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## From the President

Dear Fellow Mensans –

O.K. --- if you have a Mensa friend, who has not renewed, let's encourage him or her to do so! Lonestar Mensa has a lot of fun activities - and a Regional Gathering coming up over Labor Day.

July is when we “re-up” for the meeting room at the public library. I am going to try to get a Tuesday night for us – wish me luck! It is on a first-come basis, so I will be standing in line at 10:00 a.m. I think the North Village library is a good meeting place for our group – accessible from both MoPac and I-35.

And I would appreciate your ideas about a “Lonestar Mensa singles get-together” – it could be an afternoon of games, or meet for lunch – or a picnic – what do you think? I haven't dated since the previous millennium, so I'm a bit out of the loop!

You can email your ideas to me at: [JMKres@sbcglobal.net](mailto:JMKres@sbcglobal.net)

See you at future events –

Janet

### *Welcome New Members*

Keith Barrow  
Leon Urdahl  
Scott Urdahl

### *Welcome Back, Members*

Scot R. Courtney  
Jerry Dike  
Jeffrey Esquivel  
Michael E. Legatt  
Michael Martino  
Melissa Petty  
Rudolph Saenz  
Samuel Shimek  
Debra Ware  
Blake Yelavach

### *Welcome to Region 6, Lonestar Mensa*

Joseph DeBell  
Eric Desatnik  
Joseph Hrbek Jr.  
John Pfeiffer  
Rev. Sharon Sarles  
Ross Williams

# July

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

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### New Member News – Vladimir Garner

I am an Account manager (salesman) for General Electric. I grew up in Killeen, Texas, but have not lived there since high school. My wife and I moved to Austin two years ago from Connecticut. I am an Aggie - she is a Longhorn. I have been aware of Mensa for many years – mainly because I love many of the Mensa Games/ Puzzles – and looked for the Mensa seal of approval on such things. I recently decided to see if I qualified to join. Apparently I did.

I look forward to meeting you at a Mensa event.

Vlad

## July Monthly Meeting:

### **Adopting a Retired Racing Greyhound**

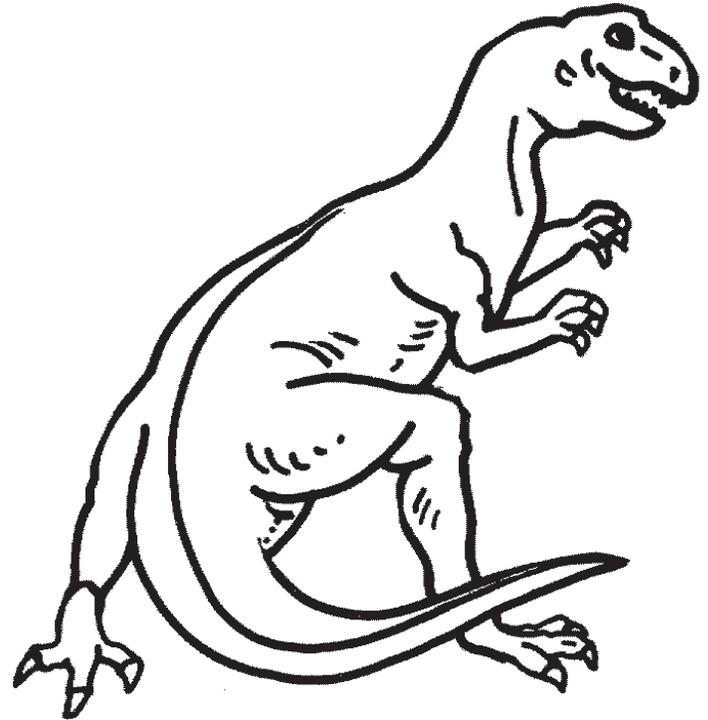
. Our speaker will be Lana Henley, and her retired racers - special guests Grappa and Abby.

Lana is a member of the Board of Austin Greyhound Adoption, a non-profit organization, whose mission is to find responsible loving homes for greyhounds which qualify for the racetrack or no longer qualify for the racetrack, to acquaint the public with the desirability of greyhounds as pets, and to inform the public of the availability of these dogs for adoption.

Lana and her husband own Henley Homes, Inc., have been in business for 21 years in the central Texas area building custom homes and commercial projects and remodeling. She is a member of several lineage societies, is an ardent genealogist, and teaches at the Liberty Hill Public Library.

## A Note of Thanks

Lonestar Mensa would like to thank Steve Skelton for agreeing to serve the remainder of Vignish's term as Member-at-large. You know Steve – he designed our really cool Lonestar Mensa refrigerator magnet!



**the whole**

**9**  
**yards**

**Austin, TX**  
**Aug 31-Sept 3, 2007**

**LonestaRG**

- Planned speaker topics include sports, etymology and word-play, gardening, sailing, and more
- Dressed To The Nines Dance

- Abundant hospitality, with meals, fresh-baked bread, veggies, snacks, soda, beer, wine, and more
- New larger hospitality and game room
- Games and contests
- And much more!

What exactly is The Whole Nine Yards? Come find out with us over Labor Day Weekend! You wanted more – you get more! Chair Paul Pierce and the rest of the RG committee are planning a great time, with speakers, games, hospitality, friends, fun – the whole kit and kaboodle.

Registration is only \$50 until July 13. Children 9-17 are half price, 8 and under are free. Send registrations to Jane Thompson, 2305 Monaco Drive, Cedar Park, TX 78613, (jane12125@austin.rr.com). To register online via PayPal, or for program information and times, hotel information, pictures from last year's RG, and more, see the web page at <http://www.lsm.us.mensa.org/lonestarg.htm>.

Our RG hotel is the Howard Johnson Plaza, located at the intersection of IH-35 and US-183 in Austin. Our room rate is \$75/night S/D (+\$8 for third or fourth adult). The room rate includes a hot buffet breakfast. For reservations call 1-866-661-6611; our group code is LSM.

## Mensa Scholarships

*-Contributed by Claudia Harbert, 2006-2007 Local Scholarship Chair*

As I have mentioned in previous articles, each year, the Mensa Education & Research Foundation holds a scholarship contest. Lonestar Mensa participates by advertising the contest in our local area and collecting and judging essays by eligible students, who do not have to be Mensa members. Lonestar Mensa had another very successful scholarship contest this year!

National Mensa promises us one local scholarship winner. This year, that honor goes to Jerome Kwaku Adu-Gyan, who is studying electrical engineering technology at Devry University in Chicago . Jerome plans to use his skills to help his native country, Ghana , when he graduates. This year, Lonestar Mensa also had two local essays win scholarships from National Mensa! The two winners are Annemarie Redelmeier and Denise Bakken. Annemarie is a Mensan who is beginning a doctoral program in social work at UT. She wants to specialize in oncology research and policy, particularly lung cancer. Denise is studying nursing, with a minor in music education at Temple College . She currently has 15 piano and violin students and wants to teach nursing eventually.

We are proud of our winners! Here are their essays, for your inspiration:



***Lonestar Mensa's Local Scholarship Winner –  
Jerome Kwaku Adu-Gyan***

### **My Academic Mission**

As a child attending grade school in the city of Kumasi in Ghana , West Africa , I had always wanted to be engineer, though all I knew about engineers at that time was that they build machines. My dad told me one day that if I want to be an engineer, I must learn science and mathematics well. Since then, I have made sure I did well in all my mathematics and science classes.

I started junior high school at the Government Technical College in the city of Wudil , which is in Kano State , Northern Nigeria – I was with my dad, who was a professor in Kano State Polytechnic. At the junior high school, I studied introductory technol-

ogy a subject that comprises electrical principles, metal works, technical drawing, woodwork and auto mechanics; also, I studied integrated science – physics, chemistry and biology; in addition, I took mathematics and English language classes. I graduated from the junior high school with honors.

The good results I had from the junior high gave me the opportunity to attend the Government Technical College Wudil's senior high school. This is the stage when I realized what type of engineer I want to be, why I wanted that, and how to be that person. I wanted to be an electrical and electronics engineer this is because I realized Africa as a whole and Ghana , my home country in particular, needs electrical and electronics engineers to help with the socio-economic development of the nation. The nation needed energy, technical infrastructure and personnel, since these were the foundation for technological and economic development of a nation. Therefore I decided to become an electrical and electronics engineer so that I would be a blessing to Ghana and the world at large.

I started senior high school in September 1988 and completed it in June 1991. My major courses were electrical installation principles and regulation, physics, chemistry, mathematics and English. I continued my educational pursuits at the Benue State Polytechnic in a town called Ugbokolo, in Nigeria . Electrical and Electronics Engineering Technology was the program I studied, and the certificate I obtained upon graduating in 1995 was the National Diploma – equivalent to the associate degree in the United States . At this point in my life, I felt I was on course, and I also knew I had to continue to first degree and masters, if I really wanted to be a world-class engineer. However, I stopped in my tracks when my father died and I lost the needed financial support.

As a result of my father's death, I returned to Ghana to continue my pursuit. In Ghana , I had to make ends meet, so I got a job with a small information technology firm. I excelled in my duties and was made one of the branch managers of the company. Protek Worldwide Systems was the name of the company, and it was located in Accra , Ghana . Though I did obtain some experience at this job, I refused to feel comfortable in this position since I had not reached my academic goal. I had the desire to continue toward my academic goal in the United States so I wrote a number of schools, and I was admitted to Devry University , Chicago , during

the 2005 and 2006 session. I am studying for my Bachelors in Electronic Engineering Technology. I will complete my first year at Devry University in March 2007, and the next session begins almost immediately. The path to my goal is rough and costly, but I can get there with help of the good people of this country. I need this scholarship to push me forward. I am studying hard and maintaining a GPA of more than 3.5.

My dream of becoming a blessing to people of Ghana as far as technology is concerned is on course, and I can get to the highest level of learning with the help of scholarships. Therefore I am soliciting your financial assistance to help me get there. I intend to return to Ghana where my services would be most needed when I graduate.



***Rita Levine Memorial Scholarship Winner –  
Annemarie Redelmeier***

Do you know the color of the lung cancer ribbon? Perhaps I can give you a hint.<sup>1</sup>

Lung cancer is the number one cause of cancer death in the United States . Approximately 162,460 people were expected to die of lung cancer during 2006.<sup>1</sup> Bringing this into perspective, more people die of lung cancer each year than breast cancer, prostate cancer, colon cancer, liver cancer, kidney cancer, and melanoma combined.<sup>2</sup> Though progress has been made in cancer research over the past decade, the prognosis for lung cancer continues to be very poor. Seventy percent of those newly diagnosed with lung cancer are at the advanced stage level.<sup>3</sup> Average life span from point of diagnosis remains at 6 months with a mere 16% of those diagnosed surviving beyond 5 years.<sup>2</sup> Treatment tends to be palliative versus curative.<sup>3</sup> Most notably, however, is that even though lung cancer is the leading cause of cancer death, research funding for lung cancer lags far behind other cancers.<sup>4,5,6</sup>

Okay. Can you try to guess the color of the lung cancer ribbon? It is clear symbolizing the invisible cancer. It is invisible to funders and invisible in the body until it has reached an advanced stage.

My immediate goal is to obtain a social work doctoral degree specializing in oncology research, policy, and practice, particularly lung cancer. After graduation,

my goals include a) educating the healthcare community regarding the psychosocial needs of persons with lung cancer, b) providing support for policy and funding, and c) identifying interventions that will enhance coping for those diagnosed with lung cancer as well as for their family members.

My experience in thoracic oncology is broad. Prior to returning to school I was employed at one of the top U.S. cancer centers providing individual, family, and group counseling to hundreds of patients and their loved ones. I spent 6 months, also, working in the Critical Care unit with many patients who were on life support and family members who were making decisions about life support. I was the co-facilitator of the lung cancer network and the co-chair of the annual Adult Memorial Service. In 2003, I received a \$1,500 start-up grant to develop a Caregiver Afternoon Tea for spouses of hospitalized patients. I am an active member of the Association of Oncology Social Work and the National Association of Social Workers where I volunteer in several capacities. I have been a licensed social worker since 2002 and received my advanced licensure in 2005. Though the licensing board requires licensees to complete 15 continuing education units each year, I have averaged 110 units per year. I have also been a hospice volunteer since 1998. Initially, I provided non-medical support to dying patients in their homes. After receiving my master of social work degree, I volunteered as a bereavement group facilitator for children who had lost a loved one in hospice.

This is my life's work. I have just completed my first semester and have done very well. Yes, I could have chosen a more lucrative field. One that is not associated with so much heartache. But, I have found my calling. If my past work is any indication of my future, there is no doubt that I will succeed.

Thank you for your consideration.

Footnotes

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***Region 6 Kuhnel Scholarship Winner –  
Denise Bakken***

**Achieving My Goals**

Becoming a proficient Registered Nurse is not achievable simply by completing a nursing program. Character qualities are key factors behind every great nurse. Excellence in areas of servant leadership, diligence, perseverance, and love are necessary to offer the finest service. Through my experiences in work, high school, and college, I am pursuing one of the greatest professions.

The capability of a nurse is attributed to much more than classroom skills. During high school, I was involved in 4-H. It taught me responsibility and leadership. Initially I served as our club’s reporter. As my confidence grew, I worked my way up through the positions of secretary, treasurer, and vice president. Ultimately I led our club as president. I learned the value of presenting an idea to an audience through public speaking. Community service taught me the importance of helping those in need without expecting anything in return.

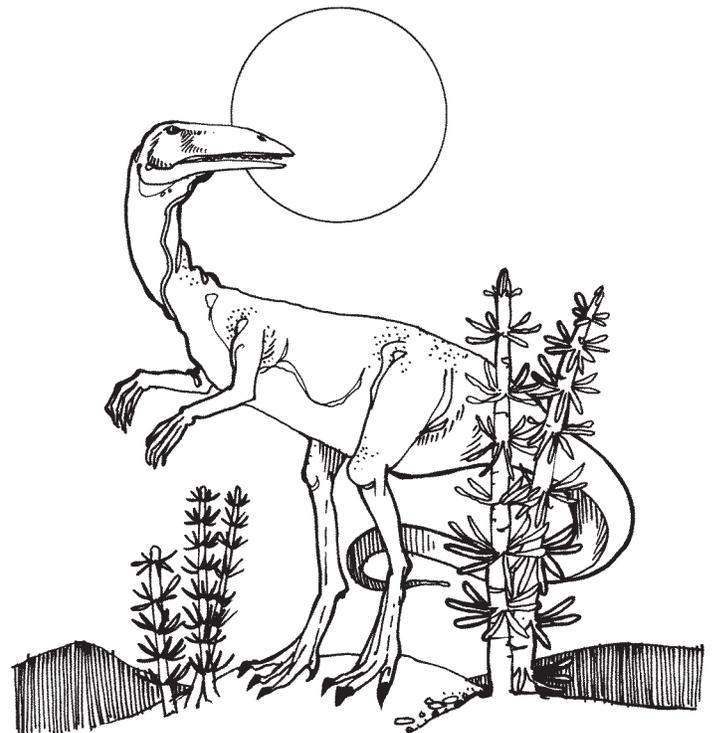
Also while in high school, I volunteered at a local hospital. I was able to observe the care of newborn babies on the obstetric floor. In addition, I served by organizing instructional media, disinfecting medical equipment, and making beds. Two summers ago I worked at another local hospital as a general secretary in the pharmacy department. I was fascinated to discover how drugs are used to manage blood problems. I was in charge of contacting labs and recording test results, organizing files, and sending postcard reminders.

My main source of income during high school and college has been providing violin and piano instruction. Currently, I have a private studio with fifteen students. I have learned to conduct myself in a professional man-

ner in order to provide my students with the highest quality instruction. Teaching music lessons has taught me the importance of consistency in practice, time management, and care in the attention I give to students, not only musically, but also personally. Teaching is more than a project or job. I am training my students in life skills that can be learned only through diligence, hard work, and enjoyment of a polished piece. I am able to apply these qualities in studying for nursing classes, caring for patients, and teaching patients how to improve their health. I desire to see my patient not as “another client”, but as an individual whom I can impact physically, emotionally, and spiritually.

Having completed one semester in my nursing program, I am maintaining a GPA of 3.978 in all courses (academic & nursing) and have 89 credit hours. Starting in January, I will begin working as a Nurse Technician at a local hospital. This will allow me to put into practice what I have learned.

The skills that I have learned throughout my life are necessary in nursing. I am planning to pursue a Bachelor of Science degree in nursing, with a minor in music education, after completing the ADN nursing program. I am interested in working in a hospital setting to get a variety of experiences. I am also considering medical mission work once I gain foundational skills and plenty of hands-on experience in the hospital. I hope to train people to become nurses. Presently, I am focused on providing holistic support for my patients, which



## Summer Fun for Lonestar Mensa Kids!

-by Michele Vaughan

The votes are in! Last month I asked you to cast your votes for which type of children's activities you would prefer. The results are posted below. If you're interested in Mensa kids' events, it's not too late to voice your opinion. Just send me, Michele Vaughan, an email at [lonestar.gifted.children@gmail.com](mailto:lonestar.gifted.children@gmail.com). If the turn out is good at our July activity, we'll plan something for August before school starts as well.

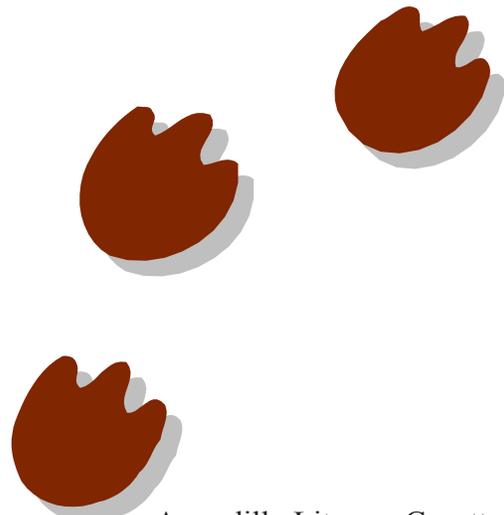
The next child-friendly event will be Saturday, July 7 at 1 PM to view a 3D IMAX movie at the Bob Bullock Texas State History Museum. The title of the show is Sharks 3D. You don't have to be a kid to enjoy the beauty and excitement of this movie, and all Mensans (and their family members and friends, of course) are invited to attend the show. More information about Sharks 3D and online ticketing are available at: <http://www.thestoryoftexas.com/showtimes/sharks3d.html>. Let's gather indoors at the large mosaic floor around 12:20 to allow us time to meet and then get in line together in time for the show.

If you need to get in touch with me on the day of an activity, feel free to give me a call on my cell phone: (512) 699-0689. I'm hoping to meet many of you soon!  
~Michele



## Lonestar Mensa Gifted Children's Activities Poll Results

Children's activities at LSM RG- 1 vote  
LSM meeting w/gifted children's topic- 0 votes  
IMAX movie: weekday- 2 votes  
IMAX movie: weekend- 2 votes  
Innerspace Caverns: weekday- 2 votes  
Innerspace Caverns: weekend- 1 vote  
Indoor inflatable jumping: weekday- 1 vote  
Indoor inflatable jumping: weekend- 2 votes  
Austin Children's Museum: weekday- 2 votes  
Austin Children's Museum: weekend- 2 votes  
Mom's Group/Toddler & Pre-school Playgroup: week-  
day- 0 votes  
Mom's Group/Toddler & Pre-school Playgroup: week-  
end- 1 vote  
Children's Game Day/Night: weekday- 0 votes  
Children's Game Day/Night: weekend- 2 votes  
General children's activities on weekday mornings- 2  
votes  
General children's activities on weekday afternoons- 1  
vote  
General children's activities on weekday evenings- 1  
vote  
General children's activities on Saturday mornings- 2  
votes  
General children's activities on Saturday afternoons- 2  
votes  
General children's activities on Saturday evenings- 2  
votes  
General children's activities on Sundays- 2 votes  
Activities geared for toddlers & pre-schoolers- 3 votes  
Activities geared for elementary kids- 1 vote  
Activities geared for middle schoolers- 0 votes  
Activities geared for high schoolers- 0 votes



## **Lonestar Mensa Programs** **Symposia Program**

*.Submitted by Don Drumtra, Treasurer*

Note: This is the fifth in a series of articles explaining the new Lonestar Mensa Budget Structure and the many new positions and opportunities available for you.

What is a symposium? The Oxford English Dictionary defines "symposium" as: "1. A drinking-party; a convivial meeting for drinking, conversation, and intellectual entertainment: properly among the ancient Greeks, hence generally." Webster's New World College Dictionary adds: "Any meeting or social gathering where ideas are exchanged." In Lonestar Mensa, all these activities are included under the umbrella of our Symposia Program.

The Lonestar Mensa Symposia Program includes our monthly meetings, our Christmas party, our Halloween party, our picnics, our bridge and poker nights, weekly TGIT suppers, camping trips, and all other scheduled local gatherings. The Symposia Chair is responsible for managing the 2007 Symposia Program budget of \$800, for raising symposia funds, and for chairing the Symposia Committee consisting of the Chair, the Programs Officer, the Symposia Coordinator, and the Symposia Publicity Coordinator.

The Programs Officer is responsible for scheduling speakers for our monthly general meetings, for scheduling facilities, for hosting the speakers, and for conducting the meetings.

The Symposia Coordinator is responsible for helping hosts plan, schedule, and conduct all other symposia and local gatherings so that all of us have pleasant experiences and good memories of them. As such the Symposia Coordinator should understand good food handling practices and the various rules American Mensa (AML) has established for local gatherings. This officer also may provide food handling expertise to the Lonestar Regional Gathering Committee if needed..

The Symposia Publicity Coordinator is responsible for working with the Lonestar Mensa Publicity Officer / Media Coordinator to provide publicity on future symposia. The goal is that all Lonestar Mensa members who wish to participate are notified of upcoming symposia. The coordinator also develops appropriate newsletter coverage after memorable events.

Currently, Todd Shaw is our Programs Officer and Paul Anderson, our Lonestar Mensa Publicity Officer / Media Coordinator, has been doing double duty as Symposia Publicity Coordinator, writing announcements for the monthly meetings and then publishing them. The evidence of their good work may be seen in the quality of our speakers and the attendance at these meetings. We are looking for volunteers for the vacant officer positions of Symposia Chair, Symposia Coordinator, and Symposia Publicity Coordinator to complete the Symposia team. And, of course, we are always looking for volunteers to host Lonestar Mensa activities. If you would like more information about the positions, or would like to volunteer to help with or sponsor an event, please contact Janet Kres.

Next month's article will cover our even larger symposium, the Lonestar Regional Gathering or LonestaRG.

## **Electronic Newsletters a Big Success!**

*-Submitted by Helen Siders, Newsletter Distribution Manager*

The number of Lonestar Mensans who have opted in to replace their paper newsletter with the electronic e-mail version is holding at 12% of the population. Those of us who fold and label the paper version of the newsletter are happy because we have less work to do. Our Treasury contains more money due to the savings in postage costs. Thank you.

To give it a try, log on [www.us.mensa.org/profileupdate](http://www.us.mensa.org/profileupdate). You can enter UserID (member nbr or your email address) and Psw. First, if your email address is not current, update it! Then look for the phrase 'electronic publications, if available.' Then set the switch to enable the electronic distribution of your newsletter and other publications. There will be a one to two month lag before the arrival of your first electronic newsletter.

Add [xlartemis@gmail.com](mailto:xlartemis@gmail.com) to your online address book to keep your mail handler from bouncing or flagging the electronic newsletter as spam. The address name can be LoneStar Mensa Newsletter Distribution. Finally, can you go ahead and send an email to that address? That would verify your current address beyond a shadow of a doubt. Thanks.

## The Region 6 Report

*-From: Ralph "Rudy" Rudolph, RVC6-elect*

Thanks for electing me as your RVC. My first "official" act is to have Jeff Dommonge appointed as Asst RVC because of his involvement with the Gen-X SIG, a portion of Mensa I wish to emphasize as they are our future leaders. Too many of our smaller groups have peacefully "aged" and offer few activities that attract Gen-X participation. Frankly, boredom isn't exactly a great retention tool for younger folks.

My own group, New Mexico Mensa, discussed this vigorously at an LDW I facilitated on May 20th in Albuquerque and we will be making a strong effort to get our own Gen-Xers involved. Jeff will be sending you various questions to try to get a database of involvement; please make his life easy by cooperating with him. His efforts could mean a lot for Region 6 and your group.

The July AMC meeting and Annual Business meeting will be very routine, merely a bunch of appointments, so there isn't much to discuss about them. I will be communicating a lot about future meetings and I will be asking your opinions about various agenda items and such. I'm retired and certainly have time to consider your suggestions on ways to improve our Region. Please e-mail me at Rudy11@comcast.net, AMLRegion6@yahoo.com or (eventually) RVC6@us.mensa.org or phone me at 505-828-3938. Please don't call after 9 PM MST as my wife likes to go to bed early and gets real grumpy if folks call later than that. I prefer an ungrumpy wife.

I will, if I can, revive the old Region6 yahoo site.

Having been an RG Chairman several times, I am immensely aware of how much effort goes into making them a success and I congratulate those that bring joy. But they won't be a major topic of my RVC columns even though I plan on attending.

I am well aware that we have a few local groups who are teetering on nonexistence, and I will be doing what I can to resurrect them (or, as necessary) merge them as a subgroup into a neighboring group.

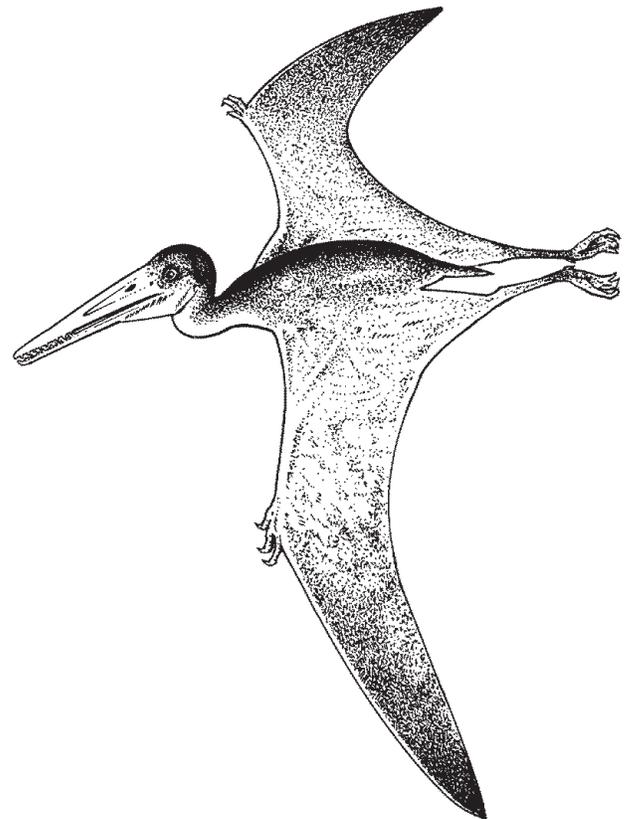
## New Excomm Member – Steve Skelton

Greetings, all! I'm happy to serve as the replacement for Vignish in this position. I understand I am to serve as a liaison for Mensans who have concerns or suggestions for the group. In order to do this, it'd be good to provide some way to contact me. You can e-mail me at

Steve\_Skelton2000@yahoo.com or phone at 512-902-5023 (after 6.00 pm please). If you have some desire to see me in person I can often be found at Dolce Vita (on Duval across from Mother's) in the afternoon.

In terms of activities I do have a bias. I like doing outdoors things, such as day trips to interesting natural sights and am not averse to some 'light' hiking. Museums are also a good thing. For example, I would be willing to take a day trip to Fort Worth to see the Kimbell art museum. Or San Antonio to visit the missions, the zoo or the planetarium... In short, I like going places and seeing things. And food. I always appreciate a good meal, even though I do not eat all that much.

So, now that you know how to contact me, feel free to do so if you'd like to try and coordinate some kind of group activity, or if you have any other concerns or questions that I might either be able to address or refer to someone who can.



# What's Happening in July?

## **Thank Goodness It's Thursday**

### **Central Market Café**

**Every Thursday 6:00-8:00pm**

4001 N. Lamar Blvd., Austin (512) 206-1020

Meet us at 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's is adjacent to Central Market on the south side. We meet upstairs.

## **1st Saturday Bridge Night**

**Saturday, July 7 7:00-10:00pm**

Karen McMackin's house

7211 Lakewood Dr. #123, Austin (512) 497-7211

Please RSVP so we will know how many bridge players we will have. Instruction will be provided. Beginners welcome. This is "party bridge", not duplicate bridge. We have changed to Saturday night to accommodate interested players' schedules.

Child-friendly event:

## **Sharks 3D IMAX at the Bob Bullock**

### **Texas State History Museum**

**Saturday, July 7 1:00pm**

Contact: Michele Vaughan

lonestar.gifted.children@gmail.com

Meet at 12:20 on the indoor mosaic floor. Cell number for info on day of event: 699-0689.

## **Monthly Meeting**

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

Austin Public Library, North Village Branch

2139 West Anderson Lane, Austin

See page 5 for details.

## **ExComm Meeting**

**Wednesday, July 11 6:00pm**

**Please note the changed data -- 1st Wed. is July 4 - AG time!**

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.

## **Georgetown Mensans Meet at the Monument**

**Thursday, July 19 6:30pm**

1953 S. Austin Ave, Georgetown

Host: Jane Thompson (512) 868-5319

Georgetown Mensans and others from the north part of town will get together at the best little cafe in town. RSVP 512-868-5319.

## **Fold & Sticker**

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

Central Market, Austin. See TGIT for directions.

Help us assemble the newsletter!

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