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Position vacant; please contact Janet Kres for details if you would like to volunteer.

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From the President

-by Janet Kres, LSM President

May 2006

Well, it's time for a bit of bragging! Did you know that Lone Star Mensa has had 21% growth rate recently? This makes us the leader in the large groups! The region average for all groups is 15%.

I hope that this growth rate is because you have been sharing the fun you have as a member of Mensa, and have been recruiting friends and relatives! The more the merrier!

Remember new members – when you attend a monthly meeting you will receive a little gift from the chapter – we're glad you are here!

Looking forward to seeing you at future events.

Janet

Welcome New Members!

Nathan R. Gomes
Meredith Shirrell
Brook Capps
John Fortkort
Anna Stark
Carrie A. Weidner
Melinda Spearman

Welcome Back, Mensans!

Don Menzies
Clay William Kruse
Dee Dee Yelverton
James Colt Rodden
Alexis McBride
Benjamin "Clint" Wheeler II
Michael Seay
Paul Pierce
Claire Tudor
Gary Paul Davis
Kenneth Florence
M.J. McCloskey
Michelle Hunter
Brian M. Senn

Welcome Mensans Moving into our area!

Shea Hillis
Aaron Rabushka

* * * * *		
1	Mark Howard Kubiak	M
2	Jane K Thompson	
	John Vanderburg	a
4	Vijay K Manyam	
6	Michael Riggs	y
8	M 'Penny' Guy	
	Michael Hamilton	
11	Joe DaSilva	
12	Robert Alan Dollars	b
	Donald Gordon Jarvis	
13	William Jent	a
14	James E Turney	
	Cynthia Bourland	p
	Brad Reed	
15	Leon Morris Waynberg	p
	Barry Arnn	y
16	William Eric Hungate	
19	David Wayne Madden	
20	Richard Cann Montgomery	b
	Raymond Doo	
21	Scott Danniell Burgess	i
	Ryan Rozich	
22	Russell Eugene Nelson	r
23	Josephine West McNamee	
24	Ronald Joseph Theriault	t
25	Logan Simmons	b
27	Mamta Jayavardhan	
28	Claudia Ellis Harbert	d
29	Cathryn Leigh Cox	
	Lesley Carol Morehead	a
	Clifford R Borofsky	
31	Hal Edwin Fulton	y
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Corner(Ed)!

-from Rachael Stewart, Editor

Please note: In order to get the newsletter printed and mailed before everyone goes "poof!" for the Memorial Day holiday, the submission deadline has been moved back to Friday, 12 May.

Have a happy!

Region 6 RVC Report

-by Ray O'Connor, RVC Region 6

April Column

Remember that for the month of April, American Mensa will evaluate prior evidence for free. (The fee is usually \$30.) This will be a great time to encourage friends to submit their scores for membership. To take advantage this offer, candidates will need to visit the American Mensa Web site www.us.mensa.org between 4/1 and 4/30. Instructions on submitting scores for free will be linked from the home page.

The region 6 local group member retention contest has one more month. As of Feb 28, Baton Rouge leads the small groups with 25% growth since June 2006. Panhandle Mensa is just behind them with 23%. Lone Star Mensa leads the large groups with 21% growth. The region average is 15%. Mensa was mentioned in the Budget Travel magazine. Low cost travel using the SIGHT program is hard to beat. Have you checked the American Mensa web site lately to learn all the benefits that are available to members?

If you didn't renew your membership, this may be the last local group newsletter you receive. You can reregister online at www.us.mensa.org. Don't delay.

May Column

During the month of June, American Mensa is offering 2-for-1 testing, so prospects may bring a friend with them when they test. (The fee is usually \$30.) This will be a great time to encourage friends to take the challenge. For any test given between June 1 and June 30, we'll administer another test (given at the same session) at no charge. Local groups will receive regular funding for both tests. For more information, visit the American Mensa Web site www.us.mensa.org.

Congratulations to Baton Rouge and Lone Star Mensa. As of March 31, Baton Rouge leads the small groups with 26% member growth since June 2006. Lone Star Mensa leads the large groups with 25% member growth. The region average is 15%. Each group will receive a \$50 award. Are you thinking about coming to the World Gathering? Jean M. Auel, author of the Clan of the Cave Bear series, will be speaking. I gave my daughter my autographed copy of Clan of the Cave Bear, so I intend to get another (just for me).

Gatherings Calendar:

SynRG May 26 to May 29; come join Gulf Coast Mensans celebrate Memorial Day with Metamorphosis. Join us for English afternoon tea both Saturday and Sunday. Speakers, games, dance, casino, Meals included in Hospitality, and so much more... Registration \$65 (Children's Discount 18 and under). CC (VMC). Checks payable to Gulf Coast Mensa RG. Hilton Houston Westchase, 9999 Westheimer Road, Houston, TX 77042; 713/974-1000; www.westchase.hilton.com. Airport Shuttle \$25, www.gcmensa.org/RGNews.asp. Contact Liz Meadows, Registrar, Gulf Coast Mensa, Inc., P.O. Box 25267, Houston, TX 77265.

The World Gathering Aug 8 to Aug 13, 2006 The Coronado Springs, Disney World, FL Registration wg06.us.mensa.org/AM/Template.cfm?Section=Registration

Registration Rates: April 1, 2006 to July 31, 2006 Member \$100, nonmember \$110, Onsite registration: \$120

Put on your mouse ears and come join Mensans from around the world. The resort is beautiful. Disney and Mensa is definitely a winning combination.

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



"In Xanadu did Kubla Khan...."

(Samuel Coleridge)

March ExComm Meeting Minutes

-submitted by John Neemidge

Attending: Janet Kres, President; John Neemidge, Vice President; Don Drumtra, Treasurer; Helen Siders, Michael Tolbert, Members At Large.

Janet called the meeting to order at 6pm Janet presented Happy News: Todd Shaw will help with contacting speakers for the RG and introductions. There will be an April pub crawl. Steve Skelton will host.

Bryan testing: one person tested. Next testing session will be March 25 at 9:30 am at Michael's office. Space is limited (only room enough for 5). Michael is also on his way to becoming a proctor.

Don presented the treasurer's report. Group is in great financial position. John turned over RG checks for deposit. Don asked that expenses should be sent ASAP so he can correctly report monthly financial status.

Helen and Don discussed printing bills. The printer is still sending bills to Midge and not Helen. Helen reported that the newsletter is going well with some minor problems; January, not enough people at Fold & Sticker and February, newsletters were not stapled as requested. Helen has worked with printer to make sure newsletters are stapled. She requests that more people come to Fold & Sticker to help share the work. John mentioned that LSM has saddle staplers that we can use if there is an emergency; however it is a lot of work to staple 400-500 newsletters.

John presented the RG report. John will send out info on the RG and contact possible chairs.

We have 23 people registered at this time. Plan is to either find a theme or commit to running the RG as a committee by mid-March. We need solid effort by the end of March. Helen volunteered to help with speakers and other things.

Janet proposed renting a hotel room in Austin for NTD. John mentioned that we should pick central or south since Michael's office is north. John also proposed a testing session in Round Rock. Helen will look for a free venue south. Michael suggested alternating north/south.

We have 5 more monthly meetings open this year. Janet has contacts out to speakers for several of them. Helen presented a speaker idea for someone from Austin Energy, and another from her Unitarian Women's Spirituality Group.

Janet adjourned the meeting at 7:00.

April ExComm Meeting Minutes

-submitted by John NMeemidge

Attending: Janet Kres, President; John Neemidge, Vice President; Don Drumtra, Treasurer; Margaret Wofford, Helen Siders, Michael Tolbert, Members At Large.

Janet called the meeting to order at 6:05

LonestaRG. RG update: Paul Pierce has volunteered to become RG chair; the new theme is Cre8ivity. Hotel is being difficult; negotiations are ongoing. Motion John; second Margaret, to set RG Fund to \$3000 retroactive to Jan 1; \$200 added to scholarship fund; all other profit from 2005 RG goes to general fund. Passed 6-0. Moved John, second Margaret, to approve Paul Pierce as RG chair. Passed 6-0.

RG Action Still In Effect: John and others made some minor changes. Moved Don, second Helen, to approve the ASIE. Form to be signed at next meeting. Passed 6-0.

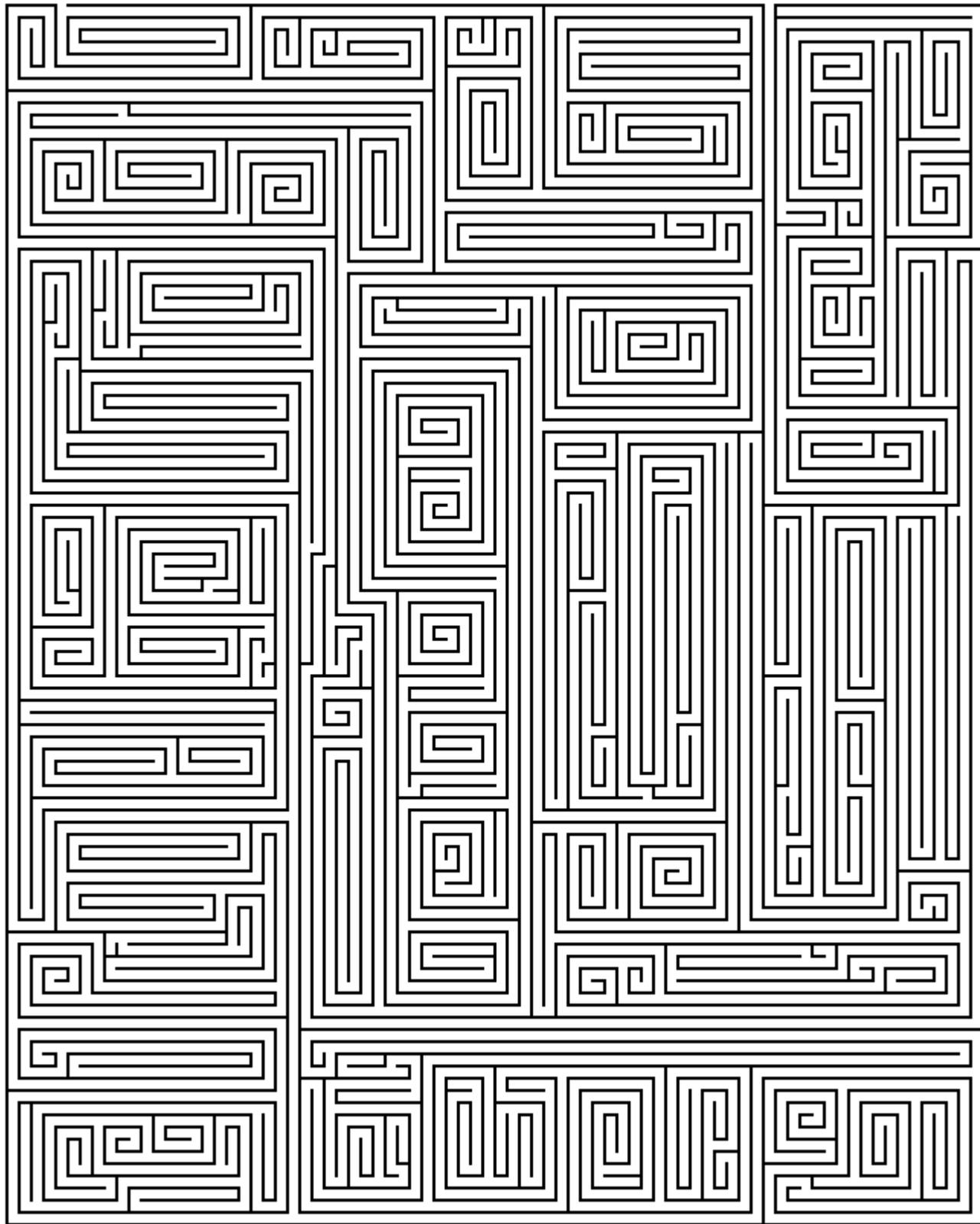
Report of March 25 testing session: Two people tested. All went well. Next test is May 6 at Michael's office. Michael observed March 25 test as proctor in training.

Treasurer's report: Don distributed a request for reimbursement form. Don will not restate receipts back to prior months except for newsletter printing and mailing; Don requests printing and mailing receipts ASAP to keep balance sheet current. Don presented financial report. Don paid a prior scholarship winner. Renewed CD for 5 months at better interest rate. Lots of changes to the balance sheet to change from cash to accrual basis. ExComm saluted Don for his hard work.

Circulation: Helen reports circulation is going well. Printer requested that we send the newsletter in two pieces. This may be impossible to do. Helen, Rachael, and the printer are working on it.

Janet adjourned the meeting at 7:20.





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May Monthly Meeting

Topic: The Troubled Border of Psychology and Religion

Speaker: Robert H. Abzug

Robert H. Abzug is Oliver H. Radkey Regents Professor of History and American Studies at the University of Texas. He received his BA magna cum laude from Harvard and Phd. from University of California, Berkeley (PhD), and taught at Berkeley and UCLA before coming to Texas in 1978. In 1990-91, he held the Eric Voegelin Visiting Chair at University of Munich. Abzug has been a Guggenheim and NEH Fellow. At the University of Texas, he chaired American Studies between 1990-96 and directed Liberal Arts Honors Programs from 1996-2002.

Abzug's research has traversed fields but has centered on the evolution of moral consciousness in American life. He is the author of many articles and five books, which include *Passionate Liberator: Theodore Dwight Weld and the Dilemma of Reform* (1980), *Inside the Vicious Heart: Americans and the Liberation of Nazi Concentration Camps* (1985), *Cosmos Crumbling: American Reform and the Religious Imagination* (1994), *American Views the Holocaust, 1933-1945* (1998), and the co-edited *New Perspectives on Race and Slavery in America: Essays in Honor of Kenneth M. Stampp* (1986). He is currently finishing a biography of the American psychologist, Rollo May, that focuses on the interpenetration of religion and psychotherapy in modern American culture.

Spring Picnic

Saturday, May 20, 2006

4:00 p.m.

Northwest Park, Austin, TX

We're having a picnic at Northwest Park in north central Austin, home of many previous LSM picnics. Please bring a dish to share for our potluck meal, your own main dish, and your own beverage. There'll be a grill if you wish to cook. We'll have plates, napkins, utensils, and charcoal. Friends and family are welcome as well as leashed pets. There are picnic tables, but you may want a lawn chair. The park is quite shady, but sunscreen is always a good idea. There's a good playscape for the kids immediately adjacent to the picnic area. More details to follow on the LSM-Announce list, or contact John Neemidge (512-310-7863 or neemidge@usa.net) for more information.

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.

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.

ExComm Meeting

Wednesday, May 3

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.

Agenda:

1. Proctor testing update — possible use of Round Rock library rooms, but will cost
2. Officer's Reports
3. Michael Osborne has committed to providing an update on the hybrid car program in February, 2007
4. Other

Monthly Meeting

Tuesday, May 9

7:00pm

Austin Public Library, North Village Branch

2139 W. Anderson Lane, Austin

Please see the left-hand column, this page, for details.

Pizza for Thought -- Malleable Colloquy

Friday, May 12

5:00-7:00pm

Mr. Gatti's at MLK & Guadalupe, Austin

Host: Don Jarvis

926-6391, djarvis2@austin.rr.com

Anything goes but I'd like to talk about jobs Americans won't do and the opportunity to identify illegal immigrants at rallies against immigration reform.

Fold & Sticker

Thursday, May 18

6:00pm

Central Market, Austin. See TGIT for directions.

Help us assemble the newsletter!

Spring Picnic

Saturday, May 20

4:00pm

Northwest Park, Austin

See opposite column for details.

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28 <--- SynRG in Houston --->	29	30	31			

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