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EDITOR'S CHOICE

Submitted By Rose Berkowitz

It's holiday time once again! We wish you and yours all the blessings of the season—crisp autumn days, cozy winter nights, festive meals enjoyed with family and friends, time spent in prayer or meditation, sharing gifts—especially the gift of love. Whether your loved ones are here or far away, reach out to them, and don't forget your fellow Mensans—some of whom may be especially lonely right now, or in need of some help.



I'm always glad to hear from you. You can send in comments/reactions to newsletter items, ideas, poetry, essays, or whatever else you'd like to contribute. If you tried a recipe we published, tell us how you liked it. No particular word limit, but emailed submissions are appreciated. Send them to editor@lsm.us.mensa.org.



*How beautifully leaves grow
old. How full of light and color
are their last days.*

John Burroughs

HOLIDAY PARTY!

Submitted by John Neemidge

WHAT: Lone Star Mensa Holiday Party

WHEN: Saturday, December 14 from 7 to 10pm

WHERE: Howson Hall, First Unitarian Universalist Church of Austin, 4700 Grover Avenue, Austin, TX

Come join us for Lone Star Mensa's annual Holiday Party. We'll have more space this year, which will hopefully encourage people to mix and mingle. We'll be serving beverages, hors d'oeuvres, and desserts; it should be enough food for a meal, but served as finger food, again to encourage mixing rather than sitting eating a meal.



We'll be having a white elephant gift exchange. Gifts for the gift exchange should be a gently used, re-gifted, or unusual item, wrapped, and something that you'd reasonably guess at least a few Mensans would enjoy or be amused by. If you're buying something, we suggest no more than perhaps \$10. Everyone participating will draw numbers. Each person may either pick a wrapped gift or steal a gift from someone else; gifts can only be stolen 3 times. If your gift is stolen, you may steal a different gift, or open another wrapped gift. It's lots of fun and we encourage everyone to participate.

Tickets to the Holiday Party are \$5; kids 9-17 are \$2.50, and under 9 are free. Please RSVP to me at john@neemidge.net or 512-310-7863, so that we can keep count of how many people will be attending (RSVPs are NOT required,

but are strongly encouraged; they really do help us with planning). We encourage everyone to break out their holiday finery and come join us for an evening of Mensan company and merriment

A WORD TO THE WISE

Submitted by John Neemidge, LocSec



Happy Thanksgiving everyone! We're getting into the holiday season -- see the announcement of the Lone Star Mensa Holiday Party elsewhere in this issue -- and I hope you all have happy holidays. We had a great time at the Holiday Party last year and I'm hoping this year's party will be

even better. As we come to the end of the year, we have a few things going on that I'd like to share with you.

First up, and I've mentioned this before: elections are coming up. As I write this, we are still in need of a Nominating Committee and an Elections Committee. Generally, people serve on both of these committees, but that's not required. The Nominating Committee is responsible for identifying candidates and encouraging people to run for the Board; the Elections Committee is responsible for holding the election. This is important for our group and it's a small time commitment. Please consider volunteering for this if you can -- we need your help!

Related to that, we also need more Board candidates. We have offices that have been open for a year or more that we'd like to fill. Several people have already volunteered but we continue to have more positions than candidates. If you are interested in serving on the Board, or just want to learn more about it, please email me at john@neemidge.net.

Our other major activity towards the end of 2013 is improving our communication and online presence. We hope to be showing off a brand new, greatly improved web site in the next few months, as well as an increased presence on Facebook and other online venues. In conjunction with that, we are asking all members to do two things: please make sure your email address on record with American Mensa is accurate, and please make sure your permissions allow your address to be sent to local groups. That will help us reach you and deliver timely information about what's going on in your Mensa chapter.

Enjoy your holidays, and I hope to be seeing many of you next month at the Holiday party!

FROM THE RVC

Submitted by Roger Durham, Region 6 RVC

By now you have probably all heard that Mensa has a new policy prohibiting weapons at national Mensa events. Our more fervent Second Amendment defenders were quick to leap to a number of incorrect conclusions as soon as this motion showed up on the agenda, but the facts do not support the level of hysteria engendered by this proposal.

First of all, the policy is not the opening salvo of a Mensa campaign against guns. This new policy is actually not about guns at all – it is about insurance. As a result of an incident at the Fort Worth Annual Gathering, where one of our members threatened another with a firearm, apparently committing at least three violations of Texas law in the process, our insurance agent informed us that if we did not ban guns at our events, the carrier would probably cancel our policy. Our agent added that if our coverage were to be terminated for that reason, no other company would be willing to pick it up.

We simply cannot afford to allow this to happen. Aside from the financial risks of doing without liability insurance, we would be unable to hold any more national events, such as the AG, Mind Games, or Colloquia, because the hotels where such things are held require insurance from us. No insurance, no event. It's that simple. We tried to pass the least restrictive ban possible, applying only to national events. The new ban does not apply to your local events or Regional Gatherings. Opponents of the new policy have charged that this is only the beginning – that the Board of Directors intends to expand the ban to local events at some time in the future. I can tell you that the sponsors of this policy, the Risk Management Committee, have no such intent. However, I can't promise that such an expansion won't occur at some future date, because we don't know what the insurance companies might require in the future. For now, however, we are hopeful that they will be satisfied with what we have done so far.

Another misconception is that the new ban prohibits members from bringing weapons to the hotel where the event is held. That is not the intent, although many hotels have such a prohibition, and there's not much we can do about that. Our policy, however, is intended only to prohibit the carrying of weapons in the event rooms themselves. Unfortunately, the motion as actually passed does not make that clear, and I intend to see that an amendment is introduced at the December meeting to clarify this and several other points.



As a Vietnam veteran and the owner of a number of firearms of various kinds, I would never have put my name on this motion if it were part of some kind of anti-gun political statement. Please recognize it for what it is – a financial necessity imposed on us by the insurance industry. If it's any consolation, we investigated over 250 other groups that hold national gatherings similar to ours. Of these, only one – the National Rifle Association – does not have a weapons ban of some kind. In any case, it's a moot point in 2014: our AG is in Massachusetts, where guns are banned everywhere. As always, if you have any suggestions, complaints, or questions you would like to share with me, please feel free to contact me at rvc6@us.mensa.org, or by snail mail at 9920 Ridgehaven Dr., Dallas, TX 75238.

It is always easier to fight for one's principles than to live up to them.

(Kurt) Alfred Adler



Submitted by Lisa Van Gemert, Gifted Youth Specialist, mensafoundation.org

Happenings & Celebrations:

Everyone knows it's Thanksgiving this month, but there are some other special days as well.

- 11th: Origami Day
- 13th: World Kindness Day
- November is Peanut Butter Lovers Month.

Resources:

- Find some simple origami patterns for regular paper here <http://bit.ly/simpleorigami> or practice with a dollar at <http://bit.ly/dollarorigami>.
- Find ways to share kindness for World Kindness Day at <http://www.randomactsofkindness.org/>.
- Celebrate Peanut Butter Lovers Month with recipes and fun facts you can find here <http://peanutbutterlovers.com/> or learn how to make a pinecone bird feeder with peanut butter here <http://www.theoutdoorparent.com/?p=645>.

Triviality:

Some fun peanut butter facts from the National Peanut Board (<http://nationalpeanutboard.org>)

- The average American consumes more than six pounds of peanuts and peanut butter products each year.
- The average child will eat 1,500 peanut butter and jelly sandwiches before he/she graduates high school.
- Americans consume on average over 1.5 billion pounds of peanut butter and peanut products each year.
- Peanut butter is consumed in 90 percent of USA households.
- Americans eat enough peanut butter in a year to make more than 10 billion peanut butter and jelly sandwiches.
- The amount of peanut butter eaten in a year could wrap the earth in a ribbon of 18-ounce peanut butter jars one and one-third times.

Excellence in Reading Program

The Mensa Foundation sponsors the Excellence in Reading Program for youth through age 17. Readers read (or have read to them) a list of books, and then the Foundation sends a t-shirt and a certificate in recognition of this achievement. The lists are divided into four grade-level bands, and students may read any of the lists. The program is not limited to Mensa members, so find out more at www.mensaforkids.org, and share it with your friends!

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Get resources: pinterest.com/brightkids

Find more: mensaforkids.org



OCTOBER BOARD MINUTES

Submitted by John Neemidge, acting Scribe

MEMBER MEETINGS

Submitted by Angela Adams, Symposia Chair

October Member Meeting

The October member meeting was scheduled to be Dr. Eric Maisel's presentation about his new book, "Why Smart People Hurt: A Guide for the Bright, the Sensitive, and the Creative." Unfortunately, due to a medical emergency, Dr. Maisel had to cancel at the last minute. Therefore, we had a group discussion on various random topics instead. (Dr. Maisel's book is available on Amazon.com.) The discussion was lively and spanned topics from old personal computer hardware and software (CP/M and DOS, MITS Altair, TRS 80) to carrying firearms into Mensa events.

November Member Meeting

Lee Wedlake, "Tai Chi"
Mon, Nov 4, 7:00 pm
Carver Public Library

The second Monday of November falls on the 11th, which also happens to be Veteran's Day. **As a result, the monthly meeting will occur one week earlier than usual, on November 4.** The speaker will be Mensan Lee Wedlake, who will give a presentation on Tai Chi, a Chinese method of health, fitness and self-defense. Tai chi's gentle, low impact movements make it suitable for all ages, as it relieves stress, reduces pain, and promotes balance control, among other benefits. If you would like to try tai chi, then please wear comfortable, loose-fitting clothes for the audience participation portion of the evening.

COLLOQUIUM 2014 SPEAKER ANNOUNCED

Submitted by charlesb@americanmensa.org

The Mensa Education & Research Foundation is thrilled to announce that acclaimed forensic anthropologist and best-selling author Kathy Reichs will speak at the 2014 Colloquium: Crime Scene Intelligence, scheduled July 1, 2014, in Boston.

Reichs, a forensic anthropologist and professor of anthropology, catapulted to fame when her novel *Déjà Dead* became a bestseller and won the 1997 Ellis Award for Best First Novel. She also is a producer of the Fox TV series *Bones*, which is based on her work and novels.

As a forensic anthropologist, Reichs has taught FBI agents on human remains detection and has aided in the identification of war dead from several conflicts. She also assisted with identifying remains found at ground zero of the World Trade Center following the 9/11 terrorist attacks. She has translated much of that dramatic work experience into her mesmerizing novels.

From fingerprints to forensic psychology, from computers to crime scenes and beyond, Colloquium 2014: Crime Scene Intelligence will fully explore the world of forensic science. Kathy Reichs is an impressive addition to the day's program, which will be an exciting chance to interact with other bright minds on the current status of forensic science. Get more information and register today at <http://www.colloquium.us.mensa.org>.

FEATURED RECIPE

Submitted by Angela Adams, Symposia Chair



This great recipe comes from one of Phoenix's great healthy chefs, Rachel Albert. One cup of these delicious Brussels sprouts contains 118 calories, 5 grams of protein, 14 g of carbs (5 grams fiber), and 5 grams of fat. For more information about Chef Rachel visit her website (<http://www.thehealthycookingcoach.com/meet.html>).

Better Brussels Sprouts

Taken from "The Garden Of Eating" by Chef Rachel Albert

Ingredients:

1 medium-large onion, cubed or cut into crescents (about 1.5 cups)
2 pounds Brussels sprouts (8 heaping cups halved)
2 tablespoons unrefined coconut oil
1/2 tsp. ground chipotle or black pepper
1/2 tsp. dry mustard, ground cumin, or rubbed sage
2 garlic cloves, minced
1/2 tsp. unrefined sea salt or 1 tbs. tamari soy sauce
1/2-1 cup water

Directions:

1. Rinse Brussels sprouts. Trim 1/4 inch off the bottom of each; discard discolored leaves, then halve sprouts. Collect sprouts and loose leaves in large bowl.
2. Heat oil in large skillet over medium heat. Add onions; stir, and cook until tender, about 4 minutes. Add pepper or chipotle, mustard, cumin, or sage, garlic, and sea salt or tamari, if desired. Add sprouts and 1/2 cup water. Stir, cover, and bring to a boil over medium heat.
3. Reduce to medium-low and cook until tender, 12-15 minutes, stirring twice, top to bottom. If pan becomes dry add additional 1/4 cup water. If too much liquid remains after sprouts are done, remove lid and simmer to reduce. Remove from heat and serve, adding hot sauce or lemon pepper desired. Yields 6 cups.

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.

LET'S HANG OUT!

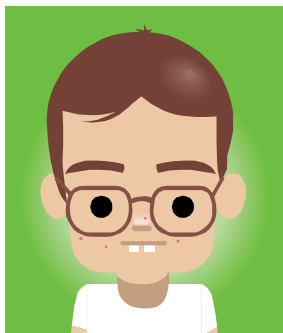
By Angela Adams, Symposia Chair

Here are Angela's happenings in the month of November:



- **22nd Annual Austin Powwow and Native American Heritage Festival** — Saturday, November 2 — Tony Burger Center, 3200 Jones Rd. Free. Great Promise for American Indians holds this festival in Austin every year, and in the past it has been one of the largest one-day powwows in the US. Their fest provides all things Native American – outdoor storytelling, arts and crafts fair, food and drink, American Indian dance competition, and activities for the kids. Family friendly.

- **Austin Celtic Festival** — Saturday, November 2 through Sunday, November 3, 12:00 pm – 7:30 pm — Fiesta Gardens, 2101 Jesse E. Segovia St. Adults \$13 per day, kids under 13 free; purchase tickets online and print out your receipt. Break out your kilts and Celtic dresses and celebrate Celtic traditions of all kinds! Explore Celtic music (way more than just bagpipes), dancing, sports (cabers, anyone?), animals (sheep herding!), food and drink, and history. There will also be a number of Celtic-themed workshops; topics include scotch tastings, Irish whistle classes, Irish dancing, and more! Some workshops require pre-registration and a small fee. War paint is optional. Family friendly.



- **Austin Nerd Nite** — Wednesday, November 13, 7:00 pm — North Door, 502 Brushy St. Free. Nerd Nite is a monthly event during which several folks give 18-21-minute fun-yet-informative presentations across all disciplines – while the audience drinks along. There are often bands, acrobats, trivia, and other shenanigans as well. It's like the Discovery Channel™... with beer! Interested singles can also purchase speed-dating tickets online. The theme of the night changes every month; as of press time, information on November's theme was not yet available (please check the website for updated info). October's theme was "Bugs Bugs Bugs Bugs" and included free insect-enriched chocolate chip cookies at the door; 209 nerds partook in the bug festivities (bug-tivities?). Over 21 only.

If you are interested in any of these events, please email me at angsu@hotmai.com so that we can coordinate and meet up.

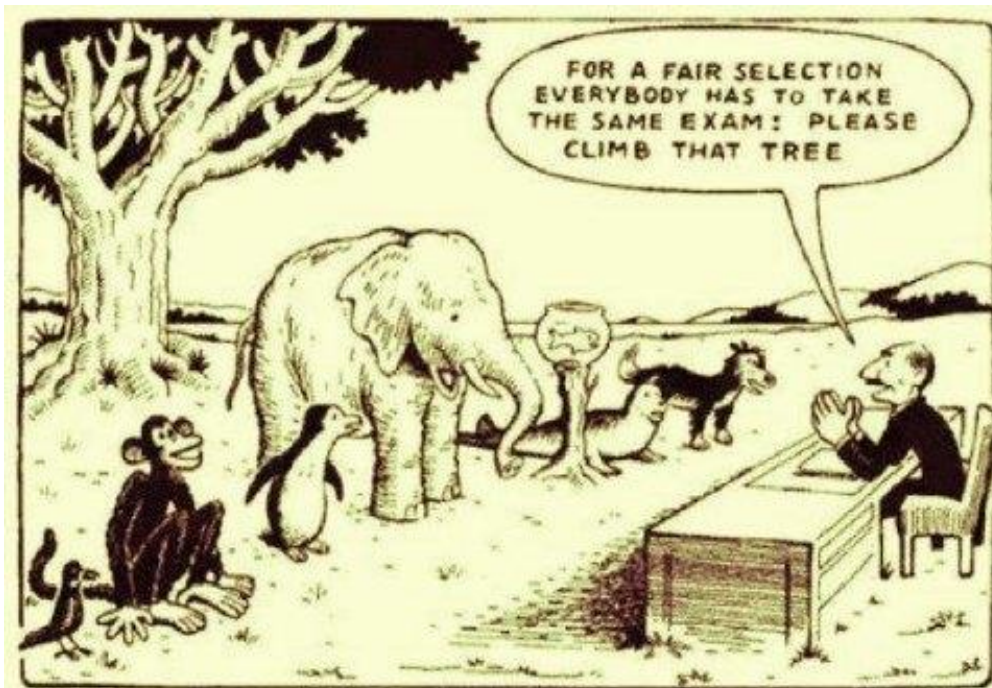
USING OUR MARKETING ASSETS

Submitted by JulieG@americanmensa.org

How would you explain Mensa to someone? In addition to telling your story, we have several ways to provide that information to inquiring minds. One of those includes a video that features several Mensa members sharing what Mensa means to them. The video is located at <http://us.mensa.org/join/>. Here are a few ideas on how to use the video.

- Use it as an ice breaker at a testing session.
- Email it to your prospects along with information on your next testing session.
- Post it on your own personal social networks.
- Provide the link to each of your chapter members and encourage them to share it.

Thank you for all you do for American Mensa! If you have any news, questions or for support with your marketing and public relations efforts, contact Julie Garcia at JulieG@americanmensa.org or 817-607-0060, ext. 5547



Our Education System

"Everybody is a genius. But if you judge a fish by its ability to climb a tree, it will live its whole life believing that it is stupid."

- Albert Einstein

AMERICAN MENSA ACADEMY



American Mensa Academy™ is a vibrant and entertaining game for Windows PC platforms that gives your mind the ultimate workout. It's packed with fun and stimulating mini-games and challenges directly inspired by questions on the Mensa Admission Test and the Mensa Home Test. Discover and improve your score, then challenge your friends to do the same!

THE RIGHT WORD

Submitted by Ron Edelstein, brought to you by *mental_floss!*

Sometimes we must turn to other languages to find *le mot juste*. Here are a whole bunch of foreign words with no direct English equivalent.

1. Kummerspeck (German)

Excess weight gained from emotional overeating. Literally, grief bacon.

2. Shemomedjamo (Georgian)

You know when you're really full, but your meal is just so delicious, you can't stop eating it? The Georgians feel your pain. This word means, "I accidentally ate the whole thing."

3. Tartle (Scots)

The nearly onomatopoeic word for that panicky hesitation just before you have to introduce someone whose name you can't quite remember.

4. Mamihlapinatapai (Yaghan language of Tierra del Fuego)

This word captures that special look shared between two people, when both are wishing that the other would do something that they both want, but neither want to do.

5. Backpfeifengesicht (German)

A face badly in need of a fist.

6. Iktsuarpok (Inuit)

You know that feeling of anticipation when you're waiting for someone to show up at your house and you keep going outside to see if they're there yet? This is the word for it.

7. Pelinti (Buli, Ghana)

Your friend bites into a piece of piping hot pizza, then opens his mouth and sort of tilts his head around while making an "aaaarrrrahh" noise. The Ghanaians have a word for that. More specifically, it means "to move hot food around in your mouth."

8. Greng-jai (Thai)

That feeling you get when you don't want someone to do something for you because it would be a pain for them.

9. Mencolet (Indonesian)

You know that old trick where you tap someone lightly on the opposite shoulder from behind to fool them? The Indonesians have a word for it.

10. Faamiti (Samoan)

To make a squeaking sound by sucking air past the lips in order to gain the attention of a dog or child.

11. Gigil (Filipino)

The urge to pinch or squeeze something that is irresistibly cute.

12. Yuputka (Ulwa)

A word made for walking in the woods at night, it's the phantom sensation of something crawling on your skin.

13. Zhaghzhagh (Persian)

The chattering of teeth from the cold or from rage.

14. Vybafnout (Czech)

A word tailor-made for annoying older brothers—it means to jump out and say boo.

15. Fremdschämen (German); Myötähäpeä (Finnish)

The kinder, gentler cousins of Schadenfreude, both these words mean something akin to "vicarious embarrassment."

16. Lagom (Swedish)

Maybe Goldilocks was Swedish? This slippery little word is hard to define, but means something like, "Not too much, and not too little, but juuuuust right."

17. Pållegg (Norwegian)

Sandwich Artists unite! The Norwegians have a non-specific descriptor for anything – ham, cheese, jam, Nutella, mustard, herring, pickles, Doritos, you name it – you might consider putting into a sandwich.

18. Layogenic (Tagalog)

Remember in *Clueless* when Cher describes someone as "a full-on Monet...from far away, it's OK, but up close it's a big old mess"? That's exactly what this word means.

19. Bakku-shan (Japanese)

Or there's this Japanese slang term, which describes the experience of seeing a woman who appears pretty from behind but not from the front.

20. Seigneur-terraces (French)

Coffee shop dwellers who sit at tables a long time but spend little money.

21. Ya'arburnee (Arabic)

This word is the hopeful declaration that you will die before someone you love deeply, because you cannot stand to live without them. Literally, may you bury me.

22. Pana Po'o (Hawaiian)

"Hmm, now where did I leave those keys?" he said,

pana po'ing. It means to scratch your head in order to help you remember something you've forgotten.

23. Slampadato (Italian)

Addicted to the UV glow of tanning salons? This word describes you.

24. Zeg (Georgian)

It means "the day after tomorrow." OK, we do have "overmorrow" in English, but when was the last time someone used that?

25. Cafune (Brazilian Portuguese)

Leave it to the Brazilians to come up with a word for "tenderly running your fingers through your lover's hair."

26. Koi No Yokan (Japanese)

The sense upon first meeting a person that the two of you are going to fall in love.

27. Kaelling (Danish)

You know that woman who stands on her doorstep (or in line at the supermarket, or at the park, or in a restaurant) cursing at her children? The Danes know her, too.

28. Boketto (Japanese)

It's nice to know that the Japanese think enough of the act of gazing vacantly into the distance without thinking to give it a name.

29. L'esprit de l'escalier (French)

Literally, stairwell wit—a too-late retort thought of only after departure.

30. Cotisuelto (Caribbean Spanish)

A word that would aptly describe the prevailing fashion trend among American men under 40, it means one who wears the shirt tail outside of his trousers.

31. Packesel (German)

The packesel is the person who's stuck carrying everyone else's bags on a trip. Literally, a burro.

32. Hygge (Danish)

Denmark's mantra, hygge is the pleasant, genial, and intimate feeling associated with sitting around a fire in the winter with close friends.

33. Cavoli Riscaldati (Italian)

The result of attempting to revive an unworkable relationship. Translates to "reheated cabbage."

34. Bilita Mpash (Bantu)

An amazing dream. Not just a "good" dream; the opposite of a nightmare.

35. Litost (Czech)

Milan Kundera described the emotion as "a state of torment created by the sudden sight of one's own misery."

36. Luftmensch (Yiddish)

There are several Yiddish words to describe social misfits. This one is for an impractical dreamer with no business sense.

37 & 38. Schlemiel and schlimazel (Yiddish)

Someone prone to bad luck. Yiddish distinguishes between the schlemiel and schlimazel, whose fates would probably be grouped under those of the klutz in other languages. The schlemiel is the traditional maladroit, who spills his coffee; the schlimazel is the one on whom it's spilled.



MEMBER NEWS

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HAPPY NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

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- 24 Nicholas K Seger
- 25 Kelli M Adam
- 27 John Fortkort
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NEW MEMBERS—WELCOME!

Bali Baweja
Jim Grace
Michael McCann

JUST MOVED IN—HI NEIGHBOR!

Jeffrey Michael Lewman
Jessica Rubin

WELCOME BACK--MISSED YOU!

Lisa M Bunkowski
Dorothy G Landoll
Jimmy Allen Martin JD

GOODBYE—MOVING AWAY

Melanie G Gover
Fiona Meeker

* **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.

NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

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IN MEMORIAM

Wendell Leon Weatherford, age 73, was a Life Member of American Mensa. He was born in 1940 and passed away in September. Wendell lived in Austin, TX from 1976 to 2010. He attended Riverview High School in Searcy, AR and graduated class of 1957. After high school, he went to the University of Arkansas in Fayetteville, AR. Later he attended college at the Arkansas Tech University in Russellville, AR.

He worked at H & R Block from 1994 – 2005 as a Computer Support & IRS Enrolled Agent. Prior to that, he worked as a Computer Systems Analyst at Texas Instruments.

Some of his friends and loved ones were Roy Weatherford, Dale Weatherford, Gail Lawson, Katherine Weatherford, Kimberly Fox, and Lavern Blocker.

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NOVEMBER CALENDAR

Compiled by Rose Berkowitz, Calendar Editor

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
3	4 Member Meeting	5 ELECTION DAY	6	7 Board Meeting	1 8	2 9
10	11 VETERAN'S DAY	12	13	14 ALG Due Chess Night TGIT-North	15	16 Games Night
17	18	19 Eclectic Eats	20	21 TGIT-South	22	23
24	25	26 TGIT-North Seal & Label	27	28 THANKS-GIVING	29	30

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Member Meeting

Nov. 4, 6:45 to 8:15 pm
Carver Branch Library

Board Meeting

1st Thursday
Nov. 7, 7:15-8:15 pm
Carver Branch Library.

ALG/Calendar Deadline

2nd Thursday
Nov. 14, Midnight
Submissions due to Editor.

Chess Night

2nd Thursday
Nov. 14, 6-8 PM
Bring your chess sets if you have them. Hosted by Douglas Yee.

Thank Goodness It's Thursday (TGIT-North)

Nov. 14 & 26, 6-8 PM
Meet us upstairs at the Café for conversation, food and fun. Prospective members welcome

Games Night

3rd Saturday
Nov. 16, 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, Nov. 19
Ka-Prow Thai and Sushi Bistro
www.kaprowleaf.com
512-990-2111
1200 West Howard Lane, Austin
Ka-Prow features an impressive selection of exquisitely prepared Thai and pan-Asian gourmet treats. RSVP to Aaron Rabushka at arabushka@austin.rr.com or 512-280-2807.

Thank Goodness It's Thursday (TGIT-South)

3rd Thursday
Nov. 21, 6:00-8:00 PM
Join us for conversation, food, and fun. Prospective members welcome.

Seal & Label

Nov. 26, 6-8 PM
Join the TGIT Group to help seal and label the newsletter.

UPCOMING IN DECEMBER

Dec.5 LSM Board, Carver Branch Library
Dec 9 RMM, Carver Branch Library
Dec 12 TGIT, Central Market North
Dec 12 Newsletter input due, email
Dec 12 Calendar input due
Dec 21 RMM/Holiday Celebration
Dec 26TGIT, Central Market North
Dec 26 S&L, Central Market North]

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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 38th and 44th 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 statues of fruits and vegetables.





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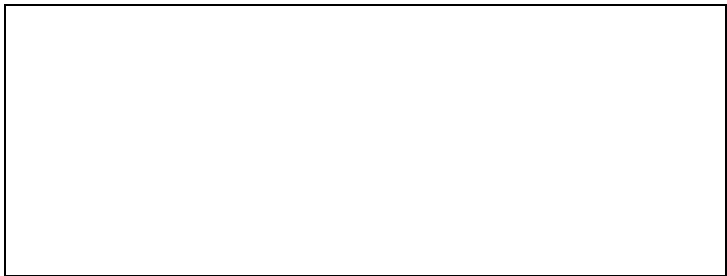
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