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EDITOR'S CHOICE

Submitted By Rose Berkowitz

This month we highlight helpful ideas regarding:

- Promoting our upcoming RG.
- Reaching out to our members via a "Sunshine Committee."

I think these ideas are well worth considering. (Board and applicable volunteers, please take note.)

And remember—I'm always glad to hear from you. So please send in your comments, ideas, essays, or whatever else you'd like to contribute. No particular word limit, but emailed submissions are appreciated.

MEMBER MEETINGS

Submitted by Angela Adams, Symposia Chair

May Member Meeting

This month, three intrepid Mensans arrived to talk food and whatever else came to mind. As is wont to happen in discussions like these, the topic of conversation jumped rapidly and perfectly logically. We started discussing the virtues (or lack thereof) of Monsanto, the giant American multinational agricultural biotechnology corporation. From there, we pondered the arrow of time as it relates to chemistry and biology on Earth. Naturally, this brought up string theory and AGs, and the infancy of Australia the continent. Deep sea hydrothermal vents and DNA data storage came next, leading inexorably to the supremacy of Korean short ribs over all other forms of barbecue (at least in one Mensan's mind). Finally, we considered adding a "mini Game Night" component to the TGIT – South meetup in order to increase turnout.

If you want to add to the conversation, we should be picking up where we left off at the TGIT – South meetup on Thursday, May 16, at 6 pm, at Central Market South. Come join us!

June Member Meeting

For our June member meeting, I will be presenting two 30-minute DVD lectures from The Great Courses' "Practicing Mindfulness: An Introduction to Meditation" series. We will view "Mindlessness - The Default Setting" and "Mindfulness - The Power of Awareness." If you've ever been curious about meditation and how it can impact your daily life, then you can't afford to miss this meeting!

LET'S HANG OUT!

By Angela Adams, Symposia Chair

- **National Donut Day** — Friday, June 7, 7:30 pm — 1503 S. 1st St. Celebrate National Donut Day with

your fellow Mensans by eating an over-the-top donut from local favorite [Gourdough's](#). Try a Flying Pig, a

donut topped with bacon and maple syrup icing, or perhaps a Son of a Peach, which has peach filling and a cinnamon, sugar, and cake mix topping. After we've satisfied our sweet teeth, we'll burn off some of those calories by walking a couple blocks south to take a commemorative picture in front of the iconic "Greetings from Austin" postcard mural.

- **101X Summer Cinema Series: "Can't Hardly Wait"** — Wednesday, June 12, movie starts at sundown — Park behind Central Market North. Free. Weather permitting, 101.5 FM and Alamo Drafthouse Cinema will show a free screening of the teenage comedy, "Can't Hardly Wait" (1998), on a big outdoor screen in the park behind Central Market North. Bring your

blankets, lawn chairs, and money if you want to buy \$2.50 Blue Moons and/or Central Market eats.

- **11th Annual Keep Austin Weird Festival & 5K** — Saturday, June 22, Fest at 2:00 pm, 5K at 7:00 pm — The Long Center. Registration required for festival and/or 5K. Come revel in the weirdness that is Austin! Enjoy live music, family activities, art exhibits, and food vendors, and then run the 5K "race" in your most creative weird costume for a chance at winning the costume contest.

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

MAY BOARD MINUTES

Submitted by John Neemidge, acting Scribe

The May regular meeting of the Lone Star Mensa board of officers convened at 7:35 PM, Thursday, May 2, 2013 at Carver Public Library, Rooms 2-3, 1161 Angelina, Austin, TX. Attending were **Don Drumtra, John Neemidge, and Douglas Yee**. The board adopted the agenda and the minutes of the April regular board meeting as printed on page 2 of the April 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: The LocSec announced that we had one contact showing interest in taking a board position.
- Treasurer: LonestaRG 2012 made a final profit of \$82.97. We continue to have a great deal more income than expenditures. Annual report was due three days ago and will be sent in soon. End of year closings will take 6-7 hours; Don is planning to do it this weekend. We approved the Treasurer's report.
- ComComm: Don is working with Howard Prince at the National Office about post office issues; our MERLIN report showed 60 errors in barcodes in the previous report. This month we scored 100% in all categories. Every month we are receiving 1400 blank pink tray labels. Don is working to stop them from coming.
- EdComm: Scholarship escrow is growing and it should not be growing. (It is supposed to have only enough to cover awarding the scholarship.) Several proposals were discussed by which the Scholarship Endowment would grow instead. None were chosen, but we will continue to work on this.
- MemComm: Ravina Nelson is now actively working on lapsed member contacts. Membership is up to 663. Michael Tolbert held a testing session in late April and is planning to hold one in May.
- SymCom: Ravina is becoming active; she led the discussion group at the previous meeting. Angela continues to schedule meetings; see the Armadillo for current topics.
- LonestaRG 2013 Committee: Our RG hotel was sold and the change in ownership may impact the RG. Ron Edelstein and John Neemidge will work to minimize the impacts. The Committee continues to work to plan this year's LonestaRG. All LSM members are invited to participate in planning for and working at the RG.
- Website Working Group: Douglas Yee reported that the working group continues to wait for feedback from the designer.
- Mind Games Committee. Hotel registration site is up and going. Mind Games registration site is created.

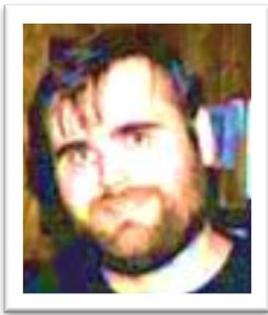
Announcements:

- The next monthly board meeting is scheduled for 7:15-8:15 PM, Thursday, June 6 at the Carver Branch Library.
- The next regular monthly meetings are scheduled for 6:45-8:15 PM, Monday, May 13 and June 10 at the Carver Branch Library.

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 PM.

A WORD TO THE WISE

Submitted by John Neemidge, LocSec



I'm going to jump out into the future this month and talk about two major events Lone Star Mensa has coming up. We'd love to see you at both of them, and both will need a lot of volunteer support to be all they can be.

First off, Lone Star RG XV. This is our yearly Regional Gathering (or, "convention"). It'll be held over Labor Day weekend at the Wingate in Round Rock. There will be lots of great speakers, workshops, hospitality (meals, snacks, and much more included in your registration), and plenty more to see and do. Ron and Linda Edelstein are chairing this year's LRG and are hard at work on setting up a great time for everyone, and will need plenty of help both ahead of time and at the RG itself. There is a registration form for Lone Star RG XV in this issue of the 'Dillo, as

well as information on how to contact Ron and Linda.

Next, and further away, over Easter weekend, April 18-20, 2014, we will be hosting the national Mensa Mind Games event at the Hilton Austin Airport. This is a big national event that draws over 300 people every year; it's where the Mensa Select judging takes place. We will need many volunteers to help with hospitality, logistics, clean-up, and many other things. We also encourage members to register for and attend Mind Games. It makes for a very busy weekend (each attendee needs to play and score a couple dozen games in a pretty short time) but it's lots of fun. For more information, contact the Mind Games 2014 chair, Patsy Graham, at mensapats@att.net. You'll keep seeing calls for help in the 'Dillo; this is going to be the biggest event we've ever put on and we'll be working hard to get the number of volunteers we need.

One last event -- and not one that we need to work on. American Mensa's Annual Gathering is coming right up over Fourth of July weekend up in Fort Worth. This is the closest the AG has been in over a decade and it's not likely to be this close for a number of years. I highly recommend the AG -- it's a great event. Recent AGs have drawn around 2500 Mensans; there is a huge hospitality room, hundreds of programs, and much, much more. It's the biggest event in American Mensa. Many Lone Star Mensans will be there. I hope to see you there -- and at the RG and Mind Games too!

FROM THE RVC

Submitted by Roger Durham, Region 6 RVC



By the time most of you read this, or soon afterwards, the American Mensa election will be over, and at the Annual Gathering in Fort Worth 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. I know many of you will be coming to the AG this year, and I hope that some of you will take advantage of the opportunity to attend the AMC meeting and get acquainted with the people who will lead American Mensa for the next two years. Of course, that means taking some time away from the terrific array of games, speakers, and other activities that are planned for the AG, but it might be time well spent if you have an interest in the future of our organization.

Speaking of which, I always enjoy being able to report on things that the AMC has accomplished during the last two years, but this time I regret that I must report to you something that we have not accomplished. Two years ago, in June of 2011, based on a discussion that took place at the spring AMC meeting that year, I told you that the new and improved American Mensa website would have a place where interested members could see the job descriptions for all national appointed offices, and post their resumes for the AMC members to review. Two years have gone by and that has not happened, for one reason or another. I don't know why it hasn't happened, but I have reminded the AMC of our promise to provide you with this opportunity, and asked that such an area be added to the national website as soon as possible.

And while on the subject of volunteering, let me take this opportunity to encourage all of you to consider serving as an officer of your local group, especially those of you who belong to our smaller groups. Several times in the past couple of years I have been contacted by local officers here in Region Six, asking what could be done if no

one was willing to run for election. In some cases, they couldn't even find anyone to serve on a nominating or election committee. The ultimate answer, in such cases, is that if absolutely nobody can be found to serve as local officers, your group will be disbanded and the members reassigned to another group, but that is definitely a last resort. Before doing that, as Regional Vice Chair, I have the authority to appoint new officers for your local group, but that is a power I have exercised only rarely and very reluctantly. You can save everyone a great deal of heartburn and mental anguish by stepping forward when your group needs new officers. Being a local group officer isn't terribly difficult, it doesn't really take that much time, and both the national office staff and I will be happy to help if you run into problems.

In the meantime, see you at the AG!

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

FEATURED MEMBER BIO—RON EDELSTEIN

It's always a bit difficult to talk about yourself without sounding either egotistical or deprecating. But since no one else knows me as well as I do, I'll give it a shot. Let's see, as the classic stories start, I was born at a very early age...no, that's not where to start, is it?

OK, basic facts: I'm older than dirt but younger than Don Drumtra (though not by much!). My wife, Linda, and I moved to Austin and both became involved in Lone Star Mensa, having been Mensa members for a long time—twenty years for Linda and over thirty for me. I moved down in 2004 to work for Solectron and Linda joined me after retiring from her federal Civil Service career in 2006. Prior to that we lived in Richardson, TX, a suburb of Dallas and were active in North Texas Mensa, where I served a term or so as VP and where we hosted the annual New Members Party at our house each year and the occasional New Year's Eve party. Before moving to Texas in 1994, we lived in California for twenty-five years, in San Diego, Long Beach and Santa Clara. I joined Mensa during the sojourn in the L.A. Area where I was a member of GLAAM (Greater Los Angeles Area Mensa). In Santa Clara we were members of SFRM (San Francisco Regional Mensa) and enjoyed the annual trek to Asilomar for the Granddaddy of all RG's.

I'm a native of Alabama and grew up in a remote, rural town. I attended a military school in Alabama, the Marion Military Institute, in preparation for the U.S. Naval Academy, I moved to Milwaukee, WI for college after my Academy physical disqualified me for having less than 20/20 vision (a non-waiverable requirement in those days). There met Linda...by having her beat me twice in a row over a chess board. That started our fifty year (so far) relationship.

I served on active duty in the Navy in New London, CT on diesel submarines and later out of Newport, R.I. on a destroyer. After my active duty time ended I stayed on in the Naval Reserve, eventually

reaching CPO, and then promotion to Warrant Officer and finally retired after nearly 31 years as a Chief Warrant Officer (CWO-4) Boatswain (Bosun, as we salts pronounce it). During that time I commanded a couple of PT boats with the Coastal River Squadron, Riverine Force, during the Vietnam War and later served on a number of other gray ships.

Meanwhile we moved to Southern California where I worked at the Mexican border at Tijuana as a U.S. Customs inspector. Later I was Chief Inspector for Los Angeles Harbor and District Chief of Fines, Penalties and Forfeitures for the Los Angeles District of Customs. When I left the Customs Service, we moved to Santa Clara where I joined Fujitsu, a Japanese computer company, as their first corporate customs manager. Later it was Texas Instruments that recruited me to move to Dallas as their Director of Corporate Customs. I finally retired from active employment in 2008 from Freescale Semiconductor in Austin and now do some consulting in international trade compliance as the opportunity offers.

I enjoy playing and working on computers—I build my own. I also am a collector of all sorts of things, including coins, gems (I'm a certified gemologist), stamps, old mechanical watches and other things. Collecting a fancy word for "packrat". I also like old cars, having owned a 1957 Thunderbird at one time and a number of old Mercedes Benz cars. I'm an active member of the Mercedes Benz Club as well as Mensa. I also have always been a compulsive reader on almost any subject, but prefer science fiction, mysteries, religion, philosophy, history and just about anything else... a cereal box will do in a pinch! I like books on paper or digital. Past history with LSM has included a couple of terms as LocSec and RG Chair, and I currently serve as LSM Ombudsman and Arbitrator. And for this year, Linda and I co-chair the LSM RG.

SOME HELPFUL RG PROMOTION IDEAS

By julieg@americanmensa.org

Pitching to the Media

Do you have an RG coming up? If so, you want to highlight the best parts of your gathering to the media in your press release or any other form of outreach. Here are a few ideas on highlights to pitch to the media:

Speaker Pitches

- If you have a speaker who would be interesting to a particular group of reporters (medical reporters, science reporters, education reporters), you should pitch the details about that speaker and their presentation to the reporters in that field. You can request a specialized media list from the National Office.

Open to the Public

- Most parents of gifted children are looking for a program for their child, so opening up one of the youngsters programs at your gathering to the public may bring media attention as well as potential new members.
- For example, a Mensa Youth Program at your Regional Gathering may have young Mensa members participating in an activity that presents well visually. You can have a Young Mensan and the LocSec from your Group on air to work on the activity and talk about the RG.

Find Ways to Engage or Interact

- Radio and TV shows may want to broadcast questions from the Mini-Quiz and have listeners (or viewers) call in with answers. You can offer the winner a prize from your chapter, such as a gift certificate for Prior Evidence or for their testing session.
- Before contacting a reporter to suggest coverage of a particular activity or speaker, we suggest you check to see what else might be going on at the same time and/or location. For example, having the youth program adjacent to a seriously adult program could have some negative consequences.

For any questions or support with your marketing and public relations efforts contact Julie Garcia at JulieG@americanmensa.org or 817-607-0060, ext. 5547.

Good luck...we are here to help!

MEMBER OUTREACH MAKES ALL THE DIFFERENCE

By Cynthia D'Amour, MBA, reprinted from April *InterLink*

Kelly's mother was sick. She needed Kelly's help.

Kelly, with her full-time job and two kids found time to be there for her mother.

It was a very intense six months.

Kelly was so drained doing it all at times she forgot what her name was.

Her work was not up to her normal level of quality — but her boss knew what was going on and was supportive of Kelly.

Life was a blur.

Anything not mandatory was dropped — including Kelly's involvement in the chapter.

Last month Kelly's mother finally turned the corner and got back on her feet.

Kelly spent the month trying to recover and catch up.

She missed being involved with the chapter — and was sort of hurt that no one missed her.

What she would have given for a dropped off meal — or even a friendly message on her voice mail.

The chapter meeting was coming up and Kelly debated whether or not to attend. The program was not an exact fit for her. And she felt sort of disconnected anyhow.

She was ready to write it off — until Max called.

She didn't know Max. He was a new member and helping to make some outreach calls to members who hadn't been around for a while. They had a nice chat.

Max shared the scoop a friend had given him about Kelly — all positive and fun to hear.

When Kelly explained about her mom being sick, Max was all ears. In fact, his family had just gone through something similar.

Max asked Kelly if they could chat more at the next meeting. He wanted to see if his idea of her matched reality.

Kelly was tickled.

She didn't know who Max was — but he was interested in her showing up. She decided to attend the meeting.

Life regularly throws curve balls to your members.

How many meetings does a normally active member have to miss before someone wonders what's going on? Does anyone take action on behalf of the chapter? Is anyone responsible for checking in when members go missing?

When members feel like someone cares, they are more likely to come back to your chapter when they can.

In the old days, they used to have Sunshine Committees with people who would do this kind of follow up. I don't see them very often any more — but given how alone so many members can be, maybe it's time to start a similar effort in your chapter?

How does your board make sure members feel connected to your chapter — especially when life throws them a curve ball?

*For more than fifteen years, Cynthia D'Amour has worked with association leaders and staff to get more members involved using a marketing-savvy leadership approach. She is the author of *The Lazy Leader's Guide to Outrageous Results* and *Founder of The Chapter Leaders Playground* (now, *PeoplePowerUnlimited*). Cynthia is a frequent speaker at leadership conferences and conventions adding lots of can-do, high-energy fun to the events. For more information about Cynthia and her work with associations of all sizes, visit her Web site at www.peoplepowerunlimited.com.*

[Don Drumtra informs me that many folks drop off the rolls this time of year by not paying their dues on time. We lost 129 this year. We hope that most have just gotten busy and forgotten to renew, or temporarily cannot afford to renew. These folks are all potential renewals.—Editor]

YOUR SUDOKU PUZZLE

Weekly Extremes
<http://www.sudoku.org.u>
 By Douglas Yee



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

GIFTED YOUTH NEWS & NOTES

By Lisa Van Gemert, Gifted Youth Specialist, Mensa Foundation, www.mensaforkids.org, www.mensafoundation.org

Happenings & Celebrations:

1st: Flip a Coin Day
3rd: Repeat Day
7th: Donut Day (always the first Friday)
14th: Flag Day
30th: Meteor Watch Day

June is Aquarium Month & National Fruit and Vegetables Month.

Resources:

Flip a Coin Day: Watch this video that explains the math of coin flipping <http://bit.ly/coinmovie>

Repeat Day: This is the perfect opportunity to watch "Groundhog Day" and repeat everything you do all day (hopefully you like what you're doing!).

Donut Day: Some donut shops give away (or have sales on) donuts today, so enjoy a treat. You can make your own by following this simple recipe from Pillsbury <http://bit.ly/makedonuts>.

Flag Day: Although it's not a national holiday, it is a recognized day to celebrate our flag. It was first observed to recognize the 100th anniversary of the selection of the flag. You can find a timeline of the history of Old Glory here <http://bit.ly/flaghistory>. Do you know the other two nicknames for the flag?

Meteor Watch Day: Find out more about meteors from NASA here <http://bit.ly/nasameteors>.

Triviality:

What do you know about June? Test yourself:

- How many days did the month originally have?
- Before it was the sixth month, June came here in the calendar.
- The winter solstice in the Southern Hemisphere is on which of these two dates?
- If your birthday is in June, this is your flower.

Answers:

- 29 – Julius Caesar added a day, making it one of four months with 30 days.
- 4th – This alteration was also made by the Romans when January and February were moved to the beginning of the year.
- The 21st or 22nd
- The rose

There are more than 100 species of beetle known as June Bugs. You can learn more about them here <http://bit.ly/junebugs>.

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Connect: www.linkedin.com/in/lisavangemert

MENSA FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

Submitted by charlesb@americanmensa.org

The Mensa Education & Research Foundation is excited to announce its U.S. scholarship winners for 2012-2013. More than 9,400 applications were received from students in the first year of online scholarship submissions, with students competing for 176 scholarship awards worth more than \$78,000.

The Mensa Foundation's college scholarship program is unique in that it bases its awards solely on applicant essays. The next application period opens on Sept. 15.

Volunteers with 97 Mensa Local Groups participated in the scholarship program, and each of their local winners will receive a Karen Cooper or Diana Mossip Memorial Scholarship in the amount of \$300. In all, winners came from 43 states including Alaska and Hawaii. The top states in number of winners were California, Florida, New York, Texas and Pennsylvania.

Congratulations to all of the winners for their scholarship awards and to the Mensa volunteers for their time and efforts. To view the winners, go to <http://www.mensafoundation.org/scholarships>, click on the Scholarship Winners link and then access the U.S. submenu.

[Per Claudia Harbert, LSM has a regional, a national, and our local winner. Details will be in our next issue.—Editor]

Forwarded by Tom Spillman

Love the sun?

Sun City, Texas 78628
Sunrise, Texas 76661
Sunset, Texas 76270
Sundown, Texas 79372
Sunray , Texas 79086
Sunny Side , Texas 77423

Want something to eat?

Bacon, Texas 76301
Noodle, Texas 79536
Oatmeal, Texas 78605
Turkey, Texas 79261
Trout, Texas 75789
Sugar Land, Texas 77479
Salty, Texas 76567
Rice, Texas 75155
Pearland, Texas 77581
Orange, Texas 77630
And top it off with:
Sweetwater, Texas 79556

**Why travel to other cities?
Texas has them all!**

Detroit, Texas 75436
Cleveland, Texas 75436
Colorado City, Texas 79512
Denver City, Texas 79323
Klondike, Texas 75448
Pittsburg , Texas 75686
Newark , Texas 76071
Nevada, Texas 75173
Memphis, Texas 79245
Miami, Texas 79059
Boston, Texas 75570
Santa Fe, Texas 77517
Tennessee Colony, Texas
75861
Reno, Texas 75462
Pasadena, Texas 77506
Columbus, Texas 78934
Just, Texas
Pep, Texas 79353
Smiley , Texas 78159
Paradise, Texas 76073
Rainbow, Texas 76077

Sweet Home, Texas 77987
Comfort , Texas 78013
Friendship, Texas 76530

**Feel like traveling outside the
country?**

Athens , Texas 75751
Canadian, Texas 79014
China , Texas 77613
Dublin , Texas 76446
Egypt, Texas 77436
Ireland, Texas 76538
Italy, Texas 76538
Turkey, Texas 79261
London, Texas 76854
New London, Texas 75682
Paris, Texas 75460
Palestine, Texas 75801

**No need to travel to
Washington DC**

Whitehouse, Texas 75791

**We even have a city named
after our planet!**

Earth , Texas 79031

**We have a city named after
our state:**

Texas City , Texas 77590

Exhausted?

Energy , Texas 76452

Cold?

Blanket , Texas 76432
Winters, Texas 79567

Like to read about History?

Santa Anna , Texas 76878
Goliad , Texas 77963
Alamo , Texas 78516
Gun Barrel City , Texas 75156
Robert Lee , Texas 76945

Need Office Supplies?

Staples, Texas 78670

Want to go into outer space?

Venus , Texas 76084
Mars , Texas 79062

**You guessed it. It's on the
state line.**

Texline , Texas 79087

For the kids...

Kermit, Texas 79745
Elmo, Texas 75118
Nemo, Texas 76070
Tarzan, Texas 79783
Winnie, Texas 77665
Sylvester, Texas 79560

**Other city names in Texas, to
make you smile.....**

Frognot, Texas 75424
Bigfoot, Texas 78005
Hogeye, Texas 75423
Cactus, Texas 79013
Notrees, Texas 79759
Best, Texas 76932
Veribest, Texas 76886
Kickapoo, Texas 75763
Dime Box, Texas 77853
Old Dime Box, Texas 77853
Telephone, Texas 75488
Telegraph, Texas 76883
Whiteface, Texas 79379
Twitty, Texas 79079
Krum Texas 76249
Drop, Texas 75789

The Anti-AI Gore City

Kilgore , Texas 75662

And our favorites...

Cut and Shoot, Texas 77303
Gun Barrel City , Texas 75147
Ding Dong, Texas
West, Texas (it's in Central
Texas)
and, of course,
Mule Shoe , Texas 79347



HAPPY JUNE BIRTHDAYS*

- 1 Donald W Drumtra
- 1 John B Sanders
- 2 Kalani Kirk Hausman
- 3 Thayer McCaffree
- 3 V O Speights Jr
- 3 Michele Vaughan
- 5 Thomas O Myer
- 5 Philip D Ryals
- 8 Thomas Cloyd
- 9 Stephanie Hilliard
- 11 Clarence Lynn Cossey
- 11 Rick Reeder
- 12 Jeff Dommonge
- 13 Chris Markey
- 14 Luke Mitchell Parish
- 15 Taylor Griffin Smith
- 18 Benjamin H Ashmore Jr
- 18 Patricia Ann Drumtra
- 22 Ronald Wayne Holder Jr
- 22 Paul Rabago
- 24 Lawrence E Drake
- 26 Michael F Tipshus
- 27 Dean McCormick
- 27 Sean M Medley
- 27 Samantha C Pugh
- 28 Ian Ball
- 30 Madison R Jones

NEW MEMBERS—
WELCOME!

Caroline Kim

JUST MOVED IN—HI
NEIGHBOR!

Pranish Kantesaria
Jordan Pekevski

WELCOME BACK--MISSED
YOU!

Patrick Buchanan
Stephen Shannon Janes
Michael Gregory Neff
George Ninceheler
Michael Seaye

GOODBYE—NOVING AWAY

K Anthony Bottorff
Robert Burgess
James Crayton
Grace Lehto
Stephen Brice Rider
John R Strohm

GOODBYE—LEAVING
MENSA

Cynthia Anne Layne
Maud Ann Reddehase
Stuart R Singer
Jonathan E Smith

**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.*

**JUNE
ANNIVERSARIES**

MEMBER FOR 40 YEARS

Michael Bennett McCormick

MEMBER FOR 35 YEARS

Jack Vincent Musgrove

MEMBER FOR 30 YEARS

Michael Hoffman Bossert

MEMBER FOR 25 YEARS

James George Zimmerman

MEMBER FOR 20 YEARS

Paul Anderson
Gloria J Fortin

MEMBER FOR 15 YEARS

William Darrell Cheek

MEMBER FOR 10 YEARS

oanna J Newnam

MEMBER FOR 1 YEAR

Jeffrey Evans
Alessia Frouman
Sonika Kiehler
Dylan Kimble
Anand Narayanan
Sarah Narvaez
Rock Phillips
Jeremy Polansky
Siddharth Potluri
Lindsey Tipton
Ryan Vazquez
Phoebe Wooster

In a completely rational society, the best of us would be teachers and the rest of us would have to settle for something less, because passing civilization along from one generation to the next ought to be the highest honor and the highest responsibility anyone could have. - Lee Iacocca

MEMBERS IN THE NEWS

Reprinted from email to Mensa news editors

We talk a lot about how to get positive press, so let's celebrate some of our members who are out there making it happen!

DAILY DOUBLE...

On April 26th Jody Carlson of Metropolitan Washington was on the popular game show **Jeopardy** and you can catch Cleveland Area Mensa's, Alan Baltis on the show July 19th (check your local listings for time/stations).

LET THEM EAT CAKE...

This Wednesday (May 22nd) Marie Porter of Minnesota Mensa will be preparing a delicious Mango Mojito Upside Down cake on the season premiere of **Master Chef** (FOX)

ARIANNA CALLS...

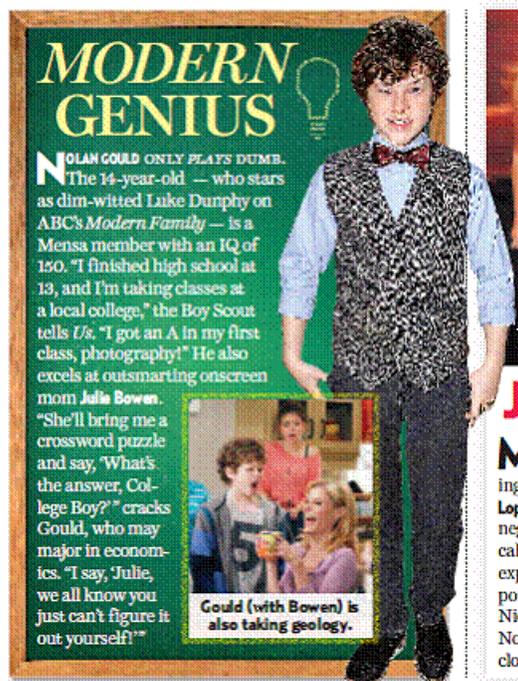
And featured on the **Huffington Post** this past weekend is Central Indiana Mensa's [Jacob Barrett](#).

HOLLYWOOD SHUFFLE

Modern Family's Nolan Gould was featured in May 2nd edition of US Weekly discussing his college career.

All of these members are out there just doing what they love. This is a wonderful and positive way to show the eclectic nature and variety of our membership.

HOT HOLLYWOOD



Please share your celebrations and challenges so we can all learn from each other and provide you with additional best practices. Contact Julie Garcia at JulieG@americanmensa.org.

MENSA INVITATIONAL (CHANGE ONE LETTER)

Here are the winners:

Cashtration (n.): The act of buying a house, which renders the subject financially impotent for an indefinite period of time.

Ignoranus : A person who's both stupid and an as*hole.

Intoxicaton : Euphoria at getting a tax refund, which lasts until you realize it was your money to start with.

Reintarnation : Coming back to life as a hillbilly.

Bozone (n.): The substance surrounding stupid people that stops bright ideas from penetrating. The bozone layer, unfortunately, shows little sign of breaking down in the near future.

Giraffiti : Vandalism spray-painted very, very high

Sarchasm : The gulf between the author of sarcastic wit and the person who doesn't get it.

Inoculatte : To take coffee intravenously when you are running late.

Osteopornosis : A degenerate disease. (This one got extra credit.)

Karmageddon : It's like, when everybody is sending off all these really bad vibes, right? And then, like, the Earth explodes and it's like, a serious bummer.

Decafalon (n.): The grueling event of getting through the day consuming only things that are good for you.

Dopeler Effect: The tendency of stupid ideas to seem smarter when they come at you rapidly.

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 aduanam@mindspring.com and Linda Edelstein ledelstein@mindspring.com, or our Registrar, Patsy Graham 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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JUNE CALENDAR

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
2	3	4	5	6 Board Meeting	7 NATIONAL DONUT DAY*	8
9	10 Member Meeting	11	12 101X SUMMER CINEMA SERIES*	13 ALG Deadline Chess Night TGIT-North	14	15 Games Night
16	17	18 Eclectic Eats	19	20 TGIT-South	21	22 11TH ANNUAL KEEP AUSTIN WEIRD FEST AND 5K*
23/30	24	25	26	27 TGIT-North Seal & Label	28	29

See the online calendar (ism.us.mensa.org/events/calendar.shtml) for the latest additions, cancellations, or changes. Online calendar inputs may be posted 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 Meeting

1st Thursday
Jun 6 Branch Library

Member Meeting

2nd Monday
Jun 10, 6:45 to 8:15 pm
Carver Branch Library
Mindlessness (see page 1)

ALG/Calendar Deadline

2nd Thursday
Jun 13, Midnight
Submissions due to Editor.

Chess Night (with the TGIT-N group)

2nd Thursday
Jun 13, 6-8 PM
Bring your chess sets if you have them. Hosted by Douglas Yee.

Thank Goodness It's Thursday (TGIT-North)

2nd & 4th Thursdays
Jun 13 & 27, 6-8 PM
Meet us upstairs at the Café for conversation, food and fun. Prospective members welcome.

Games Night

3rd Saturday
Jun 15, 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, Jun 18, 7:00 p.m.,
Tuk Tuk,
5517 Manchaca, Austin, 78745
512-236-1619,
(no web site)
This is a nice neighborhood Thai restaurant. Please RSVP to Aaron Rabushka at 512-280-2807 or arabushka@austin.rr.com by midday on June 17.

Thank Goodness It's Thursday (TGIT-South)

3rd Thursday
Jun 20, 6:00-8:00 PM
Join us for conversation, food, and fun. Prospective members welcome.

Seal & Label

4th Thursday
Jun 27 6-8 PM
Join the TGIT Group to help seal and label the newsletter.

UPCOMING IN JULY

[July 2-July 7 Annual Gathering.]
No Board meeting
July 8 RMM, Carver Branch Library
July 11 TGIT, Central Market North
July 11 Newsletter input due, email
July 11 Calendar input due
July 18 TGIT, Central Market South
July 25 TGIT, Central Market North
July 25 S&L, Central Market North

- See pages 1-2 for details

EVENT 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 38th and 44th Streets; on the south side of the store. Look for the Mensa table sign.

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.

**ANNUAL LSM FINANCIAL REPORT
2012-2013**

Submitted by Don Drumtra, Treasurer

For the fiscal year April 1, 2012 through March 31, 2013, Lone Star Mensa expected net revenue of \$304.20 (Gross revenue minus expenses). Our actual net revenue was \$2,929. As may be seen from table 1 revenue was close to expectations in every program and expenses were below expectations in most programs. As a result of this large revenue our net assets grew from \$26,607 to \$29,536.34.. See Table 2 for details. In a business a large profit and increasing assets would be considered good news--profit is the reason to have a business. This is not the case for us. We should be spending our money for the benefit of our members. We do not want to make money each year. We want to spend it for programs that provide value to our members. Come and help.

**Lone Star Mensa
Table 1. 2012-2013 Program Activity Analysis Summary
April 1 - March 31**

Programs	---- Summary Year to Date ----				---- Summary by Quarter ----			
	2012-2013 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	\$ 420.00	\$ 420.00	\$ 403.00	96%	\$ 30.00	\$ 160.00	\$ 88.00	\$ 125.00
Total Expenses	420.00	420.00	140.24	33%	-	-	140.24	-
Communications Program								
Total Revenue	3,600.00	3,600.00	3,600.00	100%	900.00	900.00	900.00	900.00
Total Expenses	3,600.00	3,600.00	2,580.33	72%	572.50	620.20	657.36	730.27
Symposia Program								
Total Revenue	1,200.00	1,200.00	1,350.00	113%	300.00	300.00	450.00	300.00
Total Expenses	1,200.00	1,200.00	630.28	53%	30.00	230.00	340.28	30.00
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	265.91	55%	-	-	50.85	215.06
Common Activities								
Total Revenue	180.00	180.00	180.00	100%	45.00	45.00	45.00	45.00
Total Expenses	180.00	180.00	-	0%	-	-	-	-
All Programs								
Total Revenue	\$ 5,880.00	5,880.00	6,013.00	102%	1,395.00	1,525.00	1,603.00	1,490.00
Total Expenses	5,880.00	5,880.00	3,616.76	62%	602.50	850.20	1,188.73	975.33
Total Programs	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,396.24		\$ 792.50	\$ 674.80	\$ 414.27	\$ 514.67
LonestaRG								
Total Revenue	\$ 4,700.00	\$ 4,700.00	4,736.50	101%	-	-	-	4,736.50
Total Expenses	4,500.00	4,500.00	4,653.53	103%	-	-	-	4,653.53
Total Disbursements	\$ 200.00	200.00	82.97	41%	-	-	-	82.97
Undistributed Rev and Exp								
Total Revenue	\$ 304.20	304.20	533.25	175%	53.74	74.41	155.59	249.51
Total Expenses	-	-	-	0%	-	-	-	-
Total Undistributed	\$ 304.20	\$ 304.20	\$ 533.25		\$ 53.74	\$ 74.41	\$ 155.59	\$ 249.51
Net Revenue	\$ 304.20	\$ 304.20	\$ 2,929.49		\$ 846.24	\$ 749.21	\$ 569.86	\$ 764.18

Lone Star Mensa
Table 2. 2012-2013 Balances Analysis Summary
 March 31

	<u>Apr 1</u>	<u>Jun 30</u>	<u>Sep 30</u>	<u>Dec 31</u>	<u>Mar 31</u>
Members	515	572	610	630	663
Rank	29	28	28	28	28
RG Registrants 2011/2012/2013	23/25/20	34/51/0	78/87/18	78/87/27	78/87/27
Assets					
Current Assets					
Cash	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Checking Account	6,133.37	6,893.41	7,919.85	8,743.97	9,125.50
Certificates of Deposit	23,830.32	23,855.75	23,873.39	23,909.95	23,938.11
Less Funds and Obligations	(18,000.00)	(18,000.00)	(18,000.00)	(18,000.00)	(18,000.00)
Accounts Receivable	-	-	455.15	455.15	455.15
Interest Receivable (Allocated)	-	-	-	-	-
Prepaid Postage	427.33	348.55	260.37	166.89	439.62
Prepaid RG 2012	139.26	184.26	4,647.53	4,653.53	0.00
Prepaid RG 2013	-	-	1.61	1.61	1.61
Prepaid Take Home Tests	37.50	37.50	37.50	37.50	37.50
Other Prepaid Expenses	-	-	-	-	-
Total Current Assets	\$12,567.78	\$ 13,319.47	\$ 19,195.40	\$19,968.60	\$15,997.49
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	1,126.31
Less Equipment Expensed Value	(1,051.57)	(981.31)	(981.31)	(981.31)	(981.31)
Other Long Term Assets	-	-	-	-	-
Total Long Term Assets	\$17,929.74	\$ 18,000.00	\$ 18,000.00	\$18,000.00	\$18,145.00
Total Assets	\$30,497.52	\$ 31,319.47	\$ 37,195.40	\$37,968.60	\$34,142.49
	2013 RG Spent \$1.61				
Liabilities and Appropriations					
Accounts Payable	\$ 148.09	\$ 153.11	\$ 170.69	\$ 182.47	\$ 194.89
Scholarships Escrow	1,171.36	696.79	1,089.43	1,125.99	1,162.44
RG Escrow 2012	845.00	1,160.00	4,736.50	4,736.50	-
RG Escrow 2013	-	-	1,080.00	1,175.00	1,175.00
RG Reserve	1,086.47	1,086.47	1,086.47	1,086.47	1,123.81
Eqpmt Replacement Appropriation	639.75	770.01	830.01	890.01	950.01
Other Liabilities and Appropriations	-	-	-	-	-
Total Liabilities and Appropriations	\$ 3,890.67	\$ 3,866.38	\$ 8,993.10	\$ 9,196.44	\$ 4,606.15
Net Assets					
Lonestar Mensa Net Assets	26,606.85	27,453.09	28,202.30	28,772.16	29,536.34
Total Net Assets	\$26,606.85	\$ 27,453.09	\$ 28,202.30	\$28,772.16	\$29,536.34
Total Liabilities, Approp., and Net Assets	\$30,497.52	\$ 31,319.47	\$ 37,195.40	\$37,968.60	\$34,142.49

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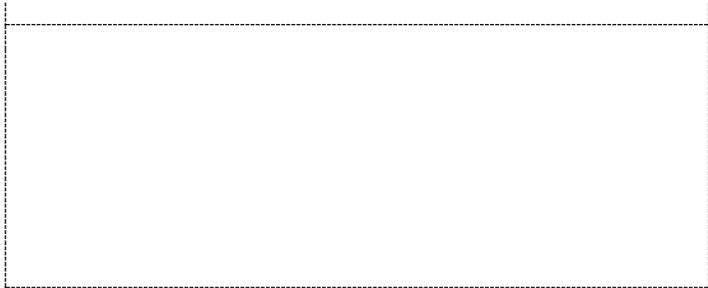
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