

From the RVC:

Well, the holidays are over, which means it's time to start thinking about the Annual Gathering. This year's AG, as most of you know, will be in Boston. The main hotel is already sold out, but there are two others that still have plenty of rooms, and the AG Committee is working feverishly to ensure that there are lots of exciting programs and activities for you to enjoy. Just go to the national website, www.us.mensa.org, and click on Attend – Annual Gathering – AG Locations – Brilliance in Beantown. A word of advice, however: if you go to Boston, don't plan to drive there. Hotel parking will cost you nearly as much as your room,

Between now and the AG, of course, we'll have one last chance to rehearse our gathering skills at the Gulf Coast Mensa Regional Gathering, SynRG 2014. Don't pass up the opportunity to party with our Houston-area members over the Memorial Day weekend. After the AG, of course, comes Lonestar Mensa's RG in Round Rock over Labor Day weekend, and then this year the North Texas Mensa RG in Dallas returns after a break last year for the Fort Worth AG.

If you haven't read your January Mensa Bulletin yet, please dig it out and take a look for details about the replacement for the Publications Recognition Program (PRP). The PRP was discontinued last year due to widespread complaints about the format, followed by a lack of judges, but a new competition is being rolled out for 2014. A replacement program for the Group of the Year Awards (GOTYA) is also in the works and you'll get more information about that soon.

In the meantime, membership renewals are due next month, so don't forget to get your renewal in to the National Office as soon as possible. Early renewals save money for Mensa that can be used for the support of valuable membership services.

As always, if you have any comments or questions about American Mensa or Region 6, please feel free to contact me by email at RVC6@us.mensa.org, or by USPS at 9920 Ridgehaven Drive, Dallas, TX 75238.

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