

September is the beginning of scholarship season with the Mensa Foundation. I hope that you will consider donating to the Foundation, either with a financial gift or a gift of time. The scholarship program relies on hundreds of volunteers who judge the thousands of essays that are submitting each year. Carla Young is serving as the Regional Scholarship Chair for Region 6 again this year. If you are interested in judging essays at the regional level, please reach out to her at scholarships@region6.us.mensa.org. You can learn more about the Foundation (and make a contribution) at www.mensafoundation.org.

I need to both apologize and recognize three chapters from our region. In my August 2018 column, I made reference to the 2017-18 Local Group Jewel winners. I inadvertently left off three of the chapters in my list of kudos. Lonestar Mensa, Mensa 76, and South Texas Mensa each received the Emerald award, bringing the total of Jewel chapters up to ten for our awesome region.

I will be attending LoneStaRG 20 in Round Rock, TX over Labor Day weekend. I hope that I will see many of you there, to reflect on What a Long Strange Trip It's Been. The lineup of programs looks fantastic, and this party is always a great way to bring the summer to a close. As a celebration of the last 20 years, this RG will feature favorite events from across the lifespan of the RG. You can find more details and register online at <http://www.lonestarmensa.org/lonestarg-20.html>.

Just a few short months down the road, North Texas Mensa will be hosting their annual Feast of Pleasures and Delights over Thanksgiving Weekend. This RG committee is excited to reinvent this long running RG, featuring several tastings and plentiful programming. Check out the NTM website at <http://www.northtexasmensa.org/2018-rg> for more details.

At the end of September, I will be attending the fall meeting of the American Mensa Committee in Arlington, TX. Two weeks before each meeting, the agenda is posted on our national website at <http://us.mensa.org/meetingreports>. As we prepare to enter an election year for the AMC, I invite all of you to make yourselves more aware of the issues facing the governance of our organization. If you have questions or comments about any agenda item, or about the quarterly reports that are posted in conjunction with each meeting, please feel free to reach out to me.

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 or phone at 512-779-3945.

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