

The months of October and November will play host to a great deal of changes on the national website. We are beginning to implement a new association management software (AMS) that will affect all members to an extent. The effects will be greater for any officer who utilize the many tools that are offered through the national website. There will be brief, planned service interruptions as we work through this implementation. The AMS is going to be extremely positive for the organization as a whole. It will allow the staff at the National Office to serve you, as members, in a more efficient manner. You can learn more about the AMS and its implementation process at <http://goo.gl/9aFOIB>.

One key thing that I would encourage all of you to do is update your contact information with the National Office. Once the AMS has been implemented, it will no longer be possible to log in to the national website (or any local website that uses the national database to verify users) by your member number. Instead, a unique email address will be required for every user. You can update your information easily at <http://us.mensa.org/profile/>.

I am getting ready to start my next round of travels. I will be visiting Eastern Oklahoma Mensa, Arkansas Mensa, New Mexico Mensa, Paso del Norte Mensa, and New Orleans Mensa in the next 8 months in order to meet the commitment I made at the beginning of this term – to visit every group in the region. If you live in one of these 5 groups, be on the lookout for more information regarding my schedule and when I will be coming to a city near you. (Yes, I know that sounds cliché. Go with it, okay?)

This year will be ending with two great parties for the members of our region.

The first is North Texas Mensa's 36th Feast of Pleasures and Delights, held November 24-27, 2016 at the Marriott Quorum in Dallas. The programs and tastings at NTM's annual event are always excellent, and this is a great way to escape the holiday chaos and spend some time with your fellow Ms. Get more information on NTM's website at <http://bit.ly/2bhRoUa>.

New Orleans Mensa's NORGY returns this year, held December 9-11, 2016 at the Hilton Garden Inn Convention Center in New Orleans. It has been a few years since NOM hosted an RG, and I'm very excited to see what this dynamic group comes up with. The entire American Mensa Committee will also be present at this RG, holding their quarterly meeting in conjunction with the event. You can find out more at <http://bit.ly/2bsVF4y>.

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, phone at 512-779-3945, or snail mail at 10518 Horseshoe Bend Dr, Houston, TX 77064.

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