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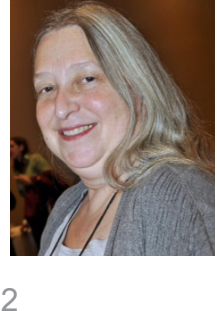
Notes From the HalloweeM Chair

Welcome to a wild WeeM safari weekend! This year's wild theme should be sure to thrill the more animalistic side of your personality. It's with mixed feelings that I address you party animals. I took a stellar new job, which is wonderful for me! However, it prevents me from attending WeeM just this year. Very sad…but I have to say, it's AMAZING the support my co-chair Lisa and the entire WeeM team has shown. They've stepped in where they need to and assumed responsibilities outside their usual scope. I am so incredibly impressed with the team – I just can't thank them enough. But, maybe…YOU animals can do that for me! Please, share your gratitude for these hard-working volunteers who truly make your wild WeeM weekend happen. Without them, I wouldn't have such a wild event, such great friends, or that tiny tear in my eye right now. Have a wild and wonderful weekend!!

Beth Anne Demeter

HalloweeM 38 Co-chair





Lisa Slankard

HalloweeM 38 Co-chair

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Notes From the Program Chair



Greetings and welcome, wild ones and tamers! This portable drought-resistant pamphlet is your observers' guide to the wildlife of HalloweeM 38: WeeM Gone Wild. During this four-day safari we will visit all manner of native and invasive species in their diverse habitats. Friday night will feature their amazing capabilities for mimicry and camoflage.

If you're hunting big game, we have a number of tournaments in Michigan B and Ravinia A. Look for the signup sheets because many have limits. Free-roaming game, as always, will be in Ravinia B around the clock.

Our keynote this year will be delivered by Deanna LaSusa-Hotchner, diver and underwater videographer, who will "defang" myths about the great white shark with stunning visuals and her own mascot shark, "Toothless."

We have some members with recent television experience who will be sharing their travails and triumphs. And in addition to two recent hit movies we will have midnight showings of "Zombie Casserole," co-produced by one Mensan, featuring two others among the cast, and being shown now in several film festivals.

Of course we have the familiar events as well, such as Saturday dance, the watering holes of Scotch Tasting and Pretentious Drinking, and the lavish hospitality for which Chicago Area Mensa is famous.

And please do feed the wildlife.

Matt Crawford, Program chair

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Policies & Reminders

Before you enjoy the festivities, please review the policies and reminders that follow.

Name Badges: Your name badge is your ticket to all the joys and wonders 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 registration or to an event host (designated by the red EVENT HOST ribbons on their badges). Sorry, lost name badges cannot be replaced.

Smartphone, Tablet, and other E-Gear Users: Please be courteous by silencing your devices when in programs or events. If you don't know how to silence your device, please leave it in your room, lest you be mocked mercilessly. Wi-Fi is available in the hotel lobby. Scannable QR codes are posted near registration to allow you to easily download the program booklet and Program at a Glance (PAAG) in PDF form. Twitter users can use hashtag #weemgonewild for your tweets about the weekend; you can also direct message any concerns or issues to @ChicagoMensa. Follow @ChicagoMensa for potential last-minute updates, photos, or other fun info throughout the weekend.

Program Schedule: There are often intervals set between programs in the programming grid. Check the times listed carefully. The Program at a Glance is the most up-to-date source with respect to error corrections, room changes, speaker cancellations, et cetera. Programming doesn't stop when the sun sets. We have several evening programs scheduled, and social activities often extend past midnight. Make sure to stay hydrated and get rest when you can!

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Program At A Glance (PAAG): The PAAG includes color codes to make it easy to spot events which are particularly friendly for our younger guests or restricted to adults only. For events that are color coded as age-restricted (usually 21+), you may be asked to show proof of age. We also have a color code indicating events which are either unmoderated or more free-form in nature; these events are often highly informal "meet-ups" rather than lecture/forum formats.

About the Speakers: Please bear in mind that the speakers have donated their time and resources to be with us this weekend. 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 enter or leave during a program, please do so quietly in deference to the speaker and other attendees. Show consideration, even if you disagree with a speaker. Unless a speaker requests otherwise, please hold questions and comments until the end of the presentation.

Alcohol and Youth: Illinois law, hotel rules, and Chicago Area Mensa policies are strict when it comes to underage drinking. The legal drinking age here is 21. Please do not be insulted if you are asked for proof of age. Anyone with a brightly colored "under 21" badge is not permitted to be in areas where alcohol is available. These areas are easy to spot in hospitality and in the program guide. Adherence to this rule has been stressed to all Hospitality gHosts. Even if you allow your children to consume alcoholic beverages at home, you are NOT free to do the same at HalloweeM.

Dry-Erase Board: A dry-erase board will be available near the registration area for posting personal messages, program changes, and other announcements. Please take care to re-cap the markers after use.

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Decorations: Every year, we make a sizable investment of time and money in creating the right ambiance at HalloweeM. Please do not disturb or remove the decorations. Many of them are haunted. We cannot be held responsible for any paranormal activities if you remove the sacred monkey paw from its resting chamber.

Food and Beverages: HalloweeM food and beverages MUST remain in the Ravinia Ballroom. Since the games room is within the Ravinia Ballroom, bringing food and beverages there is permitted. However, please DO NOT take food or beverages into the other speaker rooms (e.g., Birch, Maple, etc.). Water is available outside the speaker rooms, if you become parched.

Volunteers/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 and a warm feeling deep inside. A volunteer grid will be posted near registration. Please sign up!

A break from the crowds: There is a nature walk along the river just outside the south door of the hotel. It's a great place for a breather.



Hugs: To hug or not to hug, that is the question. Colored stickers signify your hugging preference: yes, no, maybe so. Pick up a sticker for your name badge at the registration desk and check the stickers that others wear. If a hug sticker isn't on someone's badge, or if there is any doubt, please ask before hugging.

Harassment: HalloweeM is meant to be a friendly and safe environment for our

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attendees. Unwelcome physical contact and other forms of harassment will not be tolerated. If you have concerns or need to report misconduct, find someone with a red EVENT HOST ribbon, or, if you need immediate and direct intervention for your personal safety, go to the hotel lobby and request assistance from security at the front desk.

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

Smoking: By Illinois state law as well as hotel policy, smoking is permitted outside the hotel in designated areas only. We will do our best to ensure that the staff provides adequate waste cans and ashtrays. Thank you.



Of Special Note: Volunteer Drawing

We're not drawing pictures of volunteers or asking volunteers to draw pictures: we're holding a drawing to reward our valuable helpers this weekend. Raffle prizes last year included gift certificates from the hotel, tickets to local attractions, and a plethora of other prizes. (Two years ago, we had more prizes than volunteers!) You get a drawing ticket for each hour worked. As a twist, some of the less popular volunteer assignments (like the middle of the night in Hospitality) are worth more than one ticket per hour. The RG wins, our guests win, and, most important, you win! For major prizes, you do not need to be present to win. Minor prizes (less than $20 value) will only be awarded to those present.

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'WeeM Loves Kids!

Young Children



For kids 8 and under, we will again have our Kids' Track in a designated room, with activities and plenty of opportunity for supervised play all weekend long. To help cover the cost of the babysitters, parents who did not pre-register their child for the kids' room will be charged $10 per day per child. The Kids' Room will be open from 9:30 AM-11:30 PM Friday through Sunday. We will close the room for an hour during all scheduled meals (including Saturday evening).

We will also hold our popular kids-only costume parade at an earlier time of 6:30 PM Friday, just before the keynote speaker. Bring your kids directly to the parade in costume. Our babysitters will walk all registered kids back to the Kids' Room following the parade, but you don't have to participate in the Kids' Track program to join the parade.

Little ones are welcome in the Kids' Room if they are able to play with a group of older children. While there will be two responsible adults with the children at all times, this is a popular program that draws a lot of kids and features plenty of "3 and up" sized toys. If your children are not potty trained, parents are responsible for diaper changes. Snacks will be provided in the Kids' Room at intervals throughout the weekend, but you should pick up your kids and visit hospitality when the Kids' Room is closed for meal breaks or whenever you are hungry.

On Friday and Saturday evenings, we will be dimming the lights and showing movies to help the kids wind down. Kids can bring a pillow or favorite stuffed animal to cuddle with during movie time. Please label everything clearly with your child's name to avoid confusion.

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IMPORTANT: For the children's safety, a responsible adult must sign each child in and out of the kids' room *every time* the child leaves or rejoins the program. Parents must remain in the hotel at all times when their children are participating in Kids' Track activities. If children prove to be uncontrollable or dangerous, their parents will be asked to remove that child from the room and they will not be allowed to participate further.

If you have any questions about the kids' room, either before or during WeeM, please call Kim at 224-715-7044 or Joel at 224-392-4639.



Tweens (9-13)

Participants under 18 years of age who are old enough to be unsupervised must have their parents sign a release form at registration and provide contact information where a responsible adult can be reached *at the hotel* throughout the weekend.

We will NOT have a designated "Tween" area in Hospitality this year, as kids of all ages are encouraged to explore all the programs and experiences WeeM has to offer (with the exception of a few obviously adult-oriented events, like Pretentious Drinking). This year will feature a bigger, better, and "wilder" version of 2012's successful Prohibition Drinking. Look for the Epicurean Experience Saturday night for an alcohol-free zone with lots of interesting edibles to sink your teeth into.

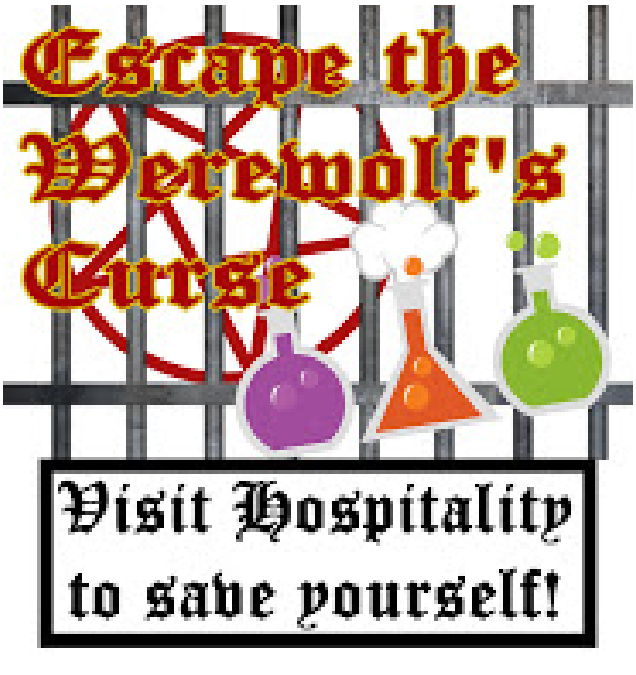
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Tournaments & Games

All Weekend

Game Room
Ravinia A and Michigan B

The Game Room will open Thursday evening and remain open around the clock until Sunday afternoon. We have a wide assortment to choose from. Please do not leave your small children in the game room. Games will also be in the Children's and Tweeners' spaces.



Scarecrow Contest

A "field" of empty stakes is in Hospitality waiting for you to use the provided supplies – and anything else you care to add – to make a scarecrow to wow our judges!



Judging will happen Sunday morning, just before the awards ceremony. The scarecrows will be on display all weekend, and all items left behind will be donated to local charities.

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Tournaments

We've moved the tournaments lineup to the day-to-day listing of events. A short summary follows. As always, check the PAAG in the event of last-minute changes.

Friday: Kill Dr. Lucky, 7 Under, Euchre.
Saturday: Logic Tournament, The Settlers of Catan, LEGO Improv, True Greed.
Sunday: The Amazing Race.

Book Sale

Find out what your fellow Mensans have read. Browse through donated book and non-book items, and take home some real treasures. We charge 50¢ per book or 3/$1, for paperbacks; $1 each for hardcovers or 3/$2.50; and $1.00/bag on Sunday. VHS and audio cassette tapes are $1, CDs are $2, and DVDs are $3. Books on tape or CD are $2. All proceeds benefit Chicago Area Mensa's philanthropic projects.

Due to the timing for the program book preparation, any changes to the schedule will be reflected in the "Program At A Glance," which you'll receive at registration.

As always, we're starting on Thursday—with some great speakers on some very hot topics, plus the return of the pig roast.

But that is just the beginning. There are local excursions and, of course, our famous multi-track programming throughout the weekend. For gamers, there are tournaments and the 24-hour games room, and of course there will be a great kids' track, plus a dance, costume parade, 24-hour hospitality suites, book sale, and vendor area.

Do note that we have a lot of programs in the evening, so don't figure that dinner signals the end of the day's learning or entertainment opportunities.

For details on events and features that run all weekend long, see previous pages.

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Thursday

Early Morning to Late Afternoon

Setting Up

Mostly the Hospitality Area

Welcome! We're so glad you came to our RG! And you're so early! We don't officially open our doors until 4:00 PM, but you are more than welcome to roll up your sleeves and help out. There are dozens of things to do, and your help will be greatly appreciated. If you choose not to help out, please leave the sandwiches and beverages for those who are working, and don't be offended if we ask you to please get out of the way!



5:00 - 7:00 PM

Knowledge is Power - Action is Wisdom

R. Peter Sells

Willow

It is said that knowledge is power, but is the simple possession of power sufficient to get things done, to move organizations forward, or to motivate people? Leadership is the application of interpersonal power to influence the actions of others. It is not power, but its purposeful application, that determines the quality of leadership. We will examine dimensions of interpersonal power using examples from the fire service, the world of international business, and the human imagination. You may have done leadership or team-building exercises before, but you will look at them differently after this.

7:00 – 8:30 PM

Pig Roast

Hospitality

This food product (hereinafter referred to as "Pig" or "The Pig") was produced in a facility that has never processed peanuts or tree nuts of any kind, but two of the plant employees attended George Washington Carver High School. (Our legal department made us put this in here.)

8:30 – 10:30 PM

Scotch Tasting

Matt Crawford

Willow

Our sixth annual Scotch tasting visits the Highlands single-malts for a sampling of distillations and finishings.

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Friday

7:30 – 9:30 AM

Simple Breakfast
Hospitality

10:30 - 11:45 AM

Big Science On the Move: Transporting the Muon g-2 magnet from New York to Fermilab
Adam Lyon

Michigan A

A new experiment at Fermilab will measure the magnetic "wobble" of sub-atomic particles called muons in the hopes of finding evidence for new undiscovered physics. The experiment requires a huge 50-foot-diameter superconducting particle storage ring that was located at Brookhaven National Laboratory on Long Island, NY and was recently transported to Fermilab in Batavia via land and sea. As one of the widest loads ever to traverse Illinois roads, the ring attained "Rock Star" status with the public. Come learn more about this groundbreaking experiment and how we move Big Science.



Debate Room, Rounds 1 & 2
Peter Casey (Moderator)

Birch

Debate Room is not a heated debate, but a fast-paced moderated discussion where everyone gets to be heard, and the most interesting speaker gets a prize!

Topic 1, first half of the session: **America's Disappearing Middle Class.** Personal income for the top 10% has increased since 1970, while the middle class has seen its income stay the same (in constant dollars). Middle-class management and knowledge worker jobs are going overseas, dropping many formerly middle class into working -class service jobs. How will this trend affect America's future? What are the alternatives? Topic 2, second half: **Immigration.** Do we need even more immigrants? Are we allowing enough in now (more than any other country)? What are the practical limits and risks to more open borders? Is helping Mexico's economy the answer? Is uniting families more important than importing brains and entrepreneurs? Why should the US overload its capacity to offset global instability?

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Thrill the World Dance Rehearsal

Marie Salvaggione

Elm

Thrill the World is back! Join with thousands of other people around the globe on October 26 to break the world record for the largest simultaneous dance to Michael Jackson's "Thriller!" This event is open to all ages and dance levels. This is a mandatory dance rehearsal to help us prepare. Come dressed to dance.

11:45 AM – 1:00 PM

Lunch Break

1:00 – 3:45 PM

Who Died and Left You in Charge? The Kings and Queens of England

EJBoris

Michigan A

A discussion on the kings and queens of England, and how each succeeded to the throne.



1:00 - 3:00 PM

Life-Size Kill Dr. Lucky

Michigan B

Kid Gym

Elm

This half-hour of organized physical activity is part of the Kids' Track.

Making Your ADHD Work for You

Doug Snyder

Willow

Diagnosed as an adult with ADHD, Doug has learned to embrace the many advantages of ADHD instead of running away from it. Formal coaching

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1:00 - 3:00 PM (cont'd.)

and peer-mentoring with intelligent like-minded ADHD adults has given him great insight into the possibilities of excelling with ADHD. Originally perceiving ADHD as a disability, Doug has learned that it isn't the inability to focus, but rather that we hyper-focus on everything. The secret is learning to consistently hyper-focus on what is important to your success. Join Doug to learn how you can harness your inner ADHD to unleash your personal creative genius.

2:30 - 3:45 PM

Movie Flubs

Bob Finnegan

Birch

Flubs, as opposed to bloopers, are mistakes left in the released film. Join Bob as he shares a compendium of flubs from famous movies such as Star Wars, Raiders of the Lost Ark, Wizard of Oz, and the Bond movies.

Cyber Threats

Leo Doyle

Willow

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

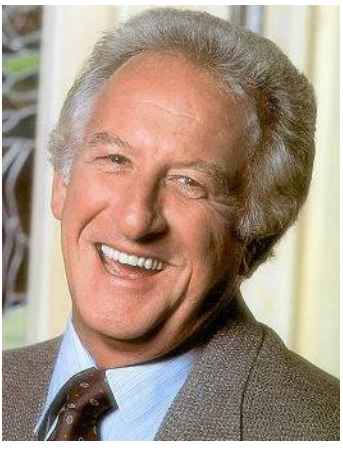
3:30 - 5:00 PM

Euchre Tournament

Kim Kohler

Ravinia A

This is a traditional trick-taking card game requiring cooperation between partners. However, in our variant, you will have a new partner each round. We'll play three rounds. Experience with Euchre is expected; rules will NOT be taught. All ages welcome.



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4:00 – 5:15 PM

Orbital Nano
Frank Dolinar

Michigan A

Nanotech started with a consideration of growing structures in space. Nearly three decades later, we look at how nanotech is influencing space programs worldwide. A new era of space exploration is being crafted by private organizations. Nanotech is finding multiple roles, particularly as part of inexpensive probes with only a handful of onboard functions. The confluence of nano and space is exciting. Future possibilities are mind-boggling.

A Brief Survey of Outsider Art
Jean Danielson

Willow

Outsider art is art created by persons with no formal art training. “Outsider Art” was coined in the early seventies as /Art Brut/, or “raw art,” by artist Jean Dubuffet. He believed this category specifically defined art created outside predefined bounds of the current culture, which for him included people in insane asylums and children. Other artists and curators have defined it more broadly, including artists with mental health and addiction issues, those who were reclusive introverts and those, such as the artists of Gee’s Bend, Alabama, living in relative isolation, who created functional art out of necessity and poverty with a vibrant eye towards design. This program will present a brief survey of Outsider Art, including examples.

M-Atheists SIG Meet & Greet

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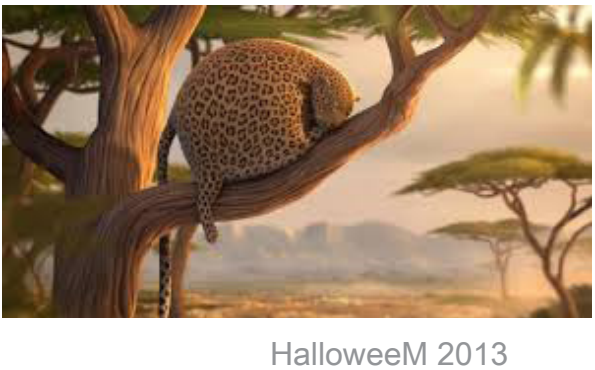
This is a no-host meet & greet and freeform discussion for members of the M-Atheists SIG and any other interested persons.

5:30 – 7:30 PM

Dinner

Hospitality

Head over to Hospitality for a meal, but please, no need to rush, or try to fill and balance eight plates, as food will be replenished often.



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6:00 – 8:00 PM

7 Wonders Tournament
Glenn Sutton
Ravinia A

6:30 – 7:30 PM

Kids' Costume Parade
Michigan A/B

All children are invited to show off their costumes for prizes. Come see some little ones who are so cute, it's scary! After prizes are awarded, kids registered for babysitting are welcome to wear their costumes to the Kids' Room for movies and snacks during the Adult Costume Parade.

6:30 – 8:30 PM

Fishbowl
Robin Crawford
Elm

Robin leads the group in a frank discussion about human sexuality and interaction. This forum uses the "Fishbowl" method of having first one gender, then the other, give first-person answers to the group's written questions about sexual preferences, proclivities, and views. Get answers to questions that heretofore you've probably been able to ask very few people. To foster frankness and trust, no one will be admitted 10 minutes after we begin, so please be on time. Confidentiality and discretion are a must. What is shared in the fishbowl, stays in the fishbowl.



6:30 – 9:00 PM

Hells M's
Birch

Have you ever wondered what all of those black tee shirts are all about? Attend the meeting for current and potential HELL's M's and find out. You will learn out what is going on with the party SIG. If you don't already know, you will find out what we are, how we got started, and what we do. MEMBERS: Don't forget to vote for PARTY ANIMAL - results will be announced on Sunday.

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6:30 – 9:00 PM, cont'd.

My MasterChef Experience: The Good, the Bad, and the UGLY

Marie Porter

Willow

Anxious to start paying off chunks of tornado disaster loans, Marie Porter tried out for a reality show. What followed was the most surreal year of her life. Learn about what it's like to try out, train, and prepare for a "cooking" show. Marie will discuss the sequester experience, baking for Gordon Ramsay, being written about by Perez Hilton... and why she's likely the last High IQ contestant they'll ever cast on the show!



8:00 – 9:00 PM

The Great White Shark: Defanging the Myths

Deanna LaSusa-Hotchner

Michigan A/B

These magnificent animals are shrouded in mystery and seriously misunderstood. Come learn some fascinating facts about their social and natural behaviors. Discover what it's like to cage dive and see great whites in the wild.



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9:30 – 11:00 PM

Adult Costume Parade

Michigan A/B

It's one of the many things for which we are (justly) famous: costumes. Prizes will be awarded for Best Pun, Worst Pun, Best Traditional, Best Under Age 18, and possibly others, as inspiration strikes the judges. Bribes for the judges are encouraged.







If you are entering the costume contest, be sure to get a numbered ticket. Please SPEAK LOUDLY AND CLEARLY when you get to the microphone, so that everyone (including the judges) can hear and enjoy the description of your get-up.



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9:30 PM – Midnight

Hit Movie: "Star Trek: Into Darkness"

Birch

"Star Trek: Into Darkness" is one of the blockbuster movies of this summer, and has been released on Blu-Ray in time for HalloweeM.

The Essence of Reality

Tom Nehrer

Willow

Beliefs and definitions absorbed during childhood never clarify how reality works, but mask its interrelated, functional oneness with consciousness. With unique, clear insight, Tom illustrates inner causality of real events, health, and relationships: how we each create patterns in our lives - and how to change them.

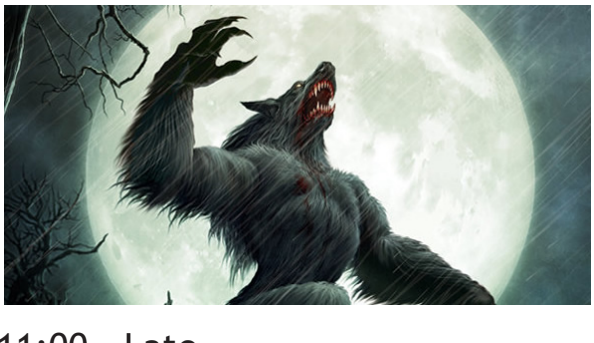
Tom's first talk, an overview of the inner-outer connection, reveals life's function beyond religious and scientific paradigms. He shows open-minded listeners exactly how life unfolds in meaningful events and relationships, describes techniques for delving inward to elicit change, and explores the teachings of others who have glimpsed this oneness - or not.

9:30 PM – Late

Friends of Jacob (AKA Nightly Werewolf)

Elm

Come practice for tomorrow's tournament! It's a fun game which, if it appeared on a Jerry Springer show, would be titled "Townsfolk and the Werewolves Who Eat Them."



11:00 – Late

Iron Chef Hospitality

Michael Collins & Marie Porter

Ravinia C/D/F

Test your skills at *ad hoc haute cuisine*. Competitors in Iron Chef Hospitality will have one hour to create a 3-course meal from whatever they find in Hospitality, including leftovers. Some small additional ingredients may be brought in from outside, but all preparation must take

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place at the event. Judges include Marie Porter (Fantasy Cake creator), and Michael Collins (Hospitality Co-Chair); contact them if you're interested in competing or acting as a "mystery judge". If you're not up to being a head chef, we can try to place you on a team. Everyone is welcome as a spectator. Allez cuisine!

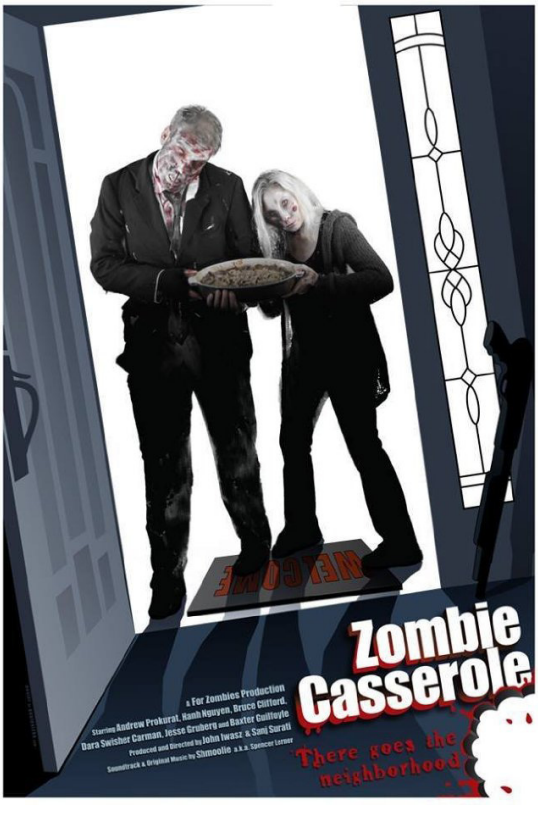
Midnight – Late

The movie "Zombie Casserole"

John Iwasz

Birch

"Zombie Casserole" is a poignant exploration of zombie-human relations in the very near future. Unrated. Running time 28 minutes.



Double-Deck Cancellation Hearts

Ravinia A/B (Games Room)

This giant and unpredictable version of the classic game of Hearts is a Midwest RG favorite. Some familiarity with the game is preferred. If you know Hearts, the rest can be easily taught. Sobriety is optional.

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Saturday

9:00 – 10:15 AM

I Finally Made It On "Jeopardy!" You Can Too!

Alan Baltis

Birch



Competing on "Jeopardy!" is a bucket-list item for many smartfolk who have one of those brains that seems to absorb & retain everything they experience. I recently got "the call" to compete on "Jeopardy!", and had a chance to see if all that trivia might finally come in handy. It did! I won! Join me for a walk-through of the entire process; the on-line test, the re-test & live audition, the fact/bio write-up, the preparation/practice/cramming, the flying out to California, and actually Doing It. Ken Jennings I wasn't, but hopefully with what you learn, we can get you on, too!

The Gerk Manifesto: Transforming Geeks, Nerds, Dorks, and ADHDs into Awesome Social Citizens

Grant Crowell

Willow

Geeks, nerds, dorks, and ADHDs – once looked as misfits and outcasts – are now becoming recognized for their special gifts. What is needed to transform these groups into "super-socialized" beings is a sense of self-awareness, context, and digital culture. This evolved social citizenry has a new name: "gerks."

This presentation will cover 5 key topics: A history of geeks, nerds, dorks, and ADHD-ers; the opportunities and challenges of social media for individuals and society; learning the art and science of digital communication in the social age; why we need to be super-socialized citizens, and for counselors to be immersed in and astute with, social-digital culture; and the social anatomy of a "gerk." Q&A time will follow.

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The Music of Edvard Grieg, a Lecture-Recital

Angela Salvaggione

Elm

A look at the life and music of Norwegian composer Edvard Grieg, examined, by discussion and performance, through several of his lyric pieces for piano.



10:00 – Noon

Logic Tournament

Ravinia A

Oriel Maxime

10:30 – 11:45 AM

The Scientific Traveler

Duane S. Nickell

Michigan A

Have you ever been traveling and wondered if any scientific points of interest were within reach? If so, this presentation is for you! A small sampling of scientific sites across the U.S. will be described along with some resources that will make your next journey more scientifically satisfying.

Shinkendo: Traditional Japanese Weaponry

Trevis Crane

Michigan B

Shinkendo and Bojutsu are the beautiful arts of Japanese sword and staff. Through extensive training and historical research, Shinkendo founder Toshishiro Obata created a system of martial arts that uses authentic Samurai teachings and techniques, which lead to practical ability as well as an understanding of classical martial arts. Shinkendo is steeped in the traditions of the Samurai, physical training, proper Bushido etiquette, and philosophy.

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10:30 – 11:45 AM, cont'd.



LEGO Improv

Willow

Given a random set of Lego bricks, try to build something inventive and creative from them. There will be awards in many categories. All ages are welcome to participate.

Unusual Animations

Bob Finnegan

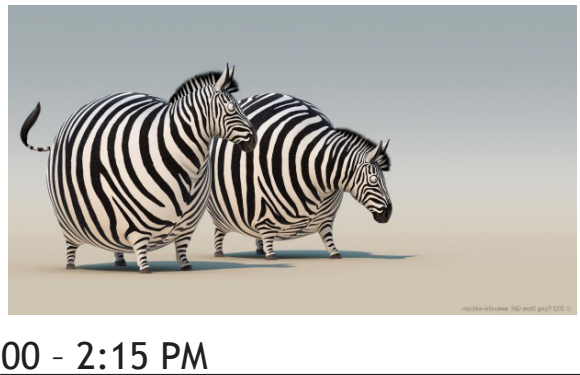
Birch

See video demonstrations of animations that are unusual because of their subject matter or the methods used. Methods include using yarn, beads, Japanese dolls, and pin boards. Subjects include opera, sex, primitive sounds, and water colors.

11:30 AM – 1:00 PM

Lunch Break.

Hospitality



1:00 – 2:15 PM

Watson Answers: How a Computer Won "Jeopardy!"

Frank Dolinar

Michigan A

Big Data is all the rage in business and research. But what is it really? This will be a conversation about so-called Big Data and other aspects of the field of analytics. We'll discuss at a general level what Big Data is, what it isn't, why it's important, and who's making news.

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Witchcraft 101

Elizabeth Garbacki

Birch



Ever wonder about modern witchcraft? Come and learn a little about the beliefs, philosophy, and rituals of this ancient pagan religion.

Welded Steel Art

Adele Kiel

Willow

Working in steel allows me to mold an inert material into textures producing animals and flowers that look real and appear to move. I fabricate these life-like forms with an oxygen/acetylene torch.



It's an Improvised Session

Steve Duberchin
and Crazy Shades of Blue

Elm

Crazy Shades of Blue is back at HalloweeM 2013 with a mostly new workshop! We'll prepare a few ideas but, as always, the direction will be up to you! Join the cast of Crazy Shades of Blue in this experiential workshop and see what makes Improv tick! This is not a lecture where you just sit and watch; you will be up and improvising side by side with seasoned improvisors. We'll be looking at other secrets that make Improv work by playing group "games" and "scenes." Prepare to have a lot of fun, think on your feet, and maybe learn something new through all the laughs!

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1:00 – 3:00 PM

Settlers of Catan

Ed Barta

Ravinia A



In The Settlers of Catan, players try to be the dominant force on the island of Catan by building settlements, cities, and roads. On each turn dice are rolled to determine what resources the island produces. Players collect these resources (cards) - wood, grain, brick, sheep, or stone - to build up their civilizations to get to 10 victory points and win the game.

2:30 – 3:45 PM

The 1893 World's Columbian Exposition in an Hour

Joel Schorn

Michigan A

From the "White City" to the original Midway, the World's Columbian Exposition drew over 2 million people to Chicago's Jackson Park during the summer of 1893. On exhibit at this watershed event was a vast array of displays of achievements in everything from manufacturing to agriculture to the arts, as well as state and national pavilions, cultural and entertainment attractions, and food and drink galore. Using historical photos, Joel will provide an experience of the Exposition's visual delights and points of interest and also provide some information on the history and significance of this epic and fascinating event.

Baseball Statistics Throughout the Eras

Steve Davidson

Birch

Baseball has been at the forefront of American culture for around 150 years, and fans have been arguing "Who are the greatest players of all time?" for nearly as long. Baseball generates massive amounts of statistics, and those are often cited as the most reliable method of comparing players across eras. Or are they? This discussion will take a look at how the game has evolved, and how those changes make comparing players from 1908 to those from 2013 a potentially foolish endeavor. The talk will be "pitched" (groan) at a beginner's level, so those who don't know their WHIP from their WAR from their OPS can still fully comprehend and enjoy the proceedings.

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Rise of the MOOCs
Hal Snyder

Willow

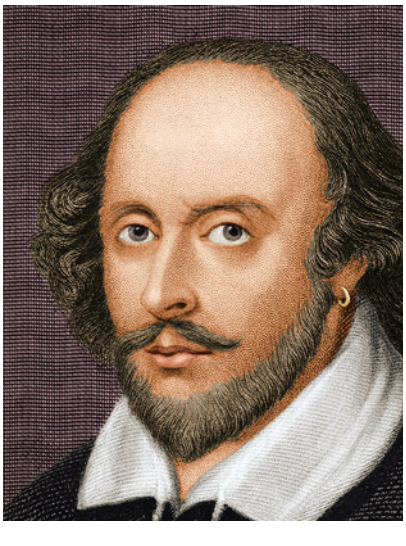
Today's Massive Open Online Courses (MOOCs) bring the Internet's disruptive technology to higher education. People around the world are studying, free of charge, topics from quantum mechanics to ancient history offered by leading universities. In Rise of the MOOCs, we review a) what it is like to enroll and participate, b) advantages and drawbacks compared to traditional education, c) viability and implications, and d) special relevance to the MENSA community. We expect lively discussion and will invite questions & personal stories from the audience.

2:30 – 5:15 PM

A Comedy of Errors
Beverly Flechsig

Elm

Sight-read (or reread) the Bard's "A Comedy of Errors." No tech rehearsals, no memorization, no costume fittings. Join us in a casual group read-through. Bring a copy if you have one; some extras will be available.



3:30 – 4:15 PM

Thrill the World
Marie Salvaggione

Side hallway near Hospitality

See the rehearsal entry in the program book on Friday at 10:30 AM. Then at 3:30 Saturday, gather in the hall outside Hospitality to don your optional zombie makeup or costume, take your places, and prepare to dance at 4:00!

Another reminder: due to the timing for the program book preparation, any changes to the schedule will be reflected in the "Program At A Glance," which you'll receive at registration.

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4:00 – 5:15 PM

Reality TV is Broken - An Improvised Comedy

Crazy Shades of Blue

Michigan A

Crazy Shades of Blue is back at HalloweeM with a new show! Join us as we present Short Form Improv, an improvised comedy where you get to tell us where to go, what to do, and how to be. We'll use your sugestions to build a unique performance as these scenes have never been performed before and most likely will never be performed again. Crazy Shades Of Blue is an Improve Comedy troupe from the Chicago suburbs performing is a simular fashion to "Whose Line Is It Anyway?"

Really Odd and Special, Part 2

Bob Finnegan

Birch

Your host dives once more into his video vault and brings out another collection of rare and interesting short videos such as: Hitchcock's famous trailer for "Psycho," footage of drunken African animals, and 2 members of "Star Trek: The Next Generation" presenting their tongue-in-cheek idea for a new series.

Kids' Track T-shirts

Kim Kohler

Michigan B

Make your WeeM Gone Wild T-Shirt with help from our crafty volunteers. Only children registered for the Kids' Track may participate in this program. Parents are welcome to lend their creative juices to the project, but are not required. Pick up your shirts in Maple on Sunday morning after we add the finishing touches.

Brilliance in Beantown: The 2014 Annual Gathering

Nancy McMahan Farrar

Willow

Come have a revolutionary time in the "Hub of the Universe" with your Mensa family. Programming will focus on all the best that Boston has to offer: education, history, sports, museums, politics, music, science, arts, and so much more! Tours of the city and around New England will round out a great vacation experience. And what could be a better time to be in Boston than over Independence Day? Make a pilgrimAGe and join us from 2-6 July 2014 for an event to remember!

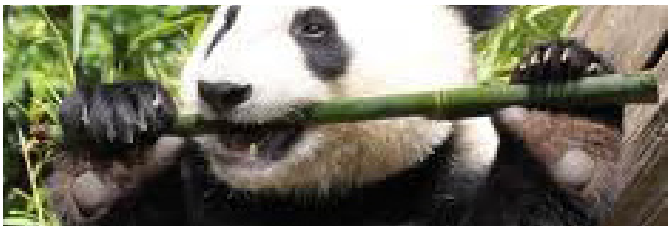
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5:00 – 7:00 PM

MovieMashups
William Meyer and Kim Horger
Ravinia A

5:15 – 7:30 PM

Dinner Break
Like the last several years, there will be no formal banquet this year, and it should also be noted that no meal will be provided in Hospitality, though the usual snacks will be available. A list of area restaurants will be provided to those who inquire at our registration desk or in the hotel lobby.



7:30 – 9:30 PM

Debate Room, Rounds 3 & 4
Cat Sterrett (Moderator)
Birch

Rounds 1 & 2 took place Friday at 10:30 AM. Debate Room is not a heated debate, but a fast-paced, moderated discussion where everyone gets to be heard, and the most interesting speaker gets a prize!

Topic 3, first half of the session: **National Health Care.** Can we have national healthcare in the US? Will it allow government to bring down upward-spiraling prices? Alternatively, is there a for-profit solution that would include the now uninsured? Can we get a national drug plan a la Canada to get drug costs reined in? Should it include everyone? Non-citizens, tourists, illegal immigrants?

Topic 4, second half: **Gun Control vs. Gun Rights.** Would restricting guns reduce gun violence, as it did in Australia? Or are restrictions in America impossible, as Sam Harris maintains? Does a US citizen have the right to bear arms as guaranteed by the Constitution or are limitations necessary? If so, who gets to decide what those limitations will be? How about concealed vs. non-concealed? Stand your ground? What about my right to conceal-carry nuclear arms? Does the NRA speak more for gun enthusiasts or gun manufacturers?

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The Epicurean Experience
Joel Kohler

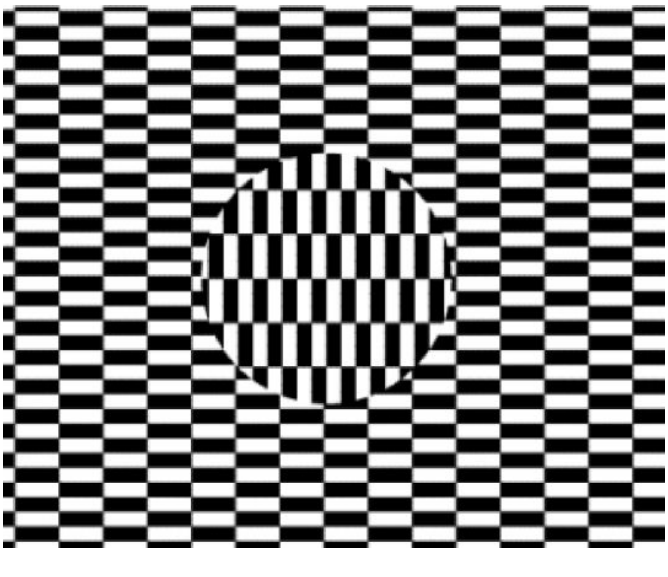
Michigan B

We've revamped last year's sleeper hit Prohibition Drinking to bring you an expanded palette of pretentious edibles! Take a nibble of things you've never tried before, and perhaps have always wondered about. (And some things you perhaps have not.) Our wild menu will feature selections of flora and fauna from branches of the evolutionary tree that many of us would not even consider "food". This event is ALCOHOL FREE, so admission requires that you show your Pretentious Drinking ticket (which we will not take, so you can still use it later) or your "under 21" badge. Please note, we aren't serving a meal, just some… "appetizers", so come for curiosity, not dinner.

7:30 – 10:30 PM

The Illusion of "Truth"
Tom Nehrer

Willow



Based on scholarly research into a historical Jesus, Tom's third book leverages his personal awareness of Reality's functional Oneness to illustrate the "real" Jesus behind myth. Tom covers:

• Historical, social setting for Jesus' life.

• The mindset of ancient peoples vs. modern understanding.

• How life really works: pattern formation based on inner propensities.

• Jesus' real trek through life, growing from standard Jewish thinking to perceiving the oneness of reality/consciousness.

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• Analysis of Jesus' parables revealing his awareness.

• A critical look at how Christianity emerged to promote myth and lore about Jesus while oblivious to meaning in his words.

8:30 – 10:30 PM

Pretentious Drinking and Music
Alan Baltis and his Merry Band of Pourmeisters

Ravinia D-F

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 palate pleaser you expected? Rejoice! As in years past, you can sample some truly amazing liqueurs—and your money's no good. Details are included in your registration package. We will supply a wide range of weird and wonderful concoctions from around the world. You can determine which you'd like to own, which should be left on the shelf, and which you should give to your arch-nemesis as a "thoughtful" gift. Obviously, you must be of legal drinking age to join us. Snobbish accents and extended pinkies optional.



7:30 – Late

Friends of Jacob *(AKA Nightly Werewolf)* Tournament
Joel Kohler

Elm

Something odd is happening in Miller's Hollow. (Beyond the expected oddity of werewolves eating everyone.) For some reason on this night, people's spirits are persisting, even going so far as to take part in town debates! And if that isn't weird enough, all of the clocks in town seem to be running fast, causing sunset to fall with startling speed, and giving the werewolves unprecedented time to continue feeding. Come to town tonight and take part in the Werewolf "speed tournament", where even the dead have a voice, but nobody has a voice for very long!

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9:30 PM – Midnight



Movie: “Iron Man 3”
Birch

10:30 – Late

Dance
Michigan A & B

Sing-Along
Clyde Forrester

Elm

Gather ’round for a sing-along! Folk, rock, blues, punk, show tunes—whatever you really love to sing. Feel free to bring a non-amplified instrument or just your voice. Clyde Forrester will bring an acoustic bass guitar and an electronic keyboard. Sing until you run out of songs. Or, just sit and enjoy the music.

Midnight – Late

The movie “Zombie Casserole”
John Iwasz

Birch

Reprised from last night, “Zombie Casserole” is a poignant exploration of zombie-human relations in the very near future. Unrated. Running time 28 minutes.

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Sunday

7:30 – 10:30 AM

Breakfast
Hospitality

9:00 - 11:30 AM

Amazing Race - WeeM Style
Jill Sackett

Ravinia A

Need some help in recovering from your Saturday night revelry? Join us for the first-ever Amazing Race for Mensans! Based upon the popular TV show, teams of 2-4 competitors complete a variety of tasks, some cerebral, some lighthearted, on their way to the final "Pit Stop" and victors' bragging rights. Our version is designed for all ages and activity levels, although each team must have at least one member 18 years or older. Please sign up in advance on the Amazing Race tournament sheet to facilitate our planning. Not on a team? No problem; we'll get you on one. Don't miss out on one of the most entertaining events of the weekend!

9:30 – 10:45 AM

Nondenominational Worship
Elm

Friends of the FSM
Birch

All Pastafarians are invited to testify how they have been touched by his noodly appendage.

11:00 – 11:30 AM

Time to check out of your hotel rooms.



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11:00 AM – 12:15 PM

Awards and Announcements
Ravinia C/D/F

Find out who did and won what. The service awards, in particular, introduce you to people who have worked, often behind the scenes, to make things happen in Chicago Area Mensa.

12:30 – 1:45 PM

Building Supercomputers on a Shoestring Budget
Amitoj Singh

Willow

High Performance Computing most generally refers to the practice of aggregating computing power to deliver much higher performance than one could get out of a typical desktop computer or workstation, in order to solve large problems in science, engineering, or business. Amitoj Singh will talk about "high performance computing" and the computers designed and assembled at Fermilab to solve the theory of Quantum Chromodynamics (QCD). Quantum chromodynamics is the study of how quarks and gluons interact through the strong force. A single QCD problem requires quintillions of individual calculations. Come find out what these problems are and how hundreds of almost-ordinary computers are harnessed to solve them.

2:00 – 4:00 PM

Proctored Tests
Willow, overflow in Oak

Not a member yet? Here's your chance to qualify.

3:15 PM – ?

Anyone with time to spare?
Just about everywhere

Time to clean up! Please pitch in and give us a hand. Remember, all volunteering is rewarded with a collectable volunteer pin.

Thanks for coming. We hope to see you next year.

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Presenter Biographies

Alan Baltis

I Finally Made It On Jeopardy! (Sat.)

Alan Baltis is a long-time Mensan who's played many a game, solved many a puzzle, presented many a program, and shared many a laugh with his smartfriends. He recently appeared on Jeopardy, and got to be Reigning Champion for an entire weekend. Come hear him talk about the whole experience! He also has co-hosted Pretentious Drinking for more than a dozen years, his pinky so consistently extended that it's gotten a little hard to get that French-cuffs shirt on. When not at HalloweeM he's a software developer and "convergence" consultant- chat him up about iPhones, websites, databases, and ubiquitous computing!

Trevis Crane

Shinkendo: Traditional Japanese Weaponry (Sat.)

Sensei Trevis Crane has taught Shinkendo and Bojutsu with the Sojokan Dojo through the Arlington Heights Park district since 2009. Sojokan Dojo is a member dojo of the International Shinkendo Federation, based in L.A., led by Kaiso (founder) Toshishiro Obata, who holds elevated rank in various martial arts and has set multiple records in target cutting and test cutting. You may have seen him as Master Tatsu in 1990's "Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtle", among other Hollywood roles.

Matt Crawford

Scotch Tasting (Thurs.)

Matt Crawford hasn't been drinking his whisky 35 years for nothing, although in this yearly event he comes pretty close. He used his former clout as LocSec to create the Scotch Tasting event for HalloweeM, and has been pouring for, educating, and amusing opening-night WeeM-goers since 2008.

Robin Crawford

Sexyg Fishbowl (Fri.)

Robin Crawford often extols the virtue of volunteerism and practices what she preaches. She

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has served in several capacities at the local, regional, national, and international levels of Mensa. Even after doing it for several years, she still considers facilitating the Fishbowl at 'WeeM to be one of her most enjoyable contributions.

Crazy Shades of Blue

It's an Improvised Session and Reality TV is Broken - An Improvised Comedy (Both Sat.)

CSoB is an improv-comedy troupe from Chicago's suburbs, performing in a similar fashion to "Whose Line Is It Anyway?" CSoB is comprised of Steve Duberchin, Lee Furnish, Sue Pontarelli, Jamie Schultz, Jon Corso, Jeff Quaglia, Mike Olifirowicz, and Amy Levine. CSoB has over 25 years of combined experience performing across the Chicago suburbs. We are happy to be returning to HalloweeM this year, and we'll be bringing laughs and fun with us!

Grant Crowell

The Gerk Manifesto (Sat.)

Grant Crowell is an author, consultant, media producer, speaker and all-around Jack of many trades. He has worked in the online marketing industry since 1996 for both large enterprises and startups in social media and social business, video, search, reputation management, and customer experience. His accomplishments include: head researcher and editor of the book, Socialized! How the Most Successful Businesses Harness the Power of Social; and the podcast show host/producer of "Super Socialize Me!" Grant also volunteers for SocialMediaClub.org and the Adults with ADHD support group in Chicago; and is currently authoring a special report on ADHD + Social Media.

Jean Danielson

A Brief Survey of Outsider Art (Fri.)

Jean Danielson is a technologist, author, and artist who recently published a book on public art and economic transformation in blighted urban areas. She prefers to work with pen and ink for her drawings, using a .20 mm nib to create figures at a "defining moment in time." Her figures are organic, colorful and fluid, expressing difference and sameness through body modifications and the feeling of reaching outside the paper boundaries.

Steve Davidson

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Baseball Statistics Throughout the Eras (Sat.)

Steve enjoys being a know-it-all (sorry, expert) in a variety of pop-culture-related areas, with music and baseball being chief among them. He has spent an inordinate amount of his life watching ballgames both on TV and in person (with scorecard always in hand), reading baseball-related books, playing fantasy baseball, and poring over the Baseball Encyclopedia for hours on end. He lives in Chicago with his wife Sue and their three cats, and all five of them are die-hard White Sox fans.

Frank Dolinar

Orbital Nano (Fri.)

Consultant and software developer by trade. Science-fiction addict since childhood by lucky accident. Author of essays examining the history, trends, and implications of science & technology. Mensan for twelve years. Voice narration for A/V productions. Speaker of complete sentences (given the opportunity). Enthusiastic amateur space nut.

Leo Doyle

Cyber Threats (Fri.)

Leo Doyle is the head of the Indianapolis Metropolitan Cyber Defense Force. He has two degrees in electrical engineering and an advanced degree in computer science. He is a life member of Mensa, joining in the early ‘80s. He has been the vice president of the third largest Internet provider in the world and started the first commercial Internet company in Indiana in 1992. He was professor at Purdue Univ. teaching computer science. He’s an entrepreneur and loves the business of doing business. In his spare time, he enjoys collecting odd cars.

EJBoris

Kings and Queens of England (Fri.)

Member of Mensa of Wisconsin. UBI Master. Apparently finds English history and English royalty to be of interest.

Robert Finnegan

Movie Flubs (Fri.) and Really Odd and Special (Pat 2) (Sat.)

Bob Finnegan is an avid film buff with an impressive collection of documentaries and in-

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formation on a wide range of topics. Favorites include illusions, animals, disasters, and especially movies and moviemaking, behind-the-scenes footage, and movie-star insights.

Clyde Forrester

Sing-Along (Sat.)

Clyde Forrester has been a Mensan for over 25 years. He comes from a long line of tinkerers and ne'er-do-well musicians, which led him to gravitate toward computers and music. The propensity toward tinkering has led him to delve into the mechanics of the world's languages and writing systems.

Elizabeth Garbacki

Witchcraft 101 (Sat.)

After a personal tragedy, Elizabeth became an avid student of religions in order to try to make sense of the world. Years and tomes later, she still doesn't have an answer.

John Iwasz

Zombie Casserole (Fri.)

Mensa John Iwasz launched For Zombies Productions with Sanj Surati in 2011 and won the judges' and fans' votes with "Blobageddon" at the Phoenixville Blobfest film festival in 2012.

Adele Kiel

Welded Steel Art (Sat.)

Adele was trained in drawing and painting at the Art Institute of Chicago, and learned welding at Lane Tech High School at night.

Deanna LaSusa-Hotchner

The Great White Shark (Fri.)

Deanna became a diver twenty years ago. Since that time, her love for the ocean and diving has taken her all over the globe. Deanna has dived many places in the United States, Caribbean and South Pacific. Her favorite hobby is underwater videography. She is a recipient of the First Place award, Environmental Concern in the EPIC (Environmentally Aware Photographic Competition).

Adam Lyon

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Big Science On the Move (Thurs.)

Adam Lyon is head of the Scientific Data Processing department in the Scientific Computing Division at Fermilab and a member of the Muon g-2 collaboration, where he is in charge of computing and simulations. He was fortunate enough to "ride along" with the Muon g-2 ring for one of the land transport segments and showed off the experiment and apparatus at several outreach events.

Nancy McMahan Farrar

Brilliance in Beantown (Sat.)

Nancy McMahan Farrar is the Security Chair for the 2014 Annual Gathering, being held in Boston from 2-6 July 2014, and has served on other AG Host Committees as well. She's a member of Metropolitan Washington Mensa, where she's served as LocSec, Membership Officer, Proctor Coordinator, etc. and is currently the Public Relations Officer and Programs Officer for their upcoming RG, Matrix VI: Villainous Edition, coming up in May 2014. This is her first 'Weem.

Tom Nehrer

The Essence of Reality (Fri.) and
The Ilusion of "Truth" (Sat.)

From childhood, Tom questioned tenets of religious and cultural assumptions. Leaving engineering to travel widely, his mystic experience on Corfu jarred his scientific convictions. That prompted an inner journey and outward exploration of the superficiality of beliefs and cultural notions. Key to gaining "Clear Awareness" has been Tom's focus on finding and clarifying inner root elements to outer problems, then dispelling them. That path has led to health, abundance and fulfillment - with full understanding for how to achieve them.

Duane S. Nickell

The Scientific Traveler (Sat.)

Duane S. Nickell teaches high school physics in Indianapolis. He is the author of "Guidebook for the Scientific Traveler: Visiting Astronomy and Space Exploration Sites Across America" and "Guidebook for the Scientific Traveler: Visiting Physics and Chemistry Sites Across America."

Marie Porter

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My MasterChef Experience (Fri.)

Marie Porter is an award winning cake artist and cookbook author, and food blogger at Celebration Generation. She has supplied WeeM's Pretentious Drinking with goodies for most of the past 7 years, and is back this year!

Jill Sackett

Amazing Race (Sun.)

Jill is an Amazing Race (AR) fan, avid gamer, and occasional event-planner who can't turn down an opportunity to design a fun, intellectually-challenging, and varied competition for such a great concentration of able and adventurous contestants. She is joined by a terrific team of fellow AR fans to help execute this inaugural event.

Angela Salvaggione

The Music of Edvard Grieg and Thrill the World (Both on Sat.)

Angela is a piano and woodwind teacher, composer/arranger, and performer throughout the Chicago area. Her studio consists of 50 to 60 piano, bassoon, clarinet and flute students. She plays piano and composes for two Joliet-area churches as well as for area theater groups including The Chicago Red Line and Bolingbrook's Theatre on the Hill. Many of her piano arrangements are found in "Sing! Prayer and Praise," published by The Pilgrim Press. She composed the score for "Zenobia," a musical which premiered in Bolingbrook this past summer.

Joel Schorn

The 1893 World's Columbian Exposition (Sat.)

Joel Schorn is an editor and writer in Chicago with an amateur interest in architectural history. Currently he is trying to limit his use of the word "iconic" and has no plans to hire a personal stylist.

R. Peter Sells

Knowledge is Power - Action is Wisdom (Thurs.)

R. Peter Sells MBA is a self-employed Fire Protection Management Consultant based in Mississauga, Ontario, Canada. Peter has consulted and presented across Canada and the USA, as well as in Europe and the Middle

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East, on leadership, safety, professional development and organizational excellence for the past 20 years. Peter served 24 years with Toronto Fire Services, retiring as District Chief of Special Operations. He has been a member of Mensa Canada since 2002. Peter was selected as a member of the 2013 Leadership Exchange Ambassador Program by Mensa International.

Doug Snyder

Making Your ADHD Work for You (Fri.)

Doug is an avid learner and expert at having at least a paragraph of knowledge in countless subjects and a penchant for explaining all manner of mechanical actions, mysteries of science & art, and anything else that catches his interest (SQUIRREL!). With wide ranging experiences that include designing business software, custom car fabricating, serving on a submarine nuclear engineering team, and learning to pilot airplanes, Doug has been unknowingly exploiting the gift of having ADHD. After being diagnosed as an adult with ADHD, he has focused his energies learning how to make the most of it.

Hal Snyder

Rise of the MOOCs (Sat.)

Hal Snyder is an information systems architect at Orbitz Worldwide and has worked on fault-tolerant, concurrent digital systems for over 20 years. He has had prior careers as professor of mathematics and computer science at Roosevelt University and as a physician.

Amitoj Singh

Supercomputers on a Shoestring Budget (Sun.)

Amitoj Singh is the Deputy Head of the High Performance and Parallel Computing department in the Fermilab Scientific Computing Sector. He works with a team of 8 other computer professionals. Amitoj joined Fermilab in 2002 after completing a Masters Degree in Computer Science from the University of Houston. Prior to working at the lab, Amitoj had worked as a software consultant with United Airlines, as well as the States of Michigan and New York. Amitoj is originally from India, having graduated with top honors from the Regional Engineering College, in western India.

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