

As I write this column, life is returning to normal following the 2016 Annual Gathering in San Diego, CA. We had 2,364 Mensans and guests gather, breaking all of our previous attendance records, including the 2006 World Gathering in Orlando, FL. The AG is a wonderful opportunity to spend a week connecting with your fellow Ms. AGs are continuing to grow, and you won't want to miss next year's party! Registration is now open for the 2017 Annual Gathering online at <http://ag.us.mensa.org>. You can also register by calling the National Office at 817-607-0060.

In between the speakers, games, and entertainment, the Annual Gathering also played host to the summer American Mensa Committee meeting. As a part of the meeting, the AMC appointed committee chairs and members for the next year. I will continue to serve as a member of the Finance & Audit Committee, Communications Committee, and Leadership Development Committee. I am also very excited to be the new chair of the Site Selection Committee. The committee and I will be working very hard in the next year to update all of the Site Selection documents that are currently hosted on the national website.

The other big news out of the AMC meeting was the selection of the sites for the 2020 and 2021 Annual Gatherings. We are spending the next 5 years bouncing around the country.

2017 – Hollywood, FL  
2018 – Indianapolis, IN  
2019 – Phoenix, AZ  
2020 – Kansas City, MO  
2021 – Houston, TX

Yes, that's right. In 2021, the Annual Gathering will be returning to Region 6 for the first time since 2013. This is obviously some time away, but Gulf Coast Mensa is very excited to be hosting, as they began discussing the possibility five years ago.

For those who are looking at a calendar a little sooner - September usually starts off with Lone Star Mensa's Regional Gathering, held over Labor Day weekend. LoneStaRG is still happening, but this year will be held two weeks later, September 16-18, 2016. The party might be slightly shorter, but it won't be any smaller. I encourage all of you to head to Round Rock for the weekend.

In December 2016, New Orleans Mensa will be hosting their first RG since 2012. It will be held in conjunction with the winter AMC meeting. I am thrilled that another local group in Region 6 will be showing off their excellent hospitality to my fellow AMC members. Plans for NORGY are coming together. You can find more information and registration forms at <http://bit.ly/29Ke5v2>.

As always, I ask that if you have any questions, concerns, or general comments, please let me know. I have created a simple online form where members can offer feedback on any topic, both by name or anonymously. You can find this form at <http://tinyurl.com/AML-R6-Feedback>. Of course, if you prefer, you can always contact me via email at [rvc6@us.mensa.org](mailto:rvc6@us.mensa.org), phone at 512-779-3945, or snail mail at 10518 Horseshoe Bend Dr, Houston, TX 77064.

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