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EDITOR'S COLUMN

Tagline

by Joel Anderson

Phoenix and I worked on putting together this issue of your newsletter, as a means of handing it over to me for the future. I agreed to take on the role of editor with the assurance that we are moving to quarterly publication.

Although a quarterly treasurer's report is the minimum Mensa requirement, my goal is to keep it worthwhile. One of the things I can do to make this easy on myself is to move more fully to a template-driven layout, something that Phoenix had a good start on. For any of you word-processing geeks out there, this means that it should be far easier to drop in content and to change up the style, as necessary or desired.

The next issue will, I hope, be a little more on-schedule. It will be the "Winter 2025/6" issue, and should be available in late December (fingers crossed). Consider this an open invitation for content. My contact info is on the second page of this document (if you are reading it online), or on the inside front cover (if you are holding the printed edition).

Until then, enjoy the last major autumn holiday–Thanksgiving!

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RVC COLUMN

A GLOVe Letter from the RVC June 2025

by Rick Magnus, RVC3

I'm writing this in late September. There was a virtual American Mensa Committee (AMC) meeting on September 13. We did some wordsmithing on the motion regarding refunds for national events, and passed it; now there will be a hard deadline for requesting registration refunds, and members will have an option to buy cancelation insurance when registering.

Registration for next year's Mind Games® (in Northern Virginia) will have opened on October 3, and should still be open as you see this (but there is a capacity limit), and registration for the Annual Gathering (AG) (in Ft. Worth), will, I believe, open on November 1 (there's no limit on registrations for the AG). We appointed a Chair for 2027 AG in Atlanta, and decided to hold the 2029 AG in Austin, TX.

I'm on four national "action" committees, which are authorized to make decisions on some matters without referring them to AMC: Bylaws, Events, Name & Logo, and Research Review. The Events Committee decides where to stage Mind Games®, and we chose the site for 2027. We had two bids between which to choose, and the successful bid will bring the event back here in Region 3; specifically, Cincinnati Area Mensa will host the event in Northern Kentucky, near Cincinnati's airport, and will be chaired by Cincinnati's LocSec, Stephanie Thornton.

I mentioned last month that we got a favorable ruling in the legal action against us. The plaintiffs in that matter have asked to reargue the case in the trial court (before the same judge), and have filed a notice of appeal (which, as I understand it, does not "perfect" the appeal under New York law). That said, unless a judge tells us otherwise, we are now free to go about our business, and we intend to do so. We hope to have most of the vacancies on AMC filled before our December 6 meeting (at the National Office, in Hurst, TX). I've had to do some extra work (see

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the mention of service on 4 action committees, above), but Region 3 has been minimally affected.

I've recently reported on some individual awards that were earned by Region 3 members. Now I get to report on some group awards, specifically, Jewel Awards, awarded to well- functioning local groups. The awards reflect group size and range from Diamond (highest), through Ruby, and Sapphire, to Emerald (lowest, but still an impressive award). In Region 3, we have the following group awards: Class II (400-1099 members), Southeast Michigan Mensa, Sapphire, and Western Pennsylvania Mensa, Emerald; Class III (200-399), Cleveland Area Mensa, Diamond, Cincinnati Area Mensa and East Central Ohio Mensa, Ruby; and Class IV (125-199), Western New York Mensa, Ruby.

Planning further ahead, Cincinnati Area Mensa is hosting a Regional Gathering March 6-8, 2026, and registration is now open; I'm sorry that I will miss it.

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Mid-Michigan Mensa Treasurer's Report

2nd Quarter, 2025

STARTING BALANCE	$9,640.39
INCOME	$2,671.99
AML Subsidy Mar. 2025	197.84
AML Subsidy Apr. 2025	158.48
AML Subsidy May 2025	223.24
Transferred from WMM	2,082.37
Sale of unused stamps	10.00
5/3 Bank savings interest	0.06
EXPENDITURES	$502.32
Print Feb H-L	194.84
Print Mar/Apr H-L	149.95
Print MayJun H-L	157.50
Bank Svc. Charge	0.03
ENDING BALANCE	$11,810.06
5/3 Checking	$9500.99
5/3 Savings	$2,309.07

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3rd Quarter, 2025

STARTING BALANCE	$11,810.06
INCOME	$509.18
AML Subsidy June	163.20
AML Subsidy July	174.00
AML Subsidy August	171.92
5/3 Bank savings interest	0.06
EXPENDITURES	$58.18
Anniversary Party Supplies	58.18
ENDING BALANCE	$12,261.06
5/3 Checking	$9,351.93
5/3 Savings	$2,909.13

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