

# COLUMBIAN

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**ELLENSBURG BRUNCH:** The first Saturday at 11:00 am, at The Palace Café 323 N Main St Ellensburg, WA 98926 (509) 925-2327 (thepalacecafe.net).

The table will be marked with two wine glasses turned upside down. If you want to make a trip of it, you could come for the First Friday Art Walk and stay for Mensa Brunch on Saturday. Co-coordinators, Alix Drake-Williams and George Drake. Contact: [EasternCascadesArea@crm.us.mensa.org](mailto:EasternCascadesArea@crm.us.mensa.org) Regarding share rides: [locsec@crm.us.mensa.org](mailto:locsec@crm.us.mensa.org).

**MONTHLY DINNER MEETING 6:00 p.m. the 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of each month:**

July 28: El Durango, 107 E Columbia Drive, Kennewick (former Casa Chapala, near Clover Island)

August 25: Casa Mia, 2541 W Kennewick Ave, Kennewick

September: Anthony's Restaurant, 550 Columbia Point Drive, Richland

October: Apollo Greek Restaurant, 620 Cullum Ave, Richland

Other suggestions are welcome. Email Mark Mitchell at [Locsec@crm.us.mensa.org](mailto:Locsec@crm.us.mensa.org).

## ATTENTION-WEBSITE UPDATE

**If you have forgotten where the next meeting will be (stereotypical absent-mindedness) and have lost your newsletter, don't panic - our website (<http://www.crm.us.mensa.org>) now has all upcoming events shown on the front page, rather than buried in the newsletter archive. So log on and show up!**

Taking the Mensa test can be a little scary for prospective members. During the month of July, we're going to make things easier by encouraging test takers to bring a friend with them when they test. And, we'll let their friend test for free! For any test given between July 1 and July 31, we'll administer another test (given at the same session) at no charge.

Please let your friends and colleagues know about this great opportunity to join Mensa...with a friend!

## Young Mensans

If you visited [www.yahoo.com](http://www.yahoo.com) recently, you might have noticed a story about Young Mensan Georgia Brown as the top headline.

Georgia is a 2-year-old member of British Mensa and a story about her admission to Mensa was printed in several U.K. papers last Friday. Following up on those stories, *Good Morning America* ran a story about one of American Mensa's 3-year-old members, Jessica, yesterday. That sparked the Yahoo placement, as well as an upcoming segment featuring Supervisory Psychologist Dr. Frank Lawlis on CNN.

The National Office and Gifted Children Committee volunteers have received a flood of inquiries today regarding our Gifted Children Program, as well as a number of reinstatements by Young Mensans.

If you receive inquiries about Young Mensans, please feel free to forward them to your local Gifted Children Coordinator or the National Office. You may also wish to refer people to [www.us.mensa.org/giftedchildren](http://www.us.mensa.org/giftedchildren) or [www.mensaforkids.org](http://www.mensaforkids.org).



Please note that updates regarding the Old Time AG have been added to the members only areas of the Web site. You'll find links at [www.us.mensa.org/members](http://www.us.mensa.org/members) or under Notices on [www.insideaml.us.mensa.org](http://www.insideaml.us.mensa.org)

If you have problems accessing the information, please let me know.

Best,  
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The end times have come. My first term on the American Mensa Committee (AMC) as the Regional Vice Chair (RVC) for Region 8 has concluded. The 500 words that I was allotted for my annual report in the June issue of the *Mensa Bulletin* were insufficient for me to say all that I wished to say about the experience of serving as RVC, so I will use a few more in this space to say what a wonderful two years it has been for me, to have had the opportunity to work with and for such an extraordinary group of people as you all are. I offer my sincerest thanks to each and every one of you, and I will always treasure the memories of this time in my life.

One item from my annual report bears repeating here: at the 2007 Oregon Mensa RG, I presented Regional Service Awards to Diana Maul, Regional Scholarship Chair; Debra Reiger, Assistant RVC; and Dan Burg, Assistant RVC. Each of them has done a great deal on behalf of Region 8 during the past two years, and I commend them most highly for the dedication they have shown on behalf of Mensa. My thanks go out once more to Diana, Debra, and Dan, and to all of the hard-working volunteers in our region.

One more item of old business remains: in my column last month, I described an icebreaker that I thought up for the Oregon Mensa RG. Well, the RG was a huge, memorable success, but the icebreaker sank with barely a trace. Only one person actually finished it. The idea, of course, was to get people talking, but the icebreaker proved a little too complicated. From a logic standpoint, it was easy to solve. It took a minimum of three, and a maximum of 15 questions to learn all the attributes of any person. And in the process of asking for their attributes, there would be many opportunities to begin a conversation, or so I imagined. Back to the drawing board.

On to new business: by now you very likely know that three members of Region 8 were elected to serve on the new AMC. My congratulations to Dan Burg upon his election to Second Vice Chair, and to Scott Rainey upon his election to Secretary, as they join me in my second term as RVC. For Dan it is actually a reelection, because he served as Second Vice Chair during the 2003-2005 AMC term. Dan has also served as Secretary. Scott served on the AMC previously for two terms as Region 8 RVC. It will be my pleasure to have them as colleagues for this term, and we three look forward to doing our best on your behalf.

As you read this, I am on my way to Birmingham for the AG. Hope to see you there, at what is truly the best event that American Mensa has to offer! Check it out at [www.ag2007.org/](http://www.ag2007.org/), and come if you still can. I'll tell you about it in my next column....

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