

November 2012 "What's Up In Our Region" Peggy Pannke-Smith RVC7@us.mensa.org

THANKS-GIVING

This is the month to be thankful for all of our warm, friendly, hard-working Region 7 volunteers. A huge THANK YOU goes out to all of our EDITORS, the front-line in keeping our members informed and pumped up about the events in each local group. Take a minute to send your editor a note of thanks! Another giant THANK YOU to all of our ExComm members who keep the wheels running smoothly in each group. And finally THANK YOU to every one of our 206 volunteer officers in Region 7. YOU ARE MUCH APPRECIATED!!!

OFFICER RETREAT

Did you know that there is funding available for your group to hold a one-day ExComm Retreat? Yes, indeed. Invite members who may be interested in becoming a volunteer next year, polish up all those skills, take a (funded) lunch break and come out a sharper, more finely-tuned group. The *Retreat Planning Guide* is available on the Mensa website <u>us.mensa.org</u> under **READ**: **Handbooks**. All members welcome. Check it out and discuss at your next board meeting!

"GIFTED CHILDREN" redux!

The Board is having second thoughts after many of the Gifted Children Coordinators were upset about losing the "Gifted" title. The preference is **Gifted Youth Coordinator**, a fittingly descriptive title indeed.

WELCOME NEW OFFICERS

TERRY NELSON, Proctor-in-Training for Central Iowa Mensa BRIAN TINKER, Scholarship Chair, North Dakota Mensa WARREN WALKER, Region7 Scholarship Chair, Mid-America Mensa RYAN BETTCHER, SIGHT Coordinator, Boulder/Front Range Mensa BARRY BARAK, Local Membership Officer AND Testing Coordinator for High Mountain

WE HAVE A FACEBOOK PAGE!

Log onto your Facebook page and search for "Mensa Region 7" to share ideas, events, etc. or just click on http://www.facebook.com/groups/HeartlandMensaRegion7. We have 141 very interesting members and new members every week so far! We're sharing photos and more.

Please send your announcements and photos of Region 7 happenings to Mensa@pegmadsen.com

OUR REGION 7 WEBSITE IS AT:

http://www.region7.us.mensa.org/

I'd love to hear from you! Contact me RVC7@us.mensa.org.