

CHINOOK

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ELLENSBURG BRUNCH: The first Saturday at 11:00 am, at Café Nicholas

601 W. University Way Café Nicholas is a small ramshackle, blue-grey building on the North side of the street.

From I-90 Exit 109, turn North onto Canyon Road. Canyon turns into Main St. Continue on this road for about 2.3 miles to University Way, which used to be called E. 8th Ave. (about 2.3 miles). Turn left (West) onto University for 0.3 miles.

From I-90 Exit 106, turn North onto University Way, which used to be called Cascade Way and E. 8th Ave. Continue for a fair bit—about 2.5 miles.

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 Regarding share rides: locsec@crm.us.mensa.org.



MONTHLY DINNER MEETING 6:00 p.m. the 4th Saturday of each month:

July: El Chapala, 107 E Columbia Dr, Kennewick

August: Blue Goose, 306 7th St, Prosser

September: Casa Mia, 2541 W Kennewick Ave, Kennewick

October: Emerald of Siam, 1314 Jadwin Ave (in the Uptown Shopping Center), Richland

November: Katya's Bistro & Wine Bar, 430 George Washington Way, Richland

MOVIE NIGHT 6:00 p.m., 3rd Saturday of each month

Tim Dees hosts a monthly movie night [at his home](#) (click for map). We never know what we're going to watch until everyone gets there. The selection is made from Tim's DVD and TiVo collection, or from DVDs that people bring. Tim provides some beverages and light snacks, and you are welcome to bring something to share. Friendly (sometimes too friendly) dog on the premises, as is a 52-inch LCD TV, surround sound system, and comfy chairs. Call (509) 396-2315 or e-mail at tim@timdees.com with questions.

Other suggestions are welcome. Email Mark Mitchell at Locsec@crm.us.mensa.org.



WEBSITE REMINDERS

If you have forgotten where the next meeting will be 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.

Tracking Granny's Granny: The Genealogy Quest? Missed the early deadline for the 2008 Colloquium on genealogy, *Tracking Granny's Granny: The Genealogy Quest?* The Mensa Education and Research Foundation are proud to announce that they have extended the early bird registration fee of \$170 through **July 11**.

We have also added an exciting new speaker, Stephen D. Morse, who will be discussing his One-Step Web site. The One-Step Web site started as an aid for finding passengers in the Ellis Island database. Over the years, it has evolved to include more than 150 Web-based tools.

On Sept. 12-14 in Salt Lake City, *Tracking Granny's Granny: The Genealogy Quest*, will showcase research and methods from many of the nation's leading genealogists for building your family history. Salt Lake City is home to the Family History Library, which was created to assist members of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints with genealogical research. As the largest genealogy library in the world, it hosts 2,000 daily visitors, and offers more than 2.4 million rolls of micro-filmed genealogical records.

Register at colloquium.us.mensa.org

To learn more about the program and to register, please visit www.colloquium.us.mensa.org.

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For more than 30 years, the Mensa Education & Research Foundation has been a strong voice in supporting intelligence, and now it has a voice you can hear.

Introducing the Mensa Education & Research Foundation podcast "Conversations with Mensa," available for listening or download at <http://www.mensafoundation.org/conversations>.

Each Conversation features up to 45 minutes of dialog between Mensans and experts in fields related to the Foundation's educational mission. A Conversation on "Women and Creativity" has recently been produced as part of the Mensa Research Journal series. Another Conversation on "The Art of the Bluff" has been produced as part of the "Our Curiosity Shop" series. A series linked with our Colloquiums is planned to launch in the near future.

Visit the Conversations pages anytime to take part in this exciting new program! That's <http://www.mensafoundation.org/conversations>



Officer Timeline

Reminders--Upcoming Events--Recruitment Efforts



July 2008

11th - Funding statement sent to Treasurers

14th - Area Coordinator mailing

15th - Address change deadline for August Bulletin

18th - Funding transferred to Local Group checking

31st - Cut-off for changes (address, officers, or distribution) for monthly mailing in July

31st - Cut-off for newsletters and test session recap forms for funding transferred in July

Don't forget about the LDW's at the AG! It's a great chance for officers from different groups to learn from each other and is a great time to get new volunteers involved. Announce to your Local Group membership that these will take place, and you may be able to find a new volunteer!

Special Mailings:

Mensa Testing Day materials will be mailed this month to all groups who returned their MTD Participation Form.

Newsletter Exchange (Corporate Subscription) Program: Instructions regarding submitting and viewing newsletter selection will be included in monthly mailing.

Offer of membership re-invitations mailed/emailed to all candidates accepted in the last fiscal quarter.

August 2008

1st - Local Group Scholarship Participation Agreement Forms due

1st - Lapsed Member Reimbursement Forms due

7th - Monthly mailing to Local Group officers

8th - Funding statement sent to Treasurers

15th - Address change deadline for August Bulletin

15th - Funding transferred to Local Group checking

29th - Cut-off for changes (address, officers, or distribution) for monthly mailing in July

29th - Cut-off for newsletters and test session recap forms for funding transferred in July

Important Election Information:

August 15: Individuals may run for national or regional office by petition after 8/15

Special Mailings:

Renewal reminders will be emailed/mailed this month to all members who still have not renewed.

Newsletter Exchange (Corporate Subscription) Program: Instructions regarding submitting and viewing newsletter selection will be included in monthly mailing.

Offer of membership re-invitations mailed/emailed to all candidates accepted in the last fiscal quarter.

Miscellaneous:

Lapsed member reimbursement will show on the next funding statement (September).

MTD site and volunteer information due this month.

September 2008

8th - Monthly mailing to Local Group officers

12th - Funding statement sent to Treasurers

12th-14th - Genealogy Colloquium, Salt Lake City, Utah.

14th - Foundation Board Meeting, Salt Lake City, Utah.

15th - Address change deadline for October Bulletin

19th - Funding transferred to Local Group checking

30th - Cut-off for changes (address, officers, or distribution) for monthly mailing in July

30th - Cut-off for newsletters and test session recap forms for funding transferred in July

Important Election Information:

September 1st: NomComm slate of 2009 election candidates available

Special Mailings:

Correspondence about Mensa Testing Day (MTD) will be sent to prospects by the end of September.

Editors' newsletter exchange request forms will be sent this month. Your Editor selects up to twenty newsletters. Form is due by October 31.

Prospect labels will be sent to Local Groups upon request for follow-up to MTD prospect correspondence.

Miscellaneous:

The National Office will be closed on September 1st for Labor Day.

Mensa Testing Day (MTD) testing sites available on the AML Web site. Check them out at www.us.mensa.org/MTD!

Editors: publish Statement of Ownership for Periodicals next month.

Upcoming Events

July 2-6, 2008 - AG 2008 Denver, Colo.

September 12-14, 2008 - Genealogy Colloquium Salt Lake City, Utah

October 18, 2008 - Mensa Testing Day

February 27 - March 1, 2009- Weather or Not Colloquium, Atlanta, Ga.

Recruitment Efforts

Anyone who bought a Mensa Home Test in the month of May received \$5 off. Then, if they return the completed Home Test before June 30, they'll receive a coupon worth \$5 off the Mensa Admission Test that will be good until August 31.

Free LSAT Review for the month of August.

Reminders

Membership cards are printed each Tuesday for new members, renewals, reinstatements and duplicate card requests.

Personal Data Questionnaire information will only reflect those members who returned their questionnaires to the National Office or updated their member profiles online. The July issue of the International Journal is now online at <http://www.us.mensa.org/IJ>. You'll want to select IJ Online Library from the left menu.

For any questions or comments about the International Journal, please contact Editor Kate Nacard at [<ijeditor@mensa.org>](mailto:ijeditor@mensa.org). If you have any trouble with your password while accessing our online publications, please email [<WebServices@americanmensa.org>](mailto:WebServices@americanmensa.org).



Come play with US!

Register NOW
and join in the first-ever
RENO Regional Gathering!

This party will be October 3-5,
2008 at the Silver Legacy

Resort in downtown Reno, Nevada. This fabulous three-casino
property with 22 restaurants and entertainment around every
corner is a great setting for the hottest Mensa ticket this fall.

Enjoy the Reno area....

- * Cruise the beautiful blue waters of Lake Tahoe!
- * Explore historic Virginia City, home of the Comstock Lode and
Mark Twain's old stomping grounds.
- * Tear a Nevada brothel and get the real scoop!

Just few tasty tidbits from our menu....

- * Cutting-edge energy alternatives * Burning Man Festival
- * Belly Dancing * Electric Cars * Healing Powers of the Mind
- * Aboriginal Canadian Women in today's world
- * Virtual tour and discussions of current conditions and politics
in China and Tibet

And meet... a fellow Mercurian who trained his own service dog

- * a Donner Party survivor portrayed by local Chautauque professional
- * a Native American with a humorous view of American culture

June/July registration: \$75

August/September and at the door: \$90

Northern Nevada website <http://northernnevada.us.mensa.org/>



Northwest Passages by John Recht

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My sixteen year old daughter, Marissa, doesn't do email. It's just not on her radar. She spends a tremendous amount of time on the computer and on her cell phone, watches a lot of television, goes frequently to movies, and she now has a Wii, but for her email is slow, boring, and unnecessary.

For me email is absolutely necessary, and I spend hours each day on it. At this moment I am composing my column as an email. Why do I bring this up? Simply because as an observer of the evolution of consciousness, and one who pays attention to generational differences, I see the decline of email in favor of instant messaging and text messaging as an important change, one that we need to account for and to deal with if we are to communicate effectively with one another.

Mensans tend to have a great desire to communicate with one another, and so changes that affect our modes of communication are especially pertinent. American Mensa's National Office is acutely aware of generational differences within our organization, and together with the AMC Communications Committee there are constant efforts at the national level to enable us all to converse with one another as well as to hear messages of interest about the organization.

Particularly at the Annual Gatherings there are opportunities for Mensans of every generation to get together. It is heartwarming to see this happen and to know that in the process, people of different generations are sharing their ideas and values with one another. I am encouraged by indications that this is happening more and more at Regional Gatherings as well.

So although the shift in generational thinking is profound, and the totally new environments of the electronic age continue to change the perceptions of young people just as Marshall McLuhan predicted in Understanding Media: The Extensions of Man more than 40 years ago, there is every reason to expect that we can still communicate effectively if we make a concerted effort. More to the point, the future of Mensa depends upon it. I look forward to hearing from you on this or any other topic that you feel the AMC should attend to; please email me at rvc8@us.mensa.org or better still, talk to me at the AG. Hope to see you there!

Publicity Person Leaves

We need a new person to handle our publicity. Alma no longer has the time, but was getting out posters and brochures to all libraries, members, high school and college staff, Hanford businesses, keeping prospect email lists, sending prospect test notices, keeping media email lists, sending media test announcements, etc. The new person can take over her electronic files, or several people could take parts of the task. Without it our testing population is very apt to shrink in the future.

P.S. In order not to be rushed, it would be ideal if one or several people were able to start on some of this business in August, for the October testing.....For example, the best free or rental rooms get reserved way ahead.



Dates to Ponder

July 12 – Henry David Thoreau birth anniversary (1817)

July 14 – Florence Bascom birth anniversary (1862) – First woman to receive a doctorate degree; 1893 from Johns Hopkins

July 16 – George Washington signs legislation creating District of Columbia as permanent U.S. capital (1790)

July 20 – Riot Act took effect in England, 1715. By law an assemblage of 12 or more people who were unlawfully gathered to disturb the peace were “read the Riot Act” and told to disperse.

July 20 – National Ice Cream Day

July 26 – Aldous Huxley birth anniversary (1894); author of *Brave New World* and other works.

July 31 – U.S. Patent Office opens (1790). First patent was issued to Samuel Hopkins for new methods of making pearlsh and potash.

August 1 – Oak Ridge Atomic Plant ground-breaking (1943)

August 3 – Birth anniversary of Ernest (Ernie) Pyle (1900). Pyle was known for his syndicated column begun in 1935 and covering WW II.

August 3 – National Family Day

August 6 – Birth anniversary of Alexander Fleming (1881); discoverer of penicillin.

August 10 – Smithsonian Institution founded in 1846.

August 15 – Woodstock anniversary (1969)

August 26 – Anniversary of 19th Amendment to U.S. Constitution (1920) giving the vote to women.



HAPPY SUMMER

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