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Blain Nelson (left) and Larry Backers, representatives of the Austin Metal detecting club, with some of the equipment they demonstrated at the monthly meeting June 10. Blain commented that for her, “metal detecting is a joy and an outlet.”
-photo by Don Drumtra

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The President's Corner

-by Ron Edelstein, LSM President

The spring LSM New Members' Party was held at Edelsteinhaus on Saturday night, 14 June. There was a good turn out, estimated at about 26-30 people at its peak, including six new members. According to all reports everyone had a good time and left well fed. Of course each person entering has to pass inspection by the House Customs Inspector, aka Princess Ana or Miss Chief, a small tuxedo kitty who was into everything. The food table was well laden and the conversation ranged over the kind of topics that will come up whenever Mensans gather, from the mundane to the sublime.

We will try Games Night once more to see if there is an interest. If there is no better turn out than the last one (one person) it will be suspended unless someone else wants to try to make it work.

We are renaming Ethnic Eats to Eclectic Eats since some of the suggestions are interesting and probably good, but don't seem to attach to any particular ethnicity. As always, recommendations for interesting places to eat are welcome. Please contact Linda Edelstein with your suggestions (ledelstein@mindspring.com).

Keep the ideas flowing, One suggestion: we have some members who have expressed an interest in attending events but do not drive. If anyone is willing to arrange to pick someone up who lives in their area and drive them to and from Mensa events we would like to form a list and try to match drivers to riders.

Regards,
Ron Edelstein



Welcome New Members

Fernando L. Bastos
Alison Keith
Sara S. Sharpe
Mike Chen
Steve Swartzlander
Lynn Feigen

Welcome Back, Members

Raymond C. Feeley
Jerry Wayne Lovelady
Jeffrey David Johannigman
Paul R. Snaveley
Tlaloc Espinosa

Welcome to Region 6, Lonestar Mensa

Yvonne A. Wood

Ah, Hitchcock, I knew him well!

The following paragraphs contain 34 hidden titles of Alfred Hitchcock movies – how many can you find? Thanks to Mensan Elnora Terry of Organ, NM for this cool puzzle!

Originally published in New Mexico Mensa's "Pensar".

Without a shadow of a doubt, we had been in a frenzy, and spellbound, since we discovered that the lodger to whom my husband had rented a room was just a stranger on the train that he had met on his way home from work. The trouble with Harry is that he thinks that I can come up with champagne, a great dinner, and that I'll invite one of our friends, Marnie or Rebecca, over to meet this rich and strange man. I confess, dinner in our outside pleasure garden would be quite pleasant if it wasn't for the downhill slope, which runs north by northwest down to the Mountain Eagle Lodge, at number 17 Topaz Court. It's really not so much the long walk down the slope as it is the 39 steps back up the hill.

Mary, the farmer's wife next door, helped me to repair the torn curtain at the rear window of the house, but exhibited stage fright at meeting the visitor. She thought that he might be a saboteur or psycho, or some notorious murderer. The ring of the doorbell startled us, as I overheard the unfamiliar voice tell my husband that you should always tell your wife when you change your plans. This guy was definitely for the birds, if he talks like that. Maybe this fellow was born under Capricorn, and like most of his ilk would rather play waltzes from Vienna than follow easy virtues to some other more stimulating activities.

As I look back on that evening, I at first wanted to find a rope and get the evening over with before it had begun, but I'm glad that I did not, and everything worked out well.

(Answers on page 10.)



Scholarship Winner Attends College With Daughter

-submitted by Claudia Harbert, Scholarship Chair

Each month this summer, you will be privileged to read one of the winning scholarship essays from this year's contest. The first is the essay that won our local group scholarship, officially a Diana Mossip Memorial scholarship. After our local judging, we send our top essays on for judging at the Regional and then National levels. The winners are chosen at these levels. Here is the winning essay, by Christina Robbins from Killeen:

Upon reaching my 4th birthday, I decided I was in need of a change. My children thought that this was my mid-life crisis. When I told them of my desire to attend college they thought that I should instead be getting a fast car. My husband is retired from the military and we have traveled more than most military families. Because of the constant moving I have had a variety of jobs but never got the opportunity to further my education. I had always planned after high school to go to college to get my degree in Education. With all the moves and raising our children, my college was always put on the back burner. I knew that someday I would get the chance to go to college to get that much wanted degree.

When the opportunity finally came for me to attend college I knew I wanted it and would do whatever it took to get me there. With all of our children in college what did I have to lose? The change to go from a full time paycheck to full time college student was going to be a financial challenge. With much discussion, we finally figured how to make my dream come to life. After making the necessary financial arrangements, I nervously applied. I was so thrilled when I got my acceptance letter. I really wanted this degree more than anyone knew.

Some of my first classes were going to be refreshers, as I have forgotten so much; although the classes were a necessary path to my future goal. I expect the best of myself and I can be very hard on myself. Nearly completing my first semester I am thrilled that I have made this decision, and (about) the high grades that I am receiving. Attending college has made me more aware of myself and my goals. I am taking several classes with my youngest daughter. This has brought us even closer as study partners and to see who gets to show Dad the better grade. Competition is encouraging and contagious.

I know that I will teach children and I can't wait for the day. I want to be able to feel their excitement when something new is learned. I plan to teach early elementary, grades one through three. I plan to have my degree completed in only 3 years as opposed to the usual 4 years. I am continuing my education through the summers so I can finish as soon as possible. I plan to begin teaching shortly after graduation.

Being an older student has made me stand out in my classes. There are younger students on campus that come to me for advice and encouragement. This is exciting for me to have them look up to me. This is what I will find in my classroom with the children that I will teach. I will be an older first time teacher, but I think that gives me more of an advantage with the children. I have waited a long time for this and this is what I want. I am thankful to all that have helped me get started; it was certainly worth the wait.



LSM Summer Kid's Adventures

-by Michele Vaughan, Gifted Children's Coord.

* Spelunking, anyone? Just when the weather is really heating up, Lone Star Mensa kids will be headed below the earth for a cooler environment, a comfortable 72 degrees! We'll be going on a tour of Inner Space Caverns in Georgetown. Let's gather on Saturday, July 12 at 10:15 to purchase tickets and plan to begin a tour around 10:45. Afterwards, the kids can pan for rocks and gems or we can grab lunch together. www.inner-space.com Adults without attending children are welcome too!

* Don't overlook this year's Lone Star Mensa RG for children. An exciting, first-time-ever Kid's Track is planned for the weekend of August 30-31. Keep an eye on the LSM web site as the program offerings continue to evolve.

* Please contact me with questions, suggestions, or ideas for outings you'd like to host at lonestar.gifted.children@gmail.com. I'll look forward to hearing from you!

* Our Yahoo Group for discussion of gifted children's issues, Austin-area gifted education, and upcoming Mensa Children's Activities: <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/lonestargiftedchildren/>.

Engineer's Corner

-by Todd Stahlnecker

Cell Phones On Airplanes “Please discontinue the use of all portable electronics.” If you’ve flown on an airplane, you’ve heard that phrase. Are portable electronics such as cell phones, Palm Pilots, and laptop computers really all that dangerous? After all, the meat and potatoes of the airline industry are the business travelers and those travelers expect to stay connected at all times to keep up productivity. The FCC is seriously considering recommending that the FAA lift the ban on portable electronics, including cell phones, on airplanes. Is that a Good Thing? Do portable electronics endanger airplanes?

You may be surprised to learn that much of what we know is based on a limited study of interference done by a nonprofit group called RTCA back in 1996. Their study concluded that the risk was low but that the devices should be regulated because no one really knows how dangerous they are and new gadgets continue to come out every day. Is that the best we can do?

During three months of 2003, some IEEE members got permission to measure the radio frequency (RF) data within the cabins of airliners during 37 flights. They determined that 1-4 cell phone calls are made on each flight and that at least one passenger will fail to turn his cell phone off. Why do people routinely break the rules when the ban is intended to keep them from dieing? It’s because passengers are unaware of the reasons for the ban and generally doubt that there is any real danger involved. The IEEE group concluded that this is Not a Good Thing. Why?

NASA and IEEE have found that devices such as cell phones and Wi-Fi cards can emit spurious emissions outside of the frequency they are designed to operate in. Several devices operating together can also inter-modulate to produce emissions that were not intended. A cell phone can also broadcast out of its’ intended range when used near a metallic aperture such as those created by the frames of the seats. All of this combines to interfere with an airplane’s omnidirectional range system, the instrument landing system, and the GPS used for landing and navigation.

In 2004, NASA issued a memorandum regarding a number of reports that Samsung SPH-N300 cell phones can routinely cause GPS devices to lose satellite lock. This was happening despite the fact that this phone’s spurious emissions in the GPS band were within FCC

limits. In another incident, a 30° navigation error was corrected after a passenger turned off a DVD player. When the flight crew asked the passenger to turn the device back on, the error returned.

As strange as it may seem, no one really knows what the risk actually is. Should critical flight system electronics be more bullet proof so that they can’t be upstaged by some kid’s video game? Yes. Should consumer electronics have tighter regulations on how much RF they can emit outside of their licensed band? Absolutely. Would either of these help the situation? No one knows. Are you willing to bet your life on it though?



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LonestaRG Decadence: A 10th Anniversary Celebration

- Planned speakers and workshops on massage, exotic dance for women, chocolate, wine, geneology, gemstones, literature, aromatherapy, space, and more
- Dance
- Casino Night
- Champagne Toast 'n' Roast
- Kids' Program including wildlife rescue, karate, Game Camp, chess, more
- Tastings including chocolate and wine
- Games & Contests
- Prizes
- And much more!

Celebrate 10 years of LonestaRG in decadent style with us! LonestaRG X will be held in Austin over Labor Day Weekend, Aug 29-31, Sep 1, 2008. Bring the whole family!

Registration is only \$65 until July 31. Children 9-17 are half price, 8 and under are free. Send registrations to Jane K. Thompson, Registrar, LonestaRG VIII, 2305 Monaco Drive, Cedar Park, TX 78613 (jane12125@austin.tx.com). To register online via PayPal or a printable registration form, and for 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 \$77/night S/D (+\$8 for third or fourth adult). The room rate includes a hot buffet breakfast. For reservations call 1-866-661-6611.

RG Tasting Survey Results

-by Ellen Lukasik

The results of the tasting survey are in! While 29 percent of voters would like a wine tasting and 36 percent would drink some beer, the big winners were chocolate and cheese, each chosen by over 57 percent of voters. Write-in suggestions included sausage, tomatoes, relishes, liqueurs, coffee, and iced tea. Three-fourths of the voters do not have children, and no specific food was chosen among those that do (a "gross stuff" tasting was suggested). Approximately two-thirds of survey respondents said that \$5 was a reasonable price for a tasting.

Special thanks to everyone who completed the survey. Based on your preferences, there will be chocolate and cheese tastings at LonestaRG X: Decade of Decadence (August 29-September 1). Ticket pricing and scheduling information for these limited engagements will be available as soon as actual costs are determined. [We'll aim for \$5 or less.] GenX Sig coordinator Jeff Dommange has agreed to host the suggested high-end liqueur tasting. This one might cost a bit more, but expect Jeff to make it worth every penny.

**If you enjoy cooking as much as eating, plan to enter our Decadent Dessert Contest on Friday night!

Got kids? Bring them to this year's RG!

-by Ellen Lukasik

For our tenth annual regional gathering, we have added a kid's track that's not to be missed! We'll have a dedicated room for children's programming, arts and crafts, games, and movies. Wildlife Rescue, the Austin Society of Karate Demo Team, Harpist Kela Walton, and Game Camp will be there, plus the President of the North Central Texas Chess Club will conduct an interactive workshop and exhibition just for kids! We'll have ice cream making, water wars, bingo with Spencer, and a special kids only tasting. Our Gifted Children Coordinator Michele Vaughan will be there, and we'll have games with prizes too!

Here's the best part: kids 9 -17 years old register for half price, ages 8 and under are free! Of course parents are still responsible for their children and must stay at the RG, but we have plenty of cool stuff for adults too. They have an outdoor pool, an exercise room, and hot tub; plus they're pet friendly so bring the whole family! Look for a complete program update in next month's Armadillo Literary Gazette or see the Lonesta Mensa website for the latest information.

Robert's Rules for Committees

-by Don Drumtra

In my experience with volunteers of organizations from local to national level, I have found some level of confusion on the procedures that should be followed in committee and other small meetings. In some of the committees I have worked with, the chairs profess to follow Robert's Rules of Order in the conduct of their business, but then to ignore them in practice. I have heard other committee chairs complain that they do follow Robert's Rules because they are "too bureaucratic." In both cases, committee chairs and members seem unaware that Robert's Rules for small meetings are different than the rules for large meetings with which most of us are all familiar.

In a nutshell, Robert's Rules for small boards and committees are much less formal than those we are familiar with: subjects may be discussed without motions, motions do not need seconds; calls for the question are not used; and where all committee members agree action may be taken without a motion. The following quotes from Robert's Rules of Order, 10th ed., 2000, provide the details:

PROCEDURE IN SMALL BOARDS. In a board meeting where there are not more than about a dozen members present, some of the formality that is necessary in a large assembly would hinder business. The rules governing such meetings are different from the rules that hold in other assemblies, in the following respects:

- Members are not required to obtain the floor before making motions or speaking, which they can do while seated.
- Motions need not be seconded.
- There is no limit to the number of times a member can speak to a question, and motions to close or limit debate generally should not be entertained.
- Informal discussion of a subject is permitted while no motion is pending.
- Sometimes, when a proposal is perfectly clear to all present a vote can be taken without a motion's having been introduced. Unless agreed to by unanimous consent, however, all proposed actions of a board must be approved by vote under the same rules as in other assemblies, except that a vote can be taken initially by a show of hands, which is often a better method in such meetings.

- The chairman need not rise while putting questions to vote.
- The chairman can speak in discussion without rising or leaving the chair; and, subject to rule or custom within the particular board (which should be uniformly followed regardless of how many members are present), he usually can make motions and usually votes on all questions.

[pages 470 and 471]

COMMITTEE PROCEDURES

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In a standing or special committee-unless it is so large that it can function best in the manner of a full-scale assembly-the same informalities and modifications of the regular rules of parliamentary procedure generally prevail as are listed for small boards on pages 470-71; also, the rules governing the motion to Reconsider are modified as stated on pages 318-19. In committees, the chairman not only has the right to make and debate motions, but he is usually the most active participant in the discussions and work of the committee. In order that there may be no interference with the assembly's having the benefit of the committee's matured judgment, motions to close or limit debate are not allowed in committees.

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Committees may not adopt their own rules except as authorized in the bylaws or in instructions given to the committee by the society [Page 453].

By following these simplified rules rather than the more formal Robert's Rules, committee chairs and members may be able to speed up their meetings and get more accomplished.



June ExComm Monthly Meeting Minutes

- submitted by Don Drumtra as ExComm Secretary

Met: June 4, 2008, at 6:00 PM. Attending: Pres., Ron Edelstein; VP, Don Drumtra; Treasurer, Patty Drumtra; Members at Large, Janet Kres and Kathie Blair Lawler; Newsletter Circulation Mgr & Lapsed Member Coord., Helen Siders; & Symposia Programs Officer Todd Shaw. The ExComm approved without debate the May 7 ExComm minutes as published in the June newsletter, pg 6.

Ron Edelstein reported that he appointed Kathie Blair Lawler to the position of Communications Chair, effective June 1, & encouraged all to support her activities. He & the other ExComm members congratulated her & thanked her for volunteering. He also reported that on 5/8 * 6/4 he reviewed the original March and April LSM checking account statements comparing all checks written against the supporting documentation in the Treasurer's books, that there were no discrepancies, & that the documentation fully supported the expenditures.

Patty Drumtra provided spreadsheets summarizing program revenue & expenses for May, & the account balances as of May 31. She reported that LSM is financially sound but that expenditures continued to be below expected levels. The ExComm adopted the report without debate. Financial reports are available to members by request. Quarterly reports are published in the ALG.

Janet Kres, on behalf of the Recruitment Chair, Mark Kres, reported that testing participation has been lower than expected but that testing sessions scheduled through August & at the RG in September should show improved participation. She also advised that the New Members party is on track for Sat., June 14. Helen reported that she and eList Coord., John Neemidge, have sent email reminders to members who did not renew their membership this spring & that they will be following up with formal letters when mailing labels are received from the national office.

Kathie Blair Lawler reported that the campaign to improve contributions to the June ALG was most successful & congratulated all the contributors for taking the time to write their articles & providing other items needed for a great publication. She specifically thanked the Editor, Rachael Stewart for bringing it all together & Helen for coordinating its distribution. Other ExComm members expressed their appreciation for the super work done. Don led a discussion on the usefulness of the monthly ALG Content Plan in helping contributors & the editor know what the content of each issue was expected to be & provided the ExComm members a preliminary copy of the plan for the July issue. ExComm members thought it was useful. Don agreed to work with Kathie in completing the July cycle with Kathie assuming responsibility for the August & following issues. Kathie and Don requested that future ALG items be submitted to both

the ALG Editor & Communication Chair.

Todd Shaw, on behalf of the Symposia Committee, praised the work of Publicity Officer, Paul Anderson, for advertising of the Monthly programs with the short notice from presenters. Todd advised that he was having increasing difficulty in getting presenters to commit to a specific date. The ExComm members provided several ideas & encouraged others to help as well. Helen advised that John & Webmaster Geri Neemidge, have been working to complete planning for the LSM picnic on 6/21. Both events have been announced in the ALG.

Don Drumtra, on behalf of the Education Committee, circulated a thank you card from scholarship winner Member, Christina Robbins, following up on the scholarship article in the June ALG, pg 3.

Don, on behalf of the LonestarRG Chair, Ellen Lukasik, reported that Ellen is finalizing plans for the LonestarRG next fall & that there was a lot of interest shown at the recent Gulf Coast RG. There were 23 registrants at the end of May.

Don advised that the monthly Bylaws Comm. report was published in the June ALG, pg 4. He noted that some general responsibilities & duties will be required for Standing Comm. Chairs in order for them to be considered officers & to serve on the Board of Officers. Kathie agreed to work with Mark to develop some general responsibilities & duties for consideration at the committee meeting on 8/14. The next Bylaws Comm. meeting was scheduled for Thursday, July 10 at Central Market, all are welcome.

At 7:00 PM, the ExComm adopted a motion to extend the meeting to 7:10 PM to complete the orders of the day listed on the agenda.

Don moved that the July meeting be postponed to 7/9, due to ExComm members attending the Mensa Annual Gathering. The motion was adopted after debate.

Don provided ExComm members draft ALG articles on Email Courtesy & Roberts Rules for Committees for their consideration & comment within the week. He plans to submit articles to the ALG editor for publication in the July ALG & when an article is needed to fill empty space respectively.

Janet, Ron, & Helen announced the New Member Party, the Ethnic Eats, & the LSM Picnic events respectively as scheduled on the June ALG calendar.

The next regular monthly ExComm meeting is scheduled for 6-7 PM July 9 at the Northwest Community Center. ExComm meetings are open and all may attend.

The meeting adjourned at 7:10 PM.

Email Courtesy

- by *Don Drumtra*

As our local group gets larger and email traffic increases, the chance for misinterpretation and offending our fellow members also increases. To help us understand each other better, it might be beneficial if we all consider six of what seem to me to be basic principles of email courtesy.

1. Show courtesy to others by including others in your addressees when you refer to them in your email. Because we have a lot to do, we often send emails discussing what others have done, what they plan to do, and what they think. When we forget to include them and they learn about the email, they are sometimes offended, considering the omission equivalent to talking behind their backs. Sending them a copy reduces the likelihood of such offense and gives them a chance to correct you if you misunderstood their intent.

2. Show courtesy by allowing others to speak for themselves. Often in the haste of getting our point across, we quote or copy what others have said to support what we have to say. However, quoting or copying something out of context of an email or a series of emails may misrepresent what the other person thinks. It is usually better to let others speak for themselves rather than speak for them. If you must quote others in an email, include them as addressees.

3. Show courtesy by sending copies of your emails to others who may be interested or who have responsibility for topics covered in your message. On one hand, in an organization of volunteers, accomplishing our goals often takes initiative of volunteers who see things that needs to be done and just do them. On the other hand it is difficult for committee chairs to be responsible for their program areas when they do not know what others are doing in their areas. By sending them copies of your emails that deal with topics in their areas you not only keep them informed, you may also reduce duplication of effort in the organization.

4. Preserve confidences by keeping emails within the original address list unless it is clear that the originator(s) intended their comments for others. I have often been surprised by something that I intended only for the folks I addressed being shared with an email list. If you want to share the information with others you should ask first or suggest that the originator share it.

5. Support others by emphasizing their successes. Su-

pervisory school has taught me that one should praise others in public and criticize in private. This is a good lesson for email. Some of us are quick to criticize and slow to praise. It should be the other way around. Regardless of its intent, criticism often gets misinterpreted when written down, with unintended counterproductive results.

6. Show courtesy by responding promptly to emails. Some writers who take time and care in preparing an email often feel frustrated after a few days when there is no response. In my case, I worry about: Did he get the email? Did she care? Did I offend him so much he is not going to answer? It is worse when an email actually gets lost; then I wonder if I should have followed up. If a full response will take time, it is best to reply with a simple, I received your message. And, if a response is needed, let them know when you plan to respond.

Remember, while spoken words tend to be forgotten, written words may outlive their authors. So write emails so that they may be passed to your children and so that no one (including you) would be embarrassed if the email appeared on the front page of the daily news.



Bylaws Committee Monthly Report

- by *Don Drumtra, Bylaws Committee Chairman*

The Bylaws Committee met for the sixth time 7:15-8:16 PM, June 12, with TGIT, at Central Market. We approved last months minutes and other prior work with one exception and continued work on the ideas and questions that we need to answer. The minutes and other details of our work are posted our Website, <http://lonestar.us.mensa.org/bylaws/>

More specifically the committee approved the terms of office, order of succession, officer appointments, filling vacancies, and removing officers. More detail is provided in the minutes on the Website, <http://lonestar.us.mensa.org/bylaws/minutes.html>

At our next meeting we plan to take up questions like how vacant board and other officer positions will be filled, how officers may be removed, and what officers we want to identify in the Bylaws and ASIEs. Come to TGIT and stay for the Bylaws Committee meeting. TGIT is 6-8 PM, Thursday, July 10, the Bylaws Committee will meet 7:15-8:15 PM. Bylaws Committee meetings are open and all may attend.

July Monthly Meeting

Topic: Foundation Community Center

Presenter: Christopher Alberts, Volunteer and Special Programs Coordinator

The Foundation Community Center members are doing some amazing things in the supportive housing arena for our low income community members. They own several low rent housing projects, and not only do they provide the housing, but they have services such as after school care and tutoring, ESL classes, and financial counseling. Foundation Communities also sponsors and supervises all of the free income tax preparation sites for low and mid-income families in the Austin area.



Evening Picnic in the Park

Date: Saturday, July 26th

Time: 6:00 pm

Location: Northwest Sheffield Park
7000 Ardath St, Austin, TX 78757

Yes, we know; it's July in Texas so it will most likely be HOT; that's why we are starting at twilight. We can stay out late & talk into the night. It is so pleasant out when the sun goes down & the candlelit atmosphere will be magical.

Please bring a dish to share for our potluck meal (side dish, dessert, salad, etc), your own main dish, & your own beverage if you don't drink tea. There'll be a grill if you wish to cook. We'll have plates, napkins, utensils, & charcoal.

Bring your friends, family, & leashed pets.

We'll be at one of the long concrete picnic tables, but you may want to bring a lawn chair. There's a good playscape for the kids next to the picnic area.

Directions: Take the Anderson Ln exit East off of Mopac (Loop 1). Turn right on Burnet Road. Turn right on Pegasus Avenue. Turn right on Ardath.

Answers to Alfred Hitchcock Puzzle:

Shadow of a Doubt * The 39 Steps

Frenzy * Mary

Spellbound The Farmer's Wife

The Lodger Torn Curtain *

Strangers on A Train * Rear Window *

The Trouble With Harry * Stage Fright *

Champagne Saboteur *

Marnie * Psycho *

Rebecca Notorious

Rich and Strange Murderer

I Confess * The Ring

Pleasure Garden Always Tell Your Wife

Downhill The Birds *

North by Northwest * Under Capricorn

Mountain Eagle Waltzes from Vienna

Number 17 Easy Virtues

Topaz * The Rope *



What's Happening in July?

Monthly Meeting

Tuesday, July 8 7:00-8:45pm

Austin Public Library -- North Village Branch
2139 W. Anderson Ln, Austin (512) 491-9881

Topic and Presenter: Christopher Alberts, Volunteer and Special Programs Coordinator, Foundation Community Center

See page 10 for details.

ExComm Meeting

1st Wednesdays (postponed to 2nd Wed)

Wednesday, July 9 6:00-7:00pm

Northwest Recreation Center, Arts & Crafts Room
2913 Northland Drive, Austin

Contact the ExComm Secretary, Don Drumtra, at drumtra@aol.com, 512-291-0315 to get an item on the agenda. Officers are encouraged to attend and all LSM members are welcome.

Thank Goodness It's Thursday (TGIT)

2nd & Last Thurs (except Thanksgiving & Xmas)

Thursday, July 10 & July 31 6:00-8:00pm

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

Meet us at the Café after work for fun, conversation, and 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.

Bylaws Committee Meeting

Second Thursday

Thursday, July 10 7:15-8:15pm

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

The Bylaws Committee meeting is open to all LSM members. See the Bylaws Committee Report for more information on our progress. See TGIT above for directions.

Gifted Children: Innerspace Caverns Tour

Saturday, July 12 Meet at 10:15, Tour 10:45

www.innerspace.com

Contact person-Michele Vaughan

lonestar.gifted.children@gmail.com

Cell phone day of event: 699-0689

Mensa Admission Testing

Saturday, July 12 2:00pm

Clay Madsen Recreation Center, Meeting Room A
1600 Gattis School Rd, Round Rock

SECOND Saturday Bridge Night

Saturday, July 12 7:00-10:00pm

Home of Janet and Mark Kres
11708 Prairie Hen Ln, Austin (512) 836-5773
In honor of the July 4th holiday weekend, Bridge Night is being moved to July 12.

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.

Eclectic Eats

Thursday, July 17 7:00pm

Host: Ron & Linda Edelstein (512) 491-9881
Pappadeaux Seafood Kitchen, 6319 N IH-35.

Pappadeaux's is known for it's cajun seafood. Please r.s.v.p. by July 15 to Linda Edelstein (ledelstein@mind-spring.com) or 491-9881. R.S.V.P.'s essential to plan for seating at this restaurant.

3rd Saturday Poker

Saturday, July 19 7:00pm

Home of Laura Shankland & McCartney Taylor
11300 Bunting Dr, Austin

Dealer's choice, nickel ante. BYOB. Please RSVP so we know how many people to expect. RSVP to lolas@laurashankland.com or call 297-8344.

Evening Picnic in the Park

Saturday, July 26th 6:00 pm

Northwest Sheffield Park
7000 Ardath St, Austin, TX 78757

See page 10 for details.

Fold & Sticker

Last Thursday

Thursday, July 31 6:00-8:00pm

Central Market Cafe, Austin
4001 N. Lamar Blvd., Austin (512) 206-1020
Help fold and label the newsletter. Prospective members welcome. See TGIT for directions.

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