

Hello, everybody!! Betsy's taking this month off from newsletter editing ... And I'm certainly not as capable an editor as she is ... So here's an abbreviated newsletter containing our calendar of events for P&P Mensa in August and the Region VC notes. Hope to see you soon at a Mensa event!! Sandy



HUGE CONGRATULATIONS TO WINDY HADDAD, OUR WEBMISTRESS - SHE WON "OUTSTANDING WEB SITE (SMALL GROUP)" FOR PLAINS & PEAKS MENSA AT THE ANNUAL AG IN PITTSBURGH. CHECK OUT HER AWARD WINNING WEBSITE AT WWW.PLAINSANDPEAKSMENSA.ORG

Couple of notes: New date/time for ExComm. The Mini-RG in September has been postponed.

NOTE NEW DATE/TIME: Sunday, Aug 9th, 6:00 pm: August ExComm Meeting and Dinner. The August ExComm Meeting and Dinner will be at Wild Bill's Buffalo Wings, 7474 Flintridge Drive.

Tuesday, Aug 11th, 6:00 pm: Trivia at TGI Fridays! We're playing NTN Buzztime Trivia at T.G.I. Friday's, 7061 Commerce Center Drive (I-25 and Woodman). Good eats, good prices, and plenty of TVs to look at and control boxes to play with. Look for a Mensa "M" flag at a table in the bar and join us for a fast paced Trivia round!

Saturday, Aug 22nd, 5:00 pm: RC's Mountain BBQ! Join us at RC's house up in the cool mountains outside of Florissant for an afternoon BBQ! No tours, no scheduled events, just good food and good company. RC's got a BBQ grill, and there will be hot dogs & burgers provided along with side dishes. Bring your own steak and desired beverage. For directions and RSVP, contact RC at r_c_timm@hotmail.com, phone (719) 748-1413. RC lives at 122 Badger Trail, Florissant.



Thursday, Aug 27th, 8:00 pm: Reservations for Ultimate Saturday Supper!! Call Al at 635-4910 or e-mail him at alackerson@msn.com to let him know to expect you at Arceo's Family Mexican Restaurant on Saturday!



Friday, Aug 28th, 6:30 - 9:00 pm: Mensa Mix and Mingle! Married, single, Gen-X, new member, long time member, Hell's M, shy, outgoing, whatever - you're all invited to Sandy's house!! Come out and meet some fellow Mensans - if you've not been to a Mensa event, this is the one you need to attend to break the ice! Guests are welcome, so if you'd like to bring a friend or spouse with you, please do so! Snacks, sodas, wine and beer will be provided. Bring your own drinks if you want something else or a snack dish to share. Adults only, please. Allergy alert - cats and dogs. Sandy lives at 6066 Del Rey Drive (near Flintridge and Dublin) in Colorado Springs. For directions, call 528-5483 or email mandshalby@comcast.net.

Saturday, Aug 29th, 6:30 pm: Ultimate Saturday Supper at Arceo's Family Mexican Restaurant! Join us at 1605 S. Nevada Ave to enjoy some good Mexican grub at reasonable prices (\$7-\$10 range). Make sure you call Al at 635-4910 or e-mail him at alackerson@msn.com for reservations.

ADVANCE NOTICE: Thursday, September 10th, 6:30 pm: ExComm Meeting and Dinner. The September ExComm Meeting and Dinner will be at the Mucky Duck in Green Mountain Falls, 10530 Ute Pass Avenue.

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS:



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| Dr William J Riley | Aug 4 | Connor Baker | Aug 21 |
| Keith Wear | Aug 7 | RC Timm | Aug 21 |
| Christopher Lowe | Aug 10 | Kathie Schmidt | Aug 23 |
| Virginia L Leininger | Aug 11 | Andrew P Barilla | Aug 26 |
| Candace S Harvey | Aug 16 | Larry G Christenson | Aug 30 |
| Gary Mohr | Aug 17 | Stephanie Doris | Aug 30 |

AND ... WELCOME to Bryan Calkin, who moved here from Texas and is new to our group. Hello, Bryan!



AUGUST 2009 RVC-7 Column

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CONGRATULATIONS to Region 7 Award Winners! We cleaned up with Awards during the Annual Gathering in Pittsburgh. Here are the winners:

KIM JACKOWSKI of Mid-America Mensa won the American Mensa National Service Award for faithful service.

GREG KONTZ won the prestigious Dr. Salny Award for Outstanding Service in the Area of Testing for NORTH DAKOTA MENSA. The award was presented by Dr. Salny herself.

BOULDER/FRONT RANGE Mensa won Group of The Year (GOTYA) Award Class IV (100-199 members).

NORTH DAKOTA MENSA won the Group of The Year (GOTYA) Award for Class V (below 100 members).

NORTH DAKOTA MENSA won the Prolific Owl Award (plaque) for Outstanding Membership Growth – 30% growth!!

HIGH MOUNTAIN MENSA – DENNIS McKIM won 1st place in Culture Quest with the Highbrows Team - \$425.00.

BOULDER/FRONT RANGE MENSA – PEGGY PANNKE-SMITH won 12th place in Culture Quest with the Rocky & Boulder Thinkers Team - \$100.

MID-AMERICA MENSA – WARREN WALKER won 14th place in Culture Quest with the Just The Facts Team - \$90.

WARREN WALKER of MID-AMERICA MENSA was also Region 7 winner of the \$1,000 Certificate in the PEP Rally Contest.

WARREN WALKER of MID-AMERICA MENSA (yay Warren!) also won the Newsletter Member Recognition Award for the Mension.

WINDY HADDAD won the Outstanding Web Site (small group) for **PLAINS & PEAKS MENSA**.

CAROL PHILO of **MID-AMERICA MENSA** won the Region 7 Special Certificate Award for the upcoming Regional Gathering in Kansas City MO on Labor Day Weekend. (See more below).

ANN KNUDSON of **NORTH DAKOTA MENSA** won the Honorable Mention Abbie Region 7 Proctor of the Year certificate.

LABOR DAY WEEKEND - REGIONAL GATHERING: Register today! **September 4 to September 6** (Labor Day weekend) **“Where The Trails Begin” in Kansas City MO** at the Howard Johnsons (\$59 night, code CGMAM, call 816/268/1600). Registration is \$60. Carol Philo has info at cphilo@kc.rr.com. **Homemade cookie contest, BBQ**, a weekend of fun and excellent programs including the winner of the Spelling Bee! See you there!

I'd love to hear from you! Contact me at RVC7@us.mensa.org.