

Wednesday, July 1

12:00:PM — Grand Ballroom A

Hospitality Lunch - Beef and Bean Burritos

Lunch will be served in Hospitality from noon until 2:00 p.m. Everybody is welcome.

1:30:PM — French

Sex Offender Buffer Zones: Are they really protecting the children?

by Henri Buccine Schraeder

Residency restrictions, also known as Jessica's Law, prohibit registered sex offenders from living within a buffer zone of places where children congregate. This presentation will endeavor to identify whether residency restrictions are an effective means to protect children from previously convicted sex offenders. Additionally, two cities will be evaluated to ascertain the environmental risk factors related to where sex offenders choose to live, and whether residency restriction laws bear influence on this choice. Risk Terrain Modeling (RTM) will be utilized to analyze these environmental factors and determine their risk value, giving an output map of the locations studied.

1:30:PM — Carroll Ford

My Quest for Nutrition-Based Health Care

by Monica Baker

We've all heard the saying, "You are what you eat!" This speaker can also attest to only feeling as good as what she eats. Not anticipating how much her health would change after she moved away from the D.C. metropolitan area, for the past several years, Monica has been trying to figure out what to eat to feel in her best health. Monica will talk about how she has followed a trail of breadcrumbs to figure out how what she eats directly affects how she feels and trying to find a health care provider who practices medicine with this philosophy.

3:00:PM — Brown

Gen X Meet & Greet

by Karen Hatwell

Come mingle with your fellow GenXers while we play obligatory get-to-know-you games and give you a preview of all the exciting things the GenX SIG has planned for this year's AG. Whether this is your first interaction with the SIG or you've been hanging out with us online or in person for years, we look forward to seeing you! (The GenX SIG is open to anyone born in 1961-1981.)

3:00:PM — Carroll Ford

Coping with a Mind that Never Turns Off

by David C. Baker

Inside an active mind, there is too much information flowing. It can be distracting. You can drink from a "big data" stream and see the patterns that are applicable to life around you, but there are times when you just want to STOP that constant observation and analysis. How does this relate to how you order your day, the roles you might slide into better in a work context, your choice of hobbies, etc.

3:00:PM — Willis

Everyday Tarot for Daily Guidance

by Tom Galanis , Kelly Galanis

Discover more about yourself with an intuitive Tarot reading! Kelly and Tom Galanis will help guide you through a fun and engaging reading, and help you understand how to practice Tarot in your daily life. Using both traditional Tarot and contemporary decks such as Lenormand and fortune cards, the couple has found Tarot as a source offering guidance in everyday life. Come learn how these fun and exciting readings can help benefit and guide you towards the answers you seek!

3:00:PM — Nunn

Developing Agents for Noise and Drug Induced Hearing Loss

by Kathleen C.M Campbell, PhD

Dr. Campbell will review new pharmaceutical agents in clinical trials to prevent and/or treat drug and noise-induced hearing loss. Although no drug is yet FDA approved for this purpose, several agents are currently in clinical trials and some, as those developed by Dr. Campbell, are in late stage clinical trials to prevent hearing loss secondary to noise exposure, cisplatin chemotherapy induced hearing loss, and aminoglycoside antibiotic induced hearing loss. Disclosure: Dr. Campbell is the inventor on the patents for D-methionine as a protective agent but her patents are owned by her employer, Southern Illinois University School of Medicine.

3:00:PM — Combs Chandler

The Mensa Murder Mystery Game, #5

by Ed You , Viki Kind

In the Mensa Murder Mystery Game you are a sleuth and potential victim. Be the first to report the murderer's identity or motive to win bragging rights, using dastardly scenarios and diabolical overlooked clues carried on the victims. Join the game at any time by picking up a rules flyer and a participation sticker from: (1) Wednesday's 3 p.m. orientation in the Tournament Room, (2) the daily noon pre-lunch debriefings in the Tournament Room, or (3) "Inspector You" or "Detective Kind" any time during the AG. Ends Saturday at 8:30 p.m.

3:00:PM — Segell

John Milton and 17th Century Millennialism

by John Scanlon

Did you know a reputable historian (Professor David Loewenstein of the University of Wisconsin-Madison) estimates that two-thirds of English clergymen in the era leading up the English Revolution (early to mid-1600s) were Millennialists? Did you know that John Milton, author of Paradise Lost, believed he had experienced the Millennium? Want to see the evidence lying hidden in his early poetry? Want to leave this talk knowing more about John Milton than most English Professors? Meet the Milton no one knows -- the real John Milton, explained by the person who figured out the symbolic code in his poetry.

3:00:PM — French

Survive 60 Minutes

by Aviva L. Andreen DDS

First responders in a major terrorist attack are expected to take 72 minutes to arrive. Your first hour of survival is critical to your overall survival, no matter how well you've prepared at home. Dr. Andreen draws on her anti-terrorist training in the Navy and C-E-R-T (Citizens Emergency Response Teams) training from the University of Medicine and Dentistry's University Hospital in New Jersey. Dr. Andreen covers the dos and don'ts of what to wear to a disaster and how to save your life using a disaster kit that differs from the government recommended disaster kit.

3:00:PM — Stopher

Clearing the Smoke: Cannabis Myth and Fact

by Senator Perry B. Clark

Kentucky State Senator Perry B. Clark, D-Louisville, will conduct an open discussion about the myths propagated by the opponents of Cannabis legalization and then debunk those same myths through the presentation of facts. Upon conclusion of this program, Senator Clark will have cleared the smoke surrounding Cannabis and the effects of legalization. Come prepared to participate; this is an audience interactive discussion.

4:30:PM — Stopher

Understanding Standards: What They Are & What They Aren't

by Karen Kidwell

This session will focus on addressing many of the concerns and misconceptions that have made academic standards a hot and even divisive issue. Emphasis will be on Kentucky's current standards- how they came to be and how they are being implemented.

4:30:PM — Carroll Ford

New Member Welcome / AG 101

by Stephanie Thornton , Trevor Mitchell

Are you a new member and wondering what Mensa is all about? Is this your first AG and you'd like a bit more insight into everything that is going on this week? Join us to get a quick overview of Mensa and tips and tricks to get the most out of your AG experience!

4:30:PM — Breathitt

Mensa Governance Discussion

by Jared Levine

Meet in advance of the Annual Business Meeting to discuss any amendments that are being

brought before the membership for approval to be placed on the next referendum ballot, or ones being sent around via petition. If there are no such amendments, the discussion will focus on various items on the agenda for the upcoming American Mensa Committee meeting. Anyone interested in the governance of American Mensa, Ltd. is encouraged to attend and contribute.

4:30:PM — Taylor

Gifted Youth Coordinator Meet-and-Greet

If you are a Gifted Youth Coordinator, a LocSec or anyone else who works with youth in a Local Group (or who would like to), join us and get new ideas, ask questions and share insights. Find out what resources are available to you, and get the full scoop on serving youth in a Local Group.

4:30:PM — Willis

Friends of Bill W

A meeting of all Twelve Step members to get to know other Mensans in recovery and provide support for any who wish to quit compulsive behaviors.

4:30:PM — Clements

Meet Your Foundation Volunteers (MRJ, Awards, Scholarships)

Are you a member of the Foundation *MRJ* Editorial Advisory Board? Are you a chair or a judge on one of the Foundation Award or Scholarship committees? Or have you served in the past? Perhaps you want to know more about what your Foundation does. If so, we would love to see you at our meet-and-greet.

4:30:PM — Segell

The Internet of Things

by Srikant Mantravadi

This presentation is an explanation of the concept of the Internet of Things. The idea is for all our appliances, automobiles, phones, etc. to be interconnected to allow for maximum use of the power of information. The Mensa audience will absolutely recognize the power as well as the drawbacks of this concept. My intent is to provide a thoughtful discussion of the need for a balanced implementation of the Internet of Things.

4:30:PM — Combs Chandler

Fun Bridge Tournament

by De Freshwater

Bridge -- a tournament just for fun. Each hand will be scored individually (scoring sheets provided). We'll play four hands, then switch partners. Please have prior bridge experience. Sign up in advance or show up and play if there's a space available. We're limited to 40 people due to the number of bridge tables. Join us and have some fun!

4:30:PM — Nunn

Cribbage 101

by Emily Taylor

Learn how to play cribbage.

6:00:PM — Grand Ballroom A

Hospitality Dinner - Spaghetti

Dinner will be served in Hospitality from 6 p.m. until 8:30 p.m.. Everybody is welcome.

6:00:PM — Stopher

My Oh My - Otis

by Thomas (Tom) Wills

North American bats are small, extraordinarily - gifted, nocturnal mammals. A total mystery to most of us because we neither see nor hear them. Bats are pretty good ecosystem partners. They can devour massive numbers of insects -- thus relieving us of the need to contaminate our environment with insecticides. But, they "don't get no respect". We need to dispel our negative bat mythology, and help our bats survive another 40 million years. Other American mythologies have evolved - so there is hope. We will look at facts, myths, threats and helpful developments.

6:00:PM — Carroll Ford

The Healing Place, a Social Model Recovery Program

by Jay Davidson

Mission: To reach the addicted; offer recovery for the addicted; and help restore productive Lives. The Healing Place has served Metro Louisville and surrounding areas since 1989 with a nationally recognized, innovative recovery program for drug and alcohol addiction. More than 4000 clients have completed the program throughout the nation. Clients live at The Healing Place for six to nine months, immersed in a communal, educational process, guided by peer mentors (volunteers who have completed the program), and are expected to complete all 12 Steps of Alcoholics Anonymous and a curriculum. It is a mutual-help program, not a self-help program.

6:00:PM — Willis

American Mensa Admission Test Registration

Proctors will register candidates for the American Mensa Admissions Test. Test candidates must be at least 14 years of age, provide a photo ID and be a permanent U.S. resident.

6:00:PM — Segell

Socially Savvy: Creating a Positive Online Image!

by Kelly Galanis, The Red-Headed Diva

Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn... social media has become a communication staple in today's society. What's behind all these tools? How should I use them? Come discover how to create and use these sites and maintain a personal image online that is positive, confident, and honest. You will learn valuable tips and tricks to communicate online effectively!

6:00:PM — Breathitt

Meet Your New Friends: An All-Attendees Icebreaker

by Rob Salkin

Whether you're new to the AG scene or have been attending for decades, it's always fun to meet another awesome friend! Expect a welcoming, inclusive activity that will keep outgoing people engaged and give even the most shy attendee an excuse to greet someone new. **WARNING:** This icebreaker activity may make you late to many events throughout the long weekend due to

running into your new friends in the hallways. You also may be burdened with saving seats for your new friends in the games room, hospitality, and at attractions around town.

6:00:PM — Brown

Gen Y Meet-and-Greet

by Taz Criss

If you were born between 1976 and 1995 and are a member of Mensa, you're a member of Gen Y. Come meet other members near your age, reconnect with old friends and get the skinny on AG happenings for our SIG.

6:30:PM — Willis

American Mensa Admission Test

American Mensa Admission Tests are given for the purpose of admission into Mensa. A score at the 98th percentile on either of two tests qualifies an applicant for Mensa membership. All candidates who test will receive a one-day pass for the AG on the day of testing.

7:00:PM — Taylor

Parents of Gifted Youth Meet-and-Greet

Are you parenting a gifted child? Perhaps you're interested in meeting other parents doing the same? Parents and GYCs are invited to gather for this opportunity to talk. Children of attending parents are invited to enjoy a movie next door while the parents are talking. (Parents may not leave the area while children are viewing the movie.)

7:00:PM — Wilson

MTeen Meet-and-Greet

Meet friends, old and new. Find out who's at the AG, make plans and catch up with your Teen peeps! IMPORTANT: This is an MTeen strand program, where seating is limited.

7:30:PM — Stopher

Setting Your Interpersonal Boundaries

by Ruth Parvin, J.D., Ph.D.

Does it feel that you get taken advantage of, that you give more than you get from relationships? Or that despite wanting to have friends, you often find yourself locked up and unable to let people in? Do you wonder how people set boundaries based on their values about privacy, trust, and connection? If so, this participatory, experiential workshop might be for you.

7:30:PM — Bradley

Site Selection Committee Meeting

7:30:PM — Combs Chandler

Time's Up!™ Tournament

by Sylvia Zadorozny

Time's Up!, "the fastpaced game of multiple personalities," is easy to learn and fun to play. We'll play in teams with three distinct rounds: Round 1, teammates guess as many celebrity names from the Deck of Fame as they can in 30 seconds. Round 2, using the same set of names, a single

word clue is all that's permitted. Round 3, same names again, but this time no words are spoken, it's charades only. Time's Up! was a Mensa Select[®] winner at Mind Games 2000 and is still popular among Mensans, who sometimes call it THE Game.

7:30:PM — Brown

HELL's M's Prequel

by Beth Weiss

Want to get an early start on the party? Please come and pick up your HELL's M's sticker, hear a few announcements, greet friends and introduce yourself to someone new!

7:30:PM — Breathitt

Speed Dating with M-Available

by Rob Salkin

Are you available? Into smart people? If so, come meet your M-tastic match at M-Available's speed dating event! We'll start with a brief overview of the M-Available SIG (mavailable.org; mavailable.com; MAvailableSIG@gmail.com) and then split into age-appropriate groups for a no-pressure, lively speed dating activity so you can meet as many people as possible during the allotted time. Worst case? You meet new friends. Best case? You find your ideal person! 18+ only, please.

7:30:PM — Carroll Ford

Present at the Creation: The History of Mensa in America, with Pictures

by Andy Di Cyan

Come see Mensa archivist Stacey Kirsch's audio-visual program, "The First 50 years of Mensa in America," with live commentary by Andy Di Cyan, who was "present at the creation." One of the longest-tenured members of Chicago and American Mensa who's still very much ambulatory, Andy gave *Chime* and *Interloc* a running start by editing each publication for the first few years in the '60s. And he knew most of the people active from the beginning in Chicago, American and International Mensa (he was one of them). He knew Codella, Serebriakoff and other luminaries (some of dubious reputation) and had dinner at Margot Seitelman's house whenever he was in New York. He feels history has lessons to teach, but only if you're willing to listen. He says there's a lot of oral history on his "soft and squishy drive" and he promises to share some of it.

7:30:PM — Segell

American Mensa Firehouse Bash: Roll Call

Join Firehouse for the hottest meet-and-greet on the Kentucky agenda. Meet your favorite Facebook heroes and villains in real life. Participate in the 2nd annual Red Vs. Blue Challenge, and grab some FH bling! If you're not a member, that's OK. We will recruit you. You won't be sorry you came, but you will be sorry if you miss it! Fans of bacon, boobs or beer? This is the party for you! Rated PG-13, for language. FB TOS will be enforced.

9:00:PM — Fountain Room

2015 Mr. Mensa Pageant & Date Auction

by Nguyen 'Win' Pham, Mr. Mensa 2011

An AG favorite, the annual Mr. Mensa Pageant & Date Auction is proportionate parts prowess, parody and pandering. Join Nguyen 'Win' Pham (Mr. Mensa 2011) in his third appearance as

pageant host, and come cheer on your fellow Mensan men as they showcase their talents and physiques to compete for the crown. Bring those dollars and checkbooks for your chance to win a seat on the judging panel as well as a date with one (or more!) of the contestants. Proceeds benefit the Mensa Education & Research Foundation.

9:00:PM — Clements

The Werewolves of the Louisville AG (Wed)

by Ed You and others

By night, werewolves kill off villagers. By day, enraged villagers kill off suspected werewolves. (But sometimes they mistakenly kill off "innocent villagers," -- oops.) Werewolf requires observation, deduction, and a lot of bold-faced lying. Who will prevail: the werewolves or the villagers? One fun-filled game takes 20-30 minutes and then repeats. Newbies are always welcomed. (Werewolf is similar to, but better than, "Mafia.") The village includes: 2-4 Werewolves, ordinary villagers and an assortment of special villagers with special abilities.

9:00:PM — Combs Chandler

Magic: The Gathering Sealed Tournament

by Debbie Freeland

Experienced MTG players only. FREE ENTRY. Sealed format. Each player provided with six packs from latest core sets/expansions; players will construct 40-card decks for a double-elimination tournament supervised by an L2 judge, run at Regular REL. Will run longer than most AG tournaments, so be prepared to stay late. Knowledge of Regular REL and fundamental knowledge of gameplay necessary for participation. Basically, if any of the preceding doesn't make sense to you, this is not the tournament for you! Limited to 16 players total. Players who participate fully may keep their opened cards, regardless of rarity or shininess. Spectators welcome.

Thursday, July 2

7:00:AM — Grand Ballroom A

Hospitality Breakfast

Breakfast will be served in Hospitality from 7 a.m. until 9:30 a.m. Everybody is welcome.

7:30:AM — Brown

The M Running Club's Meet, Greet and Run

by Andrew Heffernan

A SIG for runners, run-walkers and walkers of all skill levels. New members and friends always welcome. Find us on Facebook. (If running pre-dawn or at night please wear reflective vest and lights for safety.)

8:30:AM — Stopher

American Mensa Board of Directors Meeting

See your American Mensa Board of Directors in action! Be the first to know about policies that affect all American Mensans. All members are welcome to attend and observe.

9:00:AM — Willis

Debate Room: Infinite Growth on a Finite Planet

Paul Erlich's 1968 book *The Population Bomb* warned us of civilization's imminent demise because of our unfettered reproductive drive. His critics maintained that advancing technology would mitigate or eliminate the problems he laid out. Half a century later, can we pick a winner in that debate? Debate Room is not a heated debate, but a fast-paced moderated discussion where everyone gets to be heard, and the most interesting speaker gets a prize!

9:00:AM — French

The Joys, and Heartaches, of Minor League Baseball

by Tony Belarmino

Minor league baseball is the best entertainment value in most cities, but it is not "The Show." Most minor league teams go out of their way to cater to the whole family. There should be plenty of time to talk about your favorite minor league moments.

9:00:AM — Nunn

Evangelical Christianity SIG Meet-and-Greet

by Larry D. Paarmann

This is a time for current members of the SIG to meet and greet and get acquainted, and for prospective members and visitors to see what we are about. A brief overview of the SIG, what it believes and is committed to, and what it does, will be included. Everyone is welcome.

9:00:AM — Jones

Making Acrostica: Writing Puzzles and More

by Michael H. Dickman

Acrostic word puzzles, originally called "Double-Crostics," have been around since the 1930s. Michael H. Dickman has written software to help compose them and publish them, both online and in book form. Recently he published four books of puzzles: the *Acrostica* series. Learn about writing and solving acrostic puzzles; the secrets of letter distribution in a 500,000-word dictionary; the ups and downs of computer programming; and the ins and outs of book publishing.

9:00:AM — Carroll Ford

Roster of Players: Roles People Play in Organizations

by Joe DeSensi, Ed.D

Is your team made up of franchise players and Lombardi Winners or 'Keepers of the Old Flame' and saboteurs? This is critical to know, both in times of organizational change as well to optimize existing operations. This session guides participants through a tool kit designed to help them look at organizational change, evaluate the members they have on their teams and determine if they have the right players to accomplish the intended change. Each participant will receive an annotated tool kit for identifying their roster of players.

9:00:AM — Archibald Cochran

Zumba Fitness

by Naomi M. Horovitz

Zumba is a nonstop Latin fitness party, featuring dance rhythms such as salsa, merengue, cumbia, and reggaeton. Mensans of all ages, shapes and sizes are invited to join the party. No

experience necessary. Please wear comfortable clothes and sneakers, and bring a towel and bottle of water. No observers, please.

10:30:AM — External

Historical Walking Tour of Downtown Louisville

by Dr. Tom Owen

1 hr. and 15 minute walk of Government Center, Cast-Iron West Main, and Ohio River Overlook led by University of Louisville archivist/local historian Dr. Tom Owen. The tour will begin at and return to the Jefferson Statue in front of Metro Hall (old Jefferson County Court House) at 501 West Jefferson Street.

10:30:AM — French

Schemes, Scams and Flimflams -- 2015

by Cookie Bakke

ID theft, Nigerian letters, romance scams, investments scams, banking/credit card/mortgage fraud, Craigslist et al., Ponzi's, telemarketing, medical frauds, pharmaceutical frauds, lotteries, contests, durable medical equipment, auto scams, infomercials, counterfeit products, travel scams, "You Have Won!" (NOT!), deals vs. steals, fake credentials... you name it and this author of 123 Main Street ... the Scamming of America will slam/bam from what it appears to be, really is, to how you can protect yourself. This is an interactive presentation designed to save your fortune or even your life. Up-to-the-minute coverage of the underbelly of America.

10:30:AM — Willis

Debate Room: What to Do About Climate Change

Not the politics or the science debate -- this is the debate on what solutions are available, which are possible, and which will not be ready in time. Geo-engineering, new technology, changes in behavior, laws, taxes, energy, lifestyle, you name it. Debate Room is not a heated debate, but a fast-paced moderated discussion where everyone gets to be heard, and the most interesting speaker gets a prize!

10:30:AM — Brown

WebHeads SIG Meet-and-Greet

by Dan Tobias

The WebHeads SIG is the special interest group for those who are interested in web development. Whether you're a seasoned geek or a newbie, come to discuss web issues and get or give help for web problems, whether technical, graphical or marketing-oriented. Which content management system or web development software do you use, or do you create raw code in a text editor? Talk about it here!

10:30:AM — Jones

3-D Cams: Hyperbolic Growth + the Future of Imaging

by Nick Timmons

This story is about one of THE Markets of the Near Future. 3-D Cameras are about to be embedded into every device, just like 2-D cameras are now. Their growth, from near 0 today to 500 Million annually in 2018, is going to be hyperbolic. Movement tracking, gesture control, 3-D scanning/modeling/mapping/rendering, industrial automation, and the very foundations of

perceptual computing will all grow alongside this new embedded hardware market. This program will cover both the fascinating history of the market and where it's going, and how Personify, the earliest software pioneer in the market, is innovating to take us there.

10:30:AM — Combs Chandler

Set Tournament

by Charles Godfrey

Set is the card game of visual attributes. Discover three cards that form a set from the 12 laid out on the table. Age is no advantage; the game requires no specific language skills. Please arrive at least five minutes early for table assignments. No experience necessary.

10:30:AM — Carroll Ford

Seven Secrets of Successful Women

by Hope Zoeller, Ed.D

This session will explore seven strategies that women have used to succeed and provide a blueprint any individual can use to achieve success in their personal and professional lives. For any person who wants to get ahead, this will be an essential session to attend.

10:30:AM — Nunn

Triple Nine Society Meet-and-Greet

by Bryan Lundgren

Triple Nine Society (TNS) is like Mensa on steroids. It's for people scoring at or above the 99.9th percentile on selected intelligence tests. Founded in 1978, TNS has more than 1500 members in 40 countries and has excellent annual gatherings (ggg999.org). Prospective members and the curious are invited to our meet-and-greet. All about Triple Nine Society: tripnine.org.

10:30:AM — Segell

This Ain't Your Parents' Retirement

by Elna R. Tymes

The concept of retirement has changed for today's seniors (and almost seniors) since the 2008 Recession and is continuing to change under our feet. Find out how "retirement" has changed and what's likely to happen in the next decade.

11:00:AM — Wilson

Negotiating College and Mental Health & Illness

by Dr. Rich Lewine

The demands of college can exacerbate struggles for those with emotional, mental, and personal problems or even create them in those who haven't had these experiences before. Come learn how to stay mentally and emotionally healthy while working on your future! IMPORTANT: This is an MTeen strand program, where seating is limited.

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12:00:PM — Nunn

Supporting the Unique Needs of Gifted -- GLBTQ Youth

by Teresa Ryan Manzella

Being gifted makes young people different from others in many ways. Add membership in a sexual minority (gay, lesbian, bisexual, trans or questioning) to giftedness, and the differences are compounded -- especially since recent societal changes for GLBTQ adults don't always help our youth. What are some of the challenges they face, and what can adults -- whether parents, teachers, or community members -- do to ensure that the teens they care about are supported? Discussion will include issues of bullying, isolation, and homelessness, as well as resources and advocacy tools. Gifted-GLBTQ adults can also benefit from the information shared.

12:00:PM — Carroll Ford

Astronomy, God and the Search for Elegance

by Br. Guy Consolmagno

Scientific theories must do more than merely satisfy the data; they must do so in a way that is (to use a term much favored by mathematicians) "elegant." By looking closely at a handful of astronomical images, we'll explore the way that one proceeds from an emotional appreciation of the beauty of the stars and planets to a deeper understanding that satisfies both reason and emotion. Ultimately, this link between "elegance" and rational truth has profound theological implications.

12:00:PM — French

The Next Wave of Mobile Innovation

by Haden Keith Kirkpatrick

Believe it or not, the mobile teleco industry is just at the beginning of its evolution. Over the coming decade, the ecosystem surrounding connected devices, machine connections, and big data will create a completely new economy focused on delivering instantaneous consumer value right to the palm of a user's hand. The product, services and intelligence surrounding this emerging economy will change the way we consume goods and services; the complexity of this new industry will create numerous challenges for technology providers. I will review this changing market and show the path forward to the Mensans in the audience.

12:00:PM — Jones

Block Chains and the Future of Trustless Computing

by Jameson Lopp

Bitcoin's block chain doesn't just enable the trustless exchange of bitcoins, it enables trustless exchange of any digital asset. We can even add logic to digital assets stored in a block chain, creating trustless smart contracts. Block chain technology will enable people to place bets

without bookies, buy insurance without underwriters, access loans without banks, purchase commodities without brokers, create and enforce contracts without lawyers, create assets without issuers, secure escrow without agents, gain internet access without ISPs, verify records without notaries, and more. This presentation focuses on the goals of trustless computing and recent developments in the space.

12:00:PM — Combs Chandler

The Mensa Murder Mystery Game, #5

by Ed You , Viki Kind

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Mensan Creativity Applied to Health Care Solutions

by Ralph F. Weber

Health care is a mess. Compliance costs are rising. Penalties, taxes and fees are increasing. What is the solution? It is consumerism beyond health savings accounts! Mensan creativity has a place in health care reform. Join this presentation to see how costs can be driven down 40 percent to 60 percent. There are many critical elements in plan design that drive costs. Ultimately, the patient is armed with tools, transparency and incentives to empower them to control costs. Even within the new ACA rules, amazing results can be achieved.

1:30:PM — French

Investing in Future Technologies

by Will Hepburn

If you would like a peek into the future, join us for this discussion of emerging industries such as nano technology, robotics, stem cell research, the Internet of Things, 3-D printing and more. All of these technologies promise to radically transform our lives. Some are already doing so. This discussion will look at each of these industries and investable companies within them.

1:30:PM — Willis

Debate Room: STEM Education: Answer, or Looming Problem?

U.S. employers demand that the graduates of our schools be better trained in Science, Technology, Engineering and Math. In response, school administrators are diverting resources into STEM subjects and away from the humanities and the arts. Does training in the arts in fact detract from reasoning skill? How will we know when that pendulum has swung too far? Debate Room is not a heated debate, but a fast-paced moderated discussion where everyone gets to be heard, and the most interesting speaker gets a prize!

1:30:PM — Brown

Burning Mbers Meet-and-Greet

by Joan Marie Michelsen

According to the Burning Mbers newsletter, Burning Man is the largest leave-no-trace and interactive art, creativity and non-commerce event in the world. Speak to happy Burning M campers and hear stories of great times at the event. Perhaps next time, you will join us in spirit... or in person!

1:30:PM — Carroll Ford

Face the Music!

by Richard Lederer , Bill Stanek

Longtime *Mensa Bulletin* Columnist Richard Lederer, Ph.D., will team up with musical punster Bill Shipper, The Singing Analyst, to bring you a fun-filled session exploring wordplay in music and song (which is our forte). We'll explore all the triad-and-true puns, rhymes, alliteration, mondegreens and musical idioms guaranteed to augment, not diminish, your A through G AG experience.

1:30:PM — Archibald Cochran

Don't Eat the Salsa -- Try Dancing it Instead

by Don Jacobs

You not only won't consume any calories, you'll burn them. Now you can have hot salsa and not injure your tongue. Yeah, yeah. You keep saying "Everyone knows Mensans can't dance." Well now's the chance to eat your words. (They have no calories either.) Gain confidence, not weight, and have fun doing it. Meet other dance-challenged individuals with Mensa's resident dance specialist, Don. Let the good times roll (not the fat).

1:30:PM — Nunn

Home Remodeling Disasters ...and How to Avoid Them

by L. Hartwig

There are only two causes of financially devastating contractor experiences. Both are within your total control! Why does the job take so long? How do I know if I'm being overcharged? There are easy solutions; take an hour and save \$500. Inoculate yourself against financial loss and bad work when hiring a contractor. Even when you know nothing about their work.

1:30:PM — Segell

Muhammad Ali: His Life and Legacy

by Marcel Parent

Muhammad Ali's life and legacy are inspirational and impactful. The lessons learned are universal and transformative; his global footprint is enormous. Muhammad Ali is one of a select few individuals to have transcended athleticism into a symbol of larger societal issues, and it is the totality of his life and the core principles that have guided him, that have made him one of the most beloved symbols of peace and well-being in our nation and the world. This presentation will be an interactive discussion with the audience about the impact of Ali's life and legacy on different generations.

1:30:PM — Jones

3 Rings of Fire

by Brook Forrest White, Jr.

Brook will take you on a journey through his experience as a glass artist, studio owner and

captain of a team of quirky characters. This presentation will have bits of history, anecdotes, science and the humor and determination that make a well known blown glass facility function.

1:30:PM — Combs Chandler

Monopoly Tournament

by Jonathan Elliott

Monopoly -- the classic American board game. Buy and trade properties, build houses and hotels on completed color groups, and drive all your opponents into bankruptcy. We will have both a preliminary round and a final round. Participation is limited to the first 24 players who both sign up and show up. If we have extra spaces available, we will accept walk-ins in order of arrival. Good luck... and good skill.

2:45:PM — Wilson

The Fastest ACT Prep Class in the History of the World

by Lessa Scherrer

Standardized testing is an integral part of the college admissions process. Come watch as I attempt to distill a 20-hour prep course into a 75-minute time slot! Learn timing strategies, answer strategies, hints and tips tailored to each section of the ACT, including the dreaded (and optional) writing section. These research-based strategies have been developed by Sylvan Learning Center in conjunction with ACT. Audience members will receive a tip sheet to refer to as they study and a special discount on the SylvanPrep.com web-based test prep program. IMPORTANT: This is an MTeen strand program, where seating is limited.

3:00:PM — Willis

Debate Room: Separation of State and School

Is there something special about educating children that necessitates government ownership, operation and setting curriculae in schools? Does government's current involvement fit with our notion of a free society? Or, as with religious doctrine and freedom of the press (editorial policy), should government be told to let go? Debate Room is not a heated debate, but a fast-paced moderated discussion where everyone gets to be heard, and the most interesting speaker gets a prize!

3:00:PM — Nunn

Is the World Overpopulated?

by Steven W. Mosher

The population controllers have perpetrated a gigantic, costly and inhumane fraud upon the human race. They have robbed people of both their progeny and their pocketbooks. Determined to stop, and reverse, population growth at all costs, they have abused women, targeted racial and religious minorities, undermined primary health care programs, and encouraged not only dictatorial actions but dictatorships. They have skewed the foreign aid of the U.S. and other countries in an anti-natal direction, corrupted dozens of NGOs and impoverished authentic development programs. They have even embraced China's one-child policy. Enough is enough.

3:00:PM — Brown

KnitSIG Meet-and-Greet

by Megan McHugh

Come meet other M's who play with yarn. Pointy sticks optional.

3:00:PM — Archibald Cochran

Supervised Ballroom Dance Practice

by Don Jacobs

Practice what you've learned and if you have questions you can get answers, even if you weren't at the class or it's a question about any other dance.

3:00:PM — Segell

Mackinac Island, The "Motorless" City

by Meagan W

Come learn more about Mackinac Island, a unique island located in Michigan where no cars are allowed! Twelve-year-old Mensan, Meagan, has spent a good portion of every summer on Mackinac Island since she was a baby and has a unique perspective on what makes Mackinac a fun place to visit. Learn travel tips and lesser known facts about Mackinac as well. Sample fudge, gather brochures and ask questions at the end of the presentation.

3:00:PM — French

Timey Wimey Stuff: Time Travel Movies

by Fraser Sherman

Think time travel is just about time machines? Guess again. In time travel movies, people often slip through time with little more than a wish or a prayer. Time travel poses unique problems for writers and the movies tackle them differently from sci-fi novels. This presentation looks at the problems, the cliches, the themes (can you put right what once went wrong?), classic time travel films and the -- shall we say -- not so classic.

4:00:PM — Wilson

The Nuts and Bolts of Broken Bones

by Dr. David Seligson, MD

Have you ever broken a bone? Come learn about exactly how broken bones work! What happens when you break a bone and how does it heal? An orthopedic surgeon will share the inside scoop. IMPORTANT: This is an MTeen strand program, where seating is limited.

4:30:PM — Jones

Intellectual Property 101: Transforming Innovations into Assets

by Julie Bernard

Introduction and discussion of intellectual property, including patents, copyrights, trademarks, and trade secrets. How to think about securing, protecting, and commercializing intellectual property rights by balancing IP with business interests in order to transform innovations into assets.

4:30:PM — Willis

Friends of Bill W

A meeting of all Twelve Step members to get to know other Mensans in recovery and provide support for any who wish to quit compulsive behaviors.

4:30:PM — Brown

Gen-M Boom Plus SIG Meet-and-Greet

by Barb Holstein

Open to Mensans worldwide born in 1964 or earlier, the semi-official end of the Baby Boomer era. We were one of the most dynamic generations ever, and we still are! The Plus signifies that anyone born before 1964 qualifies, Boomer generation or earlier. Come join us and find out what this fast-growing group is all about!

4:30:PM — Segell

How to Win the Internet

by Zack Danger Brown

In 2014, Zack Danger Brown asked the Internet for \$10 to make potato salad. In two months, the Potato Salad Kickstarter was viewed by 4.1 million people, raised \$55,000, received more than 2,000 media mentions in 54 countries and is currently the fourth-most viewed campaign in Kickstarter's five-year history. How To Win The Internet is an attempt to find and discuss the root causes of the success of Potato Salad and other viral internet sensations.

4:30:PM — Carroll Ford

Annual Business Meeting

You're an American Mensan and you want to know what's happening with your organization. Come to the ABM and hear reports from the Chairman, Treasurer and Executive Director of American Mensa and the President of the Mensa Foundation. All members are urged to participate in the Annual Business Meeting, where they have a voice and a vote.

4:30:PM — Combs Chandler

Vocabulary Quiz Tournament

by De Freshwater

Word lovers -- test your knowledge of words. Organize your team of up to five players -- and you can add a kid (12 or under) as a sixth member if you like. The number of teams is limited to 20, so sign your team up in advance. If you don't have a complete team, just put your name down and let others add theirs to your team.

4:30:PM — French

Hollywood and "Writers' Cramp"

by Howard Gross

Howard Gross shares stories about the experiences writers like Hemingway, Faulkner, Fitzgerald and Salinger had with movie-making and movie-makers.

6:00:PM — Grand Ballroom A

Hospitality Dinner - Sausages and Sauerkraut

Dinner will be served in Hospitality from 6 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. Everybody is welcome.

6:00:PM — Wilson

Exotic Animal Dentistry at the Louisville Zoo

by Dr. Thomas J. Clark

How exactly do you clean a lion's teeth? What dental problems plague exotic animals? Come

learn how zoological dentistry works, and go backstage and into the mouths of exotic animals at the Louisville Zoo. IMPORTANT: This is an MTeen strand program, where seating is limited.

6:00:PM — Willis

Debate Room: Separation of State and Church

Was America founded as a Christian nation? Are atheists too aggressive? Should the US military keep its "Spiritual Fitness Test"? Should taxpayers pay for rebuilding churches after a weather catastrophe? Is opening government meetings with a prayer OK (SCOTUS says yes)? Should blasphemy be illegal (Europe may say yes)? Do all beliefs deserve equal respect? Debate Room is not a heated debate, but a fast-paced moderated discussion where everyone gets to be heard, and the most interesting speaker gets a prize!

6:00:PM — French

Dark Energy: The Question that Mensans May Answer

by Howard Jeffrey Bender

As everyone interested in science knows, dark energy is the biggest problem in astrophysics with various organizations and governments spending billions of dollars attempting to understand it. Physicists say this mysterious anti-gravity force comprises 75% of the universe but they have no idea what causes it or where it comes from. I suggest that the effects interpreted as dark energy are really caused by energy absorbed by the light we see through processes in string theory. The presentation describes this reasoning in a pictorial way. Interested Mensans familiar with string theory math may co-author a technical paper with me.

6:00:PM — Brown

M-Atheists SIG Meet-and-Greet

by Peter Spearing

M-Atheists SIG is an active online discussion group with more than 1000 members, at groups.yahoo.com/group/M-Atheists/info. Once a year we get together in person at the AG. If you're an atheist but not an online-group-joiner, stop by to meet some of your fellow critical thinkers face-to-face, brain-to-brain.

6:00:PM — Jones

Unique Colleges for Unconventional Students

by Lessa Scherrer

Most people know where strong athletes or performers get the best training. For others the search comes down to size, location and price. But what if you're looking for a quirky college that matches your style? Come hear about some of the funkiest colleges in the United States: schools where you run a ranch or a nuclear reactor, study the great books, don't receive grades, take one class at a time or attend for free!

7:30:PM — French

***The Pink Lady* -- Helen Douglas, a 1940s U. S. Congresswoman**

by Louise Epperson

This play won the Best One Act Play Award at the Smithfield, Va. Theater 2014 One Act Play Festival and I won the Best Actress Award. It explores the life and career of Congresswoman Helen Gahagan Douglas. Before Congress she had been an opera singer and Broadway actress.

After marrying Melvyn Douglas and moving to Hollywood to pursue his movie career, she became involved in California politics, eventually serving two terms in the U. S. House of Representatives. In 1950, she found herself in a bitter, dirty and losing battle with Richard Nixon for a seat in the Senate.

7:30:PM — Willis

Debate Room: Political Tribalism

Up to and through the early 1980s, the average American could be friends with someone from another political party. Now we have an extreme polarization that could almost be described as tribal, leading to paralysis in government and deep suspicion of any gesture towards moderation. What is the source of this new divisiveness? Must it continue unabated or can we find a new social accord? Debate Room is not a heated debate, but a fast-paced moderated discussion where everyone gets to be heard, and the most interesting speaker gets a prize!

7:30:PM — Clements

Intertel Meet-and-Greet

by Dan Smith

Friendly get-together for members of Intertel and their spouses who are also Mensans.

7:30:PM — Breathitt

Mensans Without Borders

by Elissa Rudolph

You are invited to this gathering to meet and greet current and former members of the International Board of Directors, including the Mensa International chairman. Although American Mensa is the largest national Mensa, it is not the only one -- there are about 45 official national Mensas with more groups growing in various corners of the world. Learn what the IBD does and why we need it. What exactly does the Mensa International Executive Committee do? Answers to these questions and more when you attend this informal event.

7:30:PM — Segell

Game Theory Experiments

by Marcelo Guerra Hahn

In this presentation we will run some experiments (a.k.a. play some games) that illustrate the motivation for Game Theory. After each round we will look at what the "best strategy" (or lack thereof) is for them. We will also analyze the theoretical equilibrium and maximum potential gains. Come prepared to help your team make some strategic decisions and have fun! Previous knowledge/experience may or may not help your team win this time. Prizes will be adjusted by inflation.

7:30:PM — Combs Chandler

Quiddler Tournament

by Debbie Freeland

Quiddler is a card word game with naturally fast, smooth gameplay. Players must combine their entire hand into words, trying to use letters with the highest point values. You do this first with three cards (Round 1), then with four, on up to 10 cards (Round 8). A bonus is given for both the longest word and the most words made by a player in each round. The key is knowing the "short

words" -- it's not always a matter of going out first or with the longest word -- and you'll develop a strategy all your own. Novices welcome!

8:00:PM — Archibald Cochran

Family Comedy Show

by Mike Armstrong , Rolan Whitt , Ted Denson

Join us for a family comedy show headlined by Mike Armstrong, and featuring MC Rolan Whitt and Ted Denson. Mike is a former police officer from Louisville, Ky. He's a regular guest on *The Bob and Tom show*, with TV credits ranging from *Oprah* to *CBS Morning News* to *Good Morning America*. Mike and his wife have a small herd of children. Their kids are clones of their father. They'll say and do most anything to get attention.

9:00:PM — Carroll Ford

Sister Mary Ignatius Explains It All For You

by Ed You

In this play, Sister gives a class, explaining the intricacies of Catholic doctrine. This hilarious satire is so brilliantly insightful, so wickedly funny, as it lampoons Catholicism, that it was officially banned by the church. So if you're easily offended, please don't attend. If you're not, get there early for a good seat. Time permitting, it will be followed by a question and answer session. [The ideas and opinions of this show are not officially shared or endorsed by American Mensa.]

9:00:PM — Willis

Debate Room: Gun Control vs Gun Rights

Would restricting guns reduce gun violence, as it did in Australia? Or are restrictions in America impossible, as Sam Harris maintains? Does a U.S. citizen have an unrestricted right to bear any weapon under all circumstances? If not, who gets to decide what the limitations will be? Does the NRA speak more for gun enthusiasts or gun manufacturers? Debate Room is not a heated debate, but a fast-paced moderated discussion where everyone gets to be heard, and the most interesting speaker gets a prize!

9:00:PM — Segell

Karaoke

by Ernest D Jones

Random factoids: Karaoke, bimoraic clipped compound of Japanese kara "empty" and kesutora "orchestra." From 1961–1966, the American TV network NBC carried a karaoke-like series, *Sing Along with Mitch*, featuring host Mitch Miller and a chorus, which superimposed the lyrics to their songs near the bottom of the TV screen for home audience participation. The karaoke-style machine was invented by Japanese musician Daisuke Inoue in Kobe, Japan, in 1971. Nitro Karaoke has more than 8,000 songs to choose from, so odds are in your favor that there is a song for you to sing. You can even bring your own karaoke music if you desire.

9:00:PM — Combs Chandler

Killer Spelling Bee

by Alan Baltis , Colleen Baltis

The Return of the Killer Bee! Yes, we know spelling isn't really IQ-related, but doing well at

spelling bees was one of the first chances we smarties had to show off a little and, ahem, earn the love of our fellow students. Because this IS Mensa, we've made this Bee tough. Yes, there will be plenty of obscure vocabulary and classically misspelled words. But we've also thrown in a plethora of people, places and things famous enough to be recognizable, tough enough to trip up even our most eidetic members. Our motto: more scrapes than Scripps. Please join us, sticklers!

9:00:PM — Clements

The Werewolves of the Louisville AG (Thu)

by Ed You and others

By night, werewolves kill off villagers. By day, enraged villagers kill off suspected werewolves. (But sometimes they mistakenly kill off "innocent villagers," -- oops.) Werewolf requires observation, deduction, and a lot of bold-faced lying. Who will prevail: the werewolves or the villagers? One fun-filled game takes 20-30 minutes and then repeats. Newbies are always welcomed. (Werewolf is similar to, but better than, "Mafia.") The village includes: 2-4 Werewolves, ordinary villagers and an assortment of special villagers with special abilities.

10:30:PM — Willis

Debate Room: Drug Legalization

How much of our legal woes are tied to drug trafficking? How do you think that drug legalization would affect the future? Which institutions would win, which lose? Would the legalization experience of Portugal hold true for the U.S.? Do some drugs, such as meth, always need to be illegal? Is legalization of pot inevitable? How soon? Can it still be withheld from under-25s, whose brains it will damage? Debate Room is not a heated debate, but a fast-paced moderated discussion where everyone gets to be heard, and the most interesting speaker gets a prize!

10:30:PM — Carroll Ford

Bill Shipper, The Singing Analyst

by Bill Stanek

Bill Shipper returns with a vengeance and pun-gency to entertain you with delightfully funny songs guaranteed to keep you laughing for days. With witty titles such as "My Lover Loves Liver," "Tears on My Spreadsheet" and "Dirty Data," Bill's clever lyrics poke fun at people's food habits and the business world. Even Mensans get a ribbing with the memorable tune "That's Mensa to Me."

10:30:PM — Breathitt

Ask the Sexologists -- Gen X and Y Edition

by Robert Berend J.D., Ph.D. , Kathleen Cardona, DrPH, MPH

Ask your sexuality questions of a couple of sex educators. This program is 100% driven by audience questions, so YOU are in charge of the topics! Sexuality, dating, relationships, biology, alternative sexualities, STDs, safe sex and those things that you do -- or can't believe others do - are what we'll discuss. This program will be 18+. This talk is geared towards Gen X and Gen Y participants, but all are able to attend. Questions can be submitted anonymously on paper or sent to the speakers ahead of time at Robert@askthesexologist.com.

10:30:PM — Combs Chandler

Encore Tournament

by De Freshwater

How's your knowledge of song lyrics? A word will be given and teams will be required to sing eight consecutive words of a song containing the given word. The word continues from team to team until someone misses. Played in teams of five; you can add a kid (12 or under) to your team as a sixth member if you like. The number of teams is limited to 20, so sign up your team in advance. If you don't have a complete team, just put your name down and let others add theirs to your team.

Friday, July 3

7:00:AM — Grand Ballroom A

Hospitality Breakfast

Breakfast will be served in Hospitality from 7 a.m. until 9:30 a.m. Everybody is welcome.

9:00:AM — Coe

Local Group Data and Technology Tools Beta Testing

by Pam Donahoo , Trevor Mitchell , Matthew Needham

The National Office staff will be showcasing the development of a new web-based tool for Local Group officers. The tool will offer real-time reporting, a Local Group dashboard, calendar and other tools. Local Group officers will be invited to give feedback and input prior to its launch.

9:00:AM — Willis

Debate Room: Assisted Suicide

Was Dr. Jack Kevorkian a monster or ahead of his time? At what point in the cycle of life does an individual have the unalienable RIGHT to choose end his or her own life? Is the desire to die more than just a desire to escape pain? Do Washington, Oregon, the Netherlands and Switzerland have the right approach, with doctor approvals and waiting periods? How would YOU want to go? Debate Room is not a heated debate, but a fast-paced moderated discussion where everyone gets to be heard, and the most interesting speaker gets a prize!

9:00:AM — French

A Peace Corps Experience: Health Care on Island Malekula

by Mary A Maher, MSN NP

A retired nurse practitioner with previous experience in developing countries will present some of the successes and the challenges of community health care work in a remote and geologically unstable south pacific island country (Vanuatu) that has very limited access to the modern conveniences of water, electricity, internet or transportation. Note that the last documented cannibalism in this tribal society was as recently as 1984 and that this newly independent country is still growing into sustainable self governance. Peace Corps workers have been supporting capacity building for 26 years.

9:00:AM — Segell

The Crash: One Pilot's Story of Cheating Death!

by Steven E. Ankerstar

Most pilots die if they are in a crash. Steve was miraculously able to walk away from his. Steve

talks openly about his near-death experience with flying an experimental aircraft when the engine quit shortly after takeoff and how it changed his life afterwards.

9:00:AM — Stopher

10 Reasons to LEAP

by Jacek Cywinski , Elissa Rudolph

You are invited to discover 10 or more reasons why you should (1) apply to, (2) gain knowledge of, (3) tell your friends about this international program, the Leadership Exchange Ambassador Program (LEAP). Begun in 2010 with seven participants from around the world, LEAP is now in its sixth year with participants from Italy, Czech Republic, Canada, The Netherlands and Germany. Meet those AG attendees and discover their unique perspectives on leadership. And count the 10 reasons to enjoy LEAP!

9:00:AM — Jones

Lost in Family Finder?

by Nan Harvey

The price of autosomal DNA testing has dropped significantly. For less than \$100 you can take Family Tree DNA's Family Finder test, 23andme, or the Ancestry test. If you have taken one of those tests and are thinking "now what?" attend this session to discuss some of the strategies and tools available to make some sense out of your results.

9:00:AM — Archibald Cochran

ALL Regional Meet-and-Greet

by The 10 RVCs

Wake up and come on out to the FIRST EVER all-region Meet-and-Greet. This unique plenary session will kick off our Friday with all RVCs present and spread throughout the room. See who is here! Connect with your friends! Plan your remaining fun filled days, and maybe spend a few moments talking about the things going on in your Region. This is also a wonderful opportunity to get to know your RVC in an informal environment that should be just chaotic enough to be fun!

9:00:AM — Carroll Ford

Modern Mind Control: A Look at Contemporary Cults

by Heather G. Hunnicutt

Why do suicide bombers detonate? Why do teenagers leave home to join terrorist cells of a religious group with which they have no affiliation? This talk will explore the nature of mind control as it relates to the new frontier of cult membership, as well as the tactics used by cults and other new religious movements to recruit and retain members. The influence of cults on vulnerable populations will be highlighted, along with informal assessment methods that gauge cult affiliation. In addition, it will address strategies for combating mind control of all types, religious or otherwise.

10:30:AM — Clements

Proctor & Testing Coordinator Meet-and-Greet

by LaRae Bakerink, National Testing Officer

Open to all Proctors, Proctors-in-training and Testing Coordinators. This session is to discuss

some of the ins and outs of the testing program and will allow lots of time for Q&A.

10:30:AM — Willis

Debate Room: Immigration

Do we need even more immigrants? Are we allowing enough in now (more than any other country)? What are the practical limits and risks to more open borders? Is helping Mexico's economy the answer? Is uniting families more important than importing brains and entrepreneurs? Why should the US overload its capacity to offset global instability? Debate Room is not a heated debate, but a fast-paced moderated discussion where everyone gets to be heard, and the most interesting speaker gets a prize!

10:30:AM — Combs Chandler

Cribbage Tournament

by Emily Taylor

Experienced players ONLY. Players will be randomly paired with their opponents, and winners will move on. In early rounds, some winners may be eliminated, based on the difference in scores between opponents. Three rounds of play.

10:30:AM — French

Re-Forming the Body

by Shana Lincoln

In today's world we exercise, diet and have surgery to reshape our bodies to conform to the current standards of beauty. We think of this as a new concept, but it's actually almost as ancient as clothing itself. This program will give a basic history of the history of garments and techniques used by women and men throughout history to re-form their bodies according to the fashion of the time.

10:30:AM — Jones

Nondualism: Fact or Fiction?

by Chuck Hillig

In spite of their many obvious differences, all of the world's major religions and great spiritual philosophies seem to have the same core belief that links them together. Often called the "perennial truth," this idea suggests that all perceived separation is illusory, and instead, that everything you experience is, quintessentially, only ONE. Could this REALLY be true, and, if so, what would be the implications? Come and find out if "you" are really here at all!

10:30:AM — Coe

How the Sausage Gets Made: Inside the *Bulletin*

by Chip Taulbee, *Bulletin* Editor, Hilary Moore, Art Director

Find out about the latest innovations for the *Bulletin* in a fun, visual presentation, while also getting a sneak peak at future developments. Also, *Bulletin* staff will explain what they look for in submissions and detail how to improve your chances at getting published. Writers, artists, photographers and designers interested in contributing to the *Bulletin* are encouraged to attend.

10:30:AM — Segell

eHealth Innovation: What's New in Apps and Tools

by Matthew Grob

2015 has been declared "the year of the engaged patient." As people become more knowledgeable health care consumers, they are looking for new ways to learn more about what ails them, promote health and wellness, interact with their physicians, and manage chronic conditions. And they want to use technology to do this. We may not have hover boards that *Back To The Future II* promised us we'd have by 2015, but there are plenty of other innovative solutions available. Fitbits are so yesterday -- come learn about what cool new tools and toys are available now and those that are coming to market.

10:30:AM — Archibald Cochran

Bokwa — Fitness Class

by Andrew Heffernan

Bokwa is the world's fastest growing group fitness program! From Los Angeles to the United Kingdom, from Taiwan to Australia -- Bokwa is teaching the world to "sweat to the alphabet, and dance to the digits!" By teaching participants small steps and then stacking the steps together everyone can be successful immediately. For all ages and all skill levels. Join Andrew as he teaches an introductory class in Bokwa and see why this fitness class is being integrated into schools and gyms across the world. Fitness attire suggested but not necessary.

10:30:AM — Brown

Gay SIG Meet-and-Greet

by Anna Kallenborn-Bolden

Come join the fabulous members of Mensa's GaySIG for scintillating conversations at this year's AG! If you are LGBTQ, are a non-LGBTQ ally, want to meet our members, want to learn more about the SIG and what we do, or just want to take a break from the other activities at the AG, come stop by. Light refreshments and snacks will be served. Everyone is welcome!

10:30:AM — Carroll Ford

Explore The Bible: The Most Influential Book In History

by Garrison "Bud" Klueck

There can be little doubt that the book known as "The Holy Bible" is the most influential book ever written. More copies of the Bible have been hand-written or published, translated, distributed and read than any other book, by a wide margin. Come explore this most-influential book with longtime Mensan and longtime biblical student, Garrison "Bud" Klueck. Review how the Bible came into being, who are its authors, how the canon of the Bible was adopted, how the various forms of the Bible are structured and many other facts about this very important book.

10:30:AM — Stopher

LEAP: Strategic Design in Interpretive Displays

by Roberta "Bobbie" Kehler

If you ever have to design a booth, table or exhibit for any kind of community event, you MUST design your display for maximum impact. Whether your Mensa chapter is involved in community outreach or you are helping your kid with a science fair project, a basic understanding of display design can mean the difference between success and failure. Where should you place your most eye-catching display item? At what point should you make swag available? Should EVERYONE who approaches your display be engaged? The answers to some

of these may surprise you. Come and hear what they are!

11:30:AM — Grand Ballroom A

Hospitality Lunch - Chicken Patties

Lunch will be served in Hospitality from 11:30 a.m. until 2 p.m.. Everybody is welcome.

12:00:PM — Bradley

Local Group Logistics Team Meeting

12:00:PM — Clements

Meet the Communications Team

by Charles Brown , Chip Taulbee , Scott Snider , Hilary Moore

Tune in, Tweet on and read all about it! Find out if George Bernard Shaw was right when he said, "The single biggest problem in communication is the illusion it has taken place." This session is perfect for editors, webmasters, social media managers and other Local Group communications officers. Join American Mensa Communications Officer and members of the National Office communications team for tips and tools to ensure that your communications are indeed taking place.

12:00:PM — French

Healing Touch Presentation and Practice

by Helga Stephan

Healing Touch is an energy therapy in which practitioners consciously use their hands in a heart-centered and intentional way to support and facilitate physical, emotional, mental and spiritual health. It is great for self-care. There will be a short presentation followed by guided practice. Come join us and learn a new self-care tool.

12:00:PM — Segell

CANCELLED: Advanced Herbology

by Christine Quinn

12:00:PM — Coe

Engaging the Younger Members (...and Recruiting Them as Volunteers!)

by Trevor Mitchell

The average age of officers for Mensa is about two decades older than the average age of our new members. There is a definite disconnect in what is important, what is relevant, and what we need to do to engage and work with these younger members. This presentation will focus on both the demographic issues as well as offer some practical suggestions for engaging these new members in ways that will lead to more effective volunteer recruitment that will benefit your Local Group.

12:00:PM — Carroll Ford

Physicalistic Consciousness and Spirituality

by Frank Heile

This physicalistic theory of consciousness also explains the origin and many of the practices, features and results of spirituality. The theory proposes that the human brain contains two conscious entities -- the language consciousness and the primary consciousness. The hypothesis is that spirituality (and religion) would originate when the language representational system became conscious around 50K to 100K years ago. This was the time when language became a complete representational system. The language consciousness corresponds to "man," the primary consciousness to "God" and the goal of spirituality (and enlightenment) would be to unify these two conscious entities.

12:00:PM — Brown

Clergy SIG Meet-and-Greet

by Tony Belarmino

Have you ever wondered what those clergy who you have been communicating with are really like? Now is the chance. If you have wondered if the Clergy SIG is for you, stop in and see if you would fit in.

12:00:PM — Combs Chandler

The Mensa Murder Mystery Game, #5

by Ed You , Viki Kind

In the Mensa Murder Mystery Game you are a sleuth and potential victim. Be the first to report the murderer's identity or motive to win bragging rights, using dastardly scenarios and diabolical overlooked clues carried on the victims. Join the game at any time by picking up a rules flyer and a participation sticker from: (1) Wednesday's 3 p.m. orientation in the Tournament Room, (2) the daily noon pre-lunch debriefings in the Tournament Room, or (3) "Inspector You" or "Detective Kind" any time during the AG. Ends Saturday at 8:30 p.m.

12:00:PM — Jones

Whistleblowers: Covert Wars Against the C-Suite Mafia

by Brian Mahany

An insider's look at the False Claims Act payments for information on companies defrauding the government. Billion dollar whistleblower lawyer Brian Mahany exposes India's massive cover-ups of Big Pharma offshoring drug production to poorly-controlled sweatshops that send deficient products to American pharmacies. He uncovers low-grade Asian-made steel private contractors substitute on U.S. infrastructure projects for higher profits and he describes "patient recruiter" vans paying homeless people in major U.S. cities to go to certain clinics for unneeded medical procedures so these clinics can bill Medicare and defraud federal health care programs. Fraud, conspiracies and huge cash rewards.

12:00:PM — Stopher

Navigating the Adoption Maze

by Chris Katzer

Adopting a child is a wonderful, life-changing event, but the process can be byzantine. Many books on adoption are anecdotal in nature and don't provide a useful overview of the options parents face or the myriad steps involved once starting the process. This talk will be an objective and honest discussion of these and other considerations.

1:00:PM — Grand Ballroom B

Abbie Salny's 90th Birthday

by Dr. Abbie F. Salny

Mensa's Honorary President, Dr. Abbie Salny, turns 90 today! Please join her and her friends in Hospitality for lunch and cake. Cake will be served at 1 p.m., and we'll sing to her then. If anyone wishes to say a few words in her honor, she will appreciate it.

1:30:PM — Coe

Closing the Deal (Moving Prospects to Members)

by LaRae Bakerink

Turn those Prospects into Members. Every member can and should be an ambassador for Mensa. Learn how your Proctors, Board Members and other volunteers can help promote a Prospect to become a Candidate and then follow through to become a Member. You and your volunteers are a part of Mensa, learn how to use your experience to demonstrate to Prospects that they should join too.

1:30:PM — Willis

Debate Room: Globalization: Threat or Opportunity to the US?

Globalization means U.S. products can be sold anywhere (assuming we produce some competitively), but also that your IT job could migrate to India in a second. The TPP treaty was negotiated in secret between 12 countries and scores of multi-national corporations, with minimal input from Congress or interested NGOs. Are we better off being isolationist or cooperative? Debate Room is not a heated debate, but a fast-paced moderated discussion where everyone gets to be heard, and the most interesting speaker gets a prize!

1:30:PM — Stopher

LEAP: The SlimmerIQuiz, A (School) Quiz for Smart Children

by Charlotte Hoyng

The SlimmerIQuiz has nothing to do with weight loss; the word "slim" means clever. I hope to present to you what the SlimmerIQuiz entails, how it is organized and what Mensa the Netherlands hopes to achieve by the quiz. The quiz is designed to involve all 6th graders from all primary schools nationwide. There were 2,500 contestants last year. The questions are all designed with Blooms taxonomy in mind. The SlimmerIQuiz differs from any other quiz in the Netherlands because it involves the teachers. They have to correct the quiz, so they have to immerse themselves in the whole concept of higher level reasoning. What are your suggestions to improve the quiz and make it grow? Can we collaborate?

1:30:PM — Clements

Meet the National Ombudsman

by Dave Cahn

Join Dave Cahn, American Mensa's first elected National Ombudsman, and several regional and local group ombudsmen for a free-ranging discussion of the role of ombudsmen and how Mensa conflicts and complaints can be resolved informally without disciplinary action.

1:30:PM — Carroll Ford

Lederer on Language

by Richard Lederer

Longtime *Mensa Bulletin* language columnist Richard Lederer will take you on a joy ride through our glorious, notorious, uproarious, outrageous, courageous, contagious, stupendous, tremendous, end-over-endous English language. Dr. Lederer has been described as "learning dressed up to have fun," so come prepared for entertainment and edification.

1:30:PM — Jones

3-D Printing: Changing Toy Design and Your World

by Mark Trageser

A brief overview of how 3-D printing is revolutionizing toy manufacturing, how it has personally changed one inventor's business from the ground up, how it is causing a regrowth of small businesses and how that will benefit everyone in every walk of life.

1:30:PM — French

CANCELLED: How to Order Bourbon Like a Kentuckian

by Sean Scott

1:30:PM — Combs Chandler

Treasure Hunt

by Art Mattson , Megan Edwards

In this combination of puzzle-solving and scavenger hunt, teams of five race to solve puzzles of various sorts that identify the objects (easy enough to find) wanted by the Masters of the Hunt. Participants must procure the actual objects and deliver them to Hunt Central. Time is of the essence since teams are racing against each other to be first to solve each problem. Two lines to cut your waiting time this year. Points are awarded for each correct response -- more if you are first, then fewer on a sliding scale. Sign up in advance. Are you up to the challenge?

1:30:PM — Brown

London SIG

by John Adams

We offer discussion and community all about London, as well as Mensa events in and around London.

1:30:PM — Segell

Revolutionizing Health Care: Together+Clinic

by Rick Thompson M.D.

The continuum of care in medicine has always been fragmented. Patients with chronic diseases see a doctor or are admitted to the hospital and wait weeks or months before they are touched again by the health system or see the doctor again. In order to fix the system, the "cure" needs to be universal, simple and free. Together+Clinic is trying to utilize those principles to guide the future of the doctor/patient relationship.

2:45:PM — Wilson

Advice to a Young Mensan: Everything You Need to Know About Real Life

by Robert Allen

Eight simple truths have the power to make your life path flow much more smoothly. Come learn from another Mensan who's walked that walk, and is willing to share the hard truth about what's really important. Should you go to an expensive college? How important is your high IQ in the workplace? Why should you have hobbies? Don't doom yourself to making the same mistakes many make. Come get the real scoop on real life. IMPORTANT: This is an MTeen strand program, where seating is limited.

3:00:PM — Stopher

LEAP: Smart Connections: Interdisciplinary Reach-Out

by TeeKay

Mensa Germany reaches out toward non-Mensa members with a couple of initiatives and ideas that could be easily spread to other countries. This interdisciplinary reach-out has improved communication and cooperations e.g. at academic (and other) conferences simliar to TED. The climax is the annual self-organized MinD-Academy uniting more than 250 students and (young) professionals in a youth hostel with a wide offer of lectures and workshops. Thus, Mensa Germany combines professional networking opportunities with personal contacts and gets Mensa members connected with leaders of diverse players in the civil society. Be inspired and COPY our concepts.

3:00:PM — Nunn

Why We Elect Idiots; Would Jungle Primaries Be Better?

by Stu Sweet

Americans aren't stupid, yet they keep electing representatives and senators who produce a Congress the country disapproves of by a wide margin. Alas, term limits would not change this, but sometimes California-style jungle primaries would. Presidents also usually lose their popularity before they leave office, disillusioning the voters who put them in office. So why do we keep electing idiots?

3:00:PM — Brown

Ski SIG

by Suzy Wills

No dues, no newsletter -- just snow skiing. We have an annual ski trip in February/March. Join us to hear about the Kicking Horse Canada trip we just took, and about the 2016 trip to Telluride.

3:00:PM — Willis

Debate Room: If Unions are Over, What Comes Next?

In recent years the Supreme Court (limitations on class action lawsuits) and many state legislatures ("right to work" laws) have increasingly favored corporate interests over employees and other stakeholders. If the heart of the American system is the constant interplay of countervailing institutions, what structures can or should be developed to counter this trend? Debate Room is not a heated debate, but a fast-paced moderated discussion where everyone gets to be heard, and the most interesting speaker gets a prize!

3:00:PM — Coe

Dealing With Difficult Members and Situations

by Jean K. Becker, Ph.D.

When you agreed to serve as an officer, you probably did not think you would have to be a therapist. We'll discuss different types of difficult people, and different responses to each. What can you do? What should you do? The focus of this presentation is how to assess what to do, and provide basic tools a non-psychologist can quickly learn and use. A succinct method will be taught to quickly assess whether a member is likely to change. In addition, the types of situations or individuals a Local Group's officer should not even try to handle internally will be outlined.

3:00:PM — Segell

Don't Panic! It's Just the New SAT

by Megan Williams

The rumors swirling around the new SAT are alarming enough to... well, alarm you: It's so much harder! It's impossible to prepare for! Colleges won't trust the scores! Forget all those vocab flash cards -- now you have to know all about Alexander Hamilton! But fear not! The changes are not so drastic as they might have seemed. In this presentation I will walk you through the new SAT, show you exactly what's changing -- as well as what isn't -- and offer suggestions to help students (and parents!) navigate the uncharted waters of the new SAT.

3:00:PM — Clements

Meet Your Foundation

Put faces to the names of the people who volunteer, work on the board and are interested in playing a bigger role with the Foundation.

3:00:PM — Jones

Ethics Isn't For Wimps -- Finding Our Moral Courage

by Viki Kind, MA

Clinical bioethicist and award-winning author Viki Kind will share practical ethical strategies to use in your personal and professional life. Attendees will learn four ethical viewpoints and how people decide which one is the right one. By understanding these viewpoints, you will be able to speak the ethical language of the person you are dealing with. Learn principles and strategies for fairness and truth-telling situations, and simple tests to determine "What's the right thing to do?" The goal is to increase your moral courage. (Viki can't make you a good person. Only you can choose to do that.)

3:00:PM — French

The Best Vacation Ever: Planning a Fulfilling Retirement

by Colleen Baltis

Retirement is not just the end of your career but the start of another chapter in your life. How much money will you really need to support the lifestyle you want when you no longer have a paycheck? How do you turn your nestegg into a lifetime income stream? How do you optimize your Social Security and employer-provided retirement benefits? There are also non-financial decisions you need to make before you say goodbye to your coworkers. It's never too early to begin preparing for the financial, social, cultural and mechanical aspects of becoming a comfortable, happy retiree.

3:00:PM — Bradley

AG 2016 San Diego Committee Meeting

by LaRae Bakerink

Meeting of the San Diego 2016 AG Committee.

3:00:PM — Carroll Ford

Throwing Stones: Living in a Reality TV Glass House

by Stephanie Thornton

Have you ever thought about living in a house for a few months while competing with a bunch of people to win a popularity contest with America for the chance at \$250,000? While being filmed by 50+ cameras and being broadcast to millions of people? From the casting process to prize money, I'm here to tell you about the good, the bad and the downright wackadoodle of my crazy summer competing on ABC's *The Glass House*.

4:15:PM — Wilson

Minecraft: Tricks of the Blocks

by Jonathan Kline

Join us for blocky goodness as we explore how a computer scientist plays the game. Learn some nifty tricks and hacks, find some great sources of information and take your game to a new level. If the fact that creepers can't do any environmental damage while in water actually makes sense to you, this is the session for you. IMPORTANT: This is an MTeen strand program, where seating is limited.

4:30:PM — Bradley

Leadership Development Committee Meeting

4:30:PM — Brown

SCUBA SIG

by Ann Faget

Even if you've never experienced the weightlessness and beauty of SCUBA diving on a tropical coral reef, you're welcome to join other deep thinkers in the SIG that goes places. We'll answer your questions about diving and give an update on plans for upcoming trips to Guanaja and Cozumel.

4:30:PM — Segell

The Return of the Vinyl Junkie

by Mike Wolstein

I'll share as much knowledge as possible regarding the history of the vinyl record and why it's made a huge comeback over the past few years. We'll talk about rarities, values, how to take care of records, where to purchase vinyl and how much to spend, equipment selection, and other topics. We'll also play "Stump the Audience" by playing snippets of rare recordings to see if anyone can name the artist.

4:30:PM — Clements

Life Member Meet-and-Greet

by David McCallister , Sandra Lackovic

All life members are welcome to stop by and meet and greet one another.

4:30:PM — Willis

Friends of Bill W

A meeting of all Twelve Step members to get to know other Mensans in recovery and provide support for any who wish to quit compulsive behaviors.

4:30:PM — Nunn

Common Illusions to Common Thinking

by Thomas Daniel Nehrer

We see reality as we were taught: we interpret experience being based on beliefs and definitions mostly absorbed during childhood. Tom will show how common thinking -- based on religion, science and archaic notions (luck, fortune, fate) -- leads to illusory notions that not only don't exist, but couldn't. Time, free will, expertise of earlier teachers, gods, randomness, spirituality, external causality and many other aspects of common and even esoteric thinking will be illustrated from Tom's unique viewpoint -- bolstered by his sense of humor. Find out what is real -- and what only seems to be.

4:30:PM — Jones

Science Fiction Aspects of Today's Science and Technology

by Frank Dolinar

Science fiction authors do not, in general, craft stories as predictors of the future. It sometimes turns out that way when science fiction readers are trained in the sciences and become researchers inspired by the fiction they have read. This presentation will examine some current research, science, and technology inspired by science fiction, including such fields as computers, energy, health care, materials, and space.

4:30:PM — Carroll Ford

Evolution of the 9/11 Controversy

by Donald E. Stahl

Controversy about what happened on 9/11 has evolved in the years since that event took place. This evolution permits a simplification and clarification of the discussion, which I will present.

4:30:PM — Stopher

Black Box: The Discovery Game

by Stanley Korn

Black Box is a game devised by the presenter that is designed to simulate the process of scientific discovery. One of the players assumes the role of Nature and devises a process. The other players, acting in the role of Scientists, attempt to discover the process by providing Nature with inputs to the process and observing the corresponding outputs produced by Nature. The Scientists are awarded points for discovering Nature's process, while Nature receives the most points for devising a process that is challenging but not excessively difficult. A prize will be given to the player with the highest score.

4:30:PM — Combs Chandler

Boggle Tournament

by Charles Godfrey

Boggle is a three-minute word search game where points are gained by finding words that no one else at your table has seen. We will be playing from a five-by-five paper grid with a minimum word length of four letters, using the normal scoring rules. Please arrive at least five minutes early for table assignments.

6:00:PM — Segell

The Invention of Rope and the Roots of Modern Civilization

by Christopher Kilgore

In this presentation Christopher Kilgore will demonstrate the fundamentals of horsehair rope making and detail the technique's origins in prehistory. By analyzing a number of works of early art, we will gain insight into some of the ways in which the invention of rope served as a major catalyst of the Palaeolithic Cultural Explosion, a seemingly spontaneous flourishing of art, technology and material culture. This novel iconological interpretation strongly suggests a direct lineal connection between Palaeolithic culture and modern civilizations.

6:00:PM — Willis

Debate Room: Are We Dealing Against a Stacked Deck?

Human history can be read as an ongoing series of alternations between power concentrated in a few hands and power distributed among many. Thomas Piketty writes that the post-WWII era of distributed power is coming to a close as economic elites are back on the ascendant, and that this trend is inevitable. Is he correct, and would its final stage be compatible with the ideals of American democracy? Debate Room is not a heated debate, but a fast-paced moderated discussion where everyone gets to be heard, and the most interesting speaker gets a prize!

6:00:PM — Carroll Ford

Polyamory TEDx Talk: Taped Rebroadcast, Live Q&A

by Leon Feingold

Polyamory (a.k.a Ethical Nonmonogamy) encourages multiple simultaneous loving relationships, as long as everyone involved knows and consents. In this one-of-a-kind program, the March 2015 TEDxBushwick talk on Polyamory will be rebroadcast on stage for the first time (19 minutes) and will be followed immediately by a live Q&A with the writer and presenter of the talk, Leon Feingold, who will answer questions about the TED process, the content of the talk, and anything else the audience might want to hear. This event will be immediately followed by the 7:30 PolyamorySIG Meet-and-Greet next door. All are welcome.

6:00:PM — Combs Chandler

Duchre (Duplicate Euchre) Tournament

by John Massura

You must know how to play Euchre to participate in this duplicate version of four-handed Euchre. There will be pre-dealt hands; teams will rotate among tables, playing all boards against other teams. Please be prompt -- the organizer will begin the tournament five minutes after the scheduled start time with the people in the room. Play is limited to 26 two-person teams so be sure to sign up ahead of time on the sheet in the Tournament Room. If there is an odd number of people/pairs who want to play, we'll try to make up teams as best as we can.

6:00:PM — Clements

L'Chaim SIG

by Rick Magnus

Come join fellow Jewish Mensans as we welcome the Sabbath. We'll have a short service, starting with a blessing over the candles and ending with kiddush and hamotzi prayers, followed by conversation. Bring your own headgear if desired. Observers are welcome; audible electronic devices are not.

6:00:PM — Brown

Club Med SIG

by Mary Jane Tala

Vacation with fun, athletic Mensans. Meet prospective Mensans from around the world. The Club Med SIG is for physically active Mensans who like to sail, windsurf, kayak or waterski (or who want to learn) in the company of like-minded Mensans at a tropical beach resort. This SIG is especially suited to single Mensans and to Mensans who can't wait for their spouse to take them on vacation.

7:00:PM — Archibald Cochran

Dinner Banquet

This is a ticketed event, not an open AG event. Everybody is welcome to join us after dinner for the keynote speaker.

7:30:PM — Segell

From Aristotle to AI and Beyond

by Nathan Jaye

As the originator of logic, Aristotle set in motion the gears of modern science, computer programming and artificial intelligence. Few realize, however, that Aristotle actually viewed rational thinking as inferior to another -- more intuitive -- thinking system. We'll look at one of the great mysteries of Western civilization -- the fascinating story of "supermind" (what the Greeks called nous) and introduce some fun, practical exercises to speed and sharpen your thinking.

7:30:PM — Willis

Debate Room: Big Data -- Comforting or Creepy?

When the credit card people call you to confirm an unusual charge on your card, is that reassuring or creepy? Do you feel safer or more threatened knowing that the NSA is scanning records of everyone's phone calls, looking for traces of terrorist connections? Is it a fair trade for Google to give you access to the world's knowledge, in return for selling records of what it is you wanted to know about? Debate Room is not a heated debate, but a fast-paced moderated discussion where everyone gets to be heard, and the most interesting speaker gets a prize!

7:30:PM — Brown

PolyaMorySIG - Meet-and-Greet / Q&A

by Leon Feingold

Ever feel you didn't understand monogamy? Incredulous that some people find happiness with ONE PERSON? From the Greek and Latin for "many loves," polyamory recognizes that with

honesty, communication, and respecting boundaries, you CAN have meaningful, loving relationships with multiple partners simultaneously, as long as everyone involved knows and consents. Polyamory SIG was founded in 2009 by Leon Feingold, a polyamory advocate who has made dozens of media appearances on its behalf including *The View*, Huffington Post and HBO, and has most recently was a featured speaker at TEDxBushwick in March 2015.

7:45:PM — Archibald Cochran

From the Bottom to Top-Shelf

by Jeff Ruby

AG Keynote Speaker Jeff Ruby has built a successful fine-dining business from the most unlikely of starts. With an absent father, Ruby essentially raised himself, forged his own identity, and made it into Cornell's Hotel & Restaurant School. The brash New Jersey-born brawler then moved to Cincinnati, where his business career took flight. Ruby will share how he has overcome obstacles and challenges to forge his success.

8:15:PM — Archibald Cochran

The Artistic LEAP 2015

Get your minds and bodies moved by 5 international guests: Stefano is an Italian lyric tenor delighted to share "E lucevan le stelle" from "Tosca" by Giacomo Puccini. Dutch Charlotte Hoyng is definitely and unabashedly a talented soprano who will gladly perform a backmasked song. Canadian magician Bobbie Kehler has some snake oil to sell you and TeeKay from Germany will "Dance the Cranko" with everyone, turning the US AG into the smartest ballet company ever. They might be joined by Hana Kalusova from Czech Mensa to perform "Do that Leap / All that Jazz" with her fellow LEAPers.

9:00:PM — Breathitt

Firehouse Truth or Dare

by Taz Criss

Come out and play with your favorite AMF members. Classic truth or dare game where questions and dares are drawn by lot. Players have the right of refusal twice, third strike knocks you out of the game. Everyone who attends is expected to play, no spectating. This program is 18+, but no X-rated dares will be allowed. Facebook TOS apply!

9:00:PM — Carroll Ford

The String Theory of History

by Kenneth Sewell

History is more than the study of dates, locations and events. Just as String Theory is believed to be a key element in linking gravitational and electromagnetic forces with the strong and weak nuclear forces, ultimately leading to the discovery of the grand unification theory, the String Theory of History allows us to see strings or links, between past historical events, events previously believed to be unrelated. This brings up the question, "Can a series of future events be predicted by looking at the strings that connected similar events of the past?" Several examples will be presented to support this idea.

9:00:PM — Willis

Debate Room: Drones in Peace

The autonomous devices (drones, robots, really smart houses) are here or will be soon. Surely that will be a mixed blessing, but how the balance works out will depend in part on control -- who (the individual, a vendor, a hacker, "the system") is in charge of the goals the gadget is trying to attain. How will we determine where that control resides? Debate Room is not a heated debate, but a fast-paced moderated discussion where everyone gets to be heard, and the most interesting speaker gets a prize!

9:00:PM — Brown

HELL's M's Meeting

by Beth Weiss

HELL's M's is the Party SIG of American Mensa -- we're all about making it a good party with good memories for everyone. In addition to that, we get to wear cool black t-shirts! Our meet-and-greet is a great time to find out what we are about, join the SIG and weigh in on our direction for the coming year.

9:00:PM — Archibald Cochran

Gala Dance Featuring the Robbie Bartlett Band

by Robbie Bartlett

Come to the gala and dance to the sounds of Robbie Bartlett and her band. Robbie is an international singer from right here in Louisville. Her band plays a variety of music, including R&B, Blues, Jazz and a touch of Rock. She has toured Europe several times and plans to add other countries soon.

9:00:PM — Combs Chandler

Carnelli Tournament

by Dan Tobias

Play this title association game invented by Mensans Jan Carnell and Jim Lange. See why this game has been popular at Mensa gatherings for decades! No experience necessary; rules will be taught. The Carnelli Master will start with a title. The pointed-to player must give a title that connects in some way, such as having a word or author in common, a common actor or producer, or other link. Visit the website is.gd/carnelli for more information or just show up.

9:00:PM — French

Mensa 101

by Daniel Gilmore

A humorous overview of Mensa as seen through the eyes of a 40+ year member.

9:00:PM — Clements

The Werewolves of the Louisville AG (Fri)

by Ed You and others

By night, werewolves kill off villagers. By day, enraged villagers kill off suspected werewolves. (But sometimes they mistakenly kill off "innocent villagers," -- oops.) Werewolf requires observation, deduction, and a lot of bold-faced lying. Who will prevail: the werewolves or the villagers? One fun-filled game takes 20-30 minutes and then repeats. Newbies are always welcomed. (Werewolf is similar to, but better than, "Mafia.") The village includes: 2-4 Werewolves, ordinary villagers and an assortment of special villagers with special abilities.

10:30:PM — Willis

Debate Room: Drones in War

The autonomous devices (drones, robots, really smart weaponry) are here or will be soon. Planners will be developing new strategies and tactics to make use of them. How does this new style of warfare measure up to earlier modes? How might the answers depend upon the opponent and the theater of action? Debate Room is not a heated debate, but a fast-paced moderated discussion where everyone gets to be heard, and the most interesting speaker gets a prize!

10:30:PM — Carroll Ford

Ask the Sexologists

by Robert Berend J.D., Ph.D. , Kathleen Cardona, DrPH, MPH

Ask your sexuality questions of a couple of sex educators (anonymously on paper, if you'd prefer) on all aspects of relationships, STDs, sex and aging, biology, alternative sexualities, making sex fun, why isn't it fun anymore, etc. They are qualified experts and really funny. You KNOW you have questions, and they will give you the answers. Take notes and bring friends! Submit questions in advance by email to robert@askthesexologist.com.

10:30:PM — Combs Chandler

Double Deck Cancellation Hearts Tournament

by Stan Ward

One of the signature games of Mensa and HELL's M's, DDCH is basically Hearts played with 7-9 players and two decks, where a matching card played cancels out the first one for purposes of taking the trick. Lead rotates, no need to wait for hearts to be broken, no score setbacks on 50 or 100, no "bucket-O-pain." If none of that means anything to you, a full rules explanation will be provided. If it does mean anything to you, this variant is often called "guts rules" or "Ohio rules." Sign up in advance or show up to replace a no-show.

Saturday, July 4

7:00:AM — Grand Ballroom A

Hospitality Breakfast

Breakfast will be served in Hospitality from 7 a.m. until 9:30 a.m. Everybody is welcome.

9:00:AM — Stopher

Punishment Thru The Pages -- Hers&History of Puns

by Brenda Sible

Puns, word-play and groaners galore. A brief herstory and history of puns.

9:00:AM — French

Getting What You Want -- Negotiating Tips for Your Life

by Brian Reeves

Professional negotiators have ideas they use to help them get their way more often. Many of these ideas can be adapted to everyday life. Learn how to begin negotiating before the other guy does, how to get the other person used to saying yes, how to trade air, how to create expectations that help you get what you want and how to divide the last piece of cake. Brian will teach you

several simple ways to get what you want more often in your relationships, in your business life and with business and companies you deal with every day.

9:00:AM — Bradley

Communications Committee Meeting

9:00:AM — Willis

American Mensa Admission Test Registration

Proctors will register candidates for the American Mensa Admissions Test. Test candidates must be at least 14 years of age, provide a photo ID and be a permanent U.S. resident.

9:00:AM — Archibald Cochran

Bokwa — Fitness Class

by Andrew Heffernan

Bokwa is the world's fastest growing group fitness program! From Los Angeles to the United Kingdom, from Taiwan to Australia -- Bokwa is teaching the world to "sweat to the alphabet, and dance to the digits!" By teaching participants small steps and then stacking the steps together everyone can be successful immediately. For all ages and all skill levels. Join Andrew as he teaches an introductory class in Bokwa and see why this fitness class is being integrated into schools and gyms across the world. Fitness attire suggested, but not necessary.

9:00:AM — Carroll Ford

It's Only a Bike Race: How Hard Can It Be?

by Steve Banner

The Tour de France has been regarded as the premier event in the cycling world ever since its inception in 1903 when only 15 riders entered the 35-day event. Not only is the race a test of endurance, it also calls for intelligent advance planning and execution of strategy. This presentation tells the exclusive inside story of the 2014 edition of the Tour in which 198 riders crossed mountains and plains while competing to be the first to cross the finish line in Paris after riding the equivalent distance from New York to Phoenix in the space of 21 days.

9:00:AM — Nunn

Town Hall Meeting with National Office Executive Director and Senior Staff

by Pam Donahoo and Senior Staff

Do you have questions about how the National Office operates? Would you like to put a name with a face? Do you not know all the new people in the office? Here's a great opportunity to join Executive Director Pamela L. Donahoo, Director of Finance David Peery, Foundation Director Jill Beckham, Communications Director Charles Brown, Marketing Director John McGill, Director of Membership and Strategy Trevor Mitchell and IT Director Mathew Needham for a town hall meeting. This is not a formal presentation. The content will be determined by the audience and what they want to know.

9:00:AM — Combs Chandler

Cryptogram Tournament

by Jared Levine

Each person participating will be handed a packet of cryptograms, each puzzle using a different cipher to encode the saying or quote, each of which also has an attribution. The person to solve the most cryptograms correctly wins.

9:00:AM — Jones

The Great War in the Ardennes: A Woman's Journal

by Karen Bruner Upright

In the early days of World War I, the German army occupied the valley of the Meuse in the Ardennes. Marie-Madeleine Chaineaux, a woman from a small town of the Meuse Valley, kept detailed journals of the French civilian experience of occupation, beginning in 1915. Independent researcher Karen Upright explores the daily life of an ordinary woman during the Great War: her extraordinary empathy for those around her, her struggles to feed herself and her extended family, and her difficulties in navigating a complex web of requisitions, restrictions and deprivation.

9:30:AM — Willis

American Mensa Admission Test

American Mensa Admission Tests are given for the purpose of admission into Mensa. A score at the 98th percentile on either of two tests qualifies an applicant for Mensa membership. All candidates who test will receive a one-day pass for the AG on the day of testing.

10:30:AM — Jones

Round, Black, and Cheap: What You Should Know About Tires -- But Probably Don't

by Jim McIntyre

Most people know little or nothing about the tires on their cars, but there are some things that can make you a safer driver and a better purchaser. Unfortunately, this information is not widely known and some of it is counter-intuitive. My goal is to educate intelligent drivers in an accessible and engaging way.

10:30:AM — Brown

AML Forum Meet-and-Greet

by Barbara Kryvko

The AML Forum is American Mensa's online Community, a place where Mensans from across the country can interact, debate and meet new friends. Come to the Meet-and-Greet to meet your online friends in person, or just come by to hear what the AML Forum is all about!

10:30:AM — Bradley

AG Policy Review Committee Meeting

10:30:AM — Segell

TED: Why Mensans Should Love Ideas Worth Spreading

by Alan Baltis

TED began as a conference for leaders in the technology, entertainment and design fields to get together and share their passions and insights in crystallized, 18-minute presentations. Over the last three decades, TED has expanded and evolved into one of the world's premiere vehicles for

the dissemination of Big Ideas. Major TED conferences are held all over the world, and independent TEDx meetings showcase local leaders in dozens of major cities. Thousands of videos are available at TED.com and have been curated into topic-specific Netflix bundles. Come learn the origins, history, highlights and future of this fantastically influential meme machine.

10:30:AM — Carroll Ford

A Highly Successful Grantwriter's Top 10 Secrets

by Karen Thurber

Have you always wanted to write a grant? Perhaps you've tried to obtain grants only to be turned down, perhaps multiple times? Come to this fun, 10-step presentation and learn from a grant professional with more than 30 years of experience who has raised more than \$15 million from federal, state, private foundations and corporations. Learn about finding the right grant, forming partnerships, identifying matching funds and writing a grant with a high degree of funding probability. This presentation will help those new to grants as well as those who need a fresh perspective on this challenging and rewarding process.

10:30:AM — Nunn

Near Death Experiences 101

by Dan Punzak

General introduction to the topic of near death experiences (NDEs) including analogies from physics on how the mind can function when the brain is not functioning. How NDErs lives were changed as well as related topics such as End of Life Experiences (ELEs).

10:30:AM — French

Life in Antarctica 50 Years Ago

by Bill Hughes

Fifty years ago, Bill Hughes was a Navy pilot and during one tour of duty supported scientific explorations in Antarctica. He lived at McMurdo Sound base for six months during the summer of 1960-1961. The missions and the living conditions combined to produce numerous entertaining stories.

10:30:AM — Stopher

LEAP: See the World with Mensa

by Stefano Lodola

You're lucky to make it to the gathering, but many Mensans only wish they were here. International exchange could be easy and affordable if done on an individual basis, both online and offline - and enrich the life of many fellow members as it has yours. Be inspired by my story as a language wanderer, discuss the results of a research on directors' and members' perspectives on current tools for international exchange and envisage projects ranging from new online platforms to improvements to SIGHT (do you know what that is?).

10:30:AM — Archibald Cochran

Zumba Fitness

by Naomi M. Horovitz

Zumba is a nonstop Latin fitness party, featuring dance rhythms such as salsa, merengue,

cumbia, and reggaeton. Mensans of all ages, shapes and sizes are invited to join the party. No experience necessary. Please wear comfortable clothes and sneakers, and bring a towel and bottle of water. No observers, please.

10:30:AM — Coe

Using Data to Improve Member Experience

by Stephanie Thornton

Calling all Membership Officers, LocSecs and other leaders! Want to improve your member experience but don't know where to start? Let data be your friend! I'll share the results of Mensa's national membership survey, as well as tips and tools for you to collect additional information from your members to help inform your decisions. Take the guesswork out of what people are looking for in their Mensa experience, and let the data do the talking! Have other ways you use data to improve the member experience? Time is planned for attendees to also share their best practices with one another.

10:30:AM — Combs Chandler

Book/Author Quiz Tournament

by De Freshwater

How much do you really know about what you read and who has written it? Now's your chance to find out by participating in this individually played written quiz tournament. The answers required will be short -- no essay questions. The use of electronic devices is not permitted during tournament play. Due to space limitations, the tournament will be limited to 115 players. Sign up in the Tournament Room in advance, or show up and claim any available seat remaining.

11:00:AM — Wilson

Gifted Youth: The Present and Future of Mensa

by Lisa Van Gemert

Ever wonder exactly what a three-year-old does with a Mensa membership? Want to make sure you're getting the most out of your Mensa Membership? Join Mensa's Youth & Education Ambassador to find out the State of the Youth, some tips for making sure you're getting the most out of what Mensa and the Mensa Foundation have to offer, and get the inside scoop on what's going on in Mensa for Youth. Q & A will follow the information portion of the session. IMPORTANT: This is an MTeen strand program, where seating is limited.

11:30:AM — Grand Ballroom A

Hospitality Lunch - Pasta Alfredo with Chicken

Lunch will be served in Hospitality from 11:30 a.m. until 2 p.m. Everybody is welcome.

12:00:PM — French

The Olympics of Professional Services -- Is It Possible by 2025?

by John R Persico

The modern Summer and Winter Olympics captivate billions of people every four years -- but could humans create the equivalent for Intellects and Mental Athletes? The presentation explores the history of professional educational competitions throughout the world, the emergence and promise of hackathons, and the future of "intellectual sports" for talent acquisition, corporate innovation and product adoption. We provide an overview of analytical world championships

and contend that Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths (STEM) competitions will become commonplace in the decade ahead -- including the world's first Intellectual Olympics by 2025.

12:00:PM — Segell

The Amazing Online Dating Experience

by Timmy King

There is a greater than 50% chance that you or someone you know will try online dating in the next 12 months. In the dog-eat-dog world of online dating, a great profile can mean the difference between finding your soul mate and losing your mind. This panel will show you how to craft a profile that stands head and shoulders above the rest. We will deconstruct the most amazing profile on Match.com, and we will peruse a plethora of examples of what not to do. You don't get a second chance to make a first impression!

12:00:PM — Combs Chandler

The Mensa Murder Mystery Game, #5

by Ed You , Viki Kind

In the Mensa Murder Mystery Game you are a sleuth and potential victim. Be the first to report the murderer's identity or motive to win bragging rights, using dastardly scenarios and diabolical overlooked clues carried on the victims. Join the game at any time by picking up a rules flyer and a participation sticker from: (1) Wednesday's 3 p.m. orientation in the Tournament Room, (2) the daily noon pre-lunch debriefings in the Tournament Room, or (3) "Inspector You" or "Detective Kind" any time during the AG. Ends Saturday at 8:30 p.m.

12:00:PM — Coe

Interactive Tech Discussion

by Matthew Needham , Scott Snider

Calling all webmasters and tech savvy local officers! This program is designed as an interactive discussion to promote clarity about Local Group needs regarding tech related support, especially as it pertains to website hosting needs. This is the opportunity to review the current status and consider where we need to be going as we move forward with updates and enhancements of Local Groups' web presence. There may also be some review about what resources are available and what is needed for groups who do not have the necessary skilled volunteers stepping forward.

12:00:PM — Nunn

Astrology as a 10-Dimensional Science

by Pamela J. Fernsler

This is a perspective on astrology as a science of cause and effect through examination of four characteristics of all astronomical objects, a brief history of astrology and a view on why astrological interpretation plausibly works.

12:00:PM — Stopher

The Trappist Monks of Kentucky: 164 Years of Silence

by Barbara Kryvko

In 1851, the Abbey of Our Lady of Gethsemani was founded as the base for Trappist monk

communities in the U.S. Located on 2,000 acres just south of Louisville, monks live a contemplative life of faithful prayer, work and silence. The Abbey was home to Father Thomas Merton, author of *The Seven-Storey Mountain*, which has been extensively praised in lists of the best books of the 20th century. Since its founding, the Abbey has welcomed guests for silent retreat including the current Dalai Lama, Civil War soldiers from both sides and your presenter, Barbara Kryvko.

12:00:PM — Jones

Bucket List Primer -- How to Fulfill Your Dreams

by Tony Diaz

Dream big. Live life to the fullest. The world is your oyster; experience all it has to offer. This presentation provides you with a potpourri of places to go, things to see and do, experiences to have and adventures to live that will fill your bucket list to overflowing! Bucket list aficionado and world traveler Tony Diaz shows you how to stop putting your dreams on hold and begin to make a dent in that list of things you said you would do "some day."

1:30:PM — Segell

Controlled Remote Viewing: Human Interaction in the Non-Local Environment

by Teresa Frisch

Controlled Remote Viewing (CRV) was developed by the Stanford Research Institute for use by the United States Military Intelligence Unit STAR GATE. CRV, with its blind protocols, structured process, and use of both mind and body, is termed a "mental martial art." With practice the Controlled Remote Viewer develops the ability of their subconscious and conscious minds to learn to work together on a common task. Reporting sensory perceptions about people, events and locations across time and space using CRV is purposeful information gathering. Current professional uses for CRV are research, archeological projects, locating missing persons and business decision-making.

1:30:PM — Stopher

Building Huge, In-Real-Life Communities for Anything

by Shaharris Beh , JJ Beh

HackerNest has grown into 21 cities in 12 countries on 4 continents - organically - in the past two years. Learn how we de-bastardize the word "community" by destroying the traditional status quo of "networking" events. We unite local tech communities and build the foundations from which supportive ecosystems can springboard into success. Our Tech Socials are the nexus of a collaborative and supportive ecosystem for talent, innovation, and fostering change. Learn from our challenges and mistakes and triumphs from running over 160+ volunteer-powered community events and hackathons internationally.

1:30:PM — French

Adventures in Space Development

by Paul Wieland

This presentation will take a behind-the-scenes look at some of the challenges of going to space, based on Paul's personal experiences while working for NASA. Programs that he was involved with include the Hubble Space Telescope, the SpaceLab 3 mission, the Space Shuttle Challenger accident investigation, and, especially, the life support system for the International Space Station.

Current efforts by private companies and by other countries will also be discussed, with implications for human missions beyond low Earth orbit. A broader look at future possibilities will also be considered, addressing the question: How can space development help address Earth-bound challenges?

1:30:PM — Carroll Ford

Awards Presentation

Celebrate the accomplishments of Mensa members and Local Groups at our awards presentation. Share the highlights of the year and see which groups win big! All members are welcome to attend. We will also preview the 2016 Annual Gathering in San Diego!

1:30:PM — Combs Chandler

Trash Bowl

by Charlie Steinhice

Trash Bowl is a lively pop culture competition, game show-style, only without commercials for Rice-a-Roni. Your genial quizmaster, Charlie Steinhice, returns after a year off for his eighth AG Trash Bowl. Challenging for competitors; entertaining for spectators. The buzzer-system format is styled after academic quizbowl, except for the subject matter -- films, music, TV, sports, games, junk food and other effluvia of American life. Maximum 64 players, who'll be arbitrarily grouped into teams of four. No experience necessary; early signup recommended.

1:30:PM — Jones

How I Survived the Submarine Service Without Losing My Mind

by Karl William Heckman

Former Navy submariner talks about self-published memoir of his service in nuclear submarines; *Watertight: How I Survived the Submarine Service without Losing My Mind*. Topics covered: The psychological anomaly that is a submariner, the value of writing your memoir, the arduous journey to a completed book. More information about the book can be viewed at WatertightTheBook.com.

1:30:PM — Archibald Cochran

Argentina in Kentucky? Isn't It Hot Enough?

by Don Jacobs

Isn't it hot enough? If you think it's hot because you're in the south, think again. It's hot because your dancing Argentine Tango. It just looks like Louisville outside. Just think of the delightful and seductive interlocking of legs and arms. Here's an opportunity to learn a dance that is done in virtually every major city in the world. Tango heat is everywhere and it starts here. Learn the fine (and not so fine) points of dancing Tango from a first rate Tango performer, who coincidentally is Mensa's mavin of dance. No partner? No problem.

2:45:PM — Wilson

Bringing your LinkedIn Profile to Life

by Lisa Van Gemert

LinkedIn is the calling card of the professional world, and your profile speaks volumes about you whether you're ready for it or not. Lisa will show you how to take your profile from simply good to all-star in a few easy steps. Even if you are a complete newcomer to LinkedIn, you'll learn

everything you need to make a profile that truly stands out. Learn to lead better by leveraging the tools available through LinkedIn. IMPORTANT: This is an MTeen strand program, where seating is limited.

3:00:PM — Breathitt

Meet Your Match with M-Available (If You Didn't Already On Wednesday)!

by Rob Salkin

If you're reading this before the AG and you'll be around on Wednesday, please come to our speed dating event then. If you're arriving later, or didn't yet meet the significant other of your dreams, please do stop in for an event that may very well change your life! There will be a very brief overview of M-Available (mavailable.org; m-available.com; MAvailableSIG@gmail.com) followed by a largely free-form meet-and-greet with lots of single people.

3:00:PM — Clements

LocSec Meet-and-Greet

by Desiree E. Elliott

LocSecs, Presidents and Chairs of Local Groups -- this is YOUR Meet-and-Greet! Come talk to other local group leaders who are the primary link between the local groups and that national organization. Make some connections and consult with each other about any concerns you might be having. Not attending the Leadership Summit? This is a great way to still connect with the folks who can offer sound advice or share some harrowing experiences.

3:00:PM — Archibald Cochran

Supervised Ballroom Dance Practice

by Don Jacobs

Practice what you've learned and if you have questions you can get answers, even if you weren't at the class or it's a question about any other dance.

3:00:PM — French

The History of Modern Hot Air Ballooning

by Bill Hughes

Bill Hughes became a balloon pilot in 1970 when there were less than 100 balloon pilots in the U.S. He presently operates a balloon ride business in New York and instructs balloon pilots throughout the U.S. He has known all the pioneers of the sport and has had many balloon adventures.

3:00:PM — Stopher

LEAP: Membership Growth -- Proven Methods

by Hana Kalusova

In 2008 Czech Mensa had 1,266 members; in 2014 there were 2,438 members. We are still growing and I would like to talk about the methods and rules we have used to start this growth. I will focus on ideas that any other national Mensa can easily use. We have also developed working infrastructure for volunteers (to let them realize their ideas) which entails more events, activities, GC programs, testing, etc. We made a huge progress but we do not want to rest on our laurels -- so I hope to get some new inspiration, too.

3:00:PM — Coe

What's So Special About Special Interest Groups?

by Barbara Kryvko

One of the most vibrant, exciting and diverse facets of Mensa is the Special Interest Group program. From scuba diving to skydiving, from reading to writing, and from urban living to an actual Mensan-founded commune, the SIGs program encompasses hundreds of topics. For those topics that aren't included -- you can start your own! Come by and explore the history of SIGs, what SIGs are currently available to join, and what the SIGs program can become in the future -- with your help!

3:00:PM — Segell

Aloha Hawaii

by Anton Anderssen

After 37 tourist visits to Hawaii, Anton Anderssen has learned how to get the very best value out of a vacation to the Aloha state. Learn about the luaus, shopping hot spots, cultural landmarks and yummy cheap eats.

4:15:PM — Wilson

6 Things Students Need to Know About College Admissions

by Lessa Scherrer

You've reached the end of your high school career and are ready to take the next step. What do you do now? And how do you have time to find the right college when you're already so busy? With the right preparation and a little on-going effort, you can sail through your senior year and into the college of your dreams. You'll learn how to find the right college for you, how much college will cost, get good letters of recommendation, write a killer application essay, and keep the application process from burying you, with tips and strategies to keep you sane!

IMPORTANT: This is an MTeen strand program. See seating explanation on page (x).

4:30:PM — French

Dumb Things Smart People Do

by Abbie F. Salny, Ed. D.

An amusing commentary of real-life mistakes and faux pas committed by otherwise highly intelligent people. They have used their intellect to get themselves into predicaments dumb people would never think of! This presentation is an annual favorite at AGs because Abbie never runs out of new and amusing true stories. Come find out if there is any truth to the rumor that "the smarter you are, the dumber your 'M'istakes are." This year, there are even more new stories!

4:30:PM — Coe

The Root of All Evil -- Local Group Treasuries

by Roger Durham , LaRae Bakerink , Taz Criss , Teresa Gregory

Does your Local Group have too much money? Is such a thing even possible? Come hear several national officers and former LocSecs discuss ways to use your group's surplus funds to benefit the members. Roger Durham, six-term former LocSec of North Texas Mensa, will chair the panel.

4:30:PM — Jones

Is the Universe Ringing Like a Crystal Glass ?

by Dr. Harry Ringermacher

We know the universe has been expanding since that discovery by Edwin Hubble in 1929. In 1998, it was discovered that its expansion has been accelerating for the last 6 billion years toward "the big rip." In 2014, I have found that the universe is not only accelerating its expansion but also is ringing while expanding -- in a sense "breathing." I'll talk about my latest research on the expanding, accelerating, ringing universe.

4:30:PM — Willis

Friends of Bill W

A meeting of all Twelve Step members to get to know other Mensans in recovery and provide support for any who wish to quit compulsive behaviors.

4:30:PM — Brown

SIG Coordinator Meet-and-Greet

by Barbara Kryvko

Meet-and-greet for coordinators of Special Interest Groups. Share tips and tricks for running SIGs and attracting members.

4:30:PM — Segell

Cyber Threats and Homeland Security

by Leo Doyle

Leo Doyle is Head of the Indianapolis DHS Cyber Defense Force (Division of Homeland Security). Cyber terrorism is a threat to all of us whether we know it or not. It can happen almost anywhere, any time. Leo will present some recently declassified events and talk about the dark underbelly of the Internet where there are no rules, no laws and organized crime and gangs meet to do their business. People don't ordinarily see and can't find this "Deep Web" without special software. He will talk about some of the specialized training that he and his team have been through.

4:30:PM — Nunn

Dealing With Modern Health Care -- How to Swim Post-Obamacare

by Andy Di Cyan

Learn how to find, prevent and correct your provider's medical mistakes before they have a chance to harm you. Protect your medical privacy, become aware of your options, resist medical intimidation, learn what to watch out for when you're a hospital patient and how to take charge of your case. We'll reveal indicators of doctor burnout and other things doctors don't want you to know. Doctors spend 10 years in training learning how to deal with you. Come and spend a few minutes learning to deal with them. We'll level the playing field and clue you in.

4:30:PM — Bradley

Community Services Committee Meeting

4:30:PM — Carroll Ford

The Taming of I.Q. -- Atomic Shakespeare

by Pungo Players

The Pungo Players have been called the intellectual sorbet of American Mensa's Annual Gatherings, a welcome, palette cleansing break from weighty topics and sonorous lectures. This evening's Bard-inspired performance is their 17th production and features a melange of iambic pentameter, with an infusion of sambas and cha-chas and is leavened by the Pungo's trademarked blend of low and high (but no middle) brow humor. The puns are plentiful, the situations ridiculous; the singing adequate. Won't you join us? And, as always, we appreciate your laughter but cherish your groans.

6:00:PM — Grand Ballroom A

Hospitality Dinner - Fried Chicken

Dinner will be served in Hospitality from 6 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. Everybody is welcome.

6:00:PM — Stopher

Invest Intelligently by Controlling Behavioral Biases

by Bob Pugh, CFA, CFP®

Cognitive errors and emotional biases can seriously impair anyone's ability to make sound investment decisions. Attend this workshop to learn what these behavioral impediments to good investing are, and how you can avoid them. An understanding of behavioral finance can help you prepare better for your own financial future, or assess what your financial advisor is doing.

6:00:PM — Segell

The First Bomb of "Shock and Awe": A Cockpit Perspective

by Steven E. Ankerstar

Steve details his first-hand experience in dropping the first bomb of the Shock and Awe campaign from an F-117 stealth fighter in 2003. From President Bush's 48-hour warning to Saddam Hussein to leave Iraq to the opening strikes of Operation Iraqi Freedom, Steve provides a cockpit perspective on what it is like to serve as a front line warfighter and attack the heart of the enemy. Steve's story is also detailed in the book *Cobra II: The Inside Story of the Invasion and Occupation of Iraq* by Michael R. Gordon and General Bernard E. Trainor.

6:00:PM — Brown

M-Atheists SIG Meet-and-Greet

by Peter Spearing

M-Atheists SIG is an active online discussion group with more than 1000 members, at groups.yahoo.com/group/M-Atheists/info. Once a year we get together in person at the AG. If you're an atheist but not an online-group-joiner, stop by to meet some of your fellow critical thinkers face-to-face, brain-to-brain.

6:00:PM — French

The Fully Functional Brain

by Dr. Michael Nichols

Learn how even everyday stress can alter the function of your brain. Not getting what you want out of life? Not achieving your goals? Chronic pain? Low energy? See how stress effects posture and brain function therefore affecting life quality.

6:00:PM — Jones

Resumé Writing (From the Person Who Reads Them)

by Lora Mitchell

Looking for a new position but not sure where to start or not getting interviews? Your skills might not be giving the first impression you want on your resumé and cover letter. Hear from an experienced HR director tips to stand out in a good way and increase your chance of moving to the next stage in the hiring process. And yes, we'll discuss "should I put Mensa on my resumé?"

6:00:PM — Combs Chandler

True Greed Tournament

by Barry Austern

True Greed is a fast-paced dice game invented by Queen Mary Lee, well-known within Mensa. No experience necessary; play is by individuals rather than teams. One of the rules is that -- at least for the first game -- experienced players will have to coach the "virgins."

7:30:PM — Segell

Decoding Palaeolithic Art: The Dead Man Tableau

by Christopher Kilgore

Lascaux Cave in Southwestern France contains the most spectacular cave paintings yet discovered, including the most enigmatic of all ancient artworks: The Dead Man Tableau. This assemblage, containing both human and animal elements, seems to entail a narrative, but scholars disagree as to its meaning. Is it the image of an unfortunate hunter, dead at the feet of his mortally wounded prey? Or could it represent a masked Shaman in trance, surrounded by dream figures? Is there a literal or allegorical message? Christopher Kilgore's novel interpretation answers these questions definitively and illuminates the images as important precursors of modern civilization.

7:30:PM — Nunn

Around the World of Words (with Concert to Follow)

by Theo Czuk

Theo Czuk, novelist, poet and songwriter, explores the craft of writing from the mountaintops of poetry to the lush valleys of the novel and the many inroads that connect the two. Survey the province of the unique tongues spoken by the novel, poetry, and songwriting that makes these disciplines similar, yet unique unto themselves. Theo's novel, *Heart-Scarred*, was written symbiotically with his music (every chapter title in Theo's novel is a song title from Theo's musical portfolio). Theo augments his presentation with songs from his critically acclaimed CD, *Too Many Shadows*.

7:30:PM — Bradley

Bylaws Committee Meeting

7:30:PM — Combs Chandler

Perquackey Tournament

by Charles Godfrey

Perquackey is a three-minute word search game. You'll be given a pre-determined selection of approximately 12 letters, and you'll try to form lists of words ranging from three letters up to 10+ letters by arranging and rearranging the given letters. Bonus points are awarded for completing consecutive word-length lists of five words each.

7:30:PM — Carroll Ford

Name That Movie!

by Geri & John Neemidge

Name That Movie consists of short clips from about 40 movies. Each movie clip presents one or more themes. We ask that you identify each movie and the themes. Play as individuals or as a team of up to 6 members. We try to make each clip interesting on its own, so even if you don't know movies very well we hope the game will be entertaining. Clips (not the movies themselves) are chosen to be PG or G rated. We'll provide a key with information about each movie and themes at the *end*.

8:30:PM — Clements

The Mensa Murder Mystery Game, #5 (Conclusion)

by Ed You , Viki Kind

In the Mensa Murder Mystery Game you are a sleuth and potential victim. Be the first to report the murderer's identity or motive to win bragging rights, using dastardly scenarios and diabolical overlooked clues carried on the victims. Join the game at any time by picking up a rules flyer and a participation sticker from: (1) Wednesday's 3 p.m. orientation in the Tournament Room, (2) the daily noon pre-lunch debriefings in the Tournament Room, or (3) "Inspector You" or "Detective Kind" any time during the AG. Ends Saturday at 8:30 p.m.

9:00:PM — Carroll Ford

The Furry Fandom: More than Just a Costume

by CDR Larry Wise, USN

Although the "furry fandom" started as an off-shoot of the science fiction genre, anthropomorphics have existed throughout all of modern history. The speaker has been a member of the fandom for more than twenty years. During that time, he has met with artists, writers, and performers from around the world. An attendee of many conventions, he's seen the best that the fandom can produce. Aside from the history of the fandom, he'll also talk about the parts that fandom that the media tends to overlook.

9:00:PM — Archibald Cochran

Fourth of July Dance

by Alexandra Rice

Come enjoy a myriad of music spanning multiple decades and get down like our founding fathers.

9:00:PM — Breathitt

BDSMensan Meet-and-Greet!

by Boss and NaughtyBaby

A meeting for people who enjoy the BDSM and kink lifestyle. This gathering is for those into or curious, who wish to know other Ms in the lifestyle. All experience levels welcome -- don't be

shy! Come connect with us and make some great new friends! You must be 18+ to attend this program.

9:00:PM — Combs Chandler

Texas Hold'em Poker Tournament

by Stephen J. Burnham

This tournament is Texas Hold'em. It's just like what you see on TV in the final event of the World Series of Poker, except that you will deal for yourselves, and our grand prize is much smaller. Come win the admiration of your Mensa peers by beating them in a poker tournament!

9:00:PM — Clements

The Werewolves of the Louisville AG (Sat)

by Ed You and others

By night, werewolves kill off villagers. By day, enraged villagers kill off suspected werewolves. (But sometimes they mistakenly kill off "innocent villagers," -- oops.) Werewolf requires observation, deduction, and a lot of bold-faced lying. Who will prevail: the werewolves or the villagers? One fun-filled game takes 20-30 minutes and then repeats. Newbies are always welcomed. (Werewolf is similar to, but better than, "Mafia.") The village includes: 2-4 Werewolves, ordinary villagers and an assortment of special villagers with special abilities.

9:00:PM — Segell

Carmina Burana Sing-Along

by Dave Cahn

An annual event! Sing along with (or just listen to) a recording of the bawdy, lustful songs of Carl Orff's Carmina Burana. You don't need a good voice to enjoy this. Lyrics (in Medieval Latin, Middle High German and a few verses of Old Provençal) will be provided. If you have a copy of the score, please feel free to bring it.

10:30:PM — Carroll Ford

Late Night Comedy Open Mic

by George Haynes

A stand-up comedy and joke-telling open mic. Bring original material to do a short set of stand-up comedy, or bring your best parlour jokes (clean or dirty). If you're doing stand up comedy, be sure it's original material. Don't steal material from other comics. Conversely, parlour jokes are meant to be repeated often and with verve. Session not intended for the easily offended. Adults only (18+).

10:30:PM — Segell

Charades

by Dave Cahn

Our non-competitive format is fun for newcomers and experienced players alike. Act out titles, quotations, gag sayings, punch lines, etc. Discover your inner mime. Guess what others are trying to convey. Instructions provided before we start.

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9:00:AM — Carroll Ford

Lederer on Language (A Repeat Performance)

by Richard Lederer

This is a repeat performance of the program Richard gave on Friday. Longtime *Mensa Bulletin* language columnist Richard Lederer will take you on a joy ride through our glorious, notorious, uproarious, outrageous, courageous, contagious, stupendous, tremendous, end-over-endous English language. Dr. Lederer has been described as "learning dressed up to have fun," so come prepared for entertainment and edification.

9:00:AM — French

How to Protect Yourself Against the Police

by Andy Di Cyan

Knowing your rights against police is good, but what you need is how to use that knowledge. Police usually go after whoever's in front of them. Innocent people who know their rights usually fold under interrogation and sign false confessions and get convicted. It's brainwashing every bit as much as cult indoctrination. Media exposés of this well-known phenomenon don't tell you how to protect yourself. We will. We'll level the playing field. Make a police encounter a temporary annoyance instead of a life-changing event. You can get to walk away. Join us and be safe.

10:00:AM — Archibald Cochran

Farewell Brunch

Say goodbye to friends, old and new, and prepare for the journey home. This is a ticketed event, not an open AG event. Everybody is welcome to join us at 11:30 for AG announcements, plugs for upcoming gatherings, and a reminder to register for the 2016 San Diego AG.

10:30:AM — Jones

Widespread Misperceptions About New Testament Writings

by Thomas Daniel Nehrer

Most people, even devoted Christians, know little about the New Testament's origins and contents. Learn of contradictions, inconsistencies, impossible reports, exaggerations, conjecture, myth and lore woven into the gospels -- how they have false names attributed to their authorship and each depict a different Jesus. Tom will show how scholars have debunked much of the New Testament's mystique, revealing basically fictional works. From his unique standpoint, he will show how proto-Christians from the disciples onward failed to grasp Jesus' parables illustrating a Kingdom "within", rather weaving regional myth into orthodoxy while ignoring Jesus' deep insights.

10:30:AM — Brown

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints

by Jessica Mathews

Worship service conducted by members of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Visitors are welcome. Reverence is requested. One Sunday each month, in connection with optional fasting and prayer on behalf of the needy, LDS members sing hymns, offer prayers, partake of the sacrament (bread and water) if appropriate, and are invited to share their testimonies of the gospel of Jesus Christ, as the Spirit moves.

10:30:AM — Carroll Ford

Collecting Odd and Rare Cars

by Leo Doyle

Leo Doyle owns some of the rarest vehicles on earth. He has been collecting odd/rare cars for years and has a collection of more than 40 vehicles. His cars include a spy van, a four-wheel-drive amphibious car, and the fastest street-legal vehicle in the world. He also has eight electric cars, some of which will beat a Porsche off the line, have top speeds more than 120 mph and cost 1 cent per mile for the electricity they use. He will tell you how to acquire rare vehicles, how to get them titled and insured, what to do when they break and more.

10:30:AM — French

Update on Alzheimer's

by Elna R. Tymes

Alzheimer's is the sixth leading cause of death in the U.S. among those 50 and older, and the rate is rising as more of us live longer. Currently, one in three of those 65 and older are likely to develop the disease. So much has happened in the last year regarding Alzheimer's and dementia, including the BRAIN Initiative, with public/private funding in the millions and work already going on all over the country. No, we don't have a cure yet, but there's a lot of really promising stuff in the pipeline. The goal is to find a cure for Alzheimer's by 2025, and it's going to happen if the current trajectory continues. Elna will talk about what's been happening.

11:30:AM — Grand Ballroom A

Hospitality Lunch - Chili Mac

Lunch will be served in Hospitality from 11:30 a.m. until 2 p.m. Everybody is welcome.