

Halloween

XXXIII



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Welcome

Welcome to HalloweeM 33 — WeeM Royale!
This year, we've changed a few things and worked hard to make it a long weekend of indulgences for your mind and for your body. Thanks to the efforts of our wonderful 'WeeM Team, we are sure you will find everything you've come to expect from Chicago Area Mensa... and more. Relax, enjoy, and have a fabulous weekend. We're so glad you're with us!

Beth Anne Demeter
& Robin Crawford

'WeeM Chairs

HalloweeM 33 WeeM Royale

by Cynthia Clampitt

This year, we're really giving you the royal treatment. We've pulled together a rich array of programs and events that are sure to have you feeling as though you've been given the keys to the kingdom.

As always, we have multi-track programming throughout the weekend, on a wide range of topics (nanotechnology, personality, history, and geo-thermal energy; martial arts; music, Mars exploration, Monty Python, managing stress, and murder mysteries; the 1893 World's Fair, logic puzzles, getting your book published, algorithms, survival, Bourbon, and much more)—so you're certain to find something of interest. For gamers, the tournament track will return, with such offerings as Kill Dr. Lucky, logic puzzles, Texas Hold 'em Poker, Xbox Rock—and more. Of course, all weekend there will be 24-hour games room, 24-hour hospitality suites, book sale, and vendor area.

And lots more stuff is planned for the kids this year. We'll have rooms for younger kids and for "tweens," with programs geared for their age and interest levels. (Wii anyone?)

There may be a few changes, as unexpected things do occur after we send this to the printer—but any last-minute alterations will be reflected on the Program-At-A-Glance chart or posted in registration.

So a royal welcome to you all. Enjoy WeeM Royale.

Program Schedule Notes

Like the previous two years, there will be a hot breakfast in Hospitality on Sunday morning instead of a Sunday brunch that costs extra. The awards ceremony will run from 10:00 to 11:00. After a brief break for those who need to check out of their rooms, Sunday programming will resume at 11:30 and continue until 2:00. So, if you're not catching a plane, don't leave: there will still be lots of programs on Sunday.

Because there are **15-minute intervals between programs**, very few programs begin on the hour. Check times carefully.

Not everyone wants to dance—at least not all night—so we have several evening programs. Programming doesn't stop when the sun sets.

Before you start the festivities, please review the tips and reminders that follow. They'll help you and those around you get the most out of your HalloweeM experience.

About the Speakers: Please bear in mind that the speakers have donated their time and resources to be with us this weekend. Many of them are not Mensans and this is their first (and maybe only) exposure to the organization. Mensa's reputation depends on the actions and attitudes of each of us. If you enter or leave during a program, please do so quietly in deference to the speaker and other attendees. Show consideration, even if you disagree with a speaker.

Adults Only: Some programs contain material that is adult in nature. Admission to these events will be restricted.

Alcohol and Youth: Illinois law, hotel rules, and Chicago Area Mensa, Inc. policy are strict when it comes to underage drinking. The legal drinking age in Illinois is 21. Please do not be insulted if you are asked for proof of age. Adherence to this rule has been stressed to all Hospitality gHosts.

Parents: Even if you allow your children to consume alcoholic beverages at home, you are NOT free to do the same at HalloweeM. It's the law.

Bulletin Board: A bulletin board will be available near the registration area for posting personal messages, program changes, and other announcements.

Decorations: Every year we make a sizable investment of time and money in creating the right ambiance at HalloweeM. Please leave the decorations for future generations to enjoy.

Food and Beverages: HalloweeM food and beverages MUST remain in the hospitality suites.

gHosts: HalloweeM is a big event. It takes a LOT of volunteers to make things run smoothly. Our volunteer staff (also known as gHosts) is always happy to accept new recruits. We need only an hour or two of your time. In exchange, you get a HalloweeM volunteer collector's pin and a warm feeling deep inside.



Hugs: To hug or not to hug, that is the question. Colored stickers signify your hugging preference: yes, no, maybe so. Pick up a sticker for your name badge at the registration desk and check the stickers that others wear. When in doubt, ask.

Late Checkout: When you check in, please let the hotel desk staff know if you need a late checkout time at the end of the weekend. Based on their expected vacancy level, they will do all they can to accommodate as many as they can.

Meal Tickets: A ticket for each dinner banquet ordered will be provided at registration and collected at the meal. We cannot replace lost meal tickets. Tickets will be available at registration through Friday night.

Name Badges: Your name badge is your ticket to all the joy and wonder of HalloweeM. Please wear it at all times. With a group as large and diverse as ours, the tags are the only way we have of knowing who belongs to the RG. Anyone without a name badge should be referred to a committee member. Sorry, lost name badges cannot be replaced.

Smoking: Smoking is permitted outside the hotel only. We will do our best to ensure that the staff provides adequate waste cans and ashtrays. Thank you.

Of Special Note:

Volunteer Drawing

We're not drawing pictures of volunteers or asking volunteers to draw pictures: we're holding a drawing to reward our not-so-bitty helpers this weekend. If at least one person signs up for every volunteer shift by 7:00PM on Friday, we will hold a drawing at Sunday's awards ceremony to give away a few super-duper \$50 cash prizes! You get a drawing ticket for each hour worked. As a twist, some of the less popular volunteer assignments (like the middle of the night in Hospitality) are worth more than one ticket per hour. The RG wins, our guests win, and, most importantly, you win! Help us fill up the volunteer schedule before 7:00PM on Friday. Winners need not be present at the drawing.

All Weekend

Hospitality Suite: Arlington (nonsmoking)

Snacks and beverages are available 24 hours a day in separate smoking and nonsmoking suites. There will be hot food for most of these meals:

Thursday Dinner 7–8:30PM

Friday Breakfast 7:30–9:30AM (COLD)

Friday Lunch 11AM–1:30PM (COLD)

Friday Dinner 6:30–8:30PM

Saturday Breakfast 7:30–9:30AM

Saturday Lunch 11AM–1:30PM

Saturday Late Snack 10:30–11:30PM

Sunday Breakfast 7:30–10AM

Note: No hot meal will be served Saturday evening in Hospitality, though there will be the usual snacks and beverages. If you want a real meal, tickets for the banquet will be available through Friday evening.

Food will be replenished every half hour during scheduled meal times, so there will be as much food for people at the end of the line as for those at the front; selections may vary. No need to rush or panic!

Massage Therapy

Room TBA (See room assignment and sign up sheet in registration area.)

Get the knots worked out, relax at the end of a busy week, or recover from spending most of the RG on your feet. Professional massage therapists offer a variety of options, from 30 to 90 minutes.

WeeM Market

Arlington Ballroom Lobby

A variety of items will be on sale in our vendor areas, including fair-trade crafts, art photography, and jewelry. In addition, some of our speakers will offer their books for sale in HalloweeM's marketplace. Come get a jump on your seasonal shopping.

Book Sale

Perimeter of Arlington B near Hospitality

Find out what your fellow Mensans have read. Browse through donated non-book items. Take home some treasures. We charge 50¢ per book or 3/\$1, for paperbacks; \$1 each for hardcovers or 3/\$2.50; and \$1.00/bag on Sunday. VHS and audio cassette tapes are \$1, CDs are \$2, and DVDs are \$3. Books on tape or CD are \$2. All proceeds benefit Chicago Area Mensa's philanthropic projects.

WeeM Loves Kids

Younger Children (3-8)

Headquarters Room (right outside Hospitality)

For kids 3 to 9, there is a complete kids track, with scheduled events in a controlled environment, starting Friday afternoon and running throughout the weekend. There will be adults in this room at all times who will be acting as Program Facilitators (Teachers and Activity Guides), not just inert baby sitters. We are working hard to create a program that actually appeals to and enriches kids, rather than one that just gives parents somewhere to drop the kid while they go play. More information and a complete schedule of kids events will be available at check-in. Please note: the kid's room will be closed during lunch and dinner mealtimes (except for the pizza party during the Saturday night banquet). For the safety of all the children, if any child proves to be uncontrollable or dangerous, their parents will be asked to remove that child from the room and they will not be allowed to participate further.

Tweens (9-13)

Arlington Room (Hospitality)

Our pre-teens have their own unsupervised area set up in Hospitality where you can check in on them. There are limited scheduled activities; it's really just a place for them to meet each other and socialize. We'll make sure there are plenty of electrical outlets for hand-held electronic games.

All weekend

Children's Programming

Friday

- 4–4:30PM Halloween Stories
- 4:30–5PM Kid Gym
- 5–5:30PM Crafts (Masques)
- 6–7PM closed for dinner
- 7:30–8:30PM Theme play: Legos
- 8:30–9PM Costumes
- 9–10PM Popcorn and Movie

Saturday

- 9:30–10AM Crafts (TShirts)
- 10:30–11AM Kid Gym
- 11–12PM Speaker
- 12–1PM closed for lunch
- 1–2PM Theme Play: Camping
- 2–2:30PM Story Time
- 2:30–3PM Kid Gym
- 3:30–4PM Snack Time
- 4–5PM Speaker
- 5–5:30PM Story Time
- 5:30–6PM Craft: Rocket Race
- 6–8PM Pizza Party
- 8–9PM Dance Party
- 9–10PM Popcorn and Movie

Sunday

- 9:30–10AM Kid Gym
- 10–11AM Theme Play: Puppets
- 11–12PM Speaker
- 12–1PM closed for lunch
- 1–1:30PM Story Time
- 1:30–2:30PM Theme Play: Play-Doh

Tweens

All weekend

Wii is open for sharing between 6AM and 10PM.
Thanks to Oriel Maximé for loaning it to us!

Thursday

- 8:30–9:30PM unsupervised pool party

Friday

- 10AM Tween Meet & Greet
- 5–5:30PM Lego Design Contest

Saturday

- 10AM–6PM Take Apart
- 3–4PM Wii Sports Tournament

All weekend

Games & Tournaments

Game Room

Lake Superior Room

The Game Room will open Thursday evening and remain so around the clock until Sunday afternoon. We have all the games from Mind Games® 2004 and a wide selection of traditional favorites and newer “Euro-games.” Please do not leave your small children in the game room—games will also be in the Children’s and Tweeners’ spaces.

And for those who know their corner pieces from their edge pieces, the Jigsaw Grotto will be open all weekend in the front half of the Lake Michigan room. Most of the tournaments are in the rear half of the Lake Michigan room.

All Weekend

HalloweeM Friendship Tournament

Tiki Topple

Pixel

Jumbalaya

Ongoing Jigsaw Puzzle Tournament

Log in when you take a puzzle, and when it’s solved

Thursday

8–11PM Informal Poker Clinic & Tournament

10–1AM Scrabble

Friday

3–6PM Life Sized Kill Dr. Lucky

10PM–1AM Boggle

Saturday

10:30AM–12:30PM Logic Puzzles

1–4PM Fiendish Armchair Treasure Hunt

1–5PM Texas Hold’em Poker

10PM–1AM Xbox Rock Band

Sunday

10AM–12:30PM Duchre

All Weekend

Due to the timing for the program book preparation, any changes to the schedule will be reflected in the Program At A Glance, which you'll receive at registration.

Thursday, Oct. 23

For details on events and features that run all weekend long, including tournaments and Hospitality food schedules, see pages 6–7.

4:45–5:45 PM

Strategies for Surviving an Active Shooter

John Martin

Lake Erie

What will you do if a suicidal person enters the facility where you work, study, or play and begins killing people? What will do you if it is a group of organized terrorists? What can you expect from facility management and law enforcement? What strategies might you employ to maximize your odds of survival? What can you do to minimize risk to you and others? Uncertain? Then attend.

6:00–7:00PM

Eating Local: A Pleasurable Pain in the Ass

Robert Gardner and David Hammond

Lake Erie

A panel discussion with WBEZ food commentator David Hammond, editor of Local Beet, and food journalist Rob Gardner. They'll look into the enjoyments and challenges of trying to eat local in the Midwest.

7:00–8:30PM

Pig Roast in Hospitality

Yes... a whole pig. Slow roasted just for us. Now THIS is the way to start a royal weekend!

8:00–11:00PM

Early Bird Poker Tournament

Scott Chupack

Lake Michigan

Can't wait until Saturday? Can't get enough of your hoPld'em fix? Join us for the the first Thursday Night Poker at WeeM. Entry is free. Prizes will be awarded and newcomers are welcome.

8:30–9:30PM

Wildlife 911: What to Do When an Animal is Injured

Dawn Keller

Lake Huron

Beavers, pelicans, eagles, falcons...you just never know what the day might bring when you run the largest privately funded wildlife rehabilitation center in the Chicago area. Flint Creek Wildlife's founder takes you through the types of injuries most common in wildlife, how they are treated and how you can decrease human-caused injuries.

8:30–10:30PM

Scotch Tasting

Matt Crawford

Lake Ontario

Learn about the making and the history of “guid auld Scotch Drink,” and taste and compare some of the classic malts.

9:30–10:30PM

Avian Hunters

Dawn Keller (Flint Creek Wildlife Rehabilitation)

Lake Huront

Ever wonder why owls have silent flight? Why do Turkey Vultures smell dead food for miles? Meet some of the owls, hawks, falcons and vultures that live in the Midwest and learn about the physical adaptations that equip each for survival.

10:30PM–???

Dance

DJ Kenya

Hospitality

Because this is in Hospitality, you won't have to go far from food and drink to hit the dance floor. Of course, you may just sit and enjoy the music.

Friday, Oct. 24

For details on events and features that run all weekend long, including tournaments and Hospitality food schedules, see pages 6–7.

During the day, there will be a number of children's programs. Times and events will be posted at the Kids' Room (Headquarters Room).

7:30–9:30AM

Simple Breakfast

Hospitality

Friday

11:00AM–1:30PM

Simple Lunch

Hospitality

3:00–6:00PM

Life Size “Kill Dr. Lucky”

Matt Crawford

Lake Michigan

Kill Dr. Lucky is a prequel to the game of “Clue.” Players maneuver for the opportunity to do away with their host, Dr. Lucky, without leaving witnesses. But he’s not called “Lucky” for nothing! In this life-size edition, you are your own game piece on a floor plan of the Lucky mansion. No experience required. Each game takes less than an hour.

4:00–5:00PM

Meet Your AMC

Lake Erie

Russ Bakke, our American Mensa Ltd. Chairman will be here with members of the American Mensa Committee, including a couple of RVCs, and other officers. Find out who is doing what in the organization. Stop by to say “hi,” or stay to talk about Mensa.



Squirrels

Lake Huron

Just over two weeks ago, we lost our favorite squirrel expert, Greg Bassett, who was to have been in this time slot, to cancer. In Gregg’s honor, Bob Finnegan will be showing videos that feature Gregg and his squirrels, as well as videos that Gregg used to show during his presentations. We extend our condolences to his family and friends.

How to Meet a Very Special Somebody at WeeM

Sonja Foxe

Paramount

The astroGIZMO, a social compass for people who need people is a simple nametag w/five fields – but each field geared to an astrosocial energy, your VIBE as ‘twere graphically. How to find a friend, confidante or romantic intimate.

5:15–6:15PM

The Universe According to Monty Python

Jim Plaxco

Paramount

An In-depth Systematic Analysis of the Planetary, Astronomical, and Cosmological Findings of Monty Python as Published in the ‘Galaxy Song’

Friday

Exertion II: strange sports, stunts and physical activities

Bob Finnegan

Lake Huron

See the myriad ways that humans exert themselves in strange sports, stunts, and physical activities.

The Sign of the Grail and Other Works: Reading Aloud by the Author

Jonathon Hayward

Lake Erie

Listen to a dramatic reading by the author of *The Steel Orb*, *Hayward’s Unabridged Dictionary*, *The Christmas Tales*, *Firestorm 2034*, *Yonder*, *A Cord of Seven Strands*, and *The Sign of the Grail*. These books encompass a wide variety of works and genres, including annotated bibliography, article, Borges-style short works, Christian, dictionary, dystopia, Eastern Orthodox, essay, experimental, fantasy, game, game review, humor, imaginary anthropology, interactive fiction, journal, koan, metacognition, mysticism, novella, parody, philosophy, poetry, poster, prayer, reference, satire, science fiction, short story, Socratic dialogue, speculative fiction, and theology.

Let Spandex Change Your Life, or, Why My Husband is a Stoner: Costuming Competitive Dancers

Bonnie Sprague

Lake Ontario

Who doesn’t want to look great on the Ballroom floor? Bonnie will share the secrets of great design and construction of Ballroom Dance gowns as well insights into the world of competitive Ballroom Dance. She will have over 40 dresses in all sizes that you can try on! You’ve watched Ballroom Dance on TV, now come see how the dresses are made and hear how she built a business with a sewing machine, a serger, tweezers, and glue.

5:30–7:30PM

Dinner

Hospitality

Head for goodies in hospitality—but no need to rush, as food will be put out multiple times.

Friday

6:30–7:30PM

A Guided Tour of the Federal Budget Crisis

David Doney

Lake Huron

Wondering if you'll get social security? What do increasing healthcare expenses mean to you? Is the American empire financially overextended? Learn the answers to these and other questions. David will present a fact-based perspective on Federal Budget issues facing the American public today. These issues will affect each of us, whether we want them to or not.

Crowd Control: Thirty Years of Rock, Roll, & Riots

Conrad Pomykala

Lake Erie

You've loved his locksmithing presentations; now Chicago M Conrad Pomykala discusses all he's learned in his three decades of event security and production for "big names" in various settings. He'll chat about the evolution of "bouncing" from biker thugs through scientific crowd management that factors venue, performer, and audience characteristics to allow a pleasant time for 95% of the crowd...and how one deals with that other 5%!

Think You Can't Dance? Think Again!

DJ Kenya

Paramount Ballroom

Ever feel left out of a dance because you don't know the latest dance moves (or even the classic ones)? Here is your chance to come learn various party dances in a pressure-free environment. Come to learn, hone your skills, and have a good time, so that by the time you get to the actual dance that night, you can party like a rockstar!

Whiskey Professor

Steve Cole

Lake Ontario

Steve Cole can tell you about country music. He can tell you what it takes to become an Eagle Scout or a college mascot. But above all, the gentleman can tell you anything and everything about bourbon. And if you have five minutes and an empty stool beside you, he will.



7:00–9:00PM

Guided Wine Tasting

Jackie LeFevre

Hospitality

Jackie will introduce us to Jennifer Martinez, the knowledgeable proprietor of Vino 100 in Mount Prospect, Illinois. Jennifer, in turn, will introduce us to her wines. So come to the wine tasting and learn a little about wine and how choose an inexpensive yet tasty bottle.

Friday

8:30–9:00PM

Children's Costume Party

Paramount Ballroom

For children of all ages as well as their parents, aunts, uncles, friends, and other enthusiastic onlookers. All children are encouraged to show off their costumes, while adults are encouraged to come and cheer the kids on. Prizes will be awarded, with something for everyone.

9:00–10:00PM

Adult Costume Parade

Paramount Ballroom

It's one of the things for which we are (justly) famous: costumes. Prizes will be awarded for Best Pun, Worst Pun, Best Traditional, Best Under Age 18, and possibly others, as inspiration strikes the judges.

If you are entering the costume contest, be sure to get a boarding pass. Please **SPEAK LOUDLY AND CLEARLY** when you get to the microphone, so that everyone (including the judges) can hear and enjoy the description of your guise.

10:00PM–1:00AM

Boggle Tournament

Lake Michigan

10:30–11:30PM

Hell's M's Meeting

Skinner

Lake Ontario

Have you ever wondered what all of those black tee shirts are all about? Attend the meeting for current and potential HELL's M's and find out. You will learn out what is going on with the party SIG. If you don't already know you will find out what we are, how we got started, and what we do. HELL's M's don't forget to vote for PARTY ANIMAL on Sunday - results will be announced at the Sunday Brunch.

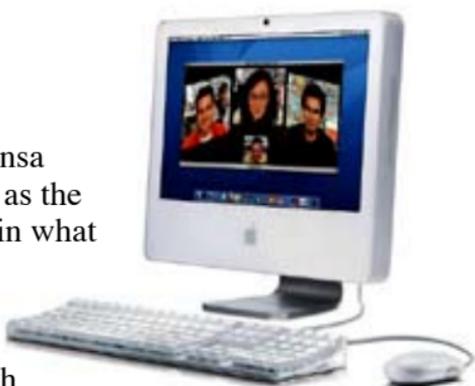
10:30—MIDNIGHT

Practical Smarts on the World Wide Web

Alan Baltis

Paramount

As mighty as your Mensa brain is, it's not as big as the Internet. We're living in what was science fiction a generation ago, with near-instant access to an incredible breadth and depth of information. It's easy for information overload to kick in when drinking from the fire-hose, so it's worth developing a few good habits on how to be a discriminating info-consumer. Join Alan for a barnstorming tour of sites that you might find useful for news/travel/finance/shopping/amusement



Friday

10:30PM—1:00AM

Friday-night Dance (with or without costumes)

DJ Kenya

Hospitality

Because this is in Hospitality, you won't have to go far from food and drink to hit the dance floor. Of course, you may just sit and enjoy the music.

Movie: *Iron Man*

Bob Finnegan

Lake Huron

11:30PM until whenever

Carnelli

Kent Nebergall

Lake Erie

Come play the word/idea association game invented by D.C. Ms Jan Carnell and Jim Lange, now a fixture at RGs across the country. Never played? Come and learn how. It's fun, and it's addictive.

Sing-Along

Clyde Forrester

Lake Ontario

Gather 'round for a sing-along. Folk, filk, rock, blues, punk, show tunes—whatever you really love to sing. Feel free to bring a non-amplified instrument or just your voice. Clyde will bring an acoustic bass guitar and an electronic keyboard. Sing until you run out of songs.

Saturday, Oct. 25

For details on events and features that run all weekend long, including tournaments and Hospitality food schedules, see pages 6–7.

During the day, there will be a number of children's programs. Times and events will be posted at the Kids' Room (Headquarters Room).

9:15–10:15AM

Midwinter Mensan on Mars, 2008 Spaceflight Update

Kent Nebergall

Paramount

Time once again for our annual roundup of what the world's space programs have hidden on drawing boards and in distant skies. We will review the major discoveries in space for the past year, and look forward to what human and robotic missions are expected to achieve in the year to come. Currently, there are more human spacecraft in development than at any point in history, and there are so many advanced robotic probes scattered from the path to Mercury to the orbit of Saturn that the deep space communications antennas can barely handle all the traffic. Meanwhile, a private human spacecraft hangs in the Smithsonian and a private space station is being prototyped in Las Vegas, with two early models currently orbiting Earth. Welcome to the twenty-first century. Come have a look.

Saturday

The Logic of Logic Problems

Oriel Maximé

Lake Huron

Stuck on Sudoku? Confused by Logic Problems? Problem writer and puzzle creator Oriel Maxime will take you on a quick tour of techniques you should know and less well-known unpublished techniques to get your left brain chugging. Feel free to bring specific problems for discussion after the program.

E.Q.: Emotional Intelligence

Mary Hall, MA, LPC

Lake Ontario

Adults with emotional intelligence tend to succeed in life; academic achievement alone does not guarantee success. Some signs of EQ include popularity, self-control, adaptability, friendliness, persistence and empathy. Come in to learn what EQ is, how to recognize EQ in action, and explore ways to enhance your personal EQ in your daily life!

Stretching Exercises Skinner and Yvonne Porter

Lake Erie

Skinner will lead a morning (mid-morning) exercise class to help you get stretched out and ready to party (and to help you recover from last nights partying). The program consists of various non-aerobic stretching exercises. ----- or you can just veg out in hospitality and eat a donut.

10:30–11:30AM

Algorithmic Art: Where Art Meets Math

Jim Plaxco

Paramount Ballroom

Description: Is it math or is it art? Is it neither or is it both? Discover the answer for yourself in this look at the history of algorithmic art and overview of its various forms, Get an eyeful of representative samples as well as live interactive demonstrations

The Benefits of Geo-Thermal Energy

David Kapov

Lake Erie

Northwestern Physics professor answers your questions about an increasingly important energy source

Musical Surprises II: More Creative Ways of Visually Using Music

Robert Finnegan

Lake Huron

Creative Ways of visually using music, from the imagination of such artists as Spike Jones, Disney, Ernie Kovacs, Benny Hill, Allen Funt and others.

Stir Up Some Excitement: Publish Your Own Book

Helen Gallagher

Lake Ontario

Infinite possibilities are open to you as an author. Learn what's involved when you stir up a steamy cauldron of 26 letters of the alphabet, and spill them out into a book of your own. Take the fright out of book marketing by learning dozens of 21st century shrew-d marketing secrets you can stir up at home.

10:30AM–12:30PM

Logic Puzzle Tournament

Oriel Maximé

Lake Michigan

11:30AM–1:30PM

Lunch Break

Head for goodies in hospitality—but no need to rush, as food will be put out multiple times.

12:30–1:30PM

Publishing is Murder

Denise Swanson

Lake Erie

A humorous talk describing writing her first book, using personal experience for inspiration, her path to publication, and her adventures in promoting my mystery series. Included is a general discussion of her writing process and suggestions for people seeking publication.

From Hunter/Gatherer To Technician, Have We Changed at All?

Skinner

Lake Huron

The jobs we do have changed. Have we changed? What personal skills and social patterns helped us get here and are we still using them? Even if we are using them, are they the right tools for today? What is the next step waiting for us? How can we sustain what we have and foster growth, and the change that comes with growth, at the same time? Hear about the impact of these changes on our families and our society. Listen to one way to find landmarks in this changing world.

12:30–2:45PM

Nanotechnology: Boon or Risky Business?

Frank Dolinar

Paramount Ballroom

Nanotechnology is a bit like a pun. You may have to think about it more than once before you understand it. I have been thinking about nanotechnology for over 20 years and I am continuously challenged to understand the latest nanotech news and its implications. This first hour of the presentation will introduce you the basic concepts of nanotechnology and help you understand its growing capabilities. It will look at nanotech's promise, time frames, and the general areas in which it is expected to affect our daily lives.

Saturday

Royal Genealogy, or Why the British Imported a German Monarchy

Kathleen Spaltro

Lake Ontario

Said to have acquired their overseas empire in a fit of absence of mind, the English also have had a penchant for acquiring their rulers from outside England.

Willingly or not, they accepted rule by the Normans, the French Plantagenets, the part-Welsh Tudors, the Scottish Stuarts, and the German Hanoverians. Part One discusses the very gradual shift from the very foreign George I and George II to the very English George III, beloved of his people, if not of his colonists. Part Two traces another shift, from the rambunctious lives of George IV and William IV to the model monarchy of their niece and successor, Victoria. Part Three details the tumultuous century of reigns by her descendants, Anglicized into the House of Windsor but tamed only by the steely determination and dignity embodied in Elizabeth II.

1:00-4:00PM

Fiendish Armchair Treasure Hunt

Nadine McBeth & Mike Wolstein

Lake Michigan

Another perennial favorite at Halloween, originally created by Jay Smith, whose recent passing we mourn deeply, the Fiendish Armchair Treasure Hunt is a game in which teams work with fiendish, rebus-style clues to reveal geographic locations, garnering points in the process. You can organize a team in advance or help form one on the spot. Everyone is welcome.

Warning: this is an addictive game—it may change your life! The Sacred and Revered Judges for the Hunt include Nadine McBeth, Helen Kupper, and Louise Howe.

1:00–5:00PM

Texas Hold ‘em Poker Tournament

Scott and JC Chupack

Lake Superior (Games Room)

Scott and JC Chupack invite you to try your hand at tournament-style poker- with no financial risk! Sign up by Noon for priority seating, or simply show up at 12:30. No entry cost, prizes for the top finishers! Limited to 50 people.

1:45–2:45PM

An Engineer's Approach to Music Appreciation

David Stybr

Lake Erie

Ever wonder how our diatonic scale originated or why the piano has white keys and a lesser number of black keys which stick up higher? David Stybr will show that the pattern of our Do-Re-Mi scale is due to good old physics, mathematics and esthetics. Where do musical ideas originate, and how are they developed? Which musical forms are best suited to which themes, and provide the best balance? How does a composer decide upon the instrumentation or orchestration? Let's take an inside look at what music tick and makes it such an enduring art form.

Improve Your Relationships through Better Communication

Karen Heart

Lake Huron

Did you know that you can improve yourself and your relationships simply by learning how to communicate better? Discover a set of techniques that you can use to improve how you relate to others, thus improving your relationships, your self esteem, and your self confidence. Moreover, these techniques help you learn how to deal with difficult people very effectively, thereby reducing your stress.

Saturday

3:00–4:00PM

Images of Progress: World's Columbian Exposition 1893

Gary Kryvko

Lake Huron

Long before “globalization,” the World's Fairs were a way for nations to get together to trade goods. However, they were also a way for countries to show-off their cultures and ideas. In 1893, famed architect, Daniel Burnham designed a White City on the shores of Lake Michigan. It was a coming out party for the city of Chicago and a showcase for American progress. Come join us for a trip through time as we journey to Court of Honor and the Midway and get a feel for what America was like at the end of the nineteenth century and what was to come.

Stress and the Intelligent Mind, or How Stress Can Make You Stupid

Judy Thor

Lake Ontario

One hour of stress tips and relaxation exercises. Quick and easy “faking it” recipes for relaxed holiday entertaining. (Is there any presentation that can’t be made more Mensan-friendly by adding a few recipes?) Discovering your own personal values and living by them. Learning to say “no.” Quick de-stressors. The Magic Instant Stress Release. Inner stress thoughts: Learn to use that big brain of yours to put stress in its place. Exercising in bed.

3:00–5:15PM

Saturday

Martial Arts in the Movies—Two Martial Arts Experts Analyze the Action

John Martin & David Doney

Paramount Ballroom

Learn more about the moves in the action movies you love – including *The Matrix*, *Enter the Dragon*, *The Protector*, *An Officer and a Gentleman*, *Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon* and others. David and John will select pivotal fight scenes for discussion, analysis and demonstration of the techniques used. Some violent content will be selected from these movies so individuals under 13 years of age are cautioned.

Sexyg Fishbowl (Adults only)

Michael Collins & Robin Crawford

Lake Erie

Michael and Robin lead the group in a frank discussion about human sexuality and related topics. Completely participant driven, the forum uses the “fishbowl” method to select questions asked anonymously by participants and answer them frankly and genuinely. Get answers to questions that, heretofore, you’ve probably been able to ask only a few people. To foster frankness and trust, we’ll lock the doors 15 minutes after we begin, so please be on time. Confidentiality and discretion are a must.

4:15–5:15PM

Gender stereotypes and attributions to discrimination

Zoe Kinias

Lake Huron

This talk is a presentation of the speaker’s empirical research (with L. T. O’Brien and B. Major) on how gender stereotypes drive individuals’ interpretations of ambiguously discriminatory hiring decisions as sexist discrimination. She will present two studies and invite discussion on conditions that lead individuals to believe that discrimination has occurred.

Laugh & Learn about Personalities

Derek Boundy

Lake Ontario

Come for a laugh and learn session about the DISC personality system from noted author and professional speaker Derek Boundy. Derek has been acclaimed for his innate ability to make people laugh while they learn about the DISC personality system.

Audience after audience rave about his “incredible energy” while inspiring the masses to laugh about how unique we are. You will gain a deeper understanding of why people do the things they do. This program is rated “G” and will be enjoyable for anyone between the ages of 8-118 years old.”

6:30–8:00PM

Banquet

Paramount Ballroom

Enjoy Halloween’s formal feast. Banquet goes get not only a lovely, sit-down dinner, but the best seats for this evening’s entertainment. The banquet requires a ticket, purchased in advance. [Tickets can be bought on Friday afternoon and evening: check at registration. After that, check the bulletin board to see if anyone is selling tickets. The hotel’s sports bar will be open, and there will be snacks (no hot food) in Hospitality.]

Saturday

8:30–10:00PM

Music for the Mind

Ovadya

Paramount Ballroom

Come enjoy conversation with the musicians and convert of Ovadya’s original, neo-psychedelic, world & jazz-influenced acoustic and rock: MidEast/Celtic/modal textures.

OVADYA is an adventure in music. Linda Wolf and M Hurley have combined to fuse an utterly uncategorizable, addictive sound. The music of Ovadya has received affirmations such as label offers, positive reviews from Chicago Tribune, Illinois Entertainer, Guitar World, New York’s CMU and charting in CMJ, etc., etc. Ovadya recently opened for Eric Burdon.

8:30–10:30PM

**The Return of Pretentious Drinking
Alan Baltis and Gary Kryvko and Their
Merry Band of Pourmeisters**

Hospitality

Liqueurs. The fancy stuff. Polished, cosmopolitan, perhaps even a bit snooty. The stuff you graduate to from beer and wine. You'd like to know more but, gosh, look at that price. What if that pricey potion isn't quite the palate pleaser you expected? Rejoice! As in years past, you can sample some truly amazing liqueurs—and your money's no good. Details are included in your registration package. We will supply a wide range of weird and wonderful concoctions from around the world. You can determine which you'd like to own, which should be left on the shelf, and which you should give to your arch-nemesis as a "thoughtful" gift. Obviously, you must be of legal drinking age to join us. Snobbish accents and extended pinkies optional.

Saturday

**Sweets for the Sweet—and for
Everyone Else, Too**

Marie Porter

Hospitality

Indulge your sweet tooth at this sugar-ful spread. Desserts, sweets, chocolates, cakes, and goodies galore will delight and entice you. So, what are you waiting for? Dig in.

9:00–11:00PM

**Movie: *Indiana Jones & the Kingdom
of the Crystal Skull***

Bob Finnegan

Lake Huron

Stay after the film for bonus tracks from the DVD.

10:00PM–1:00AM

X-Box Rock Band

Theodora Sparks

Lake Michigan

10:30–11:30PM

Mensa Online Meet and Greet

Robin Crawford

Lake Ontario

Come meet the faces behind the avatars you've befriended on Facebook, Yahoo, AML's Online Community, and other Web 2.0 virtual gathering places.

10:30PM-??AM

Saturday Night Dance/Karaoke

Ted from Accounting

Hospitality

“Ted From Accounting” will be playing songs from the ‘60’s through the Oh-oh’s, from the Beatles and Cream to Oasis and Incubus. We’ll throw a few originals into the mix, and we’ll take requests if we like you (songs beginning with the letter “F”: \$400 extra). The band would like it to be known that no animals were harmed in the making of our new CD, “Let’s All Lie About Not Harming Animals.”

Sunday, Oct. 26

For details on events and features that run all weekend long, including tournaments and Hospitality food schedules, see pages 6–7.

During the day, there will be a number of children’s programs. Times and events will be posted at the Kids’ Room (Headquarters Room).

Saturday / Sunday

7:30–10:00AM

Breakfast

Hospitality

10:00–11:00AM

Awards and Announcements

Paramount Ballroom

Find out who did and won what. It’s not always high entertainment, but it’s a good way to put names with faces. The service awards in particular introduce you to people who have worked, often behind the scenes, to make things happen in Chicago Area Mensa. Here’s the agenda:

Game Tournament Winners

Fiendish Armchair Treasure Hunt Winners

Volunteer Giveaway Drawing (if we qualified)

Service Awards

Hell’s M’s “Party Animal” Winner

Future RG announcements (in order of event date)

10:00AM–12:30PM

Duchre Tournament

John Massura

Lake Michigan

11:00–11:30AM

Time to check out of your hotel rooms

11:30AM–12:30PM

Beyond Time Management

Maralyn Meshenberg

Lake Erie

The challenge of our era - Harvard Business Review article; 10 year study, 90% of managers and knowledge workers squander their time in all sorts of ineffective activities, just 10% spend their time in a committed, purposeful and reflective manner. Leave with a better handle your own time issues and some tactics to go beyond “to do” lists.

In Extremis, Part IV – the biggest storms, worst crashes, and other extremes

Bob Finnegan

Lake Huron

Bob returns with the sequel to last year’s program of the most extreme crashes, fires, natural disasters, animal encounters, and accidents caught on film. Caution: Younger or more sensitive viewers may find that some of the scenes in this presentation are very upsetting. (No humans or animals die, but the disasters are real.)

11:30AM–1:45PM

Myths and Realities of Self-Defense, for Women Only

John Martin

Paramount Ballroom

Are keys in the hand a viable weapon? Does pepper spray drop attackers in their tracks? How about heel stomps, groin kicks and eye gouges? Can a woman really defend herself against a large or strong man? Explore the myths and realities of physical self-defense in a Q&A/demo/training session. Come dressed for a workout if you’d like to learn some skills, or just watch and ask questions if you prefer. This program is for women only.

11:30–12:30PM

Memorial Service for Jay Smith

Lake Ontario

Jay was one of the founders of HalloweeM and a veritable institution in Chicago Area Mensa. Please join us as we remember and celebrate his life and contributions.

12:45–1:45PM

How to Deal with Difficult People

Maralyn Meshenberg

Lake Huron

Want to know what makes you tick or perhaps “ticked off”? We will look at the DISC assessment and “why those people are like that”.

12:45–2:30PM

Gender and the Image of God: A Christian Explanation of the Physical Disparity between Women and Men

Gerald Heistand

Lake Huron

The Bible tells us that women and men were created equally in God’s image, and thus of equal value and worth. However, we are faced with the reality that women are in fact physically weaker than men. How does the Christian religion account for the disparity of physical strength between men and women? In what ways is this reality a meaningful component of Christian theology? This lecture will unpack the theological implications of gender as observed from within the framework of the Christian religion.

2:00–4:00PM

Proctored Tests

Lake Erie Room and Lake Ontario Room

Not a member but want to be? Here’s your chance. If you registered for HalloweeM, the extra \$10 you paid can be applied to the cost of the test.

Sunday

3:15PM–?

Time to clean up! As the adage goes, “many hands make light work.” Please pitch in and give us a hand. Remember, all volunteering is rewarded with a collectable volunteer pin.

Thanks for coming. Hope to see you next year.

Presenter Biographies

Alan Baltis is a long-time and life member of Mensa, and loves the company of smartfolk. He's funny and smart and curious and decent and big. He loves sharing the cool websites/books/movies/games/magazines/comics that he discovers as he travels the globe, righting wrongs and punishing evildoers. Check out the social networking site for Mensans that he founded, www.thesmartlife.com (more than 600 members and growing!)

Derek Boundy: Profoundly affecting the lives of people, Mr. Boundy has written on personalities, personal growth, leadership, sales, faith, family and success. Headquartered in the Chicago area, Personality Specialists offers public seminars, customized educational programs, workshops and keynote speakers - all focused on personal and professional development. Profoundly affecting the lives of people, Derek Boundy has a client list that includes small and mid-sized businesses, Fortune 500 Companies, churches, and non-profit associations. <http://www.personalityspecialists.com/bizbio.html>

Steve Cole's real passion for bourbon began in college—as a bartender. Mostly. But, Steve has never thought of those nights behind the bar as work. Instead, they were an opportunity to meet people and get to know them. To find out what they liked and what they didn't. For Steve, this was his “Bourbon 101.” He studied. He explored. He discovered. He couldn't wait to tell others about what he'd discovered. Naturally. Today, Steve travels the world as a whiskey professor. When not singing bourbon's praises, he enjoys listening to country music, specifically while sipping bourbon.

Michael Collins has been a key figure in Chicago Area Mensa since he joined. On top of everything else, Michael is feeding you this weekend.

Matt Crawford is the LocSec of Chicago Area Mensa. It was either this office or his distant Scottish ancestry that landed him the privilege of hosting the Scotch tasting event at HalloweeM this year. How he got to do

Kill Doctor Lucky as well is anyone's guess, although it may have something to do with the 25-foot roll-up canvas game board he and his talented wife Robin created.

Robin Crawford has facilitated Fishbowls at RGs and AGs in years past and currently serves Mensa as the National Communications Officer.

Frank Dolinar began following the development of nanotechnology twenty-two years ago. Since 1992, he has given presentations on nanotechnology for general audiences and classes at Michigan State University. Frank is the owner of nanoSteps LLC, which provides nanotechnology seminars, workshops, and more technical presentations for corporations, business groups, and technical organizations. He writes essays examining the history, current topics, trends, and implications of various technologies, including nanotechnology. Frank is also a consultant for the Firefly Consulting Group in Lexington, Kentucky, and a software developer for the Michigan House of Representatives.

Dave Doney is a lifetime practitioner of martial arts. He holds a second degree black belt in Tae Kwon Do and Karate, in addition to having a personal interest in martial arts weapons and history. He enjoys action movies and likes science fiction almost more than many Mensans. In addition, he is a frequent speaker on business topics, specifically the fine art of internal auditing. David is a registered CPA, MBA (in Finance) and Certified Internal Auditor who leads a team of internal auditors for a \$4 billion corporation in Chicago. David is a frequent contributor to Wikipedia, having written major portions of a variety of articles related to current business and economic issues. In addition, he regularly speaks at conferences in his field. He thinks studying Federal budget documentation is a good time.

Bob Finnegan is an avid movie and video film buff with an exceptionally large collection of documentaries and information on a wide range of topics; including illusions, animals, disasters, and especially, movies and moviemaking, behind-the-scenes footage and movie star insights.

Clyde Forrester has been a Mensan for nearly two decades. He says he comes from a long line of tinkerers and ne'er-do-well musicians, which he believes is why it was natural for him to gravitate toward computers and music. The propensity toward tinkering has, of late, lead him to delve into the mechanics of the world's languages and writing systems. <http://ccf3.home.mindspring.com/Unicode/unicode.html>

Sonja Fox has been obsessed with astrology for thirty years and has a PhD (1991) in the subject from the now defunct Mensa SIG group "Devachan" (ratified at a regional astroconference by a collegium of mentors and peers). During the course of her obsession, she invented the astroGizmo. You can find her at sonja.foxe@gmail.com. The Tecumseh Factor is not yet available at <http://www.lulu.com/SalonSonja> but check out the site anyway from time to time,

Helen Gallagher mixes left and right brain activities with expertise in both technology and the arts. She is owner of Computer Clarity and author of two recent books: *Computer Ease*, and *Release Your Writing: Book Publishing Your Way*, which is the subject of her conference presentation. www.releaseyourwriting.com

Robert Gardner is *Local Beet* editor at large and one of the founding members of LTHForum.com, loves to eat. He's discovered that the way to eating bliss is by eating local. Beyond pleasing the palate, Gardner and his family have discovered the many other benefits from eating local. Rob has shared his passion for eating local with a variety of platforms including the League of Woman Voters and the Midwestern Foodways Alliance Rob and his family's eat local adventure has been written up in the *Chicago Sun Times*, *Medill News Service* and the *Oak Park Wednesday Journal*. He and his family's eat local experiences will also be featured in a forthcoming "Day in the Life of the Village" in the *Oak Park Oak Leaves*. Gardner recently published an essay on eating local in the *Chicago Tribune's* Sunday Perspective section, and blogs almost daily at vitalinformation.blogspot.com. He is also a contributor to the *Eatlocalchallenge* blog. In the spare moments

when food is not on his mind, he performs business background research for a variety of clients through his consultancy Gardner Worldwide.

Mary Hall, MA, LPC is a Psychotherapist in private practice in St. Louis.

David Hammond, a writer of corporate communications living in Oak Park, is a founder and moderator of LTHForum.com, the Chicago culinary chat site, and a regular contributor of restaurant reviews and food-related articles for *TimeOut Chicago*, *Local Beet*, and *Chicago Reader*, for which he wrote a six-part series on regional Mexican cuisine in Chicago. With his friend Michael Gebert, he created a cable documentary on the culinary offerings of Chicago's Maxwell Street Market. A returning guest on WLS and WGN AM radio and 848 Food Critic on WBEZ, Chicago Public Radio, David was featured on "Good Morning, America," "Chicago, Tonight," and Nippon TV last summer when he developed recipes for preparing cicadas.

Christos Jonathan Seth Hayward is an author, philosopher, theologian, artist, poet, wayfarer, philologist, inventor, web guru, preacher, and teacher. He has ranked 7th in the U.S. in a math contest, studied several languages, and holds master's degrees from UIUC, bridging math and computers, and Cambridge, UK, bridging theology and philosophy. Which is to say that he has a lot to bring to his writing. You can read his writing online at JonathansCorner.com and get his books from CJSHayward.com.

Karen Heart is a Licensed Social Worker who has worked extensively teaching people how to relate better with others. <http://www.karenlife-coach.com>

Gerald Hiestand is a pastor at Harvest Bible Chapel in Rolling Meadows, Illinois. He has undergraduate and graduate degrees in theology, and has written a number of scholarly articles. He currently serves as president of the Society for the Advancement of Ecclesial Theology. www.iustificare.blogspot.com

David Kayov has a Doctorate of Physics from Northwestern University and has taught Physics at Northwestern University and worked for Fermilab. He is the Owner/President of Paul Heath Associates

Dawn Keller, a former corporate executive, is president and founder of Flint Creek Wildlife Rehabilitation. Ms. Keller founded Flint Creek Wildlife Rehabilitation in 2003 after volunteering extensively at Chicago-area wildlife rehabilitation centers. Ms. Keller was the recipient of Lieutenant Governor Pat Quinn's 2007 Environmental Hero of the Year award. Flint Creek Wildlife was named a 2007 recipient of the Friends of the Parks Advocacy Award. Flint Creek Wildlife has been featured on Animal Planet, 190 North, Frank Mathe and the Chicago Tribune Magazine, among others, and recently hosted Mayor Daley at its downtown facility. www.flintcreekwildlife.org

Zoe Kinias is a professor of management at Kellogg School of Management. Zoe has a PhD in social psychology and research how group memberships affect individuals.

Gary Kryvko has been fascinated by the 1893 World's Fair since he discovered a cool statue entitled "Republic" in Jackson Park years ago. It has since become a hobby and he thinks that it is hard to find anything cooler than reading a 115 year old book or holding a century old bit of memorabilia. When it came time to work on his senior project in history at Southern Illinois University Edwardsville, the 1893 exposition was a natural choice and his presentation comes from that research.

Jackie LeFevre is a recent (2007) Mensa recruit who 'volunteered' to handle the wine tasting because she was invited to partake of free food and succumbed to peer pressure the likes of which would have created a diamond from a less resistant human being. Also, she enjoys shamelessly promoting people she finds to be both nice and good at what they do, and Jennifer Martinez of Vino 100 is just such a person.

John Martin has been the president of Combat Arts Institute (Palatine, Illinois) since 1987 and an instructor (ju-jutsu, jujo-jutsu, women's self-defense, law enforcement DT) for 28 years. He is a ju-jutsu instructor at Harper College and University of Illinois Chicago, Menkyo in Miyama Ryu Ju-jutsu, Mokuroku in ParaCombatives, and founder of CAI Ju-jutsu. In addition, John has 20 years experience canoeing, then transitioned to kayaking three years ago. He is British Canoe Union certified, an American Canoe Association instructor, and a Guide/Instructor for The Northwest Passage, an international outdoor adventure travel company in Wilmette, Illinois. <http://www.CombatArts.org>

Oriel D. Maximé teaches computers to do things in real life, but who cares? Most of his time is spent with mathematics, games, and puzzles, enjoying the practice and studying the theory. He has been running Logic Problem tournaments at Weem and the AG for five years, and has had problems published in Games Magazine, by Penny Press, and by Kadon Enterprises.

DJ Kenya: The daughter of a Clear Channel on-air DJ/radio personality, Kenya learned how to run a studio control board at age 15. More recently, she was a mobile DJ for Complete Music and Video. Her two years of professional partying taught her how to get others to dance, relax, and most of all, have FUN!

Nadine McBeth is a long-time Chicago Area Mensan.

Maralyn Meshenberg: Driven by love for humanity and her passion for learning, Ms Meshenberg began studying human potential while still in high school. Her strong focus on personal potential and workplace fulfillment led her to complete her coaching training with Coach University. She began her professional coaching and consulting career 1989. In addition to being a Certified Graduate of Coach University, Ms Meshenberg holds a BA from Columbia College Chicago and a Master of Project Management degree from Keller Graduate School of Business.

Kent Nebergall is the son of a former test pilot and an artist, and has been an avid follower of space technology since Apollo-Soyuz, when he was seven years old. In 2004, Kent won the Kepler Prize for Mars Mission Design from the Mars Society, and was later part of Mars Desert Research Station Crew 32. He has done space technology presentations for Mensa, The Mars Society, Toastmasters, the Heinlein Centennial, and several science fiction conventions in the Midwest. His Mars Society design papers were included in *On To Mars, Volume 2* from Apogee Press. He is currently developing a web site for aspiring spacecraft designers at www.marsworkbench.com

OVADYA is...Linda Wolf (Vocals, electric violin, alto sax, and fretless bass) and M Hurley (Vocals, lead guitar, rhythm and “lhythm” guitars, bass, electric/acoustic mandolin, acoustic & electric guitars in multiple open tunings and effects, banjo, guitar synth, effects, bass).

Jim Plaxco: In addition to being a digital artist, Jim is a NASA Jet Propulsion Laboratory Solar System Ambassador who specializes in Mars related presentations. Jim is a former Vice President of the National Space Society and a Vice President of the Chicago Society for Space Studies where he established the CSSS Speakers Bureau. Jim blogs at <http://artsnova.com/blog> about art and space.

Conrad Pomykala is a licensed guard who has worked event security since 1976 from the Aragon to Woodstock via the World Cup, Chicago Marathon anti-doping team, and a host of others. And he can show you his stitches!

Yvonne Porter has been leading Stretching Classes with Skinner for Mensa since 1990. Yvonne works out regularly and had studied the Martial Arts.

Skinner is the Founder and coordinator of HELL's M's SIG. He has been leading Stretching Classes with Yvonne for Mensa since 1990. Skinner studied the Martial Arts and has been exercising on a (semi ;-)) regular basis most of his adult life. He has been actively involved in the Men's Movement since 1992. He

is a Co Leader in the Mankind Project, Inc. He brings with him the skills he has learned from staffing 44 New Warrior Training Adventures and from other Men's training's he has attended and staffed.

Kathleen Spaltro, Ph.D., wrote the more than 40 biographies included in *Royals of England: A Guide for Readers, Travelers, and Genealogists* [ISBN 0-595-37312-7]. It covers rulers of England and (from 1603) Great Britain from William the Conqueror to Victoria. Besides a Ph.D. in English, Spaltro has extensive experience teaching adults that has resulted in four Teacher of the Year awards. Her related courses taught to adults include Invitation to a Beheading: The Tudor Dynasty; The Unfortunate and Ungrateful Stuarts; Why the British Imported a German Monarchy.

Bonnie Syraque has designed and built dresses and costumes for decades. In January 2006 she and her husband (and business partner) followed a dream and signed up for dance lessons at the Fred Astaire Dance Studio in Buffalo Grove. It wasn't long before she was making dresses for staff and students, as well as stunning dresses for herself. At the end of 2006, with the encouragement of the studio owners, she became Bonnie's Belle Gowns, and started making dresses almost full time. At the end 2007, in addition to making almost 50 custom dresses, she decided to design and build a number of dresses for rental and sale and offer them to studios through Chicagoland. <http://BonniesBelleGowns.com>

David Stybr founded the Classical Music SIG of American Mensa in 1985. An engineer by profession, Dave has also enjoyed a rewarding second career as a composer whose works have been performed by professional musicians, from soloists and small ensembles to a full orchestra. www.DeniseSwanson.com/Stybr

Denise Swanson started writing after coming face-to-face with evil. She quickly decided she would rather write about villains than encounter them in her daily life. She was shocked to discover that getting a book published was nearly as difficult as vanquishing scoundrels. Her books are set in Scumble River, a fictional small town in the Midwest, and feature Skye Denison, a full-figured school psychologist-sleuth. *Murder of a Chocolate-Covered Cherry* is the tenth and latest book in her Scumble River Mystery series. It debuted #6 on the Borders bestselling list and #9 on the Barnes & Noble list.

“Ted From Accounting” is:

Dave Gudjonis (bass player) is a special education teacher, working with adolescents going through rehab at a nearby hospital. A Mensan for almost 30 years, he’s also the editor of *ChiMe*, CAM’s newsletter.

Paulito Mendoza (guitarist) is a software engineer for a major defense contractor in the northwest suburbs. Paulito also plays bass and keyboards.

John Pelinske (guitarist) is a homeless itinerant. The band found him after making a wrong turn on Lower Wacker Drive. He now busies himself as an account manager and practices ballet in his free time.

Dave Stapleton: Mensan Dave Stapleton (drummer) is a teacher, specializing in math. He recently moved back to this area from Virginia, and now teaches at a local high school. Dave also plays guitar and bass.

Judy Thor is a Certified Stress Management Trainer from Roosevelt University, Chicago.

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