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From the President

-by Janet Kres, LSM President

Dear Fellow Mensans –

Hooray! This is how it is supposed to be! Thank you, Lonestar Mensans for scheduling get-togethers in Georgetown and Waco and a camping trip! This is great! Mensa is meant for members to get-together and do fun things!

And speaking of fun things – check out the New Member party, Saturday, May 5th from 1 to 5 p.m. The first hour is for the new Mensans – to meet Ex Comm members, the publicity chairman, the newsletter editor, the UT Student chairman, the circulation chairman, the membership chairman, the scholarship chairman, the webmaster and see how Lonestar Mensa functions. Starting at 2:00 p.m. all Lonestar Mensans are invited to attend. I hope to see you there.

Janet

Welcome New Members

Clinton Applegate
Lisa M. Bunkowski
Jonathan B. Huizingh
Timothy Raines
Christopher T. Vedner

Welcome Back, Members

Jurgens P. Korkie
Vaughn E. Akins
Michelle Barnett
Michael B. Golden
Victor P. Landry
David R. Loomis
William D. McCarty
Christopher Rodie
Jason L. Whitehead

Welcome to Region 6, Lonestar Mensa

C. Yvonne Dailey
Gloria J. Fortin
Cindy Lou Palko
Ron Fortin



- 1 Mark Howard Kubiak
- 2 Jane K Thompson
- 4 Vijay K Manyam
- 6 Michael Riggs
- 8 David H Messer
M 'Penny' Guy
- 9 Peggy Bills
- 10 C Yvonne Dailey
- 11 Joe DaSilva
- 12 Robert Alan Dollars
- 13 William Jent PhD
- 14 Dr James E Turney Jr
Cynthia Bourland
- 15 Dr Leon Morris Waynberg
Barry Arnn
- 16 Vicki Adair
William Eric Hungate
- 18 Lori L Barr MD
- 19 David Wayne Madden
- 20 Raymond Doo
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Ryan Rozich
Danijela Levacic
- 22 Russell Eugene Nelson
- 23 Josephine West McNamee
- 24 Ronald Joseph Theriault
- 25 Stuart R Singer
Logan Simmons
- 27 Mamta Jayavardhan
- 28 Claudia Ellis Harbert
- 29 Cathryn Leigh Cox
Lesley Carol Morehead
Christopher T Vedner
- 31 Hal Edwin Fulton

RVC6 May Report

-by Ray O'Connor, RVC Region 6

It's that time of year again – Elections. If you have not done so, please vote. The AMC is the ruling body of American Mensa. If you don't vote, you have no voice. You received your ballot in the April/May Bulletin. Please remember to vote for the international officers as well as American Mensa candidates.

Have you registered for the Gulf Coast regional gathering over Memorial Day Weekend in Houston? If you have never been to a Mensa gathering, it is a truly awesome experience. Four days and three nights of conversation, hospitality, games and programs. "Try it. You'll like it!"

If you can't make this RG, remember the Lone Star Mensa group offers a great RG over Labor Day weekend in Austin and North Texas Mensa hosts a Thanksgiving RG. Each is unique in their own way and great opportunities for Mensa fun.

Ray O'Connor, RVC6

Gatherings Calendar:

"From Houston With Love" — Join Gulf Coast Mensa on Memorial Day Weekend for an RG filled with intrigue and excitement! Fascinating speakers, games, Hospitality, dancing and our very own Casino Royale await you and all of the Spies Who Love You! Registration \$65. Kids 9-17 half price, kids 8 and under free. Single day rates: Friday \$20; Saturday \$25; Sunday \$25; Monday \$5. Checks payable to Gulf Coast Mensa SynRG 007. Crowne Plaza Brookhollow, 12801 Northwest Freeway Houston, TX 77040 ; 877/2CROWNE. SR/DR/TR/QR \$69. Room rates guaranteed until 5/10/07. CD 17 and under, H DT CP. Contact Patsy Graham, Gulf Coast Mensa, P.O. Box 25267, Houston, TX 77265 ; 713/660-6862; patsy@paloent.com.

Hopefully I'll have more information about the other region 6 RG for next month's column.



Lonestar Mensa Programs

Recruitment Program

-submitted by Don Drumtra, Treasurer



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

The Lonestar Mensa Recruitment Program encompasses care for current members and their retention and recognition as well as activities designed to bring in new members. The Recruitment Chair is responsible for managing the 2007 Recruitment budget of \$800 and for chairing the Recruitment Committee consisting of the Chair and coordinators for the various aspects of the program including membership, testing, awards, and nominations. The chair and coordinators also develop local publicity to support the program.

Membership is led by five volunteers including the Membership Officer and four coordinators for current members, new members, lapsed members, and LSM officers. These volunteers keep track of our members and their special accomplishments, help them learn what Mensa is all about, respond to their specific questions and concern about Lonestar and American Mensa, and contact them about special membership events and membership renewals. Coordinators also develop publicity to support membership recruitment and officer accomplishments.

Testing is led by the Testing Coordinator who works with the Facilities Coordinator and several Proctors to administer exams to prospective members. The Testing Coordinator organizes and administers testing events, develops associated publicity, provides take home exams for perspective members, and, with the New Member Coordinator, helps potential members understand Mensa and those who qualify take the next step to join Mensa.

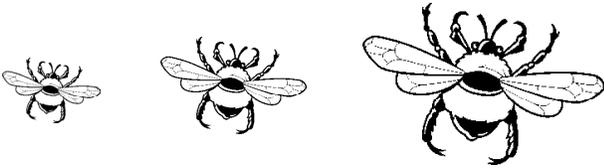


Awards is led by the Awards Coordinator who seeks out Lonestar members deserving special recognition at local, regional, and national for their services to Mensa, manages the paperwork needed for their nomination and selection, and develops publicity about the various awards and winners.

Nominations for officer positions in Lonestar Mensa are developed by the three-member Nominations Committee which also oversees annual and special elections and associated paperwork and publicity. The Nominations Committee is appointed by the ExComm in September of each year and serves until the following September.

Currently, Mark Kres serves as both our Membership Officer and Testing Coordinator. The Recruitment Chair and other officer positions are vacant. If you would like more information about the positions, or would like to volunteer to help, please contact Janet Kres.

Next month's article will cover the Communications Program.



May Monthly Meeting

Topic: Put It On Paper: How Words Help

Speaker: Patricia Riggs Flathouse.

Pat was born and raised in the Texas Panhandle. She attended the University of Texas in Austin where she earned a degree in elementary education and did a year's graduate work in deaf education. She later earned a degree in Religious Studies and her doctorate in educational psychology with a focus on wellness and stress management.

Pat's professional background includes a career of teaching and counseling. She is a wife and the mother of four sons and the grandmother of six. She enjoys hobbies such as quilting, stained glass, wood carving, china painting, and writing.

Pat is the author of the book, *Your Life, Your Story*. This is a book designed to help readers write stories about themselves and their experiences. Pat is a genealogist and has written a second book, *A Priceless Legacy*, designed to help readers write the stories of their family history.

In addition to facilitating classes in writing, Pat also leads workshops on stress management and wellness.

New Member Party

Saturday, May 5th

1:00 to 2:00 – New Members and Officers

2:00 – 5:00 All Lonestar Mensans Welcome!!

New members – Welcome to Lonestar Mensa! If you have been a new member for less than one year, or recently moved into the Lonestar Mensa area, this party is for you! From 1:00 to 2:00 it is all about you! You will have an opportunity to meet the officers and chairmen of Lonestar Mensa, learn how our Chapter functions, and learn about other Mensa events, like the Houston Regional Gathering and the Annual Gathering.

At 2:00 all Lonestar Mensans are welcome – so this will be a great opportunity to meet other Mensans!

Door prizes will be given in the following categories:

- First New Member arriving who qualified at a Lonestar Mensa testing session
- First New Member arriving who qualified on other evidence
- First New Member arriving who transferred in from the nearest distance
- New Member who traveled the furthest distance to the party

Location: 11708 Prairie Hen Lane, Austin
512-836-5773 – Janet & Mark Kres

Got Weekend Plans?

How would you like to spend your weekend? Fishing? Lounging around in the shade of a tree with a good book? Grilling a fantastic meal outside and eating it around the campfire? Pleasant walks along the river bank? Swimming in a deliciously cool spring fed pool? Guided hike into an unimproved cave? Sitting around with friends lazily chatting?

You could be doing any or all of the above on the weekend of May 12th / 13th because Lonestar Mensa has reserved a delightful group campsite at Colorado Bend State Park and you are invited to join us.

If you can't wait to hear the details email Steve Roberts at sr77025@texas.net or phone 713-868-8087.

Treasurer's Report First Quarter 2007

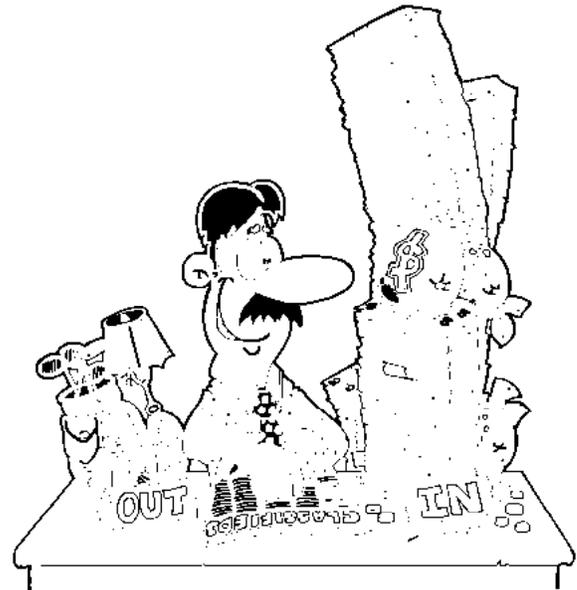
-submitted by Don Drumtra, Treasurer

Note: This report was approved by the ExComm on 2007 April 4.

The first quarter under our now program structure was mixed. At this point we should have spent 25 percent of our budget. As may be seen from the Cumulative Program Summary, every one of our programs except Education was underspent, some significantly, giving us a surplus of \$273.10 for the quarter. Education would have also been underspent for the quarter except for a 2006 voucher received after the 2006 books were closed and funds we set aside for this spring's scholarship winner. So it was unanimous. This is good if our goal is to enrich the treasury of the local chapter to increase our net worth. But if our goal is for our programs to make a difference we should have spent more.

One of the reasons we are not spending more is the lack of volunteers to run our programs. We have budgeted

money for our programs; but we need volunteers to run them. Granted it is not a lot of money; but traditionally the impact of our programs on the community and our members can be large with only a small amount of funds. The gifted children and scholarship programs are but two examples where our volunteer officers have made a difference exceeding the money they have spent. If you are interested in volunteering for any of the programs, no matter how little the time you have to contribute, please call or email Janet Kres and explore the possibilities for you.



**Lonestar Mensa
Balance Sheet
2007 March 31**

Assets	
Liquid Assets	
Cash	\$ -
Checking Account	
GB Checking Balance	\$ 1,928.98
GB Pending Deposits	-
GB Uncleared Checks	-
Total Checking Accounts	\$ 1,928.98
Certificates of Deposit, Uncommitted Funds	
GB CD 1, 5.15%, 9 mo, 2007 May 21	6,788.37
GB CD 2, 5.15%, 9 mo, 2007 Aug 17	3,057.25
Total CDs Uncommitted Funds	9,845.62
Certificates of Deposit, Committed Funds	
RG Fund (GB CD1)	3,919.27
Scholarship Fund (GB CD1)	641.73
Total CDs Committed Funds	4,561.00
Liquid Assets	\$ 16,335.60
Short Term and Other Assets	
Accounts Receivable	\$ -
Prepaid Expenses	
Prepaid Postage	335.58
Prepaid RG 2007	3.96
Prepaid Take Home Tests	97.50
Other Prepaid Expenses	-
Prepaid Expenses	\$ 437.04
Other Assets	-
Short Term and Other Assets	\$ 437.04
Assets	\$ 16,772.64
Liability and Net Worth	
Liabilities	
Accounts Payable	253.00
Scholarships Escrow	291.73
RG Escrow 2008 (Balance plus registrations)	-
RG Escrow 2007 27 Registered	919.27
Other Liabilities	-
Liabilities	\$ 1,464.00
Net Worth	15,308.64
Liability and Net Worth	\$ 16,772.64

**Lonestar Mensa
Cumulative Program Summary
2007 January 1 - March 31**

	Annual Budget	Actual to Date	25%
Recruitment Program			
Total Revenue	\$ 800.00	\$ 156.00	20%
Total Expenses	800.00	97.67	12%
Total Recruitment Program	\$ -	\$ 58.33	7%
Communications Program			
Total Revenue	3,600.00	977.55	27%
Total Expenses	3,600.00	795.94	22%
Total Communications Program	-	181.61	5%
Symposia Program			
Total Revenue	800.00	238.59	30%
Total Expenses	800.00	100.00	13%
Total Symposia Program	-	138.59	17%
Education Program			
Total Revenue	650.00	142.32	-
Total Expenses	760.00	230.16	30%
Total Education Program	(110.00)	(87.84)	-
Subgroup Program			
Total Revenue	-	-	-
Total Expenses	200.00	-	-
Total Subgroup Program	(200.00)	-	-
LonestaRG			
Total Revenue	4,400.00	-	-
Total Expenses	4,300.00	-	-
Total LonestaRG	100.00	-	-
Operations			
Total Revenue	481.00	-	-
Total Expenses	120.00	17.50	15%
Total Operations	361.00	(17.50)	-
Total Program Return	\$ 151.00	\$ 273.19	-

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 usually meet upstairs. No signs, sorry.

ExComm Meeting

Wednesday, May 2 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.

New Member Party

Saturday, May 5

New Members 1:00-2:00pm

All Members 2:00-5:00pm

Janet & Mark Kres' House

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

See page 5 for details.

Camping at Colorado Bend State Park

Saturday & Sunday, May 12-13

Host: Steve Roberts sr77025@texas.net
(713) 868-8087

See page 5 for details.

Monthly Meeting

Monday, May 14 7:00pm

Austin Public Library, North Village Branch

2139 West Anderson Lane, Austin

See page 5 for details.

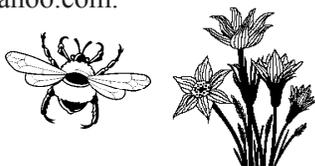
Waco Coffee Hour

Tuesday, May 15 5:30-6:30pm

Starbuck's @ Central Texas Marketplace

corner of Hwy 6 and I-35, Waco

Just a short come-and-go get-together after work to see what we want to do in the future. If attending, please RSVP to Danyel at islasisterchick@yahoo.com.



Georgetown Mensans **Meet at the Monument**

Thursday, May 17 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 -- Early b/c Houston RG -- **Tuesday, May 22 6:00pm**

Central Market, Austin. See TGIT for directions.

Help us assemble the newsletter



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May						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednes- day	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 ExComm	3  TGIT	4	5 New Member Party
6	7	8	9	10  TGIT	11	12 Camping Trip -- Colorado Bend
13 Camping Trip -- Colorado Bend	14 Monthly Meeting	15 Waco Coffee Hour <i>'Dillo Deadline</i>	16	17  TGIT G'town Dinner	18	19
20	21	22 <i>Fold & Sticker</i>	23	24  TGIT	25 <-- Houston	26 RG: "From
27 Houston with	28 LOVE" -->	29	30	31  TGIT		2007