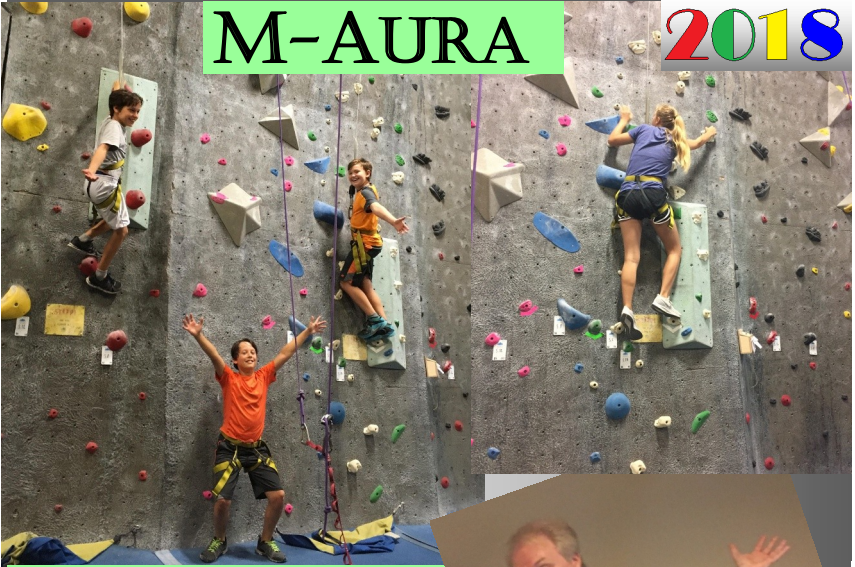


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## OCTOBER



**New Members  
Party—Oct 6th !!**  
Be there or be raised  
to the second power

**October Speaker: Brian Reinhart**—*Getting in Trouble in Restaurants*

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**ON THE COVERS, *Front: Top*** : Mensa Gifted Youth “hanging around” on belay lines at the climbing gym. *Bottom Left: (l-r)* August Poker winners, 1<sup>st</sup> Carlos Navarette, 3<sup>rd</sup> Anne “Vegas” Whiteman, 2<sup>nd</sup> Mary Milford. *Bottom Right:* Speaker and former M-Aura editor Pual Nichols looking at (people off camera, not words) while gesturing at (his slides off camera, not the edge of the newsletter) at the August General meeting. Topic was innovation.

***Back: Top:*** For those that didn't want to hang around at the gym, bouldering was also an option.

*Bottom:* Games SIG (l-r) Ignatz, Deborah, Mark (Schrodinger’s Mensan) Doyle, Jason, Eileen, Ellen, and Chuck exceeding the practical limit on team size for *Code Names*

***You can check the online calendar anytime at [www.northtexasmensa.org](http://www.northtexasmensa.org) for event updates!***

## RG SNEAK PEEK

*by Karen Brack*

Hey, movie buffs!

We're having our first ever movie night at the North Texas Mensa RG this year, and the theme is...Great Rotten Movies. You know, movies that are so bad you watch them over and over again because they're that good. My first favorite great rotten movie was King Kong vs. Godzilla. Also on my list are Dune and Twister.

What's on your list? Send your favorites to [kwbrack18@gmail.com](mailto:kwbrack18@gmail.com). Maybe you'll see them on movie night at NTM's CyberRG. <http://www.northtexasmensa.org/2018-rg>.

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**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!** The following NTMers add another candle to the cake in October:

Thomas Russell, Martin Gross, Les Jameson, Winston Black, Kishore Raj, Lloyd Segler, Jeffrey Gamblin, Michael Pickard, Hugh Strickland, Michael Dubrick, Robert Pittman, Julie Bradley, Sonya Cooper, Davin Sanchez, Jacqueline White, Derek Blount, Collene Goldman, Jeremy Jones, Raymond Berfield, Curry Taylor, Roland Freeman, Andrew Rish, Jeffrey Laba, Allene Nichols, Gloria Weinberg, Robert Bennett, Jerold Skaggs, James Oates, Holly Stone, Alan Kazdoy, Scott Perdue, Kathy McWhorter, Darlene Wade, Elisa Silverman, Adam Walker, Doug Fix, Julie Sandel, Chris Haidet, Sven Ola Magnusson, Anne Young-Leslie, Michael Navarro, Patrick Kane, Tuan Rassool, Glenn Harrison, Sara Stokes, Robert Rollins, Meghan Horton, Eric Beeby

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## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS !

The following are new or rejoining North Texas Mensa members. Please join us in welcoming them to our group.

**New Mensans:** Jonathan Barker, Mark Doyle (hey!), Slaton Fenci, Craig Gossett, Ayrton Harried, Matthew Lewis, Rashmika Reddy-Mazzitello

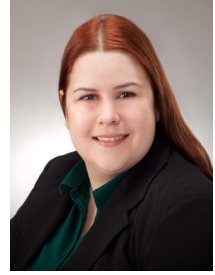
**Moving to NTM:** Roberta Goldstein

**Rejoining NTM:** Sharon Augustin, Raymond Berfield, Lakeshia Ekeigwe, Jill Jackson, Max McGregor, Nancy Norwood, John Parnell, Amy Perdreauxville, Scott Perdue, Scott Schorn, Julie Steward, Anne Young-Leslie

**We welcome you**, and look forward to seeing you at future functions!

## **TAZ TALKS — TASHA “TAZ” CRISS, REGION 6 VICE CHAIR**

October is once again National Testing Month. All testing sessions in the month will be \$30, which is half-price. This month will also mark the return of the Member Voucher Program. A voucher code will be sent to all members who have an email address on file with the national office. This code is good for one free test session or one free prior evidence review. While the American Mensa Committee considered the program a modest success last year, I personally don't believe that we were very adept at communicating how best to take advantage of it. The idea behind the voucher codes is that each member gives theirs



to someone they know who they believe would qualify. We all have friends or family members that we are sure would qualify if they just took the test. These codes are not meant to be collected by proctors and offered up to anyone interested in testing, nor should they just be thrown out in a general cattle call on Facebook. (Spoiler alert: I saw dozens of people try the Facebook approach last year. No one actually used those codes. I know because we could track who had which code.) Offering the voucher and your personal invitation to join is not only the most effective use of your code, it allows the person using your code to have a personal connection to Mensa even before they qualify. Keep an eye on your inboxes for more details on the program and your voucher code.

Looking past Testing Month, don't forget to put North Texas Mensa's annual Feast of Pleasures and Delights on your calendar! This Regional Gathering is always a great party held over Thanksgiving weekend. The RG Committee has been hard at work to reinvigorate this 38-year tradition with new ideas and excitement. You can find information and register online at <http://www.northtexasmensa.org/2018-rg>.

The final thing I wish to mention is that Mensa election season will shortly be upon us. In October, you will start to see communication regarding both bylaws referenda and American Mensa Committee elections. Any member can propose a national bylaws change. If the suggested amendment gains 250 signatures on a petition, it will be placed on the ballot for a general vote of the membership. Similarly, the only way for a candidate to get their name on the ballot for the AMC is via petition. Regional Vice Chair candidates must collect 50 signatures from members of their own region. National officer candidates (Chair, First Vice Chair, Second Vice Chair, Secretary, and Treasurer) must collect 250 signatures from members throughout the country. I hope all of you will take the time to review petitions as they become available on the national website. As a reminder, your signature on a petition does not mean you will vote for either the person or referendum, it merely means that you wish to see them or it on the ballot. Details and updates about elections can be found online at <https://www.us.mensa.org/lead/amc/elections/>.

As always, I ask that if you have any questions, concerns, or general comments, please let me know. I have created a simple online form where members can offer feedback on any topic, both by name or anonymously. You can find this form at <http://tinyurl.com/AML-R6-Feedback>. Of course, if you prefer, you can always contact me via email at [rvc6@us.mensa.org](mailto:rvc6@us.mensa.org), phone at 512-779-3945, or snail mail at 10518 Horseshoe Bend Dr, Houston, TX 77064.

## **RG SNEAK PEEK II**

*By Bill Weber*

And now for something completely different...for the NTM CyberRG the Security SIG (SecSIG) is here to harmonize your physical and cyber security Feng Shui.

This fall, we will be at the NTM RG with a whole room dedicated to fancy stuff like build your own computer, play some games, experience virtual reality, or learn to pick locks!

We are friendly to all ages and will have content for kids up through their grandparents. Grandparents do not need to have a child to attend.

So, there are some suggested prerequisites. You've taken a test or two, so listen up... here are your directions:

1) If you want to play games, bring a computer that is capable of playing games. We'll provide you power and internet. We may also suggest a time to play certain games so we can get teams together. Who knows how many of you will want to do this, so best to email [info@secsig.org](mailto:info@secsig.org) to reserve your spot.

2) So you wanna build a computer? You're gonna need some parts - and not just any parts. We're talking a Raspberry PI 3B+. All in, you're probably looking at about \$65 if you go to our corporate overlords at Amazon. We are not Amazon. We do not have a 30 second shipping guarantee. That being said, we'll have a limited number of Raspberry PIs available and ready for purchase at \$40 apiece but when they're gone, they're gone. If you want to enjoy this activity, take action. Be proactive. On the other hand, we will be providing a monitor, keyboard, mouse, power and internet during workshops, so there is that.

3) Everything else is free. Free as in, there may be a line that you're welcome to stand in if you want to use our stuff.

This year, we will also be talking a lot. About what you ask? Well, about how to protect yourself online and probably something about blockchain, because everything is better with blockchain. Come see us in the main track for that.

There may also be a secret competition that were not allowed to talk about. See, I've said too much already.

So, come chat with us at the SecSIG room, bring your gaming computer and a frosty adult beverage, or check out our talks in the main track.

## **SILENT AUCTION AT THE NTM RG**

To help support the NTM Scholarship Foundation, which awards scholarships for post-secondary education to area students, NTM will host a Silent Auction at our CyberRG 2018 for the first time in...well, a very long time. We are asking for items such as art, crafts, memorabilia and other items that would be of interest to Mensans, that are a bit above typical garage sale quality (but fine for a garage sale in a REALLY NICE neighborhood) and better. If you think what you are donating needs a line or two of description, please supply that, too.

Please bring your donations with you to the RG. If you are not coming to the RG (do we need to have a talk about this?), or would like to assist with the auction, or have any other questions, please contact Gail Spurlock ([gspurlock@gmail.com](mailto:gspurlock@gmail.com) or 972-231-4494).

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14 Noon Sunday Brunch Bunch 2 pm Bright Ladies SIG	8 7 pm Munch Bunch	9 7 pm Karate SIG 9 pm Calendar Deadline	10 7 pm Beer Garden 9 pm <i>M-Aura</i> All-Copy Deadline	11 1 pm Plano Lunch Group 7 pm HOTDAM 7 pm Karate SIG	12 1 pm East Dallas Lunch Bunch 7 pm MADEATS ( <i>different day this month!</i> )	13 6 pm Chat 'n Chew
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## ~October 2018~

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### ~WEEKLY EVENTS~

#### SUNDAYS

**12:00 Noon**

##### **Sunday Noon Brunch Bunch**

Location: **JJ's Café**, 10233 E Northwest Hwy Suite 434, Dallas, 75238

JJ's Cafe offers a Sunday Brunch which has been written up in "D" magazine's best Breakfast restaurants. Offered are breakfast and lunch items, including complimentary make your own mimosas, for \$10.99. Full menu is also available.

To help get seats for all who wish to attend, please RSVP to Rik Hess by 11:30 AM Sunday at 214-354-5071. Ask for the Mensa table or look for the Mensa table tent.

Contact: **Rik Hess** (214-354-5071)

#### MONDAYS

**7:00 PM - 8:15 PM Munch Bunch - Addison**

Location: **BJ's Restaurant**, 4901 Belt Line Rd., Addison 75254  
BJ's is an upscale brewpub with an extensive menu. On the north side of Belt Line just a couple of blocks west of the Tollway. Ask at the desk for the Mensa table.

Contact: **Deborah Lockhart** olibear@ix.com, or **Roger Durham** (214-349-4521)

#### TUESDAYS and THURSDAYS

**7:00 PM Karate SIG – Dallas**

Location: **Texins Dallas Activity Center**, TI Dallas Campus Ave K (~13800 N Central), Dallas, TX 75265.

Tired of getting sand kicked in your face? Join Mensans Paul and Anne Whiteman, and Sensei Ottis Wooten 6th Dan and Master Instructor to learn Taekwondo. Mensa KarateSIG has been offered a special rate of \$50/month. The emphasis of the adult program at 7 PM on Tuesdays & Thursdays is self-defense. There are other class times available, including children's programs. Beginners or advanced students welcomed.

Instruction is appropriate for your age and fitness. Develop confidence, learn to defend yourself, and have a little fun while you're at it. The Dallas Texins Center is the northernmost building of the TI Campus that is located on the northeast corner of the High 5 (take the Midpark exit off Central Expressway). **Please RSVP to Paul or Anne if you plan to attend.**

Contacts: **Anne Whiteman** (214-868-4410) or **Paul Whiteman** (469-569-3129)

## **WEDNESDAYS**

### **7:00 PM - 10:00 PM Beer Garden - Dallas**

Location: **Humperdink's**, 6050 Greenville Ave, Dallas, TX 75206 just north of Southwestern (MAPSCO 26-X). This is a brew pub with good food and reasonable prices. Ask for the Mensa table.

Contact: **Roger Durham** (214-349-4521)

## **THURSDAYS**

### **1:00 PM Plano Lunch Group**

Location: **Furr's Cafeteria**, 1900 N Central Expy, Ste 319, Plano, TX 75074 Furr's Cafeteria is on the east side of Central near the Collin Creek Mall just south of Park Blvd. The food there is much improved and very good. Because this place is more crowded, we changed the time to 1:00 PM. Look for the guy with the long white ponytail.

Contact: **Ty O'Neal** (972.624.0979 home or 214.394.7364 cell)

### **7:00 - 9:00 PM H.O.T.D.A.M. Hang out Together with Denton Area Mensans**

Location: **ZERA**, 420 E McKinney St # 104, Denton, 76209 Meet us at Zera on the southeast corner of N Bell Ave., and E McKinney Ave. for games, revelry, and more. Look for the owl statuette on the table. See YOU 'round!

Contact: **Deb Ramsey** (940) 391-9657 or **Christie Miller**, (940) 765-0429

## **FRIDAYS**

### **1:00 - 2:30 PM East Dallas Lunch Bunch**

Location: **Humperdink's** 6050 Greenville Ave., Dallas, TX 75206 just north of Southwestern (MAPSCO 26-X). Ask for the Mensa table. This is a brew pub with good food and reasonable prices.

Contact: **Roger Durham** (214-349-4521)

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## **October Events**

**Monthly, Bi-Monthly, and Special EVENTS -  
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### **05 FRIDAY**

#### **7:00 PM – 11:00 PM NTM Scholarship Foundation Friday Texas Hold 'Em**

Location: **Doug Fix's Home**, 761 Livingston Drive, Allen, 75002 Join us for a pleasant evening of cards, bluffing and fun. No big winners or losers, just bragging rights for your \$10 contribution to the kitty, and a \$5 re-buy if you wish – all of which goes to the Scholarship Foundation. Plenty of snacks and drinks, and those new to the game are welcome to join in. As always, the party starts at 7 PM, and the game commences at 7:30 PM.

Contact/RSVP: Please RSVP to **Doug** if you plan to attend: (469-656-1788) or [Doug@dfix.org](mailto:Doug@dfix.org)





## **06 SATURDAY**

**2:00 PM - 4:00 PM - Texoma Mensans** (First Saturday of each month)

Location: **Sherman Room:** 421 N. Travis, Sherman Public Library Community Room.

All Mensans (and their guests) are welcome to join us and the Texoma Poetry Society in the Community Room of the Sherman Public Library for poetry and conversation from 2:00 PM until 4:00 PM.

Contact: **Kat Walston:** ([g8drydr@yahoo.com](mailto:g8drydr@yahoo.com) or 903.647.4540)

## **6:00 PM – 11:00 PM – The NTM Fall New Members Party – You Don't Want to Miss It!!**

Location: **Ralf and Pam Kittenbacher's Home**, 1504 Auburn Drive, Richardson, TX, 75081

Come one, come all to our Fall New Members Party! We will be celebrating the October Harvest Fest, with beer, wine, and food. Weather permitting, we have the back patio, bar, and yard to enjoy the festivities with bratwurst and other goodies on the grill.

It's not just for new members – it's an opportunity for new members to meet seasoned members, and for seasoned members to meet new members, as we indulge in lots of good food and drink! The Fall NTM New Members Party is FREE for new members and a guest. If you have never attended a new member party since joining North Texas Mensa, then you and a guest also are free. Otherwise, it's only a \$5 cover for all the food and drink and outstanding company! So no more excuses for not being there.

If you have a favorite fall dish you would like to share, give a call and coordinate that with one of the contacts:

Contacts: **Ralf & Pam Kittenbacher** (972-497-9606 or [artipixer@gmail.com](mailto:artipixer@gmail.com)), **Paul Whiteman** (469-569-3129 or [paulw@ieee.org](mailto:paulw@ieee.org)), or **Anne Whiteman** (214-868-4410 or [anne.whiteman1@gmail.com](mailto:anne.whiteman1@gmail.com))

## **07 SUNDAY**

**2:00 PM – Gifted Youth Games Afternoon**

Location: **Nerdvana Coffee Shop:** 5757 Main Street #111, Frisco, TX 75034

Let's take a mid-semester break for an afternoon of playing games. Nerdvana has games you can borrow or bring one of your own.

[www.nerdvanafrisco.com/coffee/#games](http://www.nerdvanafrisco.com/coffee/#games)

Contact: **Bill Rock:** (972.396.8160, [w-rock1@raytheon.com](mailto:w-rock1@raytheon.com))

## **08 MONDAY**

**6:00 PM – 7:00 PM - 76 General Membership Meeting**  
(Second Monday of each month)

Location: **Lou's Place at Texas Wesleyan University:** 1112 Wesleyan Street, Ft. Worth, TX 76112 Speaker: TBD; Contact: TBD

## **09 TUESDAY**

**9:00 PM - M-Aura Calendar Deadline** (The 9<sup>th</sup> of each month)

Contact: **Calendar Chair, Sara Hawkins:**

([calendarchair@northtexasmensa.org](mailto:calendarchair@northtexasmensa.org) or 214.801.4704)

You can check the online calendar anytime at [www.northtexasmensa.org](http://www.northtexasmensa.org) for event updates!

## **10 WEDNESDAY**

**9:00 PM – M-Aura All Copy Deadline** (The 10<sup>th</sup> of each month)

Contact: **Editor, Bill Rock:** ([editor@northtexasmensa.org](mailto:editor@northtexasmensa.org) or 972.396.8160)

## **12 FRIDAY (different day, this month only)**

**7:00 PM – M.A.D.E.A.T.S. Celebrates Oktoberfest!**

Location: **Jorg's Café Vienna:** 1037 E 15th St., Plano, TX 75074

In October, the *Mostly Affordable Diverse Eating Around Town Sig* will be meeting at Jorg's Café Vienna in Plano!

In the heart of downtown Plano, there is a little taste of Vienna. Schnitzels, wursts, goulash and strudel are some of the family recipes being served in a warm, old world atmosphere. [www.jorgscafevienna.com](http://www.jorgscafevienna.com)

RSVP: RSVPs are not required, *but strongly suggested*, preferably via e-mail.

Contact/RSVP: **Karen Brack:** ([kwbrack18@gmail.com](mailto:kwbrack18@gmail.com) or 972.495.2659 (h), 214.477.1151 (c))

## **13 SATURDAY**

**6:00 PM – 8:00 PM – Singles Chat and Chew** (Second Saturday of each month)

Location: **Jason's Deli,** 5400 E. Mockingbird Lane, Dallas, TX 75206

Come join other singles for dinner and have great conversations.

Contact: **Lucy Hooker:** (214.232.9891) or **Laura Stuart:** ([lrstuart@earthlink.net](mailto:lrstuart@earthlink.net) or 214.641.2520)

## **14 SUNDAY**

**2:00 PM - 4:00 PM - Bright Ladies SIG**

(Second Sunday of each month)

Location: **La Madeleine Country French Café:** 5290 Belt Line Road, Addison, TX 75248

La Madeleine is just east of the N. Dallas Tollway, on Belt Line at Montfort. Look for us in the front room to the left as you come in. Contact Kathy



McWhorter for directions or more details, **or check out this event on the NTM Facebook page!**

**Contact: Kathy McWhorter: (214.215.5809) or check out this event on the NTM Facebook page!**

## **20 SATURDAY**

**1 PM & 3:30 PM – MENSA Testing in Dallas** (Third Saturday of every other month)

**Location: Preston Tower Community Room: 6211 W Northwest Hwy, Dallas, TX 75225**

The regular test is scheduled to begin at 1:15 PM, so please arrive at 1:00 PM to register.

The Culture Fair test is scheduled to begin at 3:45 PM, so please arrive at 3:30 PM to register.

You may also pre-register (RSVP). Registration: An RSVP would be appreciated but is not required. To RSVP, send an e-mail to [NTMproctor@gmail.com](mailto:NTMproctor@gmail.com). Testing Fee: October Special: The testing fee for each of the regular and Culture Fair tests is reduced from \$60 to \$30! You may pay with cash, a check or credit card. Submitting prior test scores for acceptance: You might qualify for MENSA membership based on a test that you have already taken! See [www.us.mensa.org/join/testscores/](http://www.us.mensa.org/join/testscores/) for details.

**Contact/RSVP: Deborah Lockhart: ([NTMProctor@gmail.com](mailto:NTMProctor@gmail.com))**

**4:00 PM – 6:00 PM – Small Mensa Meeting - Canton/Wills Point** (Third Saturday of each month)

**Location:** We hold our meetings at each other's homes on a rotating basis.

We will send out a reminder about a week before each meeting giving this month's location and subject matter agreed upon to be discussed. Purely a discussion group; no games, no food feasts, no partying. Enjoy the exchange of thoughts and ideas without contention!

**Contact: Gerard Brohman: ([gbrohman@live.com](mailto:gbrohman@live.com))**

## **21 SUNDAY**

**1:00 PM - 5:00 PM - ShootSIG** (Third Sunday of each month)

**Location: Check with contact**

Have a blast punching holes in things from a distance! No gun? No problem, you can borrow ours. Even if you have never held a gun, come out and join the fun! You can come even if you just want to show your smiling face and watch the fun! Controllable kids welcome. Bring your hardware or borrow ours!

**Contact: Jack Griffith: (817.946.5657)**

**RSVP:** Call Jack to RSVP and to determine the location.

**6:00 PM- 7:00 PM - Board Meeting and General Meeting** (Third Sunday of each month)

**Location: Preston Tower Condominiums: 6211 W.**

Northwest Highway, Dallas, TX 75225 (MAPSCO 25-X)

This is the curved high-rise just east of Preston Road at the intersection of Northwest Hwy. and Pickwick. Park in the lot to the east of the building and enter the side door that faces the parking lot. Turn right just inside the door and proceed to the Community Room (just past the building office on the right). If you enter a different door, or get lost, just ask the guard in the lobby for directions to the Community Room. If the visitor lot is full, you may also park in the street-level spaces in front of the building, or along Pickwick. NTM will provide some munchies, and you may bring beverages (adult or otherwise,) and snacks, but please remember that we are guests and clean up your area before you leave. Many thanks to **Preston Tower** for letting us use this room.

All members of NTM are welcome to attend and to address the board. Board conducts the organization business decisions. Members are welcome to bring items to the board's attention if they wish. Following the Board Meeting there is usually time for socializing before the General Meeting.

**Contact: Gunny Hartman: ([gunny@aggienetwork.com](mailto:gunny@aggienetwork.com))**

## **7:00 PM - 8:00 PM – Speaker following the Board and General Meetings**

The speaker for October is: **Brian Reinhart**. Brian has served as the Dallas Observer's food critic since Spring 2016. He also writes baseball analysis for the Hardball Times and covers classical music for the Observer and MusicWeb International. Brian's topic is *Getting in Trouble in Restaurants: Lessons Learned from a Food Writing Career*. Brian didn't know it when the Dallas Observer hired him in 2016, but there's a lot more to being a food critic than describing what's on the plate. In this presentation he will share insights he's gained on the job regarding Dallas culture, life in the kitchen, and on the many intersections between food and politics.

Socializing and refreshments at 7:00 p.m., program begins at 7:30

**Contact: Karen Brack: ([kwbrack18@gmail.com](mailto:kwbrack18@gmail.com) or 214.477.1151)**

## **23 TUESDAY NEW(ish) RECURRING EVENT**

**5:00 PM – 9:00 PM – East Texas Area Mensans - Improv Night (Fourth Tuesday of each month)**

**Location: Oil Horse Brewing Company Taproom: 101 W. Tyler St., Longview, TX 75601**

(Northwest corner of Tyler and Center Streets in downtown Longview)

Come join your East Texas area coordinator Jeanne "Cookie" Neely for the Theatre Longview Duck.Duck.Moose! improv troupe's shows on the fourth Tuesday of every month. The taproom is open from 5:00 - 9:00 P.M., and shows are at 6:00 and 7:30. While the Oil Horse does not offer food, there is often a food truck just outside. Check out Duck.Duck.Moose! at [theatrelongview.com](http://theatrelongview.com) or on their Facebook page and Oil Horse Brewing Company at [oilhorsebrewing.com](http://oilhorsebrewing.com). Cookie will be the one wearing a red sequined baseball cap!

**Contact: Jeanne "Cookie" Neely: (903.668.2097, [syntaxcop@gmail.com](mailto:syntaxcop@gmail.com))**

## 27 SATURDAY

### **6:30 PM - Games SIG**

Location: **The Rock Pile:** 701 Victorian, Allen, TX 75002

We have some classic board games and some new ones, and we're happy to try anything you care to bring over. Snacks and soft drinks will be available.

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## 28 SUNDAY

### **2:00 PM - 3:00 PM - Eclectic Book Club**

Location: **Half Price Books Mothership:**

5803 East Northwest Hwy., Dallas, TX, 75231

(East of Central Expressway). Meet in the Community Room.

The selection for October is: Deathbird Stories by Harlan Ellison. Monthly selections are typically available via e-reader platforms such as Kindle, Audible, to purchase in hardback and paperback, or at your local library.

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## **GIFTED YOUTH CORNER**

*by Bill Rock*

For October, I was going to go back to a really neat game shop where we played games a few years ago, Roll2play. Sadly, that place is no longer in business, so the backup plan (courtesy one of our parents) is to try Nerdvana, a coffee/tea/juice place that has a lending library of games and space to play.

In August, we wrapped up the month strapped in a climbing harness, locked to a carabiner, hanging from the ceiling. We had a good crowd for rock climbing, with several people doing some bouldering also. The impromptu parent meeting at the gym seemed to go OK also.

A few weeks ago I heard from a parent asking about Acton Academy. Has anyone heard anything about them, or had a child attend? Please let me know.

We also have a parent that is looking to start a facebook group for NTM Gifted Youth. If you are interested in joining, please let me know and I will get you in contact with the coordinator.

The last request from the group, we have a teen that wants to start a teen group. If you are interested in being part of this, please let me know and I will put you in contact with them.

In early November, we'll be doing Young Eagles flights at the Denton Airport. You may have already seen the sign up email.

As always, let me know of event ideas, people you want to contact, or anything else I can help with: [w-rock1@raytheon.com](mailto:w-rock1@raytheon.com) or 972.396.8160.

## **NTM BOARD PROCEEDINGS: Sunday, August 19<sup>th</sup> 2018**

Meeting called to order at 6:00 pm by President Gunny Hartman. Attendees: Vice-President John Marshall, Secretary Roger Durham, and board member George Schmidt. Anne Whiteman arrived late.

### **1. Reports**

**Secretary** - The proposed July 2018 Board Meeting Minutes were circulated. Marshall moved, Schmidt seconded to approve the minutes as submitted, which passed unanimously.

**Treasurer** – Fix reported by email on the July financials which included income of \$1,127.62 and expenses of \$1,220.11, generating a net deficit of \$92.49 for the month of July 2018. Net assets increased to \$30,769.94. The deficit was primarily due to the payment last month of \$367.32 in annual website expenses. Report received with thanks.

**President** – Hartman presented the President’s Report, including names of members of the Nominating (Paul Whiteman, Chair; Bill Rock, Cathy Allshouse, and Sara Hawkins, Members) and Election (Deborah Lockhart, Chair; David Monroe, Kash Hatton, and Gail Spurlock, Members; and Grant Seabolt, Alternate) Committees, after which the following reports were received (names in parentheses are board liaisons for that office):

**Membership** – Paul Whiteman submitted the membership report via email. As of July 31, 2018, 1139 members were reported, up from 1,125 on June 30, 2018.

**Ombudsman** - Randy Brack – reported a potential problem with this year’s Election Code, which was not revised to comply with the new By-Laws. Brack expressed the opinion that this should not cause a serious problem.

**(Cree) Editor** – Bill Rock reported that the newsletter went to the printer on Friday.

**(Cree) Publisher/Circulation Manager** – Val Beasley – nothing to report.

**(Cree) Social and Communications** – Vacant

**(Cree) Publicity** – Vacant

**(Cree) Webmaster** – Andy McKellar – reported by email that a redacted version of the calendar is now available to the public.

**(Whiteman) Proctor/Testing Coordinator** - Deborah Lockhart – 8 people tested this month. No test is scheduled for next month.

**(Whiteman) Programs** – Karen Brack – tonight’s speaker will be on Innovation. No speaker has yet been secured for September.

**(Whiteman) Calendar** - Sara Hawkins – No report.

**(Schmidt) Gifted Children** - Bill Rock reported that both August events were attended by about 10 kids. For September they are visiting the Cavanaugh Flight Museum.

**(Schmidt) S.I.G.H.T.** - Gunny Hartman – nothing to report.

**(Schmidt) Scholarship Chair** – Ralf Kittenbacher – no report.

**(Schmidt) Regional Gathering** – Karen Brack – 35 have registered so far. Patrick Gary is working on an escape room. Kids’ Track, Pub Crawl, and Movie Night are being considered. Help is needed with Games.

**2. Old Business:** None

**3. New Business: Pam and Ralf Kittenbacher** have agreed to host the Fall New Members’ Party on October 6. Marshall moved, Schmidt seconded, to advance \$250.

**MOTION TO ADJOURN MADE BY MARSHALL, SECONDED BY SCHMIDT, UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED. MEETING ADJOURNED AT 6:49 P.M. SUBMITTED AS BOARD PROCEEDINGS PENDING APPROVAL AS MINUTES BY ROGER DURHAM, NTM SECRETARY.**

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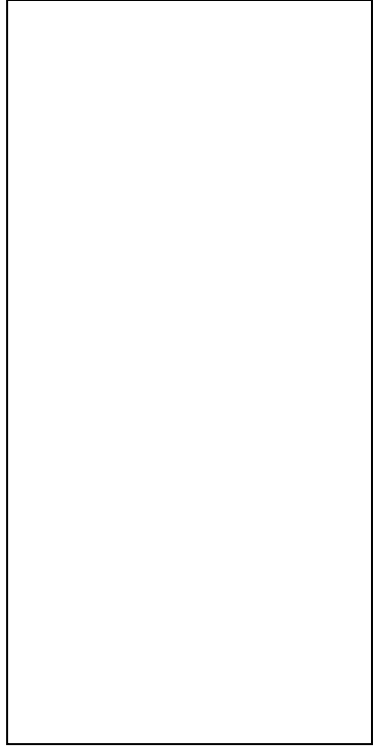
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**NORTH TEXAS MENSA'S  
FEAST OF PLEASURES AND DELIGHTS  
XXXVIII**

**PROUDLY PRESENTS:**

**THE CYBERG**

**THANKSGIVING WEEKEND: NOV. 22 TO NOV.  
25, 2018**

*Join NTM as we embark on a new version of our Pleasures and Delights. We find ourselves at the geographic intersection of technology, innovation and education, and we are planning to incorporate these elements across our Regional Gathering. We are going hi-tech with our games, speakers, and events throughout the weekend.*

*We are not completely turning our backs on the old favorites. We will still have our great tastings and traditional game room, another speaker track covering an exciting, eclectic slate of speakers, and events for Mensans and guests of all ages. And Hospitality will serve up craft beers, wine, soft drinks and delicious snacks all weekend long.*

*We will be announcing new events as our plans develop. Being an area with such a high concentration of restaurants and bars, Addison is just crying for a Pub Crawl. And a Progressive Dinner, perhaps? Great Rotten Movies? And did someone say Escape Room? Cosplay?*

**Where: Addison Marriott Quorum by the Galleria, 14901 Dallas Pkwy., Dallas, TX 75254. This is the same hotel as last year. Room rate is \$106 per night, which**

includes breakfast buffet for 2 each morning in the hotel restaurant. Call Marriott Reservations at (800) 228-9290 or the hotel at (972) 661-2800 for reservations. Please ask for the American Mensa – North Texas Chapter room block. Sorry – No pets or smoking allowed.

**Registration:** The early registration rate is \$50, which ends on August 31. Then the rate will be \$60 until November 15<sup>th</sup>. Starting November 16<sup>th</sup> the rate will be \$70, which will also be the walk-in rate. Children 0-5 years of age are free. Pre-teens (6–12 at time of RG) are ½ the regular registration price on the day they register. **First-time attendees can register for half-price until August 31<sup>st</sup>.** See registration form for day rates. Check, money order or credit cards are accepted. You can register by using the handy form on the back and sending it to Kim Speed, Registrar, at 1048 Colleton Ln., Frisco, TX 75033. Or you can go online to [northtexasmensa.org](http://northtexasmensa.org) and register there.

### **Tastings! Tastings! Tastings!**

Fiery Foods Tasting will be on Friday at 1:30 p.m. – Cost is \$6 per ticket.

Beer Tasting will be on Friday at 4:30 p.m. – Cost is \$6 per ticket.

Hard Sodas and Ciders Tasting will be on Saturday at 1:30 p.m. – Cost is \$6 per ticket.

Wine Tasting will be on Saturday at 4:30 p.m. – Cost is \$12 per ticket.

Japanese Whiskey Tasting will be on Thursday at 8 p.m. – Cost is \$12 per ticket.

If demand warrants, the Whiskey Tasting may be repeated on Sunday (TBD)

**There will be no refunds on tasting tickets unless the event is canceled or rescheduled.**

North Texas Mensa Presents:  
**The Feast of Pleasures and Delights XXXVIII - CybeRG**  
**Thanksgiving Weekend: Nov. 22 to Nov. 25, 2018**

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<p><b>Registration Fees:</b> Includes snacks, beverages, programs, entertainment, games, tournaments, speakers and all other events for the whole weekend! Tastings require the purchase of separate tickets to cover expenses.</p> <p><b>Single days:</b> Thurs - \$25; Fri or Sat - \$40; Sun - \$10  <b>\$50</b> (postmarked by Aug 31, 2018)  <b>\$60</b> (postmarked by Nov 15, 2018)  <b>\$70</b> after Nov 15, 2018  <b>½ price</b> for those 6-12 years of age          (Kids 0-5 years are free)  <b>\$25</b> for first time attendees (postmarked by Aug 31, 2018)</p>			
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<b>\$6</b> – Beer Tasting (Fri @ 4:30 p.m.)	_____ @ \$6 each	\$	_____
<b>\$6</b> – Fiery Foods Tasting (Fri @ 1:30 p.m.)	_____ @ \$6 each	\$	_____
<b>\$6</b> – Hard Sodas and Ciders Tasting (Sat @ 1:30 p.m.)	_____ @ \$6 each	\$	_____
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