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A Word to the Wise

-by John Neemidge, President

Come In, The Water's Fine

Here we are, nearly halfway through the year, the height of spring, summer just around the corner. There's plenty going on with Lonestar Mensa in June, and I hope you'll be a part of it. There are also some opportunities to get involved with the group that you might want to take advantage of.

Geri and I will be hosting a pool party on June 21st – appropriately enough, the first day of summer. Come on out, have a great time, bring your family, enjoy the pool and good company. We're starting early this year to allow families with children to come out and enjoy the pool and still get the kids home for bed. Our pool parties have been great fun in the past, and I'm sure this one will be even better with the addition of the kids' party.

Speaking of the kids' party, I'm not sure that everyone knows that kids are welcome at Lonestar Mensa events. Geri and I have two toddlers, and there are several other children ranging from toddlers to teenagers who regularly attend various events. We'd like to see even more kids come to events, as well as their parents. If you've been holding back from attending events because you were worried about your children not being welcome, please do reconsider and come join us.

We're having one quite unusual event this month. On Monday, June 9th, from 7-9 PM, Fox is running a show called "Test The Nation". It's an IQ test; the idea is to score along with it. American Mensa is involved with the broadcast, and we thought it'd be a great idea to get a group together and watch it. We'll meet at 6:30 at Legends Sports Bar at the Holiday Inn Northwest, which is located at the southwest corner of Mopac (Loop 1) and US 182 (Research Blvd) in Austin. For directions, see the article in this issue. I hope you'll join us – and bring your friends!

I also want to remind everyone that the Annual Gathering will be held over July 4th weekend in Minneapolis. A bunch of Lonestar Mensans will be going – if you can, join us! AG's are a lot of fun; Geri and I met at the 1992 San Francisco AG, and we've been to them all since. The AG hotel is sold out, I think, but the overflow hotel is very close and connected to the main hotel by a skybridge. I think there are still some good deals on airfare to Minneapolis – particularly if you're willing to fly out of nearby cities (check DFW, San Antonio, and Houston -- the deals have varied).

A bit further down the road, Lonestar Mensa's own LonestarRG will be held Labor Day weekend in Austin. The rate changes June 2nd – it's only \$45 until then, \$50 after (until July 14th, when it changes again). This year's theme is Five Year Reunion. It still seems amazing to me that this is our fifth year, but it is, and we're celebrating. We'll have some favorite speakers from past years, and our new speakers will be themed around education. Ray O'Connor will again be serving up a magnificent hospitality with his trademark fresh baked breads, various meal selections, and of course all the chocolate, chips, and other snacks you want, plus beer, wine, and soda. We'll have lots of games and contests, plenty to see and do, and lots of fellow Mensans to meet and spend time with. I hope you'll sign up early – it helps us a lot to know how many people to plan for, and we like letting everyone else know who'll be there. Please see the ad in this month's 'Dillo, and for more – pictures from previous years, a printable registration form if you don't want to tear up your newsletter, a list of registrants – see the web page (<http://www.lsm.us.mensa.org/lonestarg.htm>).

We're also looking for volunteers, in several areas. First off, we always need help with LonestarRG. If you'd like to volunteer, please check the appropriate check box(es) on your registration form, or send me an email offering to help. The more the merrier!

Second, we've noticed an increasing number of members in their 20's and 30's. We used to have a GenX group, but it broke up a while back with the group leaders moving away. We'd very much like to see a new 20's - 30's group start up. If you're interested in becoming a group leader - - which really just involves planning an event or two, making sure they get on the newsletter calendar, promoting them at events and/or on the email lists, and being there to host your events – please contact me!

Finally, we're creeping closer to LSM elections. In a few months we'll need a Nominating Committee and an Election Committee, and we'll need candidates for a number of offices (including President). If you're interested in any of these positions, let me know. NomComm and Election Committee are both fairly small jobs – a few hours' effort in each of the past few elections. They're a good way to get involved without a big time commitment. I hope you'll consider getting involved.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

- 1 Mr Donald W Drumtra
John B Sanders
- 2 Kalani Kirk Hausman
Randy Kirchhof
- 3 James Daniel South
Mr V O Speights Jr
Michele Vaughan
- 5 Michelle Hunter
- 10 Mr Mark K Morris
Elze Surgailyte
- 11 Mr Clarence Lynn Cossey
Rick Reeder
- 13 Gerard Michael Brohman
- 14 Mary Margaret 'Maggie' Thomas
- 15 Mrs Vivienne M Lepine
Sanjay Manickam
Matthew Rowan
Lawrence Robert Wedel
- 16 Ms G J Amber
- 17 Mr John A Kulas II
- 18 Benjamin H Ashmore Jr
Kaye L Robinson Johnson
- 21 Katherine Coleman
Jason Elliot Streitfeld
- 22 Charles 'Ted' McCarthy
Paul Rabago
- 23 Mr Edward D Jenkins
- 24 Lawrence E Drake
Jacob Quisenberry

ExComm Meeting Minutes

-submitted by Margaret Wofford, Vice President

May 10, 2003

Attending: John Neemidge, President; Margaret Wofford, Vice President; Geri Neemidge, Membership Chair; and Mark Kres, Member at Large.

John convened the meeting at 10:25am.

Geri reported that the alternate holiday party site that had been under consideration will not work out. Because of the Louisiana RG scheduled for December 12-14, attendees decided to try to schedule the Zilker clubhouse for December 5, 6, or 7.

Geri reported that the LSM web site has been nominated for awards in two categories, photography and multi-media. The multi-media award is for combining animation and music and applies to the Halloween 2002 pictures and the Pet Peeves RG dance pictures.

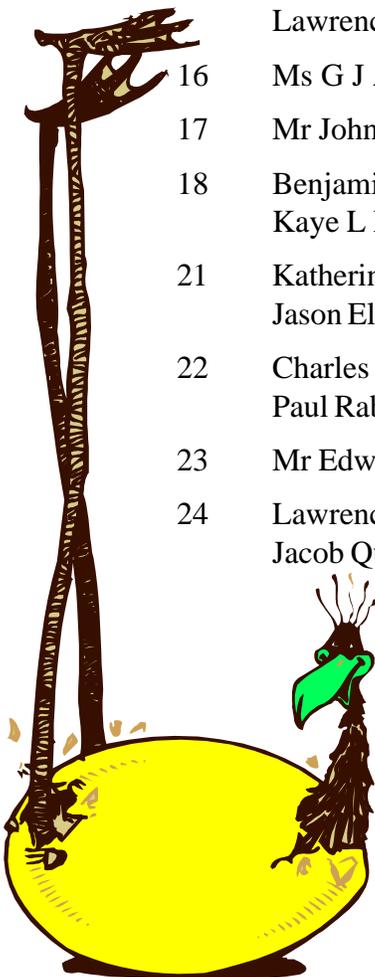
Geri gave a status report on upcoming programs. July has been scheduled and she has contacted several people regarding June but does not have a commitment yet.

Attendees discussed the declining attendance since monthly meetings were moved to Saturday. Since the July speaker has already been scheduled it was decided to table the issue to allow time to search for a suitable meeting room that would be available on a weekday evening.

Geri reported that National Mensa has asked each group to host a publicity event when Fox TV airs their Test the Nation segment on June 9. John contacted the Holiday Inn where the RG is held and tentatively scheduled the Legends sports bar for that evening since it has a big screen TV. National Mensa would like for each group to put out a press release and invite the local Fox affiliate.

John adjourned the meeting at 11am.

Respectfully Submitted,
Margaret Wofford
Vice President





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!

LonestaRG turns five! 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 — we have discount rates for children. For more information see the web page at <http://www.lsm.us.mensa.org/lonestarg.htm>. Sign up now!

Our hotel is the Holiday Inn Northwest, the same as in previous years, which offers free parking, indoor/outdoor heated pool, hot tub and saunas, coffee makers and hair dryers in every room, and much more. Room rate is \$72 S/D/T/Q. Call 512-343-0888 and ask for the Lonestar Mensa rate.

Questions? Contact John Neemidge (ChairM) at 512-310-7863 or email to neemidge@usa.net

Name _____
 Street _____
 City _____ State _____ Zip _____
 Phone _____ Email _____

- Please don 't list my name and city/state on the RG web site attendee list
- Please don 't include me on the list of attendees made available to RG-goers
- Please use paper mail (not email)for RG updates and correspondence

Names for Badges: 1. _____ 2. _____
 3. _____ 4. _____

Registration is \$45 to 6/2, \$50 to 7/14, \$55 to 8/4, and \$60 walk-in. Half off for children ages 7-14 (children 6 and under are free).

Number of registrations: _____ @ \$ _____ = \$ _____

Are you interested in volunteering for any of the following?

Hospitality _____ Prepare Food _____ Registration _____
 Solicit Donations _____ Bring Games _____
 Speaker Assistant _____ Logistics/Purchasing _____ Other _____

Send registrations to Mark & Janet Kres, POB 80635, Austin, TX 78708-0635
 (registrar@lsm.us.mensa.org). Make checks payable to "Lonestar Mensa RG".

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Howdy To

* Ed Bacon

Ed is engaged to be married. He has an eleven year old son and no pets right now. Ed works for Dell as a Manufacturing Supervisor. He is studying for the GMAT and plans to begin his MBA in the Fall of 2004. Ed is an avid motorcyclist, and enjoys music.

* Mickey Fisher

Mickey is single with no children. He owns a two year old blonde lab retriever mix named Lucy. Mickey works in finance on venture capital and leveraged buyouts. He plans to begin his MBA this Fall at Northwestern's Kellogg School of Management. Mickey's hobbies include weightlifting, running, snow skiing, scuba diving and playing with Lucy.

* Erica Poole

Erica is divorced. She has two daughters, Sahara Rayne, seven, and Sunni Shiloh, four. The girls have a pet cat named Ms. Tracy. Erica was laid off last winter and is currently job hunting. When Erica was a child, her parents were Mensa members in Houston. Erica has fond memories of attending Mensa events with her Mother.

* Mike Seay

Mike is 29 years old, and currently engaged and planning to get married next January. He has no kids but he does have a pet ferret named Koto. Mike is just finishing up his first year of law school at UT. Mike moved to Austin from Houston about a year ago. In Houston, Mike worked as an auditor for a public accounting firm (not Arthur Andersen!). His hobbies include hiking and geocaching and he and his fiancé have just taken up kayaking. Mike has wanted to join Mensa for years. When he was young he used to receive Mensa quiz books as gifts from his grandparents.

* Danny South

Danny is single and 22 years old. He has no kids and no pets. Danny is from Abilene. He works as an assistant at Stewart Title. He enjoys reading, playing guitar, and all kinds of games.

* Gwen Taylor

Gwen is 24 and single. She studied art at UT, and now studies graphic design at Southwest Texas State in San Marcos. Due to her landlord's restriction's she does not have any pets. Gwen likes to watch movies, cook, listen to music, and read.

Raising the Boom

-by Barbara Bartlett

We are like photographers. I originally considered the simile as: we are like painters, but I realized that was unworkable, and settled for the photography thing. One, I understand a little about photography, and two, it offers a better continuation of my analogy.

A photographer arrives at a scene with his bag of tools, chief among them . . . his lens and filters. Filters are wonderful tools in photography. A polarizing filter will reduce the harsh glare that sometimes is problematic. A star filter adds a sparkle to a point of light that might otherwise go unnoticed. There are filters for fooling the eye with colored light, and filters for smudging the edges of a picture so that the effect is dreamy and romantic.

We approach life like that, too. All of us come to adulthood with a different set of experiences that have made us who we are. Our training has defined what kind of photographer we will be, and how we will see the world as one big picture.

Each of us carries our own special filters that we have collected. Some carry the filter of growing up poor; others carry a filter of being from the comfortable middle class of the 1950s. Some of our filters show us a view the world that is male or female, black or white, urban or rural. The important thing to remember is that each of these filters offers just one view. There are others.

Some of the children of the '50s grew up and went to college. Some stayed home and worked or raised a family. Some went to war. Each of these developed a filter that would affect how they view the picture that became the rest of their life.

Unfortunately, we all tend to consider the picture that we see through our filter as the one true view. We forget that others see a slightly different view. Are these views false, or evil? No; they are just different.

I try to keep this in mind when I encounter someone with a different opinion. It was shaped as carefully as mine, but the photographer is viewing the big picture through the filter that his life experience has provided. I may not understand it, but I must respect it. To do less would be a great injustice.



Walter's World

-by Walter Stewart

With the weather quickly nearing those triple digits, what would be a better than working on a Roof¹?

Roofs come in all types. The most common residential roof is the three-tab asphalt shingle. Other types include ceramic tile, fiberglass tile, wood shingle, copper, tin, tar and aggregate, membrane, and slate.

A roof begins at the top of the walls. The framing can be built in place or can be made up of pre-made trusses. Typically trusses are stronger, however they are usually more expensive and the internal bracing greatly reduces usable space in the attic and increases the difficulty of laying or blowing in insulation.

The lowest level (the part that lays on the walls that your ceiling attaches to) is called a joist. Rule of thumb for joists is that load bearing² ones need to be made of a 2 by whatever span they are clearing. Thus a 10' span would require 2x10 joists and a 12' span would require 2x12s. Non-load bearing joists can be 1/2 of that i.e. a 2x6 for a 12' span. This rule-of-thumb is not as widely used today as it was 50 years ago.³

The next parts are the rafters. These are the pieces that slope from the top of the walls to top of the roof. The piece of wood that is at the top of the roof is called the ridgepole. On top of the rafters goes the decking. This should be marine grade 3/4" plywood but on many new houses you will find that it is 9/16" waferboard. Waferboard has many properties but usually with prolonged water exposure it tends to disintegrate – much more quickly than plywood. Over the decking goes tarpaper. And after that come the covering shingles.

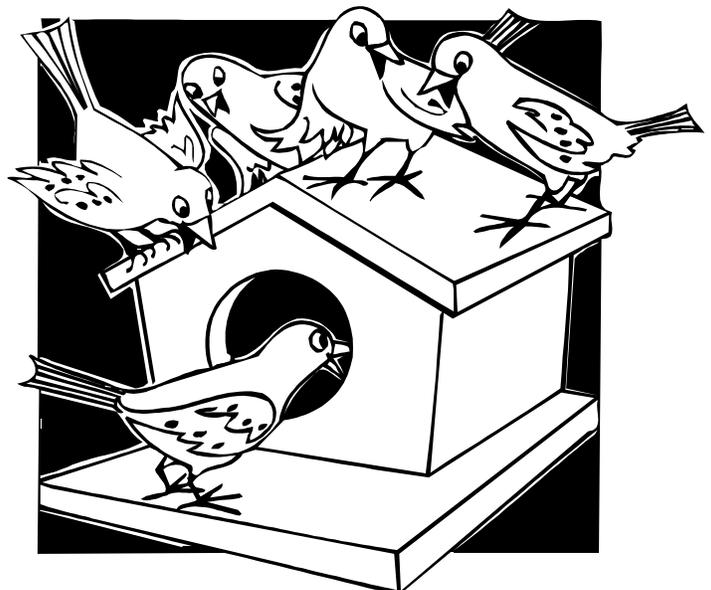
The way the roof is supposed to work is that the pitch (steep angle) of the roof sheds the rain quickly. The shingles keep the water off the deck and tarpaper by providing an overlapping surface that the water rolls down. In the event moisture does get under the shingle, the tarpaper is supposed to keep it off of the decking so it does not break down.

One major roof problem is heat. In the summer, attic temperatures can exceed 175° F. This heat can cause decking, rafters and ridgepoles to bend and warp, especially if accompanied by high moisture⁴. To combat this, most gables (the triangular wall at the end of your roof) have a vent opening⁵ and the soffits (the part of the roof that extends out from the walls) have small vents every few feet. The idea is that convection will draw air

from the soffits up and out of the gable vents. Unfortunately most soffit vents get covered with insulation, clogged with paint, and/or mud daubers. In any case, most are too few or small to really get circulation going except for a few hours each day. Remedies include turbine vents (which work when the wind blows until the bearing rusts and they stop turning) and attic fans. I prefer attic fans for many reasons, one of which is that they greatly reduce attic heat which in turn means a lower heat load on the ceiling which may lead to much lower cooling bills. One additional issue: heat allows moisture to penetrate wood much more easily. Moisture in wood = rot.

One question I get a lot is 'Is my roof OK?'. Some quick rules of thumb: are the edges of the shingles curling? If so it is time to think of new shingles. In this climate that is about 15-20 years. This is important because when the edges curl, the wind gets underneath and tears them off so water can get under them. Is the ridgepole straight? If not, rafters may be warped, foundation may be shifted, decking may be rotted. Is the roof surface flat between rafters? If not, the decking may be failing and in need of replacement or the rafters may be warped. See why ventilation is important?

Other issues include the use of flashing (this is the metal that goes in the 'V' formed when two gabled roofs meet) and drip edges (the metal that extends from the shingles at the edge of the roof to keep water from dripping down the wood at the front of the soffit). Some roofers save some money (\$2 per 10') by not putting this on and by not doubling the lowest course of shingles.



When it comes time to replace your shingles, keep in mind that putting new shingles on a so-so deck is like painting over rust without removing it first – the problem will grow and come back much worse later. Again, many roofers do one thing: shingles. They don't care and don't want to know – they just want to finish and leave before it gets to &^##!* \$@!)(~& hot!⁶ Turbine vents should be replaced when the shingles are – the bearings do wear out. Since the base goes under the shingles, replacement after a new roof goes on is like tearing up a street right after it has been newly paved⁷.

As always, if you have any specific questions regarding roofing or other home improvement topics, email me at joatfixer@yahoo.com.

- 1 Getting a root canal without anesthesia perhaps.....
- 2 Load bearing means that a load is constantly present. If you put several hundred pounds of junk in your attic, that qualifies as a load.
- 3 In fact many today consider it to be excessive. But, older houses built using this rule don't suffer from floor failure and ceiling sag.
- 4 Sailing ships timbers were shaped by using steam. Any guess how smaller 2x6's fare? Pretzels anyone?
- 5 This louvered vent (the louvers keep out rain) should have screen to keep out vermin such as squirrels, bats, mice, rats, possums, bees...
- 6 Kudos to those who correctly guess the blanked characters.
- 7 Which is great for the city, but you own your house...

June Monthly Meeting

June's speaker will be Ross Ramsey, editor of Texas Weekly.

Texas Weekly, now in its 18th year, is the authority on Texas politics, the largest political newsletter in Texas. Neither Republican nor Democrat. Texas Weekly is written straight - and salty - capturing the flavor of Texas politics. The Governor subscribes... Three former governors subscribe... So do the Lieutenant Governor, the Speaker of the House... Most members of the House and Senate... The majority of the lobby... Almost all major state agency departments and most of the heavy hitters in the Texas political scene.

Come on out and hear the straight story on this legislative session from a man who talks politics without bias.

July Preview...

July Monthly Meeting

July's speaker will be Michael Pearson, Assistant News Director for News 8 Austin. News 8 is a local cable channel broadcasting news 24/7.

Mr. Pearson grew up in Austin, but graduated from High School in Cape Elizabeth, Maine. He returned to Texas to attend Southwest Texas State University where he received a Bachelor of Science in Education with majors in Sociology and Journalism.

He started his newspaper career at the Killeen Daily Herald and then worked at the San Angelo Standard-Times, San Antonio Express-News, and the San Antonio Light. When the Light closed, he was reassigned to the Hearst Newspapers Washington Bureau covering the U.S. Senate and the Clinton White House for Hearst Newspapers, primarily writing for the San Francisco Examiner.

Mr. Pearson began his career in television news in 1995 at the age of 40, first working five years as an associate producer and assignment editor at San Antonio ABC affiliate KSAT. He moved to Austin in July 2000 to become assistant news director for News 8 where he is responsible for managing the day-to-day news operation of a 24 hour local news channel with a staff of 60 journalists.

Mr. Pearson has won numerous journalism prizes in his career, but is most proud of the journalism his colleagues have produced at News 8 Austin while on the air less than four years... Two National Bronze Medallion Awards from the Society of Professional Journalists -- first, for continuing coverage of the bonfire collapse at Texas A&M and, second, for coverage of September 11th.

NBC News and News 8 Austin were the only news organizations in the country to be so honored for its coverage of 9/11. Just recently, News 8 Austin won the prestigious USC Annenberg Walter Cronkite Award for distinguished political reporting.

More important than recognition from his peers; Mr. Pearson is most proud of the service News 8 provides to its viewers. He believes that News 8 Austin proves every day that local television news can be in-depth, in context and meaningful without it being "if it bleeds, it leads" sensationalism that manipulates viewers and takes advantage of unsuspecting news makers.



Hello Region 6!

-by Dan Wilterding, RVC Region 6

"The Future of American Mensa"

The future is now, folks. It's here; started 15 minutes ago while you were reading the other mail, or two weeks ago about the time you were mowing the lawn. It's here, it's now, we **are** the future.

The question now is this: Are we happy with the future we've built? If so -- (A) fine and dandy; y'all done good. If not -- (B) why not? To start with: did you vote? We'll find out later this month which group (or groups) earned some extra money for their scholarship fund, I'm looking forward to putting some money to good use. If the status quo is to your liking (A) then you'll be interested in maintaining the situation by taking part in events and activities that you find pleasurable and encouraging others to do the same; you might also wish to volunteer time and energy in ways you deem most beneficial to yourself and your group. If, however, option (B) fits your perception then you will need to change the situation by taking part in those events and activities that you find pleasurable and encouraging others to do the same; you might also wish to volunteer time and energy in ways you deem most beneficial to yourself and your group.

Many of you have helped during the past two years -- you've demonstrated willingness to assume various roles both as leaders and as worker-bees (is there a difference?); by writing and calling to let me know how you feel on issues large and small; by speaking up on matters popular and un-; and by making your presence known in ways large and small. Thank you. Thank you. Thank you.

Comments, anyone?

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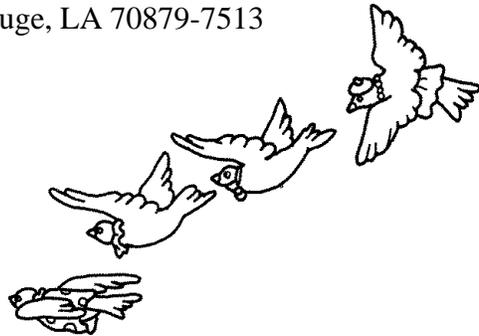
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August 29-31, September 1, 2003
Hosted by Lonestar Mensa
Registration: \$45 until June 2, \$50 until July 14
Contact:
Online -- <http://www.lsm.us.mensa.org/lonestarg.htm>

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Austin, TX 78708-0635

Watch this space for:
The Feast of Pleasures and Delights
Thanksgiving weekend
North Texas Mensa

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
c/o Baton Rouge Mensa
PO Box 77513
Baton Rouge, LA 70879-7513



Test The Nation

We're getting together Monday June 9th at 6:30 at Legends Sports Bar at the Holiday Inn Northwest to watch the Fox special "Test The Nation". It's a nationwide IQ test; American Mensa is involved with the test, and we hope it'll bring a lot of new interest in Mensa. Bring your friends if you can -- hopefully they'll do well on the test and go on to join us! If they can't join us, encourage them to watch the show and take the test. If you want to set your VCRs too, the actual broadcast runs from 7-9pm. The Holiday Inn Northwest is located at the southwest corner of Mopac (Loop 1) and US 183 (Research Blvd) in Austin. To get there, the easiest thing to do is take 183 to the Loop 360/Capital of Texas Hwy exit (just west of Mopac), exit there, u-turn over 183, and turn onto the 183 frontage road eastbound. You'll see the Holiday Inn on your right just as the road bends. Turn right on Tallwood and right again on Business Park Drive. Legends Sports Bar is at the back of the hotel, on your right. The hotel can be a bit tricky to find, so if you have questions, see the directions section of the hotel's web page at www.hotelaustin.com or call 512-343-0888 and ask for directions.

What's Happening in June

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 38th and 41st Streets. Central Market is the anchor store. Central Market Café is adjacent to Central Market on the south side. We meet upstairs.

Test The Nation

Monday, June 9

6:30-9:00pm

Legends Sports Bar

Holiday Inn Northwest

8901 Business Park Dr., Austin

(512) 343-0888

See the article on page 10 for more information.

ExComm Meeting

Saturday, June 14

10:00am

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, June 14

11:00am-1:00pm

Austin Public Library

University Hills Branch

4721 Loyola Lane, Austin

Please see the announcement on page 9 for meeting details. 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, June 18

7:00pm

Barnes & Noble Café

4909 W. Waco Dr., Waco

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

Kids' Pool Party

Saturday, Jun 21

3:00pm

The Neemidge's

1801 Messick Pl., Round Rock

(512) 310-7863

Join us for kids fun and games at our pool (full-sized adult pool -- 3' at the shallow end, but we have lots of kids' floats, or you're welcome to bring your own). At least two toddlers and probably more will be here, along with other kids of all ages. We also have two sandboxes, lots of yard, and cute outdoor pets (goats and llamas) as well. Take your nap and come on over. We'll fire up the grill later in the afternoon -- stay for dinner! See Pool Party below for more information and directions.

Pool Party

Saturday, Jun 21

6:00pm

The Neemidges'

1807 Messick Pl, Round Rock

(512) 310-7863

It's the first day of summer -- come beat the heat in our cool pool! You'll need a swimsuit and a towel; something to grill for yourself; munchies, side dish, or dessert to share; and a favorite beverage. We'll provide soda, water, and some munchies. The kids party and the regular party will run together; young children are welcome until 8pm. RSVP's appreciated but not required, to Geri & John at 512-310-7863.

From Mopac/1325: Follow 1325 to the intersection with Wells Branch Parkway/Howard. Turn left 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.

Fold & Sticker

Thursday, June 26

(at TGIT)

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

Potluck SIG & Games Night

Saturday, June 28

6:00pm

Kelly Wagner & Steve Harsch's Home

1001 E. Riverside, Austin

(512) 443-9650

Theme: Salad - green, bean, hot, cold, fruit... Call ahead to RSVP and make sure 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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June

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5 TGIT	6	7
8	9 Test the Nation	10	11	12 TGIT	13	14 ExComm & Monthly Meeting
15	16	17	18 Waco Area Mensa	19 TGIT <i>'Dillo deadline</i>	20	21 Pool Party
22	23	24	25	26 TGIT <i>Fold & Sticker</i>	27	28 Games Night
29	30					

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