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EDITOR'S CHOICE

By Rose Berkowitz

It's been a quiet month in Lone Star Mensa. (Apologies to Garrison Keillor.) 😊

As is pointed out elsewhere in the newsletter, summer is back once more—with a vengeance, it seems! Stay cool, in mind and body, and let's hope we make it through this drought.

I'll be the presenter at the Monthly Membership Meeting this time. (See page 5 for details.) Hope to see you there!

Please send your ideas and suggestions on improving our web site or anything else, as well as any items for the newsletter, to editor@lsm.us.mensa.org. I'll impose no particular word limit, but emailed submissions are appreciated, so I don't have to re-type.

PROFILE UPDATE NEEDED!

Submitted by Harold Prince, American Mensa Committee

At their March 2011 meeting, the American Mensa Committee passed a motion to make electronic delivery (instead of print delivery) the default release for members to receive local electronic publications. This policy will take effect Sept. 1, 2011.

We encourage you to visit <http://www.us.mensa.org/MyNewsletterDelivery> before Sept. 1 to update the portion of your member profile that indicates whether you have selected print delivery,

electronic or have not made a selection. Please note that changing this release merely records your personal preference for the delivery of your local publication. This does *not* dictate how your Local Group chooses to distribute its information.

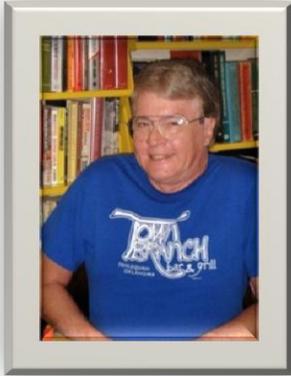
You are free to update your member profile at will, and your Local Group is free to send out its communications in whatever way is most effective for the group. Please note that your Local Group is not required to send out electronic communications if it does not currently do so.

With that in mind, you can indicate whether you would like to receive your Local Group's newsletter or other official Local Group publication either electronically or through the mail at <http://www.us.mensa.org/MyNewsletterDelivery>. Further, if you would like electronic delivery, you must provide a valid email address and allow it to be released within American Mensa.

[For those members without computer access but who may have an email address on file with AML, they are developing sign-up sheets and a post card so you can update your preference if you want to make sure you continue to receive a paper newsletter. The post card must be received before September.—Editor]

You can update this information online, by emailing Membership@americanmensa.org, by calling 888/294-8035 ext. 199 or by initiating a Live Support chat session via the AML Web site during regular business hours. If you do not have your login for the American Mensa Web site, email WebServices@americanmensa.org or call 888/294-8035 ext. 5005.

"Printer's ink has been running a race against gunpowder these many, many years. Ink is handicapped, in a way, because you can blow up a man with gunpowder in half a second, while it may take twenty years to blow him up with a book. But the gunpowder destroys itself along with its victim, while a book can keep on exploding for centuries. - Christopher (Darlington) Morley



FEATURED MEMBER BIO



Hi, I'm Phil Ryals. I am a life member of Mensa, having joined back in 1967. I have belonged to several local groups over the years: Inland Empire (San Bernardino, CA), Tribal Table (Tulsa), and almost thirty years

in San Francisco Regional Mensa. I confess I only occasionally show up for LSM meetings. I did present the computer museum at a Membership Meeting a while back. But mostly I just lurk, reading the ALG and loosely keeping track of what's going on.

California got too crowded, too expensive, and too squirrely, so in 2004 I moved to Round Rock. It seemed a much better place to retire to. I had been visiting the Austin area on business of one kind or another for thirty-five years, so I knew I would like it here. Interestingly, when I was packing my desk up in California for the move here, I picked up a pocket calendar from the drawer dated 1984--twenty years prior. I opened it at random and it said I was in Austin that week, teaching a data communications class at UT to the Texas Association of State Supported Computer Centers.

I've had what I consider to be three careers. Telecom training in the Air Force led me to a twenty-some-year stint in that industry, doing just about everything except selling it. I worked both for big telecom customers (Motorola, Bank of America) and big suppliers (Southern Pacific Communications Company--Sprint's predecessor).

Motorola brought me to Austin the first time in 1973, when I installed the data communications equipment in Motorola's first building-- in what is now the giant Freescale complex on 183 north of the airport. I can truly say I was there at the start of Silicon Gulch because all there was then was Motorola's building and a big gully.

While at SPCC I designed and built the first Sprint network control center, back when Sprint was just three switches and somebody's wild idea that they could sell

long distance service against the Bell System. Southern Pacific sold the telecom business (which was making money) so they could dump more down the drain of railroading (which wasn't).

I consider myself a graduate of the University of BofA. At the bank I learned a lot of things to do, and a lot more things not to do. My last gig in telecom was managing an advanced product development group for a Silicon Valley startup that built telecom switches and multiplexers. Our biggest problem getting product out the door was getting the software finished, so I started looking for a better way to develop software.

That led to my second career. I taught object-oriented software development (the Shlaer-Mellor Method) and consulted with companies using it for eight years. Then the company (Project Technology) decided to concentrate on selling software tools for the method instead of technology transfer, and let most of their instructor/consultants go.

Casting about for something interesting to do then, I wound up working for a job shop that placed me at Hewlett-Packard, working with the team who ran HP's corporate web servers. After two years as a contractor, HP hired me as a full-time employee and I subsequently became the alpha geek on the HP.com Operations team (2 billion hits a month and 800 terabytes downloaded; come on in, we're always open!). I retired from HP in 2007.

Now I am the Lead Restoration Engineer at the Goodwill Computer Museum--a volunteer position. Usually that means that I bring old computers back to life, but for the past 16 months I've been building a computer out of electro-mechanical relays (410 relays, 420 lights on the front panel, 134 switches---old-style technology), for use as a museum exhibit. It runs at the blinding speed of 6 Hz.

If anyone likes to fool around with old computers and has some time, contact me at pryals@austin.rr.com. We can always use more restoration help at the museum.

A THOUGHT FOR TODAY:

Read, every day, something no one else is reading. Think, every day, something no one else is thinking. Do, every day, something no one else would be silly enough to do. It is bad for the mind to continually be part of unanimity. - Christopher Morley, writer (1890-1957)

MAY BOARD MINUTES

Submitted by Patty Drumtra, VP and Secretary

The regular monthly meeting of the Lone Star Mensa Board of Officers convened at 6:05 PM, May 4, 2011, at the home of Ron and Linda Edelstein. Attending were: Don Drumtra, Patty Drumtra, Ron Edelstein, Linda Edelstein, John Neemidge, and Jon Kurylowicz. Referenced written reports and ASIEs are available on the LSM Website. Paper copies are available on request. The board adopted without debate the agenda and the April minutes in the May 2011 Armadillo Literary Gazette (ALG), page 3.

The board received the following officer reports:

- LocSec: Member Concerns Action Plans Status Report (Don), ASIE 2011-7
- Treasurer: the board adopted with discussion the 2010-2011 annual financial report and the 2011-2012 budget (Linda), ASIE 2011-12
- Symposium Committee: verbal report that the regular meeting was a discussion of bicycling in Austin (Don)
- Lone Star RG Committee verbal report of a meeting with Robin at the Hotel. (John)

-Website Working Group: The board adopted with debate the group's report and approved the report's planning factors for Website redesign and implementation, with the exception of the suggestion to update the LSM Logo (Don), ASIE 2011-13.

The board took the following action on motions postponed from the April meeting:

- Adopted the motion to provide the LocSec and Standing Committee Chairmen authority to budget for and approve a Volunteer Service Name Tag Award as an award for a "Job Well Done." The award consists of a silver name badge for each volunteer completing one or more consecutive terms of exemplary service as an LSM officer or equivalent. It also allows retroactive awards with board approval (Don), ASIE 2011-14
- Deferred debate on the motion postponed from the May meeting to establish goals for the 2011-2012 term in line with National Mensa's goals to the June meeting, with possible debate via email (Don).

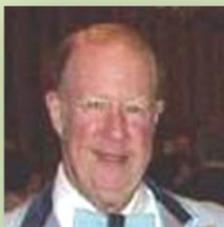
The board took the following action on new motions and discussion items:

- Adopted an amendment to the Calendar of Regular Monthly Meetings and Events to set specific board meetings to the first Wednesday of each month, to add Chess Night, and to move the December seal and label back to Thursday, Dec 22 (Don), ASIE 2011-15
- Motion to amend the News Cycle to provide relative due days to some events rather than fixed days (Don), ASIE 2011-16
- Discussed ASIEs, their organization guidelines, and indexing rules (Don)
- Discussed the criteria for closing Member Concerns Action Plans (Don)

Announcements (See the newsletter and calendars for more detail.)

- The next monthly board meeting is scheduled for 6-7 PM, Wednesday June 1 at Ron and Linda Edelstein's home (Patty).
- The June 8, 2011 Monthly Meeting presenter will be Rose Berkowitz (Don).
- Future Monthly Meetings Topic list now available on the Website (Don).
- Volunteers are needed for many LSM opportunities (Don).

The meeting adjourned at 7:46 PM.



DON'S DIALECTICS

By Don Drumtra, LocSec

BUREAUCRACY BRINGS YOU AN EARLIER NEWSLETTER

By Don Drumtra, LocSec

Do you like bureaucracy? Most folks tell me they don't. What don't they like about it? They feel that it gets in the way of getting things done. But what is bureaucracy? The answers here are not so clear. Most folks will

describe it through analogy, comparing it to the government, the Congress, a large company, the AMC, the LSM board, or perhaps LSM standing rules. ..

So what? Well, bureaucracy has positive aspects. One of them is that it provides processes that guide how we do things. One of our LSM processes is our news cycle standing rule. It sets the days each month that our colleagues need to do various things to be sure we receive our paper and electronic newsletters before the end of the month. For example, the newsletter goes to the printer the Monday before we have Seal and Label (the 4th Thursday of the month). It is emailed on Wednesday and snail-mailed Friday. This gives the members who receive the newsletter by email a two-day advantage (plus mail transit time) over those who have chosen snail mail for delivery.

In May the board changed the email day to 48 hours after the newsletter goes to the printer. Isn't that the same as Monday to Wednesday? Not in all cases. Consider what happens when the newsletter is sent to the printer early. In April, the newsletter went to the printer on Tuesday the 18th, 6 days early. Under our old news cycle it would be emailed on its normal day— Wednesday before Seal and Label. Under the revised system it would be emailed 48 hours after going to the printer, or the following Thursday, 8 days before it is snail mailed. This is a real advantage for those who have selected the email option.

So what is my point?

- ✓ If you want to get your LSM news earlier each month, it is to your advantage to sign up for email delivery. It is easy. Log onto the new American Mensa Website, click on your profile to the right of the screen, and select "I prefer to receive my local publications electronically if available."
- ✓ If you think bureaucracy is negative and if that thought causes you to ignore board meetings, standing rules, and other tools of bureaucracy, you may be missing out on opportunities available to you.



STATUS REPORT

Member Concerns/Action Plans

Submitted by Don Drumtra, LocSec

In April, I reported that we had begun work on 16 of our 44 action plans (37 %). As of May 4, two more have been started and others have become active. See the notes under the May board meeting for the complete status report and for specific items of interest at, <http://www.lsm.us.mensa.org/bylaws/board/>

Of particular interest this month:

- *The Website Working Group developed a set of planning factors for the redesign of the Website, which the board approved on May 4.*
- *An interactive online comprehensive calendar was established on the Website with the capability for all members to be able to update it via Google Calendar.*
- *An interactive online topic list for monthly meetings was established on the Website, allowing all members to add topics for the monthly meeting.*

The board declined to mark any items as resolved. Instead it will be developing criteria that must be met for an item to be considered resolved. Board members wanted to be sure that specific member concerns have been met and have not been whitewashed just for the sake of reporting.

The complete status report, action plans, and the Member Concerns Report are available at <http://www.lsm.us.mensa.org/bylaws/ASIEs/#GI>



FROM THE RVC

Submitted by Roger Durham

Another election cycle is over, and at the Annual Gathering a new

American Mensa Committee, your national Board of Directors, will take office. Some of the members will be the same, some will be new, and some may be in new positions. At the first meeting of the new AMC, one of the first duties of the Chair will be to nominate four people to hold the four appointed offices on the AMC: the Membership Officer, the Communications Officer, the Development Officer, and the Director of Science and Education. Soon after that, the Chair will be

nominating chairs for a number of national committees. You can find the complete list of committee chairs in the 2011 Directory contained in the March issue of the Mensa Bulletin. Some of these appointees will wish to continue in office, and if they have done a good job the Chair will probably reappoint them, but inevitably there will be some offices that require new faces. The Chair is responsible for finding volunteers for those vacant offices.

But out of nearly 60,000 members of American Mensa, how can the Chair know who is interested in these positions, and who would make good candidates for them? The answer is, of course, that she can't. Inevitably, therefore, the people who are appointed end up being people the Chair has worked with in the past, and in whom she has confidence; in short, her friends. Elissa and her predecessors would be the first to admit that this is not a particularly fair system, nor is it particularly effective. Those who have criticized national Chairs in the past for cronyism have usually missed the point, however. The system was not intended to be unfair or inefficient – quite the reverse. The Chair has usually made every effort to make the best appointments possible. The problem is that there simply was

no good way to make better appointments, because there was no way to know what other good candidates might be getting overlooked.

For this reason some have suggested that more of these offices should be elective. That would make the process more democratic, it's true, but most of these offices are not representative in nature. Instead, they have specific responsibilities that require specific skills. The system required to fill these posts effectively is much more like a hiring process than an election, since elections, after all, frequently tend to be mere popularity contests. Consequently, I for one am opposed to creating more elective offices at the national level. However, there is an alternative.

In the near future, the national office will be rolling out a new website for American Mensa. One of the features of that new site will be a sign-up area for anyone who would like to volunteer at the national level. Everyone will be able to look over the job descriptions and put their name forward for appointment to one of these offices. You will then have the opportunity to submit a resume' showing how you are qualified for that particular post. Not just the Chair but the entire AMC will have the ability to look at every volunteer's qualifications and make nominations. So when you see the announcement of the new sign-up process, please take a look at the job descriptions and ask yourself if you could be effective in one of them. Then sign up!

MONTHLY MEETING NOTICE

Submitted By Don Drumtra, LocSec

Last month I outlined the new procedures for monthly meetings based on the Member Concerns Report Recommendations. Members may submit discussion topics and sponsor speakers that they would like to hear. And we've changed the rule so that now members may themselves be presenters at the monthly meetings. The Program Coordinator will schedule the facility, prepare copy for the newsletter and Media Coordinator, turn on the projector, be sure that chairs are available, and coordinate other meeting details.

The topic list is now online and anyone may add topics to it. Go to the LSM Website, <http://www/lsm.us.mensa.org>, click on Member Meetings, click on the link "Online Topic List," see what is there, and add your topic and related information. Of course you can still email your topic to me at drumtra@aol.com or call 512-291-0315 if you prefer. Please let me know if the list does not work for you.

For our June meeting Rose Berkowitz, our newsletter and calendar editor, plans to present and lead a discussion about Starting a Formal Discussion Group. She plans to solicit your opinions as to when, where, how often, topics, format, and other details related to such groups.

STARTING A FORMAL DISCUSSION GROUP

Submitted by Rose Berkowitz, Editor

What? Starting a Formal Discussion Group
Who? Rose M. Berkowitz, ALG Editor
When? June 8, 7-8:30 PM
Where? Northwest Village Branch Library
(See calendar for details.)

Amidst the long drawn-out recovery from the Great Recession, an unprecedented flowering of intellectual life is under way. People in New York, San Francisco and other cities are attending intellectual get-togethers in unprecedented numbers. Yes, everyone feels overwhelmed, whether by mounting bills, political uncertainty, or natural disasters. Yet more and more people are drawn to public venues of discourse and conviviality to think, engage with others, flirt, and add something meaningful to their lives. They are 21st-

century versions of the classic salon, venues where ideas matter.

Groups may be organized in various ways, such as:

- ❖ Along the lines of the traditional discussion-group format known as the General Conversation, where an appointed leader offers a brief introductory commentary focusing the discussion and then invites those in attendance to jump in.
- ❖ Using the "talking stick" model developed by some American Indian tribes, where only the person with the stick can speak and no one may interrupt or speak until the stick is passed to them.
- ❖ Following the ideas suggested by the Utne Neighborhood Salon movement, which spawned a wide variety of groups of all types.

❖ On-line blogs and forums.

These are just a sampling of the spreading grassroots movements sweeping the nation. They speak to a great desire to reflect seriously on important ideas and issues and to meet like-minded people. If you are interested in exploring the possibility of setting up a salon/formal LSM discussion group to meet regularly, I hope you will attend and participate in this meeting.

For more on this, see **Salons: A New Intellectual Culture is Taking Shape Throughout the Country**, by David Rosen: <http://tinyurl.com/3ud9933>

AMERICAN MENSA ONLINE: WHAT DO YOU WANT TO DO TODAY?

Submitted by Harold Prince, American Mensa Committee

Over a two-year period and with the input of many members in multiple evaluation stages, our Web team has been diligently working on what we've referred to internally as a renavigation or remenuing of our primary Web site. Others have likened it to pulling all of the books off the library shelves (thousands, actually) and then reshelving them, occasionally building new shelves along the way.

During the past year, our members, officers and staff have provided information on how they would sort the Web site, the terminology they would use, and even their preferences for top menus vs. side menus. The input we've received from them has been invaluable - though we won't be using the Dewey Decimal System!

What's new and different? The menus have been renamed and reorganized. There is a mobile interface (we're still tweaking it!). InsideAML as a separate Web site is no longer, and its content has been merged back into the main site under the LEAD menu. There is still a "My Mensa" menu for our members, but much of your site customization will occur in a right-side menu of tools available throughout the site. Then there's the search engine. With a new site and new software comes a new search engine, and well - admittedly - it just works.

YOUR SUDOKU PUZZLE

Weekly Extremes, sudoku.org.uk

Submitted by Douglas Yee



May (Corrected)

	1			5		3		
			3		4			9
5					8			6
	6	1					4	
				8				
	5					6	9	
1		2	8					4
8			7	3				
		9					2	

Last month's puzzle had a typo, for which I apologize. Doug told me "The mistake is in the 4th row. The '6' and '1' should be shifted to the right one column." So here is the corrected version, and a new one for June.

June

2	4		8		6		5	9
			4			3	8	
7					2			1
	3						2	
8			9					6
	1	6			8			
				5				
9	8		2		3		1	5

Each Sudoku has a unique solution that can be reached logically without guessing. Enter digits from 1 to 9 into the blank spaces. Every row must contain one of each digit. So must every column, and every 3x3 square.

BE CAREFUL WHAT YOU WISH FOR!

By Ron Edelstein

There has been much talk of late (say, the past ten years or so, particularly) of regime changes to promote democracy in various countries, particularly in the Middle East. Even back to the time of World War I, the “Great World War”, the slogan was “Making the world safe for democracy.” Well, let’s think about that for a moment. Is that really what we want for these countries? Just what is democracy anyway and why do we want everyone to have it? Let’s take a look.

First of all, there is the great misapprehension held by many Americans that we live in a democracy. Sorry folks, but we don’t. The United States is not a democracy, never has been and was never intended to be. It is a republic. There is an essential difference between a democracy and a republic. For one thing, a true democracy simply would not have worked on a national scale until the end of the 20th Century, and even now it would be very dicey. Other than various aboriginal tribes in North America and elsewhere, democracy has not existed on anything that could be called a national scale since Classical Greece. Even then it was on the scale of a city that you could traverse on foot in less than a day. Rome was the first national republic, and that is the model the Founders of the United States drew upon for this country

So what’s the difference? In a democracy, all policy decisions are made by a vote of all the citizens. In a republic, the citizens elect persons to represent them in making those policy decisions. In some cases they elect people to elect the people who make them, such as our Electoral College. The Electoral College actually elects the President and Vice President of the United States—not the people directly. We have seen this clearly demonstrated in some recent elections, where the popular vote did not elect the President. On a scale of a country the size of the United States, a democratic process to make all public policy decisions, even in this day of super-connectedness, simply won’t work.

OK, so what does that have to do with the original question? Simply this: we are loudly proclaiming that countries such as Iraq, Egypt, Tunisia, Libya, Oman, Bahrain, and now Syria, should be “democratic” and have governments which represent the “will of the people.” Careful folks, we might just get it!

What would it mean if the countries mentioned managed to install truly democratic governments, even in the same sense as the United States—a freely elected democratic republic? What if then they elected a government which is cool towards the U.S. and the

Western nations? Or even hostile? Would we then accept that was their freely selected choice and respect it? What if it were a theocracy on the pattern of Iran, except actually elected by the people? Well, that’s what supporting a democratically elected government means. It means accepting whatever the people of the country, of their own free will, choose—whether it’s favorable to us or not.

While it is probable that the people of Tunisia, Egypt, Oman, Libya and other similar countries would prefer a secular Islamic government, probably somewhat along the line of Turkey, there is no guarantee of that. And an Islamic government, even a secular one, doesn’t necessarily mean it will be favorable to the West. Syria, though a dictatorship, is the most secular government in the Middle East, and definitely not “Western-friendly.” The same was true of Iraq under Saddam Hussein. (Iraq’s current government is such a muddled mess that no one really knows what it favors or not.) If Assad of Syria is brought down and replaced by a democratically elected secular government, it still may be just as anti-US—and anti-Israel-- as is Assad. Of course the U.S. and other Western countries are afraid that the pro-US and at least Israel-tolerant dictator of Egypt and the kings or sheiks of Bahrain, Saudi Arabia and Jordan may be replaced by hostile governments. But what if they are legitimately elected? We have no choice, by our own publicly proclaimed principles, but to accept them.

So now NATO is intervening in Libya. There is no assurance that, even with NATO’s help, the Libyan rebels will succeed in getting rid of Qaddafi and his family. And even if they do, the shape of the new government is completely up in the air. Qaddafi could be replaced by another strong man, just as Qaddafi replaced the former Libyan king. Or it could be a military junta for an indefinite time. Or it could be an Islamic republic (a real one, not like the one in Iran). And any of them could be hostile to Western countries. Gratitude for help in war lasts about as long as a snow cone on a hot Texas summer afternoon. And almost before the shooting stops at the deposition of the old dictator, the various factions start sharpening their swords to take on each other. Which side would we support then?

So what is the solution? I don’t know, but I would suggest it would be to 1) cautiously support the side that seems to offer the best choice to the people who have to live in the country, 2) don’t get too involved in the politics of the matter, and 3) be willing to accept whatever shakes out—good, bad or indifferent. After all, in a free society, people get the government they ask for—and deserve.

So be careful what you wish for—you just might get it!

CultureQuest[®]-ion of the Day

- Who was the world famous Argentine Grand Master chess player who died in 1997?
- In "Dr. Who," what does TARDIS stand for?

- Give the full computer term usually designated by DOS.

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FOR ALL YOU PUNSTERS ☺

- ✚ *To write with a broken pencil is pointless.*
- ✚ *When fish are in schools they sometimes take debate.*
- ✚ *A thief who stole a calendar got twelve months.*
- ✚ *When the smog lifts in Los Angeles, U.C.L.A.*
- ✚ *The professor discovered that her theory of earthquakes was on shaky ground.*
- ✚ *The batteries were given out free of charge.*
- ✚ *A dentist and a manicurist married. They fought tooth and nail.*
- ✚ *A will is a dead giveaway.*
- ✚ *If you don't pay your exorcist you can get repossessed.*
- ✚ *With her marriage, she got a new name and a dress.*
- ✚ *Show me a piano falling down a mineshaft and I'll show you A-flat miner.*
- ✚ *You are stuck with your debt if you can't budge it.*
- ✚ *Local Area Network in Australia: The LAN down under.*
- ✚ *A boiled egg is hard to beat.*
- ✚ *When you've seen one shopping center you've seen a mall.*
- ✚ *Police were called to a day care where a three-year-old was resisting a rest.*
- ✚ *Did you hear about the fellow whose whole left side was cut off? He's all right now.*
- ✚ *If you take a laptop computer for a run you could jog your memory.*
- ✚ *A bicycle can't stand alone; it is two-tired.*
- ✚ *In a democracy it's your vote that counts; in feudalism, it's your Count that votes.*
- ✚ *When a clock is hungry it goes back four seconds.*
- ✚ *The guy who fell onto an upholstery machine was fully recovered.*
- ✚ *He had a photographic memory which was never developed.*
- ✚ *Those who get too big for their britches will be exposed in the end.*
- ✚ *When she saw her first strands of gray hair, she thought she'd dye.*
- ✚ *Acupuncture: a jab well done.*

HELP WANTED: TESTING COORDINATOR

By Don Drumtra

This month we're featuring the Testing Coordinator position. Duties include handling the administrative details of The local group's testing program and acting as the liaison between the proctors and the local group, as well as between the prospects and the proctors. This is a well-defined position. Our web site has the full list of vacant positions. If any of them interest you, contact me or any officer/board member, and we'll be glad to tell you more.

SAY IT

By Lynn Herrick

*it's all one
see?
you say it with a word
or a golden-orange whiplash
or the tinkling of notes
clambering over the staff
it's all the same
see?
whatever says it
the thing is
say it
when there's nothing to say
for god's sake
say it*

*only when you speak from the silence
do you speak
and then you can't*

*ommmmmmmmm
travel into unspeak
where things are
instead of having names
where each atom is real
instead of being something
once you've escaped into the real
world
you may never want to come back*

*only when you speak from the silence
do you speak
and then you can't*

BEYOND WORDS

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Words cannot contain the magic...

*I am floating naked
In the warm, crystal water
Of my hot tub.*

*The moon shines down so brightly,
Directly on my pale, white skin.
Gentle waves lapping,
Shining, slipping slowly over
Open arms and legs,
Open heart and mind.*

*Bathed in beauty,
Formed in beauty,
Receiving beauty.*

*Wind sighs and trees murmur,
Clouds trace their pathways
Across the rolling sky.
Shadows dance across my patio,
Forming fascinating filigrees
Of lyrical, lacy illusion.*

*Body like a Delphic temple,
Curves divine and alabaster,
Mysterious and lush.*

*Remember this night,
Remember this feeling,
Remember this wonder.*



This is fascinating!

The most intimate look at the human body in 3-D ever

The first online 3-D interactive search tool goes online via a new tool called BodyMaps. The most impressive look at the human anatomy, developed by Healthline Networks,

Article: <http://www.smartplanet.com/blog/science-scope/the-most-intimate-look-at-the-human-body-in-3-d-ever/8218?tag=nl.e662>

Healthline Body Maps: <http://www.healthline.com/>

If you have a web site link you think might interest your fellow Mensans, send the details to me at editor@lsm.us.mensa.org



LAST MONTH'S PRESENTATION

By Rose Berkowitz

I was unable to attend, but I'm told the nine members who did were generally pleased with Dr. Grabbe's presentation on the Challenger and Columbia space shuttle accidents, and with the Q & A session afterwards. Dr. Grabbe has given similar presentations, with more detailed technical analysis, to several other university and scientific organizations.

Following his presentation, Don Drumtra administered a short survey asking the participants for their comments and topics for future monthly meeting speakers. Those topics have been added to the on-line topic list.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

[Following is a letter I received from **Tom Spillman** in response to my December 2010 column on "Lies." - Editor]

Rose,

I read your latest column in the Armadillo Literary Gazette with some interest and a few surprises.

I feel sorry for you, being lied to all of the time! I wonder how I get along with so little feeling of being lied to?

I agree that there is often little difference between police and criminals on television. Of course there is the question: how much verisimilitude is present on most television shows? They are not "reality" shows but are "entertainment". I've known a number of policemen, including an FBI agent who used to take his gun off when he entered our home and he stored it in the cloak closet by the door. Few of the sort of policemen I've been friends with are similar to criminals.

As to abstention, perhaps it's a generational thing, but when I was a teenager I knew no one who had had sex. We boys talked a lot about it, but with little direct knowledge. We had no teenage pregnancy in our school that I was aware of. Of course, I graduated in 1948 and things seem to have loosened somewhat by now, but not in the circles I frequent. I have two daughters and I hope I am right about their behavior.

Likewise, I know no one who smokes marijuana. I'm not certain I'd recognize its distinctive odor if I smelled it, and I've never tried it.

And I must be foolish. I believed that if I finished school and worked hard I could succeed. I guess I am naive, but I've also been moderately successful. In fact I got my MBA from going to school at night while working all day. My wife and I are comfortable. We are far from rich, but if

there's something we really want we buy it. Luckily, we have frugal tastes and few such desires.

I met no business men during my career who lacked a conscience, other than in the television stories and films. Consider the "connections" comment. I've been in the position of starting a new project and having to staff it with my career on the line. What would you do? Go with people you KNEW could deliver or go with some unknown? I guess I'm bad, because I went with people I knew! Does that make me evil?

People should have responsibility for their own actions and decisions. I have maintained my weight for years, regardless of all the fast food restaurants and larger-sized snacks and deserts that abound. I am 5' 11", weigh 166 pounds and have a 35" waist. Is it a surprise that ignoring the caloric density of foods will lead to obesity? People should not be automatons and must take responsibility for their actions and decisions. We should not react without considering the consequences of our actions!

For what it's worth, I've never seen a commercial on a screen above a urinal. I see no spam or pop-up ads on my PC. I have software to block them. I've not received a single telemarketer's call on my cellphone and if we get such a call on our regular phone line, my regular answer is: "we do nothing by telephone solicitation" and then hang up. We get few such calls anymore.

I ignore the ads on television and the publications I read. We rarely go to a theater so we seldom see those commercials before films anymore (we choose the films we wish to see and watch them on Netflix, either from a DVD or via direct download).

It doesn't bother me if buildings are named for sponsors. They have to pay handsomely for the privilege and the schools or towns benefit from the extra revenue.

I've heard NOTHING about Bush trying to sell the Smithsonian exhibits to the highest bidder. I Googled it and found nothing to back it up. I think this is nothing but an urban rumor started by political opponents of his.

Apparently you believe that no one has the ability to evaluate anything they hear. I do have this ability and I certainly hope most Mensans do as well. I can spot "double-speak" and I, too, have a bullshit detector which works quite well. As to outsourcing, I suggest you read http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/David_Ricardo

I remember my first course in economics where this subject came up almost fifty years ago. The theory has been settled for many years.

A politician can get away with saying one thing and then doing another only if the voters let him.

I have not seen a single TV program on the Kardashians, since I have no interest in that subject. I or my wife have the remote control in our house and we have hundreds of channels to choose from, most of which are NOT showing the Kardashians. You have the right to choose what you wish, or are you proposing some government entity do it for you? If so, I'll resist such an intrusion in MY life.

You can make all of this stop anytime you want by taking the appropriate action. Choose channels with care. Arrive at the movie theater a few minutes before the film starts, or use a DVR or a DVD service. You don't have to take it. Only you can control what you watch or listen to. We certainly control those things in our house! Who controls them for you?

This is the **final report for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2011**. All our programs spent at or under budget except Symposia, which got charged with the coffee cups. Membership spent the least of the allocated money. We have assets of \$28,517.43, of which \$18,000 is in designated funds for RG, Education, and Scholarships. We have \$3,891 in liabilities and reserves, of which the Accounts Payable have had the checks written in April.

Submitted by Linda Edelstein, Treasurer

Lone Star Mensa								
Table 1. 2010-2011 Program Activity Analysis Summary								
April 1 - March 31								
Programs	--- Summary Year to Date ---				--- Summary by Quarter ---			
	2010 Budget		12 months	%	3 months	3 months	3 months	3 months
	12 Months	12 months	Total		Apr-Jun	Jul-Sep	Oct-Dec	Jan-Mar
Membership Program								
Total Revenue	\$ 900.00	\$ 900.00	\$ 682.00	76%	\$ 112.00	\$ 211.00	\$ 286.00	\$ 73.00
Total Expenses	900.00	900.00	121.66	14%	0.72	24.29	-	96.65
Communications Program								
Total Revenue	3,900.00	3,900.00	3,907.80	100%	976.95	976.95	976.95	976.95
Total Expenses	3,900.00	3,900.00	2,979.08	76%	652.40	700.26	660.93	965.49
Symposia Program								
Total Revenue	1,200.00	1,200.00	1,393.00	116%	300.00	300.00	493.00	300.00
Total Expenses	1,200.00	1,200.00	1,328.64	111%	30.00	245.75	1,001.37	51.52
Education Program								
Total Revenue	480.00	480.00	480.00	100%	120.00	120.00	120.00	120.00
Total Expenses	480.00	480.00	156.01	33%	400.00	(362.56)	85.45	33.12
Common Activities								
Total Revenue	150.00	150.00	138.90	93%	26.40	37.50	37.50	37.50
Total Expenses	150.00	150.00	46.24	31%	5.44	3.32	-	37.48
All Programs								
Total Revenue	\$ 6,630.00	6,630.00	6,601.70	100%	1,535.35	1,645.45	1,913.45	1,507.45
Total Expenses	6,630.00	6,630.00	4,631.63	70%	1,088.56	611.06	1,747.75	1,184.26
Total Programs	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,970.07		\$ 446.79	\$ 1,034.39	\$ 165.70	\$ 323.19
LonestaRG								
Total Revenue	\$ 4,200.00		4,627.79	0%	-	4,627.79	-	-
Total Expenses	4,000.00		3,966.04	0%	-	3,966.04	-	-
Total Disbursements	\$ 200.00		661.75	0%	-	661.75	-	-
Undistributed Rev and Exp								
Total Revenue	\$ 760.40	760.40	224.10	29%	102.44	358.79	165.96	(403.09)
Total Expenses	-	-	-	0%	-	-	-	-
Total Undistributed	\$ 760.40	\$ 760.40	\$ 224.10	29%	\$ 102.44	\$ 358.79	\$ 165.96	\$ (403.09)
Net Revenue	\$ 760.40	\$ 760.40	\$ 2,194.17		\$ 549.23	\$ 1,393.18	\$ 331.66	\$ (79.90)

	Date	Item	Cost	Serial No.	Custody
LSM	2006	ALG Software	\$481.32		Rachael Stewart
Equipment	2007	J Projector	\$499.99	EMP 54 - J3VF71731TL	Don Drumira
	2005-2	Testing material	\$37.50	13 take home tests	?

Lone Star Mensa					
Table 2. 2010-2011 Balances Analysis Summary					
March 31					
	Apr 1	Jun 30	Sep 30	Dec 31	Mar 31
Members	657	544	573	603	658
Rank	29	29	29	29	29
RG Registrants 2009/2010/2011	22/31/0	39/34/0	83/78/23	83/78/24	83/78/24
Assets					
Current Assets					
Cash	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,291.05	\$ -
Checking Account	9,120.00	10,034.98	11,923.31	3,291.05	4,155.64
Certificates of Deposit	15,541.53	15,541.53	15,622.01	23,622.01	23,679.50
Le: Funds and Obligations	(18,000.00)	(18,000.00)	(18,000.00)	(18,000.00)	(18,000.00)
Accounts Receivable	-	-	-	-	-
Interest Receivable (Allocated)	-	195.00	309.52	504.52	-
Prepaid Postage	342.02	210.91	83.73	452.36	314.30
Prepaid RG 2010	136.83	139.95	0.00	0.00	0.00
Prepaid RG 2011	-	-	179.26	276.43	281.75
Prepaid Take Home Tests	37.50	37.50	37.50	37.50	37.50
Other Prepaid Expenses	-	-	-	60.00	60.00
Total Current Assets	\$ 7,177.88	\$ 8,159.87	\$ 10,155.33	\$ 10,243.87	\$ 10,528.69
Long Term Assets					
Scholarship Endowment	7,000.00	7,000.00	7,000.00	7,000.00	7,000.00
Education Fund	8,000.00	8,000.00	8,000.00	8,000.00	8,000.00
RG Fund	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00
Equipment Acquired Value	981.31	981.31	981.31	981.31	981.31
Le: Equipment Expensed Value	(853.57)	(878.32)	(903.07)	(927.82)	(952.57)
Other Long Term Assets	-	-	-	-	-
Total Long Term Assets	\$18,127.74	\$18,102.99	\$ 18,078.24	\$ 18,053.49	\$ 18,028.74
Total Assets	\$25,305.62	\$26,262.86	\$ 28,233.57	\$ 28,297.36	\$ 28,557.43
Liabilities and App					
Accounts Payable	\$ 194.08	\$ 176.84	\$ 623.16	\$ 205.04	\$ 434.76
Scholarships Es	\$2,692.92	587.19	662.19	690.36	840.36
RG Escrow 2010 Sub	840.00	1,155.00	(0.00)	(0.00)	(0.00)
RG Escrow 2011	\$4,192.92	-	925.00	965.00	965.00
RG Reserve	895.13	895.13	1,192.92	1,192.92	1,192.92
Eqmt Replacement Appropriation	357.75	393.00	426.25	463.50	488.75
Other Liabilities and Appropriations	-	-	-	-	-
Total Liabilities and Appropriations	\$ 2,874.15	\$ 3,282.16	\$ 3,859.69	\$ 3,591.82	\$ 3,931.79
Net Assets					
LoneStar Mensa Net Assets	22,431.47	22,980.70	24,373.88	24,705.54	24,625.64
Total Net Assets	\$22,431.47	\$22,980.70	\$ 24,373.88	\$ 24,705.54	\$ 24,625.64
Total Liabilities, Approp., and Net Assets	\$25,305.62	\$26,262.86	\$ 28,233.57	\$ 28,297.36	\$ 28,557.43
Balance sheet check sum	0	0	0	0	0

Lone Star Mensa
2010-2011 Cumulative Program Activity Statement
(Income Statement)
 April 1 - March 31

	Annual Budget	Actual to Date	100%
Membership Program			
Total Revenue	\$ 900.00	\$ 682.00	76%
Total Expenses	\$ 900.00	\$ 121.66	14%
Communications Program			
Total Revenue	\$ 3,900.00	\$ 3,907.80	100%
Total Expenses	\$ 3,900.00	\$ 2,979.08	76%
Symposia Program			
Total Revenue	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,200.00	100%
Total Expenses	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,319.60	110%
Education Program			
Total Revenue	\$ 480.00	\$ 480.00	100%
Total Expenses	\$ 480.00	\$ 116.59	24%
Common Activities			
Total Revenue	\$ 150.00	\$ 138.90	93%
Total Expenses	\$ 150.00	\$ 46.24	31%
All Programs			
Total Revenue	\$ 6,630.00	\$ 6,408.70	97%
Total Expenses	\$ 6,630.00	\$ 4,583.17	69%
Total Programs	\$ -	\$ 1,825.53	
LonestaRG			
Total Revenue	\$ 4,200.00	\$ 4,627.79	110%
Total Expenses	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 3,966.04	99%
Total Disbursements	\$ 200.00	\$ 661.75	331%
Undistributed Rev and Exp			
Total Revenue	\$ 760.40	\$ 224.10	29%
Total Expenses	\$ 760.40	\$ -	0%
Net Revenue	\$ -	\$ 2,049.63	

Lone Star Mensa
2010-2011 Balance Sheet
 March 31

Assets	
Current Assets	
Cash	\$ -
Checking Account	4,155.64
Certificates of Deposit	23,679.50
Less Funds & Obligations	(18,000.00)
Accounts Receivable	-
Interest Receivable (Allocated)	-
Prepaid Expenses	693.55
Total Current Assets	\$10,528.69
Long Term Assets	
Funds	18,000.00
Equipment	28.74
Other Long Term Assets	-
Total Long Term Assets	18,028.74
Total Assets	\$ 28,557.43
Liabilities, Approp., and Net Assets	
Liabilities and Appropriations	
Accounts Payable	\$ 434.76
Escrow Accounts	1,730.76
RG Reserve	1,192.92
Eqprnt Replacement Appropriation	498.75
Other Liabilities and Appropriations	-
Total Liabilities and Appropriations	\$ 3,857.19
Net Assets	24,700.64
Total Liabilities, Approp., and Net Assets	\$ 28,557.43



**JUNE
MEMBER NEWS**
(as of 04/30/11)

Happy Birthday**

- 1 Richard G Apel
- 1 Donald W Drumtra
- 1 John B Sanders
- 3 V O Speights Jr
- 3 Michele Vaughan
- 4 Glen Morehead
- 5 Thomas O Myer
- 5 Philip D Ryals
- 8 Thomas Cloyd
- 9 Cassandra Cher Joy
- 11 Clarence Lynn Cossey
- 11 Rick Reeder
- 12 Jeff Dommengo
- 13 Chris Markey
- 13 Timothy Raines
- 14 James R Thomas II

- 15 Taylor Griffin Smith
- 17 John A Kulas II
McCartney Melville
- 17 Taylor I
- 18 Patricia Ann Drumtra
- 19 Reiser Mayne
- 22 Jaeyoun Kim
- 22 Amanda MacLennan
- 22 Paul Rabago
- 23 William S Oliver
- 24 Lawrence E Drake
- 27 Dean McCormick
- 28 Ian Ball
- 28 Cody A Melcher
- 28 Rudolph Saenz
- 29 Cristen M Graham
- 30 Madison R Jones

New Members

- Ravina J Nelson
- Cory D Stout

Just Moved In

- Jasbina Ahluwala
- Rodney Appling
- Mike Hansen
- Keith A Johnson
- William S Oliver
- Bryan Tutton

Welcome Back

- Wayne William Banks
- Adam DeRidder
- Richard Hamel
- Mamta Jayavardhan
- Amanda Lacy

Member for 35 Years

Arval W Bohn

Member for 5 Years

Sarah McCormick

** We can't acknowledge your birthday if you've restricted that information in your member profile. To check, log in to the AML web site



- Planned speaker topics include Fantastic Fest, Haunted House Special Effects, Dinosaurs, Forensic Entomology, and Vampire Literature
- Lots of workshops, including Self-Defense, Tarot, Thriller Dance and Zombie makeup

- Zombie Prom
- Abundant Hospitality with meals, veggies, snacks, soda, beer, wine, margaritas
- Chili Pepper Tasting
- Name That Movie
- Games and contests
- Goodies and Prizes
- BBBRRRAAIINNNSSS!!!!

LonestarRG XIII is certain to be a (not too) scary good time for everyone! Co-chairs Geri & John Neemidge are planning a giant Halloween bash, LonestarRG-style. Come haunt the Wingate with us and have a devilishly delightful time!

Registration is only \$50 until June 17, \$60 to July 15. Children 9-17 half price, 8 and under free. Send registrations to Patsy Graham, 5804 Shoal Creek Blvd, Austin, TX 78757-3124 (mensapats@att.net). To register online via PayPal, get a printable registration form, view preliminary program information, see pictures from last year's RG, and more, see the web page at <http://www.lsm.us.mensa.org/events/rg>.

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 \$85/night. The room rate includes a hot buffet breakfast. For reservations call 512-341-7000; our group code is LSMG.

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN JUNE?

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Board Meeting	2	3	4 Mensa Test
5	6	7	8 Membership Meeting	9 ALG Deadline Chess Night, TGIT-N	10	11 RG Committee Meeting
12	13	14	15	16 TGIT-S	17	18
19	20	21 Eclectic Eats	22	23 TGIT-N, Seal & Label	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		

See the online calendar for the latest additions, cancellations, or changes to calendar items. Online calendar inputs may be submitted at any time.

Calendar input for the printed calendar is due by the second Thursday of each month for the following month's calendar.

Board of Officers Meeting

1st Wednesday (except July)

June 1, 6:00-7:00pm

Home of Ron and Linda Edelstein
1439 Dapplegrey Lane, Austin, TX
Contact the Board Secretary, Patty Drumtra, to get an item on the agenda. Officers are encouraged to attend and all members are welcome.

Mensa Admissions Testing

June 4, 9:00 AM

West Lake Hills Library
1309 Westbank Drive, Austin, TX,
512.327.3045
Contact johnrpfeiffer@hotmail.com

Monthly Membership Meeting

2nd Wednesday

June 8, 7:00 - 8:30 PM

Northwest Village Branch Library,
512-974-9960
2505 Steck Avenue, Austin, TX
Near the corner of Steck and Burnet
8200 N x 2505 W on the Austin city grid

ALG Submissions Deadline

2nd Thursday

June 9, Midnight

Article and calendar submissions are due by midnight on the 2nd Thursday of each month.

Chess Night (with the TGIT group)

2nd Thursday (canceled or moved on holidays)

June 9, 6-8 PM

Central Market Café North
Have a go at beating the previous winner, or just watch and learn. Bring your chess sets if you have them. Hosted by Douglas Yee. See the TGIT entry for directions.

Thank Goodness it's Thursday (TGIT)

2nd, 3rd & 4th Thursdays (moved on holidays)

June 9 (North Lamar)

June 16 (South Lamar)

June 23 (North Lamar)

6:00-8:00pm

Central Market Café North at Central Park:

4401 N. Lamar Blvd., Austin, TX,
512-206-1020

East of N. Lamar between 38th and 4th Streets; on the south side of the store.

Central Market Café South at Westgate:

4477 S. Lamar Blvd., Austin, TX,
512-899-4300

on the south side of the S. Lamar access road (the south access road of I-290/SR7) between Westgate Blvd. and Frontier Trail; east side of the store.

Meet us at the Café for conversation, food and fun. Prospective members welcome. Look for a Mensa sign or folks with Mensa shirts who appear smart. ☺

RG Committee Meeting

Saturday, June 11, 2-4 pm

Home of Patsy Graham
512-380-0141

5804 Shoal Creek Blvd, Austin, TX,
All members welcome. This RG is LSM's biggest event of the year. Please bring your ideas, get to know the team, and take your pick from many different kinds of jobs. Contact John or Geri Neemidge at 512-310-7863 or lsrq13@neemidge.net.

Eclectic Eats

Tuesday, June 21, 7:00 p.m.

Asters Ethiopian Restaurant
2808 N. IH-35, Austin, TX
512-469-5966

www.astersethiopian.com

Asters is on the southbound access road at the NW corner of I-35 and Dean Keeton. Join your fellow Lone Star Mensans to welcome summer in deliciously splendid style! The menu features a wide variety of options: spicy and less spicy, vegetarian and carnivorous; all-in-all a truly scrumptious foray into cuisine that is enticingly exotic for many of us. RSVP by Sunday, June 19, to Aaron Rabushka at 512/280-2807 or arabushka@austin.rr.com.

Seal & Label

4th Thursday (moved on holidays)

June 23, 6:00-8:00pm

Central Market Café North
4001 N. Lamar Blvd., Austin, TX, 512-206-1020

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

UPCOMING IN JULY

July 6th, Board Meeting

July 9th, Mensa Admissions Test

July 13th, Member Meeting

July 21st, Chess Night, ALG Deadline

July 14th, 21st, and 28th, TGIT

July 28th, Seal & Label

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