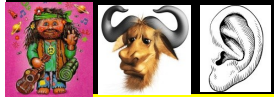


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January 15th General Meeting Speaker:
Chris Cree talkin'

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ON THE COVERS:

Front Top: The newly elected NTM Scholarship Foundation: *(l-r)* Paul Whiteman, Roger Durham, Aaron Adair, and Anne Whiteman. **Bottom:** The (majority of the) 2023 NTM Board of Directors: *(l-r)* Ken Roberts, Collene Goldman, Gunny Hartman, Leza Messiah, Cathy Allshouse.
photobomb courtesy Randy Brack .

Back Top: Long time Mensan and NTMer Malcolm Shaw passed away on the second of November, 2022. Malcolm was a very active 33^o Scottish Rite and York Rite Mason. He was also an avid pilot. Over the years he had earned five degrees from SMU, running the gamut from Bachelor's to a Doctorate. In addition to all of this, he was an accomplished lawyer and a LOT of fun. Malcolm can best be remembered by his dry sense of humor and the hilarious e-mails he sent out to his friends, which kept them laughing. We will all miss him. Rest in Peace, Malcolm!

Bottom: November Poker winners: *(l-r)* 1st - Jim Stamm
3rd - Storm Ricamore, 2nd - Doug Fix

FROM THE NTM P RESIDENT

GUNNY HARTMAN

"Most of the trouble in the world is caused by people wanting to be important." ~T.S. Eliot

I am honored ... and excited ... to once again serve as NTM president, partly because of the folks with whom I'll be working and our common commitment.

It is NOT our desire to be important, but rather ... we see YOU as important. Many of the conversations I've had with 2023 board



members focus on YOU and how we can bring value to you for your Mensa membership.

I invite you to turn to the inside back cover and become familiar with the 7 board members at the top the page. Your 2023 Board of Directors: President Gunny Hartman, VP Collene Goldman, Treasurer Cathy Allshouse, Secretary Rajiv Lulla, and Board Members at Large Chris Cree, Leza Messiah, and Ken Roberts.

N.B. They all have contact information provided. That is not accidental. We are here to serve you, so we hope you will share your valuable insight about Mensa and/or NTM.

What do you like? Not like? What do you want to see change? As members of NTM ourselves, we might have a general idea of how to scratch where you might itch, but your input would be invaluable.

HAPPY NEW YEAR! We hope to make 2023 a great one for all you important people in North Texas Mensa.

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

Kaustubh Gadgil, James Coombes, Margaret Matthews, Kenton Keller, Adam Rutter, Kevin Buchanan, Heather Hudson, Aileen Speegle, Thomas Scales, Matthew Mladenka, Sally Ritchie, Tara Clothier, Jonathan Bethune, Douglas Murphy, Michael Germain, Yoram Solomon, Gary Collier, Cathleen Dolt, Stacey Stewart, Ignatz Mouse, Dana Sherrod, Keith Goodnight, Jennifer Robinson, Kenneth Reed, Maria Crompton, Thomas Murphy, Anne Whiteman, Michelle Monroe, John Allen, Laura Stuart, Carson Brooks, Jack McCollum, Michael Lantrip, John Bush, Kenneth Koford, Carol Hilson, Lisa Watson, Michael Richey, Melissa Rabano, David Huddleston, Dylan Taylor, Rachel Hannie, Sheri Kowalski, Duane Caldwell, Kay Parsons, Joe Prigmore, Rod Moore, Eric Ingram, Philip White, William Robison, Carlos Palacios, Robert Jarcik, James Chaney, Marc Rossouw, Rolando Chapa, Andrew Ralston, Charles Weis, Paul Wehrmann

SIXTH SENSE — JOHN NEEMIDGE , REGION 6 VICE CHAIR

Happy New Year! I hope that your holidays were great. It's New Years Resolution time, and I hope you'll consider resolving to get more active in your local Mensa group. Every Mensa group, no matter how quiet or how active, could use more help with tasks both large and small. If you'd like help with getting involved, please contact me (my contact information is always at the end of this column) and I'll be happy to help.



Our December AMC meeting was eventful. Unfortunately, as has happened often recently, most of the important discussions were during Executive Session. For those of you who are interested in such things, I'd like to explain what's going on and why this happens. Executive Session is a privileged discussion time for members of the AMC only. We don't record it, we don't share it, and we don't take notes ourselves, nor can we discuss it ourselves outside of another Executive Session. The reason for this is that Executive Session almost always involves either legal matters (the public discussion of which may create risks to American Mensa) or volunteer and/or personnel matters. We can't have a forthright discussion about specific people without risks to their reputation, and (in most cases) there's no reason to do so.

We cannot take action in Executive Session without reporting it publicly in the minutes. Any votes we take (which are necessary for actions to be taken) must be reported. Often you'll see that discussion reflected in other matters (such as appointments).

One of the reasons for the longer Executive Session (though hardly the only one) was the appointment of a new Second Vice Chair. Baker Ring, a former member of the AMC (before I was elected), will be joining us as Second Vice Chair for the remainder of this term. We're all looking forward to working with Baker!

Our next meeting will be held in March in Hurst, Texas. It's too soon to know what will be on the agenda.

Mind Games 2023 is now full and has a waiting list. If you're hoping to attend, head to <https://www.mensamindgames.com>. Mind Games is a lot of fun, and I hope that you are able to attend if you want to.

Registration for the Annual Gathering in 2023, happening July 5-9 in Baltimore, Maryland, is also now open. You can find out more at <https://ag.us.mensa.org>. I'm looking forward to it, and I hope to see many of you there.

Stay healthy, stay safe, and (if you can, keeping those in mind) stay in touch with your fellow Mensans! I hope to see you at something soon, and to hear from you as you have questions or comments or anything else to share with me.



Please send me any thoughts, ideas, questions, concerns, general comments, whatever. I've got a contact form for feedback at <https://tinyurl.com/RVC6-JLN>. Of course, if you prefer, you can always contact me via email at rvc6@us.mensa.org or by phone at 512-695-9876.

GIFTED YOUTH CORNER

by Bill Rock

Welcome to 2023! I hope you are all ready for some interesting and fun events this year. I'm working through the ideas one of our members provided last year, but to start the year off right (IMNSHO) we're headed back to the great outdoors. Texas State Parks has a series of "First Day Hikes" that are designed to get you out and about on January first enjoying some of the "not hot time" here in our two-season part of the country. We did this Mineral Wells hike a few years ago, and it is a great chance to explore an area that is normally closed off to visitors. Be sure to make your reservations ahead of time as indicated in the calendar write-up. And if people like that kind of thing, we could look at hikes that are farther afield. Big Bend in the spring is fantastic, and I have always wanted to explore Palo Duro Canyon.

To make room for our hike, we're relocating Book Club (for January only) to the second Sunday. So on January 8th we'll be discussing *The Shelterling* by Sarah Durst, and for those that want to read ahead, we'll be doing *Love and Gelato* for February. If you have not read the book, you are still welcome to join our discussion. It is pretty freewheeling; I learned a lot about mochi at our last meeting.

As always, I would be happy to hear your ideas, feedback suggestions, things to start, things to quit doing, and things that need improvement. Send the comments to w-rock1@raytheon.com or 972.396.8160. Thanks.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS !




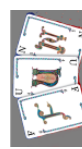
The following are new or rejoining members of North Texas Mensa. Please join us in welcoming them to our group.

New Mensans: Taylor Armstrong, Robert d'Angelo, Cora Elizondo, Daniel Gideon, Harvey Holmes, Mark Petersen, Pia Talja, Archer Ware, Jingchun Zhang

Moving to NTM: Senthin Velmurugan

Rejoining Mensa and NTM: Brooke Buchanan, Blake Burton, Daniela De la Chica, Michael Foutch, Chris Harris, Douglas Jones, Robin Raby, Micah Scrogginthorpe, Barrett Trivitt

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

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 9:45 am GY First Day Hike	2 7 pm Munch Bunch	3 1 pm Richardson Lunch Bunch	4 7 pm Beer Garden	5 1 pm Lunch Bunch 7 pm HOTDAM	6 1 pm East Dallas Lunch Bunch	7
8 12:30 pm GY Book Club 	9 7 pm Munch Bunch 9 pm M-Aura Calendar Deadline	10 1 pm Richardson Lunch Bunch 9 pm M-Aura All-Copy Deadline	11 7 pm Beer Garden	12 1 pm Lunch Bunch 7 pm HOTDAM	13 1 pm East Dallas Lunch Bunch 7 pm Texas Hold 'Em 	14 7 pm Singles Chat 'n Chew
15 1 pm Shoot SIG 6 pm NTM Board Meeting 7:30 pm General Meeting	16 7 pm Munch Bunch 	17 1 pm Richardson Lunch Bunch	18 7 pm Beer Garden	19 1 pm Lunch Bunch 7 pm HOTDAM	20 1 pm East Dallas Lunch Bunch	21 4 pm Small Group Meeting 6:30 Games SG 
22 1:30 pm Eclectic Book Club 2:30 pm Theodore Talk	23 7 pm Munch Bunch	24 1 pm Richardson Lunch Bunch	25 7 pm Beer Garden	26 1 pm Lunch Bunch 7 pm HOTDAM	27 1 pm East Dallas Lunch Bunch	28
29	30 7 pm Munch Bunch	31 1 pm Richardson Lunch Bunch	<i>January 2023</i>			

~ January 2023~

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

1:00 PM Richardson Lunch Bunch

Location: **Pappasito's Cantina**, 723 S. Central Expressway, Richardson 75080 Join us for lunch in Richardson. A reviewer on Yelp says: "Famous for more than thirty years of Legendary Tex-Mex, Pappasito's Cantina is known for the flavor, freshness and quality of their food and drinks!" Ask for the Mensa table. Please check out the menu online; lunch portions are large.

Contact: **Val Beasley** 972.998.2593 (text OK) or Michael Germain 214.394.8864

WEDNESDAYS

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 @ the corner of Buckner and 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: **Red's Yard**, 410 N Bell Ave, Denton, 76209

Meet us at Red's 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)

January Events



01 SUNDAY

9:45 AM Gifted Youth First Day Hike

Location: **Lake Mineral Wells State Park :**

100 Park Road 71, Mineral Wells, TX, 76067

Let's start the new year off on the right (or left) foot... This is a wild walk/crawl/scoot through some of the most remote areas of beautiful Penitentiary Hollow. This walk is a good workout involving some crawling through tight spaces in rock cracks, crevices and short caves. Expect to get dirty! Reservations are required. Call 940-328-1171 ext 222 for reservations, please also RSVP to contact. The program is free with paid park entrance (\$7/person 13+). <https://tpwd.texas.gov/calendar/lake-mineral-wells/first-day-hike-penitentiary-hollow-wild-walk>

Contact: **Bill Rock:** (972-396-8160 or w-rock1@raytheon.com)



08 SUNDAY

12:30 PM - NTM Gifted Youth Book Club

Location: **Zoom Meeting**

At this meeting, we will be discussing *The Shelterlings* by Sarah Durst.

Meeting Link: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87284610508?pwd=WnZWQ2JhbmlEamJzcmc1TkRBcFZjZz09>

Contact: **Bill Rock:** (972.396.8160, w-rock1@raytheon.com)

09 MONDAY

9:00 PM – M-Aura Calendar Deadline (The 9th of each month)

Contact: Calendar Chair, Sara Hawkins:
(calendarchair@northtexasmensa.org, or 214-801-4704)

10 TUESDAY

9:00 PM – M-Aura All Copy Deadline (The 10th of each month)

Contact: Editor, Bill Rock:
(editor@northtexasmensa.org or 972.396.8160)



13 FRIDAY

7:00 PM – 11:00 PM - NTM Scholarship Foundation Friday Texas Hold 'Em

Location: Mary Milford's Home, 4812 Rockcreek Lane, Plano, TX 75024.

The next NTM Scholarship Foundation Friday Texas Hold-em evening will be held the 13th of January, 2023. In January, we'll be meeting at the home of Mary Milford 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. **If you feel there is a possibility you may have Covid, please stay home!**

FYI - there is guest parking several houses down the street from Mary's home, if needed.

PLEASE RSVP TO MARY IF YOU WISH TO ATTEND

Contact: Mary Milford : (972-841-9779,
or mary.milford1@gmail.com)

14 SATURDAY

7:00 PM – 9:00 PM – Singles Chat and Chew (Usually 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)

15 SUNDAY

6:00 PM- 7:00 PM - Board Meeting (Third Sunday)

Location: Five Star Premier Residences of Dallas

5455 La Sierra Drive, Dallas, or

Zoom Video: [https://zoom.us/j/91768490236?](https://zoom.us/j/91768490236?pwd=OUhNM0pDM2NDV1FodUUzQ3ZMM0ITQT09)

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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: Eric “Gunny” Hartman, President :

[\(president@northtexasmensa.org\)](mailto:president@northtexasmensa.org)

7:30 PM – Program Following the Board Meeting

Location: Five Star Premier Residences of Dallas 5455

La Sierra Drive, Dallas, or **Zoom** (see info above)

Speaker: Chris Cree is the Founder and Chairman of the Board of North American Scrabble Players Association.

Former top-rated player in North America, most recently in 2013. Winner of 125 Scrabble tournaments including 9 Texas State Scrabble Championships. Inductee to the Texas Scrabble Hall of Fame. Serves as President of the Spectacular Follies. Former Vice-President, former and current board member At-Large for North Texas Mensa. Serves as Advisory Board member of Sammons Center for the Arts.

Contact: Eric “Gunny” Hartman, President :

[\(president@northtexasmensa.org\)](mailto:president@northtexasmensa.org)

21 SATURDAY

4:00 PM – 6:00 PM - Small MENSA Meeting

Canton / Wills Point (Third Saturday of each month)

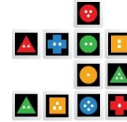
Location: We meet in each other’s homes on a rotating basis

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: [\(gbrohman@live.com\)](mailto:gbrohman@live.com)

6:30 PM – Games SIG

Location: **Bill & Ellen Rock's Home**



We have some classic board games and some new ones, and we're happy to try anything you care to bring over. Snacks and soft drinks will be available.

Contacts: **Bill and/or Ellen Rock** : (972.396.8160 •/+ 214.356.5819, w-rock1@raytheon.com)

22 SUNDAY

1:30 PM – 3:00 PM - Eclectic Book Club

(Fourth Sunday of each month)

Location: **Half Price Books Mothership:**

5803 E NW Hwy, Dallas, TX 75231 (Fourth Sunday of each month)

The book selection for this month is ***How to Stop Time*** by Matt Haig. Eclectic Book Club picks are generally available in hardback, paperback or for e-readers. They should also be available at your local library.

Contacts: **Larry Strickler** : (lstrickler1@verizon.net or 972.495.8076) or **Bill Rock**: (972.396.8160 or w-rock1@raytheon.com)



2:30 PM – MENSA Theodore Talks (Fourth Sunday of each month)

Location: **Zoom:** You must register for each lecture with an email address associated with your Zoom account. If you don't have one, you can sign up for a free Zoom account at <https://zoom.us/signup>. We are starting off the year with a presentation by Dr. Jay Van Der Werff, FEMA's National Preparedness Division Director. The title is, ***When Disaster Strikes, Are You Prepared? FEMA Is*** This virtual event will take place on Zoom January 22 at 2:30 CT. Register for this presentation at <https://tinyurl.com/4m2vmbwd>.

Contact: **Brad Lucht**: (TheodoreTalks@MAMensa.org)



ELECTION COMMITTEE REPORT

ELECTION OF THE 2023 NTM BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The election was held at the general meeting on November 20, 2022 as the general meeting order of business. In the order they appeared on the ballot, all candidates present gave campaign speeches of three minutes or less. The Election Committee passed out ballots to members, who filled them out and returned them. Seventeen ballots were collected in person and nine were received by mail by the midnight, November 15 deadline. One late ballot was discarded and not counted. One of the nine on-time mailed ballots was discarded, as the individual chose to submit a ballot in person on election night instead. A total of 25 ballots were thus valid and counted by the Election Committee. All ballots were verified to be cast by NTM members in good standing. None of the ballots were found to be spoiled in their entirety, although three were marked in such a way as to be invalid for tabulating the Board Member at Large positions. A blank vote was counted as an abstention.

Results:

Elected unopposed, with 25 votes each were:

- President:**
Gunny Hartman
- Vice President:**
Collene Goldman
- Secretary:**
Rajiv Lulla
- Treasurer:**
Cathy Allshouse

Multivoting for Board Member At Large:

	Round 1	Round 2	
Board Member at Large 1			
Leza <u>Mesiah</u>	3	3	
Robert <u>Brevelle</u>	3	Eliminated by coin toss	
Ken Roberts	11	13	Elected
Chris <u>Cree</u>	5	5	
Abstentions/Invalids	0/3	1/3	
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Board Member at Large 2			
Leza <u>Mesiah</u>	9	10	
Robert <u>Brevelle</u>	3	Eliminated	
Chris <u>Cree</u>	10	11	Elected
Abstentions/Invalids	0/3	1/3	
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Board Member at Large 3			
Leza <u>Mesiah</u>	13		Elected
Robert <u>Brevelle</u>	7		
Abstentions/Invalids	2/3		

ELECTION OF THE NTMSF BOARD OF DIRECTORS

An election for members of the NTM Scholarship Foundation Board of Directors was on the ballot this year. All candidates ran unopposed. There were no invalid ballots, although two ballots were counted as abstentions for all offices.

Results: President: Anne Whiteman, 23 votes Vice President: Aaron Adair, 23 votes Secretary: Paul Whiteman, 23 votes Treasurer: Roger Durham, 23 votes The following, therefore, were elected to the NTMSF Board of Directors:

- **President:** Anne Whiteman
- **Vice President:** Aaron Adair
- **Secretary:** Paul Whiteman
- **Treasurer:** Roger Durham

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the Election Committee, Randy Brack,
Election Committee Chair

NTM BOARD PROCEEDINGS Sunday November 20th, 2022

NTM – North Texas Mensa A local Group of American Mensa Ltd, a NY Not-for-profit corporation

Meeting called to order at 6:12 PM by Aaron Adair.

Present: President Aaron Adair, Vice-President Collene Goldman, Secretary Eric “Gunny” Hartman, Treasurer Paul Whiteman, and Board Members at Large Cathy Allshouse and Leza Mesiah. Absent: Hutton Kinder

1. Reports

President – Aaron Adair noted that the next Board Meeting would be December 18, 2022 at 6PM at Five Star Premier Residences: 5455 La Sierra Dr, Dallas, TX 75231

Vice-President – Collene Goldman ... Vice-President has nothing to report.

Secretary – Eric “Gunny” Hartman ... The October 2022 Minutes, which were distributed by email and in person, were approved by unanimous assent.

Treasurer – Paul Whiteman ... The treasurer's report for October is as follows:

“Bank accounts (as of Oct 31, 2022): Checking: \$9,334.98, Savings: \$14,028.94, Loan to Scholarship Foundation: \$10,000. Total net worth: \$33,363.92. This is an increase \$665.62 from August. A postage payment is now due. Val Beasley estimates that current postage is approximately \$190 per month.” Paul will get those paid, to Val which will be reflected in next month's report. The storage fee has gone up to \$149 per month. We may look around, but may not find anything cheaper. The M-Aura costs us about \$700 per month.

Membership – Jeffrey Bromberger ... Numbers in parenthesis are last month's numbers. As of Nov 20, Total Membership is 1163 (1142). Those members are 1134 Primary (1113), 267 Life (266), and 29 Additional (29). As of Oct 31, we have 12 new members (9), with 4 being new people (0), 7 rejoining (4), and 1 move-in (5). We have one renewal (1) and 19 prospects (11), with 7 having shown interest (0), 7 via practice test (8), 3 via testing voucher (2), 2 via prior evidence (0), and 0 via private testing (1). Some uncommon areas for prospects include Mineola, Troup, and Naples. Our three largest demographics by generation are Gen X, born 1961-1981, (31.5%), baby boom, born 1943-1960, (27.9%), and homeland, born 2001-2020, (22.9%) respectively.

Ombudsman – Roger Durham ... Ombudsman has nothing to report.

Election Committee – Randy Brack ... Election committee is present and we will have an election for the general meeting. The PO Box will be open another 30 days in case there are any challenges.

(Mesiah) **Scholarship Chair** – Lauren Ogden ... nothing to report

(Mesiah) **Publisher/Circulation Manager** – Val Beasley ... no report

(Mesiah) **Social & Communications** – Jessica Helphrey ... no report

(Mesiah) **Publicity** – Vacant ... Collene offered kudos to our beloved president

Aaron Adair for getting the group photo from our NTM outing to the Cowboy's AT&T Stadium in the Mensa Bulletin that national publishes. From Leza Mesiah:

“For the last couple months I've been talking with Brian Richardson who is the coordinator of student internships at North Texas. And he'd like to present an internship to a Mensa inclined student to help us in PR recruitment of more members with emphasis on Millennials & Generation Z. Spring Semester makes sense. He's wanting more specifics & a flyer. I volunteered to be that liaison since I've done similar things before. Any ideas, needs or suggestions welcomed. Since the last meeting, Jessica & I have also discussed recruitment of this position. Nothing finalized.”

(Allshouse) **Calendar** – Sara Hawkins ... No problems with online calendar.

(Allshouse) **Webmaster** – Andy McKellar ... Nothing special on the website, but if anyone else would like to do the job, he'd be happy to defer and/or perhaps work with someone, but that someone would need knowledge of internet security and our



content management software, Joomla.

(Allshouse) **Testing Coordinator** – Rebecca Raymond ... “We tested 7 total in October and 2 in November. Our December test is scheduled for December 10th at the Carrollton library (Hebron & Josey). I’m anticipating a decline in testing due to the holiday season, but we’ll continue to host at least one test monthly at rotating locations. Andy Essary is certified as a Proctor, bringing our active count to 5!”

(Allshouse) **Programs**– Cathy Allshouse ... Tonight the program is the election of NTM officers and NTM Scholarship Foundation officers. December is the party.

(Kinder) **Gifted Children** – Bill Rock ... “Book club and movie events happened in November. For December, Holiday craft event returns and book club reads The Lonely Ghost.”

(Kinder) **S.I.G.H.T.** – Gunny Hartman ... Nothing to report

(Kinder) **Editor** – Bill Rock ... “M-Aura went to print on the 17th. Likely mailing on the 23rd.”

(Kinder) **Regional Gathering** – Karen Brack ... She’s looking into a one day event space.

2. Old Business

• **New Members Party** Update – Jeffrey Bromberger... After spending many weeks looking, there were 7 options for locations presented, with some being more exotic and expensive and some being more restrictive with regard to outside food and drink. After his presentation and discussion, Venture X Braniff Centre (Lovers Lane at Lemmon) seemed the best option, though it’s \$250 per two hours minimum, but NTM has the ability to afford it. The lounge holds 100 (3900 sqft), has high speed internet, and has fun views of Love Field. The 2023 board will explore and assign someone to the task or get someone to help.

• **Semper Servitium** Nominations – Aaron Adair noted that Karen Brack was nominated for the Semper Servitium award. Paul Whiteman made a motion to that effect. Collene seconded. Motion passed unanimously and with great alacrity. She will be formally honored at our program in December.

3. New Business

• **Gatherings Committee** Report – Randy Brack, on behalf of the committee that also includes Karen Brack and Paul Whiteman ... A proposal was made to the board last month about how to garner revenue for the Regional Gathering (and potentially scholarships) through outside sources, getting companies to underwrite our events. Having “north of 40 RGs” between them, the Gatherings Committee did a SWOT analysis (i.e., Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, and Threats). Strengths of the proposal submitted: Shows out of the box thinking and gets people thinking about how to support an RG. Some weaknesses: Ambiguous and one could infer that NTM is an educational organization, which it is not, though it does do charitable work. Proposal fails to understand the scale of the event and lacks detail. Opportunities: Could raise significant cash and/or increase profile of NTM in business community. Threats: Deals and usage of logo and Mensa name must be coordinated through National marketing director. Committee Recommendations: The NTM Board should thank Leza Mesiah for being proactive in trying to secure funding for an RG, but should not go forward with this type of sponsorship. Karen mentioned that some companies might be willing to donate bags for participants or lanyards or other branded items, but scale would be limited to the point where getting a sponsorship seems unlikely. Paul questioned whether the amount of work would be worth it. Leza noted that her proposal was more of a “1st rough draft idea” to start thinking about such avenues to pursue as it seemed we didn’t have enough money. She would run things by the board before contacting national. No action was taken at this time.

A motion to adjourn was made by Collene Goldman, for which Leza Mesiah offered a second. The motion passed without opposition. Meeting was adjourned at 7:09PM.

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