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RVC

Our next AMC meeting is scheduled for March 11th in Hurst, Texas. I will be attending the meeting virtually. I expect it to be another busy meeting and have been working in preparation. We will try to get the meeting links posted as early as we can, although we usually do not get the information until about 24 hours or less before the meeting.

I have added a new local group position to my roster. Having been appointed as the Testing Coordinator for my local group, I expect to be able to provide more support around the region. While I have held several local group officer and other volunteer positions, this will be the first time I am holding the position of Testing Coordinator.

When I had to appoint two Testing Coordinators last year, I noticed that there were areas where information was lacking or difficult to find for new Testing Coordinators. We are fortunate to have good resources for the position in Mensa of Western Washington, but I plan to host regional meetups for all of the Region 8 Testing Coordinators to try to work on mentorship and provide some additional support. It is a model I have used with other officer positions, and it fits in with my goals of leadership development in the region. If you have any suggestions for me in my new role or thoughts on ways that I can better provide support to our Testing Coordinators and Proctors, feel free to contact me.

As scholarship applications close, we are looking for judges to read essays at various levels of the scholarship program. If you are interested in being a scholarship reader this year, contact me at rvc8@us.mensa.org. Reading essays is a great short-term volunteer opportunity that has a long-term impact.

I continue to attend local group ExComm meetings. I also encourage you to take time to attend your local group meetings when you have time. It can be a great way to make your voice heard, learn more about how your group operates, learn more about what challenges your group may face, and find out what opportunities are available.

If you would like for me to help publicize open local group opportunities or events, let me know. That is one of the reasons we have our Region 8 groups.

Regional Gatherings

In March, I hope you will follow us to the Rainbow's End where you will once more find the Mensa of Western Washington

Emerald City RG. I am very excited to be a Regional Gathering Chair for the 4th time. Our event will be March 17-19. You can find us at https://mensaww.org/emerald-city-rg/. Registration is open, and we are looking forward to seeing you there. We have a great lineup of speakers this year including a panel featuring several of our Foundation Trustees, an improv presentation and a presentation featuring one of our local meaderies.

In addition to my regional gathering, I have been discussing the possibility of regional gatherings with at least three groups who have had their gatherings on hiatus during the pandemic. I am very excited about the possibility of seeing the number of regional gatherings increase in our region.

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LocSec

Okay, we got the bylaws updated and a slightly modified slate of officers on board for the first time in recent memory. I look forward to serving you as your Local Secretary for the next two years.

Please join me in thanking Jack Earley for his two years of service as Newsletter Editor for Columbia River Mensa. Jack

will be stepping down as Newsletter Editor after this edition of the Newsletter, so we are looking for a new Newsletter Editor. If you are interested in meeting the challenges of the position, please reach out and let me or any of the other ExComm members know. Jack has agreed to help whoever volunteers in coming up to speed.

For those of you who don't have time for Mensa, believe me, **I get you**! I joined Mensa in 1993, but I didn't participate in ANY Mensa activities until after I retired from the Coast Guard in 2006. I slowly became more involved with local group activities, then attended the AG in Portland in 2011 when Oregon Mensa was the host chapter. I served as the Speaker Chair for Oregon Mensa's BeaveRG in 2012. When we moved here in 2013, I became more and more involved with CRM, then in September 2021, I volunteered to step up and serve as Assistant Local Secretary – and that's how I ended up here.

We do have the minimum number of volunteers to fill our required slate of officers, but we could use your help in filling the ExComm and revitalizing our local group. In addition to the Newsletter Editor, it would be great to have a Program Chair, Recruitment & Testing Chair, and Publications Officer to help spread the load and better serve Columbia River Mensa.

What's in Columbia River Mensa for **YOU**? I will be sending out a Zoom Meeting invitation for an open discussion: "What do **YOU** want our local group to be?" If you would like to be included in the discussion, please ensure that your email is up to date on your membership profile on the American Mensa website. I know we have many very experienced members in our group and I would really like to hear what your best Mensa experiences have been and how we can utilize those experiences to enhance all of our experiences with Columbia River Mensa

Humor

A potato chip and a Cheeto were discussing various investment strategies, with the conversation becoming, at times, somewhat heated.

The potato chip advocated a long term outlook, with a buy-and-hold strategy and the minimum number of transactions required to maintain a balanced portfolio of solid investments.

The Cheeto, of course, was a contrarian, advocating market timing, acting on tips, and generally chasing that elusive score on the one stock that would make a small investor rich.

Finally they resolved to see which was the better strategy by each investing $1000 over a two-year period and returning with the net gain. A jar of the winner's favorite dip would be the wager.

Two years passed, with each focusing their energies on achieving the best possible outcome. On the day selected as the end of the bet, they each arrived with their documents and spreadsheets showing all of their transactions. The potato chip had stuck to the plan and had realized a net gain of $276.90 for an annualized return of 13%. The Cheeto had chased the rainbow and returned with a loss of $452.40, for an annualized loss of 26%.

This is, naturally, in line with that ancient piece of wisdom; Cheetos never prosper. –Bob Hunt





Calendar

Friday, Mar 3, 2023 at 1:00 p.m., Family Garden, 1340 Jadwin Avenue. Family Garden is on the Jadwin side of the Uptown Shopping Center.

Friday, Mar 10, 2023 at 1:00 p.m., Fresh Leaf Co., 1080 George Washington Way, Richland

Friday, Mar 17, 2023 at 1:00 p.m., Isla Bonita Mexican Restaurant, 1524 Jadwin Ave., Richland

Friday, Mar 24, 2023 at 1:00 p.m., Lil' Moon Diner, 3790 W. Van Giesen St, West Richland (formerly JD's Diner)

Friday, Mar 31, 2023 at 1:00 p.m., Shogun Teriyaki & Sushi, 760 Dalton St., Richland

Friday, Apr 7, 2023 at 1:00 p.m., Ann's Best Creole & Soul Food, 1901 Terminal Dr., Richland

Friday, Apr 14, 2023 at 1:00 p.m., Baby J's BBQ, 2243 Stevens Dr, Richland

After that, the rotation will continue, but always subject to change.

Both Mensans and non-Mensans are always welcome.

Calendar Email

Tim Dees sends out a reminder message on Wednesday of each week, including the venue and meeting time. The email message goes to the "regulars" of the lunch meetings. If you would like to be included in this distribution, email Tim at treasurer@crm.us.mensa.org. The subject of the email will be "North Richland Wrecking Crew."

Birthdays

William Hughes	Mar 15	Patricia Ribail	Mar 17
William Watson	Mar 28	Grant Boyer	Mar 29
Linda Karg	Apr 8	Douglas Johnson	Apr 12
Torrie Large	May 8	Jerry Sorlien	May 21

MensAnniversaries

March

Alix Drake-Williams	1 y	Lisa Parks	12 y
Yvone Levardi	13 y	Paul Soboleski	13 y
Michael Long	17 y	Karl Kintner-Meyer	20 y

April

George Drake	1 y	Martha Einan	1 y
Phillip Townsend	3 y	Amanda Pehlke	16 y
Katherine Damus	18 y	Tim Dees	18 y
Jamie Ohl	20 y	Robert Hunt	37 y

May

Christopher Hudson	4 y	Michael Barrett	7 y
Gloria Puhl	12 y	Corwin King	20 y
William Watson	30 y	Dewey Burbank	45 y

Local Executive Committee

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