

testers in February (great start to the year!). Our next test is on March 8 at the Dallas Public Library. We are currently assisting Gulf Coast Mensa with training their new Director of Membership, who is working on becoming a Proctor."

Social Media/Facebook - Collene Goldman … "Facebook page going well. No changes in demographics or followers. Please post photos, jokes, etc. "

Programs – Karen Brack … Karen has a speaker in the works for April. March will be master gardener Janet Nevil, the "Tomato Queen of Sunnyvale." February is Jordan Parks, Plano Symphony Orchestra's Director of Development.

Bylaws Committee – Chris Cree, Roger Durham, and Paul Whiteman … A proposed set of bylaws will be submitted to the board for approval to be put up for a vote of the membership.

2. Actions: The following actions were taken.

- A motion was made by Paul Whiteman, seconded by Jonathan Bethune, and passed by the board to appoint Chris Cree as Membership Chair.
- A motion was made by Chris Cree, seconded by Jonathan Bethune, and passed by the board to appoint Juan Faura as Marketing Chair.
- A motion was made by Paul Whiteman, seconded by Jonathan Bethune, and passed by the board to hold another RG in 2025.
- A motion was made by Gunny Hartman, seconded by Jonathan Bethune, and passed by the board to adopt the budget proposed by Treasurer Paul Whiteman.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:12PM after a motion was made by Paul Whiteman to that effect, which was seconded by Chris Cree, and subsequently passed.

	2024			2025
	Actual	Budget	BvA	Proposed
			under (over)	
Mensa Subsidy	13,250.27	13,639.95	389.68	13,500.00
Loan Interest	300.00	400.00	100.00	400.00
Events	419.64	0.00	(419.64)	
M-Aura Ad	0.00	0.00	0.00	100.00
NTM Merch	0.00	200.00	200.00	0.00
Interest Income	1.08	1.00	(0.08)	1.20
RG Income	1,358.17	1,200.00	(158.17)	1,609.71
Total Income	15,592.18	15,440.95	(151.23)	15,610.91
Expenses			under (over)	
M-Aura Printing	(7,340.03)	(7,090.06)	(249.97)	(7,200.00)
M-Aura Postage	(130.00)	(1,845.00)	1,715.00	(100.00)
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Testing	(330.60)	(500.00)	169.40	(500.00)
Gifted Youth	0.00	(100.00)	100.00	(100.00)
Website Maintenance	(2,347.64)	(600.00)	(1,747.64)	(600.00)
Website Upgrade				(1,200.00)
General Meeting	(294.60)	(300.00)	5.40	(420.00)
Membership	0.00	(300.00)	300.00	(300.00)
Mailing Supplies	(34.18)	(165.00)	130.82	0.00
Election	0.00	0.00	0.00	10.00
Miscellaneous	0.00	(500.00)	500.00	(500.00)
Virtual Meeting	(170.46)	(175.00)	4.54	(175.00)
Awards	0.00	(100.00)	100.00	(100.00)
Officers' Exp	(83.89)	(150.00)	66.11	150.00
Member Parties	(1,391.40)	(2,000.00)	608.60	(2,000.00)
RG	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Donation to Sch Fund				(1,600.00)
Addition (TBD) Events				(1,200.00)
Total Expenses	(12,843.20)	(14,445.06)	1,601.86	(16,882.00)
Net income (loss)	2,748.98	995.89	1,450.63	(1,271.09)

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COMPUTER SCIENCE	CPSC 432	INTERMEDIATE COMPILER DESIGN, WITH A FOCUS ON DEPENDENCY RESOLUTION.	CPSC 432