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> "All the technology that surrounds us ... the economic models that predict and guide our behavior, the science that helps us live to eighty—it's all created by a tiny percentage of deviant smart people ... Thanks to the printing press, the deviant smart people managed to capture their genius and communicate it without having to pass it on genetically ... We got knowledge and technology before we got intelligence."
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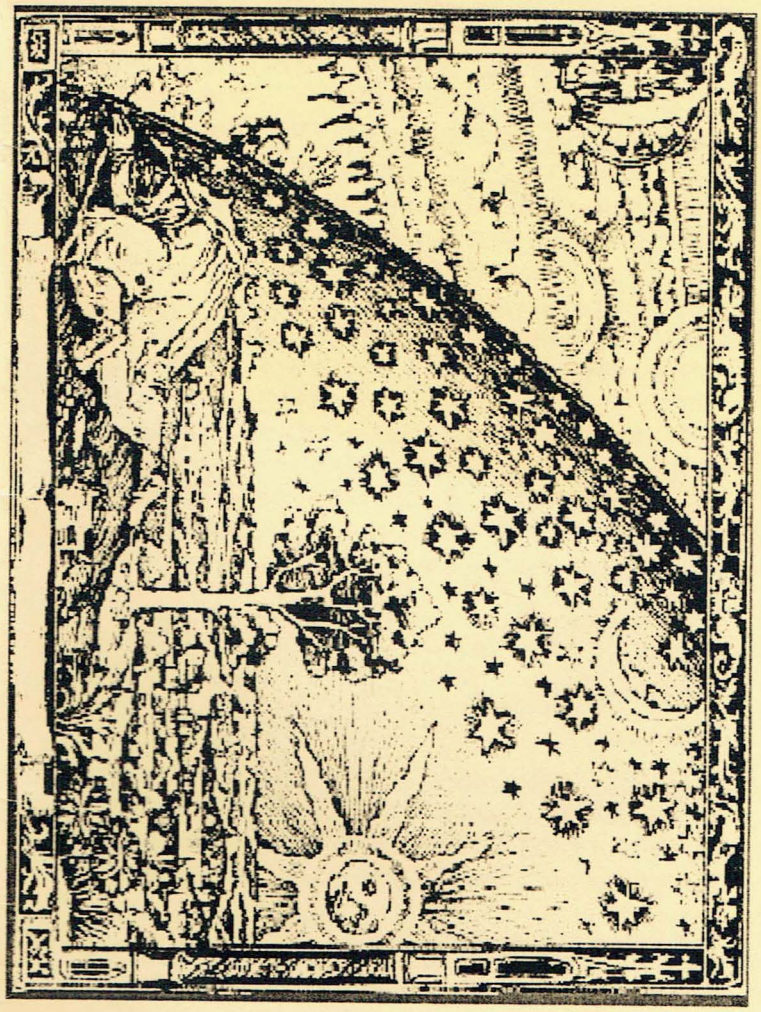
> —Scott Adams, "The Dilbert Principle"

HALLOWEEM 27

INVENTION AND DISCOVERY



Expedition Guidebook

HalloweeM 27: Invention and Discovery Popped Into Existence by Chicago Area Mensa.



Welcome to Invention and Discovery! We have gone to great lengths to provide all the equipment you'll need to discover new friendships and invent your own fun. Remember to be on time for all the rare birds and exotic dancers at the Friday Costume Ball: it's a grand ritual unknown to most of the outside world. Finally, please remember to keep your open beakers of alcohol molecules out of the hotel's public areas and respect our youngest explorers this weekend. And no running with forceps.

–Robert Stalzer, HalloweeM 27 Chairman

Registration

Thursday	7:00 P.M.–9:00 P.M.
Friday	3:00 P.M.–9:00 P.M.
Saturday	8:00 A.M.–8:00 P.M.
Sunday	10:00 A.M.–noon

We think you'll discover a lot to like at HalloweeM this year. In addition to the usual panoply of programs, we've invented a few new things that we hope will add to your enjoyment.

You may find that there is more than you can fit into one weekend, so, as you look over the schedule, think about what you'd like to have us do again next year and let us know. We want you to have a great time this year and we want you to keep coming back.

PLEASE NOTE: In response to desperate pleas from hungry attendees, we have added a lunch break to the lineup on Saturday. If it works, we'll keep it. If it doesn't, we'll let it go. But let us know if you find it to be a bane or a blessing.

☞ Because there are 15-minute intervals between programs, very few programs begin on the hour, so check times carefully.

☞ Not everyone wants to dance, or at least not all night, so we're offering several programs in the evening. Don't think programming has stopped just because the sun has set.

Before you get started with the festivities, we ask that you review the tips and reminders that follow. They'll help you and those around you get the most out of your HalloweeM experience.

About the Speakers: Please bear in mind that the speakers have donated their time and resources to be with us this weekend and are not paid for their efforts. Many of them are not Mensans and this is their first (and maybe only) exposure to the organization. Mensa's reputation depends on the actions and attitudes of each of us. If you must enter or leave during a program, please do so quietly in deference to both the speaker and the other attendees. Show consideration—even if you disagree with a speaker. We're here to have a NICE TIME. Make us proud of you.

Adults Only: Some programs contain material that is adult in nature. Admission to these events will be restricted.

Alcohol and Youth: Illinois law, hotel rules, and Mensa of Illinois, Inc. policy are strict when it comes to underage drinking. The legal drinking age in Illinois is 21. Please do not be insulted if you are asked for proof of age. Adherence to this rule has been stressed to all Hospitality gHosts. Parents: Even if you allow your children to consume alcoholic beverages at home, you are NOT free to do the same at HalloweeM. It's the law.

Bulletin Board: A bulletin board will be available near the registration area for the posting of personal messages, program changes, and other announcements.

Decorations: Every year we make a sizable investment of time and money in creating the right ambiance at HalloweeM. Please leave the decorations for future generations to enjoy.

Food and Beverages: HalloweeM food and beverages MUST remain in the Hospitality suites.

gHosts: HalloweeM is a big event. It takes a LOT of volunteers to make things run smoothly. Our volunteer staff (also known as gHosts) is always happy to accept new recruits. We need only an hour or two of your time. In exchange, you get a HalloweeM volunteer collector's pin, an invitation to the Survivor's Party (volunteers only), and a warm feeling deep inside.

Hugs: To hug or not to hug, that is the question. add a sticker to your name badge at the registration desk that signifies your hugging preference and make a point of checking the stickers worn by others. When in doubt, ask first.

Kids' Track: This was a huge success when it debuted at the 2001 HalloweeM. Gifted Children's Coordinator Cynthia Ballew has planned a day of delights on Saturday for kids 8 to 14. Though this is the only day with a formal schedule, games and other kids' stuff will be available throughout the rest of HalloweeM (there will be formal supervision only on Saturday). Visit the kids' room for more details. Saturday's events begin at 9:30 A.M. with an orientation session for kids and parents.

Late Checkout: When you check in, please let the hotel desk staff know if you need a late checkout time at the end of the weekend. Based on expected vacancy level, they will do all they can to accommodate as many as they can.

Meal Tickets: A ticket for each meal ordered will be provided at registration. This ticket will be collected at the meal, so don't lose it. It will not be possible to replace lost meal tickets. Even if you have not ordered any meals, feel free to attend the cocktail party before the Saturday banquet and the awards ceremony after the Sunday breakfast buffet.

Name Badges: Your name badge is your ticket to all the joy and wonder of HalloweeM. Please wear it at all times. With a group as large and diverse as ours, the tags are the only way we have of knowing who belongs to the RG. Anyone without a name badge should be referred to a committee member. Sorry, lost name badges cannot be replaced.

Recycling: Please use the recycling bins for all aluminum cans. Look for the can crusher nearby and help us reduce the volume of cans that we transport to the recycling center. Future generations thank you.

Self-Guided Audiovisual Equipment: This year, we ask guests to help us move audiovisual equipment to and from programs on a strictly voluntary basis. Attached to each piece of equipment you will find the schedule of appointments that the piece must keep. Example: "I am a projector. Here is my schedule. Please move me with my extension cord, etc." At the end of each day, the equipment tag asks you to leave the equipment in place for our volunteer to lock it up. Thanks for assisting; you are such clever helpers.

Smoking: Smoking is permitted in designated areas only. This includes the smoking Hospitality suite, as well as any areas (such as the restaurant and bar) where the hotel permits smoking. No smoking is permitted in the seminar sessions. Thank you.

All Weekend

"Industrial Assassin"

You're two people. You're an Inventor and you're an Assassin. There are those who discover/invent things that change our world. There are those who will do anything to preserve the status quo. You can be both! Join us for a game of "Industrial Assassin" during and within the confines of HalloweeM. Use your intellect, cunning, and some plain old-fashioned luck to hunt your fellow inventors, one at a time. Your objective is to dispatch your targets in a creative and humorous way, while avoiding the Assassins hunting you. Poison your target's food with a Post-It Note. Throttle them with toilet paper. You could even drop a piano on them (or at least a pillow with the word "piano" on it). The method of demise is up to you. To join the game, get the complete set of rules at registration or see Chris Edwards or Michael Collins for more information.

Book Sale

Boardroom B

Find out what your fellow Mensans have finished reading. Take home some treasures. Proceeds from both the book sale and the silent auction go to the Scholarship Fund.

Games Room

CC1-16

Rooms stocked with puzzles and games await you. Open 24 hours a day.

Tournaments Rooms

CC1-8 and CC1-9

Try your hand at one or all of the following tournaments on Saturday.

9:00 A.M.	CHESS
11:00 A.M.	BACKGAMMON
1:00 P.M.	EUCHRE
3:00 P.M.	PUZZLE CONTEST (WITH ORIEL MAXIMÉ)
5:00 P.M.	"SCRABBLE"
7:00 P.M.	"QUORIDOR"

And as always, Hearts games until the wee hours of Sunday morning.

Hospitality Suites

Chicago (nonsmoking) and 1022 (smoking)

Food and beverages are available 24 hours a day in separate smoking and nonsmoking suites.

Kids' Room

CC1-4

Formal schedule for Saturday during the day; games and other kids' stuff will be available all weekend.

Massage Therapy

CC1-11

High-quality, hands-on massage is back by popular demand. Come and get the knots worked out, relax at the end of a busy week, or recover from spending most of the RG on your feet. Professional massage therapists will offer a variety of options, from 15 minutes to an hour, from feet only to your full body. A portion of the proceeds will be contributed to the Mensa of Illinois Scholarship and Gifted Children's Funds.

Pool Tables

CC1-15

AKA the Burton Spain Memorial Pool Hall in memory of the legendary pool-cue maker and Chicago Area M. Two pool tables will be available all weekend. See sign-up sheet outside the room for details and available play times.

Vendors' Area

CC1-6 and CC1-7

During the day, browse through the offerings in the vendors' area. Treat yourself to a new toy or get a head start on your holiday shopping.



FRIDAY

For details on events and features that run all weekend long, see page 5.

3:30 P.M.–4:30 P.M.

Icebreaker Fishbowl Forum

Cat Sterrett

CC1-5

A long-time Mensan favorite returns to HalloweeM. At the Fishbowl Forum, volunteers pull a slip of paper out of a fishbowl and speak extemporaneously for two minutes on the topic they picked. This type of forum has been modified in many places to focus on specific areas of knowledge or interest, but this event is a return to the original, general-ideas forum. Today's forum will also serve as an icebreaker for those arriving early at HalloweeM. It will, we hope, start conversations that will continue long afterwards or at the very least get you acquainted with a few other Mensans before the crowd gets too big.

4:45 P.M.–5:45 P.M.

Unusual Animations

Bob Finnegan

CC1-3

Bob will present a fascinating collection of animated pieces by artists from a number of countries. These animated works deal with unusual topics or utilize unusual animation methods. Topics include dance, words, sex, opera, and mathematical patterns. Methods include using pinboards, yarn, dolls, and building blocks.

Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Invention

Annette Kandell

CC1-5

Annette gives new meaning to the term "creative financing": she couldn't find anyone to finance her first invention, so she got creative and invented something to generate quick cash. (And you can be the first one on your block to get your hands on Annette's latest hilarious, inspired brilliance: Box o' Therapy. You won't want to live without it!)

4:45 P.M.–7:45 P.M.

An Introduction to Multiculturalism: The Visions Model

Rick Broniec and Henry Thurman

Boardroom A

Questions such as "How do I relate to people who are different from me in the areas of race, class, gender, religion, sexual orientation, and many other variables?" and "How do I really

appreciate my culture while still celebrating the different cultures of other people?" abound in our mixed society. In this workshop, Rick and Henry will explore a useful model of multiculturalism that provides tools for dealing with the difficult and challenging issues of living in a multicultural society. This presentation will be half experiential and half cognitive and will offer a brief taste of the model and its application. Please note: attendance will be limited to 30.

6:00 P.M.–7:00 P.M.

Ballroom Dancing: The Rumba

Darlene Brill and Michael Collins

Great Lakes Ballroom

Think "sultry" and let the sensuality flow ... let your animal magnetism emerge. Learn to move to the sexy Latin rhythm of the rumba as we reveal the secret of Cuban motion. Terpsichoreans Darlene and Michael will have you doing the rumba in no time. You'll start with the basics—walking and posture—and build from there, one step at a time. Bring your passion and smooth-soled shoes or socks to dance in. A rose to hold in your teeth is optional—and so are partners.

The Elusive Muse of Inspiration: A Spark All Too Rare

Bill Sheldon

CC1-10

The names of the greats are familiar—Irving Berlin, the Gershwins, Cole Porter, Jerome Kern. They wrote hundreds of great song hits. But for many composers, fame hinges on only one wildly popular hit—they grabbed the elusive brass ring once but could never duplicate that single popular success. Into this category fall such classics as "Laura," "Tenderly," "Poor Butterfly," and the historic "As Time Goes By." Bill will include musical excerpts from his long-running, weekly WFMT radio show, as he talks about these sparkling "Solitaire Gems" of American popular song.

The Perfect Parlor: How Technology Can Lubricate Social Interaction among the Contemporary Elite

Todd Margolis

CC1-3

Todd, a virtual-reality artist, educator, and programmer, will describe his vision of how technology can augment our communication, interaction, and perceptions when incorporated into our personal, social, and work spaces. The art of computer graphics, for example, has advanced enough to prompt instances where participants must question what is "real" and

what is artificially created. We are likely to encounter physical objects daily that seemingly have "intelligent" behaviors. Computer networks exist that enable real-time, virtual-reality collaboration between groups of people on different continents. Technology has created a new context for expression and interaction. Virtual-reality concepts such as the Avatar have radically changed how people interact. These and other aspects of how technology, especially virtual reality, is changing or might change our world will be discussed.

6:00 P.M.–7:30 P.M.

"SCRABBLE": Strategies to Improve Your Game

Jason Brooks

CC1-5

While many believe an expansive vocabulary is necessary to succeed at "SCRABBLE," several strategies can increase your score while using your existing vocabulary to its fullest potential. Join us for tips and techniques to improve your average score by 30 to 50 points. The first half of the program will introduce you to these strategies; the second half of the program will focus on putting these strategies to work in an annotated game. Come and sit for a spell.

7:15 P.M.–8:15 P.M.

Science Update: The Latest Happenings in Big Science

John Blinke

CC1-12

John, science editor of the American Mensa Bulletin, brings you a summary of the latest new findings in science—and possibly some interesting toys.

Iconoclasts of Caviar: A Historical Overview of the American Caviar Industry and a Contemporary Tasting

Rachel Collins

CC1-10

Rachel Collins of Chicago-based Collins Caviar is an acknowledged master of premium American caviar. She brings considerable knowledge and experience, along with slides and samples, to this program. Learn how caviar has evolved from an imperial secret to an everyday dining pleasure and sample some of the best caviar the U.S. has to offer. Q & A after the presentation. Attendance will be limited to 30, so be prompt.

Laugh for Health

Clint Phillips

CC1-3

In the mid 1990s, Dr. Madan Kataria, a Mumbai

physician, started a "Laughter Club." His intention was to have people laugh to improve their health and mood. At first, they used jokes, but they soon ran out. Dr. Kataria pioneered the concept of "laughing for no reason," showing that the healthful benefits of laughter were the same whether the laughter was inspired by humor or "fake." The laughter club movement has spread quickly: today there are more than 400 clubs in India and more than 100 in the U.S. and Canada. In this session, we will discuss some of the theory behind the laughter movement, then have an actual "laughter session" in which several types of laughter will be introduced. Come ready to laugh!

9:00 P.M.–10:00 P.M.

Costume Contest

Great Lakes Ballroom

It's one of the things for which we are (justly) famous: costumes. Mensan costumes range from weird to wonderful, elegant to outlandish, hilarious to enigmatic. Prizes will be awarded in several categories, including (in keeping with this year's theme) those that portray inventions, discoveries, and the individuals behind them. And, of course, as always, there is a "Best (or Worst) Pun" category. Please speak loudly and clearly when you get to the microphone so everyone (including the judges) can hear and enjoy the description of your guise.

10:15 P.M.–1:00 A.M.

Costumed Dance

Great Lakes Ballroom

We provide a large dance floor, a hot DJ with all the hits, and plenty of tables at which to relax and chat with your partner(s). You provide the dancing. Costumes are optional. There will be 30 minutes of ballroom dancing during the dance.

10:15 P.M.–11:15 P.M.

Malt Scotch Tasting

Bob Hafenbrack

CC1-10

Bob, an expert on high-end potables for Binny's Beverage Depot, will present a tasting of exceptional Scotches from some of Scotland's finest producers. This is, of course, open only to those of legal drinking age.

Hell's Ms

Skinner

CC1-5

Have you ever wondered about those black T-shirts or about the people wearing them?

Attend a meeting for current and potential Hell's Ms and find out what is going on with the party SIG. You will learn who Hell's Ms are, how they got started, and what they do. *Note: Hell's Ms, don't forget to vote for "Party Animal" on Sunday.* Results will be announced during the awards after the Sunday breakfast buffet.

10:15 P.M. –12:15 A.M.

Introduction to Gimmick Rallyes and Walking Gimmick Rallye

J. C. Smyth and Karen Litzau

CC1-12

Do you gimmick rallye? Ever wanted to know what a gimmick road rallye is? Enjoy driving, navigating, solving puzzles, and/or gaming? Then, this is the activity for you! Gimmick road rallying is a friendly, semi-competitive activity for anyone able to drive. The Chicagoland area hosts several rallye teams, but rallying can be found across the country. We briefly introduce gimmick rallying, followed by a walking rallye through the hotel. All participants who arrive at the endpoint safely will receive a small prize; trophies will be awarded to the best score in each class. Pairs, groups, and singles are all welcome. Web-site URLs will be provided to help you find rallyes in your area.

Movies

Bob Finnegan

CC1-3

Unwind with a great movie. Bob will bring a selection of top movies and the one that gets the most votes will be this evening's selection. Tonight's choices: *A.I.*, *Legend* (director's cut, 24 minutes longer, with original soundtrack), *The Mask of Zorro*, *Princess Mononoke* (showcasing Japan's finest animator at his peak—made Ebert's Top 10 list last year), *Three Kings*, *Gladiator*, and *The Perfect Storm*.

11:15 P.M.–?

Sing-Along

Clyde Forrester

Boardroom A

Gather 'round for a sing-along. Folk, filk, rock, blues, punk, show tunes—whatever you really love to sing. Feel free to bring a non-amplified instrument—or just your voice. Clyde will bring an acoustic bass guitar and an electronic keyboard. Sing till you run out of songs.

11:59 P.M.–1:30 A.M.

The Chairman's Industrial Ball

(room number unavailable at press time)

In accordance with our theme, we'll have industrial music in the chairman's chamber (Robert's hotel room). Stop by for drinks. Rage Within the Machine.

12:15 A.M.–1:00 A.M.

Carnelli

Come play the word/idea association game invented by D.C. Ms Jan Carnell and Jim Lange, now a fixture at RGs across the country. Never played? Come and learn how. Facilitated by Chicago Area Mensan Kent Nebergall.

Saturday

For details on events and features that run all weekend long, see page 5.

9:00 A.M.–?

Chess Tournament

CC1-8 and CC1-9

Mark Thompson

Please join us for this new offering to the tournament schedule.

9:15 A.M.–10:15 A.M.

Covert Video Surveillance: One Tool for Discovering the Truth

Bill Kizorek

Paramount Ballroom

Bill will share with us three decades of experience in the world of private detectives and international intrigue. Bill once ran the biggest private surveillance company on Earth. His work primarily involved watching individuals who filed claims for physical disabilities to see if their allegations of disability were true. The discussion will also cover privacy concerns, technology, streaming video, and even the "dark" side of surveillance. Bill will be joined on the podium by John Powers, president of InPhoto Surveillance.

Chicago's Buckingham Fountain: The Prequel

Renee Huddleston

CC1-10

A long time ago, in a county far, far away ... people lived and died just as they do today. This session will focus on an American family from the 1800s and features a love story, inventions and discoveries, a tombstone, and a fountain. It's a great story of romance and devotion on the frontier of the Northwest Territory. The legacy of one member of this family is the fountain that graces Chicago's lakefront. Letters and other artifacts of this frontier family will also be shared.

Shameless Self-Promotion

Kiki Kruse

CC1-3

In today's competitive marketplace, a book is often overlooked unless it is promoted. Join Kiki as she shares her tricks and tips for book promotion, starting when the book is first conceived. Her tireless efforts carried her book to a fourth printing in less than a year. Find out why the book editor of the *Chicago Sun-Times* affectionately calls her "Shameless." Kiki's animated talk will entertain as well as educate.

Stretching Exercises
Skinner and Yvonne

CC1-12
Skinner and Yvonne will lead a morning exercise class to help you get stretched out and ready to party (and to help you recover from last night's partying). The program is not strenuous, consisting of various non-aerobic stretching exercises designed to loosen you up. Or you can just veg out in Hospitality.

Friends of Bill W.

Boardroom A
For those actively participating in a 12-step program. Not for observers or the curious, please.

9:30 A.M.–4:30 P.M.

Kids' Track
Cynthia Ballew

CC1-4

Orientation for kids and parents at 9:30, with a day of exciting activities planned for kids 8–14. Additional information is available in CC1-4.

10:30 A.M.–11:30 A.M.

For Pity's Sake: Dog Rescue
Mary Jane Saporito and Gene Sacco

Paramount Ballroom
Mary Jane, founder of Midwest Rescue, and Gene, responsible for county-wide police dog training, will bring us a program about the American Pit Bull Terrier, why these intelligent and faithful dogs often need to be rescued, and why they make perfect family pets. A trainer will accompany them with an Obedience-Titled American Pit Bull Terrier.

Game Theory 101
Oriel Maximé

CC1-3
What do *Weakest Link*, job performance evaluations, the electoral college, and murderous pigeons have in common? Game theory, the mathematical field that John Nash of *A Beautiful Mind* helped to build. This interactive, no-math introduction to the study of conflict requires no prior exposure. Bring your curiosity and strategic intuition. Warning: expect to participate.

Intelligent Design
Neal Roys

CC1-10
This presentation will examine how forensic scientists, archaeologists, SETI scientists, and arson investigators determine whether or not intelligent design is the cause of a given effect. We will then look at whether the same explanatory filter applies to biology.

Romania: Lending a Hand in a Ruined Land
Nadine McBeth

Boardroom A
There are more than 300,000 abandoned or orphaned children in Romania, many living in the streets or in state hospitals and orphanages where conditions are abysmal. In this session, Nadine will relate details from her three trips to Romania as part of a mission team that was transporting medical supplies, working with orphans and Romas (Gypsies), and outfitting and staffing medical clinics.

Bipolar Disorder in the Highly Intelligent (Discussion)
Clint Jackson Baker

CC1-12
Bipolar disorder (also known as manic depression) has a disproportionately high representation among the highly intelligent. This round-table discussion is a chance for those with the condition (as well as their loved ones and those who simply want to learn more) to talk about the challenges involved and the victories won in combating this powerful and often perplexing foe.

11:00 A.M.–12:00 P.M.

Backgammon Tournament
Mark Thompson

CC1-8 and CC1-9
Join us for a tournament playing this popular board game.

11:45 A.M.–12:30 P.M.

Lunch Break

12:30 P.M.–1:30 P.M.

Ainulindale: ***J.R.R. Tolkien's Creation Myth***
Christopher Mitchell

Paramount Ballroom
J.R.R. Tolkien's celebrated epic, *The Lord of the Rings*, is part of a much larger mythology entitled the *Silmarillion*. This latter work, which includes the entire history of the three ages of Middle-earth, begins with an account of its creation, which sets the stage for the entire cosmic struggle that finds its consummation in *The Lord of the Rings*. This presentation is designed to deepen the audience's appreciation of *The Lord of the Rings* through

an understanding of its beginning as told by Tolkien in the *Ainulindale.*

Great Coffee That's Good for the Planet
Anita Binder and Victoria Reed

CC-3

Coffee entices us with an array of flavors and aromas, sensory qualities that have made this beverage part of our culture for hundreds of years. Inhale and let yourself be captivated by the intoxicating aromas of Allegro coffee. Then sip the coffee and immerse yourself in one of the world's most gratifying flavors. Allegro Coffee, a subsidiary of Whole Foods Market, has been committed to sustainable farming of coffee for more than 20 years. Allegro's mission of sustainable agriculture has produced a superior coffee. Join us to learn about our "3Es": Excellence in the cup, Economics for the farmer, and Environmental responsibility for the planet. Taste a variety of coffees. Win a Holiday Care Package. Attendance limited to 35 people.

The Sun: The Nearest Star
Roger Mattingly and Len Kazmer

CC1-10

Roger and Len will treat us to a closer look at the sun, addressing (and illustrating, when possible) how the sun works, its corona, magnetic fields, sunspots, and solar winds—or pretty much everything you wanted to know about the sun. Though scientific in nature, the presentation is designed to be accessible and inspirational as well as informative and thought provoking.

Dancing Madly Backwards: The Reemergence of Traditional Art Forms in the Post-Postmodernist Era
Robert Wittig

Boardroom A

Art isn't dead, but post-modernism seems to be, as more traditional art forms and values displace the silly excesses of late twentieth-century gallery art and the theory upon which it was based. Robert plans "a mercifully brief and tongue-in-cheek presentation on where art seems to be headed as we move forward into the twenty-first century." There will be plenty of visual aids, including paintings Robert has produced during the past year. Plenty of time will be allowed for browsing the paintings and for Q & A. *Note: The presentation will be in American Sign Language and will be voiced by an interpreter.*

Jimi Hendrix and the Long Island Iced Tea
Alexander Coulomb

CC1-12

Alex, a social beverage historian, will present an entertaining historic retrospective of the radical upheaval and evolution of alcohol, cocktails, and bars during the late 1960s and 1970s.

1:00 P.M.–2:00 P.M.

Euchre Tournament
Mark Thompson

CC1-8 and CC1-9

Join us for a tournament of this popular card game.

1:45 P.M.–2:45 P.M.

How to Survive Your Aging Parents
Raeann Berman

CC1-5

Raeann will present a "how to" for caregivers to help them forge a strong and loving relationship with their aging parents and, at the same time, learn how to take care of themselves as parents' needs change. Copies of her latest book, also on the topic of caring for aging parents, will be available for purchase.

What is NExT? NASA Trial Balloons for the Twenty-First Century
Kent Nebergall

CC1-10

While attention has focused on the space shuttle and assembly of the International Space Station, NASA has quietly been collecting plans for the next-generation space shuttle and journeys beyond low Earth orbit. We'll discuss plans for both human and robotic missions for the next 30 years. In addition, we'll look at the relationship between NASA and the public over the past 20 years and focus on how we will perceive not only space, but the people, machines, and organizations that will take us there in the decades ahead.

1:45 P.M.–3:15 P.M.

Fiendish Armchair Treasure Hunt
Jay Smith

CC1-3

A perennial favorite of the HalloweeM crowd, the Fiendish Armchair Treasure Hunt is a game where teams work with fiendishly-clever, rebus-style clues to reveal geographic locations, garnering points in the process. Some teams get organized in advance; others form on the spot. Everyone is welcome. Warning: this is an addictive game—it may change your life! The

Sacred and Revered Judges for the Hunt include Jay Smith (the game's originator), Helen Kupper, Louise Howe, and Nadine McBeth.

1:45 P.M.–4:00 P.M.

Fighting Fair
Skinner and Mary Lee Kemper

CC1-12
Have you ever won a fight but felt you had lost? Have you ever had someone jump all over you and wished you had some way to deal with him or her? Have you ever won an argument and felt bad about how the other person felt? Join Skinner and Mary Lee and look at some of the differences between bad ways and better ways to disagree. This will include an opportunity to practice the system they are demonstrating.

Stitch and Bitch
Phyllis Goldman

Boardroom A
An opportunity to work on your needlework (all kinds), show it off, and to talk with others who enjoy stitching. Bring your own project.

3:00 P.M.–4:00 P.M.

Puzzle Contest
Oriel Maximé

CC1-8 and CC1-9
Join Oriel and others as they work through a series of puzzles in this contest.

A Couple of Sets of Very Original Acoustic and Electric Music
Ovadya the Band

Paramount Ballroom
Midday concert. You may have heard Ovadya at Abbey's Pub, the Elbo Room, or other Chicago-area music venues. Guitarist Molly Hurley has been compared with Leo Kottke and Michael Hedges and was once nominated best female vocalist in Chicago. She describes the band's sound as "Neo-psychedelic, world-influenced rock with Middle Eastern and Celtic textures." And maybe their CD will be ready in time for this event.

3:00 P.M.–5:30 P.M.

Sexyg Fishbowl Forum
ADULTS ONLY
Cat Sterrett

CC1-10
Cat leads the group in a frank discussion about human sexuality and related topics. Completely participant driven, the forum uses the "fish-bowl" method to select questions that participants have asked (anonymously) and answer them frankly and genuinely. Get answers to the questions that, heretofore, you've probably been able to ask only a few people. To foster frankness and trust, we'll lock the doors 15 minutes after we begin, so please be on time. Confidentiality and discretion are a must.

4:15 P.M.–5:15 P.M.

Inside Bond: The Climax
Bob Finnegan

Boardroom A
Third and final video compilation of behind-the-scenes and how-they-did-it scenes from the James Bond films. Just in time for this holiday season's twentieth Bond movie.

Lost in China
Ruth Danielle

CC1-12
Ruth had more than her share of adventures and misadventures as she attempted to back-pack around southwestern China by herself last spring. Come see her photos and hear her stories and you'll understand why she can't wait to go back. Maybe you'll even want to go with her!

How Not *to Buy an Oriental Rug*
Greg Crawford

CC1-3
Handwoven oriental rugs are very expensive and, on the whole, the public is very unaware of how to buy them. "Big $$ + ignorance" is a classic formula for fraud. Learn how to choose and how not to lose. Examples of quality and junk rugs will be offered, along with simple tests you can use to tell the difference.

5:00 P.M.–6:00 P.M.

"SCRABBLE" Tournament
Mark Thompson

CC1-8 and CC1-9
Try your new skills from the "SCRABBLE" workshop in this tournament.

5:30 P.M.–6:00 P.M.

Cocktails

Lake Superior
Wind down from your busy day. Ease into evening with something pleasant from the cash bar.

6:00 P.M.–7:30 P.M.

Banquet

Lake Superior

Enjoy HalloweeM's formal feast. The banquet requires a ticket, purchased in advance (when you registered or if you were able to pick up a spare at registration). Seating is limited. If we're sold out, check the bulletin board for spare tickets.

7:00 P.M.–8:00 P.M.

"Quoridor" Tournament

Mark Thompson

CC1-8 and CC1-9

Join us for this a-mazing game.

7:30 P.M.–9:00 P.M.

Talent Show

Paramount Ballroom

This is Mensa. We know you have talent. Show us what you can do (but remember, this is a family show). Or just come and see what others can do. The emcee for tonight's talent show is The Great Luke Ski, parody artist, Dr. Demento star, GenCon regular, and Fanboy extraordinaire. It is bound to be an entertaining evening. *Note: If you wish to perform, turn in your sign-up card at registration by 3:00 P.M. Saturday.*

9:00 P.M.–?

Formal Dance

Paramount Ballroom

The second dance extravaganza of the weekend. As always, there will be plenty of tables where you can chat, catch your breath, or just sit and enjoy the music. There will be 30 minutes of ballroom dancing during the dance.

9:00 P.M.–11:00 P.M.

A Brief Introduction to the World of Forensic Science

Karl Larsen

CC1-3

Forensic science includes several major fields of work. From DNA analysis to microscopic analysis of hairs, fibers, fired projectiles, comparison of fingerprints and handwriting to analysis of drugs and their effects on human performance, small bits of material can help solve crimes, include or exclude suspects, and aid officers in solving crimes. This lecture will give a brief description of the major areas of forensic science and how science can be used by the courts to understand evidence left at crime scenes and aid in the decision-making process of trials.

The Return of Pretentious Drinking

Alan Baltis, Gary Kryvko, Rob Foor, and Catherine Woytowicz

Woodfield I

Liqueurs. The fancy stuff. Polished, cosmopolitan, perhaps even a bit snooty. The stuff you graduate to from beer and wine. You'd like to know more but, gosh, look at that price. What if that pricey potion isn't quite the palette pleaser you expected? Rejoice! Tonight, for a reasonable cost ($1 per snort), you can sample to your heart's content. Alan and Gary will supply a wide range of weird and wonderful concoctions from around the world and you can determine which you'd like to own, which should be left on the shelf, and which you should give to your archnemesis as a "thoughtful" gift. Obviously, you must be of legal drinking age to join us. Snobbish accents and extended pinkies optional.

9:00 P.M.–1:00 A.M.

Quiz Bowl

Gary Smith

CC1-10

Is JEOPARDY! your idea of fun? Do you just love to get the answers before everyone else? If so, then Quiz Bowl, loosely based on the old *Quiz Kids*, *GE College Bowl*, and *Dr. I.Q.* shows, is for you. The rules sheet-entry form is in your registration packet. Get together a four-person team, then deposit the completed entry in the box in the games room. Team playing times will be posted outside the meeting room. Spectators and cheerleaders welcome to come and go at will. Teams must submit entries to Gary Smith by 6:00 P.M. Saturday.

10:00 P.M.–MIDNIGHT

Movies

Bob Finnegan

Boardroom A

Another opportunity to relax and enjoy a good movie. Because Mensans are hard to predict, Bob is again offering you the chance to choose tonight's viewing. The films Bob will be offering to voters this evening are *Bound* (from the Wachowski brothers, pre-*Matrix*), *Sleepy Hollow* (the new Tim Burton version), *Final Fantasy* (state-of-the-art computer-generated humans), *Chicken Run* (Claymation from the creator of Wallace & Gromit), *Monsters, Inc.* (including the two shorts *For the Birds* and *Mike's New Car*), and *E.T.* (the new version).

11:00 P.M.–1:00 A.M.

Joke-Off

CC1-12
Enjoy an evening of infinite jest. Come share your latest witticisms and drolleries as you vie for top honors in this year's joke-off.

11:59 P.M.–1:30 A.M.

The Chairman's Techno Ball

(room number unavailable at press time)
In accordance with our theme, we'll have techno music in the chairman's chamber (Robert's hotel room). Stop by for drinks. Better Living through Techno.

MIDNIGHT–1:30 A.M.

Rocky Horror Picture Show

CC1-3
Outrageous, campy romp has become a standard feature of HalloweeM at midnight. R-rated, so underage viewers must be accompanied by a parent. Hosted by Kent and Theo Nebergall.

SUNDAY

For details on events and features that run all weekend long, see page 5.

9:00 A.M.–10:00 A.M.

Friends of Bill W.

Boardroom A
For those actively participating in a 12-step program. Not for observers or the curious, please.

Assessing Mental Ability: The ABCs of IQ

J. Abram Doane

CC1-12
In this session, we will examine the intelligence quotient construct and commonly used measures of mental ability. What is intelligence and what do intelligence tests measure? How can two individuals with very different cognitive profiles be described by the same numbers? We'll take an informative tour of psychoeducational assessment, its strengths, and its pitfalls.

9:00 A.M.–10:30 A.M.

(Not) Getting Away with Murder—Part IV

Catherine Woytowicz

CC1-12
More fun with the crime lab and criminalistics. Potentially, this will be a more graphic talk than the last few and may not be suitable for younger or more sensitive Ms.

10:15 A.M.–11:15 A.M.

Physical Fitness: Let's Go Back to Recess

Clint Phillips

Boardroom A
Exercise should be fun! This program will show you how to get in great shape without having to push yourself through a boring routine—or spending endless hours in the gym.

Contemporary Christian Worship

CC1-10
Join us for a time of contemporary, nondenominational, Christian worship. Lift your spirit and focus on higher things. Good music, informal gathering.

Creative Thinking Exercises

Darlene Brill

CC1-12
Get your energy back: jump right into this fast-paced, participatory workshop. Turning on your creativity is as easy as flipping a switch—and presenter Darlene Brill will show you how. She'll let you in on the secret through simple, timed exercises that will help you with problem solving, brainstorming, generating ideas, and exploring

HALLOWEEM 27
SPEAKERS' BIOS

Clint Jackson Baker

Bipolar Disorder Round Table (Sat.)
In April 1998, Clint was diagnosed with bipolar disorder after a full-blown manic episode. Since then, he has made strides, sometimes impressive and sometimes halting, in battling the disease. Being "gifted," he became interested in the disproportionate occurrence of this disease among those of above-average intelligence. In December 2002, Clint will complete his bachelor of arts in philosophy and plans on pursuing graduate work in philosophy and linguistics.

Cynthia Ballew

Gifted Kids' Track (Sat.)
Cynthia is the Gifted Children's Coordinator for Chicago Area Mensa. She has an educational and professional background in computer science and business and has done volunteer work in children's education for more than 10 years.

Raeann Berman

How to Survive Your Aging Parents (Sat.)
Raeann, an award-winning journalist, has published two books and more than 150 articles specializing in family relationships and social problems. She is a Knight Fellow, University of Maryland College of Journalism. She is also public relations counsel for the U.S. Fund for UNICEF, Chicago Office.

Anita Binder

Great Coffee That's Good for the Planet (Sat.)
Anita is the Allegro Coffee Specialist and Coordinator for the Midwest Region of Whole Food Market. http://www.wholefoodsmarket.com

John Blinke

SuppleMentally: Live! (Sat.)
John is the science editor of the American *Mensa Bulletin* and *Mensa International Journal.* For 12 years, he has created the popular "SuppleMentally" science column. He is also widely known for his presentations at RGs and AGs. Science is his lifelong passion. He has had every science-related hobby imaginable and keeps current on cutting-edge developments.

Darlene Brill

Ballroom Dancing (Fri.);
Creative Thinking Exercises (Sun.)
In this lifetime Darlene, a Chicago Area Mensan, has been a grape harvester, French translator, insurance claims administrator, personnel generalist, property manager, building rehabber, and author. She has trained corporate staff in creative thinking and grammar. Darlene has been dancing for more than 25 years, competing for 15 of them and designing and making her own dance costumes. This week, she is a technical writer, documentation coordinator, and editor.

Rick Broniec and Henry Thurman

An Introduction to Multiculturalism:
The Visions Model (Fri.)
Rick and Henry have been presenting workshops on multiculturalism since 1999, specializing in the Visions Model. Both are Certified Weekend Leaders and Leader Trainers for the ManKind Project, an international men's service organization. Together, they developed a one-day workshop entitled "Isms & Issues: An Introduction to Multicultural Awareness," adopted by the ManKind Project as its official multicultural training. They are members of the project's Multicultural Resource Team, a group that helps the ManKind Project integrate a multicultural approach into its men's training. Both men have led more than 80 men's training programs around the world. They teach in urban public schools in Wisconsin. Rick teaches high school chemistry; Henry is an elementary school teacher.

Jason Brooks

"SCRABBLE": Strategies to Improve
Your Game (Fri.)
Jason has been playing "SCRABBLE" since his grandmother introduced him to the game nearly 20 years ago. He started playing in clubs and tournaments more than four years ago and is currently ranked in the top 500 players in North America. Jason is also codirector of "SCRABBLE" Club 340 in Deerfield and Skokie, Illinois. Earlier this year, Jason cohosted the first annual ArdenCup "SCRABBLE" tournament, which drew more than 80 contestants from around the country.

Michael Collins

"Industrial Assassin" (all weekend);
Ballroom Dancing (Fri.)
Michael has been dancing for almost half his life. He taught ballroom, Latin, and western dance professionally in Tucson before going corporate and moving to Chicago. He is now an instructional designer for a manufacturing company. Sadly, Cuban motion is not a current job requirement.

Rachel Collins

Iconoclasts of Caviar (Fri.)
Collins Caviar has been producing American caviar for 20 years. Carolyn Collins founded the company. Her daughter Rachel has helped with the business since it began, and has now taken the helm, expanding the product line and the business. Chicago-based Collins Caviar is a premier caviar producer, the only U.S. producer to still process entirely by hand throughout the year. Rachel and Carolyn are considered creative mavericks within the industry, in addition to being well respected for providing premium products to all aspects of the market.
http://www.collinscaviar.com

Alexander Coulomb

Jimi Hendrix and the Long Island Iced Tea (Sat.)
Alex is a social beverage historian, bar and nightclub consultant, and instructor for the last 12 years at the Professional Bartenders School, where he has trained more than 6,000 students. In addition, he has 30 years experience in bar management and bartending.

Greg Crawford

How *Not* to Buy an Oriental Carpet (Sat.)
Greg, a Mensan from Indianapolis, is a hand-woven-rug professional. He will be showing antique carpets as well as "junk" rugs from his own collection.

Van Crocker

The Promise of Nanotechnology (Sun.)
Van is the business development manager—and the first employee—of Nanoink, Inc., a two-year-old Chicago-based nanotechnology start-up that now has 20 employees.
http://www.nanoink-inc.com

Ruth Danielle

Lost in China (Sat.)
Ruth joined Mensa in Chicago in the '70s and returns to the area often, despite having had residences everywhere from Florida to Bali. She enjoys travel and has covered much of the world. She is intrepid and adventurous ("One of the guidebooks I read said that 'only the most intrepid and adventurous traveler could manage China on less than $75 a day'—I did it on $15!"). She recently spent six weeks solo backpacking in China and plans to continue the trip next year.

J. Abram Doane

Assessing Mental Ability: The ABCs of IQ (Sun.)
Abram is the Director of Northwestern Learning Consultants and an instructor and clinical supervisor at Northwestern University. He is a Ph.D. candidate in communication sciences and disorders, Northwestern University, and has an M.A. in learning disabilities from Northwestern University and a J.D. from Washington University in St. Louis.

Chris Edwards

"Industrial Assassin" (all weekend)
Chris is an engineer at Motorola, which gives him a slight advantage in games such as "Industrial Assassin." He is also an adventure traveler in his spare time.

Bob Finnegan

Unusual Animations (Fri.); Inside Bond: The Climax (Sat.); Movies (Fri. and Sat.)
Bob, a Chicago Area Mensan, is an avid movie and video buff with an exceptionally large collection of documentaries and information on movies and moviemaking, behind-the-scenes footage, and movie star insights.

Clyde Forrester

Sing-Along (Fri.)
Clyde has been a Mensan for nearly two decades. He says he comes from a long line of tinkerers and ne'er-do-well musicians, which he believes is why it was natural for him to gravitate toward computers and music.

Bob Hafenbrack

Malt Scotch Tasting (Fri.)
Bob, who works for the successful Binny's Beverage Depot chain, has extensive professional experience with beer, wine, and liquor. He has lectured widely on these topics in the U.S. and extensively on beer in Europe. (It's a rough job, but somebody has to do it.)
http://www.binnys.com

Renee Huddleston

Chicago's Buckingham Fountain: The Prequel (Sat.)
As a history major at Ohio University, Renee had the luxury of working in the archives at Alden Library. She thought that poking around in old boxes was heaven and she continues to do it whenever allowed. When she joined the Board of Trustees of the Pioneer and Historical Society of Muskingum County, Ohio in 1995, Renee took this "talent" along. Her rummaging produced a collection of artifacts from one family that reflects a bygone era and also communicates much of the pathos of any age. It was this family that was responsible for the creation of the

Buckingham Fountain in Chicago. Renee now does living history presentations about this family for schools and organizations.

Annette Kandell

Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Invention (Fri.)
Annette is a legal assistant by day and an invention goddess at night. A Chicago Area Mensan, she is following her muse to fame and fortune. http://www.boxotherapy.com *(under construction)*

Len Kazmer

The Sun: The Nearest Star (Sat.)
Len is a member of Northwest Suburban Astronomers and president of Big Len Productions.

Mary Lee Kemper

Fighting Fair (Sat.)
Mary Lee, a manager in various industry factories for 25 years, has developed the skill of fighting fair to create win-win situations. Admittedly, this skill needs to be practiced often because it is easy to get tired and cranky and backslide.

Bill Kizorek

Covert Video Surveillance (Sat.)
Bill has written 11 books on surveillance, risk management, and testifying. He has lectured on six continents, traveled (mostly on business) to 125 countries, and has appeared on all the national news networks, *Dateline NBC*, *20/20*, the BBC and even *The Oprah Winfrey Show*. He is the world's foremost expert on the subject of insurance claims disability surveillance.

Anne Mary Klaprat

Refuse to Be a Victim (Sun.)
Anne Mary is a certified "Refuse to Be a Victim" instructor. She has been active in a Chicago-area women's self-defense group for 20 years, giving talks and demonstrating self-defense.

Amy Kozy

Better Snapshots in One Easy Lesson (Sun.)
Amy is a journalist, photographer, and the coordinator of both the local Theater Group and the Single Mensans Under Thirtysomething SIG.

Kiki Kruse

From Conception to Publication (Sat.)
Kiki is the author of *A Chicago Firehouse: Stories of Wrigleyville's Engine 78*, a 2001 Pulitzer-prize-nominated book about the firehouse across from Wrigley Field. Since her book was published in May 2001, Kiki has appeared before the Midwest Writer's Association, been interviewed on local TV and radio stations, filmed for a local cable station, and lectured at libraries and before other groups. Recently, the *Chicago Sun-Times* asked her to write a piece about how the author has to do most of the work promoting a book in today's competitive marketplace.
http://www.achicagofirehouse.com

Karl Larsen

A Brief Introduction to the World of Forensic Science (Sat.)
Karl has worked with the Illinois State Police for more than 25 years. Most of that time has been spent in the analysis of drugs of abuse in tablets, powders, liquids, and plant materials. After earning his Ph.D. in pharmacodynamics, he worked at ISP in toxicology, again trying to determine the presence of drugs in blood and urine. Karl teaches introductory forensics at several local colleges and universities and instructs at UIC in the Master's in Forensic Science program. He has testified in court more than 150 times as an expert in drug analysis and toxicology. He also instructs new forensic scientists in courtroom demeanor and performance.

Karen Litzau

Introduction to Gimmick Road Rallye (Fri.)
Karen, a Mensan, is a master gimmick rallyist. She and copresenter J. C. Smith are members of the local Wheels rallye team and have participated in several dozen rallyes to date.
http://www.wheelsrallyeteam.com

Todd Margolis

The Perfect Parlor: Technology and Social Interaction (Fri.)
Todd is currently an MFA candidate in the Electronic Visualization Laboratory (EVL) at the University of Illinois at Chicago. He frequently lectures on new media at UIC, Columbia College Chicago, and the School of the Art Institute of Chicago, and is an artist-in-residence at (art)n Laboratory. Todd has shown work internationally in such venues as Ars Electronica (Linz, Austria), Art Chicago, ICC (Tokyo, Japan), ISEA (Paris, France), and SIGGRAPH (Los Angeles and New Orleans). Todd is currently developing a new virtual-reality system (VarrierTM Auto-Stereographic Display) with EVL Director Dan Sandin. http://www.evl.uic.edu/todd

Roger Mattingly

The Sun: The Nearest Star (Sat.)
Roger is a long-time amateur astronomer and past president and programs VP for Northwest Suburban Astronomers (www.stargazing.net/nsaclub/). By profession, he is a photographer and producer of audiovisuals.
http://www.digitalroger.com

Oriel Maximé

Game Theory 101 (Sat.)
Oriel, who can frequently be found in the games room at Mensa AGs and RGs, earned a degree in mathematics from an engineering school where he also minored in physics and computer science. For a game-loving Mensan with a math degree, it's a small step from learning games to learning game theory. For the past 10 years, Oriel has studied game theory as a hobby; he was surprised to see so many applications and reference points come to the public's attention in the past two years.

Nadine McBeth

Romania: Lending a Hand in a Ruined Land (Sat.)
Nadine has been a Mensan for 25 years. It is her desire to help—not her degrees—that took her to Romania. She has made three trips to Romania as part of a mission team that works with the poor and abandoned in this troubled country. She has also done independent research to add to her understanding of the people, politics, and issues in Romania.

Christopher Mitchell

Ainulindale: J.R.R. Tolkien's Creation Myth (Sat.)
Chris is Director of the Marion E. Wade Center, which houses a major research collection of the books and papers of seven British authors: J.R.R. Tolkien, Owen Barfield, G. K. Chesterton, C. S. Lewis, George MacDonald, Dorothy L. Sayers, and Charles Williams, as well as a museum of artifacts, photographs, manuscripts, and memorabilia from these writers. He is also Assistant Professor of Theological Studies at Wheaton College. He earned a Ph.D. from the University of St. Andrews, Scotland, with a concentration in historical theology.
http://www.wheaton.edu/learnres/wade/

Kent Nebergall

What is NExT?: NASA Trial Balloons for the Twenty-First Century (Sat.)
The son of a former test pilot, Kent has been immersed in aluminum things that go skyward since age three. At age seven, he became fascinated with spacecraft when Apollo-Soyuz was carried on the news each night. By age 13, he was reading postgraduate engineering descriptions of starship designs and playing with simple ones of his own. By 16, he was a student pilot. The computer revolution took his life in a different direction; he is now a technology analyst at a major bank. However, with the rise of the Internet, he has revisited his first love and studied space Web sites extensively.

Ovadya the Band

A Couple of Sets of Very Original Acoustic and Electric Music (Sat.)
The seven members of the band are Deanne Ebner, Roger Ebner, Dave Greenspan, Molly Hurley, Jordan Lemon, Joel Sims, and Lind Wolf. Backgrounds and influences range all over the globe, from jazz and blues to rock to the Middle East. Members have played in bands from New York to Texas to the Midwest; some have recorded on major labels; all are pleased to be playing for Mensa, which they consider to be the demographic most likely to understand what they're doing. Instruments include acoustic and electric guitars, saxophones, electric viola, bass, wind synthesizer, drums, percussion, and toys.

Clint Phillips

Laugh for Health (Fri.); Fitness (Sat.)
Clint is a Certified Laughter Leader through the World Laughter Tour and Laughter Clubs International. He is an ACE Certified Personal Trainer, Clinical Exercise Specialist, and Lifestyle and Weight Management Consultant; U.S. Army Master Fitness Trainer; NSCA Certified Strength and Conditioning Specialist; and AFAA Certified Aerobics Instructor. He has trained people at Northwestern University, the University of Illinois at Chicago, the YMCA, Cook County Hospital, and run several fitness "boot camps." He also has a thriving business conducting in-home personal training sessions.
http://www.ictraining.com/clint/ or
http://www.thepersonaltrainer.com/clint

Yvonne Porter

Stretching Exercises (Sat.)
Yvonne has been leading stretching classes with Skinner for Mensa since 1990. She works out regularly and has studied martial arts.

John Powers

Covert Video Surveillance (Sat.)
John coauthored Surveillance Risk Management 101 with Bill Kizorek and has worked investigations in 50 countries. He is the president of InPhoto Surveillance.

Victoria Reed

Great Coffee That's Good for the Planet (Sat.)
Victoria is the in-store marketing specialist for Whole Foods Market in Evanston, Illinois.
http://www.wholefoodsmarket.com

Neal Roys

Intelligent Design (Sat.)
Neal teaches AP calculus, honors pre-calculus, and honors advanced algebra, and is Math Team Coach at Adlai Stevenson High School in Lake County, Illinois. He is coauthor of *Technology,*

published by D. C. Heath, has published articles on mathematics and teaching, and speaks regularly at math conferences around the U.S.

Gene Sacco

For Pity's Sake: Dog Rescue (Sat.)
Gene is Deputy Chief, Eviction, Levy & Warrant Unit for the Cook County Sheriff's Office. He is in charge of all police dog training for the county and has more than 25 years of experience in dog obedience, protection, drug searching, and explosives searching.

Mary Jane Saporito

For Pity's Sake: Dog Rescue (Sat.)
Mary Jane founded Midwest Rescue, an organization that specializes in the rescue of pit bulls and other bully breeds. http://www.pbrc.net/rescues/midwestrescue.html

Bill Sheldon

The Elusive Muse of Inspiration (Fri.)
Bill is a producer, writer, and moderator for Radio Networks and most recently has been responsible for originating and producing "Words and Music," a radio show dedicated to the Great American Songbook. The show goes out on the national network of WFMT Chicago, broadcast nationwide, and is relayed to the BBC. He is a music historian and writes for a number of cultural programs dealing mainly with American popular music.

Luke Ski

Talent Show (Sat.)
Luke Ski is a musical parody artist and one of the stars of the "Dr. Demento Show." He tours extensively and is a popular featured performer at numerous sci-fi conventions, including WindyCon and GenCon. He has been mentioned in Simpsons and Futurama comics, and songs from his latest CD, "Uber Geek," are climbing the charts on the "demented" airwaves. http://www.lukeski.com

Skinner

Hell's Ms meeting (Fri.); Stretching Exercises; Fighting Fair (Sat.)
Skinner is the founder and SIG coordinator of Hell's Ms. He has been leading stretching classes with Yvonne Porter for Mensa since 1990. Skinner has studied martial arts and has been working out on a regular basis for most of his adult life. He has been actively involved in the men's movement since 1992 and is a Leader in Training with the ManKind, Project, Inc. He brings with him the skills he has learned from staffing 29 New Warrior Training Adventures and from the half-dozen other training events he has attended and staffed. http://www.hellsms.com

Gary Smith

Quiz Bowl (Sat.)
Gary, a Mensan since 1974, originated the Quiz Bowl at HalloweeM many years ago to offer Mensans something more challenging than run-of-the-mill trivia contests. Gary has presented Quiz Bowl at other RGs and at two AGs. He wishes to credit the many people with whom he has interacted in his Mensa "knowledge competition" experience, especially Jim Draper, Sandy Topping, Rick Magnes, and Michael Mason, who have provided valuable insights and ideas that have helped improve Quiz Bowl.

Jay Smith

Fiendish Armchair Treasure Hunt (Sat.)
Jay, a Chicago Area Mensan, invented this popular HalloweeM event and continues to be the source of its deliciously puzzle-happy existence.

J. C. Smyth

Introduction to Gimmick Road Rallye (Fri.)
J. C., a Mensan, is a master gimmick rallyist. He and copresenter Karen Litzau are members of the local Wheels rallye team and have participated in several dozen rallyes to date. http://www.wheelsrallyeteam.com

Cat Sterrett

Sexyg Fishbowl Forum (Sat.)
Cat was a local Sexyg Coordinator in Chicago Area Mensa for six years. She has facilitated Sexyg Fishbowl Forums at RGs and AGs around the country for 19 years. A fitness trainer with a master's degree in exercise physiology, Cat is also the national SIGs Officer for American Mensa.

Robert Wittig

The Politics of Art: 2001 (Sat.)
Robert is a painter, writer, and computer "nut" who lives and works in Chicago. A self-taught artist, he works in dry media, watercolor, oil, acrylic, and egg tempera. In addition, he is a student of art history, criticism, and theory. http://www.robertwittig.com

Catherine Woytowicz

(Not) Getting Away with Murder (Sat.)
Catherine is a Ph.D. chemist, Congressional Science and Technology Policy Advisor, and a court-qualified expert in narcotics identification and quantification.