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## From the President

*-by Janet Kres, LSM President*

Dear Fellow Mensans –

What a busy month it has been! First – a wonderful Regional Gathering. The theme of creativity was explored – and the speakers enjoyed! The costume dance was a lot of fun! You should have seen your RVC as a box of raisins! And speaking as a Texas EX – the orange Margarita machine was a wonderful touch (we won that game!)

There are a lot of events in October – Ex Comm on the 4th, our meeting on the 9th, the picnic on the 14th, Afternoon bridge on the 15th, Mensa Testing Day on the 21st, and Sewing Circle on the 28th.

See you at future events!

Janet

## A Special Note of Thanks to the Lonestar VIII Committee

A very special note of thanks to the Lonestar VIII (R U cre8ive?) - boy, were they! It was fun dancing with a box of raisins!

Thank you so much for all you did to make Labor Day Weekend a great Regional Gathering --

Paul Pierce – Chair, Programs, Artwork

Ray O'Connor – Hospitality

John Neemidge – Registrar, Games

Geri Neemidge – Website, Proofreading

Don Drumtra – Treasurer

And we are all looking forward to next year's gathering!!

## Congratulations to Our New Proctor!

Lonestar Mensa welcomes Michelle Vaughan, our Gifted Children's Coordinator, who has been confirmed as a proctor for American Mensa.

### Special Notice:

Janet and Mark will not be hosting Games Night on Saturday, October 14. If someone else would like to host Games Night, please call Janet (836-5773) and we will get it on the list serve.



Joey and Alex making candy.



Susan, Galanya and Elaine in the Food Prep room.



The Tie-Dye Workshop.



Donelle McKaskle presents the Austin Celtic Festival.

photos by Geri Neemidge

## RVC6 October Report

*-by Ray O'Connor, RVC Region 6*

Congratulations to North Texas Mensa, the GOTYA large group of the year. This achievement results from the work of many, but in no small part to the editor (Jason Brown), the membership officer (Kevin Buchanan) and the 15 Mensa Admissions Testing Proctors of NTM.

The Mensa Admissions Testing program has long been my passion. Earlier in the year I coordinated a leadership retreat and proctor training LDW session for the Permian Basin group. This 72 member group certified three new proctors and tested nine candidates in a single weekend.

I want to replicate that success with other groups. Early next year, the three candidates for RVC6 (Jeff Dommenege, Karen Brack and Ralph Rudolph) will be offering LDW sessions throughout region 6.

Jeff Dommenege will be offering a leadership retreat and proctor training LDW in Houston in January or February. Ralph Rudolph will be offering an LDW in New Mexico and Karen Brack will be offering an LDW in Dallas/Fort Worth. We are hoping to coordinate additional proctor training LDWs in Arkansas, Oklahoma, Texas and Louisiana. I will be seeking volunteers to become Mensa Admissions Proctors. The process is simple.

Proctors must possess a bachelor's degree. If you have a testing or education background, you can be certified as a Mensa Admissions Test (MAT) proctor by observing one Mat session and being observed administering another MAT session. If your bachelor's is in an area other than education or testing, you will be required to observe two MATs and be observed administering two MATs. It really is easier than it sounds. You will be the first person new members meet. I have formed many lasting friendships with folks I met as their proctor. It is rewarding and an important service to American Mensa. If I have convinced you to give it a try, please email me at [rvc6@us.mensa.org](mailto:rvc6@us.mensa.org) and I'll send you what you need to get the process started.

Ray O'Connor, Ph.D., RVC6



Gatherings Calendar:

Colloquium 2006 "Revolution in Cosmology" The Marriott Hotel in Albany New York, October 6-8. You can register for the event online at [www.colloquium.us.mensa.org](http://www.colloquium.us.mensa.org)

The Feast of Pleasures and Delights XXVII will take place Nov. 23-26 at the Sheraton Grand Hotel DFW Airport in Irving. Room rates are \$69/night. Registration is \$45 if postmarked by 10/31 and \$55 afterwards (\$25/30 for 13-17 year-olds, free for 12 and under). Lock in your early registration by sending a check made out to NTM RG 2006 to: Carol Hilson 9413 Shipman St. Rowlett, TX 75088-4465



### Welcome New Members

Helen J. Crispin  
Linda C. Baker  
Rebecca D. Kindschi  
Marc Burns  
Christine Kindschi  
John Kindschi  
Philip Nicholson  
Richard Letts  
Marianne T. Lets

### Welcome Back, Members

Scott E. Uhrig  
Travis J. Mason

### Welcome to Region 6, Lonestar Mensa

Craig E. Devine  
Sarah Graham  
Michael Lewis Drapkin  
Erich Paul Adolph  
Kathryn J. Foster



### Member News

Jane Thompson has published a book about living with Bipolar Disorder titled Sugar and Salt. It is available at [authorhouse.com](http://authorhouse.com).

## Let's Get Kids Involved in Lonestar Mensa!

-by Michele Vaughan, Gifted Children's Coordinator



Hi everyone! First, let me encourage you again to join the Lonestar Gifted Children's discussion group at <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/lonestargiftedchildren/>. We have 5 members and would like to see MANY more! If you'd rather not join but still want to keep apprised of upcoming children's events, please send me an email

at [lonestar.gifted.children@gmail.com](mailto:lonestar.gifted.children@gmail.com). I don't have a listing of members with children, so the only way I know you're out there is if I hear from you!

I've enlisted Geri Neemidge's technical help in getting a gifted children's resource page up and running on the Lonestar Mensa web site. Thank you, Geri! I hope to have the information gathered and posted in the next month or so, so please check the site for updates. If you have any events, locations, articles, or other resources you'd like to share, send them to my email address, and we'll get your information added. Thanks for your help in building this valuable resource for Lonestar Mensa families.

I am also wondering if there is any interest in having a playgroup for Mensans with children who are not yet school age. We could plan one event, maybe at a library or park, to see how it goes and then decide if we'd like to make it a more regular thing. If this idea appeals to you, (you know what I'm going to say!), please email me!

We have two kids' events planned for November. The first is the monthly meeting on November 13 at 7 PM, so please mark the date on your calendars now. We're also planning a follow up to visit the Austin Zoo. The dates I was considering were the Wednesday, Friday, or Saturday of Thanksgiving week. If you have a preference, please let me know.

We are also fortunate to have an enormous event to support gifted children in Austin in November, the annual Texas Association for the Gifted and Talented conference held from November 15-18. Saturday, November 18 will be Family Day at the conference. I was able to go to the event in Houston a few years ago, and it is wonderful. I believe it's the largest conference of its type in the United States, and just the vendors' booths, let alone the workshops and lectures, are with the trip. You can find more information on the TAGT web site at <http://www.txgifted.org/>.

The final thing I'd like to share for this month is a link I came across on one of the gifted children's email lists. The link will take you to information about the online test to start the process of qualifying as a contestant for Jeopardy! The contest is open to students age 13-college age. How exciting to think one of us could be the next big winner. Good luck! [www.jeopardy.com/onlinetest/flash\\_index.php?hs308=email&chs305=Jeop09112006](http://www.jeopardy.com/onlinetest/flash_index.php?hs308=email&chs305=Jeop09112006)

## October



	Robert Brian Holder
	David Floyd
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4	Karen M Werner
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	Richard Letts
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13	Jerome T Casler
14	Kelley Saveika
15	Vicky Yvonne Spradling
	Amy Hoffman
16	John D Perkins
17	Linda Joyce Streitfeld
	Leslie Edward Griffin
	Helen J Crispin
20	John Cosgrove
23	Michael Bennett McCormick
25	Deidre Brightman
	Audrey L Patton
26	Robert I May
	Joseph Hagedorn
28	W Andrew York
	Kimberly R Chapin
29	David R Travis
	Mary Frances Satterfield



## Monthly Meeting Place and Date

Lonestar Mensa has returned to the Austin Public Library, North Village Branch, 2139 West Anderson Lane, Austin, in September. The meeting day changes to the *second Monday* – October 9th, at 7:00 p.m..



### October Monthly Meeting

Hypnosis As You Have Never Thought of It Before!

Join us as our speaker Ms. Jan Bennett-Collier explores this interesting topic. Jan is a Virginia born Austin resident who is a Certified Hypnotist through the American board of Hypnotherapists, a Certified HypnoBirthingA Childbirth Educator, and EFT-CC trained Emotional Freedom Techniques practitioner. EFT is a meridian (energy) tapping technique for release of fears, phobias, trauma, pain and other limiting beliefs. Jan has recently completed training in fertility hypnosis to aid women seeking pregnancy through natural or medical means. Jan has been interested all her life in the extraordinary ability of the mind to imagine and to protect the self. Using hypnosis and EFT with her adult clients has enabled her to sense connection with the “energy” of their bodies and minds, their spirit. She calls herself a Life Issues Support Mentor and particularly enjoys working with children.



### Mensa Testing Day Friends and Family Discount

*-from Hilary Moore, American Mensa Marketing Coord.*

Good Morning,

Think your friends and/or family members are Mensa material? Help them discover Mensa and join for less!

Visit [www.us.mensa.org/members](http://www.us.mensa.org/members) and look under the heading “Discount available for Mensa Testing Day” on the right side of the page. There, you can click on the link and download a document for a \$5 discount on the Mensa Admission Test on Mensa Testing Day (offer valid from 10/7/06-11/5/06). Give these to your friends and family- anyone you think should join Mensa! You can print out as many as you like and give them to as many people as you like, but only one discount is allowed per candidate.

Have a great day!

## Fall Picnic

Saturday Oct 14, 2006 - 4:00 p.m.  
Beverly S. Sheffield Northwest Park  
7000 Ardath Street in North Central Austin

We’re having a picnic at Northwest Park in north central Austin, home of many previous LSM picnics. We will meet at one of the long picnic tables near the playgrounds and bathrooms.

Please bring a dish to share for our potluck meal, and your own main dish. We’ll have a grill lit if you wish to cook. We’ll have plates, napkins, utensils, and some soda left over from LonestaRG.

Friends and family are welcome as well as leashed pets. There are benches next to the picnic tables, but you may want a lawn chair. There’s a good playscape for the kids adjacent to the picnic area.

Contact John or Geri Neemidge (512-310-7863 or [neemidge@usa.net](mailto:neemidge@usa.net)) if you have any questions.

In case of rain (or if you get lost) - call John’s cell, 512-784-5592

Directions:

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



### LSM Mustelid Mansion

### Eleventh Annual Halloween Extravaganza

Saturday October 28th 7:00 pm  
The Neemidges’  
1807 Messick Place, Round Rock

This one goes to eleven(th annual, that is)! It’s Geri and John’s annual Halloween party! Join your fellow ghouls, goblins, witches, ghosts and spooks and see how many decorations one house (and yard) can hold! Thrill to automated creatures talking to you from darkened rooms! Be tempted by the terrifying trinity, Cheesehead, Meathead, and Diphead! Drink in the party spirit with Geri’s famous witches’ brew! Win acclaim in the costume contest! Bring your friends! Bring your family! Bring along some beastly beverages, potent potions, devilish delights and terrible treats to share!

# What's Happening in October?

## **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 38<sup>th</sup> and 41<sup>st</sup> 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, October 4 6:00pm**

Northwest Recreation Center, Arts & Crafts Room

2913 Northland Drive, Austin

Contact Janet Kres at (512) 836-5773 to get an item on the agenda. All members welcome.

## **Monthly Meeting**

**Monday, October 9 7:00pm**

Austin Public Library, North Village Branch

2139 West Anderson Lane, Austin

Please see the announcement on page 6 for details.

## **Mensa Fall Picnic**

**Saturday October 14 4:00pm**

Beverly S. Sheffield Northwest Park

7000 Ardath Street in North Central Austin

Please see the announcement on page 6 for more information.

## **Sunday Afternoon Bridge**

**Sunday, October 15 1:30-4:30pm**

Janet and Mark Kres' House

11708 Prairie Hen Lane, Austin (512) 836-5773

Please RSVP so we will know how many bridge players we will have. Instruction will be provided.

## **Mensa Testing Day**

**Saturday, October 21 12:00-2:00pm**

Round Rock Public Library

216 East Main Street, Round Rock.

Cost \$30. Please check the web site for more information.

## **Fold & Sticker**

**Thursday, October 26 6:00pm**

Central Market, Austin. See TGIT for directions.

Help us assemble the newsletter!

## **Lonestar Mensa Sewing Circle**

**Saturday, October 28 1:00-4:00pm**

Janet & Mark Kres' House

11708 Prairie Hen Lane, Austin (512) 836-5773

Bring your handiwork for an afternoon of sewing, sharing of ideas, and conversation. Light snacks will be served.

## **LSM Mustelid Mansion**

**Saturday, October 28 7:00pm**

The Neemidge's

1807 W. Messick Place, Round Rock (512) 310-7863

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