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## EDITOR'S CHOICE

Submitted By *Rose Berkowitz*



We recently received an interesting suggestion. J.D. Jamieson would like to see a new feature in the newsletter: original, favorite personal recipes from our members. I think this is a great idea, and hope you do, too. If you'll send in your recipes, I'll be happy to publish them in future issues. In this issue we're featuring a recipe for Korean BBQ ribs. (See page 7.) Sounds delicious!

And remember—I'm always glad to hear from you. So please send in not only those recipes, but also your comments, ideas, poetry, essays, or whatever else you'd like to contribute. No particular word limit, but emailed submissions are appreciated. Send them to [editor@lsm.us.mensa.org](mailto:editor@lsm.us.mensa.org).

*If you wish to make an apple pie truly from scratch,  
you must first invent the universe*  
- **Carl Sagan**

## MEMBER MEETINGS

Submitted by *Angela Adams, Symposia Chair*

### June

June's member meeting was attended by six mindful Mensans who were interested in the practice of meditation. We learned that most of the time, we are not really here, but in the past or future. Our consciousness is frantic, unruly, and distracted, and this state of mindlessness causes suffering in ourselves and others. As the Buddha once stated, "Whatever an enemy might do to an enemy, or a foe to a foe, the ill-directed mind can do to you even worse."

To combat our mental overstimulation, we need a respite from too much thinking. Mindfulness is paying attention to the present as it unfolds, without judgments. If you've ever become hyperaware of your surroundings and felt like time slowed, then you may have already experienced a form of

mindfulness. It is a skill that anyone can learn and use during every aspect of your life. With practice, you can learn to accept whatever life throws at you with equanimity, whether it is a lucky surprise or a bee sting to the eye.

### July

For the month of July, the monthly member meeting will be the Monday right after the Annual Gathering (which I highly encourage all members to attend if you can!) The AG won't be this close again for many years). Since I am going to the AG and spending an extra night and day in the Dallas-Fort Worth area, I won't make it back in time for the member meeting. Therefore, the topic of the meeting will be simply Random Discussion Topics.

## A WORD TO THE WISE

Submitted by John Neemidge, LocSec

This month I wanted to venture into an area I haven't discussed much in my LocSec columns: LSM's finances. We have just concluded our annual financial report (which goes off to American Mensa's National Office). Many of the details are beyond the scope of what I want to talk about, but I thought some of you might be interested in the big picture.

The very short state of our finances is that we're doing well (and possibly too well). Our biggest revenue sources over the year are the National subsidy (the portion of member dues that National sends to the local group) and our Lone Star RG, which is, right now, running roughly at break-even. The National subsidy, on the other hand, covers all our other



expenses (primarily printing and postage for the newsletter, Symposia, party expenses and other things). We do have funds set aside for the Scholarship, but at current interest rates we cannot entirely fund the Scholarship on interest alone. It is currently LSM policy to cover a quarterly Symposia event (generally a couple of picnics, a Halloween event, and the Holiday party). In recent years we haven't held all of these events consistently, and some of them haven't cost the amount budgeted for

them. We have several other areas for which we've budgeted more funds than we spend. The net result of all of this is that the group is showing a slow but consistent growth in finances, which is a questionable thing for a non-profit organization to do. One obvious answer is to increase the number of events that we fund or spend more on them.

The Regional Gathering deserves some special attention this year. Our hotel has gone through a change of management and we expect significantly higher expenses. Due to how the RG funding is set up, the RG committee can draw from a combination of three funding sources: registration fees, a fund that was set up when we started the RG way back when, and profits from former RGs. The long and short of all this is that we have money set aside to cover us in situations like this, and we expect to use some of it this year. We're all working to minimize the loss that the RG will incur, but providing everyone with a quality event is the priority—not finances. In the future, it's likely that RG registration fees will have to go up to cover what we see as a likely new norm in costs.

If you have any questions about this (or anything else LSM-related) please do email me ([locsec@lsm.us.mensa.org](mailto:locsec@lsm.us.mensa.org), or [john@neemidge.net](mailto:john@neemidge.net)). And as always, we need volunteers and I'd love to hear from anyone interested in helping out!

## RG REMINDER

Submitted by Linda Edelstein, RG Co-Chair

Isn't IT ABOUT TIME you got in your registration for Lone Star Mensa's 15th annual regional gathering?

We're meeting again at the Wingate Hotel conference center—which offers a very convenient setup where all the activities are close to the Hospitality suite. Catered hot dishes on Saturday and Sunday night will add to the enjoyment, and we have some very interesting speakers and activities planned. For example, we will hear about the honor flights for World War II veterans and have a doctor who lived in Tibet and spent years learning from the Dalai Lama's personal physicians about Tibetan medicine.

Would you like to know what's been learned about Stone Age cave art and early civilization processes since you were in school? How about Interesting tastings, or a costume contest for "flappers" at the dance? You don't want to miss out – get your registration in today!

## TESTING ANNOUNCEMENT

Submitted by Austin Meyer, Testing Coordinator

Lone Star Mensa will be offering the next testing session on Saturday, August 31st. Registration will begin at 9:00 am with testing starting promptly at 9:30 am. The building door can only be opened by the proctor and will be left open until 9:30 am; as such, if you are not there before 9:30 am, there will be no provision for entering the building (thus, no testing).

When you respond please let me know if (1) English is your first/primary language and (2) you are over 18 years old. This information is important for the testing protocol.

For this session space will be limited to 5 seats, and you will only be able to test if you RSVP. If we do not get at least a few RSVPs, the session will be cancelled. The test will be in the north Austin area; I will give further details to those that sign up.



## 2013 TESTING PROMOTIONS OVERVIEW

Submitted by [julieg@americanmensa.org](mailto:julieg@americanmensa.org)

Here are the upcoming highlights of scheduled testing promotions for 2013.

### Summer Promotion

Take the home test in the month of August or September, then in October bring your receipt to a testing session near you and receive \$18 off your testing session.

### National Mensa Testing Day

Mark your calendars for Saturday, October 19.

### Give a Home Test

Kick off the holiday season with the gift of Mensa. Starting on Cyber Monday, 12/2/13, buy an online Home Test for \$TBD (as we get closer to this date, we will provide the pricing). The offer will expire on Monday, 12/9/13.

These promotions are all directed at external prospects and we encourage you to use these tools to enhance your recruiting efforts. In addition, there may be “flash promotions” that could be last minute, which take advantage of a member in the news or media opportunities that we have received. We will let you know when those are activated.

For any questions or support with your marketing and public relations efforts contact Julie Garcia at [JulieG@americanmensa.org](mailto:JulieG@americanmensa.org) or 817-607-0060 ext 5547.

## JUNE BOARD MINUTES

Submitted by John Neemidge, acting Scribe

The June regular meeting of the Lone Star Mensa board of officers convened at 7:30 PM, Thursday, June 6, 2013 at Carver Public Library, Rooms 2-3, 1161 Angelina, Austin, TX. Attending were **Don Drumtra, John Neemidge, Douglas Yee, Linda Edelstein, and Ron Edelstein.**

The board adopted the agenda and the minutes of the May regular board meeting as printed on page 2 of the May Armadillo Literary Gazette. The Gazette is available on the LSM Website and paper copies are available on request.

The board received the following officer reports and took the following actions:

- **LocSec:** We have had no further external contact with respect to board positions. We will be working with the Election Committee to finalize officers declared elected with no opposition. Ron Edelstein expressed interest in a board position after the RG.
- **Treasurer:** The Board discussed the Annual Financial Report. Our reports are currently accrual-based; National wants cash accounting; therefore, the Annual Financial Report is based on cash value. Don proposed changing LSM books to cash accounting. Don also presented the April 30 report. We discussed and clarified RG spending limits. The Board approved the Annual Financial Report and the April 30 report. The Board approved a switch to cash accounting.
- **ComComm:** For two months in a row we have scored 100% in all categories on the MERLIN (Mail Evaluation Readability Lookup Instrument) report.
- **EdComm:** The LSM Scholarship will be given out shortly.
- **MemComm:** Austin Meyer, Testing Coordinator, has a testing session set up. Testing location is not mentioned. The Board had a brief discussion of testing location policies.
- **SymCom:** Angela Adams, SymCom Chair, is increasing her activity level outside of simply the monthly meeting.
- **Lone Star RG 2013 Committee:** There have been significant changes in the hotel arrangements. We can serve craft-brewed beers. The hotel will sell kegs of some brands at \$150 for a 90-serving keg. Based on our understanding of keg sizes, it is possible that 90 servings is an incorrect number. We may or may not buy kegs, depending on the availability of craft beer. The hotel will sell us tequila at cost+18%. We will need licensed bartenders present in hospitality; however bartender licenses are very easy to obtain. We will have no refrigeration beyond room refrigeration; however we can bring in all the cold and room temperature food that we want. Hot food needs to be provided by a caterer. Started discussions towards possible caterers. For this year we will cover whatever costs are incurred with the existing RG funding structure. For future RGs we will need to take into account the extra cost of catering, or change venues. Changing venues has its own problems.
- **Website Working Group:** Testing dates have been added to the site. Information has been added to the scholarship section.
- **Mind Games Committee:** We have 25 room reservations and 50 Mind Games registrations as of May 31, 2013.

Announcements:

- The next monthly board meeting was scheduled for 7:15-8:15 PM, Thursday, August 1 at the Carver Branch Library. There will be no July board meeting due to the Annual Gathering.
- The next regular monthly meetings is scheduled for 6:45-8:15 PM, Monday, July 8 at the Carver Branch Library.

The meeting adjourned at 8:25 PM.

*Our lives are like islands in the sea, or like trees in the forest. The maple and the pine may whisper to each other with their leaves ... But the trees also commingle their roots in the darkness underground, and the islands also hang together through the ocean's bottom. -William James*

## FROM THE RVC

Submitted by Roger Durham, Region 6 RVC



I received a letter the other day from a Mensa member who was quite upset with one particular characteristic of the member's local Mensa group, so much so that this person had given serious consideration to dropping out of Mensa altogether.

The problem is that the Local Secretary of the group, a very conscientious Mensa officer who works very hard to promote activities and keep the group lively, is nonetheless unknowingly discouraging participation due to strongly held views on certain controversial subjects, which the LocSec apparently brings up regularly and then treats with contempt any who dare to disagree.

In society at large, it is an unwritten rule of polite conversation that three subjects must always be avoided: sex, politics, and religion. In Mensa, on the other hand, it sometimes seems that we talk of little else. It is admirable, I think, to be able to discuss these "land-mine" subjects while still maintaining our intellectual integrity and mutual respect for each other's opinions. However, therein lies a trap awaiting the unwary, one that can do serious damage to a Mensa group. It consists of a particular mind-set that is sufficiently common among Mensans to be a topic of occasional discussion at meetings of Mensa leaders.

A former Chair of American Mensa described the thought process as something like this: "I'm smart, therefore I'm right; you're smart, therefore you know I'm right; therefore if you disagree with me you must be doing it maliciously just to make trouble." This is a particularly invidious attitude, and very easy for Mensans to lapse into, because we mostly grew up knowing ourselves to be the smartest person in any gathering.

However, opinions on sex, politics, and religion in particular are formed by so many factors besides intelligence that two equally bright people may easily find themselves on diametrically opposite sides of any of these issues. We owe it to our fellow Mensa members to remind ourselves periodically that the people we are talking to have demonstrated a mental acuity equal to our own, and therefore cannot be casually dismissed as "clearly wrong" no matter how outrageous their views may seem. So please, when associating with your fellow Mensans, try to smile and be cordial even to those whose opinions unaccountably differ from yours.

That's all for now, folks - I'm off to Fort Worth for the Annual Gathering and the Annual Business Meeting, plus a meeting of the American Mensa Committee. I'll be back next month with the results.

Finally, as always, please remember that if you have any questions, comments, or concerns, you can reach me at [rvc6@us.mensa.org](mailto:rvc6@us.mensa.org) or by snail mail at 9920 Ridgehaven Drive, Dallas, TX 75238.

## MENSA MEMBERS IN THE NEWS

Submitted by [julieg@americanmensa.org](mailto:julieg@americanmensa.org)

Here are a few members that have made the news recently.

**Nadia Azzi:** The young Mensan gave her third performance at Carnegie Hall on May 19.  
[http://tbnweekly.com/pubs/palm\\_harbor\\_beacon/content\\_articles/051613\\_phb-02.txt](http://tbnweekly.com/pubs/palm_harbor_beacon/content_articles/051613_phb-02.txt)

**William Bryk:** This young Mensan posted an open letter to Stephen Hawking, asking him to reconsider his stance on the Israeli Presidential Conference "Facing Tomorrow 2013."  
<http://5tjt.com/an-open-letter-to-stephen-hawking/>

**Devora Zack:** Ms. Zack is a Leadership Consultant and the author of "Networking for People Who Hate Networking". She offers some great advice on networking and how to use your membership to your advantage in this month's Mensa Bulletin.

If you or someone in your local group is making headlines, please share them with us. For any questions or support with your marketing and public relations efforts contact Julie Garcia at [JulieG@americanmensa.org](mailto:JulieG@americanmensa.org) or 817-607-0060 ext 5547

## PUBLICITY IDEAS

Submitted by [julieg@americanmensa.org](mailto:julieg@americanmensa.org)

San Diego Mensa turned their event into some great publicity for their local group. This past April, San Diego Mensa partnered with Petco Park to host a day of fun which included a presentation about the statistics and physics of baseball, followed by day of San Diego Padres baseball.

For publicity, they secured two highly visible opportunities for the group.

- One lucky member, David A. Harris, threw out the first pitch of the game.
- The group also secured a tailored message on the scoreboard, "Smarties at the Park – San Diego Mensa."
- Approximately 26,000 fans were in attendance.

Congratulations to the entire San Diego group. Glad we could work with you to make this event a homerun!

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## FEATURED RECIPE

By Angela Adams

This recipe makes enough marinade for approximately 2 lbs. of meat. It can be used on beef, pork, chicken, etc. My preference is on beef short ribs (cut "Flanken style," ½" thick.) I get mine at Whole Foods Market for \$4.99/lb.

### KOREAN SHORT RIBS (KALBI)



#### Marinade

- 3 Tbsp. sugar
- 1 Tbsp. flour
- 1 Tbsp. sesame seeds (prefer toasted), hand-crushed as you add
- Black pepper to taste
- 2 green onions, sliced thinly on a slant
- 3 cloves garlic, minced
- 2 Tbsp. sesame oil (prefer a dark variety)
- 6 Tbsp. soy sauce

#### Meat

- 2 lbs. beef or pork ribs

#### Directions

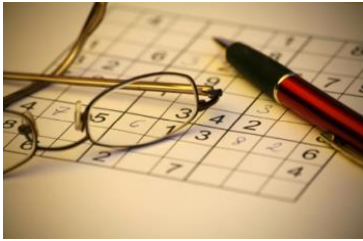
1. Mix all the ingredients for marinade together in a large, flat plastic container with a lid.
2. Add the meat one piece at a time, "swimming" it through the marinade to coat every side.
3. Close the container and marinate in the refrigerator overnight.
4. The next day, grill the meat and serve immediately with white or brown rice.

## YOUR SUDOKU PUZZLE

### Weekly Extremes

<http://www.sudoku.org.uk>

By Douglas Yee



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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.

## AMERICAN MENSA'S TOP TEN FAVORITE SCIENCE MUSEUMS

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**Arlington, Texas (6/13/13)** - As families across the nation gear up for summer vacation the challenge of finding fun and engaging activities for everyone can be frustrating. American Mensa shares its ideas on how to best spend your time this summer. A recent survey of select Mensa members regarding Science Museums in North America revealed the **National Air and Space Museum in Washington, D.C.**, to be their favorite. Lisa Van Gemert, Mensa's Gifted Youth Specialist said, "Our nation's science museums are a treasure for families looking for ways to keep bright minds active all year round." Hands-on learning and the variety of exhibits were just a couple of factors members considered when choosing the top 10. There was one common trait that the respondents felt was vital: the interactive aspect of the museum. Comments ranged from "innovative leader in hands-on exhibits," to "everything is hands-on. My grandkids loved it!"

The members surveyed were split into two respondent groups of educators and scientists. They chose their top 10 from a list of 30 museums from across the country. The top-10 list of museums, as selected by Mensa members, includes:

1. National Air and Space Museum (Washington D.C.)
2. Academy of Natural Science of Drexel University (Philadelphia)
3. Museum of Science and Industry (Chicago)
4. California Academy of Sciences (San Francisco)
5. Bradbury Science Museum (Los Alamos, N.M.)
6. The Museum of Discovery (Little Rock, Ark)
7. California Science Center (Los Angeles)
8. Exploratorium (San Francisco)
9. Museum of Science (Boston)
10. COSI Center of Science & Industry (Columbus, Ohio) -

See more at: <http://www.us.mensa.org/newsroom/american-mensae28099s-top-ten-favorite-science-museums/#sthash.u7jpvzno.dpu>

## LOCAL SCHOLARSHIP WINNER CHAMPIONS CHILDREN WITH SPEECH DISORDERS

Submitted by Claudia Harbert, Scholarships Coordinator

Each month this summer, you will be privileged to read one of the winning scholarship essays from this year's contest. The first is the essay that won our local group scholarship, officially a *Karen Cooper Memorial* scholarship. We are pleased to present this award to Angela Meyer, who is in a Master's program at Baylor University. Here is her touching essay:



### Local Group Winner of Karen Cooper Memorial Scholarship – Angela Meyer

I grew up on a farm in Westphalia, Texas. Some of my favorite childhood memories include riding in the tractor with my dad and baking cookies with my mom. As I got older I gained many responsibilities, as I was the second oldest child of five. I have always cherished my family, but in 2008, we developed a bond that will never be broken. My youngest sister, Lori, developed a brain infection that left her physically, mentally, and verbally impaired. Over the years I have seen many changes not only in Lori, but also in myself. Before the infection, Lori was a shy 11 year old, but who had many close friends and fully enjoyed life. Since the infection, I have seen Lori's friendships disintegrate--leaving her in isolation. I have seen how embarrassed she gets when she cannot call me by my name. Most importantly, I have developed a compassion for people with all types of handicaps. I have a unique understanding of the struggle that people with disabilities may encounter each and every day. Lori's rehabilitation introduced me to the role of a speech pathologist. Though communication was very difficult for Lori, working with her speech pathologist was one of the areas where Lori found acceptance and happiness. They developed a relationship where they shared many enjoyable experiences. At times, I thought that her speech pathologist was her one and only friend outside of our family. Lori would refer to her like they were typical friends, yet I knew that it was so much more. It was a kindness and sincerity that was unbelievable. This was combined with incredible persistence and patience. We saw Lori make amazing strides during this time.

When I began my undergraduate education, I knew that I wanted to do something in the medical field. In my quest to find my career I shadowed a doctor, physical therapist, dietitian, OT and speech pathologists. Many shadowing experiences left me unsure and dreadfully unenlightened of the actual job. This was not the case, however, when I shadowed speech pathologists. I found the personal level of interaction that I was looking for. Even more encouragingly, this relationship existed in both the school and hospital settings.

I began my journey to get my master's degree in Communication Sciences and Disorders from Baylor University in the fall of 2012. One of my goals is to raise awareness of how socially isolating a speech problem can be. I want to provide people with strategies to involve those with speech and communication disorders. Specifically, I want to provide this information to students at schools where there are children with severe communication disorders. I believe that understanding the problem will make students more accepting and help them interact in an appropriate way. As for those with these disorders, I want to remain knowledgeable of the latest technology to enable them to gain the highest level of independence possible.

I believe that my firsthand experience with my sister gives me a definite advantage for success as a speech pathologist. She exhibits remarkable determination in all that she does to recover from her infection. If one good thing results from this tragedy, it will be that I become a successful speech pathologist who can change the lives of people just like my sister.



## MEMBER BOOK NOTICE

By Eric Maisel

I have a new book coming out in September called *Why Smart People Hurt* that your membership may find super useful. In it I describe the top challenges that smart people face—and what they can do to meet them.

I've written more than 40 books, among them *Rethinking Depression* and *The Van Gogh Blues*, penned the *Rethinking Psychology* blog for *Psychology Today*, and really wanted to help smart people understand their special challenges. I believe that this is the first book to tackle this subject!

...If you'd like to take a peek at the cover of the book and read some early endorsements:

[http://www.amazon.com/s/ref=nb\\_sb\\_noss\\_1?url=search-alias%3Dstripbooks&field-keywords=why+smart+people+hurt&rh=n%3A283155%2Ck%3Awhy+smart+people+hurt](http://www.amazon.com/s/ref=nb_sb_noss_1?url=search-alias%3Dstripbooks&field-keywords=why+smart+people+hurt&rh=n%3A283155%2Ck%3Awhy+smart+people+hurt)



Why not make American Mensa's Annual Gathering a family affair? Scheduled July 3-7 in Fort Worth, Texas, the AG will have numerous programs and opportunities for fun for children and teens.

Spark!, two full days of structured programming for children ages 4-12, is sponsored by the Mensa Foundation and enables parents to attend AG events while their children enjoy cerebral and kinesthetic activities. There are also opportunities for youth and their parents to meet and develop friendships, including a Meet & Greet for parents while their kids enjoy a movie.

Teens are also welcome at the AG, where they will find a number of programs, games, a scavenger hunt and other opportunities for fun. This includes the Teen Room, a hangout space dedicated to teens ages 13-18.

And don't miss family events such as the visit from the Noble Mobile Planetarium and the Blackland Prairie Raptor Center. Information on all of the great Youth Programming can be found at <http://www.ag.us.mensa.org/spark>.

Visit the AG website at <http://www.ag.us.mensa.org> for more information and to register.

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The pill to lower your IQ permanently:  
[http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kVa\\_bSCVjIU](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kVa_bSCVjIU)



## LIFELONG LEARNING – A JOURNEY WITH NO DESTINATION

By Charles Brown, Communications Manager, AML

Continuing education – the need to explore, learn, master – is a tenet of American Mensa and one popular reason for membership. This uninterrupted cycle of study recharges us as it exhausts us.

This thirst for knowledge is evident in our everyday actions as well as the activities we pursue at American Mensa. They range from the trivial pursuits of games and puzzles to the examination of ideas large and small in community forums to the heights and depths plumbed in scholarly publications such as the Mensa Research Journal.

The journey – not the destination – is the reward, as they say. For an increasing number of Mensans, Colloquium is a popular stopover on that trip. Sponsored by the Mensa Foundation, Colloquium is an annual forum of Mensans, the public, industry experts and researchers who sink a spade into the soil of socially relevant topics.

“The Mensa Foundation’s Colloquiums have been excellent, in-depth weekends spent with the

researchers who make these issues their life’s work,” says Mensan Linda Wright. Past issues explored at Colloquium have included the arts, gifted children, biosafety, humor and climate change. This year’s gathering, scheduled for July 2 in Fort Worth, Texas, is titled “Between Science Fiction and Science.”

At Mensa, luckily, the path to enlightenment isn’t one path or two paths but several. Scholarships, publications and special programs such as the Foundation’s Conversations with Mensa are just a few directions Mensans follow. With our online community, you can even explore the wide world from your sofa, your imagination as a compass and your browser as a navigator.

So which way is your curiosity pulling you? Chances are Mensa’s educational benefits can help guide you.

Enjoy the ride!

## LET’S HANG OUT!

By Angela Adams, Symposia Chair

If you can’t make it to the Annual Gathering in Fort Worth, then try one of the following events happening the same weekend in Austin. If you’re strapped for cash, consider volunteering at either event for free access.

- Rooster Teeth Expo — Friday, July 5 through Sunday, July 7 — Austin Convention Center. Registration needed. RTX is an annual convention celebrating internet culture and gaming. Special guests, discussion panels, and exhibits of video games, comics, and podcasts will run all weekend long. Visit <http://rtxevent.com/home.php> for more details.
- Anime Overload 5 — Friday, July 5 through Sunday, July 7 — Holiday Inn Austin Midtown. Registration needed. AO is an annual Japanese animation and pop-culture convention. In addition to loads of anime, there will be cosplay, contests, console gaming, and tabletop gaming. Visit <http://animeoverload.net/> for more details.
- Go Texan Restaurant Round-Up — Wednesday, July 24, 7:00 pm — Boomerang’s Pies, 3110 Guadalupe St., Suite 150, (512) 380-0032, <http://www.boomerangspies.com/>. From July 22-28, if you eat at a participating Texas restaurant, that restaurant will make a donation to a local food bank. I’ve chosen a favorite of mine, Boomerang’s Pies, which makes savory Australian-style meat pies that you can hold in your hand (several vegetarian pies as well). Come join your fellow Mensans in supporting a local restaurant, tasting Texas products, and helping Texas food banks. Visit <http://www.gotexanrestaurantroundup.com/Home.aspx> for more details and to enter to win one of 15 Texas-sized prizes.

If you decide to attend any of the events, please email me at [angsu@hotmai.com](mailto:angsu@hotmai.com) so that we can coordinate and meet up.

## WORD PLAY

*The Washington Post* has published the winning submissions to its yearly contest, in which readers are asked to supply alternate meanings for common words.

And the winners are:

1. Coffee, n.. The person upon whom one coughs.
2. Flabbergasted, adj. Appalled by discovering how much weight one has gained.
3. Abdicate, v. To give up all hope of ever having a flat stomach.
4. Esplanade, v. To attempt an explanation while drunk.
5. Negligent, adj. Absentmindedly answering the door when wearing only a night gown
6. Lymph, v. To walk with a lisp.
7. Gargoyle, n. Olive-flavored mouthwash.
8. Flatulence, n. Emergency vehicle that picks up someone who has been run over by a steamroller.
9. Balderdash, n. A rapidly receding hairline.
10. Frisbeetarianism, n. The belief that, after death, the soul flies up onto the roof and gets stuck there.

Try to identify these contronyms from the clues given to their opposing meanings.

1. Supervision; a failure of supervision.
2. A ditch; an embankment.
3. To be multiplied by; to be divided by.
4. To fix or fasten; to remove.
5. A failure; a success.
6. To seek advice; to give advice.
7. To assist; to prevent.
8. Pointed; not sharp.

Answers to quiz (with examples of the contrasting meanings)

1. Oversight (she had the oversight of the games; forgetting my trousers was a regrettable oversight).
2. Dike (the dike filled with water; the boy put his finger in the dike).
3. By (a six-by-four plank; divide twelve by three).
4. Clip (clip those papers together; I'm clipping his hair).
5. Bomb (his attempt to make money was a bomb; the concert went down a bomb).
6. Consult (consult your doctor; a consulting engineer).
7. Help (please help me; I can't help loving you).
8. Blunt (he made some blunt remarks; a blunt instrument)

## POETRY CORNER

(from) *The Prophet*, by Kahlil Gibran

“THEN a woman said:  
Speak to us of Joy and Sorrow.  
And he answered:  
Your joy is your sorrow unmasked.  
And the selfsame well from which your laughter arises  
was oftentimes filled with your tears.  
And how else can it be?  
The deeper that sorrow carves into your being,  
the more joy you can contain.  
Is not the cup that holds your wine the very  
cup that was burned in the potter's oven?  
And is not the lute that soothes your spirit  
the very wood that was hollowed with knives?  
When you are joyous, look deep into your heart  
and you shall find it is only that which has given  
you sorrow that is giving you joy.

When you are sorrowful look again in your heart,  
and you shall see that in truth you are weeping  
for that which has been your delight  
Some of you say, 'Joy is greater than sorrow,  
and others say, 'Nay, sorrow is the greater.'  
But I say to you, they are inseparable.  
Together they come, and when one sits  
alone with you at your board, remember  
that the other is asleep upon your bed.  
Verily you are suspended like a scale  
between your sorrow and your joy.  
Only when you are empty are you at  
standstill and balanced.  
When the treasure-keeper lifts you  
to weigh his gold and silver, needs must  
your joy or sorrow rise or fall.”

## MEMBER NEWS

(compiled by Don Drumtra, Records Manager, as of 05/31/13)

### HAPPY JULY BIRTHDAYS

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3 Richard Sabel  
6 Arval W Bohn  
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15 Craig S Jepson  
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25 Michael G Dennis  
25 Timothy A Goldenburg  
25 John P Harvey  
26 Todd L Shaw  
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29 Maj Rodney B Corona  
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Asit Mohanty  
Rebecca Fruthaler  
Rohan Jillapalli

### JUST MOVED IN—HI NEIGHBOR!

Gary Tsai  
Rimma Aguirre  
Stanley E Tims II

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

### JULY ANNIVERSARIES

**MEMBER FOR 50 YEARS!**  
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**MEMBER FOR 10 YEARS**  
David T Silvey

**MEMBER FOR 1 YEAR**  
Richard E Anaya  
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Hayden Mays  
Andres Naranjo



## LONESTAR RG XV NOTES

Submitted by Ron Edelstein, RG Co-Chair

1. Due to change in ownership of the hotel where Lone Star Mensa's annual RG is being held, we have to make some adjustments in how the RG is managed. One requirement for having the margarita machines in Hospitality is that we must have a TABC-licensed bartender on duty in hospitality at all times when the machines are operational. The requirements for getting the license are neither onerous nor expensive—it can be done online—but we'd like to have several people who can take turns at this duty so no one has to miss out on any other activity they would like to attend. Please notify Ron or Linda Edelstein, co-chairs of this RG, ([aduanam@mindspring.com](mailto:aduanam@mindspring.com) or [ledelstein@mindspring.com](mailto:ledelstein@mindspring.com)) if you have a current license or will get one by the time of the RG and are willing to take a turn "baby-sitting" in Hospitality.
2. If you are planning to stay at the hotel during the RG (and enjoy the free breakfast!) you should be aware that the room block rate for the RG is only held until August 8<sup>th</sup>, so you should make your room reservation before that date to be sure of getting the reserved rate.
3. If you are a "brewmeister" and would like to share your favorite products with your fellow Mensans, we have clearance from the hotel to serve craft beers in Hospitality without going through the hotel. Otherwise, since they now have a licensed bar in the hotel, all commercial beer will have to be purchased through the hotel. Contact Ron or Linda with the quantities of beer you can provide and what your charge would be for doing so. Otherwise we'll be drinking commercial American beer from the hotel.

# LoneStar Mensa RG XV: It's About Time



**When:** Labor Day Weekend, August 30-September 2, 2013  
**Where:** The Wingate By Wyndham, 1209 N. IH 35, Round Rock, TX 78664

Join us for LoneStar Mensa RG XV. It'll be a great weekend with lots of interesting speakers, workshops, games, contests, and tastings of cheese, spices, and honey.

Registration for the full weekend is \$60 January 1 – Aug. 1, \$70 Aug. 2 – Aug 30, and \$85 Sept. 3 and at the door. Daily rates are \$10 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. Tasting tickets are \$5.00 each.

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 \$89/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, send the form below to Patsy Graham, 5804 Shoal Creek Blvd, Austin, TX 78613. To register via PayPal, please visit <http://lsm.us.mensa.org/events/rg/rg15reg.htm>.

If you have questions, contact our Co-chairs, Ron [aduana@mindspring.com](mailto:aduana@mindspring.com) and Linda Edelstein [ledelstein@mindspring.com](mailto:ledelstein@mindspring.com), or our Registrar, Patsy Graham [patsy@paloent.com](mailto:patsy@paloent.com).

## LoneStar Mensa RG XV 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 \_\_\_ Spices \_\_\_ Honey Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Total enclosed: \$** \_\_\_\_\_

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

### Special Instructions:

- 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

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# JULY CALENDAR

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 COLLOQUIUM	3 AG	4 AG	5 AG	6 AG
7 AG	8 Member Meeting	9	10	11 ALG Due Chess Night TGIT-North	12	13
14	15	16	17	18 TGIT-South	19	20 RG Planning Games Night
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## Board Meeting

1<sup>st</sup> Thursday

Cancelled due to AG.

## Member Meeting

2nd Monday

Jul 8, 6:45 to 8:15 pm

Carver Branch Library

## ALG/Calendar Deadline

2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday

Jul 11, Midnight

Submissions due to Editor.

## Chess Night

2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday

Jul 11, 6-8 PM

Bring your chess sets if you have them. Hosted by Douglas Yee.

## Thank Goodness It's Thursday (TGIT-North)

2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays

Jul 11 & 25, 6-8 PM

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

## RG XV Planning Meeting

Jul 20, 5-6:30 pm

Café Express  
3418 N. Lamar, Austin

Please join us for probably the final planning meeting. Anyone welcome; you do not have to be a "formal" member of the committee.

## Games Night

3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday

Jul 20, 7-10 pm

Café Express

3418 N. Lamar, Austin

Bring a game or just show up. Café Express has lots of tasty items and beverages, but you do not have to buy a meal to sit with us! Family and friends are welcome. (Please note that you are responsible for the behavior of any children you bring.)

## Eclectic Eats

Tuesday, Jul 30, 7:00 p.m.

Cho Sun Gal Bi

713 Huntland Drive, Austin

512-419-1400

<http://chosungalbiaustin.com>

This excellent Korean eatery is across the parking lot from the Shanghai restaurant that we have been to several times. Please RSVP to Aaron Rabushka at [arabushka@austin.rr.com](mailto:arabushka@austin.rr.com) or 512-280-2807 by midday on July

## 27. Thank Goodness It's Thursday (TGIT-South)

3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday

Jul 18, 6:00-8:00 PM

Join us for conversation, food, and fun. Prospective members welcome.

## Seal & Label

4<sup>th</sup> Thursday

Jul 25, 6-8 PM

Join the TGIT Group to help seal and label the newsletter.

## UPCOMING IN AUGUST

Aug 1 LSM Board, Carver Library

Aug 8 TGIT, Central Market North

Aug 8 Newsletter input due, email

Aug 8 Calendar input due

Aug 12 RMM, Carver Library

Aug 15 TGIT, Central Market South

Aug 22 TGIT, Central Market North

Aug 22 S&L, Central Market North

## LET'S HANG OUT!

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July 5-7, Rooster Teeth Expo

July 5-6, Anime Overload 5

July 24, Go Texan Restaurant

Roundup

## VENT DIRECTIONS

### Board and Member Meetings

Carver Public Library, Rooms 2-3 1161 Angelina, Austin 512-974-1010 Between 11th and 12th Streets, east of I-35. This location allows direct access to the library from 183 and 130 via FM 969 MLK and 12th Street.

### TGIT-North, Chess Night, Seal & Label

Central Market Café North at Central Park 4001 N. Lamar Blvd., Austin 512-206-1020. East of N. Lamar between 38<sup>th</sup> and 44<sup>th</sup> Streets; on the south side of the store. Look for the Mensa table sign—usually we're upstairs on the Mezzanine..

### TGIT-South

Central Market Café South at Westgate Mall: 4477 S. Lamar Blvd., Austin 512-899-4300 On the south side of the S. Lamar access road (the south access road of I-290/SR71) between Westgate Blvd. and Frontier Trail. Enter at the east side of the store by the statue of fruits and vegetables.

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