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ANNUAL HOLIDAY PARTY

What better way to celebrate the winter holiday season than to join your fellow Tidewater Mensans for the gala holiday party, which will be the MG for December. The date will be Saturday the 16th, and the festivities will begin earlier this year, at 6:00pm instead of 7:30. This year the party will again be at the home of Steve Toth in Norfolk, and our hosts are going all-out and preparing a full-blown holiday feast! Happy hour with cocktails, beer and wine at 6, dinner at 7.

Our hosts will provide a complete buffet featuring appetizers, main course, side dishes, beverages and desserts. A generous selection of beers and wines will be offered, along with special holiday spirits. Of course, no event is complete without an abundance of chocolates! The full menu is posted elsewhere in this edition for your review. Oh, did I mention there is absolutely -No Charge-as in *Free* to all Mensans and their guest.

Unlike in previous years, this year attendees are discouraged from bringing a beverage, holiday special and/or a complimentary side dish, since the hosts will provide sufficient food and drink to satiate a veritable army of Mensans. And, there isn't that much counter space available!! The hosts will also provide basic beverages, disposable plates, ice, beverage containers and genuine plastic utensils.

After gorging yourself, at 8pm or so the real fun starts!! If you wish to participate in the gift 'exchange", bring an unsigned, wrapped gift of value less than \$10. Gifts will be chosen in order by lot, and the infamous (very cut-throat!) gift stealing will begin immediately upon the choice of the second gift. You have to see it to believe it!

New members and shy members are especially welcome. We promise not to embarrass or single you out. Come to the party, bring your significant other or friend, and enjoy the festivities of the season. Wear your favorite holiday finery or whatever feels appropriate to you, we want you to be comfortable and enjoy yourself. And you will!!!

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Steve Toth
Activities Director

EXCOMM Minutes

Smacking the Mensa gavel to the sounding block by Locsec Dave Gunderlach officially opened Tidewater Mensa's Excomm meeting held at Mama Rosa's in Hampton November 12th. Present were Dave Gunderlach Dawn Riales, Joe Turlo, Charles Thompson, Phoenix Mazilia and Robin, John Williams, Don Gregory, Crystal Gummo and Steve Toth.

The meeting was called to order then the September minutes were read and approved. The treasurer's report was presented, along with outstanding graphics. There was discussion of various investments and expenditures. A motion was presented to increase proctors fees to \$10, seconded, voted on, and approved. It was mentioned that Pam Donahoo has resigned as Mensa's executive director. There was a motion to make Phoenix our second data coordinator, seconded, voted on and approved.

We now have 267 members in our chapter. The calendar of events was updated, with upcoming, MG at Ron and Helen Lees house, and our holiday feast at Steve's place in December.

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