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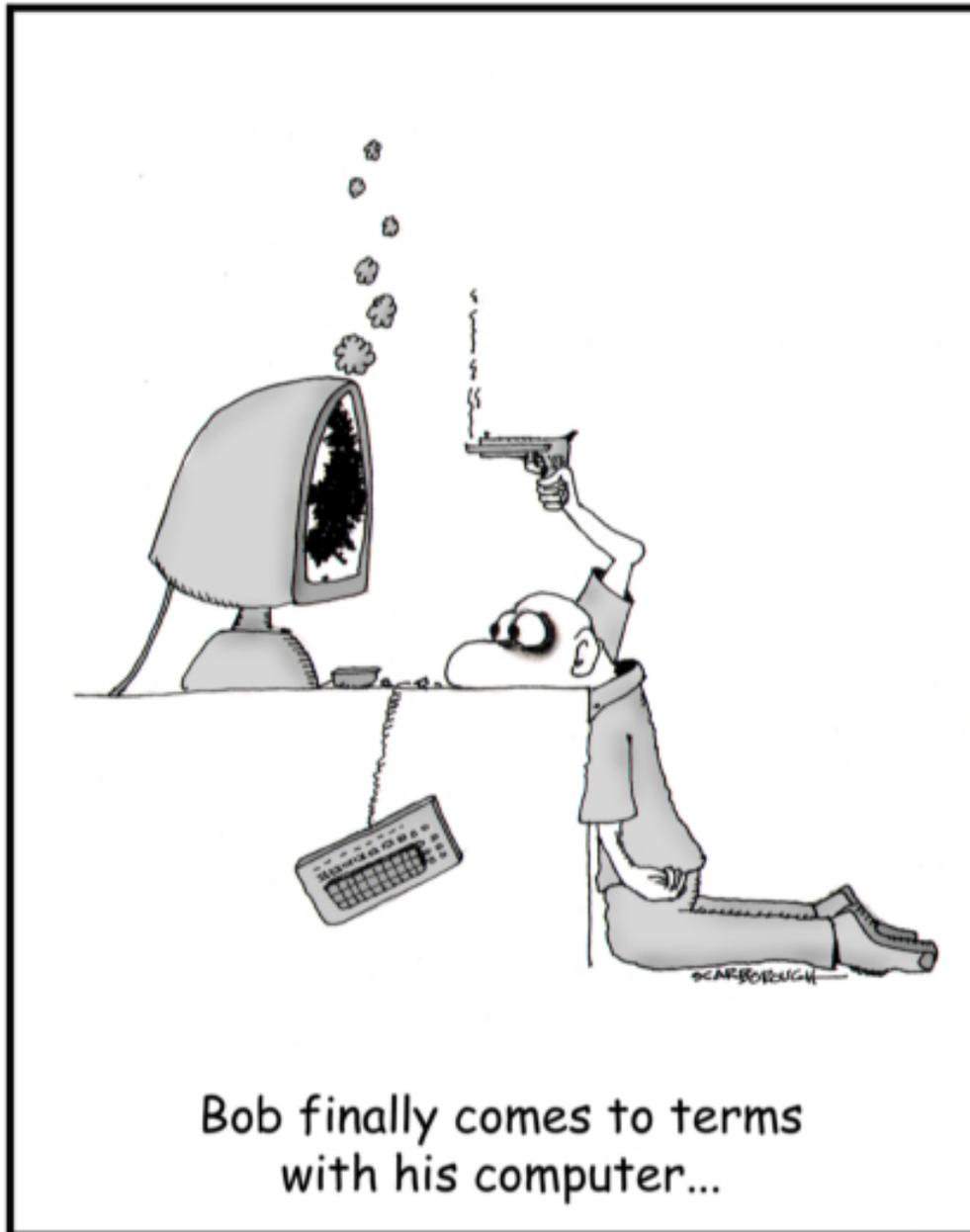
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By Larry Scarborough



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This looks like my current human-computer interaction! Thanks, Larry. I really needed that laugh.

-- Rachael

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Listen Up!

-by Karen Werner, President

Have you renewed your membership? If not, this will be your last newsletter. If I'm talking about you, get your rear in gear, visit us.mensa.org and renew now. You may not know it, but Lonestar Mensa is adding almost 10 new members a month. So if you haven't been getting out to events much, you're not only missing your old friends, but you're also missing the opportunity to make new ones.

Note that Kelly Wagner and Steve Harsch are no longer hosting Games Night. Look at the What's Happening page monthly to find out where it will be hosted. It is still scheduled for the fourth Saturday of every month. We plan to have rotating hosts. Poker Night has become very popular, so think about joining us for that. This month, Poker Night will be combined with the Spring Party/Crawfish Boil/Potluck. You can come for the party, for poker, or both.

We are now scheduling Mensa eligibility testing in Austin every month. If you know someone who is interested, have them contact me by phone or e-mail. The March Mensa Bulletin contains a coupon for \$5 off the normal \$30 testing fee, which you can give to anyone you like.

Lots of events are planned for this summer. Check out the calendar and What's Happening page of this newsletter monthly. See you at the Spring Party.



March ExComm Minutes

-submitted by Janet Kres, Vice President

The LoneStar Mensa Ex Comm met at the Northwest Recreational Center on Wednesday, March 2, 2005. Attendees were Karen Werner, Janet Kres, Kathie Blair, Steve Harsch, Kelly Wagner, and Brian Corcoran.

Karen called the meeting to order at 6:15 p.m. She reminded members that dues must be paid by March 31, or you will not be a member of the Ex Comm. Karen asked for the audit report.

Kelly reported that the audit results are that the financial statements are fine and the report will be in the April newsletter. Kelly will email the file to Rachael as an article for the newsletter. She suggested the following points for the future:

- Badge holders for the RG were ordered at the last minute and there were excessive shipping costs. Perhaps the badge

holders could be purchased locally.

- The treasurer needs to keep a list of the people pre-registered for the next Regional Gathering – this is a sub-account of prepaid liability.

- Each new treasurer should be passed the records of the previous treasurer. Every record over 3 years old will be scanned onto a CD. Only paper copies of records less than 3 years will be kept.

Kelly moved that all financial records over 3 years old be put into digital form and stored on a CD and that this process be continued in the future until the medium should change. The motion was seconded by Steve Harsch. Motion approved.

Kathie will do a year end report as treasurer, which will be published in the newsletter.

Karen mentioned current difficulties with Print Logics – no invoice has been received since December, 2004, and recent jobs were not completed on time. Kelly stated that the newsletter has to be from a printing press, not copied, in order to keep the second class mailing permit. Karen will ask Midge to check with the postmaster on bulk rate rules before we check on alternative newsletter printing sources.

Karen informed the group that LoneStar Mensa has submitted 3 newsletters and various articles to the Public recognition Program in 2 categories. We hope to win a prize.

Scholarship chair Kelly reported that 3 judges reviewed the essays submitted and a local winner was selected. 5 applications have been forwarded to the National level. The process will be completed in May – at which time the winner will be announced and the essay printed in the June newsletter. \$350 is the 2004 scholarship amount.

Karen reminded the group that there has been a change in the privacy rules on mailing to the membership list. There are 3 categories of privacy as of January 1st.

Karen – and every other Loc Sec - received a memo from National that testing numbers are down significantly. LoneStar Mensa will offer tests in March and April. The goal is to offer a test session once a month. Karen gave Brian extra copies of the March newsletter to mail out with his letters to people offered membership by National.

Kelly reported that Games Night will be rotated among members. Kathie will have the first rotation on April 23rd.

Meeting adjourned at 7 p.m.

Lonestar Mensa Balance Sheet As of 12-31-04

Assets	
Cash and Cash Equivalents	
<i>Checking- Guaranty</i>	2,826.92
<i>Certificate of Deposit</i>	10,314.84
Other Assets	
<i>Prepaid Postage</i>	282.26
Total Assets	13,424.02
Liabilities and Net Assets	
Liabilities	
<i>Scholarship Fund</i>	350.00
<i>2005 RG Preregistrations</i>	245.00
Total Liabilities	595.00
Net Assets	12,829.0
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	<u>13,424.02</u>



Games Night Update

-by Kelly Wagner

First, let me apologize to the Johannigmans, who hosted Games Night for over a year in the 90's - I forgot to mention them last month. There have been more than two hosts in 25 years, although not too many.

Second, we had several people volunteer to do Games Night, and the ExComm decided that we would rotate these people, so that everyone gets to try it, and no one has the burden of doing it every month if they don't want to. This also will enable people from more areas in our chapter to participate, since there have been people north and south as well as central express an interest. The first volunteer is Kathie Blair, who lives near Mopac and Far West, who will host April Games Night - see her write-up in the calendar section.

Others who expressed an interest - could you please call me (Kelly) so that we can see who is interested in hosting May and June? If we can set these up for the whole quarter before Steve and I leave town, then we can offer assistance (and leave some of our games) to everyone who wants to help out. My phone number is 443-9650, and evenings between 6 and 10 are usually the easiest time to reach me. Thanks!

Lonestar Mensa Income Statement For the year ended 12-31-04

Support and Revenues	
National Support - American Mensa	
<i>Member Subsidy</i>	3,523.69
<i>Newsletter Subscriptions</i>	102.05
<i>Testing</i>	412.50
<i>Misc.</i>	<u>114.44</u>
Total American Mensa	4,152.68
Revenue	
<i>RG Revenue</i>	3,900.00
<i>Interest on CD</i>	158.42
<i>Adjustment</i>	<u>6.00</u>
Total Support and Revenues	8,217.10
Expenses	
Newsletter Publication	
<i>Postage</i>	748.69
<i>Printing</i>	2,432.98
Mensan Parties	
<i>Host Reimbursement</i>	400.00
Other	
<i>Misc. Postage</i>	40.75
<i>Supplies</i>	61.76
RG Expenses	<u>3,825.33</u>
Total Expenses	7,509.51
Change in Net Assets	<u>707.59</u>

Kathie Blair: We had a pretty good year financially in Lonestar Mensa. We made a small but certainly positive profit from our RG held last September. Some profit is better than no profit in my opinion! Other than the RG, our main expenses occur from our newsletter printing, newsletter postage, and an occasional Mensa party. Our CD at Guaranty Bank is currently collecting a modest interest rate and due to mature at the end of May. Thank you for allowing me to continue to serve our group's financial needs.

Kelly Wagner: I have examined the financial statements of Lonestar Mensa for 2004 that were prepared by Kathie Blair. They accurately represent the cash flow and current financial position of Lonestar Mensa in all material respects.

News from the National Office

The Election Committee has announced the following as candidates for the upcoming American Mensa Committee election. Those running unopposed have been declared elected.

Chair

Russ Bakke
Sander Rubin

1st Vice Chair

Dan Burg
Jim Werdell

2nd Vice Chair

Elissa Rudolph
Scott Rainey
Tony Jackowski

Secretary Judy Vasiliauskas - Elected

Treasurer Charlie Bruce- Elected

Region 1

Marghretta McBean
Walter Wakefield

Region 2 Marc Lederman -elected

Region 3 Alan Baltis - elected

Region 4 Cyndi Kuyper - elected

Region 5

Mike Seigler
Lewis Gosnell

Region 6

Stan Alluisi
Ray O'Connor

Region 7 Kevin Myles - elected

Region 8 John Recht - elected

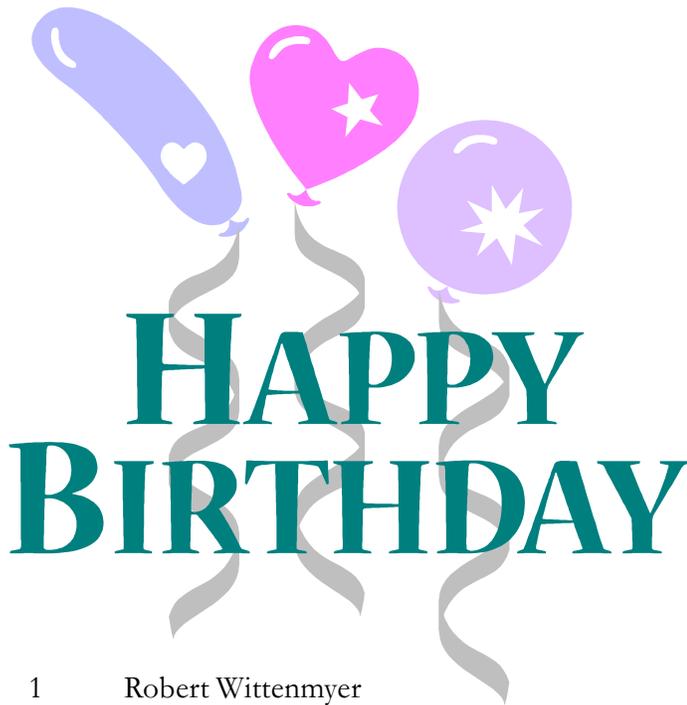
Region 9

Joanna Soper
Henry Miller
Karen Bauernschmidt

Region 10 Maggie Truelove - elected

Available from Editor upon request:

Campaign statement from Russ Bakke.
Support statement for Stan Alluisi from B.J. O'neill.
Region 7 LDW announcement (Fargo, North Dakota, 20-22 May).



- 1 Robert Wittenmyer
- 3 Kashif Noorani
- 4 Joseph Parsons
- 11 Mr Martin Jeffry Lee
- Dawn Hancock
- Robert Freeman
- 12 Robert Dietrich
- 13 Milton Zerfass Deal
- 14 Johnnie Ray Vaughn
- 17 James Moore
- 18 Mr David J Burgett
- Mr Paul Eric Anderson
- 20 Susan Folger Ward
- 21 David A Eichler
- 22 William Edward Jones MD
- John Leslie Neemidge
- George Nincehelter
- Tanya Posavatz
- 23 Mr Robin D Green
- Andrew M Rooke
- David C Carmody
- 24 Patricia B McCormick
- Jeff D'Arco
- 25 Michael Harkey
- 26 Mr Wes Davenport
- 27 Dr Dan B Dydek
- Richard Alan Councilman
- Brent Ritchey
- 28 Mr David James White
- 29 Ted Alexander
- 30 Saurabh Bansal
- Justin M Davis



Spring Celebration Party (followed by Poker Night)

9110 Curlew Drive, Austin

Contact: Karen Werner, (512) 291-4677

Saturday, April 16, 2005, 2:00 p.m.

This year's Spring Party will be a repeat of last year's theme: a combination crawfish boil/potluck at Karen Werner's home. The crawfish boil will include all the fixin's: crawfish, corn, potatoes, and mushrooms (and bread on the side). For the timid, we are also having a potluck; bring a dish if it's convenient. Whether you come to every party, or you've never been to one, it's a perfect time of year to come out and see old friends and meet new ones. The Spring Party is always a blast and always well attended. Feel free to RSVP if you like, so that I know how many pounds of crawfish to buy and what to cook/prepare for the potluck. Soft drinks will be provided. Otherwise, BYOB.

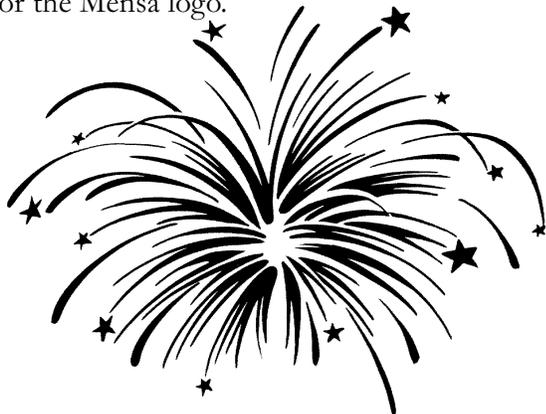
Sometime around 7:00 p.m. (maybe earlier and maybe later depending on peoples' preference), we will have our monthly Poker Night. This is penny ante poker, so you can't go broke. If you haven't joined us before, sit in and see what you're missing.

Directions:

From I-35, go south and exit on Slaughter Lane, Exit 227. Go west (right) on Slaughter for 3.0 miles to the first stoplight past McDonald's. You'll see a sign for Tanglewood Forest. This is Curlew Drive. Turn right at the stoplight and go approximately 0.5 miles, just past Wilcrest. 9110 Curlew Drive is a stone façade house with pink trim on the left.

From MoPac, go south to Slaughter Lane and turn left (east) at the stop light. The fourth stoplight (the first light past Brodie Lane and just past the signs for Tanglewood Forest) is Curlew Drive. Turn left on Curlew Drive and travel 0.5 miles, just past Wilcrest. 9110 Curlew Drive is a stone façade house with pink trim on the left.

Look for the Mensa logo.



April Monthly Meeting

Date/Time: Monday, April 25, 2005, 7:00 p.m.

Place: Howson Library, 2500 Exposition Blvd.

The April 25 Monthly Meeting will be another installment of our annual Lonestar Mensa Soapbox Night. Any Mensa member who wishes to speak on any topic is free to do so. Just contact Karen Werner at 291-4677, or at karen_lsmmensa @ yahoo.com, to sign up to speak. Depending on the number of speakers, speaking time is tentatively limited to 15 minutes per speaker. This event is always popular and interesting. Come with a topic in hand or just come to listen to your fellow Mensans take to the soapbox.



3rd Annual Come On Out To Mr Gatti's @ Hart Lane & Far West If You're Cheap, Lazy, Socially Inept, And Born Before 1944, To Share A Senior Discounted Pizza Buffet With Don Jarvis, And Book Swap

This is actually the first TACOO . . . S, and I hope it can be more often than annual, and it doesn't always have to be at Mr Gatti's and there can be other tack-ons than book swaps, and you don't have to bring books or be cheap, lazy or socially inept, but I like the sound of "3rd annual" and the other stuff gives it a nice structure.

I take a course at UT every semester, more for social activity than education. Some students were arguing recently about the merits of a couple musicians. I was asked my opinion and they were amazed that I didn't know either musician. I asked if they knew Buddy Clark, Dick Haymes, Eddie Howard, Jo Stafford, and others from my youth. We compared other fields, movies, tv shows, radio shows, athletes and we had few if any common grounds. I'll probably continue going to UT but I've learned I can't do much socializing with people in their late teens/early twenties. I need someone who knows, without consulting the net, who the Colgate Shave Cream Man was, who lived at 79 Wistful Vista, in whose "alley" you might hear someone say "That's a joke, son".

I hope you will join me Monday, April 11, 5:53pm. If you like the idea but the time or place is not good, email me (djarvis2@austin.rr.com) and we will try to arrange something better.

What's Happening in April?

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.

GenX Pub Crawl

Saturday, April 2 7:00pm
Host: Danny South (512) 670-3470
dsouth@stewart.com

7:00 Gingerman 304 W 4th
8:30 Fado 3rd and Lavaca
9:30 Bitter End 310 Colorado
10:30 Lovejoy's 6th and Neches
11:30 Casino el Camino 517 E 6th

ExComm Meeting

Wednesday, April 6 6:00pm
Northwest Recreation Center
2913 Northland Drive, Austin
Contact Karen Werner at (512) 291-4677 to get an item on the agenda. All members welcome.

Tacoo...S

Monday, April 11 5:53pm
Mr. Gatti's
Hart Lane and Far West Blvd, Austin
Host: Don Jarvis djarvis2@austin.rr.com
If you were born before 1944 and want to share old times, pizza, and good books, see page 6 for a description of this event.

Spring Celebration Party (and Poker Night)

Saturday, April 16 2:00pm
Karen Werner's House
9110 Curlew Dr, Austin (512) 291-4677
See page 6 for description and directions.

Hump Day Happy Hour

Wednesday, April 20 6:00pm
Opal Divine's, 700 W. 6th (corner of Rio Grande)
Meet fellow Mensans at Opal Divine's to eat, drink and be merry. The hostess will tell you where we are.

Waco Area Mensa Get-Together

Wednesday, April 20 7:00pm
Barnes & Noble Café
4909 W. Waco Dr., Waco
Prospective members welcome. RSVP to Jerry Lenamon, (254) 399-9450.

Fold & Sticker

Thursday, April 21 (at TGIT)
Help us assemble the newsletter! See Thank Goodness It's Thursday for directions.

Potluck SIG & Games Night

Saturday, April 23 6:00pm
House of Kathie Blair and Bill Lawler
6486 Hart Ln, Austin (512) 502-9083 (home)
(512) 431-2276 (cell)

If coming North on Mopac: Take Far West Blvd exit. Stay in the middle lane. Go straight through at the light when applicable. There will be turn offs for Mopac entrance on left and for North Hills Drive on your right. Stay in the middle lane. Turn right on Hart Lane (next street, can only turn right) and go up the hill. After the second street on your LEFT (Wendell Cove), we are the second house on the left. It is a duplex, address 6486. It is the one with the double driveway. Park on the street on Hart, or around the corner on Wendell Cove. We will have soda, diet soda, and lemonade. BYOB, bring yourself, maybe some munchies/ snacks and get ready to have a fun time! (No indoor pets.)



Monthly Meeting

Monday, April 25 7:00pm
Austin Public Library, Howson Branch
2500 Exposition Blvd., Austin
Please see page 6 for details.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2 GenX Pub Crawl
3	4	5	6 ExComm Meeting	7 TGIT	8	9
10	11 Taco...S	12	13	14 TGIT	15 <i>Dillo Deadline</i>	16 Spring Celeb Poker Party
17	18	19	20 Happy Hour Waco Area Mensa	21 TGIT <i>Fold & Staple</i>	22	23 Potluck and Games Night
24	25 Monthly Meeting	26	27	28 TGIT	29	30

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