



Heartland Mensa Region 7



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Hi Guys—

Here's a highlight of some upcoming items for the Board meeting September 6 in Grapevine (Dallas). If you want to see the complete agenda, with all the motions, you can access that on the website:

- Dues going to \$76 a year, effective January 1, 2015—and \$79 a year effective January 1, 2016.
- Increase the adult member discount from \$10 to \$25 for AG registrations. Under 18 get \$10.
- Approve a Local Group Revitalization Team pilot project. This would allow the team to be picked, a Local Group to be chosen, and a budget to be established.
- Approve Bylaws amendments for a general referendum vote in 2015. The specific changes (there are many) are on the website. Go to [READ>>BOARD MEETING REPORTS](#). Select the 2014-09-06 Grapevine, TX meeting. Changes are shown in red. This also where you can see the agenda.
- I encourage you to take a look at the information that is on the website.

I'd also like to make a few general statements regarding some recent events/subjects that some of you have expressed concern about:

- The people on the Board are aware of the concerns that are out there. There will be much discussion at the September 6 meeting.
- There is not an “I'm up here—you're down there” attitude that I have been able to discern. Sometimes, a situation dictates that being a responsible board member means that you need to suppress an urge to reply to someone, or express yourself. While it can mean that you invite criticisms that you can't immediately refute, it is the right thing to do.
- People who hold officer positions in Mensa (board or otherwise) are not doing it for Fame and Fortune, believe me.

On a personal note: My grand-daughter, Chloe, is almost 5 lbs. now, and was able to transfer to a “big girl's” bed a day ago. She's 13 weeks now, but that's 13 weeks on top of 22 weeks

gestation, so she's actually about a month away from being born yet. Hopefully, they'll be able to get her to a CPAP mask, and off the respirator, soon. If not, a tracheotomy would be indicated. It's still a roller coaster, and will be for a while, I'm sure, but we cherish her and look forward to her coming home.

Later,

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08/27/14 update on Chloe below, from Greg:

08/26/2014 - Sadly, Chloe is preparing for Heaven

By [Sean Johnson](#) — 18 hours ago

It is with a shattered heart that I make this post. Chloe is getting ready to go to Heaven. Monday we had a care conference with her team of doctors, nurses, etc. We learned Chloe is getting weaker. She has fought SO hard to live and her little body just can't do it much longer. Although she looks like a beautiful healthy little girl on the outside—on the inside she has always been very sick. Her weak lungs are slowly giving out. Sunday night she had to be bagged 3x—1 time lasting 10 minutes. The ultrasound shows significant damage from her brain bleed but her biggest issue now is her lungs. She is comfortable and critically stable. These are the last weeks of her life. She is surrounded by much much love. Sean and I thank you from the bottom of our hearts for all your support and we have 1 more thing to ask. Please pray for Chloe's last days to be comfortable and joyful and please pray for Sean, myself and our family as we love our daughter in her last days. No parent should have to ever go through this. I love my sweet sweet baby!

