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**THE ELECTIONS WILL SOON BE UPON US!** Yes, those, too, but I am talking about the Columbia River Mensa elections. The current slate is running. If you are interested in serving, send your name to [LocSec@crm.us.mensa.org](mailto:LocSec@crm.us.mensa.org).

**THE NOVEMBER MENSA MEETING** will be on **Saturday, November 26** at 6:00 p.m. at the Cedars Restaurant on Clover Island in Kennewick. Plan to attend – your guests are welcome. Please contact Alma, LocSec, to help predict how many to reserve for. (Dec. meeting will be on the 31<sup>st</sup>.)

**INFORMATION** - The 2005 Supplemental Mensa Research Journal is available. It concerns math, science, verbal ability and sex differences in precocious youth. Fall 2005 concerns Attention Deficit Disorder. Contact our LocSec to borrow.

## **GREAT CONVERSATION!**

Sign up for Columbia River Mensa Talk. To subscribe, send an email to [CRM-Talk-request@lists.us.mensa.org](mailto:CRM-Talk-request@lists.us.mensa.org) with “subscribe” in the subject. Look for a cool optical illusion.

**NEW AREA COORDINATOR** -- Renewing member Alix Drake-Williams will take over as Eastern Cascades coordinator. See email address below. (May take a few days to be activated.) She has a lot of Mensa experience. Tell her what you would like to see in your area. And more help from Ellensburg: Corwin King provided us with a testing site on campus 11/5!!

**REGIONAL VICE CHAIR NOV. COLUMN** – [www.johnrecht.com/blog.php](http://www.johnrecht.com/blog.php).

## **BRILLIANCE BY THE BAY –**

### **SAN FRANCISCO REGIONAL MENSA NOVEMBER 25, 26, and 27, 2005**

You can register online with PayPal: Go to <http://sfmensa.org> and click on **Announcing: Brilliance by the Bay - SFRM's 2005 Regional Gathering!**

## **CONFIRMED SPEAKERS FOR THE EVENT ARE:**

Iceland travelogue - Barbara Canup

ClubMed SIG talk - Erica Byrne

Burning Man travelogue - Danita Fleck & John O'Duinn

CSI and Forensics - Alexander Jason

Educating Gifted Children - Robert Arne, headmaster of School of Choice

Social Engineering - Firinn Taisdeal, founder of Bay Area Linkup  
Jewelry Crafting - Donna Jadis  
Dating for Dummies - John O'Duinn & Dave Inman  
How to Discuss Finances with Your Sweetie - Lindy Sinclair  
Death By Chocolate - Howard Peters

**PLAN TO ATTEND AT LEAST A FEW OF THE FOLLOWING SPECIAL EVENTS:**

First Timers' Welcome - Elizabeth Rhein  
Chocolate Tasting - Mike Eager  
Scotch Tasting - Tom and Barbara Canup  
Cheese Tasting - Fran Bellet  
Fishbowl - Gerry Riley and Donna Jadis  
Pub Crawl - John O'Duinn  
Pub (Trivia) Quiz - Liz Johnson  
Joke-off - David Kirby  
Games Room - Susan Heimlich  
Carnelli - Mike Eager  
Poker tournament(s) - Ashley Young  
Admissions Testing - Danita Fleck

**PROJECT INKSLINGER – REQUEST FROM MIKE BEETHAM**

The October monthly package from the National Office includes a Project Inkslinger request and guidelines for book donations to replace books lost due to the recent hurricanes. Two places were listed. One is the Texas Library Association, [www.txla.org](http://www.txla.org), in Austin TX. We have been asked to suspend shipment of books to the TXLA for the time being. They have already received over 60,000 lbs of books, and have no room left for others. In the coming months they will sort and distribute what they have and will then inform us of libraries still in need in the TX, LA, MS, area. I will let you know of shipping addresses when they are available. They would still enjoy financial donation to help with their costs.

The other place listed is Reader to Reader Inc., [www.readertoreader.org](http://www.readertoreader.org), in Amherst MA. I called there a few minutes ago. They have not been affected by the flooding in the Northeast, and will be happy to receive books from us. Please note their specific request for science/educational/history/poetry and similar books.

Please let your Local Group members know of the temporary halt to TXLA, and the continuance of book and/or financial donation to Reader to Reader.

Other info: the Project Inkslinger info on the Mensa website will be updated shortly. Officers will also be able to download for printing on peel & stick stock an updated Inkslinger logo.

Development of the Project Inkslinger book donation information service is essentially complete. Next will come redevelopment of the philanthropic side. If I can be of assistance, please let me know.

Respectfully,  
Michael Paul Beetham  
Project Inkslinger Coordinator

**HURRICANE KATRINA** From Lt. Col. Randy Coats, 333<sup>rd</sup> Training Squadron  
Commander: "...I figured I had a good idea of what command was all about. I was wrong. What changed my mind? Four words: "shelter commander and Hurricane Katrina." From August 28 to September 5, I lived with 730 of my "closest friends" in Keeslers's 50-year old

Bryan Hall. It was my third stint as a shelter commander, but this time, it was unlike anything I had experienced before.” Read his day-to-day account on-line at [www.af.mil/news/story](http://www.af.mil/news/story).

Happy Thanksgiving  
to All Our CRM Members



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