

Now we come to one of the highlights of the year – our annual Gourmand SIG holiday celebration! We dress up a little bit for this event, or you may wear your red and green if you like. We're going to Saltine, located in the glitzy new Hilton hotel in Norfolk called The Main. (Saltine is featured in the November/December issue of Tidewater Traveler, the AAA members' magazine.) We will get together on **Tuesday, December 12th at 6:30 pm** in a private room of the restaurant, the Chef's Loft. The three-course menu will be prix fixe at \$45 per person. I am sure that you will enjoy the food and the atmosphere as we explore the fanciest new hotel in town. Please join us!

If it turns out you know you are going to attend this gathering, please make your reservation with Pat Yaros a week ahead of time, if possible. And if you find out at the last minute that you can come after all, please do so. Please see the Contact Information in the M-Tides. Directions are in the calendar.

HOLIDAY PARTY MENU

Sparkling waters

Premium wine assortment

Dark and regular premium beers

Special holiday liquors

Sodas and juices

Egg nog

Fresh fruit tray

Garden vegetable delight

Cheese and grape assortment

Roast beef, Virginia ham, turkey breast

Chicken salad on King's Hawaiian sweet rolls

Assorted premium sandwiches

Golden chicken tenders

White chocolate macadamia nut cookies

Assortment of premium chocolates

LocSec sez...

Dave Gunderlach, LocSec

Congratulations to Linda-Carol Adrienne, our newest Mensa test proctor! As I write this, she just completed her first test session as a fully-qualified proctor. Expanding our testing program is an important way to "grow" TM and, of course, proctors are key to that.

If you've ever thought of becoming a Mensa proctor, there's no better time than the present. Talk with Phoenix Malizia, our Testing Coordinator – testing@tidewater.us.mensa.org.

Congrats, also, to Sam Coole. She won the prize for best costume at our Halloween MG! She came as Rolanda Hooch, a Quidditch referee from the Harry Potter saga.

50 years! I was casually rummaging through some Mensa data the other day and I discovered that three of our local members have been Mensans for *more than 50 years!* In addition, seven other TM members have passed the 40-year membership mark!

As we head into the holiday season, be safe and stay close to family and friends.

Best,
Dave