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Regularly Scheduled STM Events

Craig Marshall Bridge SIG, Every Wednesday (RSVP) 4:30 -7:00 p.m.
\$3 donation per tally. For directions and reservations, - Jo Fletcher @ 732-9357. La Madelaine on Broadway.

Brunch Bunch Every Thursday, 11:00 a.m. Earl Abel's, 1201 Austin Hwy. . Look for the Mensa sign on the table. Contact Robin Rogers @ 602-5402.

Pool w/Bob & Friends Second Monday, 6:00 p.m. Fast Eddies, at 1604 and Braun~easy to find, easy to get to. Lots of parking. This is a new place and is very nice. The equipment is excellent. Friendly for both genders. There is no smoke inside. Come play pool. Play time starts @ 6:00. Appetizers available. Learn, practice, or hot stick, this is the place for you. We have players at each level. A good time is had by all. Host: Bob Bevard, 210/695-2700.

Monthly Gathering (MG) Third Friday 7:30 p.m. Central Market, 4821 Broadway. Community Room: Second floor above the coffee shop. Use left hand entrance. The stairs and elevator are on the left side of the coffee shop counter. Aftermath at La Madeline's, 4820 Broadway. No Meeting in December!

Gab 'N Grub Third Saturday 11:30 a.m. High's in Comfort. New gathering in the Hill Country! For information, contact Area Coordinator Charlie Randal at 830-997-8482 or charlierandal@aol.com.

Party on the Patio Third Saturday 5:00 p.m. Hills 'n Dales Ice House. Come try it if you've never been. Come back if you have. Sharing with friends is especially important this time of the year. We share snacks, games, conversation, stories, try different beers, generally have a good time. Directions: San Antonio Loop 1604 at Babcock exit (NW side of city by UTSA.) Exit Babcock and get on the access road outside the loop. Past Churches' Chicken and Pizza Hut the next corner is Hills-n-Dales. Parking is usually easier in back. Drive past the building on the access road and turn right into the back parking lot just past the patio. Look on the patio first. The owners' only request is that we buy our beverages from them. For more:Bob Bevard:-695-2700.

Gen X/Y Third Sunday 3:00 p.m. The Lion and The Rose Pub, 5148 Broadway, 210-822-7673. Just north of our meeting place at HEB. Everyone is invited! If you have any questions, email James Franzen at su-prgeek@yahoo.com or call at 210-343-0616.

Shoot SIG Fourth Saturday 11:00 a.m. Bass Pro Shop Indoor range. The Rim Shopping Center, 17907 IH-10 West, San Antonio, TX 210-253-8800 Cost is \$10 per half-hour, ammo and targets may be purchased at their location; however, they do permit people to bring their own. Contact by e-mail: dave.womack@gmail.com for questions, information, updates. Voicemail phone number is 214-853-4453. However, e-mail is strongly preferred.

July 2012 STM Calendar

4	Bridge SIG	4:30 p.m
5	Brunch Bunch.....	11:00 a.m.
9	Pool w/Bob & Friends.....	6:00 p.m.
11	Bridge SIG	7:00 p.m
12	Brunch Bunch.....	11:00 a.m.
18	Bridge SIG	7:00 p.m
19	Brunch Bunch.....	11:00 a.m.
20	Monthly Gathering	7:30p.m.
21	Gab 'n Grub in Comfort	11:30a.m.
21	Party on the Patio	5:00 p.m.
22	Gen X/Y	3:00 p.m.
27	Games Night in Helotes!	7:00 p.m.
28	Shoot SIG	11:00 a.m.
28	Poker	7:00 p.m.
29	Important Issues	3:00 p.m.
25	Bridge SIG	7:00 p.m
26	Brunch Bunch.....	11:00 a.m.
26	Corpus Christi MG	6:30 p.m.

Poker Fourth Saturday 7:00 p.m. in the Stone Oak Area. Tournaments are structured similar to deep stack tournaments typically held at casinos. Tournaments normally last 5-6 hours if you make it down to the final 2 players heads-up. There is typically a cash game held as players bust out of the tournament, with No Limit Hold'em and Pot Limit Omaha being the preferred games. More information to come next month as details are finalized. Call Jason @ 210-288-5696 for more information.

Corpus Christi Monthly Gathering LAST Thursday 6:30 p.m.
The City Diner, 622 N. Water St. Usually some kind of "show & tell" from one of the members. For info contact Jim Speer @ 361-345-4234. NO MEETING IN NOVEMBER!

Games Night! Fourth Friday 7:00 p.m.
Cards, video games on the big screen, board games ... We'll accomodate all... Bring a suggestion while you're at it! General rules apply. Feed the owl or bring what you like. Non-Alcoholic beverages provided by host. Please indicate allergies, no ER trips! Please RSVP to 330.559.7404 or anm376@hotmail.com ... If you call leave a voicemail.. Email is best...Andi and Mike Metcalf, 12707 Gardenia Pass... For the GPS lovers .. Guilty!

Important Issues, Dialog and Discussion Last Sunday of month 3:00 p.m.
4007 Enchanted Sun, SA. Chips and soft drinks provided. BYOB if desired; smoking outside only; opinionated host.. For info - Charles Peterson @ 662-0572.

Miscellaneous Mensa Matters

Stuff you want to know!



- 3 Fred Herren
- 4 William Craig Hewitson MD
- 7 Jon R Heffley
- 7 Dr Charles W Miller Jr
- 8 Alan R Maupin
- 8 Tony J Tower
- 9 Joe Gluckman
- 10 David K Brown
- 12 Erik Doughty
- 12 Eduardo Caballero MD
- 13 Donald Thomas Morley
- 13 Jerry A Cook
- 14 Mary J Lloyd
- 15 Judy Karen Sessions
- 18 Bradford T Brunkenhoefer
- 18 Neil S Fox III
- 19 Mark Fellows
- 19 Olive N Brewster
- 20 Robert R Clemons
- 21 John Edmund Burke
- 22 Michael J Scales
- 22 Michael Benning
- 23 Ltc Ronald L Stevens
- 25 Ricky A Brooks
- 25 Christopher Lee Phillippe
- 25 W Eldridge Custer
- 27 Daniel Rogers
- 27 Barbara Hurt
- 27 Albert Kenneth King
- 27 Dr Rex Wayne Wilson
- 28 Jeannette Dupont PhD
- 29 Dustin J Smith
- 29 Christopher Sisk
- 29 Jason Ritterbusch
- 30 Dr Karen Dale Carr
- 30 Alexander N Leos



And **Happy Birthday** as well to those of you who, for whatever reason, choose NOT to have your birthday listed in *MenSA*. You know who you are. And so do I. Best wishes to all!

Monthly Gathering Speaker

Sharks!!

Okay, not the kind you're thinking. A different kind of "scary" shark.

South Texas Mensan **Mark Sullivan** was recently a contestant on the ABC television program "Shark Tank". Mark is a prolific inventor and was selected from over 40,000 applicants to appear on the show. The invention he pitched was an electric generator which harnesses the spin of the earth. This may be the first time mankind has harnessed the spin of our planet. His invention makes electricity and has waste products of fresh water and mineral precipitates like manganese, molybdenum and gold.



As a biomedical engineer, Mark designs and builds medical and scientific equipment. He has invented many life-saving devices for patients suffering from a wide range of diseases. You can learn more about our local inventor by visiting marksullivanresearch.com.

Currently Mark is working on his plan for TEXPOSITION, a novel world's fair for San Antonio.

It should be an electrifying presentation so we hope to see you there. There MAY even be video ... if someone can figure out how to make the TV work!

And continue the discussion at Aftermath across the street at La Madeleine!

STM Movers & Shakers

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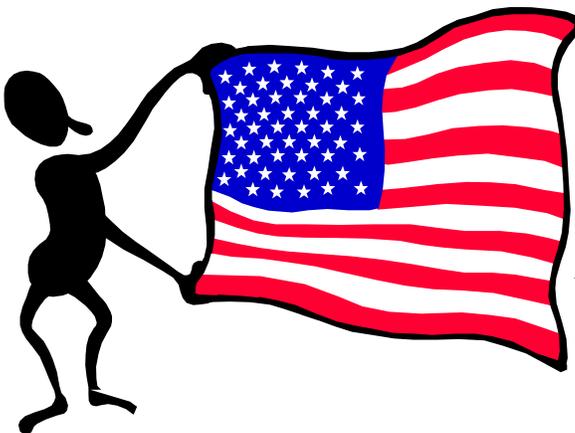




I, in my President’s Letters so far, have asked for something new, ideas, activities, participation, but this one will be one of reminiscence for some losses that we have sustained, but only as a result of having had some wonderful gains although for insufficient times.

Some years ago, Mensa Grande, the Rio Grande-area Mensa group, folded and many of its members joined us when AM merged its area into ours. Among those gains were our two current Valley proctors, **Al Maupin**, and **Nancy Moyer** who is also our Valley Area Coordinator, but two others are the subject of this look back.

Carole and Vel Turner joined us, with the two of them together essentially becoming the Valley Area Coordinators. That was not at all their only contribution; **Vel** became our *MenSA* Editor, and **Carole** retained her role as Proctor and the coordinator of the testing in the Valley. They were both dedicated and kind, extremely capable and modest, in short, wonderful gains for STM. Vel passed away perhaps five years ago, and Carole several years later moved into the nursing home that their son Bill writes about below. She remained a vital part of our group until the move, and that was a really critical loss, but the one Bill writes about is the sad story I want to pass on together with this celebration of their contributions to Mensa.



“Roy,
This is Bill Erickson, Carole's son.
Mom passed away this morning about 7.
She has been in a nursing home in Harlingen and pretty much non responsive for about a year.
Would you please put a notice in the Mensa bulletin/magazine for the valley area and any other Mensan publications you think might be appropriate.
Thanks,
Bill Erickson”

Roy



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From the RVC:

Recently I asked all of you to suggest ways for Mensa to save money if you wanted to avoid repeated dues increases. At Gulf Coast Mensa's SynRG last month, **Hugh Brown**, of Lone Star Mensa, pointed out that there is a third option: increasing membership. We have a number of fairly effective programs for recruiting new members, but Hugh pointed out that we lose about 18% of our membership each year at renewal time, including a large percentage of our new members who fail to renew after their first year. He suggested that a major reason for this might be our failure to welcome new members and make them feel part of the group.



Now this may be understandable in a way. After all, many of us are in Mensa because we didn't fit in with our peer group earlier in life, and one consequence of that is a lack of social skills. However, while that may explain the situation, it doesn't excuse it. The one thing we all have in common is that we have demonstrated superior problem-solving skills on a test designed to measure just that. So, why can't we recognize the problem of failure to welcome new members and find a solution? I suspect at least part of the reason is that we all think it's someone else's problem.

Many local groups have an officer with a title like "New Member Chair" or something similar, or perhaps your group's by-laws make the Assistant Local Secretary or some other officer responsible for new members. That leaves all the rest of us free to hang out with our friends and let the designated officer welcome the newbies, right? Well, no. If we want to grow and expand our membership rolls, all of us who attend Mensa events are going to have to make a concerted effort to recognize and welcome new members. I know it may take you out of your comfort zone, but remember that someone must have done it for you at some point, so please "pay it forward" and keep an eye out for opportunities to meet the new folks at every event you attend.

And as for those of you who have no local events to attend, well, that's another problem altogether. I'm still working on that one.



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

Roger Durham



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Corpus Christi Monthly Gathering

An even dozen Mensans met for dinner Thursday, 5/21/12, at City Diner in downtown Corpus Christi. Lots of enthusiastic conversation filled the tables from 6:30 to 9 pm. The group included **Sharron & Jack Hord, Johnny French, Eldridge and Karla Custer, Bob Hindman, Nancy and Fred Lozo, Sylvia & Jim Whitworth**, and new to the local group **Louis Schembri and Sherrie Reimers**.

Louis and Sherrie just moved from San Antonio to Beeville, to be closer to Louis' sailboat in the Corpus Christi marina. Sherrie, editor of *MenSA*, asked the group if we would be interested in hosting a Regional Gathering, and she got lots of positive feedback.

Johnny related a story about a small wren that got into his car in San Antonio. He could hear it but couldn't find it until it perched on his shoulder. Then he stopped the car and let it out at a rest stop. To that story **Bob** said that he had a pet bird that could communicate. He didn't talk, he just tweeted. Ooooooh.

Now that **Jack** is retired from his job as an air traffic controller, **Sharron** encourages his many interests in toys. Their kids gave them a couple of Ipads, and **Jack** gave a demonstration of what he has done to a video of pendulums (pendula?). Mesmerizing. He's still working on the program.

Most Mensans have opinions, and **Fred** has opinions on Syria and the Greek financial problems. **Karla** spoke up on the lights on the harbor bridge and the condition of the old courthouse.

Our great leader, **Jim Speer**, is usually the first person to arrive, so at 6:30 we called to see if he was OK. He had a family emergency and couldn't come, his computer was down and couldn't e-mail us, and hadn't found anyone's phone number. We're glad everything was working out.

Jim compared sailboat notes with **Louis** – they both have old boats with lots of work projects.

Sharron had a camera and got the very nice waitress to take some shots of the crowd. It was hard to get the whole group to pay attention for very long.

Nancy sent around a photo of her beautiful new granddaughter; she is their ninth grandchild. **Sharron and Jack** went to Disneyland for his recent birthday - he's just a big kid.



Sylvia Whitworth

Nominating Committee seeks candidates for 2013 board elections



The national Nominating Committee (NomComm) is looking for qualified candidates to run for the elected positions on the American Mensa Committee, our organization's board of directors, in next year's national election. These positions include the Chairman, the First Vice Chairman, the Second Vice Chairman, the Secretary, the Treasurer and ten Regional Vice Chairmen.

If you're interested in running for any of these offices, follow these simple steps:

Review American Mensa's Bylaws, sections 3-6, below or at www.us.mensa.org/policydocs. These parts of our by-laws describe in detail exactly what qualifications are required in order to be an officer of Mensa. (If you're interested in the mechanics of the election, you'll also want to review the relevant Actions Still in Effect in the Elections section of that document.)

Review the job description for the position in which you're interested (www.us.mensa.org/AMC, select Job Descriptions from the left menu), written by past and current officeholders for each of these offices.

Fill out a Candidate Information Form (CIF) available on the website (<http://www.us.mensa.org/AML/assets/File/AML/Elections/2013/2012ElectionCIF.pdf>). Most Mensans can write a lot about their accomplishments both inside and outside of Mensa, but please make note of the important space limits for each answer and prioritize your responses accordingly.

The Nominating Committee's preference is to receive copies of this form electronically. Save a copy of the CIF for your records and email Nominating Committee Chair Pat Coontz with a copy at NomCommChair@us.mensa.org. Forms must be received via email by 11:59 p.m., Central, on Aug. 15, 2012.

Now, isn't that simple?

Please make note of the deadlines listed. Anything received after the deadline will be discarded.



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