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## **A Word to the Wise**

*-by John Neemidge, President*

### **Hot, Hot, Hot**

Summer's finally here; a mixed blessing in Central Texas, with nearly unrelenting heat and storms competing with longer days and summer fun. Things are also hot in Lonestar Mensa, with our semi-annual financial statements in this issue, the fall's elections on the way, things getting busy with preparation for LonestarRG V, and plenty of things to do and see and help out with.

As you can see from the financial statement in this issue, Lonestar Mensa is in great shape financially. I don't have records from many years, but taking a guess, we're likely in our best shape ever; certainly we're in our best shape since Geri and I moved here in 1996. We have plenty of money in the bank to cover us through bigger events, bigger risks, and let us provide more to our members. Our newsletter is well run both editorially (thanks, Rachael!) and on the production front, with printing and mailing coming in well under the amount National provides us for newsletter operations. The RG is a consistent fund-raiser, allowing us to continue our scholarship program, give back to our members via party subsidies and clubhouse rental for the Holiday Party, and build reserves towards future activities. With continued fiscal responsibility, Lonestar Mensa is in good shape for the future.

The people who'll take Lonestar Mensa into the future will be next year's ExComm. Elections are held in November, with candidates announced in October. This means they need to be identified in September by a Nominating Committee appointed in August. That means there's not as much time as you'd think to start getting a NomCom and a list of candidates. If you're interested in either helping on the NomCom or being a candidate, please let me know. Based on current membership numbers, I'd expect we'll have a 7-member ExComm next year, with our current President and Treasurer both at the end of their allowed terms. I imagine some members will run again – for their current positions or other ones – but new faces are definitely welcome and likely needed.

Before elections, though, we have LonestarRG V. For those of you who don't know, LonestarRG is Lonestar Mensa's annual Regional Gathering. RG's are Mensa conventions, combining speakers, games, contests, hospitality (non-stop food and drink), a dance, entertainment, and lots more. As I've written here many

times before, RG's are my favorite part of Mensa – the combination of events and Mensan company is unique and wonderful. Please take a look at the ad in this newsletter, and at the website (<http://www.lsm.us.mensa.org/lonestarg.htm>), and consider joining us over Labor Day weekend. I can say with confidence that you'll have a great time – feedback from the past four years makes that clear. There are still opportunities to help out, too, in a number of ways – from volunteering at LonestarRG itself, to helping before the RG with shopping, donations, and so forth, to volunteering to host a game or workshop. We'll likely even have a Mensan Soapbox event again this year for RG attendees to sign up for a chance to speak. There's a printable registration form available online; you can also register via an online form and PayPal, if you'd like to use a credit card. Sign up soon and save!

We have our usual slate of activities this month – see the calendar at the end of this newsletter for more information. I hope I'll see you at some of them. We always need more activities – if you're interested in hosting anything at all, please let me know – we'll be more than happy to help with planning, advertising, etc. We're also still looking for a 20's-30's group coordinator or coordinators, people to help out with Monthly Meeting programs, test proctors, and many other volunteer positions. One position we particularly need is that of Scholarship Chair. Scholarship Chair is responsible for contacting schools throughout the area and making them aware of our scholarship program, helping them with any questions, collecting scholarship essays as they come in, and holding a scholarship essay judging session. Our previous Scholarship Chairs have enjoyed the position quite a bit. If you'd like to help, please contact me and let me know!





- 1 Mr John Charles Foshee
- 2 Horace G Flinn
- 6 Arval W Bohn
- Margaret Istre Peloquin
- 8 Allen Pooley
- 11 Daniel Mohan
- Mr Albert W Neff III
- 13 Mr George H Fogarty
- 15 Ms Carolyn Elizabeth Blake
- Mckenzie Morse
- 16 Sharon Leal
- Jerry M Spence
- 19 Mr Alan Gerard Crudden
- Sophia L Moss
- 20 Mr Calvin C Burgin
- Alex Ortiz
- 23 Richard Mark Barnett
- Kathleen Atlee Theilig
- 26 Michael F Volpe III CPT
- 27 Jon Gregory Kurylowicz
- Mr Joseph A McMillen
- 28 Ms Mary Kathryn Montgomery
- Wendell Leon Weatherford
- 29 Reid L Allen
- 30 Mrs Barbara McLaughlin Rodriguez



## Howdy To!

*-submitted by Geri Neemidge, Membership Chair*

### \* Mckenzie Morse \*

Mckenzie is a 25 year old graduate student and distance runner. She grew up in Minnesota, hating the coldness of the winters, so she headed south to Grinnell College in central Iowa. She received a B.A. in anthropology and linguistics in 1998, then spent several years working as an archaeologist in Pennsylvania and California. Mckenzie has finally settled about as far south as the United States gets, as she is studying for her PhD in anthropology at Texas A&M.

Mckenzie's specialty is archaeological palynology, which is the study of fossil pollen from archaeological sites. Pollen helps archaeologists understand what past environments were like, which plants people ate, which crops were grown, etc. When she's not studying or peering through a microscope, she is a competitive distance runner and gym rat. Mckenzie also likes crossword puzzles, reading, and sewing, and has recently become addicted to Yahoo Mah Jong Solitaire. She is single, and wants to stay that way. She does not have any kids. Mckenzie would like to have a real pet someday, but right now just has some fruit flies.

Mckenzie joined Mensa for three reasons. She admits to vanity and views Mensa membership as a subtle merit badge for many years of deep thoughts and good grades. The other reason Mckenzie joined is because she values the companionship of intelligent people.

### \* Colin Ashburn \*

Colin is married (wife Nancy). They have three beautiful girls (Daniella- 3 years, Andrea - 19 months, and Natalya - born on May 5th). Colin and Nancy moved from the Rio Grande Valley to San Marcos in 2001. He served as public information officer, crime stoppers coordinator, grants administrator, and technology supervisor for a law enforcement agency. In March 2001, Colin joined the Institute for Criminal Justice Studies as the Texas Crime Stoppers coordinator. Colin is a certified Texas Commission on Law Enforcement Officer Standards and Education instructor and firearms instructor and holds an advanced peace officer license. He holds a bachelor of science in criminal justice and a master's in public administration. He plans to begin doctoral study this fall at Southwest Texas State University.

## National Election Results

*-submitted by Linda Kelso, Chairman, American Mensa Election Committee*

Election.com has reported the results of their counting of the votes in the contested races and on the proposed Bylaws amendments.

### Second Vice Chairman

Candidate	1st Round	2nd Round	Total
Don Taylo	802	331	1133
Ike Kullman	771	(771)	0
Dan Burg	1299	373	1672

Dan Burg is elected Second Vice Chairman.

### RVC 1

Betsy Burke	173
Marghretta McBean	183

Marghretta McBean is elected RVC 1.

### RVC 3

Rick Magnus	195
Charles Bruce	203

Charles Bruce is elected RVC 3

### RVC 4

Cynthia Kuyper	182
Paul Jensen	154

Cynthia Kuyper is elected RVC 4.

### RVC 6

Ray O'Connor	122
Dan Wilterding	170

Dan Wilterding is elected RVC 6.

### RVC 7

Tony Jackowski	102
Kevin Myles	83

Tony Jackowski is elected RVC 7

### RVC 8

Scott Rainey	202
Michael Eager	160

Scott Rainey is elected RVC 8.

### RVC 9

Pat Coontz	181
Carol Young	143

Pat Coontz is elected RVC 9.

## Proposed Bylaws Referenda

For	Against	Unexercised Votes	
No. 1	2457	330	269
No. 2	2564	222	271
No. 3	2515	276	266
No. 4	2467	313	277
No. 5	2403	375	279
No. 6	1675	1093	288

Please be aware that a proposed bylaws amendment must receive 2/3 of the votes cast to pass. No. 6 did not receive the required 2/3 of the votes, therefore it fails. (See Article XII, Paragraph 1 of the Bylaws.)

Congratulations to all the candidates for your willingness to work hard for Mensa, and thanks in advance to all of you who have been elected for the hard work you will be doing for Mensa during the next two years.



## June ExComm Meeting Minutes

*-submitted by Geri Neemidge, Membership Chair*

June 14, 2003

Attending: John Neemidge, President; Geri Neemidge, Membership Chair; Midge Kocen, Treasurer, and Helen Siders, Member at Large.

John convened the meeting at 10:45 am.

Midge presented the budget and current financial reports. Helen moved that the ExCom approve the budget, John seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Geri reported that drawing for the Zilker Clubhouse has taken place. We received our second choice date which is Sunday December 7. Midge has sent the Parks Department a check for \$500 to reserve our space; \$300 for the rental fee and a \$200 deposit.

Geri reported that the Chicago Mensa group estimates that one third of their pre-RG registrations used PayPal last year. Midge reported that the Capital Macintosh group uses PayPal. She is very familiar with it, she believes it works very well and is in favor of setting it up for Lonestar Mensa. Midge gave Geri the bank account and routing numbers so Geri can set up the PayPal account.

John adjourned the meeting at 11 am.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Geri Neemidge  
Membership Officer

## **SynRG: As Seen by Danny South**

*-by Danny South*

Hello, people. I'm brand new here, having just joined a couple of months ago. I've been having a great time in Mensa, with the weekly meetings and programs and such, but none has been so satisfying as the RG I attended in Houston over Memorial Day weekend. It was my first one, so I didn't know what to expect. Due to work I arrived a little late and missed some of the earliest events on Friday evening, but the hospitality and games rooms were alive so I didn't worry about it. After settling in my room on the 14th floor, I headed down to the 2nd and found the beer – excuse me, I mean hospitality room full of people and stuffed with food. I grabbed some snacks and made my way out into the hallway so I could have a little room. After finishing those off with a bowl of chili, I stumbled (at this point in the evening I don't think my stumbling was too exaggerated) upon the Mecca I had heard enticing rumors of, a healing, refreshing oasis in a desert of boredom, the place where I spent approximately 99.9% of the next three days: the games room. Never had my eyes seen such wonders, such beauty, and such liveliness in one room (cue angelic singing). This was games night blown way out of proportion. I don't quite remember the specifics, but I was there playing games I'd never heard of before until 3:30 in the morn' when it was finally time to pass out. It was a blast and a half. I don't know if all the games that were entered in MindGames this year were there, but for sure the five winners were. Who cares, they had everything.

Saturday morning, after several Tartarean hours of hurting from my libation-induced partial paralysis and migraine, I headed back down, very slowly, to the gift shop to score some Tylenol. Ahhhh, sweet, sweet relief. Actually it only helped a little, but I didn't have time to wallow in my painful misery, or die, because there were games to be played. I got a roll and some fruit for breakfast and finally registered myself, receiving my nametag, coffee mug, and "info packet" just in time to beat the 12:30 rush of Mensans wanting in the games room. I spent all day there and half the night, except for food runs and helping John set up the ballroom housing the movie trivia contest. It was a lot of fun. There were people of all ages, except mine (early 20s), playing all kinds of games, and there was always a jigsaw puzzle going, which I often helped on when I needed a break from mercilessly crushing my opponents. Puzzles were more amenable to conversation with the many interesting and rarefied individuals I met there, and I'm glad I got to speak to so many of them. Unfortunately, I had to tap out at about 4 a.m., which was disappointing

because a couple of guys twice my age stayed up two hours longer, but you know how it is, you win some you lose some.

After waking up Sunday in much less pain and overcoming the opprobrium of going to bed "early" the night before, I spent roughly a tenth of a second thinking about attending a lecture before my natural defenses kicked in and I made it back down for yet more games. Just so we're clear on this, I have nothing against lectures or lecturers or the subject matter of their speeches, which at SynRG was the environment. I honestly wish I had attended a few. But this was my first RG, and there were just too many other things for me to do (games). I heard about some of the presentations from others, which is almost like being there. I'll go next time.

Turns out lectures aren't the only thing I missed. There was a talent show, a costume contest, a dance, a Triple tournament, a homebrewed beer tasting (I'm not too sore about this; I later tried a ginger beer that was barely suitable for consumption), and casino night, where you could wager your fake Mensa bucks. But that's okay; I still had fun playing games, and that's the whole point.

Monday morning held the awards banquet, the auction (why else would you need fake Mensa buck winnings from a casino), and the most expensive breakfast ever (I thought it was included in the registration fee). At the awards show, I took home the Oscar for best kisser, a talent for which I'm sure many of you know me by reputation alone, but failed to nab the esteemed and oft contentious best behaved drunk award. I passed on the live auction, having only the five million given to me at registration, and stuffed all my bills into the silent auction bag for a New Mexico license plate that said "MENSA". I knew I wanted this gaudy, obnoxious gewgaw the second I laid eyes on it. Unfortunately for me, the silent auction worked more like a raffle, and a young teenage girl years away from car ownership (or car drivership for that matter) won it instead. Oh well.

All in all it was a great time. I can't wait for the Austin RG. I hope to see some of you younger Mensans there. I know a lot of you get discouraged because there's no one your age at the events, but I'm in the same boat (just turned 23), and I enjoy it immensely. I think it's important to realize that you only get out of something what you put in to it, and that is especially true with Mensa. Make an effort, get your friends to join, start coming to TGIT (I've only missed one since I joined in March) and I think you'll find ways to enjoy yourself, no matter what everyone's age is.

## Corner(Ed)!

-by Rachael Stewart, Editor

What do you call 80 some-odd pounds of insecure puppy? I call it Ghengis. I spent the night hanging off the edge of a queen-size bed while said beastie “snuggled” with its people. Nor has he willingly let either Walter or me out of his sight since then.



How did I come to be in such dire straits? Funny you should ask. Walter and I left him with my parents almost all day long. (Granted, Ghengis likes my parents, but they just aren't Walter.) Before you commit me to the kennel, however, I submit that there were mitigating circumstances. We completed 99% of the “move-stuff-from-the-old-residence-to-the-new-one” process yesterday. It looks just like home. Half unpacked boxes everywhere, stuff spilling off the counters, and barely navigable passages from points A to B.

Yes, you heard me correctly. We have moved in! It only took 11 months from the day I signed the contract. Walter did a truly impressive total gut & rebuild job. I cleaned

up in his wake; and an exacting and exhausting task that is. Now we just have to:

- 1) haul everything out of the boxes,
- 2) find a place to put each item,
- 3) clean up the mess created during the unpacking and sorting process,
- 4) finish the rebuild tasks we haven't gotten to as yet, and
- 5) reacquaint ourselves with all those books that have been in boxes for over a year.

Not that those tasks will get done before mid-July. We're off to the frozen north next week for a wild combination of sight-seeing, future in-law visiting, super-sized used bookstore raiding, and non-stop AG partying. Here's an early “Hi!” to everyone headed in the same direction, and a “We'll miss you.” to the stay at homes.

By the way, I foresee a housewarming party to which y'all'll be invited, probably in August. ¡Hasta agosto!



# LonestaRG

## LonestaRG V: Five Year Reunion

Aug. 29-31, Sep. 1, 2003

Austin, TX

- Your favorite speakers from past years
- Speakers on reading, writing, and 'rithmetic
- Prom
- Abundant hospitality, with meals, fresh-baked bread, veggies, snacks, soda, beer, wine, and more
- Late-night pool & hot tub
- Discussion room
- Games and contests
- Scholarship raffle
- Goodies and Prizes
- And much more!

A class act! We're bringing back favorite speakers from past LonestaRGs, and adding new speakers on all kinds of educational topics. Presentations on reading, writing, 'rithmetic, and other matters educational, and more — lots of high school hijinx to keep you busy. Relive your Prom memories — or finally attend the Prom you missed. Hospitality will be full-service as always — cafeteria food was never like this! Bring the whole family! Registration is only \$50 until July 14th (children 7-14 half price, 6 and under are free). Send registrations to Janet & Mark Kres, POB 80635, Austin, TX 78708-0635; make checks payable to “Lonestar Mensa RG”. For more information, including pictures from previous LonestaRG's, a printable registration form, and more see the web page at <http://www.lsm.us.mensa.org/lonestarg.htm>, or contact John Neemidge at 512-310-7863.

# Lone Star Mensa Semi-Annual Balance and Income Statements

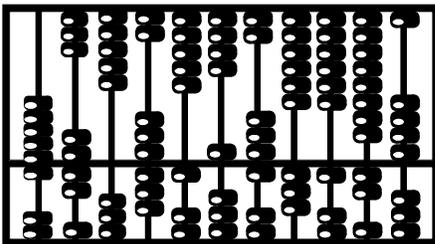
-prepared and submitted by Midge Kocen, Treasurer

## Lone Star Mensa Balance Sheet 6/13/03

Accounts	Balance
<b>Assets</b>	
<b>Cash and Bank Accounts</b>	
Bank of America	0.00
CD	10,000.00
Guaranty Bank	<u>2,684.90</u>
<b>Total Cash and Bank Accounts</b>	<b>\$12,684.90</b>
<b>Other Assets</b>	
Accounts Receivable	286.85
Prepaid Expenses	200.10
Scholarship Fund	<u>-400.00</u>
<b>Total Other Assets</b>	<u>\$86.95</u>
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b><u>\$12,771.85</u></b>
<b>Liabilities &amp; Equity</b>	
<b>Liabilities</b>	
<b>Other Liabilities</b>	
AP & Def Revenues	0.00
<b>Total Other Liabilities</b>	<u>0.00</u>
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<u>0.00</u>
<b>Equity</b>	<u>\$12,771.85</u>
<b>Total Liabilities &amp; Equity</b>	<b><u>\$12,771.85</u></b>

## LoneStar Mensa Income Statement Jan-June 2003

Income/Expenses	
Income	
<b>National Support:</b>	
Newsletters Received	50.70
Subsidy	1,589.89
Tests Admin	<u>175.00</u>
<b>Total National Support</b>	<b>1,815.59</b>
RG Income	<u>335.00</u>
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$2,150.59</b>
<b>Expenses</b>	
<b>Newsletter:</b>	
Printing	983.80
Postage	272.67
Other	<u>44.01</u>
<b>Total Newsletter</b>	<b>\$1,300.48</b>
<b>Parties:</b>	
Food:	63.99
Other	<u>330.00</u>
<b>Total Parties</b>	<b>\$393.99</b>
Supplies	<u>10.82</u>
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b><u>\$1,705.29</u></b>
<b>Total Income/Expenses</b>	<b><u>\$445.30</u></b>



## Walter's World

-by Walter Stewart

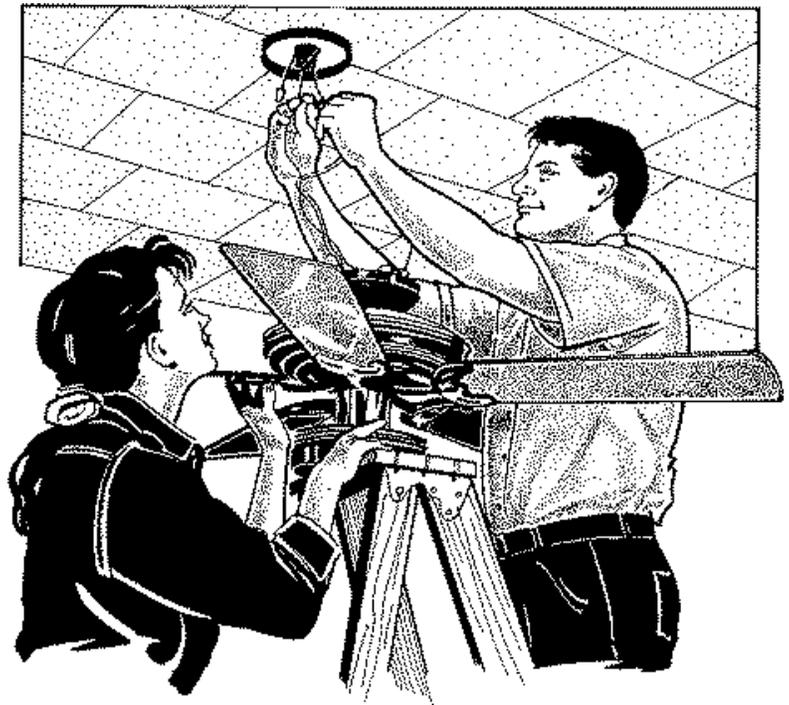
With the onset of summer's heat, many people try to get some relief through the installation of ceiling fans. So, I've decided to make them this month's topic. Installing a ceiling fan is fairly simple and requires a pair of pliers, a phillips screwdriver, and a flathead screwdriver. Typical time to assemble and install a fan is one hour (two if the fan mount needs to be upgraded).

When choosing a ceiling fan, you should first measure the room you are going to install it in. A good rule of thumb is that the fan's diameter should not exceed 1/4 to 1/3 of the room's smallest room dimension. For a 10'x12' room a 36" fan would be perfect, 42" a bit large, and 52" absurdly oversized. The second consideration is the room's ceiling height. If you have the typical 8' ceilings, a flush mount is required – especially if you get one with lights underneath it. Conversely, with a 12' ceiling, you will probably want an 18" rod to bring the fan down into the room a bit.

One of the first things you will notice with a ceiling fan is that they are available in a bewildering variety of styles. The one most important thing to consider is the blade count. Generally speaking, the more blades the better (and more expensive) the fan. Six bladed fans will move 50% more air at the same RPM as their four blade counterparts. So, they usually run at a lower RPM, use less electricity, and most importantly are less prone to imbalance (they wobble less).

Wobble is a very bad thing for ceiling fans. It tends to degrade bearing and motor life, leading to premature failure. It causes the filaments in the lightbulbs to vibrate, significantly lowering the life of conventional bulbs. You can buy special vibration-resistant fan bulbs, but they tend to cost two to three times more so most people don't. The main reason for the imbalance is that the blades are slightly different weights or are not all screwed in tightly. The more blades on a fan, the more likely it is that the remaining blades will cancel out these differences.

When you remove your existing fixture, examine the connection box in the ceiling carefully. Make sure that it is very securely attached to the joists. If it can be moved around in the ceiling by pushing on it, it is NOT secure. If it is not secure, vibration over the course of time WILL cause it to fall. This can have some rather spectacular



results, especially if it is running on high and you are sleeping under it!

Several methods exist for fixing loose electrical boxes. One is to go into the attic (if you can) and securing a 2x4 between the joists and then attaching the electrical box to it. Obviously, many attics and between floor spaces are not accessible and can't use this method. The second is to get an expanding fan mounting kit. This contains a very heavy-duty box with an expanding screw mechanism that locks it into the joists. Either method will work well. Just make sure that you get a mount that is solid enough to hold the weight of the fan and the dynamic stress of the moving blades!

Once the box is secure, assemble and install the ceiling fan as per the manufacturer's instructions. Make sure that all of the fan blades are properly attached and that all of the screws are very tight. Do not forget to attach the ground wires! In the event that the motor fails and shorts to the housing, the ground wire is all that will save you from a very nasty shock when you touch the fan.

As always, you can send me specific questions via email at [joatfixer@yahoo.com](mailto:joatfixer@yahoo.com).

## Hello Region 6!

-by Dan Wilterding, RVC Region 6

Elections are over and the results are in: I will again be serving as your RVC. My thanks to each one of you that participated in the process be you candidate or voter.

The results of the voting have also indicated other items of interest:

1) Nationally 7.87% of the eligible voters cast their ballots;  
2) Regionally 7.76% of the voters exercised their franchise; and --

### 3) PANHANDLE MENSA WINS WITH 50% OF ELIGIBLE VOTERS PARTICIPATING!!

Congratulations and thanks to Kent Camp and Valda Traugher of Panhandle Mensa, and to all others that worked to get out the vote during the course of this election.

We missed exceeding the national average by .09% ... approximately 5 votes less than was necessary to be able to boost the value and number of awards. I'm willing to bet that we can do better next time, are you?

Comments, anyone?

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Don't forget:

LonestaRG V -- Five Year Reunion  
Holiday Inn Northwest, Austin, TX  
August 29-31, September 1, 2003  
Hosted by Lonestar Mensa  
Registration: \$50 until July 14  
Contact:  
Online -- <http://www.lsm.us.mensa.org/lonestarg.htm>  
USPS -- LonestaRG, PO Box 80635  
Austin, TX 78708-0635

Watch this space for:  
The Feast of Pleasures and Delights  
Thanksgiving weekend  
North Texas Mensa  
Carol Hilson - Registrar  
[c\\_Hilson@msn.com](mailto:c_Hilson@msn.com)

NORGY VI -- New Orleans Regional Gathering, y'all  
At the Maison Dupuy Hotel (in the French quarter)  
December 12-14

Co-hosted by New Orleans and Baton Rouge Mensas  
Contact:

Online -- <http://www.norgy.us.mensa.org>

USPS -- NORGY

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Baton Rouge, LA 70879-7513



### Test The Nation A Hit

-by John Neemidge, President

On Monday June 9th, over 25 Lonestar Mensans, friends, and family gathered at Legends Sports Bar at the Holiday Inn Northwest to watch Test The Nation, a nationwide IQ test broadcast by Fox TV. We all had a great time gossiping about the test, the on-screen test-takers, scores from around the nation, and our own abilities and limitations. Things got underway a bit before 7, with members arriving, grabbing tables, and starting to overwhelm the waitstaff (we clearly were more than they'd expected). The Legends staff got the show up on a big TV in our section, but despite their best efforts, we could barely hear the broadcast over the UT Baseball Team's game and the Stanley Cup Finals Game 7. This prompted a frantic effort by both the staff and the Mensans to get closed captions turned on, using the hotel's remote control at first, then finally standing on a chair and using a flashlight to look at the TV's controls. Once we had closed captions, all was well except that sometimes we couldn't see the fourth answer – but we made do, also switching two other TV's to the broadcast. As expected, our group of Mensans scored much higher than the TV-studio test-takers. A number of Mensans hung out at the bar after the broadcast ended, enjoying the company and conversation. Attending the party were: Brian Corcoran, Don and Patty Drumtra, Kartik Jayanarayanan and Usha Ramachandran, Midge Kocen, Janet and Mark Kres, Henry Kubicek, Jacob Matthews, John, Geri, Paige, and David Neemidge, Cindy Nelson and Dani Gálvez Nelson, Val Nogues, Eugene Peppons, Danny South, Kevin Smith, John Striednig, Jane Thompson, Steven and Michele Vaughan, Jean Wang, and Margaret Wofford.

## What's Happening in July

### 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.

### Bridge in Austin (Cedar Park)!

Friday, July 11

7:00pm

Pete Guy's Home

(512) 219-8723

RSVP Required: peteguy@attglobal.net

Enjoy playing bridge with other Mensans! Group decides whether to play rubber or duplicate. Room for up to 15 individuals, or 8 pairs. RSVP by 11:59PM preceeding Tuesday. Confirmation, directions returned Wednesday morning.

Beware of cat who owns the house. He displays his feelings by lying on his back, or rubbing against guests' legs, purring. No smoking. No alcohol. Sodas, coffee, tea, munchies provided. May meet other Texas Mensans - invitation extended to Houston, Austin, and San Antonio groups.

### ExComm Meeting

Saturday, July 12

10:00am

Austin Public Library

University Hills Branch

4721 Loyola Lane, Austin

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

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.

### Monthly Meeting

Saturday, July 12

11:00am-1:00pm

Austin Public Library

University Hills Branch

4721 Loyola Lane, Austin

Our speaker will be Michael Pearson from News 8 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.

### Waco Area Mensa Get-Together

Wednesday, July 16

7:00pm

Barnes & Noble Café

4909 W. Waco Dr., Waco

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

### Zilker Summer Musical

Saturday, July 19

7:00pm

Zilker Hillside Theater

Zilker Park, Austin

This year's musical is *Crazy for You*, a 1992 Tony Award winner

for best musical. With music and lyrics by George and Ira Gershwin; musical numbers include "I Got Rhythm", "Embraceable You", and "Someone to Watch Over Me." It's at Zilker Hillside Theatre, outdoors just up the hill from Barton Springs Pool. We're meeting at 7 pm to stake out our turf on the hillside - look for people in Lonestar Mensa t-shirts, and/or for a Mensa flag. The show starts at about 8 pm. Bring a picnic dinner and a blanket and/or low lawn chairs, plus some cards or a game to play before the show starts. Admission is free. There may be a small parking fee and they will pass the hat for donations. This is live theater at a great price and a truly Austin experience.

### Fold & Sticker

Thursday, July 24

(at TGIT)

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

### Potluck SIG & Games Night

Saturday, July 26

6:00pm

Kelly Wagner & Steve Harsch's Home

1001 E. Riverside, Austin

(512) 443-9650

Theme: Chicken, and products that derive from chickens (e.g., eggs (but not cat food)). Please call ahead and tell us what you plan to bring so we don't get too many 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.



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		1	2	3	4	5
			AG in St Paul	TGIT AG in St Paul	AG in St Paul	AG in St Paul
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
AG in St Paul				TGIT	<b>Bridge Night</b>	Excomm & Monthly Meeting
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
		<i>'Dillo Deadline</i>	Waco Area Mensa	TGIT		<b>Zilker Summer Musical</b>
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
				TGIT <i>Fold &amp; Sticker</i>		Games Night
27	28	29	30	31		
				TGIT		

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