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LonestarRG Decadence: A 10th Anniversary Celebration

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

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

Registration is only \$55 until June 7 and \$60 until June 30. Children 9-17 are half price, 8 and under are free. Send registrations to Jane Thompson, Registrar, LonestarRG VIII, 2305 Monaco Drive, Cedar Park, TX 78613 (jane12125@austin.tx.com). To register online via PayPal, 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.

Mensa Testing

Janet Kres and Ellen Lukasik have recently tested potential members in Buda and North Austin.

Next opportunities to test:

July 12th at 2:00 pm
Clay Madsen Recreation
Center
1600 Gattis School Road,
Meeting Room A
Round Rock, TX 78664

August 30th at 9:00 am
Decade of Decadence: Lon-
estar RG X
Howard Johnson Plaza Hotel
7800 North IH-35
Austin, TX 78753

Day passes will be given for those who test at the gathering. Tell your friends or better yet, hang up a flier at work!

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The President's Corner

-by Ron Edelstein, LSM President

Well, after a hiatus we are back with the President's Corner. As some of you may know, I was granted an indefinite unpaid vacation by my previous company last October when it was acquired by one of its chief competitors. For awhile I wasn't sure whether I was on extended vacation or retired. But at the end of February I was picked up by a large Austin area high tech company as the department head for their Global Trade Compliance organization. I must admit it is gratifying in this job market to be able to get a new, responsible senior position at the age of 64, but it did have me running to fill other staff positions and start impressing my own stamp on the organization. Now I can start trying to pick up the pace for Lone Star Mensa (note the new format of the name, a decision made by the ExCom recently.)

I would like to announce the appointment of Kathie Lawler to the Communications Chair position. Kathie will be working with Rachel Stewart, our newsletter editor, Helen Siders, who manages to get the newsletter out on time every month and Paul Anderson, who gets us publicity for our events. Please give Kathie all the cooperation and support she needs for this demanding position.

The new Ethic Eats program is moving right along and we've had some good culinary experiences so far. We have visited a Mexican restaurant, a Chinese buffet and an Indian tandoori restaurant so far. In June we will be going to a French bistro, where the desserts are wonderful (we checked it out on Mother's Day). Please join us for a fun experience. If you have recommendations for future places, please contact Linda Edelstein, who has been coordinating them.

One of the complaints I have heard is that there isn't much happening in Lone Star Mensa. If you have something you'd like to see happen, please recommend it to me or the ExCom and consider hosting it. We would also like to see things happening in other parts of town that are more accessible to members on the south side or in the other towns that are part of our area. It could be a one-off event or a regular monthly event. Please contact Kathie or Rachel to get it on the calendar. This is YOUR organization, so make things happen!

Regards,
Ron Edelstein

Local Contestants Win Top Mensa Scholarships

-Claudia Harbert, Local Scholarship Chair

If you have been reading the Armadillo Literary Gazette, you probably know that the Mensa Education & Research Foundation holds a scholarship contest and that Lonestar Mensa participates. The winners are in, and Lonestar Mensa had a most successful scholarship contest this year!

National Mensa promises us one local scholarship winner. This year, that honor goes to Christina Robbins, a Mom in Killeen who is working toward her college degree and is in classes with her daughter! This year, Lonestar Mensa also had three winners at the National level! Sarah Kline will be studying Veterinary Medicine at Texas A&M. When she entered our contest last winter, she had applied to the vet school but didn't know whether she would be admitted. The Scholarships contest can be very exciting! Another of our National winners, Kayla Beth Carr, recently attained her BA in psychology and will be studying counseling for a Master's degree. Audra K. Roach is studying for a PhD in Curriculum and Instruction at UT. Audra has been teaching writing to children for 6 years and is aspiring to teach teachers how to teach writing. Audra won one of 8 scholarships of \$1000, the highest amount awarded by the Mensa Foundation!

The success of our local area in this contest would not have been possible without our local judges, who spent a long afternoon and evening reading and grading all the entries. Their top-rated entries competed at the Regional and then National levels. The essays our judges chose apparently appealed to the Regional and National judges, too! Thanks to volunteer judges Ron and Linda Edelstein, Jim Mangum, John and Vera Louise Pfeiffer, and Barbara Wilson!

The winning essays will be printed in a future issue of the Armadillo Literary Gazette and will also be posted on the Scholarships page of the Lonestar Mensa web page.

Save a tree, save postage, save colored sticky circles!

20% of LSM members get the NL via email.

If you wish to join this green group, go to the Profile Update page located at www.us.mensa.org/profileupdate.

May RVC Report

-by Ralph "Rudy" Rudolph, RVC Region 6

Not much to report. During the past year, only two of our groups lost members. Neither loss was substantial. Permian Basin grew the most at 14.74%, darned impressive. Must be those Texas Barbecues. Eastern Texas and Northern Louisiana were close behind. Well done, all.

The results of the new requirement for local groups to report their cash balances as of March 31st of each year has made me raise my eyebrows a bit. Some groups have a year's worth of members' dues just sitting in savings accounts and/or CDs.

Why? While it is prudent to have a "buffer" to cover extra unanticipated costs or to have some "special" events, this degree of frugality does a disservice to members. In my own group, we watched our treasury slowly grow to several thousand dollars, far more than a reasonable buffer, and we tried to find the best ways of using up some of this excess such as establishing a \$300 scholarship, paying for an annual meeting with all food and drinks, sponsoring picnics or casino nights etc. Sit down, have a brainstorming session and put some of that money to use in improving your members' pride and happiness.

The AG is coming up in July. Should be a nice party. Not that many pay attention, but there are both an Annual Business Meeting and an AMC meeting where you can propose motions. That's one of my jobs: liaison. I'll also be having a meet your RVC session. If there's anything you want brought up, let me know.

Until the AG....

Donald W Drumtra John B Sanders James Daniel South
Michele Vaughan Thayer McCaffree V D Speights Jr
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Bair Rudolph Saenz Calli D Baldwin

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Guruprasanna Medigesichikkahonnaih
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Aram E. Khalili

Welcome Back, Members

Paul Landry
Michael Ryan Maguire
A. Jon Empey
Grace Lehto
Harry A. Hunnicutt
John Fenner

Welcome to Region 6, Lonestar Mensa

Shanna D. Crew

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Bylaws Committee Monthly Report

-by Don Drumtra, Bylaws Committee Chairman

The Bylaws Committee met for the fifth time 7:19-8:20 PM, May 8, with TGIT, at Central Market. We approved 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 a new formula for determining the number of board members, granting authority to the Chairman of the Board to appoint committee chairs with the Board's advice and consent and authority to committee chairs to appoint their committee members, a two year term for elected board members without restriction on reelection, a fiscal year to match AML's fiscal year, a board term to coincide with the fiscal year, and the month for the membership count for determining the number of elected board members to be at the end of the month prior to the month when annual election ballots are sent out to members.

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 June 12, the Bylaws Committee will meet 7:15-8:15 PM. Bylaws Committee meetings are open and all may attend.

Gifted Children's Summer Activities

-submitted by Michele Vaughan

* Let's hop into summer with a get together at the Austin Children's Museum on Sunday, June 22 at 12 PM. We'll meet at noon at the "bus" inside the front door. I have a 3-year-old daughter with a ton of energy and a 1-year-old son who will be in a bright orange stroller. It'll be hard to miss us! We hope you will be able to join us. If you need to contact me on the day of the outing, my cell phone number is 699-0689. www.austinkids.org

* Just when the weather is heating up in July, Lonestar Mensa kids will be headed below the earth for a cooler environment. We'll be going on a tour of Inner-space Caverns in Georgetown. The date and time are TBD. Please email me with any preferences.

* You may contact me with questions, suggestions, or ideas for outings you'd like to host at lonestar.gifted.children@gmail.com. I 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/> .

Interesting Ideas for Summer and Beyond

* www.postcrossing.com: Send and receive postcards from all over the world. For safety as well as shared learning experiences, children should only participate with parent involvement. Extend the experience by locating the postcard sender/recipient's location on a globe or map. Read about the country, or select a story, artwork, or song created in each country. Can you find information online? What would it be like to live there? Why do you think each country chose to put "THAT" on their stamps? This is a great real-world opportunity to learn about geography, culture, and people.

* www.greengatefarms.net: A local, organic produce farm just 8 miles east of downtown Austin. Stand is open Fridays 12-6 and Saturdays 10-2 on FM 969/East MLK at the corner of Decker Lane. The produce is certified naturally grown and is harvested fresh from the on-site fields each day. They also offer eggs, breads, and Richardson Farms pork and beef. Let the kids choose some healthy foods, walk the farm grounds to see where their food was grown, and help you plan and cook dinner for the night.

* www.summerwonders.org: Austin's ACE Academy seminars for gifted children Pre-K through 6th grades. Check their web site for class descriptions and pricing.

Day Trippin'

-OR-

(My Own Little Slice of Paradise)

-by Kathie Lawler

(Writer's disclaimer: I am a statistician by trade, as you will probably soon tell by my writing ability...)

I was browsing through the April-May 2008 Mensa Bulletin and noticed several articles describing favorite day trip locations. My favorite day trip location is a very short distance from my house. It is, in fact, my house. I am not entirely sure this counts as a day trip, but it is my favorite destination nevertheless.

I've lived in Austin proper for nearly twenty years and have seen a lot of changes over those years; some I like, others I do not. Regardless, my husband and I decided there was no other place we wanted to live in the United States. For a long time, we stayed close to work, friends, recreation and 24-hour shopping. Our neighborhood, while ½ mile from Mopac and 2222, was complete with opossum, raccoons, coyotes, foxes, and an occasional deer as well as sweeping canyon views and convenient access to major highways and downtown. During rush hour my commute to work as 8 minutes. It was close to our ideal of perfect. The only drawback, instead of building our own home equity, we were renters and were contributing to the equity of others.

Making the decision to become a homeowner was a hard one. Making the decision of where to live was even harder. We wanted somewhere close in, unique, high on the 'cool' factor, and at a price range in which we could afford, in that order. We also wanted to still be able to save money every month and still afford to travel regularly. Quickly we realized that we might not be able to meet all our expectations. We looked at quite a few places, but nothing really yelled, "Buy Me!". Just to humor our real estate agent, we decided to broaden our horizons. We originally balked at the idea of Lago Vista – it was way too far out of town. Then we drove down scenic 1431 to the Hill Country. What we thought were sweeping canyon views paled in comparison to what we saw on the drive alone. Then we saw it, the dream house we thought would be out of our grasp. We were ecstatic when we found out not only was it affordable, it fit well within our budget allotment for a house. That was nearly a year ago.

Now I spend about 3 hours in a vehicle a day going to and from work. You may ask if the commute is worth it.

Our new friends, about 25 – 30 deer show up every day for deer corn. We have named around 18 of the regulars. We have a 15 minute walk to the lake. We have to get all of our grocery or drug store shopping done by 10pm, but it has taught us to be better prepared. We have our own house and yard we can do with what we please as we are now our own landlords. It is quite and quaint here. We have everything we need and most of what we want.

Yesterday as I was drinking my coffee before getting ready for work, I saw Dr. Quinn guiding her new fawn, still on wobbly legs, grazing on grass in our back yard.

You say is the 40 mile commute worth it? I say, “Absolutely!” And, it makes every day my favorite day trip.



May ExComm Monthly Meeting

The regular monthly meeting of the Lonestar Mensa Executive Committee (ExComm) convened on May 7, 2008, at 6:07 PM, at Northwest Community Center, 2913 Northland Dr., Austin, TX. Attending were: Vice-President, Don Drumtra, as Chairman and Secretary; Treasurer, Patty Drumtra; Members at Large, Janet Kres, Kathie Blair Lawler, and John Neemidge, and Newsletter Circulation Manager and Lapsed Member Coordinator, Helen Siders.

The ExComm approved without debate the April 2 ExComm minutes as published in the May Armadillo Literary Gazette (ALG), page 3.

The Treasurer, Patty, provided a report consisting of spreadsheets summarizing program revenue and expenses for April, and the account balances as of April 30. She reported that income for future months will be reduced due to lower CD interest rates and a drop of 127 members who did not renew on time (from 604 to 477). She also noted that Program Committee Chairs had spent significantly less than their budgets and could do more. The ExComm adopted the report without debate. Financial reports are available to members by request. Quarterly reports are published in the ALG.

Speaking for the Recruitment Committee Char, Mark Kres, Janet reported that we had a testing session in Buda, one scheduled May 10 in Austin, and one planned for mid July in Temple. Michael Tolbert will begin testing in south central Austin at his new office. She also mentioned that the committee members will be looking into the large number of members who did not renew this spring. After group dis-

cussion John Neemidge said that he would be sending the list of monthly birthdays, new and renewed or moved in member lists to the ALG Editor, Rachael Stewart, for publication monthly and that the New Member Coordinator, Carla Young will be sending biographies to Rachael as she receives them from the new members. John forwarded the names and email addresses of the lapsed members to Helen and the other committee members so that they she could remind them to renew. Janet advised that the new member party was scheduled on 14 June at Ron’s home and that the committee will be sending out an electronic notice as well as one in the newsletters. She praised the work of Publicity Officer, Paul Anderson, in advertising the events in the local papers.

Speaking for the Communications Committee, Helen identified several items that should be included in the ALG; and ExComm members suggested other items. The final list included: new member welcome, previous member welcome back, an editorial, birthday list, the cost of advertising space, RVC column, committee reports, RG news, and postal publication information. All agreed to provide Rachael the information she needs for the ALG and Don agreed to coordinate content providers until a Communications Chair is appointed.

Speaking for the Symposia Committee, Helen reported scheduling difficulties for the picnic proposed in May and suggested June 21 as an alternative. The other ExComm members agreed with the date and Helen agreed to make arrangements and provide information to the ALG and Webmaster, Geri Neemidge.

Speaking for the RG Committee, Don reported that the LonestarRG Chair, Ellen Lukasik, had provided information on the RG for publishing on the Website and in the ALG. He will forward rate information to her, Geri, and Rachael to be included in LSM media. As listed in the Treasurer’s Report, the current budget for the event is \$2465 and there are 22 registered.

The Bylaws Committee Chairman, Don, provided the monthly Bylaws Committee report as published in the April ALG, vol. 35, no. 5, page 2. He moved the Bylaws Committee Charter be amended to set the quorum to three committee members. The ExComm adopted the motion without debate. The next Bylaws Committee meeting was scheduled for Thursday, April 10 at Central Market.

As new business, Helen proposed that we test the electronic voting software that Bylaws Committee member, Steve Skelton, is developing to support the Bylaws Committee proposed electronic voting. There was no objection to the proposal. John agreed to work with Steve in hosting the software on the Mensa servers and report the results to the ExComm.

The meeting adjourned at 7:00 PM.

What's Happening in June?

ExComm Meeting

1st Wednesdays

Wednesday, June 4

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.

1st Saturday Bridge Night

Saturday, June 7

7:00-10:00pm

Home of Karen McMackin

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.

Monthly Meeting

Tuesday, June 10

7:00-8:45pm

Austin Public Library -- North Village Branch

2139 W. Anderson Ln, Austin (512) 491-9881

Topic and Presenters: The Austin Metal Detectors Club will provide a speaker, with metal detectors and examples of the goodies they find on their Hunts. Be there, and see for yourself what is out there be found with proper equipment.

Thank Goodness It's Thursday (TGIT)

2nd & 4th Thurs (except Thanksgiving & Xmas)

Thursday, June 12 & June 26

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, June 12

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.

New Members Party

Saturday, June 14

5:00-10:00pm

Ronald Edelstein's house

(512) 491-9881

1439 Dapplegrey Lane, Austin

(Halfway between I35 and Mo-Pac, just off Parmer at Scofield Farms.)

Come and meet the club officers, share some good food and conversation. All members welcome, but new members are especially invited.

Ethnic Eats

Wednesday, June 18

7:00pm

Host: Ron & Linda Edelstein

(512) 491-9881

Blue Dahlia Bistro, 1115 E. 11th St, Austin

This is a French style bistro. Among other good things, it has a great cheese platter and a signature dessert to die for. Call Ron or Linda Edelstein, or e-mail ledelstein@mindspring.com by Monday, June 16, to let us know if you are coming.

Picnic

Saturday, June 21

4:00pm

Northwest Park, Austin

We are throwing a picnic at Northwest District Park in north central Austin, home of many previous LSM picnics. Bring a dish to share for our potluck meal, your own main dish and your own beverage if you don't drink ice tea. There will be a fired-up BBQ grill if you need or wish to cook. We will have plates, napkins, utensils, charcoal and ice tea. Bring your friends, family and leashed pet.

We will be using one of the long concrete picnic tables. You may want to bring a lawn chair. The park is shady, but sunscreen is always a good idea.

There is a great children's playscape near our table. More details to follow on the LSM-Announce list, or contact Helen Siders at xlartemis@gmail.com.

If the temperature is over 95 or rain is pouring down, the backup plan is to meet at a Chuy's restaurant around 5:00pm. Please call John or Geri Neemidge (512.310.7863) the day of the picnic to inquire about bad weather plans.

Directions: Take the Anderson Lane Exit East off of Mopac (loop 1); right on Burnet Road; right on Pegasus Avenue; right on Ardath.

Gifted Children: Austin Children's Museum

Sunday, June 22, 12 noon

Meet at the bus inside the front entrance.

www.austinkids.org

Contact Michele Vaughan: LonestarGiftedChildren@gmail.com or cell phone on event day, 699-0689.

Fold & Sticker

Last Thursday

Thursday, June 26

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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Please submit ads to the newsletter editor.

June

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4 ExComm	5	6	7 Bridge Night
8	9	10 Monthly Meeting	11	12  TGIT Bylaws Comm.	13	14 New Members Party
15 <i>'Dillo Deadline</i>	16	17	18 Ethnic Eats	19	20	21 Picnic
22 Austin Children's Museum Trip	23	24	25	26  TGIT Fold & Sticker	27	28 Games Night
29	30					

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