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Lonestar Mensans gathered at July's Monthly Meeting



photo by Don Drumtra



August Monthly Meeting



August 4: Mensan Phil Ryals with the Goodwill Computer Museum.

For half a century, Goodwill Industries of Central Texas has relied upon the community to recycle their used goods to help generate funds for our mission. That mission is to assist people with disabilities and disadvantaged conditions gain competitive employment. In 1997 GICT began accepting electronic donations, we discovered great treasures and began collecting computer artifacts. Soon we had a collection of significant value and thus the Goodwill Computer Museum was founded <http://www.austincomputerworks.org/museum/index.html>

In the Pipeline

September 1: Dr Clare Wuellner, Executive Director the Center For Inquiry Austin

<http://www.centerforinquiry.net/austin> The Center For Inquiry offers an opportunity to join other rationalists to work for positive change in society. In addition, the Austin Center sponsors social events for freethinkers as well as intellectual programming, and assists with campus outreach. It is critical that rationalists and freethinkers join together to protect civil liberties, defend reason, and work toward increasing scientific literacy. Come find out how CFI Austin is working to make our corner of the world a more reasoned place.

The Programs calendar is subject to change. Check the LSM web site <http://www.lsm.us.mensa.org> for last minute changes, or contact me directly. -- Mike Makuch, mike8@makuch.org

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- Chair:** Don Drumtra
Members: Ron Edelstein, John Neemidge, Lu Russell, Steve Skelton, Helen Siders

LonestarRG Committee

- Chair:** John Neemidge
Members: *Facilities* John Neemidge, *Gifted Children* Michele Vaughan, *Hospitality* Andrew & Kem Edelstein, *Hotel* Robin Beadles, *Payments* Patty Drumtra, *Programs* Geri Neemidge/Linda Edelstein, *Publicity* Helen Siders/Paul Anderson, *Registration* Jane K. Thompson, *Scholarship* Vacant, *Security* Ron Edelstein, *Tastings* Kathie Lawler/Patsy Graham, *Testing* Ellen Lukasik, *Treasurer* Don Drumtra

If you are interested in helping with LSM activities in any of the vacant positions listed above, please contact Ron Edelstein: aduana@mindspring.com or 512-491-9881.

Regional Vice Chairman (RVC) Roger Durham RVC6@us.mensa.org

President's Corner

-by Ron Edelstein, LSM LocSec

Here we are, half way through the year of 2009 already and almost 10% of the 21st century used up! The lazy dog days of summer are on us (for those of us lucky enough to not have to scurry to work or having to try to find work because our jobs evaporated like a puddle of water on a hot Austin sidewalk!) Most of us try to find cool, indoor things to do.

Here's an idea of a cool thing to do—volunteer to do something for your fellow Mensans! We have a number of vacancies on our chapter officer's list, and a very critical one needs filling. It's managing the distribution of the very newsletter you hold in your hand. Our distribution manager has already advised us that she is only going to continue doing the job through the end of this year, and would like to be relived sooner, if possible. She has other commitments that are demanding her time and feels it's time to turn the job over to someone else, so they can enjoy the fun for awhile. The job is not particularly difficult, but it is a bit time consuming and requires considerable attention to detail. The time is not onerous in the amount but in the need to get certain actions completed in a precise time frame. You will get training and help, since this is part of the Communications Committee responsibility. We are trying to transition everyone to an electronic delivery or reading the newsletter on the LSM website, but as long as some of the members want to see it on paper, we will continue to print it out and mail it. However, if we are unable to get someone to volunteer and our current manger decides she cannot support the process any longer, you may have to do without your printed monthly newsletter.

Hopefully by now you've had a chance to look at our web page and see the improvements that have been made. The online calendar is particularly becoming more useful. You will see we have monthly meeting topics out several months ahead. Hopefully you will also note an increase in the quality of the speakers.

The Bylaws Committee has reviewed the corrections sent back from the National Office and has resolved them, so we should have the final form available to mail out to the membership for review and comment very soon.

The RG Committee is in the final stages of planning LSM's RG XI, with the theme, "The Eleventh Hour". That bodes well for an organization noted for running on "Mensa Time" and being Master Procrastinators. Think of all the implications of putting things off to the last minute—but don't let registering for the RG or your hotel room be two of them! Get your registration in as soon as possible and save a few bucks. Come join all your fellow procrastinators and find out what we have on tap for your leisurely pleasure.

Welcome New Members

Alvin Bennett
Aaron Leu
Ben Daniel
Dallas R Grant
Jason Schenker
Marcus D Chance
Peter Bradford
Samuel Blasco

Welcome Back Members

Susan R Sides
Vivienne M Lepine
Therese Marie Kopiwoda

Welcome to Region 6, Lonestar Mensa

Zachary R McFarlen
Richard Burns
Michael Gregory Neff
Erin Fonte
Rick Fonte

Call for Children's Poetry & Artwork

Child members and the children of Lone Star Mensa members are encouraged to submit original poetry, short stories, and art work for possible inclusion in upcoming editions of the Armadillo Literary Gazette. Have you always wanted to see your work in print? Now's your chance to share your creativity with us! To submit your work, please send an email with your writing or a scan of your artwork to Michele Vaughan at lonestar.gifted.children@gmail.com.

Lonestar Mensa -- Balances Summary -- 2009 June 30

	<u>Jan 1</u>	<u>Mar 31</u>	<u>Jun 30</u>
Members	575	623	529
Rank	29	29	31
RG Registrants 2007/2008	39	39	39
Assets			
Current Assets			
Cash	\$ 55.00	\$ -	\$ -
Checking Account	1,919.54	1,916.53	2,331.78
Certificates of Deposit	19,284.82	20,238.38	20,392.71
Less Funds and Obligations	(15,000.00)	(17,000.00)	(17,000.00)
Accounts Receivable	-	-	-
Interest Receivable (Allocated)	-	37.71	78.38
Prepaid Postage	501.42	340.85	508.18
Prepaid RG 2010	-	-	-
Prepaid RG 2009	8.17	8.17	8.17
Prepaid Take Home Tests	97.50	97.50	97.50
Other Prepaid Expenses	-	-	-
Total Current Assets	\$ 6,826.45	\$ 5,837.24	\$ 6,412.70
Long Term Assets			
Scholarship Endowment	6,000.00	6,000.00	6,000.00
Education Fund	6,000.00	6,000.00	6,000.00
RG Fund	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00
Equipment Acquired Value	981.31	981.31	981.31
Less Equipment Expensed Value	(729.82)	(754.57)	(779.32)
Other Long Term Assets	-	-	-
Total Long Term Assets	\$15,251.49	\$ 17,226.74	\$ 17,201.99
Total Assets	\$22,177.94	\$ 22,983.98	\$ 23,614.69
Liabilities and Appropriations			
Accounts Payable	\$ 282.47	\$ 145.82	\$ 248.40
Scholarships Escrow	435.88	510.88	185.88
RG Escrow 2009	1,025.00	1,085.00	1,085.00
RG Escrow 2010	-	-	-
RG Reserve	771.27	771.27	771.27
Eqmt Replacement Appropriation	211.50	246.75	282.00
Other Liabilities and Appropriations	-	-	-
Total Liabilities and Appropriations	\$ 2,725.90	\$ 2,759.30	\$ 2,571.33
Net Assets			
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2009 RG Spent \$8.17 Break Even \$1,085.00 Spending limit \$3,358.27 Approval Limit \$4,858.27

2009 Second Quarter Financial Report

-by Patty Drumtra, Treasurer

Looking at the Program Activity Statement, we can see that the program revenue is close to expectations except for undistributed revenue. With our reduced membership we need to closely watch the undistributed account. If it gets close to zero, we should consider changing the program annual estimates and budgets. Expenses remain low so we can continue to spend money for our programs. The low expenditure rates resulted in the large contribution at the bottom of the page. The Balance Summary shows our assets continue to grow. Our liability will increase through the year as we replenish the scholarship escrow and as RG registrations add to the RG escrow. Our RG break even remains at about \$1000 and the spending limit remains at \$3,300 with a possible increase to \$4,800 with ExComm approval.

The ExComm approved this report on 2009 July 8.

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Wall detail from the old Lodge in Petrified Forest National Park, Arizona.
photo by W. Stewart

LonestaRG XI: The Eleventh Hour

Sep. 4-7, 2009

Round Rock, TX

LonestaRG



- Planned speaker topics include procrastination, clocks, the death penalty, Texas wines, and more
- Pajama Party

- Abundant hospitality, with meals, veggies, snacks, soda, beer, wine, margaritas, and more
- Games and contests
- And much more!

Join us for a great weekend of fun at LonestaRG XI! We'll have plenty of great speakers, workshops, games and contests, food and drink, and more! Wine, cheese, and chocolate tastings, pajama party dance, and plenty of interesting people. Sign up now - don't wait!

Registration is only \$60 until July 31, \$70 until Aug 31. Children 9-17 half price, 8 and under are free. Send registrations to Jane Thompson, 2305 Monaco Drive, Cedar Park TX 78613, (jane12125@austin.rr.com). To register online via PayPal, or for program information, hotel information, RG pictures, and more, see the web page at <http://www.lsm.us.mensa.org/lonestarg.htm>.

Our RG hotel is the Wingate By Wyndham, located at the intersection of IH-35 and US-79 in Round Rock. Our room rate is \$89/night. The room rate includes a hot buffet breakfast. For reservations call 512-341-7000; our group code is LSMG.

BE A HERO.

SIGN UP TO BE THE 2010 RG
LONESTARRG CHAIR.

It is time to think about whether you would like the fame and glory of being the chair for the LonestaRG Mensa's 2010 regional gathering. It is excellent leadership experience and would be a solid addition to your resume. Not only that, it is a lot of fun--kind of like herding cats ending with the satisfaction of getting all of them going in the right direction. You will not be on your own, John and Ellen, both former RG chairs can provide you advice, Don has been treasurer before and is volunteering to be treasurer again, and there are many others who will support you and help. If you are at all interested, please send an email any member of the ExComm or RG committee listed on page two of this newsletter.

Help Make Our Monthly Meetings "THE" Place To Be

Once again please send us your suggestions for topics & speakers. What will bring 50 people to a meeting? Also we are in need of a different venue for our meetings. One limitation of the Austin Public Library is that it is impractical for certain speakers with commercial interests. Austin Public Library rules restrict solicitation and advertising for commercial goods and services. Published authors for example may be more likely to speak for us if they were free to promote their materials. I've had one author decline for this reason. If you have access to a venue please let us know.

The calendar is subject to change. Check the LSM web site <http://www.lsm.us.mensa.org> for last minute changes, or contact me directly.

History Student Wins Scholarship

-submitted by Claudia Harbert, Scholarships Chair

The second in our series of three scholarship winning essays is the work of a doctoral student in history at Texas State University.

2009 Lester London Award Winner

(for a graduate student in history) – Kyle Goyette

From my early childhood, I have been fascinated by history. Something about studying the past and how it affects our present and future has always appealed to me. As I grew older, I found myself reading biographies for no other reason than I found them interesting. While I realize that I must sound like a thousand other graduate students, the truth is that my initial love of history is what compelled me to follow history as a major in college and as a profession in graduate school. My undergraduate work only reinforced my determination to become a historian.

Although I have always loved history, it was not until graduate school that I learned the methods necessary to become a historian as opposed to someone who “likes history.” I came to realize that, much like any profession, history requires certain skills; simply enjoying the work was not enough. As I began to learn the research and writing methods necessary to follow history as a discipline, I began my evolution from student to scholar. Above all, graduate school allowed me to grow from a person who loves history to a scholar who is able to practice it. I have already enjoyed the experience of presenting my first paper and am scheduled to present another in April while also working on having my first articles submitted for publication.

During my years at Texas State, I discovered my fascination with 20th century American politics and the struggle over the Equal Rights Amendment (ERA) in particular. My initial interest in the ERA led me to conduct research and eventually follow the ERA as my thesis. I found so many wonderful sources in the archives at Texas Women’s University that I spent days there pouring through their materials. Upon returning to school, I immediately began writing and have not stopped. The research completed for my thesis on the ERA affords me the opportunity to think about how I will expand the work for my doctoral dissertation on the ways in which the battle over the ERA changed American politics. For my thesis, I am narrowing my scope to follow

the amendment’s influence on Texas’ political culture; however, I already know how I will expand the work to a national level for my dissertation. I find the fight over the ERA fascinating because it engendered such passion from Americans across the political spectrum and redefined the modern debate between the liberal demand for progressivism and the conservative demand for morality and traditional values. The defeat of the ERA was only the beginning of a discussion over gender roles and political rights which continues today.

I learned a great deal as an undergraduate, but graduate school was where I came into my own and began to thrive. Working with such prominent scholars not only reaffirmed my desire to become a historian, but also taught me the methods that I will carry with me while working towards my doctorate. I still love history, but now I am able to understand and appreciate it as a discipline instead of something simply in the pages of books. Graduate school not only gave me the opportunity to improve my writing and conduct independent research, it also taught me the tools that I will take with me throughout my career.



A radio telescope in the Very Large Array, New Mexico.
photo by Rachael Stewart

Ideas for Future Gifted Children's Activities

-by Michele Vaughan, GCC

Hi! I am Michele Vaughan, the Gifted Children's Coordinator for Lone Star Mensa. I'm working on some exciting activities for the upcoming months that will be of interest to LSM's kids, including a visit to a working organic farm just outside of downtown Austin when the weather cools off a bit. Please keep your eye on the next newsletter issues for more information.

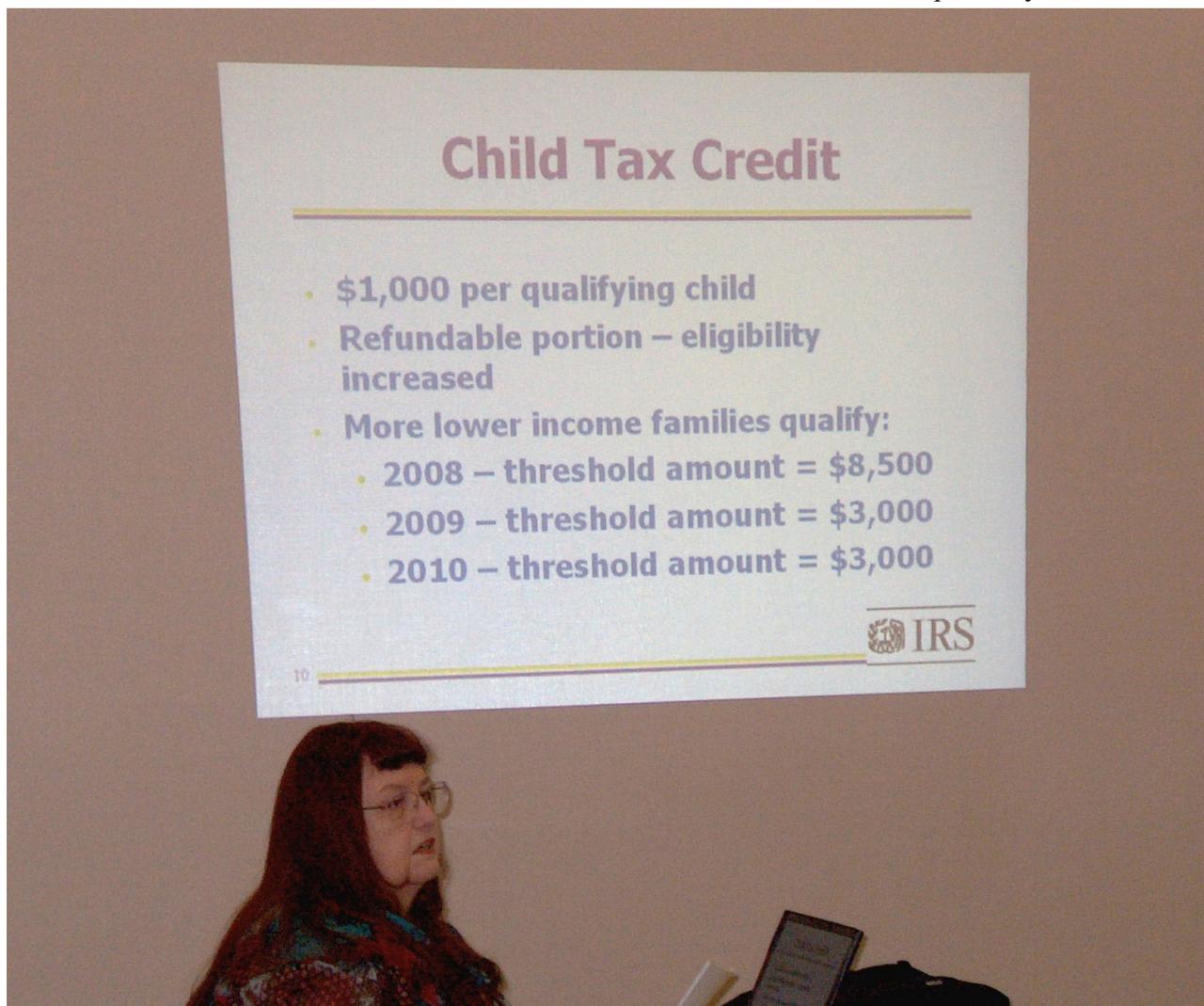
If you have an idea for a fun event or activity, please email me at lonestar.gifted.children@gmail.com. I'm happy to help put your ideas into action, or you can host the activity and I'll get it added to the calendar. The attendance at children's events is generally small, so I'm very interested in your ideas for activities that may be of interest to you so we can help grow a more active children's group.

If you have never been to an LSM kids' activity, I would like to invite you to join us. Please don't be shy! Kids are always welcome to bring a friend or two, and a parent or adult guardian is expected to be in attendance as well. If you have any questions, don't hesitate to send me an email.

Is anyone interested in a toddler/preschool play date at a park or indoor play spot in Central/North Austin or the Round Rock area? Would you consider meeting at Amy's some weekend for ice cream and chat? Or how about a social event at the Austin Zoo, Austin Children's Museum, or the Bob Bullock Museum IMAX? How about a parents' get together to talk about the joys and challenges of raising gifted children? Let me know what sounds good to you, and I'll get it planned. I hope to hear from you!

July's Speaker Linda Edelstein, presents changes and new options in the Tax Code.

photo by Don Drumtra



July ExComm Minutes

-submitted by Don Drumtra, ExComm Secretary

The regular monthly meeting of the Lonestar Mensa Executive Committee (ExComm) convened at 6:05 PM, July 8, 2009, at the Northwest Community Center, 2913 Northland Dr., Austin, TX. Attending were: President Ron Edelstein Chairman; Vice-President Don Drumtra Secretary; Treasurer Patty Drumtra; and Members-at-Large Paul Anderson, Kathie Lawler, and John Neemidge. The ExComm approved without debate the June 3 ExComm minutes published in the July Armadillo Literary Gazette (ALG) page 5.

Ron announced that he had appointed Skyler Kanegi as interim UT Mensa Student President (subject to election by the UT Mensa students).

Don reported that he and Fred Goertz attended the AG along with others from Lonestar Mensa. He offered a summary of what he learned at the AG to ExComm members after the meeting.

Patty reported that the group was currently in good financial health and provided the ExComm a written draft of the Second Quarter Report with the details for publication. The ExComm adopted the written report without debate subject to correction to the online version if any ExComm member had specific corrections. Financial reports are available to members on the LSM Website and by request; quarterly reports are also published in the ALG.

Kathie, Communications Chair, reported that she had begun an initiative to reconcile differences between the online calendar, the printed calendar, and the news cycle ASIE. The ExComm adopted a motion to change the "Calendar Editor" in the news cycle ASIE to "Calendar Coordinator" for consistency with the AML Editors Handbook. (ASIE 2009-10)

The Education Membership and Symposia Committees had no report. However, the ExComm discussed the August meeting and the need to get out publicity to the membership and the community about the program and the testing discount coupons available to be given away while they last.

Don, Bylaws Committee Chair, reported that we had received comments and corrections on our proposed bylaws. A meeting of the Bylaws Committee was scheduled for July 9 to discuss them.

John, LonestarRG Chair, reported we had five members sign up for the RG so far this July. He also plans to schedule a committee meeting later in July.

Don announced the next regular monthly ExComm meetings were scheduled for 6-7 PM, August 5, (first Wednesday), September 9, (second Wednesday, and the first Wednesdays in October, November, and December, at the Northwest Recreation Center multipurpose room.

ExComm meetings are open and all Mensa members may attend.

The meeting adjourned at 6:50 PM.

Tlaloc & Valerie after finishing Muddy Buddy 2008.



Bylaws Committee July Report

-submitted by Don Drumtra, Bylaws Committee Chair

The Eighteenth meeting of the Bylaws Committee convened 6:15-7:40 PM, July 9, at Central Market North. This was an a Special meeting called by the Chairman to review, revise, and approve for Submission to the ExComm the bylaws changes and written responses to the comments of the AMC Bylaws Committee. The LSM Bylaws Committee adopted the revised Proposed LSM Bylaws and the responses to the AMC Bylaws Committee for submission to the ExComm and forwarding to the AMC Bylaws Committee. The committee adjourned the meeting at the call of the Chairman for possible future meetings to address further questions or changes from the AMC review. The minutes, proposed bylaws, and other details of our work are posted our Website, http://lonestar.us.mensa.org/bylaws/bylaws_committee/.

From the RVC

-by Roger Durham, Region 6 RVC

I wish all of you could have been at the Annual Gathering this year. If you have been harboring any lingering doubts about the health and vitality of Mensa, the AG in Pittsburgh would surely have laid them to rest. With late registrants spilling over into two other hotels, the venerable Omni William Penn was completely taken over by the crowd of nearly 1,900 Ms, who met, debated, partied, learned, played, ate, drank, laughed and danced every day and night until the wee hours. What an experience!

AG Chairs Mary Lee Kemper and Marc Lederman and their team worked nearly non-stop to make this year's AG a rousing success. Region 6 was fairly well represented, as I encountered members from the New Orleans, North Texas, South Texas, Lone Star, Gulf Coast, and Permian Basin groups. Several people indicated that they were excited about my suggestion of a train trip to next year's AG in Detroit, so I'll start working with Amtrak right away to see if that is financially feasible. With or without a private rail car, I hope that all of you will at least give some thought to the possibility of attending next year. The AG is one of the things Mensa does best.

This year, of course, was my first AG as a member of the American Mensa Committee (AMC), and I soon found out that we were expected to earn our keep, with meetings all day and half the night on Thursday. That was pretty exhausting, but at least we got almost all the business out of the way on the first day, leaving the rest of the AG relatively free for more enjoyable pursuits. As this was the first AMC meeting for newly elected officers (about one-fourth of the total), not much new business was introduced, except to approve the four appointed members of the AMC. Our own Bob Bevard, of South Texas Mensa, was appointed Development Officer, and as I requested, Jeff Dommengue of Lone Star Mensa was re-appointed as Assistant RVC. The next AMC meeting will be in Fort Worth in October. Any current Mensa member is welcome to attend.

Now, having saved the best for last, I'm delighted to be able to report that the AMC has selected Fort Worth as the site for the AG in 2013. Carol Hilson and Karen Brack, both of North Texas Mensa, will be the co-chairs, and the main hotel will be the Worthington. Even if you never go to another AG, you really should plan to come to Fort Worth – you've got four years to get ready.

Lonestar Mensa needs someone to volunteer to take on the job of distribution of the monthly newsletter. The previous distributor has expressed an interest to retire from this position after many years of service.

This position requires:

- * once a month
 - ~pick up the newsletters from the printer
 - ~bring it to the Central Market for a friendly social time whilst other volunteers fold, sticker and label the copies.
 - ~take to the post office for mailing.
- * Some paperwork required to comply with U.S. Postal Regulations.

TGIT South

The next meeting of our South Austin group is 6:00pm August 20, 2009 at Central Market South at Westgate, 4477 S. Lamar Blvd., Austin, phone 512.899.4300. Look for the statues of vegetables on the sidewalk next to the street.

Onion, bell pepper, tomato, squash, apple, orange and more!

We will eat at the Central Market South CAFE for fun, conversation and food. Look for a Mensa sign. Questions call Patty (291-0361) Don (291-0315) or Helen (799-6985).

TWENTY-THREE PERCENT!

of Lone Star Mensans are Electronic!

-submitted by the LSM 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 23%. 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're there, please verify your email address.

What's Happening in August?

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.

Monthly Meeting

1st Tuesday

Tuesday, August 4 **7:00-8:45pm**

Old Quarry Branch, Austin Public Library

7051 Village Center Drive, Austin

Southeast of the intersection with Far West Blvd.

Speaker: Linda Edelstein

Topic: Important changes in the Federal Tax Code

Please see the meeting announcement on the front cover for details.

ExComm Meeting

1st Wednesday

Wednesday, August 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.

Thank Goodness It's Thursday (TGIT)

2nd, 3rd & 4th Thursdays (Moved on Holidays)

Thursday, August 13 at Central Mkt North

Thursday, August 20 at Central Mkt South

Thursday, August 27 at Central Mkt North

Central Market Café **6:00-8:00pm**

Central Market North at Central Park

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

Central Market South at Westgate

4477 S. Lamar Blvd., Austin (512) 899-4300

Meet us at the Café after work for fun, conversation, and food. Prospective members welcome.

Central Market (North) Café is located on the south side of the Central Market grocery store in the Central Park shopping center east of N. Lamar between 38th and 41st Streets. We usually meet upstairs but if there is party, look for us downstairs or outside.

Central Market (South) Café is located on the east side of the Central Market grocery store in the Westgate Mall on the south side of S. Lamar access road (the south access road of I-290/SR71) between Westgate Blvd. and Frontier Trl. Look for the Mensa sign or folks with Mensa shirts.

Games Night

Saturday, August 15 7:00-11:00pm

Hosted by Patsy Graham

5804 Shoal Creek Blvd, Austin, TX 78757

Bring your favorite beverage; I'll have some small snacks. I have several games but if you have a favorite bring it along. Please RSVP to mensapats@att.net so I'll have an idea of how many to expect.

Fold & Sticker

Thursday, August 27 **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.

Coming in September

Monthly Meeting

1st Tuesday

Tuesday, September 1 **7:00-8:45pm**

Old Quarry Branch, Austin Public Library

7051 Village Center Drive, Austin

Southeast of the intersection with Far West Blvd.

Speaker: Phil Ryals

Topic: The Goodwill Computer Museum

ExComm Meeting

2nd Wednesday

Wednesday, September 9 **6:00-7:00pm**

Northwest Recreation Center, Arts & Crafts Room

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