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EDITOR UPDATE

By John Neemidge, interim editor

This issue of the Armadillo Literary Gazette is a transitional one. The initial work was done by Rose Berkowitz, our outgoing editor, but she left the position prior to finishing the issue. Our new editor, Stephanie Hilliard, is expected to take up the newsletter with the August 2014 issue. I am currently interim editor until Stephanie is able to take over the newsletter. There is much of Rose's hard work in this issue; kudos go to her and blame for mistakes to me, especially blame for layout as much of the layout is mine and not Rose's.

As LocSec during much of Rose's tenure as editor, I would like to personally thank Rose for her service to the group and the newsletter, and wish her well in her future activities.

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S.I.G.H.T.		VACANT	
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ABOUT THE COVER ARTWORK

The image on the cover is by College Station-based artist Christina Robertson. Lone Star Mensa has commissioned Christina for original artwork, in a style similar to the cover image, which we hope will appeal to potential members, particularly aimed at science fiction / comic / etc convention ("con") attendees. We expect to feature more of her artwork in future issues.

by Geri Neemidge, President



No kidding!

My goal as president is to set this group up so it is useful, entertaining, educational, interesting, fun, and/or fascinating to more members. I would love to see more of you involved in

planning outings, parties, meetings, coffee house hangouts, bar trivia nights etc. In pondering why more folks don't get involved it occurs to me that not only do you have a lot of options, and probably a lot of irons in the fire, a bunch of you have children. You may not realize that Lone Star Mensa has a significant number of child members as well as members with children. Your children are WELCOME to attend events. The monthly meetings are even held in libraries, so children old enough to entertain themselves with books will have a ready selection.

I also realize our group stretches far and wide in Central Texas. It is just not practical to come to Austin too many times a month or in order to arrive at a certain time because of traffic. We are working to find area coordinators who will take the lead in planning events for some of our further flung cities, such as Bryan / College Station, Waco, Temple, and San Marcos. Of course, every member is welcome at every event but you just may want to meet at your local book store once a month or have dinner in your favorite restaurant every week or two.

I realize some may want to plan an event but have trouble planning an event early enough to get it into our newsletter and printed on our calendar. You can always send an email to our LSM Announce elist to publicize your event or create an event in our Facebook group.

Maybe I'll see some of you at American Mensa's biggest event—the Annual Gathering in Boston over July Fourth weekend—or I'll see you later in Austin.

LoneStaRG 2014 Kid's Activity Chair



Paige Neemidge

Paige has 12 years of experience in attending Mensa activities as a kid!

Paige is planning a scavenger hunt, craft activities, puppet shows and more for LoneStaRG 2014 kids who attend (though adults are also welcome to most!)

Paige is also a baby-sitter. She loves children and plans to be a teacher some day.

If you have small children who may need a baby-sitter at the RG, let us know!

Paige asks, "Please bring your kids! It will be more fun with LOTS of kids!"



GAULT SITE TOUR AND UPCOMING LONESTARG SPEAKER!

by Leslie Stevenson

Dr. D. Clark Wernecke, Executive Director of The Gault School of Archaeological Research gave the tour, and it was incredibly informative and entertaining - so much so I asked him if he would come present at our upcoming RG - and he agreed! So if you missed the tour - be sure not to miss the talk!

He took us on a tour that included Clovis era and pre-Clovis era history, but also covered the really interesting timeline about the archaeologists' struggles to work this incredibly important site, starting in 1929. This site has found many surprises (I don't want to post too many spoilers in case you want to tour the site someday) that have kept archaeologists around the world on their toes - one of which is that between 1999 and 2002 more than 1.2 million artifacts were recovered - about half of them of Clovis age. (<http://www.gaultschool.org/History/OurHistory.aspx>)

The tour really was "Mensa worthy" as it made me constantly think and Dr. Wernecke used a lot of humor. Between demonstrating likely weapons used to hunt large game, debunking textbook myths of early man in this region, and telling us the quirks of various landowners of the site up until present day, we stayed interested and amused throughout the tour.

Wildlife spotted included a fox, a frog in the actual dig site, and the longhorn heifers! (Okay, not technically WILDLIFE, but we city folk got a kick out of it.) The heifers had newborn calves - one calved right before our tour showed up and we got to witness its first steps. Dr. Wernecke said of all the things people take photos of, they get more cow photos than anything else.

Please come see Dr. Wernecke at LoneStaRG! You won't be sorry.



PINBALLZ PARTY—A BIG SUCCESS!

by Leslie Stevenson

We had a LOT of members show up! It was a blast! I giggled in delight for the greater part of the evening!

Moments filled with memories of racing against Patsy Graham, George Graham and Cecil Atkinson at Mario Go-Carts, playing Ski-ball for tickets with Doug Williams, talking with Lucas Almendra and his family about getting a new TeenSIG group started in the area, playing the GIANT pinball game with Cecil on one side and myself on the other, and spearing virtual fish with Paige Neemidge and Andrew

Badgely. I enjoyed visiting while eating pizza and Geri's homemade yummy cupcakes with Douglas Yee, Aaron Rabushka, Sean Mitchell, Bob Navasota, and the Neemidge family. Cecil and I decided we would save our prize tickets for another day, so we HAVE to do this again soon! I really want the inflatable alien or ninja.

(You can see more photos and even Vine videos I posted from the party on our Lone Star Mensa Facebook page!)



Patsy and George Graham



Aaron Rabushka



PIZZA!



Doug, Douglas, Cecil, and Leslie



Leslie, Cecil, Lucas and Family



John and Geri

FROM THE RVC

by Roger Durham, Region 6 RVC



Several years ago, I promised in this column that I would not hesitate to seek your advice if something came up on the national level that did not seem to have an obvious right or wrong side. In keeping with that promise, I must now ask for your guidance on a matter that is

currently scheduled to come before your Board of Directors at our summer Board meeting in Boston. The posted agenda for this meeting contains proposals for some rather extensive modifications to our current procedures, and I am faced with very difficult decisions on a few of the proposed changes.

The first change that is causing me some heartburn is a proposal that would solve the problem of filling mid-term vacancies in the office of Regional Vice Chair. New York law provides that an office which was elected by fewer than all of the voters cannot be filled by appointment, as we would do for a vacancy in any of the other Board positions. In order to avoid the expense of special elections, the Board has established a system whereby the local groups in a region which loses their RVC mid-term for any reason will be divided up among the neighboring regions until the next regular election. This process has not yet had to be used. Now it is proposed that the problem be solved in a different way: by having the RVCs elected nationwide, so that vacancies in that office can be filled by appointment just like the other offices.

The obvious drawback is that the majority of voters would be voting to choose between people they had

never heard of, for an office which would supposedly represent someone else.

The second proposal I am unhappy with comes from the Finance Committee. They want to avoid the necessity of periodic large dues increases by indexing dues for inflation. This proposal calls for automatic annual increases of 2.5%, beginning in 2015. I understand the need to offset inflation, but this idea seems to encourage financial irresponsibility. It also seems to assume no membership growth.

I would like to support our national leadership in these reforms, but I have some serious reservations about the wisdom of making some of these changes. If you have strong feelings about these issues, either pro or con, I would really like to hear your views before I vote on the proposals. Some of them, of course, require changes to the national by-laws, which would have to be ratified by the membership in the next election, but I don't want to vote for measures which I'm fairly sure the members will not approve.

You can read the exact wording of the proposed changes on the national website in the posted Agenda for the summer 2014 Board meeting. Please take a minute right now to look over these changes, as well as the rest of the revisions, and let me know if, on balance, you favor or oppose the proposals. I need to hear from you before I leave for Boston on July 2, so please don't delay. You can reach me either by email, at RVC6@us.mensa.org, or by letter at 9920 Ridgehaven Drive, Dallas, TX 75238

YOUR SUDOKU PUZZLE

Extreme Sudoku

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

By Douglas Yee



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	6	2		8				

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.

BOARD OF OFFICERS MEETING MINUTES

Submitted by Leslie Stevenson, Board Secretary

The May 2014 regular meeting of the Lone Star Mensa board of officers convened at 11:30 AM, May 17, 2014 at the Windsor Park Branch of APL, 5833 Westminster Dr., Austin, TX, 78723. Attending were Senior Officers: **Don Drumtra, Ron Edelstein, Geri Neemidge, John Neemidge, Aaron Rabushka, Leslie Stevenson, Johnnie Vaughn, and Doug Williams.** Appointed officer **Patsy Graham** and Newsletter Editor **Rose Berkowitz** were also in attendance.

The board adopted the May 2014 agenda

The board approved the April 2014 minutes as printed on pages 5-6 of the March 2014 issue of the Armadillo Literary Gazette with the following addition: Add link to Standing Rule ASIE 2007-1, as last amended by ASIE 2010-18: Program Structure and Officer Responsibilities http://www.lsm.us.mensa.org/standards/Archives/AISE2007-01_ProgramStructure/ASIE2010-09_ProgramStructure20100203.pdf

The minutes, agenda, referenced written reports, and other documents related to the meeting will be made available on the LSM Website. Paper copies are available on request. The board received the following officer and committee reports and took the following actions.

Treasurer: The board unanimously approved the Treasurer's report submitted by Don Drumtra for Douglas Yee.

LonestarRG 2014 Committee: Leslie reported that there wasn't a physical meeting held in May, but the next meetings will be: June 7th, 1-5PM, July 12th, 1-5PM, August 9th & 23rd 1-5PM: All at Patsy Graham's house.

Mind Games 2014 Committee: Patsy Graham's final financial report is available on the LSM website. It was an amazing success at the local and national level! LoneStarRG 2014 committee received leftover paper products and serving goods from MG. Leslie moved to commend Patsy Graham and the Mind Games 2014 committee for a job well done. This passed unanimously.

Testing Coordinator: The report, as submitted by Johnnie Vaughn, can be viewed on the LSM website. We need testing proctors! Johnnie reported there were 16 testing prospects as of 5/17/2014.

Unfinished Business and Actions

COOKIE!: Leslie posted an Easter Egg in the May 2014 Armadillo Literary Gazette newsletter LSM Board Minutes. The following members responded and will get a Lone StarRG 2014 t-shirt when we create them: Claudia Harbert, Glenn Mautner, Fred Bothwell, Marshall Hamilton

New Business and Actions

- The board approved paying to mail postcards out to LSM members for whom we do not have email addresses. The board approved funding a party at Pinballz on June 13, 2014, which is expected to cost about \$600 or less.
- Leslie moved that all volunteers holding official LSM positions should submit to the Vice-President/Secretary of the board via email a monthly report or check-in at least five days before the board meeting, and any agenda items they need to add if they, or an appropriate representative, can attend the board meeting to discuss the agenda item. If they do not submit any report for three consecutive months with some sort of action item reported, then the board of officers should take action to either replace the volunteer or else decide if that position is still necessary to LSM. The motion passed unanimously.
- Geri appointed Patsy Graham as Membership Chair, unanimously passed by board
- Geri appointed Leslie as Webmaster, unanimously passed by board
- Ron moved that Leslie, as Webmaster, have complete control over the website subject to input from the board. The motion passed unanimously.
- The board approved \$867.00 for Leslie and Johnnie to create a tabletop display (including National Mensa created tablecloth), advertising materials and event registration for advertising LSM at conventions and other events. \$117.00 for the tablecloth from National will come directly out of the local group funding.
- The board approved up to \$750.00 for John Neemidge to replace the LSM projector.

Announcements

General Members meetings will follow the Board of Officers meetings on the following dates and locations:

- At Twin Oaks Branch of Austin Public Library: 1800 S. Fifth St., Austin, TX, 78704
 - June 21st: 1:00-4:45PM: Board meeting followed by General meeting
 - July 19th: 1:00-4:45PM: Board meeting followed by General meeting
 - August 16th: 1:00-4:45PM: Board meeting followed by General meeting
- At the Old Quarry Branch of Austin Public Library: 7051 Village Center Dr., Austin, TX, 78731
 - September 20th: 1:00-4:45PM: Board meeting followed by General meeting
 - October 18th: 1:30-4:45PM: Board meeting followed by General meeting
 - November 15th: 1:00-4:45PM: Board meeting followed by General meeting

The next testing session is scheduled for: June 21, 2014, 9:00AM

The meeting adjourned at 1:30 PM.

MEET THE WORLD CUP'S ENDANGERED ARMADILLO MASCOT

By John Platt, Mother Nature Network (with permission)

Will Fuleco, the cartoon mascot, help raise awareness for the endangered Brazilian three-banded armadillo?



Designers focused on the armadillo's cutest qualities to create Fuleco the FIFA mascot. (Photo of armadillo: Heather Paul/Flickr; Fuleco courtesy of FIFA)

Over the next several weeks, hundreds of millions of people around the world will sit and cheer in front of their televisions and computer screens as the 2014 FIFA World Cup takes place in Brazil. Some of the world's top athletes will be on display during the month-long soccer competition that runs from June 12 through July 13 — and so will the World Cup mascot, a Brazilian three-banded armadillo named Fuleco.

Over the course of the World Cup, it seems obvious that more people will see Fuleco than will see actual Brazilian three-banded armadillos. The rare animals, which live only in western Brazil, were thought to be extinct until they were rediscovered in a few remote locations in the 1990s. Today they are considered vulnerable to extinction, mostly due to habitat loss.

When FIFA announced Fuleco back in 2012, the organization said the mascot represented the World's Cup's lofty environmental goals. In fact the mascot's name is a play on the words Futebol (football) and Ecologia (Ecology). "One of the key objectives through the 2014 World Cup is to use the event as a platform to communicate the importance of the environment and ecology," FIFA Secretary General Jerome Valcke said at the time. "We are glad to be able to do so with the help of a mascot who I'm sure will be much-loved."

Unfortunately, FIFA's promise to make this year's competition the greenest World Cup to date hasn't necessarily lived up to reality. Brazil, which will also host the 2016 Olympics, has razed critical rain forests to make way for a new \$325 million stadium. And it has been said that travel for the month-long World Cup will be the equivalent of driving half a million cars around for an entire year.

That brings us back to Fuleco. A team of scientists recently called for FIFA to do more to protect the Brazilian three-banded armadillo. Specifically, they have called for FIFA to protect 1,000 hectares (about 4 square miles) of the armadillo's critical habitat in the Caatinga ecosystem for every goal scored over the course of the World Cup. "Protecting the remaining Caatinga is extremely urgent," José Alves Siqueira of the Federal University of the Valley of São Francisco said in a news release in May. "We want the choice of one of the Caatinga's most iconic species as the World Cup mascot to be more than just a symbolic one."

The move, if it actually happens, can't come fast enough for Fuleco's real-world cousins. Populations for this rare species — one of only two armadillo species that can roll into a complete ball — have dropped by as much as 30 percent over the past decade. That's not much to cheer about.

TESTING COORDINATOR REPORT--5/17/2014

by Johnnie Vaughn, Testing Coordinator

1. Michael Tolbert will be conducting the next testing session on June 21st. We are planning a test July 12th.
 - a. Session has been added to the National online calendar and should come out this next week.
 - b. Site can handle 5-6 testees.
 - c. Don't have anyone currently scheduled as a proctor-in-training; If we get anybody signed up between now and then, this will be their first opportunity to observe.
2. Received 16 prospects from National; In process of contacting them individually with information letters.
3. Austin continues to forward me all remaining emails he is getting from past prospects. I am contacting as they come in and updating prospect tracking on National website.
4. Proctors have been notified about additional requirements to maintain certification.
 - a. Code of Ethics; Test at least once every 24 months.
 - b. Will work with those that want to test between now and October to maintain certs



LoneStaRG XVI: PLAYTIME!

Come play with us!

Labor Day Weekend 2014

August 29th - September 1st

Round Rock, TX

Hotel: Wingate by Wyndham

1209 North Interstate Highway 35, Round Rock, TX 78664

Lone Star Mensa rate: \$89/night

Reservations: (512) 341-7000

More hotel information: www.wingateroundrock.com

Moth-style Storytelling, Photo Scavenger Hunt, Buster Keaton talk, Live Webcast on Fanboytv.com, Improv Entertainment "Whose Line?" Style, Rock Band play, Blitz Chess Tournament, Keeping Austin Weird with Red Wassenich, Murder Mystery Dinner, Dance, Steve Jackson MIB team and ChimaeraCon staff are bringing games, Altered-Altoid Tin craft, Goatland: A two day kid's DIY board game workshop, and more!

Go to our website:

www.LONESTARG.com

for up-to-date information

or to register online!

New this year: Geek Market! OPEN TO THE PUBLIC! Two days in the ballroom!
Want to rent a booth? Check out our vendor information at lonestarg.com/vendors.html
or email Johnnie Vaughn: johnnie.r.vaughn@gmail.com for more details!

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News & Notes: July 2014

Happenings & Celebrations:

- 10th: Teddy Bear Picnic Day
- 11th: Free Slurpee Day (Get yours at 7-11!)
- 14th: Bastille Day

July is National Ice Cream Month (find 25 recipes for homemade ice cream here: <http://bit.ly/i-c-r>).

Resources:

Teddy Bear Picnic Day: To celebrate with your Teddy Bears and friends, read the real story behind Teddy Bears, and eat Gummi Bears, Teddy Grahams, make a bear cake (see a how-to video here <http://bit.ly/bear-cake>), or even have a picnic for breakfast with these Teddy Bear pancakes (<http://bit.ly/tb-pancakes>). But please don't feed the bears!

Bastille Day: Want to know more about this French holiday? Visit <http://bit.ly/Bastille-day>. Create a

crossword with what you learn and send it to YMMagazine@us.mensa.org. We will print up to five in our magazine! If reading is more your style, try *The French Revolution* by Gail B. Stewart.

Triviality:

Be sure to "like" the Mensa Foundation's Facebook page to get trivia questions especially designed for youth every weekday. Find the page at <https://www.facebook.com/MensaFoundation>

Benefit Highlight:

Members receive a 33 percent discount when they buy three or more books from LifeBound, whose books, programs and curricula follow a stair-step developmental path for students from Grades 5-12 and beyond into college and career. Visit <http://bit.ly/GY-lifebound> to look over the selection of books, study guides and other materials. To receive the 33 percent discount, enter the coupon code MENSA at checkout

Some of us in the Austin area would like to get together with members in the Bryan/College Station area, possibly August 9th, (maybe we could schedule a testing session too?)
Let me know if you are interested!
LeslieLStevenson@gmail.com

We need more Area Event Coordinators!
Plan Lone Star Mensa outings, parties, games nights, pub crawls, get togethers for dinners or plays...
Lone Star Mensa covers a big area – not just Austin! Have a party!
Tour a local attraction! Start a monthly games night or speaker series!
Many of us would love to road trip to new places
– or you might find out that more members are in your area!
And remember, you can always send an event to be put on the website calendar or start an event on our Lone Star Mensa Facebook group!
Please contact Geri Neemidge if you are interested in coordinating Mensa events in your area! Geri: geri@neemidge.net
<http://bit.ly/FBLoneStarMensa>



A PLACE FOR PEOPLE WHO THINK

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512-275-6430 blueawningbooks.com

LSM MEMBER NEWS

Compiled by Patsy M. Graham, Membership Chair

As of May 31, 2014 there were 566 members in Lone Star Mensa, the 28th largest group out of 130.

HAPPY JULY BIRTHDAYS*

1 Aaron Rabushka
3 Ryan A O'Connor
3 Richard Sabel
4 Patrick I Henry
6 Arval W Bohn
7 Brad F Dieringer
8 Lincoln Edwards
8 David R Posh
8 Jimmy D Roberts
8 Allen Pooley
8 Jeffrey Michael Lewman
8 Brandon D Anderson
9 Steve Roberts
11 Dorothy G Landoll
13 Ashley Marrow
14 Melodee Ann DuBois
15 Craig S Jepson
16 Sharon Leal
16 Alan Waisanen
16 Ellen Ruth Shaffer CPA
18 Jonathan D Finley
19 Jose Vazquez Canteli
19 Emmeline Aguirre
19 Coylene Turlington
19 William Langley
20 Kenneth Farr
24 Sandra L Hense
25 Michael G Dennis
25 Timothy A Goldenburg
25 John P Harvey
26 Todd L Shaw
27 Jon Gregory Kurylowicz
27 Joseph A McMillen
29 Dr James A Freeman
29 Maj Rodney B Corona Ret



NEW MEMBERS—WELCOME!

Christine Groves, Austin
Nolan Groves Austin
(but stationed in Afghanistan)

JUST MOVED IN—HELLO!

William Langley Austin
Stephen Krahn Manor

WELCOME BACK--MISSED YOU!

Michael Heyne Austin
J Elaine Watson Wimberley
Michelle Benoit Pflugerville
Brian Slone Austin
Matthew A Kuffler Pflugerville
Benjamin Moulton Austin
Alejandro A Austin
Loayza
Linda Ann Brenham
LaCross



* **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.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

MEMBER FOR 40 YEARS

Merlin D Darling
Aarne Hartikka
Trudy L K Loper

MEMER FOR 10 YEARS

Jeff D'Arco



MEMBER FOR 5 YEARS

Emmeline Aguirre
Kimberly R Wofford

MEMBER FOR 1 YEAR

Emma W Hill
Alexis Ortiz
Brian L Parker
Leslie L Stevenson
Richard Wilcox

LONE STAR MENSA
LONE STAR MENSA 2013-2014 FINANCIAL REPORT, APRIL 1 – MARCH 31

by Douglas Yee and Don Drumtra

For this fiscal year we expected revenue of \$6,184 all from the National Office. We actually received \$7,165 from all sources, a difference of \$980. We expected a lower growth of membership than we actually had. We began the year with 515 and ended with 663 members.

Revenue was better than we anticipated for all four of our programs, overall exceeding our expectations by 15 percent. Conversely, expenses overall were only 78 percent of budget with no expenditures for membership recorded for the entire year. The net result of high revenue and low expenses was a surplus of \$2,000. That would normally be considered good but in our case it indicates that we were putting money in the bank instead of using it to benefit our members. See the LSM Website for more detail. [Approved by the LSM board on 2014 May17.]

Programs	---- Summary Year to Date ----				---- Summary by Quarter ----			
	2013-2014 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	\$ 455.00	108%	\$ 26.00	\$ 130.00	\$ 111.00	\$ 188.00
Total Expenses	420.00	420.00	-	0%	-	-	-	-
Communications Program								
Total Revenue	3,600.00	3,600.00	3,647.15	101%	901.95	901.95	901.95	941.30
Total Expenses	3,600.00	3,600.00	2,789.60	77%	645.21	373.84	624.88	1,145.67
Symposia Program								
Total Revenue	1,200.00	1,200.00	1,363.25	114%	300.00	300.00	463.25	300.00
Total Expenses	1,200.00	1,200.00	697.36	58%	-	-	697.36	-
Education Program								
Total Revenue	480.00	480.00	1,012.12	211%	120.00	652.12	120.00	120.00
Total Expenses	480.00	480.00	500.00	104%	500.00	-	-	-
Common Activities								
Total Revenue	180.00	180.00	296.60	165%	73.00	73.20	73.12	77.28
Total Expenses	180.00	180.00	571.52	318%	-	87.90	-	483.62
All Programs								
Total Revenue	\$ 5,880.00	\$ 5,880.00	6,774.12	115%	1,420.95	2,057.27	1,669.32	1,626.58
Total Expenses	5,880.00	5,880.00	4,558.48	78%	1,145.21	461.74	1,322.24	1,629.29
Total Programs	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,215.64		\$ 275.74	\$ 1,595.53	\$ 347.08	\$ (2.71)
Undistributed Rev and Exp								
Total Revenue	\$ 304.20	304.20	390.40		88.66	26.44	97.06	178.24
Total Expenses	-	-	26.76		26.04	0.72	-	-
Total Undistributed	\$ 304.20	\$ 304.20	\$ 363.64		\$ 62.62	\$ 25.72	\$ 97.06	\$ 178.24
LonestaRG								
Total Revenue	\$ 4,700.00		5,736.00	0%	201.00	5,460.00	-	75.00
Total Expenses	4,500.00		4,982.71	0%	6.73	4,973.50	-	2.48
RG Revenue Less Expns	\$ 200.00		\$ 753.29		\$ 194.27	\$ 486.50	\$ -	\$ 72.52
Net Revenue	\$ 504.20	\$ 304.20	\$ 3,332.57		\$ 532.63	\$ 2,107.75	\$ 444.14	\$ 248.05

JULY TESTING PROMOTION—TELL YOUR FRIENDS!

Take the official Mensa Admission Test for just \$25 (a \$15 savings.) Mensa is the largest and most recognized association for people who share just one common trait: high intelligence. We are a community of knowledge seekers who enjoy conversation and camaraderie. And we would love for you to join us! One in fifty people qualify, why not you? Don't delay, this special pricing is a limited time offer and is only valid from July 1 - July 31, 2014. Find your nearest testing session by visiting www.us.mensa.org/testingcalendar.

We are planning a testing session on July 12th, time and location TBD (tentatively, we are looking at a daytime session which will be held in Round Rock, but this isn't final at press time). For more information or to sign your friends up, please contact LSM's testing coordinator, Johnnie Vaughn, at testing@lsm.us.mensa.org or 512-867-5658.

LONE STAR MENSA 2013 REGIONAL GATHERING FINANCIAL REPORT

by Don Drumtra, RG Treasurer

We are pleased to report that the LonestarRG netted a surplus of over \$923. Revenue from registrations and local activities totaled roughly \$5,900 against \$5,000. The surplus was distributed to 2014 scholarships, RG reserves for future RGs, and for LSM programs. See the LSM Wwbsite for more detail

	<u>2010 Budget</u>	<u>Actual Revenue and Expenses</u>	<u>%</u>
LonestarRG			
RG Revenue			
Registrations from Last Year		\$ 1,175.00	
Fund Raising		-	
Hospitality Reimbursement		-	
Beverages Reimbursement		-	
Registrations		4,526.00	
Tastings		\$ 205.00	
Rental Reimbursement		-	
Other Revenue		-	
Total Revenue	\$ 4,700.00	\$ 5,906.00	126%
RG Expenses			
Registration (copies, badges, PayPal. Square)		132.44	
Facilities		1,770.00	
Programs (guide, speakers, honoraria, cups, certificates)		327.51	
Hospitality (food, snacks, coffee, juice)		1,688.91	
Beverages (Pop, beer, wine, water)		605.67	
Publicity / raffle (flyers, signs, supplies, copying, printing)		-	
Supplies (tastings, not in other accounts)		135.18	
Rentals and related supplies		323.00	
Other Expenses		-	
Total Expenses	4,500.00	4,982.71	111%
RG Revenue Less Expenses	200.00	\$ 923.29	462%
RG Disbursements			
Scholarship at 10 percent	20.00	92.33	
Reserve for Next Year at 45 percent	90.00	415.48	
Undistributed at 45 percent	90.00	415.48	
As directed by the ExComm	-	-	
Total Disbursements	200.00	923.29	
Total LonestarRG	\$ -	\$ -	

LONE STAR MENSA 2013 REGIONAL GATHERING SCHOLARSHIP FINANCIAL REPORT

by Don Drumtra, RG Treasurer

The 2013 LonestarRG received over \$624 in donations to support LSM scholarships in 2014 and future years. Participants donated \$393 in support of the raffle and \$164 in the auction. We appreciate the generosity of all who participated, both those who donated and those who cheered us on. We also appreciate the \$92 donation from the RG committee and an anonymous direct donation of \$10.

JULY MEMBER MEETING

Saturday July 19th 3:00 pm
Twin Oaks Branch of the Austin Public Library
1800 S. Fifth Street, Austin, 78704

Unfortunately our previously scheduled July speaker had to cancel his presentation just at the newsletter deadline. Therefore, our speaker will be announced via the email list and Facebook group – or just come join us, it's sure to be someone interesting and informative!



Games Night!

Saturday July 19: 7:00 pm - 10:00 pm

Emerald Tavern
9012 Research Blvd #6
Austin, TX 78758

Host: Patsy Graham, 512-380-0141

Games Night is once a month on the 3rd Saturday night of every month! Bring a game or just show up! Bring family & friends! (Small children should be supervised!)



Carnivore Club

Friday July 11th 7:00 pm
Stiles Switch BBQ & Brew

6610 N. Lamar
Austin, TX 78757
(512) 380-9199

Host: Geri Neemidge, 512-310-7863

Texas Monthly has just published its list of the "50 Best BBQ Joints in the World!" and several of them are in Lone Star Mensa's area.

I figure the least we can do is work our way through the ones that are within our borders.



JULY CALENDAR

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 American Mensa Annual Gathering	3 American Mensa Annual Gathering	4 INDEPEND- ENCE DAY	5 American Mensa Annual Gathering
6 American Mensa Annual Gathering	7	8	9	10 ALG Due Chess Night TGIT-North	11 Carnivore Club	12 Mensa Admission Testing
13	14	15	16	17 TGIT-South	18	19 Board Mtg Member Mtg Games Night
20	21	22	23	24 TGIT-North Seal & Label	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

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.

ALG/Calendar Deadline

2nd Thursday
July 10, Midnight
Submissions due to Editor.



Chess Night at TGIT-N

2nd Thursday
July 10, 6-8 pm
Come cross swords with us! We welcome observers and players of any and all skill levels. Learn to play the Royal Game! Join us for dinner and conversation. Hosted by Douglas Yee (cmvc95@yahoo.com).

Carnivore Club

July 11, 7pm
Stiles Switch BBQ & Brew
6610 N. Lamar
Austin, TX 78757
See page 14 for details.

Mensa Admission Testing

July 12, time and location TBD
Let your friends know! Contact testing coordinator Johnnie Vaughn (testing@ism.us.mensa.org, 512-867-5658) for more information.

Thank Goodness it's Thursday

North: 2nd and 4th Thursday
July 10 & 24, 6-8 pm
South: 3rd Thursday
July 17, 6-8pm
Join us for conversation, food and fun. Prospective members welcome.

Board Meeting

July 19, 1-3 pm
Twin Oaks Branch of Austin
Public Library



Member Meeting

July 19, 3-4:30 pm
Twin Oaks Branch of Austin
Public Library
See page 14 for details.

Games Night

July 19, 7-10 pm
Emerald Tavern
9012 Research Blvd #6
Austin, TX 78758
See page 14 for details.

Seal & Label at TGIT-N

4th Thursday
July 24, 8 pm
Join the TGIT Group to help seal and label the newsletter.

UPCOMING IN AUGUST

Aug 7, ALG, Cal due
Aug 14 TGIT-N, Chess Night
Aug 16, BM, MM, GN
Aug 21, TGIT-S
Aug 28, TGIT-N, S&L

EVENT LOCATIONS

Twin Oaks Branch Library
1800 S. Fifth St.
Austin, TX 78704.

Central Market Café North (TGIT-N)
Central Park, Austin
4001 N. Lamar Blvd.,
512-206-1020.
On the south side of the store. Look for the Mensa table sign—usually we're upstairs on the Mezzanine.

Central Market Café South (TGIT-S)
Westgate Mall
4477 S. Lamar Blvd.,
Austin
512-899-4300
Enter at the east side of the store by the statues of fruits and vegetables.

Emerald Tavern
SW corner of Burnet Road and Research Blvd (US Hwy 183)
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9012 Research Blvd,
Suite C6, Austin
512-994-4649

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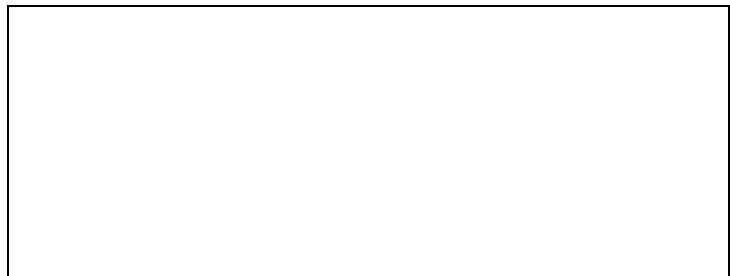
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