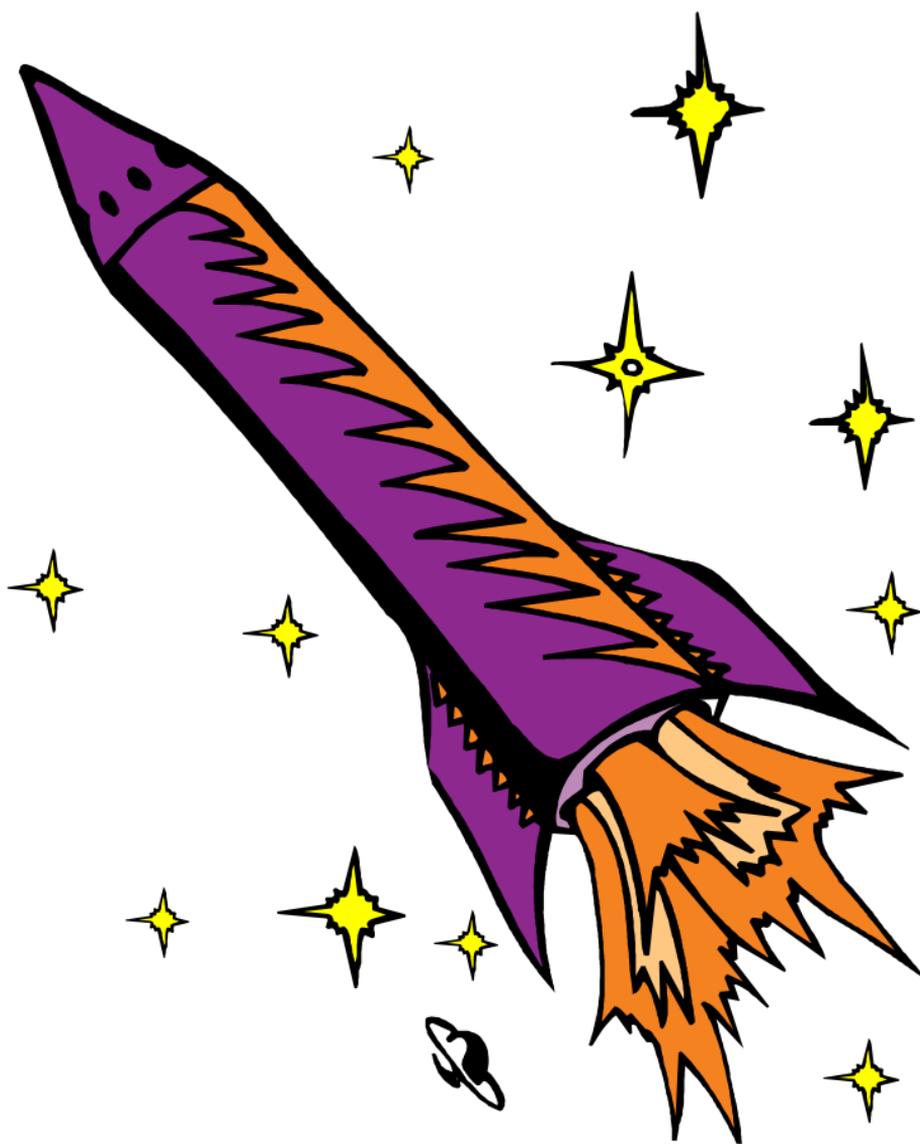


HALLOWEEN 35: A Space Odyssey



Hosted by
**Chicago
Area
Mensa**

October 28-31, 2010



Hello Dave

Welcome to HalloweenM 2010 and your space odyssey! This year will be a terrific one, especially because we're in a new and beautiful hotel! Since Chicago Area Mensa always promises such a good time, we've kept your favorite games, activities, food, programs and other indulgences the same from last year. Enjoy, meet some new people, and have an absolutely fabulous RG. We're so glad you chose this odyssey with us!



Beth Anne Demeter
'WeeM Chair

HalloweenM 35 A Space Odyssey

Welcome to HalloweenM 35

Once again, our famous multi-track programming offers a wide range of topics (surviving a suicide bomber, do-it-yourself Shakespeare, nanotechnology, BBQ, battlefields, urban chickens, early music, relationships, magic tricks, Klingons,

Tesla coils, improv, The Prisoner, and lots more)—so you're certain to find much that is of interest. Of course, there will also be tournaments, games, a kids' track, dances, costumes, books, vendors—oh, and lots of food.

As always, programming continues after the sun sets, so don't figure that dinner signals the end of the day's learning and entertainment opportunities.

Please read the guidelines and rules that follow, so everyone can get the maximum enjoyment out of the weekend, without any misunderstandings. We want you to have a great time, but we also want our speakers and volunteers to have fun.

You may find more to do than you can fit into one weekend. So, as you look over the schedule, let us know what you'd like to have us to repeat next year. We want you to keep coming back. Also, we are always looking for speakers and programs, so if there is something you'd like to talk about next year, let us know.

There is always the possibility of minor changes after the program booklet is printed, as cancellations do sometimes occur. The Program At A Glance (PAAG) chart, available in registration, will be more up-to-date, as it is not printed until the day the event begins. (If the PAAG disagrees with the booklet, the PAAG will have the more recent information.) If anything unexpected occurs during the weekend, information will be posted or announced as soon as we get it.

So take a little time to scan this booklet to find out all the delights we have planned for you. Then have a fabulous weekend. So glad you could join us.

Cynthia Clampitt
Program Chair

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. And we can't stress enough the importance of checking the Program At A Glance (PAAG), issued daily, for up to date information with respect to error corrections, room changes, speaker cancellations, etc.

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 Ravinia Ballroom. Since the games and tournaments rooms are within the Ravinia Ballroom, bringing food and beverages there is permitted. However, please DO NOT take food or beverages into the other speakers rooms (e.g., Birch, Maple, etc.)

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.

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 valuable 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

Snacks and beverages are available 24 hours a day. 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, there are several restaurants within walking distance, or a short hotel-shuttle ride. Please inquire at the hotel front desk, or our registration area, for a list of options.

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

Unfortunately, this year we will not be providing the services of a massage therapist, but we have been assured that she'll be back next year.

WeeM Market

(Located outside
the Ravinia Ballroom)

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.

All Weekend Book Sale

Find out what your fellow Mensans have read. Browse through donated book and non-book items, and 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)

Once again, WeeM is offering a kids track for your little ones. Kim and Joel Kohler have put together a terrific, weekend-long program. The kids will be in the Maple Room, so please check outside the room for a schedule. Also, keep in mind that the kids room WILL CLOSE at various times throughout the day and overnight, meaning you'll need to pick up your children during these times. All times will be listed outside the room. Have fun!

Tweens (9-13)

The Tweens will have their own area this year away from parents! Check for the curtained-off area near the booksale in the Ravinia ballroom. All tweens using this area will need to agree to established rules of conduct (e.g., keeping the area neat, no fighting). Parents are encouraged to check in on the tweens from time to time.

Games & Tournaments

All Weekend

Game Room

Ravinia A & B

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.

Thursday

8-10PM Boggle Tournament

Friday

2-4PM Life Sized Kill Dr. Lucky

8PM-11PM Dominion Tournament

Saturday

10:00AM-12:30PM Logic Problem
Tournament

1-5PM Texas Hold'em Poker



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.

Once again, we're starting on Thursday—with some great speakers on very hot topics, plus the return of the pig roast.

But that is just the beginning. There are multiple Fri-Play offerings and, of course, our famous multi-track programming throughout the weekend. For gamers, tournaments and the 24-hour games room, and of course there will be a great kids' track, plus two dances, costume parade, 24-hour hospitality suites, book sale, and vendor area.

Do note that we have a lot of programs after the Sun sets, so don't figure that dinner signals the end of the day's learning or entertainment opportunities.

There may be a few changes, as cancellations and late additions are always possibilities.

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

Thursday

4:45-5:45 PM

Strategies for Surviving a Suicide Bomber

John Martin

Michigan A

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

Brazilian Carnival: Cultural Tradition or Drunken Bacchanalia?

Robert Gardner and David Hammond

Birch

Most people are familiar with the scantily clad females rhythmically writhing on elaborate floats. Dancing, drinking and heart-pounding music are all part of this “traditional party” that lasts at least 4 days. But is there more to it? Come learn the history and meaning of this annual event that draws in millions of people from around the world.

Thursday

7:00-8:30PM

Pig Roast in Hospitality

8:00-10:00PM

Boggle Tournament

Jerry Karaganis

Ravinia A

8:30-9:30PM

Movie Flubs (what they hope you didn't notice: Star Trek movies, Cary Grant movies, Harry Potter 6, and more)

Robert Finnegan

Birch

What they hope you didn't notice: Star Trek movies, Cary Grant movies, Harry Potter, and more.

8:30-10:30PM

Scotch Tasting

Matt Crawford

Willow

Taste and learn about some of the fine single malts of the islands.

9:30-10:30PM

Protecting Your Computer, Reputation, and Friends on Social Network Sites

Steve Levinthal

Michigan A

Don't get hacked, spoofed, scammed or clickjacked - and what to do if you click before you looked.

Friday

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

Friday

7:30AM-9:30AM

Simple Breakfast

Hospitality

8:00AM-4:00PM

Adler Planetarium

Mary Widmar

Join Mary, the Chi-Town Kidd, to traverse the city to visit the Adler Planetarium, America's First Planetarium. The museum is home to three full-size theaters, extensive space science exhibitions, and one of the world's most important antique astronomical instrument collections on display. A \$10 admission fee covers entry to all exhibits. \$25 includes admission to all the exhibits as well as access to unlimited shows plus a tour! Cost of transportation to the Planetarium is not included and depends upon the final headcount. Please sign up with the registrar in advance! All fees will be paid on site, not through registration.

10:00AM-12:00PM

Space Alert

Oriel Maximé

Ravinia A

Does watching Star Trek make you a little jealous? Have you always wanted to use the access ladder to fire the pulse cannons at an impending alien menace?

Space Alert is a team survival game. You play as a crew of 5 space explorers sent out through hyperspace to survey a dangerous sector of the Galaxy. The pace of the game is set by a 10-minute soundtrack, during which you must defend the ship while it scans the sector. Either you all win or you all lose. The game requires quick thinking and effective communication and coordination under time pressure. Each game takes 30 minutes or less.

Oriel will take crews of trainees through Basic Space Alert Training, playing simpler simulated missions culminating in a final "for real" game or

two. There's 20 minutes of instruction before the first simulator run, and then 10 minutes between each run and the next simulated mission of increasing complexity. It will take us two hours to get to the real missions, but it's well worth it. The training session would go best with 8-10, but if we have a few extra, we'll just cycle through some extra missions.

10:00AM-4:00PM

Martial Arts

John Martin

Michigan A

A selection of martial arts lessons will be offered throughout the day. John Martin (from the local Combat Arts Institute) along with several of his senior students will offer instruction, background and hands-on training for martial arts forms included here. Cost information will follow but you will not need to pay or pre-register via the registrar.

Friday

11:00AM-1:30PM

Simple Lunch

Hospitality

11:00AM-3:00PM

Medieval & Renaissance Displays, Demonstrations, and Discussions

Kerri-Ellen Kelly

Michigan B

Join Kerri-Ellen Kelly and friends as they display diverse arts from the Elizabethan period and earlier such as lace, armor and embroidery, discuss calligraphy, cooking and clothing in particular and demonstrate these for you.

2:00PM-5:00PM

Pub Crawl

Jen Johnson

To visit: Several pubs within walking distance of the hotel. Planned stops include RAM and the Old Munich Inn.

All over 21 are welcome! No pre-registration necessary, just meet in the lobby before the start time.

2:00-4:00PM

Life Size "Kill Dr. Lucky"

Matt Crawford

Ravinia A

This is the game that takes place before Clue.

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You are your own playing piece as you deviously skulk about stately Lucky Manor and try to be the one who takes revenge upon your host. But he's not called "Lucky" for nothing!

4:00-5:00PM

Autism Spectrum Disorders and ADHD in Adults: An Introduction

Herb Guggenheim

Michigan B

Friday

Real Estate: The New Normal

Jamie Roth

Birch

Who's Who of Owls

Mark Spreyer

Michigan B

Learn about owls and other birds of prey, and meet the birds live!

5:15-6:15PM

How to be a Film Critic

Vicky Edwards

Birch

Mensa's Leadership Exchange Program

Beth Anne Demeter

Elm

Mensa's Leadership Exchange Program was created in 2010 as an exchange program focused on sharing knowledge. Several individuals were selected from Europe, Malaysia and the US to exchange ideas at both the European and US Annual Gatherings this past summer. Participants arranged presentations on planning gatherings, gifted kids, motivating volunteers, puzzles, creating a new Mensa, testing and other topics, and otherwise answered questions and made connections. The intent is that this shared knowledge will enhance other Mensas all across the world. Additional participants will be selected for the 2011 (and beyond) iterations, so please attend if you're interested in learning how you can participate!

Space Flight Update

Kent Nebergall

Michigan A

The past year has seen photos returned of landforms on the Moon and Mars only seen up

until now in 1950's science fiction. We are on the brink of many amazing milestones in the year ahead as well. But even as our probes fly from Mercury to Pluto and private rockets leave the launch pads, the US space program is facing greater uncertainty than any point since the Carter Administration, and for many of the same reasons.

In addition to news from the solar system and beyond, we'll take a hard look at what's going on here at home. We'll take a behind-the-scenes look at the players, the options going forward, the agreements and disagreements, and the probable results of our future transitions over the next decade.

Friday

5:15-7:15PM

Economic Debates that Define Our Times: What are the Facts?

David Doney

Michigan B

5:30-7:30PM

Dinner

Hospitality

Head for a meal in hospitality—but no need to rush, as food will be put out many times.

6:30-7:15PM

Does God Exist?

Gerald Hiestand

Birch

6:30-7:30PM

Irrationality

Victoria Fineberg

Elm

Nano Intro: Much Ado About Nanotechnology (Part 1)

Frank Dolinar

Michigan A

The late Sir Arthur C. Clarke, the inventor of the geosynchronous satellite, said, "Any sufficiently advanced technology is indistinguishable from magic." Nanotechnology seems like something between science fiction and magic. So much so that you may have to think about it more

than once before you get it. In thinking about nanotech for almost 25 years, I have been continuously challenged to understand the latest nanotech news and its implications. This session examines the current state of nanotech, its interdisciplinary approach, recent developments in Materials, Energy, Computers & Electronics, and Medicine, and how these may benefit the public & private efforts for robotic and manned space missions. A surprising future is coming sooner than you think. Don't blink!

Part II will be tomorrow at 10:30AM.

Friday

6:30-7:45PM

Wine Class and Tasting (75 minutes)

Andrew Shults

Willow

8:00-11:00PM

Dominion Tournament

Oriel Maximé

Ravinia A

Come compete against your fellow Dominion players for top spot. We'll be playing "duplicate style" with Kingdom cards from all available sets. Space is limited to 18 players, so sign up early! You should know how to play already, even if you haven't seen every card: however, there's plenty of WeeM during which to learn before the Tournament starts!

8:30-9:00PM

Children's Costume Party

Michigan A

Costumes are shown in this time slot, then a party for kids will continue elsewhere, through the adult costume parade.

9:00-10:00PM

Adult Costume Parade

Michigan A

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.

10:30-1:00AM

Movie: "Iron Man 2"

Birch

10:30-12:30PM

Do-it-Yourself Shakespeare

Beverly Flechsig

Elm

Come read a part in *Much Ado About Nothing*. Bring your own copy if you can, but Beverly will have a few extras.

10:30-12:30PM

Meet Ronald K. Hoeflin, Prolific High-IQ-Society Founder

Ronald K. Hoeflin

Michigan A

Ronald K. Hoeflin founded several high-IQ societies, including the Mega Society, and most currently thrive. He is mentioned or featured in publications, such as *Esquire*, *Omni* and the *Village Voice*, rare copies of which he will bring and autograph for purchase, along with the first two of three volumes of his *Encyclopedia of Categories*.

10:30-11:30PM

Hell's M's Meeting

Skinner

Willow

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 on Sunday.

10:30PM-1:00AM

Friday-night Dance

(with or without costumes)

DJ Kenya

Hospitality

(Clothes, however, are not optional.)

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

11:30PM-3:00AM

Sing-Along Clyde Forrester

Willow

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

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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

Christian vs. Atheist Political Worldviews and Implementation Todd Williams

Willow

Many charge Christian-based governments with irrevocable crimes against humanity in events such as the Crusades, the Inquisition, Salem Witch Trials, etc. Others have charged similar maladies in Atheist-based governments. We will look at such events under both "Christian" influenced governments and "Atheist" influenced governments. We will examine the sociological dynamics of each, and possibly even the undercurrent philosophies of each.

The Everyday Olympian with Olympic bronze medalist Garrett Lowney Garrett Lowney

Birch

Garrett gives a passionate illustration of the parallels of success as an Olympic athlete and success in every day life. A balance between content and conviction provides an entertaining guide to motivation, preparation and execution.

The Historic Battlefields of France and Belgium Robert Mueller

Michigan A

For 600 years the fate of kingdoms, empires, and republics has been decided through battles in a small area of what is now northern France and Belgium. These battlefields have remained essentially undisturbed, many still displaying evidence or striking memorials of the titanic struggles of the twentieth century's two world wars. The presentation will review these battlefields, identify those of greatest interest, and suggest how they may provide insights into the national temperaments of the participants.

The Same but Different

Al Ockerse

Michigan B

The analysis of similarity and difference in various fields, from art and literature to healthcare and neurology.

10:00-12:30AM

Logic Problem Tournament

Oriel Maximé

Ravinia A

Match wits against your fellow Mensans on six never-before-published professional-quality Logic Problems specially constructed for this gathering. Whether your goal is to just solve one or to be this year's winner, this is a tournament not to miss.

10:30-11:30AM

Power Blogging & Social Media with Facebook, and Twitter and LinkedIn-Oh my!

Helen Gallagher

Willow

It is true that social media sites are changing the way we do business, socialize, read, write, and communicate today. It's the shy person's best friend: You can broaden your circle, stay current on trends, and keep in touch with people helping people, all in less than 30 minutes a day, without actually talking to anyone! In this session, learn how to cope after you sign up for free at Facebook, Twitter and other social media sites and have 500 new 'friends' in one day. If that's not appealing to you, we will walk through the blogosphere and learn the power of blogging plus five simple strategies to make money with a blog. We will look at what these creative opportunities offer, learn why we should use them, how to start, and how to separate the good from the bad. Bring your questions for this live demonstration.

Saturday

10:30-12:00AM

Murder, Reflection, and Where TV Cop Shows Fail

Danny Smith

Michigan B

Author, journalist, and lifelong Chicagoan Daniel P. Smith guides readers into the closed-door society that is the Chicago Police Department in his compelling debut work, "On the Job: Behind the Stars of the Chicago Police Department." Sharing never-before-told stories of the tolls the job exacts on the officers and their lives while interweaving a discussion of Chicago's criminal landscape, police department culture, and history, Smith discusses the personal experiences that led him to pen *On the Job* and the unique perspective he was able to achieve given his background. Includes a question and answer session. Copies of "On the Job" will be available for the discounted price of \$15.

Nanotechnology Part II: "Indistinguishable from Magic"

Frank Dolinar

Michigan A

See the description for Part 1, Fri., 6:30 pm.

Viet Nam: Life, Death, Luxury, and Corruption As I Witnessed It

Roger Mattingly

Birch

The human paradox in America's ill fated war in Vietnam seen from the privileged position of an Army publication photographer. I traveled from the delta to the DMZ while photographing Americans and Vietnamese, including, the invasion of Laos and watching the best "Life" magazine war photographer Larry Burrows shoot his last story when a navy jet destroyed a South Vietnamese armored column.

11:30AM-1:30PM

Lunch Break

Head for a meal in hospitality—but no need to rush, as food will be replenished often.

12:30-1:30PM

Are You Ready? A Potential Real-World Nightmare for Halloween!

James Taylor

Michigan A

A special preview of the FEMA-led NLE-2011 (National Level Exercise), history of the New Madrid Fault, and an overview of damage predictions from a modern earthquake.

Effective Communication in Personal and Business Relationships

Karen Heart

Elm

Have a good time while learning the Better Communication Technique, a simple yet highly effective method for communicating much more clearly and assertively. After a brief introduction to the Technique, we will read through a number of sample dialogues, all of which promise to be as interesting and entertaining as they are informative and instructive.

Urban Chicken Raising

Jennifer Murtoff

Willow

A bird's-eye view of the art of urban chicken raising for those who are interested in joining this new chic trend or for the curious who are just wondering what all the fuss is about!

Perfectionism and Gifted Children

Marcie Briggs

Michigan B

Perfectionism is highly represented among gifted children and may enhance their success both academically and in other areas by helping them to persevere until they succeed. Although all perfectionism seems equivalent, it can manifest in different ways depending on the level of one's self esteem and purpose. We conducted a study with Mensa members between 13 and 18 years of age that assessed the relationship between feelings of inferiority and perfectionism in gifted children. The findings shed light on feelings of inferiority and their link to the type of perfectionism experienced. The results will help professionals and parents to foster positive perfectionism in gifted children, who have immeasurable potential to bring about positive change in the world.

Magic Tricks Revealed

Bob Finnegan

Birch

1:00-5:00PM

Texas Hold 'em Poker Tournament

Scott Chupack

Ravina A

1:45-2:45PM

Early Music Performance

Kerri-Ellen Kelly

Maple

Come join Kerri-Ellen Kelly and other members of
A Space Odyssey

Saturday

Court & Country medieval and renaissance vocal ensemble as they discuss and perform early music ranging from the 12th century through the early 17th century from multiple countries, in multiple languages and in multiple musical styles.

Why Can't We All Just Get Along?

Karen Heart

Willow

This lament, so poignantly expressed by Rodney King, has remained a desirable, seemingly achievable goal that has somehow eluded humans since we first began asking ourselves this question. Why exactly is it that despite concerted, sustained, well-funded-- even global-- attempts to solve important social problems, we still face wars, poverty, environmental destruction, and other horrific social ills? Karen Heart has constructed a novel and surprising theory from her research into human behavior and evolutionary neurobiology. Join Karen for an exciting discussion of the evidence and her provocative conclusions.

Soccer Mom/Criminal Pros

Mary Wagner

Michigan B

How a Midwestern soccer mom found happiness juggling felonies, motherhood, spike heels, and a chain saw.

Hello and Beyond (Computer Programming Language)

Clyde Forrester

Birch

The “Hello” program is usually the minimal amount of coding required to determine if a compiler has been properly installed. It is also the first task to accomplish when learning a new computer language. Clyde Forrester will show “Hello” programs in a whole slew of computer languages, and present some lessons learned from them. He will go on to show some other fundamental programming exercises in many of those languages. These exercises generally relate to strengths and features of a particular computer language.

The Science of 2010 (the movie, not the year)

Bill Higgins

Michigan A

The film 2010, released in 1984, is a sequel to 2001: A Space Odyssey, a movie that set a high standard for technical accuracy. In filming Arthur C. Clarke’s novel, director and screenwriter Peter Hyams brought updated scientific ideas into an established universe. Now that 2010 has really arrived, join Bill Higgins for a look at the science in the sequel. In the years since 2001 premiered, the Voyager spacecraft

revealed Jupiter and its satellites in immense detail. Io had volcanoes. Europa might have an ocean. The flow of Jupiter's atmosphere was better understood. Engineers were proposing aerocapture--breaking into orbit using friction with Jupiter's atmosphere. Moreover, the technology of filmmaking was changing swiftly, and 2010 is a significant milestone along its path. With Voyager data as the seed, one of the world's fastest computers created spectacular Jupiter sequences, precursors to the computer-generated imagery that would become routine for movies in decades to follow.

3:00-4:00PM

Ad Astra Peroxide: The Rise and Fall of the Bell Rocket Belt

Bill Higgins

Birch

Seen on TV, at the World's Fair, and at the Olympics, the Bell Rocket Belt delighted millions and became an icon of the Space Age. After this "jetpack," descended from X-plane technology, made its first flight in 1961, Bell Aerospace struggled and failed to find a market for it, but a handful of enthusiasts have built new rocket belts and are flying them today.

Saturday

Ask Me, I'm a Vinyl Junkie

Mike Wolstein

Willow

Mike will share as much knowledge as possible regarding record collecting, the care, feeding, and sources of vinyl and hi-fi equipment, and what to expect to pay for records. He will also discuss some types of music that are collectible and approximate values.

Crazy Shades of Blue Presents Improv Theater

Steve Duberchin

Michigan A

Join us for an hour of Improvised Theater where your suggestions will run the show. Improv is a form of theater with no script, no props, no sets, but lots of FUN! We'll use your suggestions to create a scene out of thin air that will wow you, amaze you, and maybe even inspire you to do incredible things in your life. (It could happen!) You never know what you are going to see because we never know what suggestions you are going to give us. And, as I'm sure you know, suggestions with a Mensa audience are never, ever boring. So bring your creativity and funny bone because we are looking forward to putting on a great show for you!

3:00-5:15PM

Sexyg Fishbowl

Michael Collins & Robin Crawford

Michigan B

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, no one may join 15 minutes after we begin, so please be on time. Confidentiality and discretion are a must.

4:15-5:15PM

Saturday

Fundamentals of Improv

Steve Duberchin

Michigan A

If you love the improv show, come to this workshop to learn how to do it yourself! When asked, most people say that they are more afraid of giving a speech in front of an audience than they are of death. Well, Improv is like that speech except there is no script, everything is made up on the spot, and you are at the mercy of suggestions from the audience! How do people do this and live to see the next day?

Come and see the basics of how we not only survive but learn to thrive in the fast paced, funny and outright most enjoyable form of theater (ok, that last bit might be a little biased.) We will take you through warm-up exercises and the basics of what makes an improv scene work. This is a participatory session so expect to be on your feet, interacting with other people, and moving about the space for the better part of the hour. Come prepared to jump in and have fun learning the basics of what makes being an Improv performer so much fun!

Low and Slow: Mastering the Art of BBQ

Gary Wiviott

Willow

Conducted by author and acknowledged BBQ guru Gary Wiviott

The Reading of the Snark

Bill Slankard

Elm

Enjoy the humorous verse of Lewis Carroll as read by the audience. Volunteers are needed to each read one of the eight Agonies of the poem and, as time permits, some favorites from the Alice books.

4:15-5:45PM

Laugh Your Troubles Away: The Complete History of Chicago's Riverview Park

Ralph Lopez

Birch

Riverview Park was Chicago's largest and best-known amusement park. Although Riverview closed at the end of the 1967 season, it is still lovingly remembered by the citizens of Chicago. "Laugh Your Troubles Away" traces the development and changes of the park, as seen through postcards, vintage ads, historic photographs taken by the official park photographers, and motion pictures. A question and answer period will immediately follow the documentary.

5:30-6:30PM

Meet the Masters of Lightning Terry Blake, Jeff Larson, Steve Ward, and Jerri Schwartz.

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The Masters of Lightning will tell us about the technology and present video from their shows. The shows will have 2 Tesla Coils that produce 12 foot lighting bolts that create music. A specially designed metal suit allows direct interaction with the lightning and use of various props to perform incredible stunts.

6:30-8:00PM

Dinner Break

There will be no formal banquet this year, and it should also be noted that no meal will be provided in Hospitality, though the usual snacks will be available. A list of area restaurants will be provided to those who inquire at our registration desk, or the hotel lobby.

7:30-8:30PM

Poetry--Fixed Forms vs. Free Verse (followed by an OPEN POETRY READING)

Herb Guggenheim

Elm

Robert Frost once commented that writing free verse is like playing tennis without a net. But is he right? In this exciting program, poet and psychotherapist Herb Guggenheim will explore the comparative virtues of two major classes of poetry: fixed form and free verse. Using famous examples as well as examples from his own work, Herb will show you how fixed forms and free verse differ and explain the advantages and disadvantages of each. At the end of this program,

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you'll know how to recognize sonnets, sestinas, limericks, and villanelles; you'll also be able to distinguish various kinds of free verse technique. If you like reading and writing poetry or just want to learn more about the art form, this is one program you definitely won't want to miss. Presentation followed by an opportunity to share your own work (so bring your verses with you to 'WeeM.)

Producing Klingon "A Christmas Carol": Scrooge Has No Honor! Or, How Do You Say "Tiny Tim" in Klingon? Christopher Kidder

Birch

What would Ebenezer Scrooge be like if he had a ridged forehead and came from Qo'noS? In 2007 the theatre troupe Commedia Beauregard set out to find out and created "A Klingon Christmas Carol." Discover how a group of actors and a group of Star Trek fans came together to launch a theatrical/literary adventure of Dickensian scale as one of the play's authors illuminates the challenges and victories of directing a show in a constructed language. And, learn a few useful Klingon phrases along the way. Qapla' batlh je! (Success and honor!)

7:30-9:30PM

Martial Arts in the Movies

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Two martial arts experts analyze film action.

The Tecumseh Factor: American History from the Get-Go (Black Mat/ Great Extinction 10,000 BC) to the End of Days (2012 AD)

Sonja Foxe

Willow

Setting forth the Cosmic Cycles that seem to structure human history - the Precession Cycle of 26,000 years; the Pluto Neptune Synod (500 year Phoenix Cycle) and the 20 year Jupiter/Saturn Synod.

9:00-11:00PM

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.

Fantasy Cake Festival

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.

10:00-1:00AM

Movie: "Robin Hood"

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11:00PM-1:00AM

Saturday Night Dance

Ted from Accounting

Hospitality

"Ted From Accounting" will be playing songs from the '60's through the '10's. We'll throw a few originals into the mix, and we'll provide a set list in case anyone wants to get up and sing with us.

Sunday

Sunday

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 (Maple Room).

7:30-10:00AM

Breakfast

Hospitality

9:15-9:45AM

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10:00-11:00AM

Awards and Announcements

Michigan A/B

Find out who did and won what. The service awards in particular introduce you to people who have worked, often behind the scenes, to make things happen in Chicago Area Mensa.

11:00-11:30AM

Time to check out of your hotel rooms

11:00-2:00PM

Stitch 'n' Bitch

Bring your needlework-to show off and to work on.

11:30AM-12:30PM

Dating and Relationships

Jasbina Ahluwalia

Michigan A/B

Interactive Dialogue on Dating and Relationships Moderated by a Mensa member and a lawyer-turned Entrepreneur/Radio Show Host/Dating Coach/Matchmaker who founded Intersections Match.

The Prisoner: A Psychological Investigation of the Most Mysterious TV Show of All Time

Herb Guggenheim

Birch

England, 1967. A spy abruptly resigns from his top secret government agency. He goes home and prepares to leave town but he's been followed. His pursuers sedate him and, when he awakes, he's in The Village, a seemingly genteel seaside resort. But it's actually a prison where agents are routinely tortured and broken for the express purpose of finding out what they know. But who wants to know? Capitalists? Communists? Neither of the above? And why? Created at the height of the Cold War, The Prisoner disrupts conventional binary oppositions (good/bad, conscious/unconscious, free/imprisoned) and does so with a blend of sci-fi and surrealist imagery. Join psychotherapist Herb Guggenheim as he explores one of the most challenging TV shows of all time,

a TV show that is the forerunner of Twin Peaks, The X Files, and Lost. You won't want to miss this compelling multimedia presentation.

12:45AM-1:45PM

Fire Safety

James Taylor

Michigan A/B

A History of Fire Safety in America, plus What You Need to Know.

Movie Music Quiz

Bob Finnegan

Birch

2:00AM-4:00PM

HalloweeM Roundtable

Cynthia Clampitt

Willow

So what did you think of HalloweeM? Most especially, the programming? Is there anything you want again next year? Is there something from the past you'd like us to bring back? Is there something you'd like to volunteer to do? Do you have a friend we ought to be scheduling? Come share with us your ideas (constructive) and suggestions (viable-- keep in mind we have no budget) and excitement so we can keep improving the magic.

Sunday

Proctored Tests

Maple

Not a member yet? Here's your chance to qualify.

3:15PM-?

Anyone with time to spare

Just about everywhere

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.



A Space Odyssey

Presenter Biographies

Jasbina Ahluwalia

Jasbina Ahluwalia is a former attorney and happily married second-generation Indian-American entrepreneur, relationship expert, matchmaker, and radio-show host. She is also the host of Intersections Match Talk Radio, a holistic lifestyle show focused on our continual evolution into the best versions of our authentic selves. The mission of Intersections Match is broader than elite match-making and includes “thought leadership” and spearheading a dialogue on relationships, social dynamics, and health and wellness.

Terry Blake

The Masters of Lightning have been working with Tesla Coils for nearly 10 years each and have been putting on shows together for 3 years.

Marcie Briggs

Marcie Briggs is a student at the Adler School of Professional Psychology. She is required to complete research for her dissertation as part of the requirements for her doctorate in clinical psychology. Marcie is conducting research to assess the relationship between feelings of inferiority and perfectionism in gifted children. Dr. Janna Henning, her dissertation chairperson, will be in attendance, along with co-researcher Dr. Larry Maucieri. They will be available for questions after the presentation, as well.

Michael Collins

Michael has served as the Hospitality Chair for eight consecutive years, and his attention to detail, dedication, and patience are all second to none.

Matt Crawford

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. 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 Robin created.

Robin Crawford

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

Frank Dolinar

Frank Dolinar began following the development of nanotechnology in 1986, when a chance encounter with a book provided an introduction to and an excitement for nanotechnology. Since 1992, he

has given presentations on nanotechnology for general audiences and classes at Michigan State University. Today, he is the owner of nanoSteps (<http://www.nanosteps.net>), based in East Lansing, which, upon arrangement, provides seminars, workshops, and more detailed presentations for corporations, business groups, and technical organizations. Frank is also a consultant with Firefly Consulting Group of Lexington, Kentucky.

Dave Doney

David A. Doney is the Chief Auditor for a global moving- and relocation-services corporation. He is a Certified Public Accountant and Certified Internal Auditor. He holds an MBA in Finance from DePaul University and a B.S. in Accounting from Purdue University. He is a frequent speaker at internal-audit industry conferences and a contributor to Wikipedia for current-events articles, such as “Subprime Mortgage Crisis” and “United States Federal Budget.”

Steve Duberchin

Steve has been an Improv Actor for more than 10 years with experience and training at places like Second City, Comedy Sportz, and the Laugh Out Loud Theater. He has been performing Improv throughout the Chicagoland area for more than a decade.

Vicky Edwards

Vicky Edwards has taught high-school film classes for 15 years. She is an occasional discussion leader for her local film society and has also written film reviews and features for publication.

Victoria Fineberg

Victoria Fineberg is a licensed Professional Engineer and a Senior Member of IEEE. Her professional interests include behavioral economics aspects of cyber-security. She also observes irrational behaviors in the physical world and catches herself making every mistake in the book.

Bob Finnegan

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.

Beverly Flechsig

Beverly has much theatrical experience—from the cheap seats. But reading plays with friends gives her a chance to act without any training or experience. Her favorite roles are Beatrice, Prospero, Henry V, and Richard III. She hosts monthly readings, and

her group, having finished the Shakespeare plays, is now well into an eclectic assortment of plays they've always wanted to read. Her current Mensa involvement includes hosting monthly board game marathons and running the testing program for Mensa of Wisconsin.

Ronald Hoefflin

Ronald K. Hoefflin founded several high-IQ societies, and most currently thrive. He is mentioned or featured in publications such as *Esquire*, *Omni* and the *Village Voice*, rare copies of which he will bring and autograph for purchase, along with the first two of three volumes of his *Encyclopedia of Categories*.

Clyde Forrester

Clyde Forrester has been a Mensan for over 25 years. 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, led him to delve into the mechanics of the world's languages and writing systems. <http://ccf3.home.mindspring.com/Unicode/unicode.html>

Sonja Fox

Sonja is currently working on her master's degree at the University of Chicago; her thesis is a special project 72-frame PowerPoint presentation structuring a 30-hour History class using cosmic cycles. This presentation is a close-to-final draft of her project.

Helen Gallagher

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 three non-fiction books. She takes a light-hearted view of where technology is going, and has blogs and social media in her blood, which is the subject of her conference presentation.

Elizabeth Garbacki

Elizabeth is of Brazilian descent, speaks Portuguese fluently, and has traveled to Brazil several times. Although born and raised in Chicago, she grew up surrounded by the Brazilian community and culture. She was a free-spirited dancer who participated for many years in the carnival parade of the now-defunct Chicago Brazilian Club. She is currently trapped in the body and life of a geeky engineer.

Herb Guggenheim

Herb Guggenheim received his M.A. from the Writing Seminars at Johns Hopkins University, and his Ph.D. from the Center for Writers at the University of Southern Mississippi. He is the author

of three books, including his newest, “The Further Adventures of Pete Sussman.” In addition to his work as a writer, Herb is a licensed clinical social worker and has practiced psychotherapy for the past seventeen years. Visit his Web site at herbguggenheim.com.

Karen Heart

Karen Heart is a licensed clinical social worker in Illinois with diverse life experience. She has conducted research on self-esteem and behavior. Through her clinical training and research, she perfected a simplified method of communication called the Better Communication Technique, which empowers people to improve their relationships, boost their self-esteem, and achieve lasting happiness and inner peace. She holds a Master of Social Work degree from Loyola University Chicago, as well as a Bachelor of Science degree in Human Development and Social Policy from Northwestern University.

Gerald Hiestand

Gerald Hiestand is an associate pastor at Harvest Bible Chapel in Rolling Meadows, IL. Additionally, he is the executive director of the Society for the Advancement of Ecclesial Theology. Gerald has undergraduate and graduate degrees in theology and has been in pastoral ministry for eight years. Gerald has written a number of scholarly articles (Trinity Journal, Westminster Journal) and has a research interest in historical soteriology and ecclesial theology.

Bill Higgins

William S. Higgins is a radiation-safety physicist involved in the transport of high-energy particle beams at Fermilab. He has written about the life of Manhattan Project physicist Robert A. Cornog; about how antimatter, an exotic topic in 1930s physics, became a plaything of science fiction in the 1940s; and about other topics in the history of science and technology. He was formerly science columnist for the Lerner chain of newspapers. He also speaks frequently about spaceflight and planetary science. He is a volunteer in NASA’s Solar System Ambassador program.

Kerri-Ellen Kelly

Kerri-Ellen is a member of two historical singing groups in the Chicago area, The Pippins and Court & Country. She has been a performer in a historical guild at the Bristol Renaissance Faire for over five years. She is also an active member in the Society for Creative Anachronism and the Chicagoland Costumers’ Guild.

Christopher Kidder

Christopher O. Kidder is the producer and co-author of “A Klingon Christmas Carol”, the only full-length play ever to be produced in tlhIngan Hol,

the Klingon language. Since 2000, he has been the Artistic Director of Commedia Beauregard, a theater company dedicated to producing translated works of theater. Chris is a member of the American Literary Translators Association, the Dramatists Guild of America, and the Klingon Language Institute.

Ralph Lopez

Ralph is a life-long Chicagoan who worked at Riverview Amusement Park for its last eleven seasons. He is a founding member of the National Amusement Park Historical Association (NAPHA). Along with his co-producer/co-writer Derek Gee, Ralph has researched and authored both a book and a documentary video on Riverview.

Garrett Lowney

When Garrett Lowney was only twenty years old, he became the youngest Greco-Roman wrestler ever to make the Olympics. Not only did he make the team, he beat a four-time world champ on his way to earning a bronze medal. He received his B.S.B. in Marketing at the age of 23 from the U of MN (Carlson School of Management) while competing for the university's wrestling team. At age 24, he overcame a severe neck injury to make his second Olympic team. Since then, Garrett has earned his MBA and has successfully integrated into corporate life, where he seeks out the most effective combination of physical, mental, emotional, and spiritual growth.

John Martin

John Martin has been the president of Combat Arts Institute (Palatine, IL) since 1987 and an instructor (ju-jutsu, jujo-jutsu, women's self-defense, law enforcement DT) for 30 years. He is a ju-jutsu instructor at Harper College and the University of Illinois at Chicago, Menkyo in Miyama Ryu Ju-jutsu, Mokuroku in ParaCombatives, and founder of CAI Ju-jutsu. John also has 20 years of experience canoeing; he then transitioned to kayaking five years ago. John 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, IL. <http://www.CombatArts.org>

Roger Mattingly

Roger earned his degrees at the University of Missouri School of Journalism; at Columbia, MO; and at Brooks Institute of Photography. He served as a war correspondent in Vietnam in 1970 and 1971, covering the invasion of Laos; his work has been published in Stars and Stripes, Time Life Books/LIFE Library of Photography, and others, and has appeared on NBC's Today Show. Roger shoots photographs for major corporate and commercial clients; in addition, he has served as photographer

for the Chicago Botanic Garden, Chicago Tribune Magazine, and Playboy.

Robert Mueller

Mr. Mueller holds advanced degrees in physics and business administration. He served his military service in the US Army Signal Corps during the Vietnam era. Retirement brought him the opportunity to visit and study the battlefields of Europe. After five years of on-site research, he completed *Fields of War: Fifty Key Battlefields in France and Belgium*, which has received three national book awards, including first prize in the Travel category. His descriptive format and engaging writing style bring the history and significance of battlefield locations to life. He is a member of the Midwest Writers Association and the Military Writers Society of America.

Jennifer Murtoff

Jennifer Murtoff, of Home to Roost Urban Chicken Consulting, provides compassionate, homespun consulting, and emergency care for backyard chickens in the Chicago area. A farmer's granddaughter, Jennifer grew up tending her own fowl in south-central Pennsylvania. Her flock included chickens, ducks, geese, turkeys, quail, peafowl, pigeons, and golden pheasants. Home to Roost's services include information and resources on chicken care from chick to adult. Jennifer can provide emergency advice and troubleshooting (but she is not a veterinarian). Jennifer leads workshops on backyard chickens; does presentations for garden groups, schools, and other interested parties; and assists families with their own flocks.

Kent Nebergall

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. In 2007, he won the MarsDrive Mars Sample Return mission design competition, which was judged by Chris McKay of NASA and Louis Friedman, the executive director of The Planetary Society. In 2008, his entry came in second in overall voting for the next major Mars Society project. He has done space technology presentations for the International Space Development Conference, The Mars Society, Toastmasters, and the Heinlein Centennial. He is also a NASA Solar System Ambassador.

Conrad Pomykala

Conrad Pomykala has been a Mensan and a locksmith since 1976. He recently retired from the University of Illinois at Chicago, where he was in charge of programming and maintaining the 400+ computerized locksets installed on vital campus facilities. He's also taught specialized seminars to Chicago locksmiths.

Jamie Roth

Jamie has 26 years of highly successful real estate experience, and is the top Prutential Rubloff agent in Highland Park. He is a multi-market specialist and is certified in international relocation, military station relocation, professional athlete relocation, foreclosure and short sale transactions, and luxury marketing consultation. He has an MBA and JD and speaks Spanish and French.

Bill Slankard

Bill is a Chicago Mensan who has brought Lewis Carroll to many HalloweenMs.

Danny Smith

An award-winning journalist, Daniel Smith teamed with Lake Claremont Press in 2008 to release *On the Job: Behind the Stars of the Chicago Police Department*, a book inspired by Smith's roots in a Chicago Police family. Smith has appeared on WGN-TV, Chicago Public Radio, Fox News, WGN Radio, and the History Channel. He is also the co-founder of The Things Unsaid Project (www.thingsunsaidproject.wordpress.com).

Mark Spreyer

Under Mark's leadership, Chicago hosted the first nest of peregrines anywhere in Illinois in 37 years. In 1995, Mark became the Executive Director of the Stillman Nature Center in Barrington. His articles on birds of prey and introduced species have appeared in publications including *Birder's World* and the *Journal of the Association of Avian Veterinarians*, and he co-authored a book in 1998. Mark has worked as an ornithologist or naturalist in six states, and he has conducted raptor demonstrations for 30 years. Besides running Stillman, Mark teaches Environmental Biology at the College of Lake County.

James Taylor

A retired fire captain of the Manhattan, KS, Fire Department, James is a Haz-Mat technician and Haz-Mat rail-car specialist. James has a degree in Haz-Mat Management from Barton College and is currently a training and exercise officer with FEMA.

Ted From Accounting is:

Dave Stapleton: Mensan Dave Stapleton (drums, vox) is a teacher, specializing in math. He recently moved back to this area from Virginia, and has begun the series of Actuary tests. Dave also plays guitar and bass.

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

John Pelinski (guitar, vox), is an account manager (Commercial Collections, Outdoor Products) for G.E. Capital. John also plays bass and drums.

Eileen Carillo (Vocals), is a veteran of local bands who took a break to raise a family. Last summer, TFA was very lucky to talk her out of retirement, and into the band.

Dave Gudjonis (bass, vox), is a special education teacher, working with adolescents going through rehab at a nearby hospital. A Mensan for about 30 years, he's also the Beverage Chair for this (and many other) WeeMs. Dave also plays didgeridon't.

Mary Wagner

Award-winning author of *Running with Stilettos* and *Heck on Heels*, and a criminal prosecutor with a penchant for Belgian chocolate, Irish castles, great shoes, classic cartoons, big skies, and Lee Child "Reacher" novels. Multiple degrees earned in the "school of life" include mother of four, former Girl Scout leader, truck-stop waitress, cocktail waitress, office temp, judicial clerk, and radio-talk-show host.

Todd Williams

Todd holds a B.A. in Classical Studies and History (Medieval Focus) from Southern Illinois University-Carbondale and a Master of Divinity from Trinity Evangelical Divinity School. He has worked with international missions in Central Europe and South America and is currently associate pastor at The Gathering Place-Chicago.

Gary Wiviott

Gary Wiviott is a barbecue life coach and author of "Low and Slow: Master the Art of Barbecue in 5 Easy Lessons". Committed to spreading the gospel of low-and-slow barbecue, he has been featured in publications ranging from *Forbes* to *Every Day with Rachael Ray* and is no stranger to the most popular national barbecue forums and food communities, including TheSmokeRing.com, *Slow Food USA*, and the *Society for the Preservation of Traditional Southern Barbecue*. Gary is also the founder of LTHForum.com, the Chicago-based culinary chat site.

Mike Wolstein

Mike began enjoying and collecting popular music-type records in 1960. He has been employed in electronics engineering for 40 years and has a passion for hi-fi sound and many types of music.

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