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A miniature circus made by Clyde Park. He began working on this 1" to 1' scale model in 1930, and donated it to the Pink Palace Museum, Memphis TN in 1970. <http://www.memphismuseums.org/circus.htm>
-photo by Rachael Stewart, 2006

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From the President

Dear Fellow Mensans –

Hooray!! It's Lonestar Mensa RG time!! I hope to see all of you there!!

This is a large part of what Mensa is all about – getting together and having fun! Mensa also does ‘serious stuff’ -- like research and scholarships. But the fun stuff is also a great reason to belong to Mensa. A prime part of Mensa is hanging out with folks who enjoy each other's company and share a wide range of interests.

It will soon be time to have elections and select new officers. I am prohibited by the bylaws from serving as president again. So, if you are interested in serving in any position on the Ex Comm (or any of our other positions), please give me or any other office a call or send an email.

See you at future events –
Janet



Welcome New Members

Joyce Matos
Kristine Adamo
Gary G. Winkler
Aaron Dennington
Tanya Andrien

Welcome Back, Members

Danika Lea Sanders
Therese Marie Kopiwoda
Suzanne Staton
Anthony V. Depaul
K. Anthony Bottorff
Richard Louie
Patrick Kreuzer
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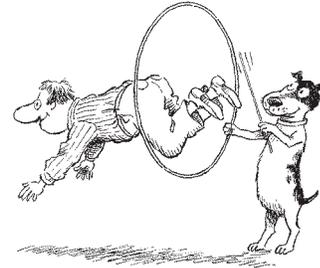
Welcome to Region 6, Lonestar Mensa

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Tiana Endicott
Gerard Anthony gold
Kyle Patrick May
Todd Stahlnecker

Silly's Bestiary

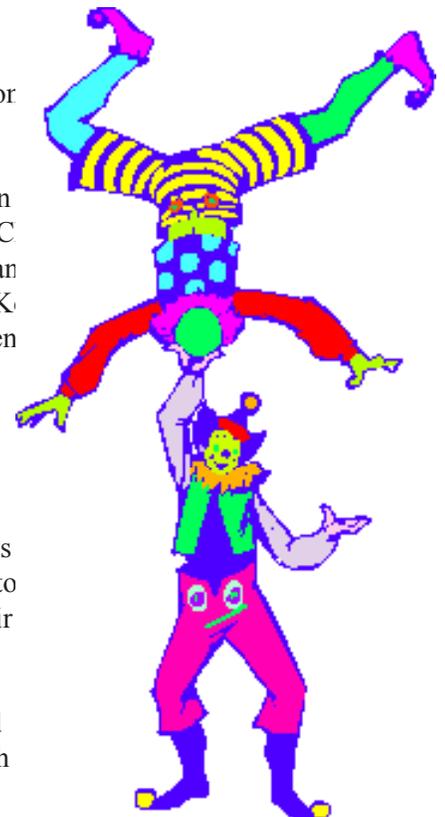
Chapter 6: Theme Songs

Slobbery Dog *We Will Drool the World*
Mau Cat *Stalk Like an Egyptian*
Chicken Little *It's the End Of The World (I Just Know It)*
Wolf Pack *Total Eclipse of the Hart*
Field Mouse *Do You Really Want to Eat Me?*
Rabbit *Don't Worry, Be Hoppy*

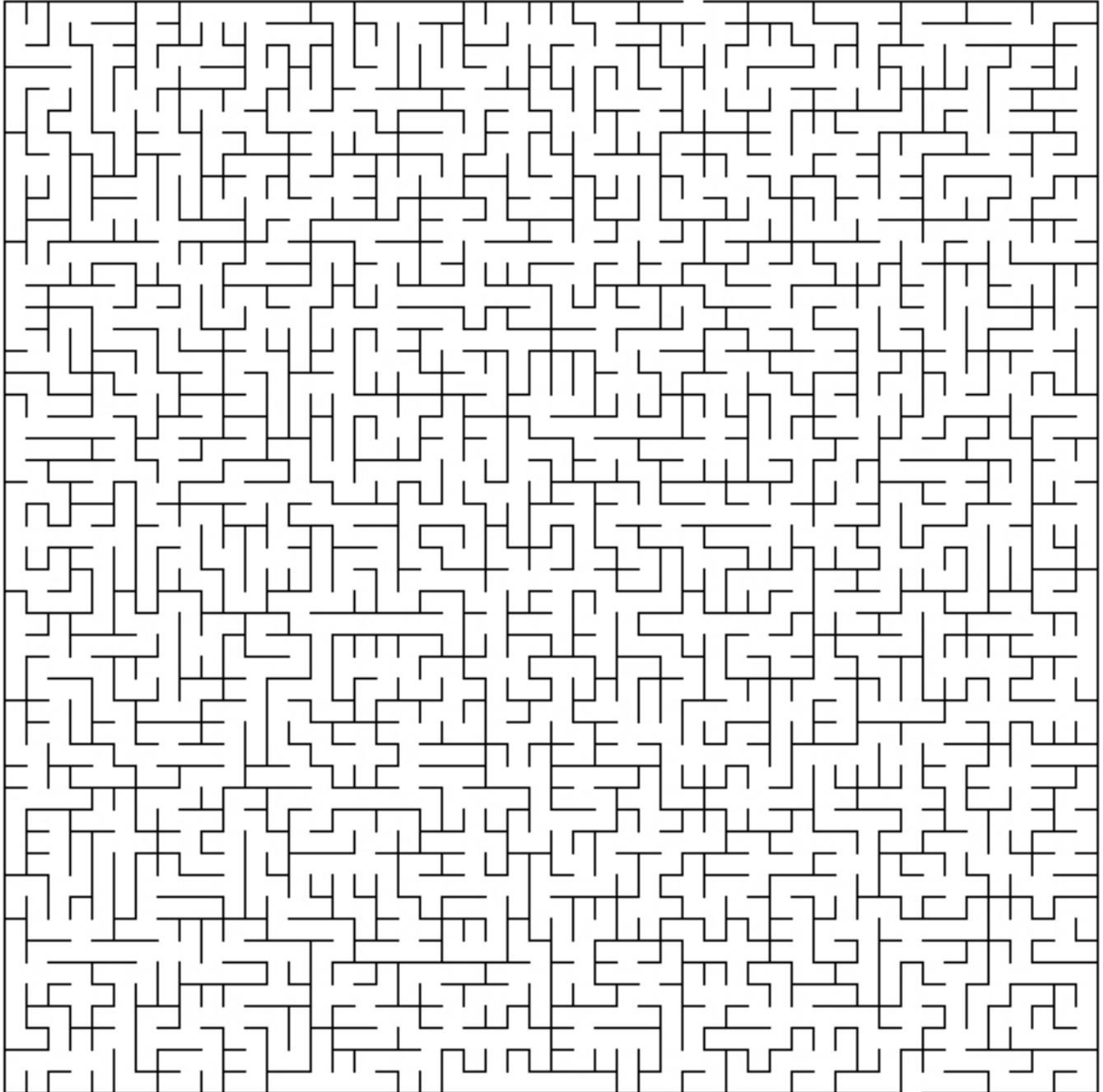


HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

1 Alan K Christensen
3 Cindy Lou Palko
Harold A Cromwell
5 Joel Ogden
Keith Barrow
7 Dan Allen Flanagan
9 Barbara Erskine Bartlett
11 John Winkler
Michael Martino
14 Bobby D Lane
Joseph D Simpson
Ross A Williams
16 David Gilde
Harold V Morgan
William Darrell C
17 Dana Lynn Hollan
18 Capt Howard A K
John David Laven
22 Clinton J Wostal
23 John C Foster
Linda Edelstein
Robert E Kiefer
24 Allen Vorwerk
Frederick Charles
25 Beth Elaine Bento
Katherine G Blair
26 Lynn Herrick
28 Vaughn E Akins
30 Laura Shankland
Melissa Vanessah
Shea Hillis



C'mon now, in ya go...



HEEEELLLLPPPP!!!! Run away!

LSM Programs — Education Program

-submitted by Don Drumtra, Treasurer

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

Some would say that the most important contribution that Mensa can make to society is the leave the world a better place than we found it—not only to use our intelligence to have fun and solve our world’s problems, but to promote the recognition of gifted children and young adults and work to build their strengths so that they can solve their world’s problems. The Lonestar Mensa Education Program helps prepare gifted children and young adults for the future.

The Education Program guides our work with gifted children, work with young adults, scholarship awards, participation in science fairs, culture quests and other colloquia, and any other education activities we might want to focus on, as well as fund raising and publicity activities to support the Education Program. The Education Chair is responsible for managing the 2007 Education Program budget of \$760 and for chairing the Education Committee consisting of the Chair, the Gifted Children Coordinator, the Scholarship Chair, the Education Publicity Coordinator, and the Education Funding Coordinator.

There is no junior category of membership in Mensa, so children are welcome at most Mensa events – unless the activity is limited to adults for some material reason or by the organizer. To support the Mensa International Gifted Children Program, American Mensa aspires to build its Gifted Children’s Program through the recruitment of high-quality leaders at the national level. The Lonestar Mensa Gifted Children Coordinator is responsible for our Gifted Children Program working closely with the American Mensa Coordinator to provide stimulating activities for children as well as providing support and resources for all Young Mensans and their families in the Lonestar Mensa area.

The Scholarship Chair coordinates the Lonestar Mensa scholarship award activities involving our local portion of an annual essay contest sponsored by National Mensa, open to all students past high school. Entrants do not have to be Mensa members. The Scholarship Committee advertises, collects, and judges entries in our extended local area, from Marble Falls to Waco and College Station, following instructions from National Mensa as to procedures for collecting and judging en-

tries, sending our local group’s winning choices on to Regional and National judging, and announcing our local winners.

Finally, the Education Publicity and Educational Funding Coordinators assist the Education and Scholarship Chairs and the Gifted Children Coordinator by working with the Lonestar Mensa Publicity officer / Media Coordinator in advertising our education programs, mailing flyers to local schools and colleges in the fall, and in fundraising activities to support our programs, particularly the annual raffle and other fund raising activities at our Regional Gathering.

Currently, Michele Vaughan is our Gifted Children Coordinator and Claudia Harbert is our Scholarship Chair. We are looking for volunteers for the vacant officer positions of Education Chair, Education Publicity Coordinator, and Education Funding Coordinator. And, of course, we are always looking for volunteers for the Scholarship Committee and to assist with education program activities. If you would like more information about the positions, or would like to volunteer to help with or sponsor an event, please contact Michele, Claudia, or Janet Kres.

Next month’s article will cover our Subgroups Program.



13% of our group are Electronic!

-submitted by Helen Siders

Thirteen percent of Lonestar Mensans have “opted in” to forego the paper newsletter for the electronic e-mail version. To give it a try, log on www.us.mensa.org/profileupdate. Userid will be your member number or email address. First, if your email address is not current, update it at once.

After logging on and updating your email, look for the phrase “electronic publications, if available.” Set the switch to enable the electronic distribution of your newsletter and other Mensan papers.

There is a one to two month lag before the arrival of the first electronic newsletter. If you add xlartemis@gmail.com to your online address book, your newsletter will not bounce or get flagged as spam.

Thank you for considering making the change from paper to electronic email. It saves postage costs. It saves work by the people who fold and label the newsletter. It saves trees!

The Region 6 Report

-From: Ralph "Rudy" Rudolph, RVC6

I'd like to remind everyone that we do have a yahoo groups forum for anyone who wishes to suggest ideas, note problems or just chat. To join, as the list is moderated, please first send a blank e-mail to: AMLRegion6@yahoo.com. To receive and post messages, then go to: <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/AMLRegion6> and click on "join this group". Better communication within our Region would be helpful.

There will be an AMC meeting at the Arlington (TX) Hilton on Saturday, Sept. 8th. There are several items of interest that I will be voting on. I'd like to share my thoughts for your comments.

1. I am being appointed Chairman of the Nom Com Review Committee to complete work of the prior committee. The result will be that there will no longer be any "approved" NomCom candidates. Strictly petition.

2. A new Local Group Charter Review Committee will be appointed to examine the relationship between local groups and AML. I helped shoot down their prior recommendations which would have given AMC rather than the RVC the right to disband local groups for By-laws or other violations. I will watch this one.

3. A Planning Committee (imagine that!) will be established to track whether we are actually doing what we promised to do. Hooray!

4. The ASIE that grants the Executive Committee the power to run Mensa between AMC Meetings will become more restrictive and will require AMC consultation on some items. Two versions of the revisions will be debated.

5. The Finance Committee has filed a motion that ALL local groups must submit a report of all cash balances owed/controlled by the group as of March 31st. This is because the IRS requires this information from any group that uses Mensa's Employer Identification Number (which few groups use). I will strongly oppose this as an unnecessary burden on small groups. The motion should be restricted ONLY to groups that use the EIN.

6. During the past two years, AMC has been filling vacant AMC positions through appointment by the Ex-Com. This may be against our Bylaws and other rules. We will debate what the best legal ways to fill these positions is. We may have to hold special elections but that might leave Regions without an RVC for several months and would add extra expense.

I'd like to congratulate Jeff Dommengue for his willingness to take over the leadership of the Gen-X SIG. Jeff tells me that not only will this NOT interfere with his duties as Asst RVC6 but will actually help them as the two mesh together. That's positive thinking!

TJ Lundeen is putting together a new Region 6 event called "Sixcess". Stay tuned for details: Hint: it's a Region 6 trivia contest.

There's a 90% probability that I'll be at the Austin RG. My remaining RVC funds are very limited and I have to pick and choose.



New Meeting Date

Lonestar Mensa has returned to the Second Tuesday of the Month for monthly meetings.

September Monthly Meeting

Title "Mars: The Next Frontier."
Presenter Steve McDaniel

We need a new frontier to stay alive and grow. We can land on Mars and even start to settle it within a single generation. Space advocates from many different groups are working today to make humankind's future in space a reality. Activities include research and development, fundraising, public outreach/education, and legislative activism.

Representatives of the Mars Society and MarsDrive, Inc. will be presenting and answering questions.



CultureQuest 2007 Results

The Lonestar Supernovas, Captain Clay Kruse, placed at #17 in the top 20 of the National Mensa Teams. We earned \$80 – yippee!! And we were the 3rd place team in Region 6. Please note that it is fractions of a percent point in the rankings – We were #17 with 136.5 points – # 16 – Buckeye Blitz from Region 03 had 137.0 points! First place winner was Eureka, Region 06, Captain Duke Heath, with 180.0 points! Grey Matters, Captain Myra McMillan, Region 06, was #9 with 142.5 points.

Hooray for Region 06!

What's Happening in September?

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.

ExComm Meeting

Wednesday, September 5 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.

1st Saturday Bridge Night

--- Due to the RG, will meet on the 2nd Sat.) ---

Saturday, September 8 7:00-10:00pm

Janet and Mark Kres' house

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

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.

Monthly Meeting

TUESDAY, September 11 7:00pm

Austin Public Library, North Village Branch

2139 West Anderson Lane, Austin

"Mars: the Next Frontier" See page 6 for details.

Middle of the Month Happy Hour!

Tuesday, September 18 6pm-late

1624 W 5th St, Austin

Host: Carla Young (512) 586-7524

Escape the stresses of the work week with a mid-week happy hour. El Arroyo has happy hour specials all night long. Look for the Mensa logo on the table. Work past 6? No worries, we'll be there for awhile. If you can't find us, need directions or have any questions, call Carla Young at 512-586-7524. See ya in Margaritaville!



3rd Saturday Poker Night

-- Due to schedule conflict, will meet on 4th Sat.) --

Saturday, September 22 7:00pm-???

Laura Shankland's house

11300 Bunting Dr., Austin (512) 297-8344

lolas@laurashankland.com

Please RSVP so we know how many to expect. Nickle ante; dealer's choice. Please BYOB.

Fold & Sticker

Thursday, September 27 6:00pm

Central Market, Austin. See TGIT for directions.

Help us assemble the newsletter!

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 RG	3 RG	4	5 ExComm	6  TGIT	7	8 1st Saturday Bridge
9	10	11 Monthly Meeting	12	13  TGIT	14	15 <i>'Dillo Deadline</i>
16	17	18 Happy Hour	19	20  TGIT	21	22 3rd Saturday Poker
23	24	25	26	27  <i>Fold & Sticker</i>	28	29
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