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## Hello Region 6!

-by Dan Wilterding, RVC Region 6

Tidbits -

- The Mensa International Board of Directors has awarded the 60th Anniversary Celebration to American Mensa, to be held during August of 2006 at the AG in Orlando, Florida.

- Candidates (so far) for RVC6 are Ray O'Connor and myself. The Nominating Committee is no longer accepting nominations but still available is nomination by petition; interested parties should keep an eye on the national web site for details.

- Voting for Scholarships -- It's easy, it can be fun, it can help YOUR local group. Ask your LocSec or Editor how.

- The LDW in Tulsa is fast approaching (Nov. 8-10), have you made arrangements to be there? Mention Mensa

when calling the hotel and you might still be able to get the \$50 rate. Contact info listed below.

- The Feast of Pleasures and Delights 2002 (Thanksgiving Weekend) -- I'll be there, will you?

Comments, anyone?

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## A Word to the Wise

-by John Neemidge, President

### Get Out (The Vote)

It's election time again in Lonestar Mensa -- time to pick next year's group officers. An enormous amount has changed in this group since I first joined the ExComm in 1996. We're much, much better off financially, related first to changes in newsletter production and mailing and second to LonestarRG's success. We're much more active -- witness the great turnout we're getting at TGIT, the popularity of the RG, increased participation in the newsletter, and interest in the Holiday Party. We have more officer positions filled now than almost anytime else in the recent past, with more people participating in doing the things that LSM does. Members of past ExComm's over these years are in large part responsible for the changes in the group. Next year's ExComm will be charged with building on the success we've had and planning the group's future. With more participation and greater resources, we're starting to consider issues of how to best use these new resources to serve our members -- active and inactive alike. Even when there's only one person running for an office, it's helpful for those elected to know they have the confidence of our members in taking the group forward, so please do vote.

In addition to getting out the vote, there are plenty of things to get out to yourself. Helen Siders and others are planning a picnic for this month -- hopefully we'll have good fall weather for it. Geri and I are hosting a movie night, Kelly Wagner and Steve Harsch are hosting Games Night (on the fifth Saturday, this month, due to Thanksgiving), and of course we have our Monthly Meeting, TGIT, and other regular events. We hope you can make it to all of them! Also, over Thanksgiving Weekend, Dallas is again hosting their RG. Ray O'Connor, hospitality chair for LonestarRGs II-IV and the past few Houston SynRGs, is chairing the Dallas RG. He promises a good time for all, and Ray always delivers.

One thing we'd particularly like to see many members attend is our Holiday Party. This year it's on Sunday, December 15th, so save that date! We're holding it at Zilker Clubhouse again this year (as we did in 2000). The Zilker Clubhouse is a wonderful location, with a great view of the river and downtown, two fireplaces, and plenty of room for mingling and enjoying ourselves. We'll have a white elephant gift exchange again this year -- it's been great fun the past two years. We're also hoping to get a group of musicians together. We'll be serving appetizers

and sweets, cider, eggnog, soda, etc. I hope everyone can come out and celebrate the holidays with your fellow Lonestar Mensans!

## Four Hardy Campers Brave The Rain

-by Helen Siders

On October 18 and 19, four Mensans read the weather forecasts and went camping anyway at Lake Belton near Killeen, Texas. Oh yes, it rained. It was hard to find a dry place to sit. There are reports of enjoying the sounds of rain on the tent. There was good food to eat. There was good company. It was an exceptional day.

In the spring, we may try to camp again at Lake Belton, on a, we hope, sunny weekend.



## Happy Birthday

- 11/1 Misty D Blagg  
Mr Michael Kenneth Makuch  
Ms Frances Miles Rush
- 11/2 Mr William Gerald Baker  
Mr Gerald Lee Schappe
- 11/3 Jason Christensen  
Todd Darby
- 11/4 Jeffrey David Johannigman
- 11/8 Susan Marie Shaffer RN
- 11/10 Joseph Kalapach
- 11/11 Karen Evans Collier
- 11/14 Timothy Edward Carpenter  
Sharon McGuire Gordon
- 11/15 Blake E Birkenfeld  
Dr Jay David Jamieson  
Dr Douglas Perret Starr PHD APR
- 11/16 Darcy Caplan  
Thomas Truskett
- 11/17 Paul R Albers  
Peter Anthony Crossley  
Valerie W Nogues
- 11/21 Bradford D Baucom  
Barbara Horan  
Tristan Meredith Waitt
- 11/24 Miss M Clara Touchet
- 11/29 Sachi Gahan  
Catherine Ann LaFave
- 11/30 Mr B Holland Timmins III



## Howdy To

-Submitted by Geri Neemidge, Membership Chair

◆ **Blake Birkenfeld** -- Blake is a single, 18 year old college student at Texas A&M University majoring in computer science. He enjoys playing all sports, working with computers, & reading. Blake decided to join Mensa because it sounded like a good way to meet some new people.

◆ **Ami Feller** -- Ami is a shift supervisor for Airborne Express. She is planning to study for her MBA and would like to get into Harvard. She enjoys running, playing cards, snow skiing, beer drinking, and hanging out with her family, friends and boyfriend. She hopes Mensa membership may help with her Harvard application and the other reason she joined is because she could!

◆ **David Green** -- David has been a Mensa member for over 28 years and has taken part in 6 or 7 local groups as he has moved about the country. He is a recently retired sales engineer whose wife will be looking for work in the HR area - hopefully as a benefits manager. David has a BA from Columbia in physics. He has grown children and his hobbies include piano playing and cooking.

◆ **Henry Kubicek** -- Henry is a degreed Industrial Engineer from Texas Tech who has worked many years for 3M in Brownwood, Texas. His wife Tina is a self employed consultant and holds a Ph.D. from U.T. in Adult Education and Human Resources. Henry moved to Austin last year after downsizing and restructuring at 3M affected his job in Brownood. The Kubiceks have one son, Henry, who lives in Conroe; he is married and has three daughters. Henry also has a stepson, Chris Morse, who lives in Austin. Henry has two great dogs, Bichon's - Cassidy & Toro. He has numerous hobbies, but mainly antiques. Tina and Henry have "Tina's Treasures" in the Antique Mall of Texas in Round Rock. Henry joined Mensa because he believes it is a great organization to meet interesting people.

◆ **Betty Marshall** -- Betty has just rejoined Mensa after a lapse of several years; she originally joined the Fort Worth chapter in the mid-80s. She is a lawyer, specifically an Assistant State Prosecuting Attorney for the Office of the State Prosecuting Attorney. Betty works on criminal cases being appealed to the top criminal court, the Court of Criminal Appeals. She is a widow and has two grown children, a son who does something he thinks is fascinating with computers for an investment firm, Moody's, in San Francisco, and a daughter who is married

and a second-year law student at Yale. Betty's hobbies are traveling, reading (murder mysteries and English history), music (jazz and blues), Texas archeology, and UT football and baseball games.

◆ **Kristin Richardson** -- Kristin is a single college student at the University of Mary Hardin-Baylor in Belton. She is a Mass Communication/Journalism major who works as the editor of the school newspaper, as a personal assistant/public relations agent to a medical missionary, and occasionally as a DJ at a local station. Kristin has two cocker spaniels, Kadi and Kramer. She enjoys all kinds of sports, especially kickboxing, reading, writing, singing, dancing, theater - all kinds of things. She decided to join Mensa because it is considered an honor to be able to join.



## November Monthly Meeting

**Please note that due to the Veterans Day holiday, our monthly meeting will be held Monday, November 4.**

November's speaker will be Beth Carpenter, N.D. Ms. Carpenter is a spiritual healer, Reiki master, and naturopathic practitioner. She will speak on the topic of past life regression or reincarnation. The belief in past lives is a central doctrine in Hinduism and Buddhism, and was also part of the Celtic, Druidic and early Christian beliefs.

During our meeting, Ms. Carpenter will invite our members to explore whether they have lived before, and she will talk to us about taking the steps necessary to find out.

Beth Carpenter is the author of *Strength of the Spirit*. She has a degree in Legal Administration and a Doctorate in Naturopathy. She is also an internationally known speaker and intuitive counselor. Ms. Carpenter has performed psychic investigation for corporations and has appeared on numerous radio talk shows. After her own successful ten-year battle with cancer, she decided to leave a career in the legal field and pursue her work as a healer. For more than 19 years, Ms. Carpenter has counseled people on how to improve their quality of life by making healthier decisions and taking a more complete approach to healing. She uses her intuitive abilities and spiritual healing powers to help people find purpose in their lives and to help them find answers to life's questions.

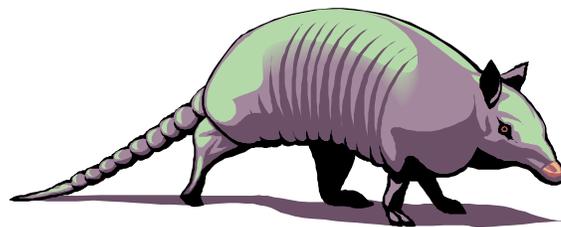
Come to the meeting prepared to explore your own questions about past lives as well as current spiritual questions and issues.

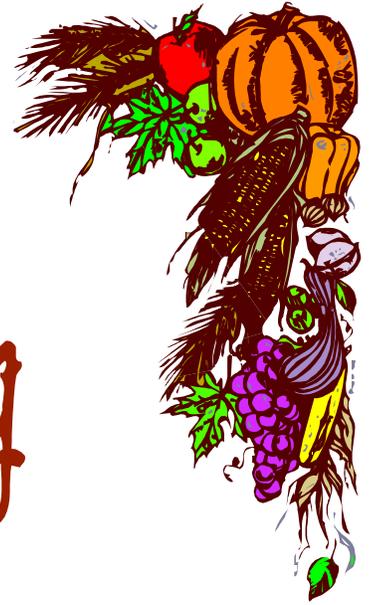
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**Instructions:**

1. Check the box next to the name of the person for whom you wish to vote.
2. Do not write your name anywhere on the ballot.
3. Fold the ballot so that this page is on the inside.
4. Enclose the ballot in an envelope marked with your name, return address, and Mensa Membership Number.
5. Mail the envelope containing the ballot to:  
 LSM Election Committee  
 c/o Rachael Stewart  
 506 Canion Street  
 Austin, TX 78752
6. In order to be considered, the ballots must be received by 15 November, 2002.
7. Ballots received after the deadline, without a membership number on the outer envelope, with your name written on the ballot, or folded ballot side out will be disqualified.

Office	Candidate	
President .....	John Neemidge .....	<input type="checkbox"/>
Vice President .....	Margaret Wofford .....	<input type="checkbox"/>
Treasurer .....	Midge Kocen .....	<input type="checkbox"/>
Member-At-Large (One of Three) .....	Helen Siders .....	<input type="checkbox"/>
Member-At-Large (Two of Three) .....	Janet Kres .....	<input type="checkbox"/>
Member-At-Large (Three of Three) .....	Mark Kres .....	<input type="checkbox"/>





Happy Thanksgiving



## What's Happening in November

### Thank Goodness It's Thursday

#### Central Market Café

Every Thursday

6:00-8:00pm

4001 N. Lamar Blvd., Austin

(512) 206-1020

Meet us in the Café after work for fun, conversation & food. Prospective members welcome. Central Market Café is located in the Central Park shopping center on the east side of Lamar Blvd between 38<sup>th</sup> and 41<sup>st</sup> Streets. Central Market is the anchor store. Central Market Café is adjacent to Central Market on the south side. We meet upstairs.

### ExComm Meeting

TBA

Contact John Neemidge at (512) 310-7863 for meeting date and location and to get an item on the agenda. All members welcome.

### Monthly Meeting

Monday, November 4

Dinner - Souper Salad

5:30pm

6700 Middle Fiskville Rd., Austin

Meeting - Austin Public Library

University Hills Branch

6:45pm

4721 Loyola Lane, Austin

Take 183 to Manor Rd. exit; go west on Manor Road past the HEB; turn left at the next light, which is Loyola. The library is on the right, less than one block up Loyola.

### Fall Picnic

Saturday, November 9

4:00pm

Helen Siders (512) 799-6985 helensiders@aol.com

Northwest Park, Austin (North Central)

This picnic will be similar to those we enjoyed April 20 & May 18, which means we will have a lot of fun. Bring potluck food to share with everyone. Bring uncooked meat for your own family & grill it at the park. Pets on a leash are welcome. Bring significant others & bring kids.

Misty has developed a website with information about the picnic. Please access <http://b-b-fam.home.texas.net/LSMPicnic/> to register for the picnic, enter what potluck food you can bring and see who else is coming. Questions check the above website or e-mail helensiders@aol.com.

### Movie Night

Saturday, November 16

7:00pm

The Neemidge's

1801 Messick Pl., Round Rock (512) 310-7863

We have no theme this month. Bring a favorite movie or one you've been wanting to see on DVD or VHS.

From Mopac/1325: Follow 1325 to the intersection with Wells Branch Parkway/Howard. Turn onto Howard. Follow it 2.5 miles to McNeil-Round Rock Rd (follow the signs pointing to McNeil Post Office). Follow McNeil-Round Rock past the Austin White Lime plant. Eventually a wooden fence will appear on your left. Take the first left, which will be Messick Loop West. The third left on Messick Loop West is Messick Place.

### Waco Area Mensa Get-Together

Wednesday, November 20

7:00pm

### Barnes & Noble Café

4909 W. Waco Dr., Waco

Prospective members welcome. RSVP to Jerry Lenamon, (254) 399-9450.

### Fold & Sticker

Thursday, November 21

(at TGIT)

Help us assemble the newsletter! See Thank Goodness It's Thursday for directions.

### Potluck SIG & Games Night

Saturday, November 30

6:00pm

Kelly Wagner & Steve Harsch's Home

1001 E. Riverside, Austin

(512) 443-9650

Theme: Gouradian Nut. Tie off the season with pumpkin, squash, melon, & cucumber! Throw in cashews, pecans, walnuts & brazils! Please call ahead to let us know what you'll bring so we don't have duplicates.

Directions from Riverside Dr between IH35 & Congress Ave: the house is on the SE corner of the intersection of Travis Heights Blvd & Riverside Dr. There is a traffic light at the intersection. Park on Travis Heights & enter the house at the back door. Do not attempt to park on Riverside Dr.



## Coming in December

### Sign Up Now for the Lonestar Mensa Holiday Party

Send in your reservations now for the LSM Holiday Party! This year's party will be held at the Zilker Clubhouse (the same location as in 2000) on Sunday December 15 at 4:30pm. The Clubhouse is west of Zilker Park in the hills. It has a panoramic view of downtown Austin and two beautiful fireplaces.

There will be a \$6.00 admission charge (if you pay in advance) and a \$7.50 charge at the door. The group will be providing finger foods and desserts, cider, eggnog, and soft drinks. You should BYOB. To sign up in advance, send a check to our treasurer, Midge Kocen, 7131 Wood Hollow Drive Apt. 106, Austin, TX, 78731-2502. It will greatly help in our planning if you sign up early, as it helps us estimate how many people will attend and therefore how much food we should purchase.

We'd appreciate volunteers to help set up decorations for the party and to help with food preparation during the party. Please contact John Neemidge to volunteer. In addition, Kelly Wagner is coordinating a group of member musicians to play holiday music during the party -- if you're a musician, please contact Kelly and join the group.

We hope to see you at this special Holiday Party!

# November

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3	4 Monthly Meeting	5 Election Day	6	7 TGIT	8	9 Fall Picnic
10	11 Veteran's Day	12	13	14 TGIT	15 <i>Dillo Deadline</i>	16 Movie Night
17	18	19	20 Waco Area Mensa	21 TGIT <i>Fold &amp; Staple</i>	22	23
24	25	26	27	28 Thanksgiving Dallas RG	29 Dallas RG	30 Games Night

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