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2010

* Games

* Contests

* Tastings

Dozens of choices

* Casino Night

* Dance

The “dozenth” celebration

* Planned speakers on a variety of subjects

* Kid’s track for the Young Mensans

And a lot more!

Come celebrate a dozen years of LonestarRG with your Mena friends. Hedonism on a budget. This is “family friendly”, so bring ‘em all. This year’s LonestarRG will be held on Labor Day weekend, 3-6 September 2010. The venue will be the Wingate by Wyndham Inn on IH-35 in Round Rock, the same as last year. The room rate includes an extended Continental breakfast. Room rate for RG attendees is \$85.00 per room, single or double. This is slightly lower than last year.

Send registrations to Jane K. Thompson, Registrar LonestarRG XII, 2305 Monaco Dr, Cedar Park, TX 78613 (jane12125@austin.rr.com). To register online via PayPal or to download a printable registration form, go to: www.lsm.us.mensa.org/lonestarg.htm

Registration is \$50 until September 4th, \$60 until September 21st, \$70 until September 2nd and \$75 at the door. Children 9-17 half price and 8 or under are free. Day Tripper rates: Fri. \$20; Sat-Sun \$40; Mon \$10.

Donate your WHITE ELEPHANTS **at our Regional Gathering!**

There will be a “Scholarship Auction” at our RG on Monday at 11:00am. The proceeds will be used to fund additional scholarships for our worthy applicants. Do you have some nice items, maybe gifts joyfully received but somehow never actually used? Bring them when you come to the RG and leave them with Helen Siders and Claudia Harbert.

Jewelry is always nice. Used electronics do not seem to be in demand, but popular DVD’s in good condition are very popular. Nice children’s toys are in demand. Games!

Lone Star Mensa Officers - 2010

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Lots of help is needed at the RG. Please let Ron or Linda know if you can spare some time to volunteer.			
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Don's Dialectics – Just Do It --- Three

-by Don Drumtra, LocSec

In my June and July “Dialectics” (before I was co-opted by the AG bubble), I suggested that members who wanted to become active in Lone Star Mensa activities they should volunteer—they should just do it. But what if one only wants to become active a little bit? What if one only wants to stick a toe in the water? It is possible to be partially active?

The short answer is yes. Our bylaws read that Lone Star Mensa members, “are responsible to their fellow members for participating in local group and other Mensa activities through their service, presence, dues, and/or gifts.” This statement was questioned in the ALG by one of our members who wrote, “When I joined, I was told that one of the neat things about Mensa was that members could do as much or as little as they wanted to do? Are you now dumping guilt for not participating?” Yes and no. Yes—members can do as much as or as little as they want and the bylaws are not dumping guilt on the members for not participating. However, there is one important exception—members must pay dues to remain members. If they do not and still represent themselves as a Mensa member, then they should feel guilty that they do not pay for the privilege. Rather than dumping guilt, the bylaws article tries to get at the idea that there are many ways of participating—levels of becoming active from, a little bit to a lot. One can choose. What are examples? Well, here are some,

1. The minimum--you pay your dues and bask in the glory of being a card carrying member of Lone Star Mensa, American Mensa, and Mensa International—one of the smartest people in the world.
2. The above plus you read the newsletter and/or Website maybe occasionally maybe more often. You might even occasionally stop in for a glass of lemonade at a TGIT or attend another activity of Lone Star Mensa.
3. The above plus you volunteer for a short activity involving something you like. One member likes games so she hosts them in her home. Another member hosts picnics. We recently had visitors from Spain who wanted to explore the music scene in Austin. Within 12 hours after the notice to our members went to the membership, six volunteers offered to host the visitors and provide support to their visit.
4. The above plus you undertake a longer commitment as a member or chair of a special committee for an activity such as our bid committee for Mind Games in

2012 or our RG committee each year.

5. The above plus you assume a year long commitment to be an activity coordinator or a standing committee chair.

6. And finally you could do all those things plus assuming a two-year commitment to be an elected board member of Lone Star Mensa.

These are examples of the kind of activities you might want to consider if you want to become more active. You do not have to do any of them except pay your dues. But we all hope that we will have enough volunteers to do most of them. If you want to become more active, just do it.

Please Consider Paperless Newsletters

-by Helen Siders

Lone Star Mensans have traditionally received a paper newsletter each and every month. Several years ago, when I was Circulation Mgr, we started talking about e-mailed newsletters. I told everybody that it took so much labor by the the “fold-&-label” group that we were getting tired. I also argued that we would save money if more people opted for an e-mailed newsletter.

Both of my arguments turned out to be false. First, the folders and labelers were not tired. Actually, this group has a good time working together and visiting. Also, we did not save money. The USPS simply raised the rates again and again; to compensensate for their loss of revenue due to all the groups and businesses converting to email mailings.

If both of my well-reasoned arguments turned out to be false, why should you listen to me now?

Because it is genuinely true that trees used to make paper are saved by the use of emails to send information. If you haven't already done so, please consider opting in for electronic newsletters by going to the Profile Update page located at www.us.mensa.org/profileupdate. The phrasing on the profile page will be ‘electronic publications, if available’. There is a one to two month lag before your paper newsletters stop being snail-mailed and the e-newsletters start floating through the ether to your PC.

Best Wishes
for our Members
September Birthdays

1 Kenneth J Heldenfels
1 Mark J Thomasson
3 Harold A Cromwell
3 Cindy Lou Palko
5 Angel Sater
6 Dallas R Grant
7 Dan Allen Flanagan
9 Barbara Erskine Bartlett
9 Gary W Greif
10 D Wayne Dyer
10 Edward B Gordon
11 George B Smith Jr
14 Ross A Williams
15 F J Ross
16 William Darrell Cheek
16 Karen Jager
16 Neil Vannoy
17 Dana Lynn Holland
18 Capt Howard A Konetchy
21 Brad E Rhoden
21 J D Stanwood II
21 Judy Stewart
23 Linda Edelstein
23 John C Foster
23 Robert E Kiefer
24 Frederick Charles Bothwell III
24 Allen Vorwerk
25 Beth Elaine Benton
25 Katherine G Blair
26 Rory A Boatright
26 Lynn Herrick
27 William Richard Jones CCP
28 Vaughn E Akins
28 Juli Eivens
30 Shea Hillis
30 Scott T McAfee
30 Melissa Vanessah Melton

*Welcome back to
Mensa and Lone Star Mensa
We missed you*
Shannon Dick * Mary Beryl Marquis

*Welcome New Mensa Members
to Lone Star Mensa*
George J Bullock * David Nickerson
Arden O'Neil * Brooke E Roeder
Timothy S Rupert * Kira Stein

*Farewell to our Departures
We will miss you*
Robert Abreo * Sanjay Acharya
Justin C Bollier * Robert E Drum

*Welcome to our new Arrivals
to Lone Star Mensa*
Susan Theresa Brown * Emmanuel Nick Ireland
Todd Pogue * F J Ross

In Memoriam

Long time LSM member Steve Harsch has passed away. Many of you knew Steve, he was married to Kelly Wagner. Kelly and Steve were very active in Lonestar Mensa for many years. They hosted Games Nights and Holiday Parties as well as scholarship judgments and all sorts of other activities. Kelly and Steve moved to Baltimore a few years ago. Steve suffered a massive heart attack July 21 and was declared brain dead. Kelly was able to donate Steve's organs and she asks that in lieu of flowers, donations may be sent to the Living Legacy Foundation of Maryland, the coordinating organization through which Steve is donating his organs. Kelly is planning a memorial service in Austin in October. If you would like to send Kelly a note her address is 5905 Old Frederick Rd Baltimore MD 21228.

Remembering former LSM member Steve Harsch, who died in July. Steve was...

- Devoted to Kelly
- Quietly sensible
- Wryly funny
- An animal lover
- A hoot as he oompahed each year for Tuba Christmas
- Generous with LSM in many capacities

I was saddened when Steve and Kelly moved so far away, but grieve knowing I'll never see him again.
-Margaret Wofford

Lonestar Mensa RG 12: The Dozenth RG

Labor Day Weekend, September 3-6

The Wingate By Wyndham, 1209 N. IH 35, Round Rock, TX 78664



Join us for LonestaRG XII! It'll be a great weekend with lots of interesting speakers, workshops, games, contests, and tastings of coffee, cheese, and chocolate.

Registration for the full weekend is \$50 through July 4, \$60 July 5 – Aug. 21, \$70 Aug. 22 – Sept. 2, and \$75 Sept. 3 and at the door. Daily rates are \$20 for Friday, \$40 for Saturday, \$40 for Sunday, and \$10 for Monday. Children 8 and under are free; children 9-17 are half the adult rate. Your registration fee includes all speakers, workshops, and other events, plus meals, drinks, and snacks all weekend long.

Our hotel is the Wingate By Wyndham, located just north of Highway 79 on northbound IH-35 in Round Rock. The Lonestar Mensa rate is \$85/night. Contact the hotel at 512-341-7000 to make your reservation. More hotel information is available at <<http://www.wingateroundrock.com/>>.

To register by mail, mail the form below to Jane K. Thompson, 2305 Monaco Dr., Cedar Park, TX 78613. To register via PayPal, please visit <<http://lsm.us.mensa.org/events/rg/rg12reg.htm>>.

If you have questions, please contact our co-chairs, Ron <aduana@mindspring.com> and Linda <ledelstein@mindspring.com> Edelstein, or registrar, Jane K. Thompson <jane12125@austin.rr.com>.

LonestaRG XII Registration

Name: _____ Street address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip _____

Phone: _____ Email _____

Badge 1. _____ Adult Child 9-17 Child 0-8 Total \$ _____

Badge 2. _____ Adult Child 9-17 Child 0-8 Total \$ _____

Badge 3. _____ Adult Child 9-17 Child 0-8 Total \$ _____

Badge 4. _____ Adult Child 9-17 Child 0-8 Total \$ _____

Tasting tickets: _____ Cheese _____ Coffee _____ Chocolate \$5.00 each Total \$ _____

Total enclosed: \$ _____

Make check or money order payable to "Lonestar Mensa RG." Please do not send cash.

- Please don't include my name/our names and city/state on the list of registrants on the web.
- Please don't include me/us on the list of registrants made available to attendees.
- Please use the postal service (not email) for RG updates and correspondence.

I would like to volunteer for the following:

- Hospitality Solicit Donations Prepare Food Registration
- Bring Games Logistics/Purchasing Speaker Assistant Other

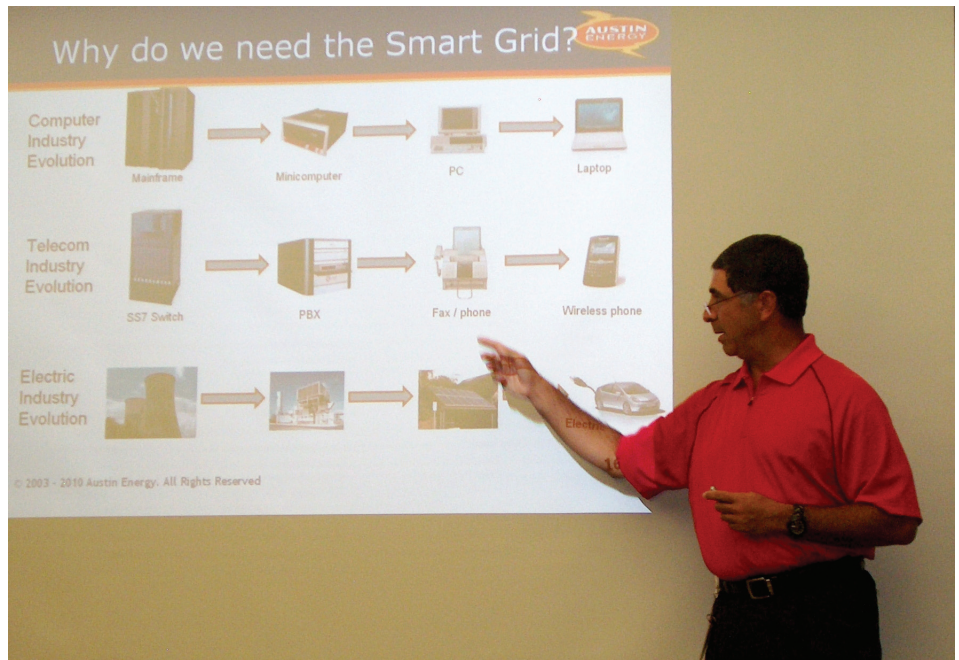
I need: A roommate A ride from the airport to the hotel

City of Austin Water Treatment

-by Don Drumtra, acting Program Coordinator

With Al Sarria's thought provoking presentation on the future of the Austin smart grid for power distribution, we wrapped up our series of presentation on energy portion of Climate Protection in the City of Austin. In this series Austin Energy planners and engineers took us through the overall program including green alternatives for power generation, commercial and residential solar cell alternatives, Austin electric vehicles, the residential rebate program for carbon reduction, and the smart grid all with a view of where we are today. We still have handouts from these visits that are available at each general meeting until they run out. We are particularly grateful for the presenters taking their time to visit with us and for Leslie Schneiweiss Sopko who selected the speakers and worked hard to get their schedules to match ours. Thanks to all.

In July, Jill Mayfield introduced the water portion of our presentation series with an overview of how the City of Austin gets its water, how drinking water is processed, and what we do with the waste. The next two programs will provide us more detail on new innovations for water treatment and the future management of liquid and solid waste to accommodate the growing population of



"At the August meeting, Al Sarria of Austin Energy compares the rapid change in computer, telecommunications, and power technologies"



"Jill Mayfield at the July meeting responds to a question from the audience by explaining how the City of Austin water system works"



"Matthew Phillips explains one of his handouts at the June meeting. He provided much valuable information on Austin Energy's Residential Rebate Program."

July Board Minutes

-submitted by Patty Drumtra, Board Secretary

The regular monthly meeting of the Lonestar Mensa Board of Officers convened at 6:30 PM, July 13, 2010, at Ron Edelstein's home, 1439 Dapplegrey Lane, Austin, TX 78727. Attending were: Ron Edelstein, Don Drumtra, Patty Drumtra, and Linda Edelstein. The Board adopted without debate the agenda and the June 1 minutes published in the July Armadillo Literary Gazette (ALG) page 3.

Linda presented the Quarterly Financial Report for 2010, April 1-June 30. The Board approved the report without debate. Financial reports are available on the Website.

Don moved to amend ASIE 2007-1 to clarify Symposia Committee Coordinator responsibilities and titles by substituting the word "Events" for the word "Symposia." The board unanimously adopted the motion after debate and amendment. (The amendment is ASIE 2010-18.)

On behalf of the RG Committee, Linda reported the status and progress of the RG, 2010.

The next monthly board meeting will be Tuesday, August 3, at 6 PM at Ron Edelstein's house.

The meeting adjourned at 7:16 PM.

August Board Minutes

-submitted by Patty Drumtra, Board Secretary

The regular monthly meeting of the Lonestar Mensa Board of Officers convened at 6:00 PM, August 3, 2010, at Ron Edelstein's home, 1439 Dapplegrey Lane, Austin, TX 78727. Attending were: Ron Edelstein, Don Drumtra, Patty Drumtra, Linda Edelstein, and John Neemidge. The Board adopted the agenda without debate. The July 13 minutes were read and adopted as corrected to insert "ASIE" before "2010-18."

Linda presented the Financial Report for July, 2010. The Board approved the report without debate. Financial reports are available on the Website.

On behalf of the RG Committee, Linda reported the status and progress of the RG, 2010.

On behalf of the Communications Committee, Don provided a report on the printing and postage costs of the ALG Newsletter from January 2009 through August 2010. In summary, postage costs have fallen 50 percent

over the period and, correcting for the additional costs for hand folding, printing costs have fallen slightly. The report's spreadsheet is posted on the Website.

On behalf of the Membership Committee, Don reported that five out of eight scheduled Mensa candidates completed tests at the July 24 session. In summary, future test sessions are scheduled for September 4 at the RG, October 16 (Mensa National Testing Day), and December 4.

On behalf of the Symposia Committee, Don reported that Helen Siders planned to host a picnic in early October. It was the sense of the board that the picnic should not conflict with Austin City Limits on October 9 or Steve Harsh's memorial service.

Don led a discussion on news articles and the news schedule. In summary, there have been articles submitted but not printed without explanation to the submitters and there has been insufficient time for adequate proof-reading of the newsletters before they went to press. In summary, the discussion provided several examples to support the problems and several board members shared their experiences with similar problems, what worked in the past, what did not work, and how the current LSM process got to where it was today. It was the sense of the board that the concerns raised by submitters are serious and that the ComComm should explore the problems and recommend any process changes needed to resolve them by the next board meeting. The board provided the following two general guidelines:

--The newsletter is the primary communications vehicle to provide information on chapter activities to members. Proactive and continuous communications between the editors and submitters is essential if we want to continue to receive articles and calendar submissions. As a minimum the process should provide response to each submitter and if an article is not printed in the current issue communications should let the submitter and publisher know why it was not printed and if and when the article would be printed.

--Newsletter content should be reasonably current and available to members. Currently submissions are due the second Thursday of each month and are mailed out the Friday after the fourth Thursday. Changes to the process should not require earlier submission or cause later mailing.

The next monthly board meeting will be Tuesday, September 7, at 6 PM at Ron Edelstein's house.

The meeting adjourned at 7:14 PM.

Can A Mensan Be Conned?

-by Helen Siders

We of the upper 2% of IQ can get to thinking we are pretty immune to scams. I live alone with my 90 lb Rottweiler, and one day I noticed that Chancey was having a good time playing with a strange man who was leaning over the patio wall. I felt this warm glow because not only was I a Mensan, but my dog is also a good judge of character in human beings. Chancey was laughing and bouncing around.

After awhile I went out to the patio and met a man named Jose Felicio Rodriguez. A nice man, who had just been told to leave by his roommates because he had been objecting to their drug use. And his cell phone had run out of minutes. He went off for awhile and came back after purchasing additional minutes. It turned out his living situation was desperate because he did not own a car, his sister in Houston was not talking his calls, he had no place to go. What should he do?

About that time my phone rang. It was my neighbor warning me about this "con man" who really just wanted to move into my apt. I poo-pooed his warning. A couple of minutes later there was some pounding on my front door. It was another neighbor warning me about getting conned. I noticed that other people were standing around my front porch telling me that if than man gained entry to my home, the police could not forcibly remove him for three months. "Nonsense" I said. I was just talking to a man who happened to be walking by my apartment building. And my dog liked the man.

A few more minutes, there was loud pounding on my front door. I ran to the door prepared to chew out my neighbor, and two of Austin's "Finest" had been leaning on my door. They actually fell into my living room. The policemen told me this was a very common scam by smart talking homeless men looking for a roof over their head.

Jose Felicio Rodriguez left my back porch railing and walked over to another apt complex. Was I scammed? OK, Yes, I guess so. The more important question is HOW DID HE CON MY ROTTWEILER?

Mind Games 2012

Lonestar Mensa is submitting a bid to host Mind Games 2012. We have a few committee positions filled but still need lots of help. If you are interested in serving in any capacity or have questions about what any open position might entail, please contact Patsy Graham at men-sapats@att.net.

Here is the committee so far:

Chair	Patsy Graham
Hotel Liaison	John Neemidge
Meals and Hospitality	Geri Neemidge
Publicity	Geri Neemidge
Treasurer	Open
Setup and Cleanup	Open
Game Sponsor Liaison	Open
Security	Open
Registration Volunteer	Open

We will have our first meeting at LonestaRG XII so look for details in the program.

S.I.G.H.T Coordinator Opportunity

The SIGHT Coordinator is the local person who helps travelers from other local groups in the US or other countries who may visit Austin and request help. The acronym stands for Service for Information, Guidance, and Hospitality to Travelers. Details program and what the SIGHT Coordinator does are available in the SIGHT Handbook on the AML Website, <http://www.us.mensa.org/handbooks> An example is the coordination of the recent visit of the two travelers from Spain that was mentioned in Don's Dialectics on page 3.

Steve Vaughan who has been our coordinator for years has recently been overloaded with work and was not able to volunteer for reappointment when his most recent term expired at the end of last March. We hate to lose Steve since he has done such a great job in the position. But the vacancy provides an opportunity for someone to meet folks and introduce them to the Austin community. It is a great job. Ask Steve, svaughan@austin.rr.com.

Lone Star Mensa
2010-2011 Financial Report and Tables
April 1 - June 30

Revenue continues to lag for the testing program. Other revenue items continue to be on budget. Expenses for the year are almost entirely for the Armadillo printing and postage, except that in June our scholarship winner was sent the \$400 check awarded. Other than that, for the fiscal quarter our other expenses have been for a few photocopies and printouts for reports to officers. RG revenue and registrations are a concern, as they are lagging behind totals at this point last year by a substantial amount.

Lone Star Mensa
Table 1. 2010-2011 Program Activity Analysis Summary
April 1 - June 30

Programs	----- Summary Year to Date -----		--- by Quarter---		
	2010 Budget 12 Months	3 months	3 months Total	%	3 months Apr-Jun
Membership Program					
Total Revenue	\$900.00	\$ 225.00	\$ 112.00	50%	\$ 112.00
Total Expenses	900.00	225.00	\$ 0.72	0%	0.72
Communications Program					
Total Revenue	3,900.00	975.00	\$ 976.95	100%	976.95
Total Expenses	3,900.00	975.00	\$ 652.40	67%	652.40
Symposia Program					
Total Revenue	1,200.00	300.00	\$ 300.00	100%	300.00
Total Expenses	1,200.00	300.00	\$ 30.00	10%	30.00
Education Program					
Total Revenue	480.00	120.00	\$ 120.00	100%	120.00
Total Expenses	480.00	120.00	\$ 400.00	333%	400.00
Common Activities					
Total Revenue	150.00	37.50	\$ -	0%	-
Total Expenses	150.00	37.50	\$ 5.44	15%	5.44
All Programs					
Total Revenue	\$ 6,630.00	1,657.50	\$1,508.95	91%	\$1,508.95
Total Expenses	6,630.00	1,657.50	1,088.56	66%	1,088.56
Total Programs	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 420.39		\$ 420.39
LonestaRG					
Total Revenue	\$ 4,200.00			0%	-
Total Expenses	4,000.00			0%	-
Total Disbursements	\$ 200.00			0%	-
Undistributed Rev and Exp					
Total Revenue	\$ 760.40	190.10	\$ 102.44	54%	102.44
Total Expenses	-	-	\$ -	0%	-
Total Undistributed	\$ 760.40	\$ 190.10	\$ 102.44	54%	\$ 102.44
Net Revenue	\$ 760.40	\$ 190.10	\$ 522.83		\$ 522.83
LSM Equipment	Date Bought 2006 Sep 8 2007 Jun 9 2005-2006	Item ALG Software Projector Testing material	Cost \$481.32 \$499.99 \$37.50	Serial No EMP 54 - J3VF71731TL 13 take home tests	Custody Rachael Stewart Don Drumtra Don Drumtra

Lone Star Mensa

Table 2. 2010-2011 Balances Analysis Summary

June 30

	Apr 1	Jun 30
Members	657	544
Rank	29	29
RG Registrants 2009/2010/2011	22/31/0	39/31/0
Assets		
Current Assets		
Cash	\$ -	\$ -
Checking Account	9,120.00	10,034.98
Certificates of Deposit	15,541.53	15,541.53
Less Funds and Obligations	(18,000.00)	(18,000.00)
Accounts Receivable	-	-
Interest Receivable (Allocated)	-	195.00
Prepaid Postage	342.02	210.91
Prepaid RG 2010	136.83	137.23
Prepaid RG 2011	-	-
Prepaid Take Home Tests	37.50	37.50
Other Prepaid Expenses	-	-
Total Current Assets	\$ 7,177.88	\$ 8,157.15
Long Term Assets		
Scholarship Endowment	7,000.00	7,000.00
Education Fund	8,000.00	8,000.00
RG Fund	3,000.00	3,000.00
Equipment Acquired Value	981.31	981.31
Less Equipment Expensed Value	(853.57)	(878.32)
Other Long Term Assets	-	-
Total Long Term Assets	\$ 18,127.74	\$ 18,102.99
Total Assets	\$ 25,305.62	\$ 26,260.14
Liabilities and Appropriations		
Accounts Payable	\$ 194.08	\$ 174.12
Scholarships Escrow	587.19	662.19
RG Escrow 2010 Subsidiary	840.00	1,155.00
RG Escrow 2011	-	-
RG Reserve	895.13	895.13
Eqpmt Replacement Appropriation	357.75	393.00
Other Liabilities and Appropriations	-	-
Total Liabilities and Appropriations	\$ 2,874.15	\$ 3,279.44
Net Assets		
Lonestar Mensa Net Assets	22,431.47	22,980.70
Total Net Assets	\$ 22,431.47	\$ 22,980.70
Total Liabilities, Approp., and Net Assets	\$ 25,305.62	\$ 26,260.14
Balance sheet check sum	0	0
Accounts Payable		
Quik Print	\$ 153.08	
John Neemidge	-	
Helen Siders	-	
Don Drumtra	21.04	
Other	-	
Total	\$ 174.12	
Uncleared Checks		
Helen Siders	2127	19.89
Dec 2		
Total		\$ 19.89

What's Happening in September?

LonestaRG Regional Gathering

Friday September 3 - Monday September 6

Wingate by Wyndham Inn on IH-35, Round Rock

Mind Games Bid Committee Meeting

Saturday, September 4

At the RG. Time/Room will be listed in the program.

Board of Officers Meeting

1st Tuesday (except July)

Tuesday, September 7

6:00-7:00pm

Home of Ron and Linda Edelstein

1439 Dapplegrey Ln, Austin 78727

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

Monthly Membership Meeting

2nd Wednesday

Wednesday, September 8

7:00 - 8:30pm

North Village Branch Library

2505 Steck Ave, Austin

Austin Energy Smart Grid, presented by Al Sarria. See the article on page 6 for more information.

The library is located on the South West corner of Steck and Burnet.

'Dillo Deadline

2nd Thursday

Thursday September 9

Midnight

Email: lonestar.mensa.webmaster@gmail.com &

bookbird@yahoo.com

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Thank Goodness It's Thursday (TGIT)

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

Thursday, September 9 at Central Mkt North

Thursday, September 16 at Central Mkt South

Thursday, September 23 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. Once inside, look for a Mensa sign or folks with Mensa shirts who appear smart.

Games Night

3rd Saturday

Saturday, September 18

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.

Eclectic Eats

Tuesday, September 21

6:30pm

Dimassi's Mediterranean Buffet

12636 Researcg Blvd, Austin, TX

Good plentiful food, Lebanese and Greek style, for omnivore or vegetarian. They've got a web page you can check to see what they serve - pretty amateur page though.

<http://dimassisaustin.com/index.php>.

Please either email Linda (ledelstein@mindspring.com) or phone 491-9881 by Sunday, September 19, to let us know you're coming so we know how big a table to get.

Seal & Label

4th Thursday (Moved on Holidays)

Thursday, September 23

6:00-8:00pm

Central Market Cafe, Austin

4001 N. Lamar Blvd., Austin

(512) 206-1020

Join the TGIT Group to help seal and label the newsletter. Prospective members are welcome. See TGIT for directions.

Upcoming in October

Tuesday, October 5

Board of Officers Meeting

Wednesday, October 13

Membership Meeting

Thursday, October 14

TGIT North

Thursday, October 14

Dillo Deadline

Saturday, October 16

Games Night

Thursday, October 21

TGIT South

Thursday, October 28

TGIT North

Thursday, October 21

Seal & Label

Saturday, October 31

Halloween Party

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2010 Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			September 1	2	3 LonestarRG	4 LonestarRG
5 LonestarRG	6 LonestarRG	7 Board Meeting	8 Member Meeting	9 TGIT North 'Dillo Deadline	10	11
12	13	14	15	16 TGIT South	17	18 Games Night
19	20	21 Eclectic Eats	22	23 TGIT North Seal & Label	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	October 1	2
3	4	5 Board Meeting	6	7	8	9