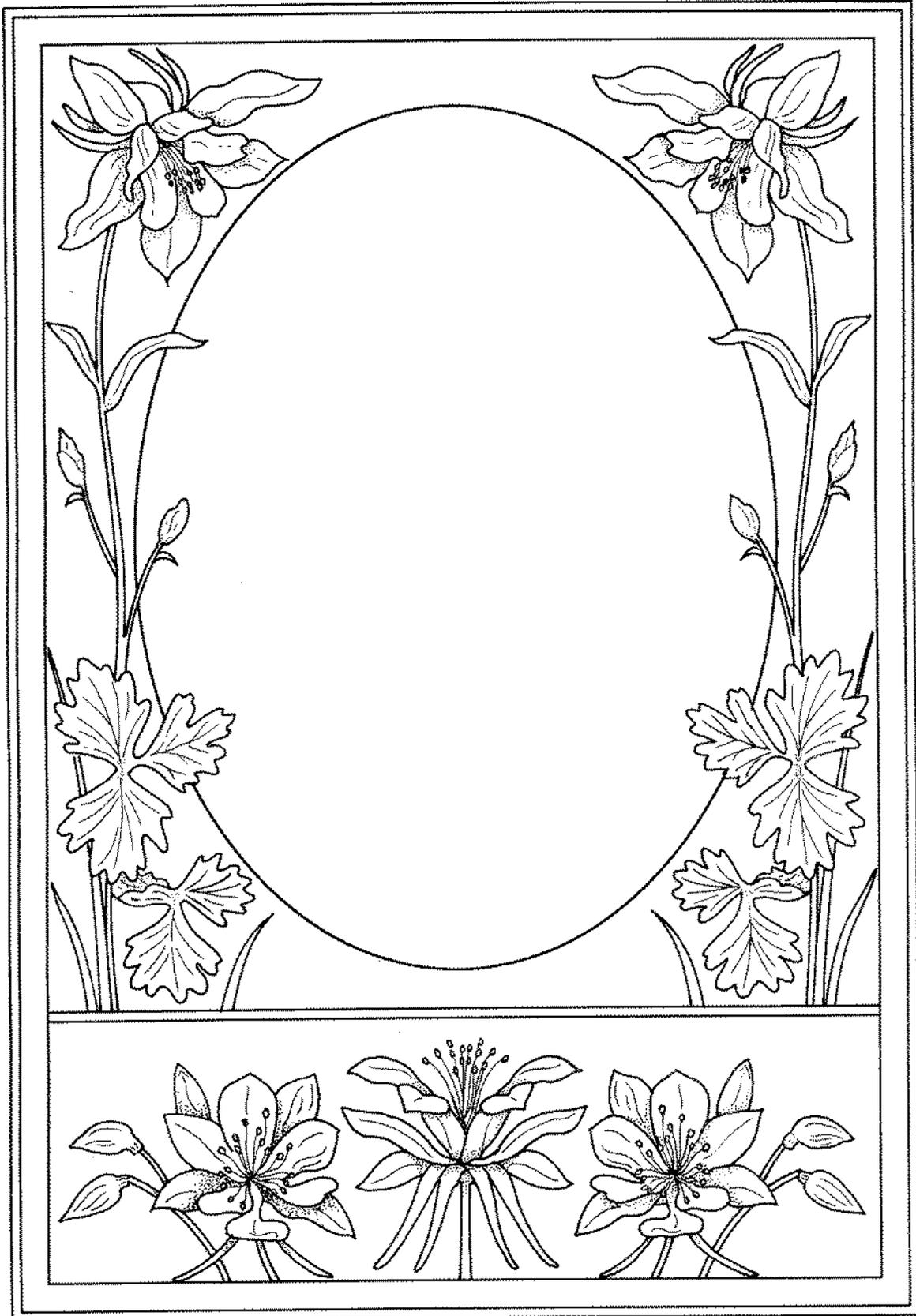


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-by Karen Werner, President



11 Last month's Monthly Meeting was a Soapbox Night. Turnout was high, and we ended up being chased out of the library at closing time. In all, five Mensa members spoke on a wide variety of interesting topics. It was such a success that you can probably expect a repeat within the year. My thanks to everyone who spoke; it was such an interesting variety, and every topic was interesting for everyone present.

3 This month's speaker will be Dave McNeely, political columnist for the Austin American-Statesman. See the Monthly Meeting announcement for details.

5 If any members have friends who would like to be tested for Mensa membership, please contact me or Sam Waring, Testing Coordinator (contact information is on the inside cover of this newsletter).

7 Check out the National web site for information on the Annual Gathering over July 4th, ag.us.mensa.org.

10 Several Mensa-hosted parties will probably happen over the summer and fall months. Other local events will also have a Mensa presence. Make sure to check the monthly calendar. If you aren't on the e-mail "announce list," please let me know and I will get you information on how to sign up so that you can receive get regular updates and reminders of Lonestar Mensa events.

Don't forget to visit TGIT any Thursday.

See you soon.

Thoughts on a Soggy Spring

-by Rachael Stewart

What do you call a man who courts storms?

Rain beau.

In India, clouds belong in what social stratum?

Over caste.

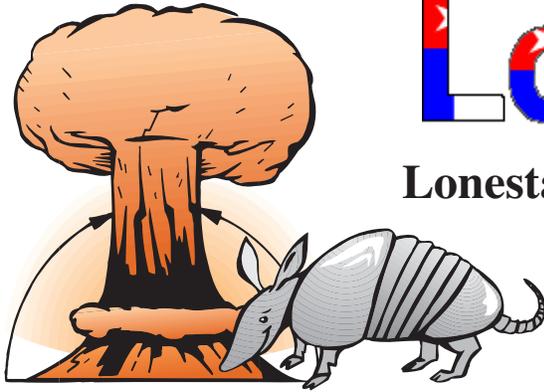
Why did the Sky King keep raising taxes?

His was a pouring reign.

What did one IRC user say to another when the Internet filled up with people talking about themselves?

It's raining chats and blogs.





LonestaRG

LonestaRG VI (VI VI!): RGMageddon
Sep. 3-6, 2004
Austin, TX

- Speakers on war, famine, pestilence, death, chaos, mayhem, and other cataclysmic matters
- Post-apocalypse Dance
- 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!

It's a post-apocalyptic paradise! Join us for our own version of armageddon, and see what comes next. Hospitality will be a whole lot better than fallout shelter rations. Wear your best camoflage outfits and come prepared to party like it's the end of the world. Bring the whole family – we have discount rates for children. We expect to be back at the Holiday Inn Northwest, our home the past 5 years. For more information see the web page at <http://www.lsm.us.mensa.org/lonestarg.htm>. You can register online at <http://www.lsm.us.mensa.org/rg6reg.htm>. Sign up now!

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 \$40 to June 7, 2004, \$45 to July 12, \$50 to August 2, and \$55 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 Danny South, 2323 Wells Branch Pkwy Apt B204, Austin, TX 78728-6764, or register online. Make checks payable to "Lonestar Mensa RG". ALG06-04

Hello Region 6!

-by Dan Wilterding, RVC Region 6

Returning to the award nomination front — the 2004 PRP Contribution Award Nominations for Region6:

Fiction and Poetry

For Once and For All To Come

by Bill Brewer — Gulf Coast Mensa

Murder at the Chessboard

by Stanley Smith — Mensa Arkansas

Non-Fiction (Mensa themed)

TJM Rides the Flood of Literacy

by The Joyce Lundeen — Central OK Mensa

Non-Fiction (essay)

Pinto's Points - The Well Curve

by Jim Pinto — Eastern Oklahoma Mensa

Puzzles & Games (print)

Turner's Teasers - Pizza Pizza!

by Richard Turner — Mensa Arkansas

Continuing Item

Five-Minute Mini Mysteries

by Stanley Smith — Mensa Arkansas

Region 6 is again well represented in an acknowledgement of above-average abilities. Congratulations to all, you make me proud to be a Mensan.

Personal thoughts on being a Mensan: There are many villages in the community that is Mensa. Over the years I've enjoyed my travels through those villages, with more, I'm sure, to be discovered as I continue my journey in the years ahead. I have met many people, made new friends, discovered new roads, laughed and cried and learned. Along the road I've contributed in different ways, remember that it was to give something back to the community at large that I ran for and was elected RVC. Doing that has benefited me, too — connecting the villages, building roads linking us all. Now, as I go into the last year of my second term as RVC, I see that it's almost time for me to move on. To sojourn through new, undiscovered Mensa territory — like riding off into a new dawn. I won't be riding as a Regional Vice Chairman, however, but as a private citizen of the community Mensa, regaining the perspective I get as a "regular member". I'll still be contributing where I can and, after a few years, you might find me again on the more traveled roads in one capacity or another. Please accept my thanks for your support and for helping to make Mensa as an organization one that I'm proud to serve. You're one helluva good

region, you've made it fun and have helped to accomplish many of the goals I set as RVC. Look for me too as you travel through the villages; perhaps we'll go a few miles together. I'm excited about the next leg of this journey. Now, where's that map ...

Comments, anyone?

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September 3-6, 2004

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November 25-28 2004

\$50 till August 31, \$55 after

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Member News

Rachael Stewart and Walter Stewart married on 3 April 2004. The outdoor ceremony occurred on the only sunny Saturday of the entire month. No photos will be forthcoming until Rachael pries them out of Walter's traveling PC. (No, they are neither related, previously wed and being sneaky about it, nor planning to hyphenate their surnames.)

Sisters

-by Jane Thompson

My cousin Stevie, who lives down in Houston, doesn't take after my side of the family. She has the blackest hair, the whitest skin, and the bluest eyes you ever saw. She has to beat the guys off with the stick, and she once told me how she winnowed out the keepers. She said it was really easy. They would be charming her and sweet-talking her and she would wait for a break and then say, "Hey, did you know that I don't have any feet?" She said most of them would suddenly remember that they had to meet their wives, or that they had a date, or that they were overdue at work. Some would get curious and ask her how she lost her feet, then plead an engagement, but the true keepers would be sympathetic and hold their curiosity until they knew her better. She said they were few and far between but it was an excellent system for finding the good guys. It really simplified her romantic life.

Stevie was the oldest of seven, the daughter of my mother's brother. She spent her childhood helping to raise her sisters and brothers, and they all looked up to her as a second mother. When she graduated from high school, she married her sweetheart, Don, and had a couple of kids of her own. Stevie was happy with her life, but wanted more than life as a wife and mother. She had already raised a bunch of kids, and wanted to find out what it would be like to work in the wider world. When her kids got up to frying size, she decided to go to nursing school; after all, she had always been a nurturer and thought a nursing career would be perfect for her.

She did great in nursing school and managed to run her home and make great grades at school and everything was going well except that Stevie started to suffer from debilitating migraines. If you have ever had a migraine, you know that life stops when you have one. There's no keeping house or taking care of kids or going to class with a migraine. They were slowing her up, so Stevie went to a physician at the nursing school and asked for help. The doctor offered her an experimental drug that was supposed to dilate the arteries in her brain and stop migraines cold.

Unfortunately, the drug didn't work that way with Stevie. It dilated the arteries in her legs and feet and suddenly she was in crisis. She was slapped in the hospital and given an artificial blood supply to her legs. They thought this would be temporary and it was—but a very long temporary. It looked like Stevie was going to be in the hospital for awhile.

Sharry, her little sister who was just now out of high school, felt like she owed Stevie, so she put her college plans on hold and moved in with Don to care for the kids and take on the housework until Stevie was better. The weeks dragged

into months and it was touch and go as to whether Stevie's legs could be saved. She was very sick and very grateful to her sister who was there for her when she needed her.

Eventually, after nearly two years, it became clear that Stevie's legs could be saved but not her feet. They would have to be amputated. By this time Stevie had received a really good settlement from the drug company, one that would ensure that she wouldn't have to work again and that the kids could go to college. That helped, but didn't make up for the loss of her limbs. After the amputation, Stevie fell into a deep depression. She felt helpless and useless and scared of the future. She had to give up on her dream of being a nurse, and wasn't sure how she could take care of the kids. How could she take care of the kids? I mean, could she even take care of herself? Would Don want a woman who wasn't whole.? She just hit bottom.

About that time Don and Sharry visited Stevie in the hospital to explain how things were. They were very sorry, but it seemed that they had fallen in love. They knew it would be rough on Stevie, but it just happened, you know. Don wanted a divorce, and he wanted to marry Sharry. It only made sense that Stevie sign over full custody of the kids to him, given her limitations, and of course she should sign the settlement over to him so he could provide for the children. Stevie looked up from the black hole she was in to see them holding papers for her to sign and she did. She signed every one of them. Then Don and Sharry went away and left her alone.

After that her life was a blur of physical therapy and regret. The only thing that kept her going was a great bitterness. Sometimes she just couldn't believe what had happened. This wasn't a goddamn soap opera, this was her real life! It didn't seem possible. Things like this flat didn't happen in well-run families. As a matter of fact no one else in the family could believe it, either. Sharry was excluded from the family, a drastic and unheard of thing in a close Irish clan. No one spoke of or to Sharry again.

Eventually, Stevie pulled herself up out of that black hole. She decided to get on with her life, which is something she never thought she would be able to do. She learned to stand on her own two prosthetic feet again. She got a job and did well with it. She found her keeper and fell and love and she married him; she had a couple of kids. And yes, she lived happily ever after. But one thing she did not do—she did not forgive Sharry. Because there are some things that sisters do not do to each other. No matter what.

Are you not quite a teen and not quite GenX? Then check out the new msn group for those of us in and around Mensa at <http://groups.msn.com/CollegeMs>.

Howdy To:

Angela H Adams

Saurabh Bansal

Shannon Y Bolt

Harold A Cromwell

John Davis

Ryan DeElena

John Doughty joined Mensa to meet other people in the higher IQ range. He has worked in a number of different fields in his lifetime. Currently, he is a healthcare professional, largely in the research area. He has also worked as a construction field engineer and spent 8 years in the military, is a member of the International Webmasters Association, and is proud of his Certificate of Appreciation from the Secretary of Defense for service during the Cold War. He is married with 2 daughters (16 and 24) and 2 grandsons-the 2nd being 2 months old. He has 3 dogs, a cat and a cockatoo parrot-all spoiled and is a registered rescuer with Town Lake Animal Center and Williamson County, although he does not rescue anymore. I founded the now closed Pet Aid League of Austin which provided funding for sick and injured pets.

Allison Egger lives in San Marcos with Chuck, her husband of six years, and a house full of “non-human kids” including two collies, two parrots, four horses, an iguana, and a tank full of Discus. She earned a Bachelor’s degree in Agricultural business and management from (Southwest) Texas State University. She loves to make anything grow and flourish, animals and plants alike. A couple of months ago her husband encouraged her to do an online I.Q. test that he had done at his office. After doing several (to see if they were consistent) I decided to take the formal Mensa test. She looks forward to meeting other members.

Tlaloc Espinosa

Andromeda H Ross

Catherine Roueche

Lynn Skaggs

Linda Van Broeke-Pierce

Roger W Waak

Steve Young



May Ex-Comm Meeting Minutes

-submitted by Karen Werner, President

Meeting was called to order by Karen Werner at 6:00 p.m. on May 10. Also present were Kathie Blair, Janet Kres, Mark Kres and John Neemidge. Karen Werner recorded the minutes of the meeting.

Kathie Blair presented a quarterly accounting of the Lonestar Mensa checking account. Checking account balance as of April 30, 2004 was \$2,950.17. John noted that there were no entries for payment of printer bills for the newsletter. He presented April’s printing bill to Kathie at the meeting for payment. Kathie will pay that bill and check on any outstanding balance with the printer. She will also check on getting copies of those bills sent to us on a monthly basis.

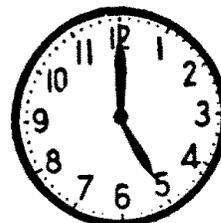
John gave a brief status report on our scheduled RG over Labor Day. He reported no monies have been paid out yet to the hotel, and none are due at this time. Everything is proceeding according to schedule.

Karen announced we had received information on National Testing Day, scheduled for October 16. Karen will sign up Lonestar Mensa to participate in the testing. The group is making progress on adding additional testing proctors, with one local member scheduled to complete certification requirements after the next test date, and another needing only three testing dates to be certified. Karen will check with Testing Coordinator Sam Waring regarding the next testing date.

The Ex-Comm also reviewed membership totals before and after the March 31 renewal deadline. As is normal, membership totals decreased, but according to Membership Officer John Neemidge, at a lower level than seen in past years. Totals will be reviewed again next month.

Helen Siders arrived for the meeting at 6:45 p.m. She reported that the post office assessed us a penalty for last month’s mailing due to crooked labels and a few missing bar codes. An announcement regarding the importance of straight labels will be made at the next Fold and Sticker.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:50 p.m.



Thus Spake the N.O. (e.g. the National News Page)

Items on this page were submitted by the authors to the AMLNewsFlash newsletter.

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-by Marc Lederman

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Insomniac's Qualms, by Vicki C.

Murder at the Chessboard, by Stanley Smith

The Joshua Twin, by John McGondel

The Pond, by John McGondel

Non-Fiction (Mensa themed)

My First Autumn in New York, by Jeff Jones

TJM Rides the Flood of Literacy, by The Joyce Lundeen

Why I Joined Mensa, by Norm Oleesky

Ya Shudda Been There - Recap of August's Final Friday,
by Elizabeth B. Wilson

*Ya Shudda Been There - Recap of the Annual Gathering
in St. Paul*, by Elizabeth B. Wilson

Non-Fiction (essay)

Cheap Eats: Bobotie, by Cynthia Clampitt

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My Wounded Knee, by S Martha Montevallo

Pinto's Points - The Well Curve, by Jim Pinto

Remembrances of War, by Sonja Struthers

War Story 1944, by S Martha Montevallo

Puzzles & Games (print)

Acrostic #160, by Norm Pos

Cryptic Crosswords #35, by Fred J. Nitney

Mpossible Puzzles, by Frank Bruni

Terry Black's Film, TV, and Comics Trivia Challenge,
by Terry Black

Turner's Teasers - Pizza Pizza!, by Richard Turner

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Cryptosum #2, by Matt Crawford

Messing With Your Mind - By The Numbers, by James R
Whitson

Messing With Your Mind - Crosswords for Nerds, by
James R Whitson

Messing With Your Mind - List It!, by James R Whitson

Monster Latin Square #1, by Oriel Maxime

Three Letter Tango #3, by Oriel Maxime

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Europe, by Clark Jones

Fall Colors, by Ray Frodey

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Red Spotted Purple Butterfly, by Ray Frodey

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Toscano

Standoff at Feeder, by Sam Toscano

Sugarland Sunset Series One through Three, by Sam
Toscano

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North Dakota Gathering

-by Anthony Jackowski

Dear Fellow Mensans,

Below is a website that lists the details of the first ever gathering in North Dakota Mensa (to my knowledge). It is scheduled the weekend prior to the start of the AG (not a great time, but who's complaining), but sounds like it is going to be a lot of fun. I would very much appreciate it if, since there is no time to get this information into the Bulletin, you could pass it along to your local groups in your columns or special mailings. Let's help this small group have a wonderful time.

Thank you very much.

Regards, Tony Jackowski

<http://northdakota.us.mensa.org/rg.htm>



Another Wise Mensan on Super Millionaire

-by Jim Blackmore

Mensan Taru Spiegel, PhD, an archivist at the Library of Congress, has been tapped as one of the "Wise Men" on ABC's Super Millionaire. Taru, a member of Metropolitan Washington Mensa taped her segment yesterday in New York City. The segment will air on Sunday night at 10 p.m. Eastern. In Regis' introductory comments, Taru is clearly introduced as a member of American Mensa.

AG News Page

Last Minute Call for AG Magazine Contributions!

-submitted to the Editors List by Karen Bauernschmidt

Please Broadcast.

Last minute call for AG magazine contributions!

Write to me!

1. The Future of Food at Mensa Gatherings.
2. An article from a war veteran, since we'll be celebrating Independence Day.
3. An article from a teenager about getting over on genius parents.
4. An article on SIGS!
5. Thoughts on getting teenagers on the ExCom.
6. The importance of being right and why it doesn't matter.
7. Something useful about modern day computers: a list of maintenance tips or such.
8. The latest on electronic gadgets.
9. Original jokes, puzzles, cartoons.
10. Why you stay in Mensa.
11. Your favorite Mensa moment.
12. Why you like America.
13. Chocolate.
14. Why you'd change the electoral process of voting for president.
15. Your favorite book and why.
16. What you'd do with fifteen minutes of fame.
17. Your favorite toy when you were ten.
18. Your favorite insult.
19. Envy, greed, sloth, lust, wrath, gluttony, pride.
20. You get the idea.

Send it agmagazine@yahoo.com and you may just get published. Send along your local group name, too, okay?

Thanks everyone. See you in Paris!

British Mensa Annual Gathering

July 30 - August 1, 2004

Manchester England

<http://www.newdawnad.co.uk/Mensa/>

Las Vegas
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June 30 — July 5, 2004

Planning for American Mensa's AG 2004: Las Vegas ExtravAGanza! is well underway. With over 1,200 Mensans, family and friends registered so far, it looks to be a GREAT gathering with a lot to do and see.

**Now is a great time to register
as the rate will go up on June 25.**

Visit ag.us.mensa.org
for more information today!

Meals plus!

Still debating on purchasing a meal plan? Taking advantage of our meals and meal plans makes sense. There will be raffles at all three meals, but only for meal ticket holders.

Tours, Tours and more Tours!

The AG Committee has teamed with LasVegas.com to provide tours and entertainment options this year. Among the highlights are Cirque du Soleil: Zumanity and O; Lance Burton: Master Magician; Showgirls of Magic; and Star Trek: The Experience, with more to come! Visit LasVegas.com/mensa.htm for more information on special rates and Mensa-specific events.

M-and-M Reaffirmation

The honor of your presence is requested at a reaffirmation of your wedding vows along with those of other like-minded Mensan couples. There will be five services offered within the reaffirmation ceremony: Jewish, Catholic, non-denominational Christian, non-religious and finally a Mensa-oriented service. You can register for this event online at ag.us.mensa.org/program/vows.php.

Program Tracks

The program tracks are filling fast. In addition to special events like the M-and-M Reaffirmation, the dances, awards and meals, there will also be great programs like Uranium and Plutonium: Their Roles in Today's World; The Weird Universe; Wholesale Shop 'Til You Drop; Advantage Gambling; Nibbling Away at the House; and Route 66 - Arizona Facts and Fancies.

Register online now at ag.us.mensa.org.

We'll see you there!

Restaurant Row

-by Karen Werner

Eddie V's is a spectacular seafood restaurant, located at 301 E. 5th Street. Entrée choices include every variety of fresh fish, in addition to crab, scallops and lobster. This restaurant also serves superb steak as well other meat entrees. Appetizers range from oysters on the half shell to broiled scallops accompanied by foie gras. My favorite appetizer is a trio of fried calamari, lobster tail and very large lump crab cake (with no bread or other filling). There are also more than half a dozen salads to choose from, including such items as an apple and endive salad with candied walnuts. It's hard to choose between entrees, and the menu changes regularly to accommodate whatever is fresh and seasonal. Some of my favorites are the crab-stuffed jumbo shrimp, the bacon-wrapped scallops and the sauteed snapper in lemon butter sauce topped with mounds of lump crab. Your biggest problem will be making a selection. Entrée prices generally range from \$18 to \$29 (for a shrimp, scallop and lobster dish served with a cognac lobster bisque). Side dishes, serving at least two persons, are extra.

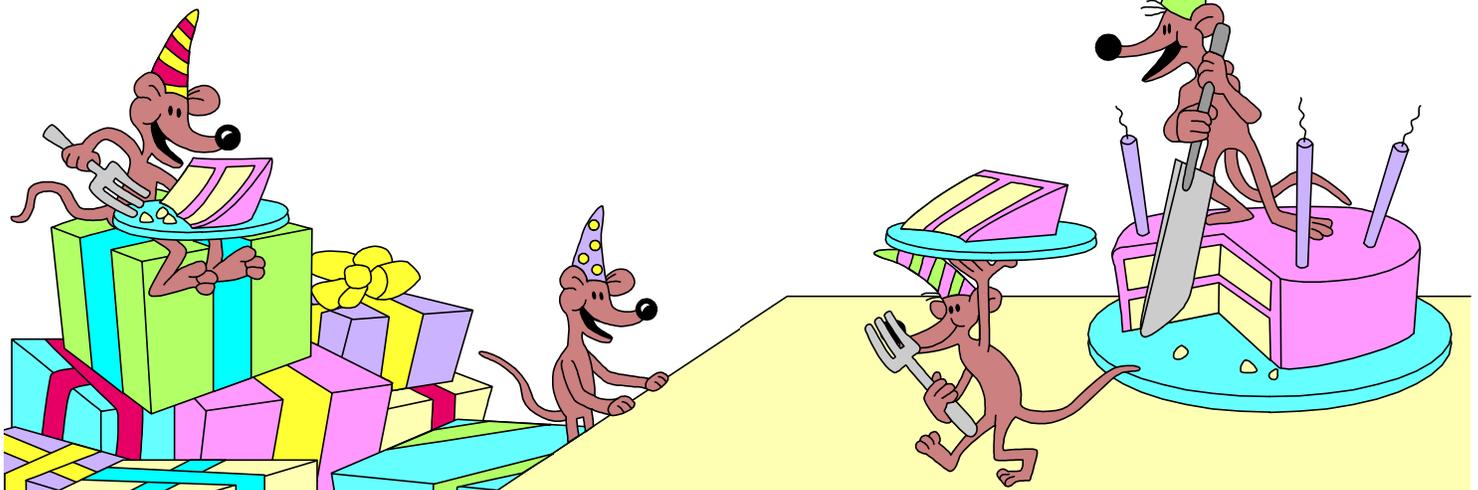
Service is excellent as well. Men and women in white dinner jackets take your orders, keep your glasses full and replace silverware between courses. They know who has ordered which dish and what you are drinking. The hostess asks for your last name when seating you if you don't have reservations, and you are addressed accordingly by your waitperson throughout the evening.

Happy hour is from 4:30 to 7:00, all day on Monday. Selected appetizers, including the crab cake and scallops, are half-price and drinks are \$1 off.

If you're looking for great seafood, or a place to spend a nice/special evening, this is a place to try.

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS

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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.

LonestaRG Planning Meeting & Pool Party

Saturday, June 12

Meeting

2:00pm

Pool Party

5:00pm

Neemidges', 1807 Messick Place, RR (512) 310-7863

If you're interested in helping our upcoming LonestaRG Regional Gathering, this meeting is for you! We've got lots of volunteer opportunities, including planning, decorating, donation solicitation, purchasing and logistics, and more. Whether you're a LonestaRG veteran or a newcomer, we can use your help!

After the RG meeting, we're having a pool party. It'll nearly be summer, and a great time to come enjoy drinks by (or in) the pool, a meal cooked on the grill, and lounging in the back yard with your fellow Mensans. Bring a towel, swimsuit, something to cook on the grill, a side dish, munchies, or dessert to share, and your own beverage; we'll provide soda, water, and some munchies. 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.

ExComm Meeting

Monday, June 14

5:30pm

Buffett Palace

1012 W. Anderson Ln, Austin

Contact Karen Werner at (512) 291-4677 to get an item on the agenda. All members welcome.

Monthly Meeting

Monday, June 14

7:00pm

Austin Public Library

North Village Branch

2139 W. Anderson Lane, Austin

Please see the announcement on this page for meeting details.

Waco Area Mensa Get-Together

Wednesday, June 16

7:00pm

Barnes & Noble Café

4909 W. Waco Dr., Waco

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

Fold & Sticker

Thursday, June 24

(at TGIT)

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

Potluck SIG & Games Night

Saturday, June 26

6:00pm

Kelly Wagner & Steve Harsch's Home

1001 E. Riverside, Austin

(512) 443-9650

June is the first month of summer, and it's getting hot.

Hot days = cool food. Let's make a meal of foods that should be refrigerated until they're ready to serve. Examples include potato salad, pudding, and iced tea.

Any effort to reduce salt or leave salt out of your dishes greatly appreciated. (Salt shakers will be available to add salt to your food yourself, of course.)

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.

June's Monthly Meeting

This month's Monthly Meeting will be held at 7:00 p.m., on Monday, June 14, at the North Village Library, 2139 W. Anderson Lane.

Our speaker will be Dave McNeely, political columnist for the Austin American-Statesman. His talk will be something along the lines of "Mean Times in Texas Politics: Republican Dog Catches Bus." He will then answer any and all questions from the audience.

Mr. McNeely began his journalism career at The University of Texas student newspaper, where he was both a political reporter and editor. In the years since, with breaks for a Congressional Fellowship in Washington and a Nieman Fellowship for journalists at Harvard, he has covered most legislative sessions and Texas elections. He began working for the Austin American-Statesman in 1978 and has written a political column in the Statesman for 20 years. His column also appears in other Texas newspapers. Mr. McNeely is considered the dean of the Texas Capitol press corps.

Mr. McNeely also co-taught a course at The University of Texas on "The Press and Politics," first with Paul Begala and then with Karl Rove. He first interviewed George Bush in 1978.

Join us in welcoming Mr. McNeely. Come armed with questions.

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