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Welcome New Members

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Kyle Connell
Barbara J Gordon

Welcome to Region 6, Lonestar Mensa

Adam Deridder
James Stephen Segerson
David Wedemeyer
Reiser Mayne

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21%

of Lone Star Mensans are Electronic

-submitted by the Mensa Newsletter Distribution Mgr

The number of Lone Star Mensans who have opted in to replace their paper newsletter with the electronic e-mail version has risen to 21%. That means our group will be spending less money for postage, and working less to assemble the paper newsletters.

If you wish to receive future newsletter by email, go to the Profile Update page at www.us.mensa.org/profile-update.

While you there, please verify your email address.



October ExComm Meeting Minutes

-submitted by Kathie Blair Lawler, ExComm Secretary Pro Tem

The regular monthly meeting of the Lonestar Mensa Executive Committee (ExComm) convened on October 1, 2008, at the Northwest Community Center, 2913 Northland Dr. Austin TX. Attending were President Ron Edelstein as Chairman, Member-at-Large Kathie Lawler, Circulation Manager Helen Siders, and LSM Member Marina Braverman. Ron Called the meeting to order at 6:10 PM.

Absence of Quorum. Ron announced the absence of a quorum and that the ExComm could only take limited procedural action.

Election of Secretary pro tem. Noting the absence of the Vice-President who normally acts as ExComm Secretary, Ron nominated Kathie as Secretary pro tem. The ExComm elected her to the position.

Adjournment. Seeing no additional business that could be conducted and no objection to adjournment, Ron declared the meeting adjourned at 6:15 PM.

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North Texas Mensa RG

Thanksgiving Weekend

A Feast of Pleasures and Delights for the Mind

The fun begins Thursday at 5:00 p.m. and continues until Sunday afternoon. Don't miss a single minute!

Go to the Events page of the NTM web site (www.northtexasmensa.org), or e-mail our Registrar, Carol Hilson, at C_Hilson@msn.com or call her at 972-475-9327 to register.

If you haven't been to an RG before, the fun continues into the wee hours of the morning, so staying at the hotel is highly recommended. This year, we'll be at the Radisson Dallas East, at LBJ Freeway and Jupiter Road. We've negotiated a special bargain hotel rate of \$78 per night, which includes two full breakfast buffet meals in the hotel restaurant for each morning of the RG. When you make your reservations, be sure to ask for the Mensa rate. To make your reservations, call: (214) 341-5400 or (888) 201-1718.

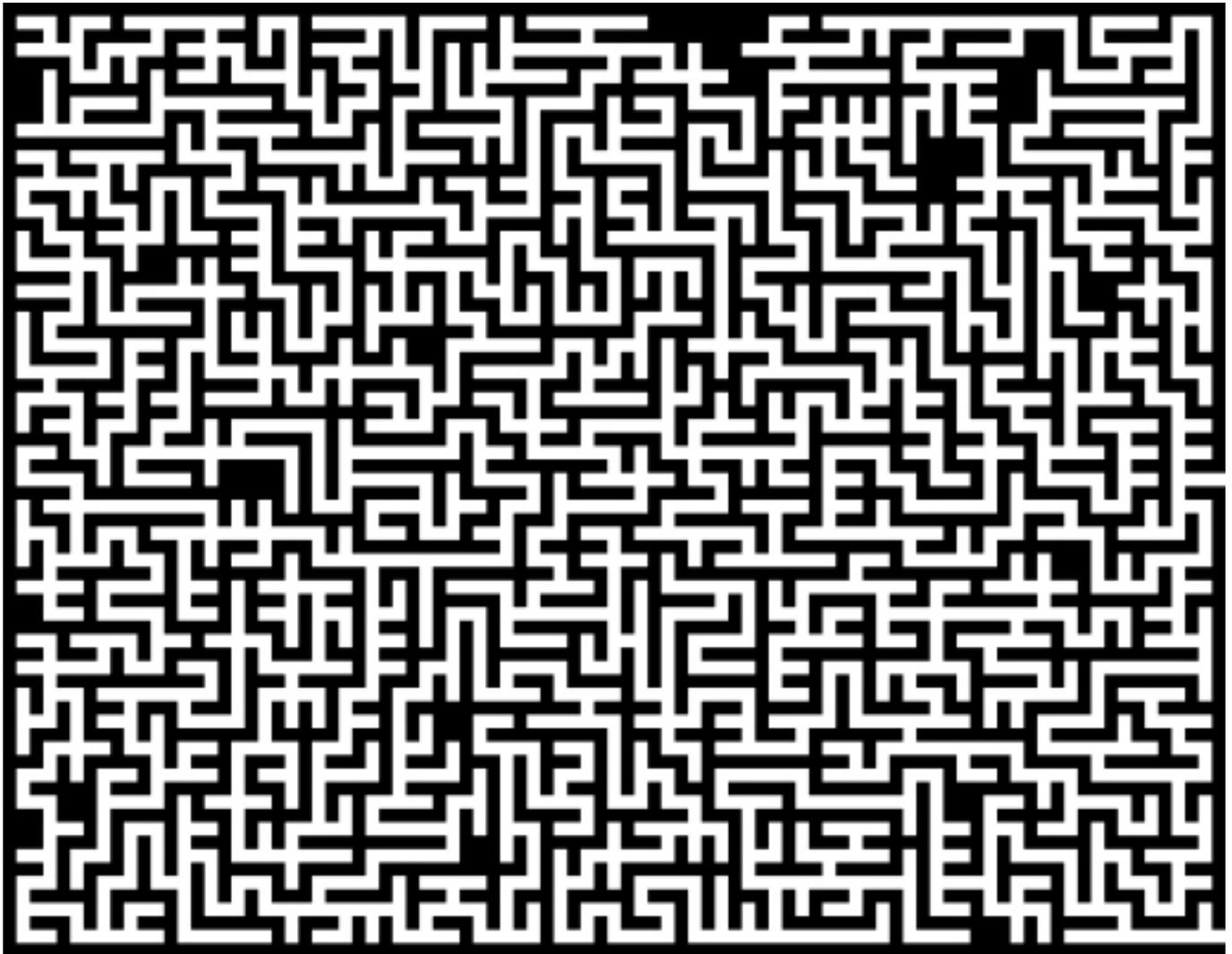
Want to Join Mensa?
Prior Evidence Review is Free in November
to Military

With many of our friends and family serving overseas, American Mensa would like to recognize the contributions of our current and veteran armed services with a special promotion. In honor of Veterans Day on November 11, we will be offering free prior evidence review to all current or past military during the month of November. From November 1 - November 30, we will waive the \$40 fee for anyone who submits prior evidence along with a copy of their current military ID or a copy of their DD214 form. American Mensa currently accepts more than 200 tests as prior evidence. To see a list of partial scores, please visit <http://www.us.mensa.org/testscores>.

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Lonestar Mensa Election For 2009

It's Lonestar Mensa election time for the Executive Committee in 2009. These ballots must be returned to and received by the chair of the elections committee no later than November 15.

At the November 11 meeting, you may give your ballot to the chairperson of the elections committee: Barbara Wilson.

Instructions:

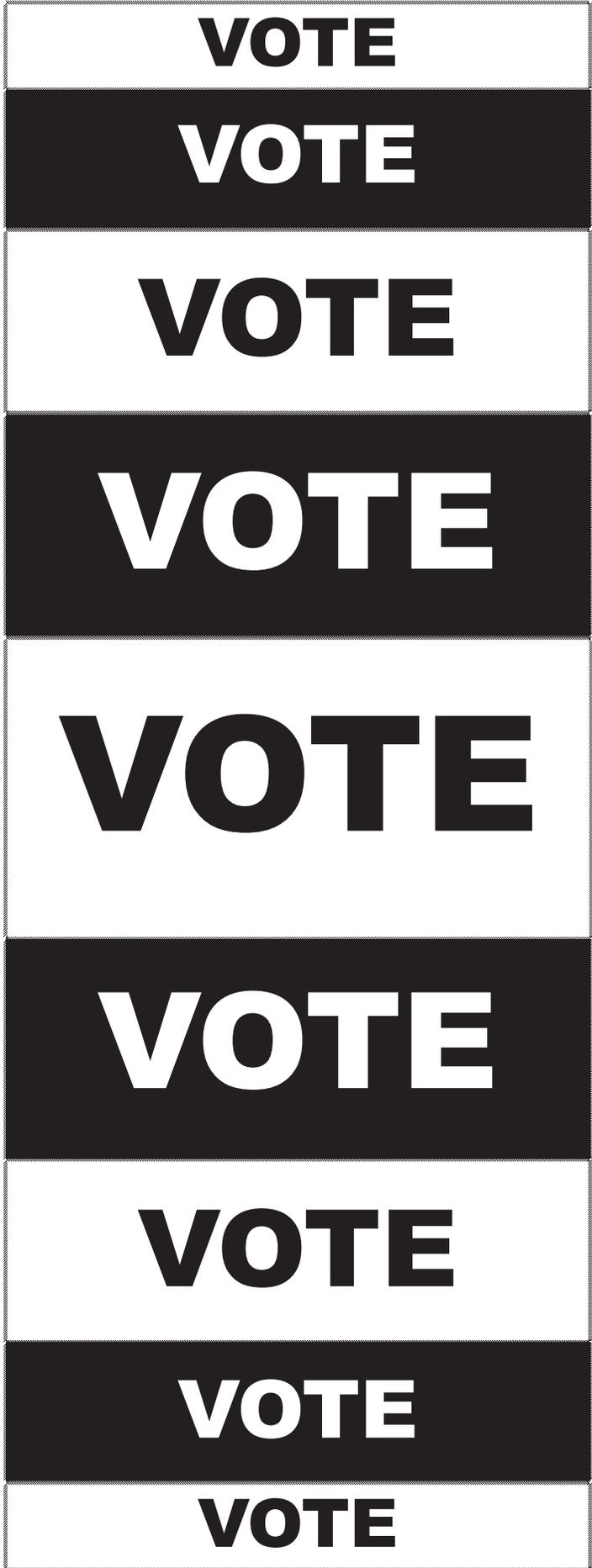
1. Put your Mensa ID (membership number) on the outside of the envelope. Do not put any identifying information on the ballot itself. (Envelopes without a Mensa ID membership number and ballots with identifying information will be disqualified.)

2. All ballots must be received by November 15, 2008. Send to Chair of the Nomination and Elections Committee at:

Barbara Wilson
 LSM 2009 Election Ballot
 2425 Ashdale # 24
 Austin, Texas 78757

BALLOT

Office	Candidate	Vote
President:	Ron Edelstein	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other:	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>
Vice-President:	Don Dumtra	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other:	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>
Treasurer:	Patty Dumtra	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other:	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Member at Large VOTE FOR THREE</i>		
	Paul Anderson	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Kathy Blair Lawler	<input type="checkbox"/>
	John Neemidge	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Todd Shaw	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other:	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>



Mensa ID: _____

Stamp

Barbara Wilson
LSM 2009 Election Ballot
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Austin, Texas 78757

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What's Happening in November?

Bridge -- Date TBD

If you are interested in playing party bridge (not duplicate bridge), please contact Janet Kres at 512-836-5773, or JMKres@sbcglobal.net.

ExComm Meeting

1st Wednesday

Wednesday, November 5 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.

Monthly Meeting

Monday, November 10 7:00-8:45pm

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

Topic and Presenter: At the time of submission, we did to not have a topic or speaker. So check the LSM online calendar before attending to see what will be happening. Also, if you have program ideas for next year, please share them with Todd Shaw or Ron Edelstein.

Thank Goodness It's Thursday (TGIT)

2nd & Last Thursdays (Moved on Holidays)

Thursday, November 13

Tuesday, November 25 6:00-8:00pm

Because of Thanksgiving, the regular last Thursday TGIT has been moved to Tuesday. But it is still TGIT!

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

2nd Thursday

Thursday, November 13 6:00-7:00pm

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.

3rd Saturday Poker

Saturday, November 15 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.

Fold & Sticker

Tuesday, November 25 6:00-8:00pm

We are thankful for everything but we do not want to compete with the big day of thanks on our normal Thursday. So we will meet two days early, on Tuesday, to fold and label the newsletters. Prospective members are welcome to come and share a meal, some conversation, and some useful work.

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.

*Happy
Thanksgiving!*



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November

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