

## From RVC2

My fellow Mensans,

Happy Eastertide, Passover, Vernal Equinox, Maryland Day, and/or anything else you choose to celebrate! And if you're in the "none of the above" category, I still hope you have a great set of days.

Many of you have asked about the job of Regional Vice Chair, what it takes to do it well, how much time is involved, if I enjoy it, etc. I'll start by saying I *love* this job. The job of the RVC is one of service and guidance, and it has been most gratifying being in service to you in accomplishing your goals. In a typical month I will attend 3-4 local Mensa activities, 1-2 that are outside of it, answer a few dozen e-mails from members, contribute to a dozen or so conversations among regional or national officers, take part in various national committee discussions, and assist the Mensa Foundation in some way. Four times per year we have in-person national AMC meetings, so that involves flights, hotels, and lots of Uber. In addition, there are typically one or two special AMC teleconferences, depending on the need. Region 2's ten local groups have five annual RGs, one biennial RG, many annual events (picnics, holiday parties, election parties, etc.); I do my best to attend each of these. So between assisting ten local groups with prompt answers to their questions, assigning regional tasks, interfacing with other RVCs, national officers, and the national staff, attending local, regional, and national events, and volunteering with the Mensa Foundation, there's not a whole lot of time left in a typical day. *But*, the work is great! The satisfaction I feel in helping you, and in helping American Mensa itself to achieve its lofty goals, is well worth the sacrifice of time and money. Oh yes, that's the other part. American Mensa reimburses RVCs a limited amount for regional activities. With my traveling to see all of you as often as I do, that money ran out back in January; however, you keep holding great events and inviting me to them! So just as I did prior to being elected, I'm traveling on my own dime to assist and celebrate with you. There's much more to being RVC, including needing to be an expert in all local and national rules and being a diplomat at all functions, but that would take up far too much room in this newsletter. Suffice it to say, being RVC is a huge commitment of time, funds, and energy. And for me at least, it is worth every bit of it.

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