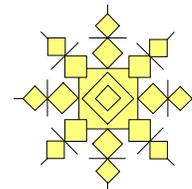
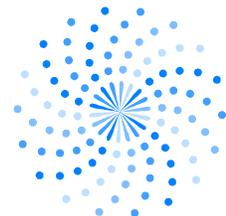
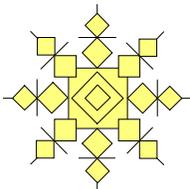
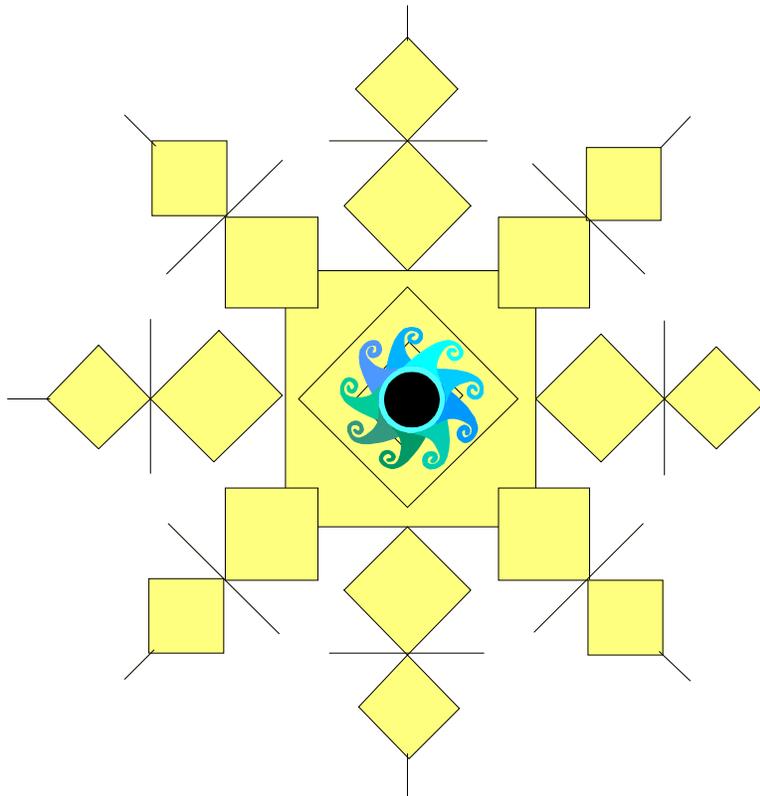
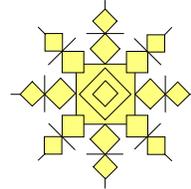
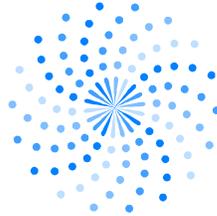
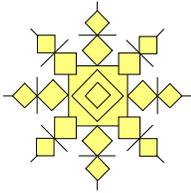


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Listen Up!

-by Karen Werner, President

If you haven't been paying attention to the calendar, you are missing out on a lot of unique and fun activities. In April, we cooked up 70 lbs. of crawfish at the Spring Party, and served those along with roasted chickens, numerous salads and appetizers, as well as assorted desserts. In May, Hugh Brown hosted a campout, along with fishing, swimming, hiking, berry picking and just plain socializing, as we Mensans do so well. The calendar includes Games Night, Happy Hour, Poker, TGIT, GenX Pub Crawl, over-65 Pizza Buffet, and weekly TGIT. Charity Smith is hosting a bowling excursion June 4 for all members and their children. We are gaining approximately ten new members a month, and are testing an equal number of new candidates each month. The one thing we have in common is that we like to talk about almost anything, almost anytime. So find something on the calendar that sounds fun, and just go. Meet new friends and visit with old ones.

Membership Directory Coming Soon!

Lonestar Mensa is planning to publish a local membership directory a few months from now. This directory will include the following information about Lonestar Mensa members: name, address, telephone number, e-mail address and birth month and day (not year). Information for any particular member is limited by the particular consents given by that member when filling out the Personal Data Questionnaire maintained by American Mensa, Ltd. If you wish to check whether you have limited information that you may or may not want published, (other than name), please check your Personal Data Questionnaire at the American Mensa web site, us.mensa.org; or contact either Karen Werner, Lonestar Mensa President, or Mark Kres, Membership Officer, and they can tell you what you have consented to. This notice will also occur in the next Armadillo Gazette, so that all members have a chance to update their publication preferences. A couple of members have contacted local officers because their birthdays were not listed in the Gazette; the reason was that they inadvertently refused to authorize release of that information. Officers have discovered they inadvertently restricted their e-mail address or phone number. So check and make sure that we list the information you want listed. We will honor all requests, whether through the National database, or through personal communication with Karen or Mark.

Springtime in the Country

A Visit to Hugh Brown's

-by Kathleen Malcolmson

Some of us Austinites took Hugh Brown up on his invitation to enjoy the Texas countryside at his home near Blue, Texas. Hugh has 150+ acres that he allows Mother Nature to tend to as she sees fit, and with wonderful results.

Although some people went up Friday and camped, I chose to drive out on Saturday with my backpack, walking stick and a cooler full of comestibles (what's the use of being a Mensan if you can't use words like this?). I must mention that this is my first Springtime in Texas, after moving here from the Sangre de Cristo mountains of Colorado, and I was looking forward to seeing the flora and fauna of the Texas countryside. After driving east from Austin for about an hour, I pulled onto Hugh's driving track (doesn't quite qualify as a road). Admiring the wildflowers along the track was a wonderful way to start winding down from the city. After a couple of minutes negotiating the track, I arrived at Hugh's house with no one in sight. No problem. I just grabbed my stick (I hear there are snakes in Texas) and headed for the first footpath I could find. I had a very enjoyable hike through the trees and to the edge of Hugh's acreage. Upon returning, everyone had just come back from the pond. I told Hugh that I'd seen his cattle tracks in the woods, but not the cattle. He replied that he had no cattle. That's when I found out that Texas also has wild pigs.

There were pleasant distractions to give in to throughout the day. Birds, wildflowers, fascinating insects, ripe dewberries (like blackberries) and a glorious pond surrounded by Bald Cypress with a small dock (and canoe!) kept us happily occupied. Besides the fishing, swimming, hiking, camping and canoeing, the conversation, as always with Mensan gatherings, was a highlight of the day. We all thank Hugh for giving us the opportunity to just hang out and enjoy the countryside at his home.



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Gifted Children Membership

-by Karen Werner

If your child has expressed an interest in becoming a Mensa member, here's what you should know. First, numerous test scores qualify for membership based on "prior evidence." If you want to know more, go to the American Mensa web site, us.mensa.org, and then click the link for Join Mensa at the top left corner. That link will tell you the requirements for verification of test scores, Mensa-recognized tests, and the contact person for additional information if a particular test is not listed. Second, if a minor takes the proctored Mensa tests, they are treated the same as adult applicants, in that they cannot retake those tests. Third, if an applicant does not pass either of the two Mensa-proctored tests, American Mensa now allows interested applicants to undergo an additional Mensa-proctored testing session, Culture Fair, for an additional fee. Visit the national web site or contact local officers, Karen Werner, President, or Mark Kres, Testing Coordinator, for additional information.

-from the National Office

The Gifted Children's committee would like to remind local groups that there are numerous links to organizations and resources for gifted children and families on the American Mensa website at http://www.us.mensa.org/activities/gc_resources.php. As summer approaches, parents may inquire about local programs and camps. For additional resources by state, please send an email to the Gifted Children Outreach Coordinator, Keri Guilbault at young_mensa@yahoo.com.

Also, our new GCC handbook can be downloaded from the following link (password protected): <https://secure.us.mensa.org/members/only/includes/handbooks/GCPHandbook.pdf>. This handbook may be useful not only to local GCCs but to other members who host events for Young Mensans in your group. In addition to Kids Trek, the Gifted Children's Program committee will hold a session at the AG to introduce the new handbook as well as a session on how to run an effective local Gifted Children's program.



Hello Region 6, and Farewell!

-by Dan Wilterding, RVC Region 6

The past four years as your RVC have, for me, been interesting and educational, challenging and rewarding.

I've had the good fortune to work with so many good folks in Region 6 and across the country -- LocSecs and Editors mostly, with a healthy mix of "regular" members too. There've been eye-opening experiences ranging from national hearings to Proxyquest to risk-management, these and more presenting their own particular challenges and unique situations. I've discovered things about myself (and others) that will be of benefit in the years to come -- that tasks thought impossible can be accomplished even though sometimes life gets in the way of doing the simplest things, that not every idea your friends have is a good one and that even people with whom you have significant philosophical differences come up with good suggestions. I've discovered that unintended slights are very difficult to rectify and that, for good or ill, the "little things" really **are** what count. There's more, but I'll stop here.

My term as Regional Vice Chairman will conclude with the end of the General Meeting of the members at the Annual Gathering in New Orleans. Until that time I am pleased, and proud, to be your RVC and stand ready to do whatever possible to benefit you and your local group. After the "new guy" takes office I ask that you support him as you have me: support him with your suggestions, let him know what you think about matters Mensan, realize that he too is a volunteer and offer encouragement, praise and understanding as appropriate.

Thank you for allowing this opportunity to partake of the smörgåsbord that is Mensa.

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The World Gathering will be held in Orlando next year and Maggie Truelove, the WG06 Program Chair, is looking among the membership for a few good speakers. Please contact her soon if you or someone you know might be willing to help her out with this.

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May ExComm Meeting Minutes

-submitted by Janet Kres, Vice President

May 2, 2005

Attendees: Karen Werner, Janet Kres, Mark Kres, Danny South, Midge Kocen, Michael Tolbert, Kathie Blair, Margaret Wofford.

Karen called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m. She announced that the next testing session would be Saturday, May 21, at the North Village Library.

Karen announced the incoming/outgoing officers. Kelly Wagner and Steve Harsch are moving to Maryland. Their last official day is May 31, 2005. They are replaced with Midge Kocen and Michael Tolbert. Brian Corcoran and Paul Pierce have resigned. Mark Kres has also accepted the positions of membership and testing coordinator, which are immediate appointments.

Danny South gave an update on the Lonestar RG. The web site has been updated with the registration form, which will also be in this month's newsletter. The website has a list of currently scheduled speakers for the RG. Mark Kres is RG registrar. Margaret Wofford is RG treasurer.

Karen is seeking a new printer this month. Board members will give bids from various other printing companies and report them to Karen.

Karen proposed amending the current by-laws as follows:

* Remove the appointed membership officer as a member of Ex Comm. This would revise Article III, Sections 3 and 11.

* Remove as mandatory the appointment of a gifted children program coordinator. This would amend Article III, section 2, and eliminate Section 10. This could continue as an optional appointment.

The ExComm members discussed the impact of these changes. Janet moved the adoption of these by-law changes, seconded by Margaret. The motion was adopted. Janet will submit the proposed changes to the Mensa National bylaws committee chair. If approved, the changes would be published in the Chapter newsletter, and then there would be a mail-in ballot provided to members to vote on the proposed changes.

Karen will place an article in the June newsletter on the Lonestar directory, and remind members to check their privacy designation at National. The directory will consist of name; address; home phone; birth month and day; and email.

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There will be a Gifted Children's bowling outing on Saturday June 4 – hosted by Gifted Children Coordinator Charity Smith and all are invited. There will be testing on May 21 (Danny South and Janet Kres) and June 18 (Sam Waring). There are 15 new members this month.

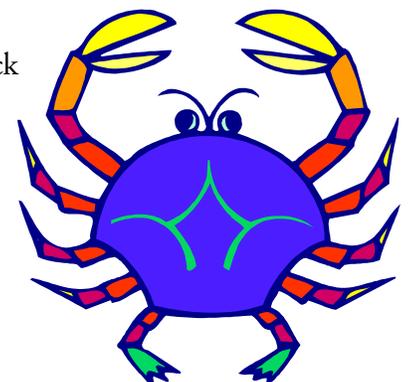
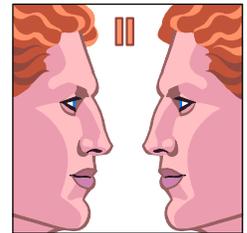
Kathie presented the treasurer's report. She requested the excel file from Margaret to set up the report on a monthly basis.

Karen requested the members review sample membership questionnaires on what the members want.

The meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Mr Donald W Drumtra
- John B Sanders
- 3 Mr V O Speights Jr
- 4 Jay B Crossley
- Glen Morehead
- 5 Mr Philip D Ryals
- 8 James Tupa
- 10 Ronnie D Nutt
- Elze Surgailyte
- 11 Mr Clarence Lynn Cossey
- Megan Peterson
- Rick Reeder
- 14 Luke Mitchell Parish
- 15 Mrs Vivienne M Lepine
- Lawrence Robert Wedel
- 17 Mr John A Kulas II
- 18 Benjamin H Ashmore Jr
- Kaye L Robinson Johnson
- 22 Paul Rabago
- 23 Mr Edward D Jenkins
- 24 Lawrence E Drake
- Alan Schmidt
- 25 Scott Kilpatrick
- 27 Dean McCormick



What will they do?

or Senior's Pizza with Don Jarvis

OK Geezers, break out your hypothesizers. Consider a three particle universe, 2 SPLs and an R35, created by Haverschoel, the supernatural entity, who, as a hobby, creates things. In this universe, both gravity and electromagnetic force are enabled. SPLs repel each other electromagnetically and attract R35s. R35s attract SPLs and repel each other. SPLs and R35s are otherwise identical spheres. Observe through the eyes of Haverschoel who is somewhere nice, seeing all, knowing all, telling nothing with any clarity. The R35 and one of the SPLs are contiguous. The odd SPL is a discreet distance away on a line from the point of contiguity of the two particles at a 0.45π radian angle off the line through the center points of the contiguous particles. Only Haverschoel knows how they got there, and he isn't giving away a thing. Haverschoel releases them.

If you care to speculate, join me Monday, June 13, 5:31p, at Gatti's, MLK @ San Antonio, just off the southwest corner of the UT campus. Look for a sea shell with a simulated flag of Poland (or Monaco or Indonesia) on a red Legg Mason card on an April 22 Daily Texan. www.photius.com/flags/alphabetic_list.html

And now for something entirely musical. I want to gather a group, singers and instrumentalists, who like to make music for fun. I like to sing. I like to try to harmonize which can be done with a recorder but a person is more fun. It helps to have an instrument or two to keep everything in order and to cut loose now and then with a little jazzy interlude. If you are interested or have ideas gimme a dink at: djarvis2@austin.rr.com

June Monthly Meeting

The June Monthly Meeting will be held at the North Village Library Branch, 2139 W. Anderson Lane, on Tuesday, June 14, 2005, starting at 7:00 p.m.

This month's speaker will be David Baskin. Mr. Baskin is the Genealogy Specialist at the Texas State Library, where he has worked for more than 25 years. Mr. Baskin will talk about genealogy, its resources and its uses. If you've ever wanted to trace your roots, Mr. Baskin will tell you all about the best and most useful sources available today. Find out why more people than ever are researching their ancestors and what that research can tell you.

Bowling at Highland Lanes

On Saturday, June 4th, at 4 p.m., come bowl at Highland Lanes in North Austin. Take the Burnet/1325 exit off of 183. The alley is at 8909 Burnet Rd., on the west side of 183. Shoe rental is \$ 2.25 per pair, and lane rental is \$ 20 per hour (not per person). Look for Charity (blonde in 30s), and her baby, Ben (10 mos.). The telephone number for the alley is (512)458-1215. Hope to see you there, and bring the whole family!



Puzzle

-punnery from Rachael Stewart

This is a naming game. Each clue consists of two sections separated by a semi-colon (;). The hints, once solved, sound like a person's name. As a bonus, the answers point to a theme.

Example:

Lion, Gaelic "High"; Sear, Beer Mug = Leo, Ard; Burn, Stein = Leonard Bernstein

Good Luck!

1. Chasm; Laundry, Wine Cask

2. Gape, Shroud; Junior

3. Search the web, Tickle Me; Polo, Japanese "2"

4. Orange cola; Talon

5. Conqueror; Stonewall; Mensan

Theme: _____

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.

ExComm Meeting

Wednesday, June 1 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.

Bowling At Highland Lanes

Saturday, June 4 4:00pm

Highland Lanes

8909 Burnet Rd., Austin (512) 458-1215

Contact: Charity Smith (512) 835-8990

Please see page 6 for more details.

GenX Pub Crawl

Saturday, June 4 7:00pm

Host: Danny South (512) 371-3894
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

LonestaRG Committee & Volunteer Meeting

Sunday, June 5 1:00pm

Location TBA

This is a working meeting for the LonestaRG VII committee. We'd like anyone interested in volunteering to please join us -- there's lots to be done over the next three months and we can use everyone's help. It's also a good way to get more involved in the group, since this is our biggest activity. You needn't have any RG experience at all to help out, and there are all sorts of jobs, from ones that involve just phone calling, to errand running, to planning, and more. Help a little or a lot -- we appreciate it all! If you're curious about the whole thing, you're welcome too -- we'll be happy to talk to you about the RG and what it's all about. And, we'll also be taking RG registrations in person at the meeting. For more information, contact co-chairs John Neemidge (neemidge@usa.net) and Danny South (DSouth@stewart.com). See you there!

"Steve and Kelly are almost gone" Party

Sunday, June 5 2:00-7:00 (ish) pm

Kelly Wagner & Steve Harsch's House

1001 E. Riverside Dr, Austin (512) 443-9650

We have almost no furniture left in the house; most of our books are packed; we are just about ready to leave. Here's your chance to stand around or sit on the floor, eating munchies and drinking iced tea and talking and allowing us to hug you goodbye. We'll be serving bunches o' finger food, tea, Coke and a few other sodas. If you want alcohol,

BYOB. See what our house looks like when the walls aren't completely buried behind bookshelves, say nice things about the fix-up we've done in order to sell the house, and we'll also have a notebook for you to write in your email address if you want us to stay in touch.

There'll be picnic blankets on the floor to sit on! We're at 1001 E. Riverside, 900 feet west of IH-35; parking is along Travis Heights Blvd.

Senior's Pizza @ Mr. Gatti's

Monday, June 13 5:31pm

Mr. Gatti's

MLK Blvd @ San Antonio St, 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.

Monthly Meeting

Tuesday, June 14 7:00pm

Austin Public Library, North Village Branch

2139 W. Anderson Lane, Austin

Please see page 6 for details.

Waco Area Mensa Get-Together

Wednesday, June 15 7:00pm

Barnes & Noble Café

4909 W. Waco Dr., Waco

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

Poker Night

Saturday, June 18 7:00pm

Karen Werner's House

9110 Curlew Drive, Austin (512) 291-4677

Penny ante poker; fun times guaranteed. Please RSVP to Karen at karen_lsmmensa@yahoo.com or 512-291-4677 by Friday evening. Bring munchies; BYOB.

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.

Hump Day Happy Hour

Wednesday, June 22 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.

Fold & Sticker

Thursday, June 23 (at TGIT)

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

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