

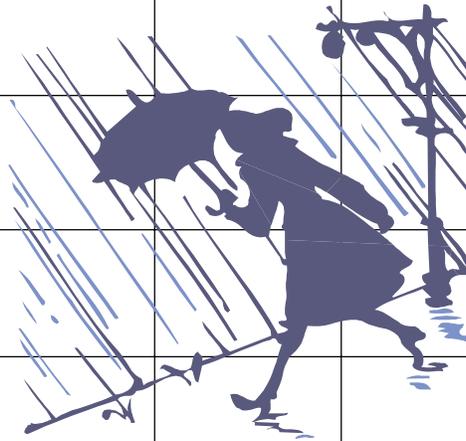
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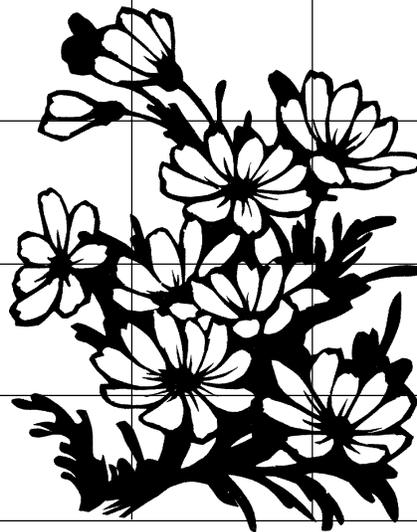
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A Word to the Wise

-by John Neemidge, President

The Lonestar Mensa Spring Challenge

I received my latest membership roster for Lonestar Mensa a week ago. The end of March is our peak membership, just before members lapse. Lonestar Mensa peaked this year at 501 members, a new all-time high. There's a lot to celebrate in that – I think it's a great thing, that we're a growing, active, busy chapter. Yet, at the same time, so many of those 501 members are people I've never met, heard from, talked to, interacted with in any way at all. That bothers me – it makes me wonder what we're doing wrong. I've been an inactive member myself, so I know what it's like – you're busy, you don't have time to come to meetings, they're inconvenient, you have smart friends of your own, and so forth. But having been an inactive member, I also know this – Mensa events can be so much fun, and you can meet so many interesting people, that I know how much I was missing out on when I was inactive, and how much our inactive Lonestar Mensans are missing out on.

That's why I'm writing this column about what I'm calling the Lonestar Mensa Spring Challenge. If you're an inactive member, try to find two or three local events that seem interesting to you over the next couple months. If you can, come out to them. Find me, or drop me a note telling me you were there if I wasn't at the event you attended, and tell me what you think – did we do well? Is there something we can improve on? If you can't find anything to go to, let me know that too – tell me what we're missing that would get you to come out. Maybe you'd be interested in hosting such an event? We'd be happy to help. If not, I can at least pass the idea on to others. Or, if you wish, make your participation electronic – join the chat list, or post a few messages there introducing yourself and getting involved in one of the ongoing discussions. There are plenty of ways to participate – the main thing is get out, get involved, and let me know that you've done it, both so I can feel good about my challenge and so that I can in turn challenge the group to improve on whatever needs improvement.

Often I run through the month's events, but this time I'll just point you to the calendar at the end of the issue. There are lots of interesting events – most don't cost anything, and they're all a good time. One event I will put in a plug for – the Meet the RVC Candidates picnic. This is your change to meet both the candidates for Regional Vice Chair, the member of the AMC (American Mensa

Committee, the national governing body) who oversees our region of Mensa (Region 6, encompassing Texas, Louisiana, Oklahoma, and New Mexico). Both of them are good folks, and I think you'll have a good time, whether the elections interest you or not.

Towards the end of the month, one more event you might want to try is Gulf Coast Mensa's SynRG Regional Gathering, which will be held in Houston over Memorial Day weekend (May 23-26). SynRG is a great time every year, and I'm really looking forward to it. Gatherings are my favorite part of Mensa – they're like no other convention you've ever been to, and I hope you can attend. I hope even more that you'll attend our own LonestarRG, which will be over Labor Day weekend, August 29 - Sep 1. You should find an advertisement for both RG's in this issue of the 'Dillo.

I'm hoping to see a lot of new faces over the next two months. Come out, join us, get involved, and have a great time doing it! The more the merrier!



From left: Usha, Kartik, Paige, Geri, David, Barbara, Lise, and Boo at the Spring Picnic. Photo by John Neemidge.

SPRING PICNIC a SUCCESS!

-by Helen Siders

About 25 Lone Star Mensans met in Northwest Park in North Central Austin on a balmy spring day. We potlucked and grilled and stuffed our faces. There were a bunch of toddlers running around. At least two dogs were straining on their leashes! As usual we had way too much food.

As the day eased into night, candles came out to illuminate the conversations with old friends and new friends. These are the times and shared experiences we will remember about LSM for years to come. We are fortunate to have lots of good people who are willing to serve as LSM leaders and facilitators of these wonderful events.

Thanks a lot to Barbara and Joe Bartlett of Mexia, Texas who organized this picnic over the internet. We learned some unique things about Mexia also.

Howdy To!

-submitted by Geri Neemidge, Membership Chair

◆ Katie Coleman ◆

Katie is originally from a small town called Tryon, North Carolina. She is DEFINITELY not married, or even involved with anyone. Katie is a junior at the University of Texas, majoring in Plan II and History, and she is planning to go to law school after she graduates next May. Katie would like to get in touch with other plan II student Mensans - so if you can't reach her via student directory, drop me a note and I'll send you each other's email addresses.

Katie likes to read and play the piano in her spare time (her favorite book is *Catch-22*, which she has read five times). She first became interested in Mensa when a friend gave her a box of Mensa mind games.

◆ Milt Deal ◆

Milt is an old Austinite from the 80s and 90s, returning after six years in NM and VA. He is married to Lorraine, who is originally from the UK. They have three boys, Milton (6), Daniel (4) and Marcus (2). They moved to the Lakeway area in January. Milt is working for Ashland Chemical and Samsung Semiconductor. His oldest son attends kindergarten at Lakeway elementary.

When he is not too busy for hobbies, Milt enjoys: martial arts, snow skiing, and outdoor family activities. Milt joined Mensa in the 80s and has never done anything with the group, but would like that to change.

The Deals also have a border collie named Jake, who might be interested in joining, if that's allowed. Lorraine and Milt agree that he is actually a human trapped in a dog body, so perhaps exceptions can be made for that disability.

◆ David H. Floyd ◆

David is single, 27 years old, and Vice President of Support Services at the Support Group, inc., an Austin based ERP (Enterprises Resources Planning) application support and services company. David was encouraged to join Mensa by a cousin, a recent grad of Texas A&M, and he thought it would be a great organization to meet his peers.

◆ Amy Klima ◆

Amy has never been married and she has no children or pets. She has a degree in marketing from Texas A & M and is currently a sales coordinator for a commercial

floorcovering installer. Amy likes to watch TV and movies, read romance novels, do cross stitch, surf the web and chat with friends, and she enjoys playing all kinds of trivia games. She is also a huge Ricky Martin fan and collects all kinds of memorabilia related to him. Amy has also traveled to see Ricky in concert 6 times. Amy joined Mensa for the social activities. And, like so many of us, she took the test not thinking she would qualify.

◆ Jacob Matthews ◆

Jacob is single with no children and no pets. He works as a process engineer manufacturing semiconductors for Motorola. Jacob is originally from Michigan and his degrees are in chemical engineering from Case Western Reserve University. His hobbies include coin collecting, computers & avid reading. Jacob decided to join Mensa to meet people.

Corner(Ed)!

-by Rachael Stewart, Editor



Another month has flown since I 'penned' a column. It's been exciting and all too busy.

I have a fence now. I shan't have anything else for a while, since I have committed all my assets but for my car and sacred honor to The Home Depot. I hope that will give me a window to settle in.

I have a fence! (It's a lovely one, and I tell Walter just how lovely at least as often as I tell him I love him.) It didn't come without trial and tribulation, unfortunately. I've spent the last week putting benadryl and hydrocodone cream on Walter's poison ivy. He took a header off the post-hole digger and landed in the nasty stuff. Before we tackle that fence again, I do believe I'll invest in a flame thrower.

While Walter, our neighbor Hal, and a hired guy who works for beer attacked the fence, I cleaned the grout in the laundry room and kitchen. (Walter provides a brief description of this process in his column this month. Be prepared to devote an entire day to the process and, if possible, hire a masseuser to take care of your back and fingers immediately after. If you didn't invest in a rolling stool, you'll want something for your knees, too.) Tonight I get to go seal the stuff. I expect that to be a far easier task, assuming I can locate the sealer. I have this magpies' nest in disguise as a garage...

Time to lay on the window film, hang curtains, fix the paint job, and start moving stuff in. Bring on the band!

Raising the Boom

-by Barbara Bartlett



It's that time again!
Clover growing,
mowers mowing,
blowers blowing,
boomers huffing,
seniors puffing—
spring has come
again!

It seems that we are
truly creatures of
habit (and that we
don't retain our
learning very well).
Every year, things

green up and we rush off to buy goodies to plant. Then, that familiar old "Easter snap" comes along and nips things in the bud—literally! We also go into our "weekend warrior" mode. Usually that term refers to the couch potatoes turned athletes who return to work with a peculiar little hitch in their gitalong after overdoing it on the weekends.

However, since I'll never be in that particular category—and since I am one of the ones who gets out and pulls weeds, and plants flowers, and hauls mulch until my gitalong has a definite hitch—I guess that you could also call me a weekend warrior. I spend the week planning, scheming, sketching—and sometimes buying up stock to keep myself busy on the weekend. What I forget is that all those other weekend chores still have to be done, too.....so I get up early, load the dishwasher, start the washing machine, and run off to the grocery store (and maybe buy a few more plants—I wouldn't want anything to look too skimpy!). Back home, put away the groceries (and the dishes), move the clothes from the washer to the dryer, start another load and (finally) get ready to go out and start working in the yard.

Why am I tired already? I haven't turned the first spade of dirt! Usually I can start more on Saturday than I can finish on Sunday....so I spend a few evenings during the week catching up. By then, it's usually time for another weekend and another round of outdoor chores. And the funny thing is---I love it! I wouldn't have it any other way!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

- 1 Mr Mark Howard Kubiak
- 2 Jane K Thompson
- 3 Mrs Janice H Brasher
Mr John C Venthem
- 4 Marcus Doyle
Joshua D Hull
Margaret Bogert Lewis
- 6 Kevin Gao
- 7 Rachael E Stewart
- 10 Thomas Ostegard
- 12 Mr Robert Alan Dollars
- 14 Cynthia Bourland
Dr James E Turney Jr
- 15 Willie May Browning-Evans
Dr Leon Morris Waynberg
- 16 William Eric Hungate
- 17 Fred Blount
- 18 Lori L Barr MD
Kevin Kane
- 19 Renata Claridge
David Wayne Madden
- 20 Raymond Doo
- 21 Mr Scott Danniell Burgess
Ms Cathy J Kesler
- 22 Shane Michael Bryan
Sfc Russell Eugene Nelson
- 23 Thomas Lewis
- 24 Lauren Morgan
Ronald Joseph Theriault
- 28 James Schroeder
- 29 Cathryn Leigh Cox
- 31 Catherine Rainwater



Walter's World

-by Walter Stewart

Greetings again from home improvement land!! Before I begin, I'd like to thank those of you who commented on my previous article and remind everyone that you can send your related comments and questions directly to me via email: joatfixer@yahoo.com

This month's topic is **FLOOR TILE**. There are several types of tile. The most common are natural stone, vinyl, and ceramic/porcelain. All are available in a wide range of colors and can be installed quite easily with a few simple tools and a little bit of practice. In fact many home improvement stores in the area give free classes each week covering the basics. What I'll attempt to do here is to give a bit of general background & theory followed by several tidbits of knowledge that may help your project run more smoothly.

This article will primarily deal with ceramic and porcelain tiles. To a certain extent, the same rules also apply to stone tiles. However before you consider stone tile, let me point out several key issues. 1) Cost. Stone will run about \$10/sq ft uninstalled vs. ~\$2. 2) Stone is much more prone to cracking. 3) Weight. Stone is much heavier than ceramics. 4) Workability. Stone is much more difficult to cut.

To install tile you should have the following tools: mortar trowel (1/4"x1/4" notched), drill with mixing attachment (this needs to be a very heavy duty drill, lightweight ones just burn up), two 5 gallon buckets, coarse (blue) and fine (white) scrubber pad(s), rubber grout trowel, large sponge, shop towel(s), tile spacers, chalk line, tape measure, t-square, drafting triangle and a wet tile saw. A basic kit (minus the drill/mixer & saw) will run about \$30 or less; the mixer attachment costs about \$10. Heavy duty drills and saws can be rented for about \$50 per day; cost to purchase is approximately \$100 each. Keep in mind that the fancier the pattern, the more sophisticated the saw; a \$99 saw will stand up to many tile jobs but leaves something to be desired for large quantity angle cuts!

The first step when considering a tile project is to clean and measure the surface that you plan to cover. Consider what design (if any) you wish in the pattern and what borders (if any) you want. A tile project should be broken down as follows: 1) Pattern: draw the pattern on graph paper and figure tile requirements based upon what can be cut from each tile; 2) Border: this can be purchased precut (at a substantial markup) or you can cut your own. If you cut your own, figure yield per tile in cut pieces to find tiles required; 3) Filler: the boring (or maybe not so) area between the border and the pattern. This area can be calculated as square feet (room area – border area – pattern area = filler area). Make sure you add about 10% to your required quantities to cover breakage, mistakes



**Walter laid this pattern in my Mother's kitchen.
-Rachael Stewart**

and wastage.

Patterns can be as simple or complex as you wish. Commonly, they take the form of simple geometric figures such as quilt patterns, hexes, octagonal patterns, stars and squares. Borders can also be simple (interleaving triangles, speed lines) or complex (speedlines with squares and triangles). Filler can be simple (one color, vertically laid) or complex (checkerboard, diagonally laid). I strongly recommend that when laying large common areas that you consider diagonal laying. This hides any 'straight line' mistakes you may make (and you WILL make them) and prevents a 'ladder effect'. I'm sure that all of you mensans out there can come up with some really unique and neat looking patterns.

Precut as many pieces as possible prior to laying. A 10'x12' room requires about 44 linear feet of border. And

those little pieces take time. Dry erase markers are perfect for marking glazed tiles for cutting. Use the t-square and drafting triangle to keep things square. A chalk line can be very helpful in determining room center (pattern) and marking border edges.

When laying the mortar, use the notched trowel to lay the correct amount of mortar. Keep in mind that the purpose of the mortar is two-fold: 1) stick the tile down; and 2) provide support under the entire tile so it does not crack when stepped on. Mortar that is too wet (mortar slumps heavily after troweling) or too dry (tile pulls free easily) will not work. So only mix up what you can use within an hour. Lay the main pattern and border first, then go back and 'fill in' the filler. Keep the tiles spacing by inserting rubber spaces between the tiles². When finished, allow at least 24 hours before grouting.

Grout is colored cement with sand added. It is easy to work with when wet; and as hard as rock when it sets. Do not try and stop in the middle of a grout job! Allow plenty of time to complete it. Grout should be mixed to a consistency slightly wetter than the mortar and then worked into the joints between the tiles with the grout trowel. Use the grout trowel as a squeegee to remove as

much excess as possible. When all of the joints are filled and the grout has had about 15 minutes or so to 'soft set', dampen the sponge and wipe all excess grout from the tiles³. If needed, use the scrubber pads. Wait approximately 1 hour and then wipe surface with damp shop towel to remove 'haze'. Wait about 2 days and wipe again with a phosphoric acid cleaner to remove any last haze or grout excess. Allow two more days to dry then seal grout with an acrylic sealer to prevent staining.

That's it. When finished you should have a work of art that can withstand centuries of use. Good luck with your projects – I'm always interested in hearing how they go. Pictures and comments can be emailed to: joatfixer@yahoo.com.

¹ For those who are interested, this is located on the 9th plane of hell

² These are a guide, not a 'must follow'. Tiles are not all perfectly sized; variations of up to 1/10" are possible in any dimension.

³ It will be impossible to get them perfectly clean; a slight haze over the surface is acceptable.



LonestarRG

LonestarRG 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 LonestarRGs, 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 \$45 until June 2nd (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 LonestarRG'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.



It's Not Easy Being Green

SynRG 2003

Memorial Day Weekend

May 23 - 26

Why: *You deserve a long weekend of fun*, so join **Patsy Williamson** and **Patty Williams** and their RG Team at Gulf Coast Mensa's 21st Regional Gathering! It will be jam-packed with events designed to appeal to your every appetite and interest - from Friday evening through Monday afternoon! We have lots of **new events** planned for you this year, in addition to the *fascinating speakers, games tournament, Sexyg Fishbowl, Silent Auction, fabulous food, and delightful Mensans* to party with! There are plenty of *wonderful restaurants* nearby in your price range and cuisine choices.

When: Friday, May 23, through Monday, May 26, 2003 – **Memorial Day weekend.** Come early and stay late to savor all the fun!

Where: The beautiful Holiday Inn Select – Greenway Plaza, 2712 SW Freeway, Houston, conveniently located near downtown! We have a very full weekend planned for you, so **make your hotel reservations now:** \$72 single/double (tax inclusive). Call (713) 523-8448 (be sure to mention "Gulf Coast Mensa"). **Need a map?** Just visit our Gulf Coast Mensa website www.gcmensa.org, and find the map on the SynRG page. We'll also mail you one!

Registration: **\$60** after April 30 and walk-in. (Children 0-8 years of age are free, young people 9-17 at time of RG are half prevailing rate.) Check, money order, or credit cards are accepted.

To register, visit our **website** www.gcmensa.org.

Some of our Speakers include:

Dr. John Leinhard, author and voice of "The Engines of Our Ingenuity"; Lois Baker, an octogenarian who walked 312 miles of the Appalachian Trail; Ferrill Dalton speaking on "Saving Big Bird: Conservation of Water Fowl"; and Dr. Lou Markos.

There are also speakers planned from Environmental Defense, Harris County Flood Control, and experts on many environmental issues.

Recycle

Reuse

Renew Yourself

Mind Games Report

-by Geri Neemidge

Last weekend John and I and about 148 other Mensans and guests took part in Mind Games held in Houston this year. Mind Games is the games gathering where the Mensan participants play and judge new board games to choose which games will bear the Mensa Select designation. Past winners are our games night favorites such as Apples to Apples, The Poll Game, Times Up, Fluxx and Quiddler.

There were 64 games entered this year. Each participant was given a random list of 30 games to play and judge. Each time you judged a game you made notes for yourself (to help you fill out your ballot later) and you filled out a comment card for the game's manufacturer. We were asked to score on a 1 to 10 scale the game's aesthetics, instructions, originality, play appeal, and play value. We also were allowed to make comments.

It was very nice to be able to score and comment on the instructions. There were many games there where the instructions were so poorly written that a group of us could not figure out how to play them.

This gathering is unique because you do have an assignment. We had a lot of fun - but it is a bit of work to get all your assigned games played. (We should have started earlier on Friday - darn lack of teleportation system!!)

On Sunday morning you turned in your ballot where you had ranked the top seven of the 30 games you were assigned. (You could play other games - but you could only officially vote for those assigned to you). The results were tabulated to come up with five Mensa select games. These five games are not ranked.

As it turns out, I only played two of the winners (and I voted for neither of them). John played three and voted for all three. I liked the two that I played, I just enjoyed some of the others I played more. The winners are mostly strategy games and I prefer word games and party games - the kind that are a bit easier to play, where a game does not take too long and can be played in a group.

Following the announcing of the winners some of the games used in the judging are given away to the attendees (some go the group and, I believe, to area schools). Names are called at random and the participants get to choose the game they desire from those available. This continues until all of the games are gone. John and I each got two

games, Van Gogh and Friends, The Touch, ShanJari, and Don't Quote Me.

Here are the winners -

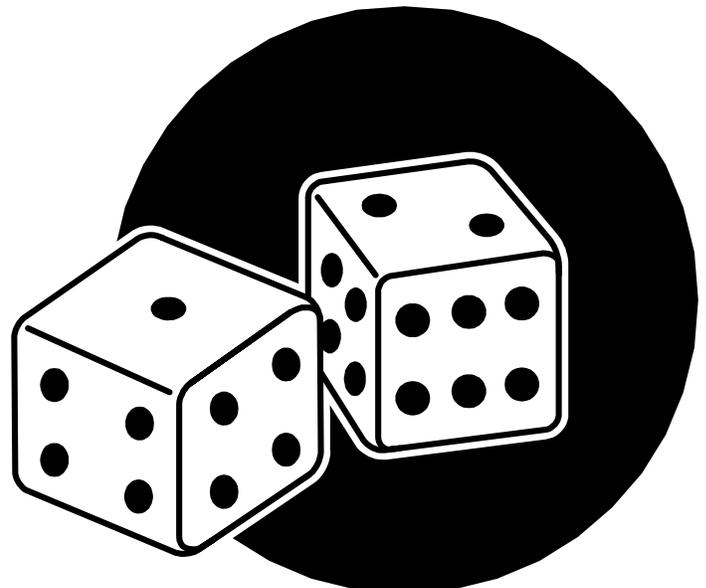
Transamerica (2 - 6 players) - Players take turns laying railroad track, starting with separate networks. Eventually the networks connect. The first player to connect his five secret cities wins the round. (John played this - I didn't).

Blokus (2-4 players) - Players take turns placing pieces on the board, each starting from their own corner. Each new piece must touch at least one other piece of the same color, but only at the corners. The game ends when all players are blocked from laying down any more pieces. The pieces cover from one to maybe 10 spaces and are different shapes. (John and I played this with 2 other people - John won).

Cityscape (2-4 players) - Secretly plan the shape of this city from its primary view on your side. Then take turns building it to your plan, and thwart your opponent from achieving their goals. Players build the city with wooden block pieces. (Neither John nor I played this).

Fire & Ice (2 players) - Capture three islands in a row, by controlling three points in a row on each. A strategic, move and place game with shifting strategies that increase in complexity until one player wins. Each turn you move one of your pawns then replace it with one of your opponent's. (John and I played this together - he won).

Octiles (2-4 players) - Replace tiles to create paths for your runners and send them in a punctuated journey across the board. Place your pieces, plan your paths and race to the finish. (Neither John nor I played this).



Hello Region 6!

-by Dan Wilterding, RVC Region 6

On March 31 American Mensa could boast of 51208 members. That may be cause for celebration, but make it short because on the next day, the first of the new membership year, only 38916 remained. Some forgot to renew, some put it off for one reason or another, some made a conscious choice to drop. Who's to know why someone didn't renew?

Who's to know? We are! All it takes is a note dropped in the mail, a phone call, an email or even a visit. Quite likely in many cases a little nudge is all it would take to persuade someone to reinstate. Can we come up with creative ways to help them renew? If the lapsed member chooses to remain lapsed then at least we might be able to find out why, and then take steps to correct a problem or the perception of a problem; sometimes misunderstandings happen & we need to talk them out, sometimes real problems happen & we need to work on correcting the situation.

Local groups that contact lapsed members have available to them a small subsidy to offset the expenses. Taking advantage of this may not only result in cash in the bank but in retention (or would that be reclamation?) of lapsed members. Give it a shot, folks -- Phone calls, post cards, personal attention -- it can work for all of us.

Comments, anyone?

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--Watch this space--

--Coming soon to a New Orleans near you--

An RG and an AMC meeting in December 2003

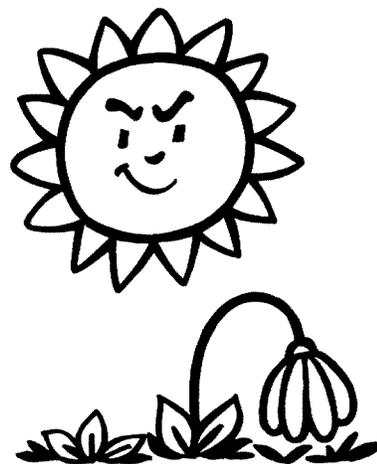
May Monthly Meeting

May's speaker will be Sue Marriott of the Family Pride Coalition.

The Family Pride Coalition is the only national nonprofit focusing exclusively on gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgendered families. The organization is based in Washington D.C. and works with local communities to develop parenting groups, advocate for positive public policies, and ensure accurate media representation of their families. In addition they provide nationwide family events to promote community and support for often isolated families, provide an information network to empower families and have developed models to work with schools, churches and other institutions to ensure their children's safety.

Sue Marriott LMSW-ACP, CGP was recently appointed to serve on the Board of the Family Pride Coalition and is a psychotherapist in private practice. More importantly, she and her partner of 15 years are the mothers of two young boys.

Sue will provide information about the relevant issues facing GLBT families and an update on legislation pending in Texas which is considered the very worst in the country.



Note to all Voting Mensans:

There is a misprint on the BLUE International Mensa Election Envelopes. Please change the return zip code to 76006.

The white American Mensa Ballot is correct and should go to the address as printed.

(You will find these envelopes in your April/May Bulletin.)

What's Happening in May

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.

O'Henry Pun-Off

Saturday, May 3

Noon

Woolridge Square Park

800 Guadalupe St., Austin

Bring a lawn chair, a blanket and a snack and join us for the 26th Annual O. Henry Pun-Off World Championships. In addition to all the pun-y entertainment there will be live music, food, drink, children's activities and a used book sale. Look for people in green Lonestar Mensa t-shirts and/or the yellow Mensa flag.

Meet the RVC 6 Candidates Picnic

Sunday, May 4th

Noon

Beverly S. Sheffield Northwest Park

7000 Ardath Street, Austin

Dan Wilterding, our current Regional Vice Chair, and Ray O'Connor, his opponent in the upcoming election, will both be attending this picnic. This is a chance for you to find out more about the men who would like to represent you at the National level of Mensa.

Like our other picnics held in this park - family, friends, children and pets are all welcome. There is a large grill we can use. Bring a main course and beverages for yourself and a side dish or dessert to share. There is seating there on benches at the tables but some people also bring lawn chairs.

Directions:

Take the Anderson Lane exit East off of Mopac (Loop 1). Turn right on Burnet Road. Turn right on Pegram Avenue. Turn right on Ardath.

ExComm Meeting

Saturday, May 10

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, May 10

11:00am-1:00pm

Austin Public Library

University Hills Branch

4721 Loyola Lane, Austin

Please see the announcement on page 10 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, May 14

7:00pm

Barnes & Noble Café

4909 W. Waco Dr., Waco

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

Fold & Sticker

Thursday, May 22

(at TGIT)

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

Potluck SIG & Games Night

Saturday, May 31

6:00pm

Kelly Wagner & Steve Harsch's Home

1001 E. Riverside, Austin

(512) 443-9650

Theme: It's almost June - school is out - lots of kids are running around - we want something easy to eat! Aha! Finger food! Anything that can be consumed without benefit of a knife and fork (but doesn't create a huge mess as it dribbles out between our fingers). 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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May

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 TGIT	2	3 O'Henry Pun-Off
4 "Meet the Candidates" Picnic	5	6	7	8 TGIT	9	10 Excomm & Monthly Meeting
11	12	13	14 Waco Area Mensa	15 TGIT <i>'Dillo Deadline</i>	16	17
18	19	20	21	22 TGIT <i>Fold & Sticker</i>	23 Houston SynRG	24 Houston SynRG
25 Houston SynRG	26 Houston SynRG	27	28	29 TGIT	30	31 Games Night

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