



M-Tides

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From the LocSec

To the Members of Tidewater Mensa,

As things continue to change around us rapidly and the world tries to adapt to the COVID-19 pandemic, every organization is trying to let its members know what scheduling changes to anticipate. To that end, the Tidewater Mensa ExComm has been considering what kind of actions we can take to best serve our membership.

Because of the various "states of emergency" and the varying time frames declared by the different government agencies, it has been decided to suspend for an indeterminate time those events which don't meet current health guidelines for social distancing, such as the Gourmand SIG and some Monthly Gatherings. Those upcoming events which do appear to conform with current social distancing guidelines—the Mensa Cares MG (outdoor event) and Culture Quest (depending on the number of participants)—will stay on the calendar unless/ until canceled by National or by updated social distancing guidelines. Since the planning for future events can take several weeks to months, from concept through publication and execution, future events will be reviewed carefully and scheduled/rescheduled on a case-by-case basis. The Regional Gathering planned for October 2020 currently remains on the calendar. The health and safety of participants is of paramount importance in any case.

Your ExComm will be meeting on a regular basis, electronically or otherwise, and any further changes or updates will be put out on the web site, by e-mail, and in your *M-Tides*.

Remember, wash your hands, practice safe sneezing/coughing, keep your distance and stay tuned. Things will change!

Ron Lee
LocSec

WRIGHT-STUFFED, WRONG TIME

Because of the COVID-19 pandemic and the need for social distancing, our planned trip by passenger van to the Wright Brothers Memorial on the Outer Banks this month has been cancelled. For those of you who sent in a deposit, you will have it refunded as soon as we are able to process it. We regret having to make this choice, but your safety is our paramount concern. Hopefully we can re-schedule this event for later in the year.

Steve Toth, Activities Director