41st Annual HalloweeM



Hosted by Chicago Area Mensa



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A brain...
a heart...
a home...
the nerve.

Notes From the HalloweeM Chair



Welcome to WeeM 41: Wizard of Oz Weem! I'm very glad you could join us over the rainbow. Once again, the fabulous WeeM TeaM has put together an excellent event with plenty of activities to entertain you. Like the Scarecrow, you'll be wondering which way to go, wishing you could be one of those people who go both ways. But any which way that you follow the yellow brick road, it will lead you to fun. The games room is a horse of a different color that will keep you entertained and stimulate your mind. Of course you can always confer, converse, and otherwise hobnob with your fellow Mensans in hospitality.

Speaking of my flying monkeys . . . er . . . WeeM TeaM, they are wearing blue badges, and this event would not be possible without them and all their time and effort. If you see them, thank them for their hard work. If you have any concerns, please approach one of them who will direct you to me if they can't resolve your issue immediately. Should you desire to peek behind the curtain and see how things work, please sign up for a volunteer shift.

So whether you've come looking for a heart, a brain, or courage, my wish for you is that your weekend is so much fun that throughout the year you click your heels three times and say "There's no place like WeeM" to bring you back to the memories of this lovely weekend.

As the Wicked Witch said: "Why, my little party's just beginning..."

Heather Booton, HalloweeM 40 Chair

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Notes From the Program Chair

Welcome to WeeM 41: Wizard of Oz!! Prepare to be whisked off to a colorful land full of all sorts of interesting characters- you are definitely not in Kansas!

I have scheduled plenty to entertain and delight you the entire weekend. If this is your first WeeM, I highly recommend that you read though the program descriptions on the following pages and pick at least a few things each day to attend. The "Wonderful Wizard of WeeM" has guaranteed that there's a little something for everyone here!

Be sure to pay attention to the PAAG (program at a glance)- the lollipop guild (registration desk) will have fresh copies daily to inform you of any program changes. You'll also note some bold outlining on the PAAG- these are our WeeM "signature" events- check them out to see why WeeM is the best RG in the nation! When you're done with your PAAG, circle or star your favorite programs (along with any comments) and drop it in the PAAG comment box. I read every comment and accept your feedback to make subsequent programming something YOU want to experience! And while I may be only slightly offended if you don't attend any programs, that doesn't mean you won't enjoy your stay. The Westin has fantastic amenities and wonderful walking trails outside, and the games room and hospitality are open from Thursday afternoon through Sunday afternoon, so you can enjoy the weekend your way! Just stay out of the poppy fields, and watch out for flying monkeys!

Are you ready for a "Wicked" adventure? Click your heels and repeat after me- "There's no place like WeeM, there's no place like WeeM, there's no place like WeeM!!!"



Lacee Hudek,
HalloweeM 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 their blue 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 #WeeM41 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 At A Glance (PAAG): The PAAG includes some updates to the program which were too late to make it to the program book. There may be signs posted at the programming rooms or near registration with information that is fresher still. We're confident you'll know what's up. Some events are age-restricted (usually 21+), and you may be asked to show proof of age. Finally, please note that a few events do not start and end on the same time boundaries as most.

Program Schedule: There are often intervals set between programs in the programming grid. Check the times listed carefully. The PAAG is the most up-to-date source with respect to error corrections, room changes, speaker cancellations, etc.

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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 unwisely choose to allow your children to consume alcohol 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 re-cap the markers after use.

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 Ravinia, bringing food and beverages there is permitted. However, please DO NOT take food or beverages into the other speaker rooms. Water is available outside the speaker rooms, if you become parched.

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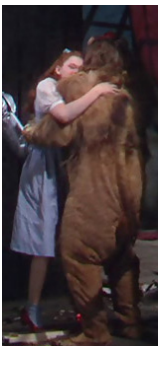
Policies & Reminders, cont'd.

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 (pictured on the front cover) 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 will be a friendly and safe environment for our 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 blue badge, 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.

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Pet Policy: In keeping with Chicago Area Mensa's pet policy, no non-human animals are allowed in any event space (hospitality or speaker/meeting rooms) unless they are registered service animals. Yes, Toto too. It is the obligation of the owner to provide proof of registration. Pets are still allowed in guest rooms.

Hotel kitchens and service corridors: Due to concerns from the hotel staff, **only** authorized volunteers will be allowed in the service corridors and hotel kitchens. If we are out of something and it needs to be replenished, please alert one of the hospitality volunteers or one of the event hosts who are wearing blue badges. We reserve the right to revoke the badges of anyone who goes in these areas without permission.

Photo Booth Is Back! A photo booth will be available from 8pm- midnight Saturday, in the front hall outside Pretentious Drinking. There will be props you can use to make your photo even more special. You will get a copy of your masterpiece, and electronic copies will be saved in case we need to undermine your future Senate bid. (Just kidding.)

NEW THIS YEAR: There is a new coffee shop in the hotel, where the gift shop used to be. The hotel respectfully requests that it not be used as a thoroughfare/short cut to the meeting rooms.

ALSO NEW THIS YEAR: Alcohol will **NOT** be available all night. Exact times will vary, but generally, alcohol will be unavailable between 2:00 AM and 10:00 AM.

Of Special Note: Volunteer Drawing

We're holding a drawing to reward our valuable helpers this weekend. Raffle prizes are gift certificates and cash! 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. Those who signed up for shifts in advance will also receive extra tickets. 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 activities and plenty of opportunities for supervised play all weekend long in Maple. To help cover the cost of the babysitters, parents who did not pre-register their child for babysitting will be charged $15 per day per child. ($40 for the whole weekend.) The Kids' Room will be open Friday after the kids costume parade until 11:30pm, Saturday from 9:30am to 11:30pm, and Sunday from 9:30am to 2:30pm. We will close the room for an hour during all scheduled meals (including Saturday evening), and take "field trips" to some of the WeeM Programs that are especially good for kids. Look for signs outside the Kids' Room for up-to-the minute details.

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 "ages 3 and up" 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.

We will once again have a kids-only costume parade at 6:30 PM Friday before the adult parade. Bring your kids directly to the parade in costume. Kids do not need to be registered for babysitting to participate in the costume parade.

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.

Paracord bracelet making is available as well. Contact Jason Catena for details.

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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 in the Kids' Room. If children prove to be uncontrollable or dangerous, their parents will be asked to remove them from the room and they will not be allowed to participate further.

If you have any questions about the Kids' Room, please contact Kim at 224-715-7044 or Joel at 224-392-4639.

Tweens and Teens (12-17)

Participants under 18 years of age who are old enough to be unsupervised must register with a responsible adult or 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.

Tournaments & Games

Game Room: Ravinia B

The Game Room will open Thursday evening and remain open around the clock until Sunday afternoon, even if there is a tournament. (These times will be posted.) We have a wide assortment to choose from. Please do not leave your small children unattended in the game room.

Tournaments: Ravinia A

The tournaments lineup is in the day-to-day listing of events. Please check the PAAG (and posted flyers in the tournament room) for details.

Massage Therapists

Deborah Knoll and James Martin will be doing chair massages in the vendor hall for much of the weekend. Cost is $15/15 min. massage. (Cash only.) Sign up recommended.

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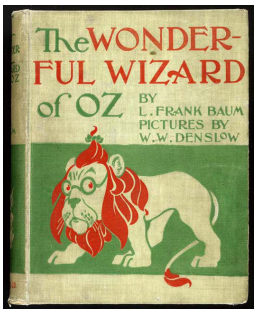
Book Sale



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 last-minute changes to the schedule, or past-the-deadline submissions, will be reflected in the "Program At A Glance," which is available at registration.

Thursday

Early Morning to Late Afternoon

Setting Up

Mostly in the 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 3:30 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 – 6:30 PM

Get Ready to Get Lucky

Catherine Sterrett

Willow

If the thought of exercise leaves you cold, but the thought of sex leaves you hot, this is for you! Not getting enough sex? Is your heart full of lust but your naughty bits full of rust? Or is your sexy mind willing but your body unable? This program addresses a panoply of issues from 1) becoming clear about your appetites and desires to 2) improving communication about your needs and 3) strategies for increasing your fitness and readiness to act on erotic opportunities that come your way. I promise your participation will be non-threatening and lots of fun. You'll be glad you came!

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6:00 – 7:30 PM

The Dark Side of the Rainbow

Birch

Engage in group apophenia, as we play the album "Dark Side of the Moon" synched up with movie "The Wizard of Oz."

7:00 – 8:30 PM

Something Scarier Than Halloween: Social Injustice

Willow

Susan will share her passion with working with young men coming out of the prison system and young teen mothers and talking about injustices that are rarely heard about, rarely dealt with, and rarely solved.

7:00 – 8:30 PM

Dinner

Hospitality

Fried Chicken & Sides, catered by Whole Foods.

7:30 – 9:00 PM

Stage Hypnosis Show

Millicent Bliesener

Michigan A

We're off to meet the wizzes! Join us for a fun show written especially for WeeM 41! Whether you're at home in the audience or have the courage to go into hypnosis and star in the show, you'll be thoroughly entertained. Appropriate for all ages.

7:30 – 9:15 PM

7 Wonders Tournament



Ravinia A

Details available in the tournament room.

8:00 - 9:15 PM

Everyday Tarot for Daily Guidance

Kelly Galanis

Birch

Discover more about yourself with an intuitive Tarot reading! We'll guide you through the art of fun and engaging readings, and help you understand how to practice Tarot in your daily life. Using traditional Tarot and contemporary decks, we have found Tarot to be a source of guidance in everyday life. Come learn how these fun and readings can help guide you towards the answers you seek. Tarot readings will be available over the weekend.

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9:00 – 10:30 PM

Scotch Tasting
Matt Crawford

Willow

This year we're going to push the edges of the Scotch whisky envelope, so if you're feeling drouthy, don't stand like a stookie swithering whether to come!

9:00 – Midnight

Werewolves of WeeM
Elm

Details available on the sign-up sheet.



10:00 – 11:30 PM

BDSM Social!
NaughtyBaby

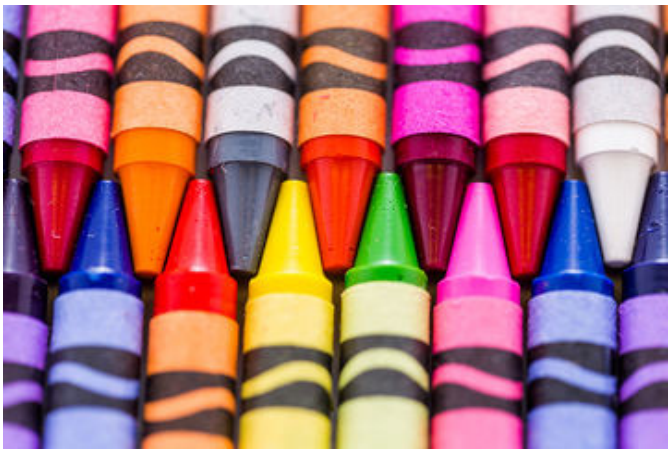
Birch

A social gathering for people who enjoy the BDSM and kink lifestyle. This gathering is for those into (or curious), who wish to know other Ms in the lifestyle. All experience levels welcome – don't be shy! Come connect with us and make some great new friends! We'll have some conversations and discussion on the lifestyle in a completely welcoming and inclusive environment. Join us! Open to attendees 21 years of age and up.

Mixed Media Coloring for Grownups
Carol Metzger

Ravinia A

This year we will supply wet media in addition to the dry media to which you have become accustomed. Expect coloring pages on good quality paper, gouache, brushes, and perhaps watercolor as well as colored pencils. You are welcome to bring in your own favorites or works-in-progress. Think "fine art lite." No skill or experience required, just playfulness.



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Another reminder:
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Friday

7:30 – 9:30 AM

Breakfast

Hospitality

Continental Breakfast - bagels & schmear, hot (microwavable) & cold cereals, fruit, yogurt, milk, coffee, and juices.

9:00 - 10:15 AM

Having the Relationship You Want

PD Wadler

Willow

After studying couples for dozens of years, Dr. John Gottman has developed an empirically based system for keeping relationships thriving. Learning some practical skills can improve any important relationship: family, spouse, friend, coworker. Learn what these skills are and how to implement them. This will be an interactive presentation.

The Conundrum of Sir Arthur Conan Doyle

Barbara Barnett

Birch

Sir Arthur created in Sherlock Holmes the most rational and logical of fictional characters, yet Doyle, beyond all logic, held a firm belief in the supernatural and the world of fairies. How do we reconcile the author and scientist (he was a physician) with the spiritualist and believer in the fairy world? It's a puzzle that has fascinated Ms. Barnett, and is one the inspirations of her new novel, "The Apothecary's Curse." Please join her as she explores the riddle that was Sir Arthur Conan Doyle.

The Vision Workshop

Teri Karl

Michigan A

Do you want to discover your true dream or purpose? Would you like to eliminate fear, doubt, and worry, and move toward your goals with confidence? Do you want to achieve greater results with less effort? If these questions resonate with you, then you are going to love this seminar. In 1853, Henry David Thoreau wrote a famous essay called "Walden," in which he included a hidden code for prosperous living. During this dynamic Vision Workshop, you will unlock this code so that you can harness your life's purpose and the prosperity you deserve!

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10:00 - 11:45 AM

Strategy and Tactics in Social-Deduction Games

Jason Catena & Stephen Rider

Michigan B

Are you a werewolf? Would you like to figure out who is, or how to get away with being one? Join your usual moderators as we compare the basics of Werewolf and other social-deduction games (Dark Moon, Secret Hitler, etc.), and discuss how to better play them.

10:30 AM – 11:45 AM

Outstanding Customer Service is a State of Mind

Len Hiznay

Willow

Why is good customer service such a rare commodity? Len has a passion for providing outstanding customer service. He gets offended when treated poorly as a consumer, and has hunted down the restaurant owner to praise an outstanding wait staff. Len's "Universal Job Description" helps managers define clear expectations, demonstrate excellent service, and reward accomplishment. His emotion for the topic is tempered by a sense of humor that helps make some very memorable points. Shouldn't everyone expect great customer service?



Going Dark: The Power of Information Privacy

Tom Galanis

Birch

Today's world brings a ton of information to our fingertips, and also opens up a spiderweb of our own information, which can make us tremendously vulnerable. How can we secure our privacy, stay anonymous, and be safe? This session will introduce you to methods of privacy using free/open source software and operating systems, mail encryption, tor networks, an insight into how hard drive and mobile device encryption works, and more. It's not as hard as you might think! This session is open to all levels, and we'll engage in a discussion about the hot topics associated with privacy.

Lunch Break

Hospitality

Award-winning bratwurst from Ream's Market, or veggie burgers, toppings, and sides.



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Noon - 1:15 PM

Investing in Future Technologies
Will Hepburn

Willow

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

Between Magic and Science Lies "The Apothecary's Curse"
Barbara Barnett

Birch

"The Apothecary's Curse" has been called "Anne Rice meets Michael Crichton," and "an irresistible blend of fairy folklore, science, and suspense." Alternating between two timelines, the novel explores humanity through the lens of its two immortal protagonists: Doctor Simon Bell and the mysterious apothecary, Gaelan Erceldoune, as they work together over the centuries to unravel the secret of their affliction. Barnett will talk about the often-surprising journey of crafting "Apothecary," its characters, settings, and the mythology that inspired it.

1:00 - 3:00 PM

LEGO Improv
Clyde Forrester

Ravinia A

With a cup full of Lego pieces, try to create something unique and wonderful.

1:30 - 2:45 PM

AUTO CARE 101: What's That Warning Light About?
Len Hiznay

Willow

If the Tin Man knew which oil to use, he wouldn't worry about getting rusty. The Scarecrow needed a warning light to alert him of dangers like fire. If Dorothy paid better attention to her car, she could have driven down the yellow brick road and the movie would have been a lot shorter. What's that "check engine" light about? What's all this fuss over "synthetic" oil? Len will answer these and the other questions about our 4-wheeled wonders. Bring your questions, bring your sense of humor, but leave your wrenches at home. Let's talk basic auto care in terms we can all understand!

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1:30 - 2:45 PM, cont'd.

Meeting of Minds
Robert Finnegan

Birch



Watch Aristotle, Machiavelli, Sun Yat-sen, and Elizabeth Barrett Browning tell about their lives and discuss/debate the issues important to them. From the award-winning, well-researched PBS series co-written and hosted by Steve Allen.

Thrill the World is Back *REHEARSAL *
Marie Salvaggione

Michigan B

THRILL THE WORLD IS BACK! Thrill the World is an official movement across the World to attempt to break the world record for the largest group dancing to MJ's Thriller at the same time. This is a mandatory learn the dance session. Please wear clothing that is comfortable to move in. This program is all ages. Get your Zombie on and come join in the fun.

3:00 - 4:15 PM

Myers-Briggs Type Indicator (MBTI)
H. Stanley Jones

Willow

The purpose of the Myers-Briggs Type Indicator personality inventory is to make the theory of psychological types described by Jung understandable and useful in peoples' lives. The essence of the theory is that much seemingly random variation in the behavior is actually quite orderly and consistent, due to basic differences in the ways individuals prefer to use their perception and judgment. When you decide on your preference in each category, you have your own personality type, which can be expressed as a code with four letters.

Really Odd & Special #5
Robert Finnegan

Birch

More rare, interesting video shorts such as: 6 songs by Judy Garland that were dropped from movies, plus trailers for "The Birds" and "Jaws 19."

REAL CRIME: You Be the Investigator
Cookie Bakke

Michigan A & B

Never mind CSI, NCIS, L&O SVU, Dexter, White Collar, Criminal Minds, Dexter, et al. Today you'll be given two open and all-too-real homicide cases (names will be changed to protect the suspected guilty) and asked to put every one of your IQ points to work to see if you can come up with any new investigative wormholes that seasoned investigators have missed. Cookie has been working all kinds of fraud cases for 25 years: she'll take you on a journey you will not soon forget. Thinking caps ON, investigators. here we go...

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3:30 - 4:30 PM

Keep Talking and Nobody Explodes: Exhibition

Oriel Maximé

Ravinia A

Nerves of steel? Precise under pressure? Prove it. Whether you're an expert at the game "Keep Talking and Nobody Explodes," or just learning, you'll be equal footing: this tournament uses an Oriel-invented variant. It'll be a blast! Preform teams of 3 or 4 (one of whom has a recently updated smartphone), or walk in and we'll match you up. Note: if you want to learn or practice on the original game, simply attend the exhibition scheduled just prior.

4:30 - 5:45 PM

Crisis in America: Are You Smart Enough to Be Prepared?

Jay Abramovitz

Willow

There is a crisis in America: an overwhelming number of Americans are not financially prepared to retire. Jay will explore the dynamics that make traditional savings schemes grossly insufficient, even impossible. He will discuss alternative methods of creating and keeping wealth and invite attendees to take corrective action. Be prepared to learn new concepts and new approaches to this age-old problem. You can become financially independent: start your course correction now!

The Return of the Vinyl Junkie

Mike Wolstein

Birch

Mike will discuss record collecting and how it's returned in full force; the care, feeding, and sources of vinyl and hi-fi equipment, and where to find and what to expect to pay for recordings. He will also discuss types of music that are collectible and approximate value, as well as briefly discuss the history of phonograph records. He'll show samples of jacket art and play clips of early, scarce recordings by artists who later "made it big."

Storytelling for Young Members

Linda Lucke

Elm

Using a variety of presentation techniques, storyteller Linda Lucke shares some favorite books and stories with young audiences.

Making Up: Ronan the Accuser

Marie Porter

Michigan A & B

Watch this professional costumer transform her husband Michael from a mild mannered Mensan into Ronan the Accuser: the REAL star of Guardians of the Galaxy. Watch special effects makeup being applied in real time, and hear about what went into the design and creation of the award-winning costume and Universal Weapon prop. Questions welcomed!

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4:30 - 6:15 PM

Keep Talking and Nobody Explodes: Tournament

Oriel Maximé

Ravinia A

This is the tournament for which you prepeared at 3:30. (See details at the top of the previous page.) Don't explode. Keep talking.

5:30 – 7:30 PM

Dinner

Hospitality

Mexican Fiesta Night including taco fixings, cheese enchiladas, and sides

6:30 – 7:30 PM

Kids' Costume Parade/Contest

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! Kids registered for babysitting are welcome to wear their costumes to the Kids' Room for the remainder of the evening.

6:30 – 8:15 PM

Ascension tournament

Ravinia A

Details available on the sign-up sheet.

7:00 – 7:30 PM

Hell's Ms

Elm

A get-together of the 'Party SIG.' Stop by, learn who we are and what we do.

7:30 – 8:30 PM

Adults' Costume Parade/Contest

Robert Stalzer, Emcee

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 Group, and whatever other categories strike the fancy of our judges, who are, as always, very open to bribes.

If you will be entering the costume contest, be sure to get a numbered ticket. Please SPEAK LOUDLY AND CLEARLY when you get to the microphone. The judges and the audience would very much like to hear the description of your get-up.

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9:00 – 10:30 PM

Jack the Bartender
Ravinia A

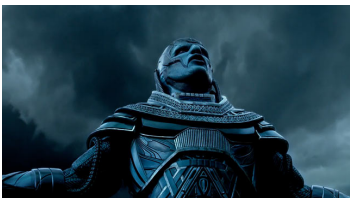
Jack (the hotel bartender) is back to share some of his expertise with us! (Time is approximate, after the Costume Parade and judging.)

M-Available
Rob Swenson
Willow

A meet-and-greet for available M's.

9:00 PM – Midnight

Hit Movie: "X-Men: Apocalypse"
Robert Finnegan
Birch



"X-Men: Apocalypse" – the X-Men must unite to defeat the world's 1st mutant who wants to wipe out mankind. Starring Michael Fassbender, Jennifer Lawrence & James McAvoy. Rated PG-13, runtime = 2:14 plus the best extras on the Blu-ray.

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Elm



Details available in the tournament room.

10:00 PM – Late

Friday Night Dance
Theo Sparks, DJ
Botanic

Mensans love to dance! Come enjoy the tunes, from timeless old classics to timeful, new, future classics.



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Saturday

7:30 – 9:30 AM

Breakfast

Hospitality

Continental Breakfast items plus hot breakfast specials: egg bakes, and breakfast meats.

9:00 – 10:30 AM

Informal Chat on Narcissism

Candace Love

Elm

This presidential election has put a light – no, a floodlight - on narcissism. No one needs to tell you what a narcissist looks like, because if you didn't already know, this year's election defined it for you in living color. Narcissists are not only politicians; they can be in any profession. No doubt you have experience with a narcissist - at work, with a family member, friend or intimate partner - or you know someone who has. But one thing is certain: the relationship dynamic is always the same- difficult (even destructive). So join me in an informal chat about narcissism.

Improv is: Don't Think, Just Act!

Steve Duberchin

Michigan A

This is not a lecture where you sit and watch; you'll be up and playing with seasoned improvisors. One of the secrets of Improv is: don't think, just act! And while you're in action, we'll be looking at the secrets that make Improv work by playing group "games" and "scenes." Prepare to have a lot of fun, to think on your feet, and maybe learn something new through all the laughs! LIMITED ATTENDANCE: Due to the intimate nature of this session, attendance is limited to 20 people.

Shinkendo

Trevis Crane

Michigan B

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

Logic Problems

Oriel Maximé

Ravinia A

Details available on the sign-up sheet.

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10:30 – 11:30 AM

CardioFunk Dance Class
Catrina Hays

Michigan B

Get moving with a high-energy dance inspired workout to recent tunes! Stacy Goldman has given Catrina permission to present a sample of Stacy's CardioFunk workout offered weekly in Deerfield. Check it out at: https://www.facebook.com/cardiofunk

10:30 – 11:45 AM

Exploring the World with Data Science
Hal Snyder

Birch

What do election forecasting, Moneyball, epidemiology, and particle physics have in common? They all make use of the fast-moving field of data science. Find out what data science is. Get an overview of the tools of the trade, and then learn how to start your own expedition into the world of data, starting with little more than an internet connection and an inquiring mind.

11:00 – 11:45 AM

Medieval and Renaissance Woodwind Instruments
Gerald Pearson



Michigan A

I'll play and discuss "reproductions" of some early woodwinds, including recorders (6 sizes, ranging from 6.5" long to 38" long), gemshorn, tabor pipe, crumhorn, and rauschpfeife. The tabor pipe is played with one hand while beating a drum with the other hand. The rauschpfeife can play melodies, but can also play loud, attention-getting fanfares. The gemshorn, in the ocarina family, is made from an animal horn and a block of wood. It sounds mellower and sweeter than a recorder.

11:00 AM – 12:15 PM

Tax Preparers Gone Wild
Marie Salvaggione

Willow

Do all tax preparers have to be certified, licensed or regulated? Can you really trust them if they are not? Should you question their credentials? Have you ever felt that something didn't seem legal? You probably thought to yourself that since they are the experts, they should know. We will look at a few cases where appearances were deceiving and the taxpayers got more than they bargained for.

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11:00 – 12:15 PM, cont'd.

Getting into College: Our Trip Through the College Application Process

Lynn Collier

Elm

I spent the last year helping my gifted daughter through the college selection and application process, including applying for financial aid and scholarships. I learned many things along the way on my own, and from friends who had completed the process in prior years, and would like to share what I've learned with the Mensa family. If you or yours will be entering college soon, come and learn some tips to help ease your journey.

Kid's Programming (Special activity) - T-shirts

Ravinia A

This ever-popular craft is primarily for kids' track participants, who will walk to this program from the babysitting room one at a time or in small groups. Kids who are not registered for the kids' track will be allowed to make a T-shirt while supplies last.

11:45 AM – 1:00 PM

Lunch Break

Hospitality

Selection of chilis for both carnivores and vegetarians, baked potatoes, toppings, and sides.

12:00 – 1:45 PM

Living and Investing Overseas - Asia, South America

Jim Mathers

Birch

Jim will discuss the pitfalls and rewards of investing in property in Brazil, Thailand, and Cambodia. He will discuss the legal requirements for property investment, the navigation of visas, and the cultural climate for foreign residents. He will relate his failures as well as his successes, and give recommendations as to the current state of investment viability in those three countries, and suggestions as to the ease of living and investing in other selected countries.

12:30 – 1:00 PM

Splendor Demonstration

Ravinia A

Prepare for the tournament. Details available on the sign-up sheet.

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12:30 – 1:45 PM

Abrupt Climate Change & the "Regina Shen" Series

Lance Erlick

Willow

The "Regina Shen" series takes place in a world after abrupt climate change. Let's talk about the history of abrupt climate change, what we know about recent developments, and how that factors in to the world described in this science fiction series.

Isolated M Family Reunion

Ruth Danielle

Elm

Current, former and prospective Isolated Ms are invited to a Family Reunion! We look forward to connecting names with faces, finding out what makes you isolated, and catching up on adventures... but NO feghoots.

How Corn Changed Itself and Then Changed Everything Else

Cynthia Clampitt

Willow

Just how did Dorothy end up surrounded by all that corn? About 10,000 years ago, a weedy grass growing in Mexico possessed of a strange trait known as a "jumping gene" transformed itself into a larger and more useful grass—the cereal grass that we would come to know as maize and then corn. Nurtured by early farmers in the Oaxaca region, this grain would transform the Americas even before First Contact. After First Contact, it would span the globe, with mixed results, but for newcomers in North America, it expanded its influence from rescuing a few early settlers to creating the Midwest. Today, it is more important than ever. As Margaret Visser noted in her classic work "Much Depends on Dinner," "Without corn, North America—and most particularly modern, technological North America—is inconceivable."

A Musical Journey to the Renaissance

Court & Country

Michigan B

Travel through time with Court & Country to hear the choral music of the Middle Ages and Renaissance, along with historical tidbits and context for each song to stimulate your brain as well as your ears. Our special focus in 2016 is a celebration of Shakespeare, so we will be featuring connections between his plays and our music. Come and join our musical journey!

1:00 – 2:45 PM

Splendor Tournament

Ravinia A

Details available on the sign-up sheet.

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2:00 – 3:15 PM

Alzheimer's and Cancer: Two Metabolically Similar Diseases with New Strategies for Treatment and Prevention

Peter Kraus

Willow

Alzheimer's disease (AD) is a daunting prospect for all of us. Anyone who expects to live past the age of 85 should know that half of persons older than that age have AD. However, there is new scientific work which provides new treatment and prevention strategies for cancer, and which can also be applied to AD because of a metabolic similarity between cancer cell metabolism, and that of the bacteria which are thought to cause AD. Come find out what you can do now to limit your risk.

Whale Phishing

David Rebman

Birch

This presentation on email security and general computer security will cover email phishing, social engineering and ransomware. The presentation will show real world situations of phishing, including a short video on how ransomware can be easily installed on a person's machine. It will also cover tricks and tips on how to avoid these scams and threats.

Crazy Shades of Blue - An Improvised Comedy

Steve Duberchin

Michigan A

Join us as we present an improvised comedy about everything and anything. Maybe we'll do a long-form montage or maybe we'll end up putting together a running order of short-form "games." We just never know what we'll be doing until we get on stage. We'll use your suggestions to improvise scenes that will have you thinking, laughing, and maybe even groaning. This will be a unique performance, as these scenes have never been performed before and most likely will never be performed again.

Human Hungry Hungry Hippos

Niles Rivers

Michigan B

An energetic life-sized version of the game that we all knew and loved as kids. Please be aware that this game is physical in nature, and all participants will be required to sign a liability waiver. Minors will need an adult to sign the waiver for them.

3:00 – 4:45 PM

Poker Tournament

Ravinia A

See sign-up sheet or tournament room for details.

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3:30 – 4:45 PM

Stroke of Bad Luck
Lance Erlick

Willow

On the 21st of June, I received the call and my life changed. My brother had had a stroke and he needed my help. Come join a discussion of the journey and what I've learned about stroke, having your documents in order, nursing care, Medicaid, and much more.

Science Fiction Isn't Prediction (not quite)
Frank Dolinar

Birch

A general update and expansion of last year's presentation. Basically, a wide ranging conversation about some areas of contemporary science and technology and how they appear to be inspired or influenced by science fiction. This presentation will take a very general look at the space program, nanotech, and stem cell research, among other topics.

My Journey into the Wilds of Chicago
Mike MacDonald

Michigan A

This is a performance about beauty, passion, and inspiration. It is a celebration of the sublime and mysterious wonders that exist right next door in the paradise known as "Chicago Wilderness." In this breathtaking presentation, internationally published nature photographer and humorist Mike MacDonald takes you on a virtual journey into the natural splendor of the Chicago region. The performance includes startling images from some of Chicago's finest nature preserves, combined with delightful storytelling and readings from Mike's new nationally acclaimed coffee table book of the same name. "It is celebratory, soulful, and poetic."—Publishers Weekly. Come to be inspired!

3:30 – 6:30 PM

Henry IV, Part 2 - a Casual Reading
Beverly Flechsig

Elm

Never got picked for the school play, much less the lead role? Here's your chance to make up for that, but without the audition. We continue the saga of Prince Hal and, of course, Bardolph, Falstaff, and Pistol. I'll bring extra copies for our sight-reading, but please bring your own if you have one.

4:45 – 5:15 PM

THRILL THE WORLD IS BACK!
Marie Salvaggione

Michigan B

This is the actual world record attempt to be a part of the largest group of dancers dancing to MJ's "Thriller" at the same time around the world. No late entrants will be accepted. It is highly encouraged to attend the dance rehearsal program on Friday to learn the dance.

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5:00 – 6:00 PM

Friends of Dorothy Open House

Birch

You are invited to a Friends of Dorothy Open House sponsored by Chicago Area Mensa's Rainbow SIG. Come meet and greet LGBTQs, Allies and friends from Chicago, the Midwest, and all over the country.

5:00 – 7:00 PM

Dinner Break

Like the last several years, there will be no dinner served on Saturday, but you won't have to go far for a great meal. The hotel is situated near Wheeling's "Restaurant Row," well-known locally as a mastication destination. A list of area restaurants is available on the WeeM site under the hospitality tab. Light snacks will be available.

Euchre Tournament

Ravinia A

Details available in the tournament room.

7:00 – 8:30 PM

AMF is in the (Fire)House!

Robert W. Finnegan

Willow

Join your favorite vixens and villains, IRL. Online we may fight to the death, but in person we have fun like there's no tomorrow. This is your chance to meet and greet the other FHosers. I think that hot fireman is even coming! As always, we'll have a FH trivia contest, firehouse buttons and badge ribbons.

Meet the AMC

Elm

Well, not the entire AMC... but we'll have at least 4 members in attendance: Deb Stone, LaRae Bakerink, Lori Norris, and George Haynes. It will be open "Q&A" style informational get-together.

7:30 – 8:30 PM

Learn to Lindy Hop

Debra Sylvia

Michigan B

Learn to Lindy Hop in this brief introduction to swing dance. Debra Ann Sylvia, with some help from local Mensan Steve Rider, will guide you through the basics of what has been called the United States' only original folk dance. They'll throw in a bit of history along the way, but come prepared to move! Bring a partner or just yourself. Ages teen and up are welcome. Wear comfortable shoes; we do NOT recommend sneakers or similar "grippy" soles.

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7:30 – 8:45 PM

The Epicurean Experience
Kim and Joel Kohler

Ravinia A

Snack your way through the rainbow and into the Wonderful Land of Oz in this year's kid-friendly alternative to that other sampling program. We'll have an all-new variety of thematic, diverse, and sometimes bizarre foods and drinks to explore. This event is ALCOHOL FREE, so anyone not wearing an "under 21" badge should visit before partaking of Pretentious Drinking and show us your PD ticket (You can keep it). Please note: we aren't serving a meal, just samples and sips, so come for curiosity, not dinner.

Nature's Best #2
Robert Finnegan

Birch

The very best selections taken from the documentary series by the world-famous BBC Nature team, most narrated by Sir David Attenborough. The most dramatic, the most beautiful, the most interesting, and the most bizarre scenes, all in Blu-ray high-definition.

8:30 – 10:30 PM

Pretentious Drinking
Alan Baltis and his Merry Band of Pourmeisters

Ravinia C-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.

There will also be a Sweet Table available, sponsored by Curt's Cafe.







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9:00 PM – Midnight

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Details available in the tournament room.

MOVIE: Captain America: Civil War
Bob Finnegan
Birch

"Captain America: Civil War" – a rift develops between the Avengers, with other super heroes joining the fight. Starring Robert Downey Jr., Scarlett Johansson & Chris Evans. Rated PG-13, runtime = 2:27 plus the best extras on the Blu-ray.



10:00 PM – Late

Dance
Ed Barta, D J
Botanic

11:00 PM – Late

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 will bring an acoustic bass guitar and an electronic keyboard. Sing until you run out of songs, or, just sit and enjoy the music.

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Sunday

8:30 – 10:30 AM

Breakfast
Hospitality

Continental Breakfast items plus hot breakfast specials: egg bakes, and breakfast meats.

9:00 - 10:15 AM

Growing and Using Mushrooms
Mark Lyons

Birch

Like mushrooms? Ever thought about growing your own? Mark Lyons, an experienced gardener and mushroom grower, will show you how to grow your very own mushroom harvest.

Futures and Fantasies Book Discussion
Steve Metzger

Elm

See the PAAG for more information.

9:30 - 11:00 AM

Amazing Race - WeeM Style
Jill Sackett

Michigan B

Back for a fourth year, Amazing Race for Mensans is Where It's Happening on Sunday morning! Based on the popular TV show, teams of 2-4 competitors complete a variety of cerebral and/or light-hearted tasks on the way to the final "Pit Stop" and victor's bragging rights. Our version is designed for all ages and activity levels; no prior knowledge of the game is needed. Please see details and sign up in advance on the Amazing Race tournament sheet to secure your spot. Not on a team? No problem, we'll get you on one. Close out the weekend with your fellow Mensans with a ton a fun!

10:00 – 11:00 AM

CAM Board Meeting
Elm

10:30 – Noon

Writing & Publishing Science Fiction Thrillers
Lance Erlick

Birch

Come share in a discussion of writing and publishing today with a writer of science fiction thrillers enjoyed by young adult and adult audiences. Your host will discuss his writing experiences, his experiences with traditional publishers, and then his experience over four years as a self-published author.

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10:30 – Noon, cont'd.

(in)Famous Contrafacta
Kerri-Ellen Kelly

Michigan A

This class explores the concept of a contrafactum (or contrafact), which is a song where new lyrics are written to be performed to the existing music, similar to modern parodies and filks. Medieval and Renaissance composers wrote many contrafacta (both sacred and secular), and we cannot possibly list them all, but we can look at some of the more famous (or infamous) examples.

11:00 – 11:30 AM

Time to check out of your hotel rooms.

11:00 AM – 12:30 PM

Awards and Announcements
Hosted by Heather Booton

Ravinia C/D/F

Find out who did and won what this weekend.

11:00 AM – 2:00 PM

Social Crafting BYO
Carol Metzger

Ravinia

Let's hang out and make stuff and wind down before we go home. All portable crafts welcome. We'll schmooze, admire each other's work, nosh, relax, and create. Look for Carol on a comfy sofa not too far from the coffee.

2:00 – 4:00 PM

Proctored Tests
Willow

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

3:15 PM – Later

Anyone with time to spare?
Just about everywhere

Time to clean up! Please pitch in and give us a hand. If you volunteer, you **may** go home with some unused food or beverages, but you will **definitely** go home with our thanks, and a collectable volunteer pin.

My! People come and go so quickly here!

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Presenter Biographies

Jay Abramovitz

Crisis in America: Are You ... Prepared? (Fri.)

An award-winning real estate investor, Jay enjoys speaking around the country helping the curious to become serious about achieving financial independence, and then give back by helping others do the same. After 30 years chasing money as an independent contractor, today Jay creates lasting wealth for himself and others using real estate and smart use of legal entity structure and the Tax Code. He enjoys helping others learn how to reduce debt, pay less in taxes, and establish meaningful legacies.

Cookie Bakke

REAL CRIME: You Be the Investigator (Fri.)

Editor of The John Cooke publications, ED of Fight Fraud America, Speaker, Instructor, hands-on Investigator, prolific writer, recognized global fraud expert. Dateline? Yup. Maury? Yup, TBS? Yup. 20/20? Yup. Forbes? Yup. Mensa stuff? AG Chair? Yup. Bulletin Assoc. Editor? Yup x 20 yrs. Nat'l Events Hotel Coordinator? Yup. AG Speaker Chair? Yup x 3. AG Hosp. Chair? Yup. Whole bunch else? Yup, yup, yup, YUP.

Barbara Barnett

The Conundrum of Sir Arthur Conan Doyle and "The Apothecary's Curse" (Fri.)

Barbara Barnett is author of the forthcoming novel "The Apothecary's Curse" and Publisher/Executive Editor of "Blogcritics" Magazine, to which she has also contributed nearly 1,000 articles. A pop-culture and sci-fi geek, Barbara was raised on a steady diet of TV, but she always found her way to the tragic antiheroes and misunderstood champions. It was inevitable that one day she would create her own, which she has with this book. She lives with her husband Phil in the Chicago suburbs.

Millicent Bliesener

Hypnosis Stage Show (Thur.)

Millicent Bliesener earned her MA at University of Illinois-Springfield, where she was in the Chi Sigma Iota counseling honor society and the Student of the Year. She has since earned her counseling license, and has helped people address a wide variety of concerns. She is also certified as a divorce mediator and a hypnotist. In her free time, she writes fiction, travels, learns Gaelic and ASL, leads her local Mensa chapter, and visits with friends.

Jason Catena

Strategy/Tactics -Social-Deduction Games (Fri.) and Make Your Own Paracord Bracelet

I make lots of paracord bracelets, lanyards, belts, and other knotted things, with scouts and other kids.

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Cynthia Clampitt

How Corn Changed Itself/Everything Else (Sat.)

Cynthia Clampitt is a writer and food historian. She has pursued her love of culture, history, and food in thirty-seven countries on six continents, but has more recently focused her studies on the American Midwest. She is the author of *Midwest Maize: How Corn Shaped the U.S. Heartland*. She has also written more traditional history and geography for every major educational publisher in the U.S.

Lynn Collier

Getting into College: ... Application Process (Sat.)

As a mom of two college students, I've accumulated a wealth of knowledge about the college application process, from both a special needs perspective and a gifted child perspective.

Court and Country

A Musical Journey to the Renaissance (Sat.)

Court and Country is an a capella vocal ensemble with a focus on bringing a variety of medieval and Renaissance choral music to popular audiences. Our repertoire spans multiple subject areas, styles, and languages, and ranges from the 12th to the early 17th century. Frequent 'Weem speaker Kerri-Ellen Kelly is a member of our group. Court & Country is directed by Sharon Spanogle.

Trevis Crane

Shinkendo Demonstration (Sat.)

Sensei Trevis Crane has taught Shinkendo and Bojutsu with the Sojokan Dojo through the Arlington Heights Park District since 2009.

Matt Crawford

Scotch Tasting (Thurs.)

Matt Crawford has been pouring whisky for, educating, and amusing opening-night WeeM-goer s since 2008. He does some other stuff, but this is the main thing.

Crazy Shades of Blue

An Improvised Comedy (Sat.)

Crazy Shades Of Blue is an Improv Comedy troupe from the Chicago suburbs performing in a similar fashion to "Whose Line Is It Anyway?" Other troupe members: Lee Furnish, Sue Pontarelli, Jon Corso, Jeff Quaglia, Mike Olifirowicz.

Ruth Danielle

Isolated M Family Reunion (Sat.)

Twenty years ago, Ruth Danielle was co-coordinator of Isolated M for five years and, like a bad penny, she's turned up again. She has co-edited the San Diego Mensan and Mensa World, served Manasota Mensa as LocSec, and is currently Membership Coordinator/ExComm member, and gives travel presentations at AGs and RGs. But her real claims to fame are winning HalloweeM Costume Contests and being awarded a Hugging Trophy at the Tampa Bay RG. Come by and give her a hug.

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Frank Dolinar

Science Fiction Isn't Prediction (Sat.)

Consultant and software developer by trade, science-fiction addict since childhood by lucky accident. Published author of articles on the history and implications of technology in society. Mensan since the turn of the millennium. Speaker of complete sentences (given the opportunity). Enthusiastic amateur space nut. Masters degree in Predictive Analytics at Northwestern University.

Steve Duberchin (Crazy Shades of Blue)

Basics of Improv & the improvised comedy (Sat.)

Crazy Shades of Blue is back at HalloweeM with a new workshop! Combined, CSoB has over 29 years of 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!

Lance Erlick

Writing/Publishing Sci Fi Thrillers (Sat.)

Lance Erlick likes to explore the mysteries of intriguing worlds with remarkable, often strong, female guides facing and overcoming adversity as they try to change their world. He writes science fiction thrillers, appealing to young adult and adult readers. He is the author of The Rebel series, and this year he released the Regina Shen series. Lance is also the author of short stories and novelettes.

Robert Finnegan

Several events, Fri. & Sat.

Bob Finnegan is an avid film buff with an impressive collection of documentaries and information on a wide range of topics. Favorites include illusions, animals, disasters, and especially movies and moviemaking, behind-the-scenes footage, and movie-star insights.

Beverly Flechsig

"Henry IV," Part 2 - Group Reading (Sat.)

Beverly Flechsig serves Mensa of WI as its Proctor Coordinator. She also hosts monthly play readings and board-game marathons in the Milwaukee area. (CAM members are invited!) Her experience in the theater is limited to pianist and choir-director gigs for local and high school productions.

Clyde Forrester

LEGO Improv (Fri.) and Sing-Along (Sat.)

Clyde Forrester has been a Mensan for over 30 years. He comes from a long line of tinkerers and ne'er-do-well musicians which led him to gravitate toward music, computers, and Lego.

Kelly and Tom Galanis

Everyday Tarot for Daily Guidance (Thur.)

Kelly and Tom Galanis are visionaries who thrive on leading through education. Highly in tune with premonition, sensation, and higher power, they have turned to reading tarot and helping guide others down their chosen path. They enjoy studying

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variations of the Tarot, and are always looking to further develop their own skills while helping others find their path. By day, they work and teach in higher education. These spiritual soulmates have been together for over 18 years.

Tom Galanis

Going Dark: ... Information Privacy (Thur.)

Tom Galanis is a technology professional with a background in both the public and private sector, and in education. Tom has a unique blend of expertise in the fields of Information Technology and non-profit management, and is skilled in educating and instructing through clear communication. He has a wealth of knowledge and experience with information security and is an out-of-the-box teacher bringing life and energy to his curriculum. Tom is currently the LocSec for CT and Western MA Mensa.

Catrina Hays



CardioFunk Exercise (Sat.)

Catrina has participated in this workout class for over a year. A former perpetual exercise avoider, this class has inspired her to workout three to four times weekly and to gain new appreciation for endorphins.

Will Hepburn

Investing in Future Technologies (Fri.)

Will Hepburn owns Hepburn Capital Management, LLC, with offices in Scottsdale and and Prescott, AZ. He is a professional money manager specializing in strategies that Adapt to Changing Markets®. Will began his career in the investment business in 1987. He has managed two mutual funds, and is a past-president of the National Association of Active Investment Managers. He is also a college instructor at Yavapai College in Prescott, AZ, since 1990.

Len Hiznay

Auto Care 101, Outstanding Customer Service (Fri.)

As a Plant Manager and a Director of HR, I have had ample opportunity to coach people in the workplace to provide outstanding customer service. As the GM of a retail store, I have been acknowledged for dramatic improvements in customer care. I have presented to chambers of commerce and authored and presented a webinar for Rasmussen College's celebration of Small Business Week. As an award-winning member of Toastmasters International, I am also a returning speaker from HalloweeM 2015. Len is also a former auto mechanic, a former auto repair shop owner, and a lifelong "gear head" and auto enthusiast.

H. Stanley Jones

Myers-Briggs Type Indicator (MBTI) (Fri.)

Jones is a CPA, Cert. Assoc. Exec., and Cert. Speaking Prof. He was in politics, was an Army Officer, and a professor of Taxation & Law at several Cal State Universities. For years he has researched his roots: that has taken him all around the world. He has volunteered in Ukraine, Romania, and Russia under the auspices of USAID. Stan has a daughter and 2 sons, 6 grandchildren and 8 great-grandkids.

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Teri Karl

The Vision Workshop (Fri.)

My path has continuously been one of education and transformation. I've been a teacher/tutor for 13 years in various locations, with students of all ages. Three years ago I became a student and teacher in the School of Metaphysics. Working with the essential life skills and studying the Universal Laws and Truths led me to become a Life Mastery Consultant. My vision is to aid others in remembering how to dream, so that they shine as they were meant to shine, and they live lives that they love living.

Kerri-Ellen Kelly

(in)Famous Contrafacta (Sun.)

Kerri-Ellen Kelly is many things: independent researcher, renaissance singer, certified hypnotist, historical & cosplay costumer, Renaissance dancer, cook, & artisan/crafter. In real life, she works for lawyers preventing conflicts of interest, managing records & files and opening new clients and matters.

Deborah Knoll

Massage Therapist (All weekend)

My name is Deborah Knoll, but Dee is just fine! I have been doing massage therapy since 2004 and esthetics/skin care since 2010. My passion for massage therapy came from wanting to help people in a therapeutic and beneficial way. I believe there are many benefits to massage such as increased circulation, relief of chronic pain, stress reduction, flushing toxins out, aiding in the healing process of injury/recovery, and balancing the mind, body, and spirit. Each client is treated as an individual and will experience a customized massage that is most beneficial for them. Some of the techniques or type of massage I specialize in are Swedish, Deep tissue, Sports, Pregnancy, Hot stone (geo thermo therapy), Myofacial release, and Reiki. I am state licensed and am always continuing my education to learn more about this growing field.

Joel and Kim Kohler

Epicurean Experience (Sat.)

Kim and Joel are married. She is a Senior Manager in IT. He is a Domestic Engineer. Their kids are great, but are the cause of many interesting mental... aberrations in their parents.

Peter Kraus

Alzheimer's and Cancer (Sat.)

A Mensa member in good standing (when he is not sitting!), Peter Kraus has enjoyed lining up speakers for the Chicago area monthly meetings for the past 35 years or so. Recently, he has ventured a bit further by actually giving a talk every now and then. Music has always been an area of interest, and it is only recently that he decided to hang up his tuba, after having discovered that it is always assigned the least interesting musical part.

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Candace Love

Informal Chat on Narcissism (Fri.)

Candace V. Love, PhD is a licensed clinical psychologist, and her passion is helping people trapped in narcissistic relationships. She is the author of, "No More Narcissists! How to Stop Choosing Self-Absorbed Men and Find the Love You Deserve."

Linda Lucke

Storytelling for Young Members (Fri.)

I have served as a children's librarian in schools for the past 30 years, and enjoy sharing great books and stories with children.

Mark Lyons

Growing and Using Mushrooms (Sun.)

Mark Lyons is an avid vegetable gardener with over 25 years of gardening experience, and seven years of teaching and lecturing about various gardening-related topics. He is also a musician. Combining these two passions has led Mark to brand himself as "The Garden Troubadour."

Mike MacDonald

My Journey into the Wilds of Chicago (Sat.)

Internationally published nature photographer, author, conservationist, comedian, and public speaker—these are among the many pursuits of Mike MacDonald. But just one word describes the man: passionate. Mike is passionate about Chicago nature. His mission is to connect Chicagoans with the natural world. For over two decades, Mike has celebrated Chicago's natural wonders with work that's been featured nationally and internationally in such publications as "Outdoor Photographer" and "Gardens Illustrated." His nationally acclaimed book, "My Journey into the Wilds of Chicago" represents a triumphant culmination of his art and his commitment to the preservation of Chicagoland's rich biodiversity.

James Martin

Massage Therapist (All weekend)

My name is James Martin, but most people call me Jim. I graduated from the Chicago School of Massage Therapy in 1997. My massage expertise include: Swedish, Deep Tissue, Lomi Lomi, Myofacial Release, and Sports Massage. Certified in Myofacial Release since 1999, I am a Deep Tissue Specialist who can easily handle the needs of clients requesting deeper treatments as well as those looking for a more relaxing experience. I am state licensed and enjoy learning about new techniques by keeping up with continuing education and constantly going with the flow in this changing field.



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Jim Mathers

Living and Investing Overseas (Sat.)

Jim is a semi-retired property investor who has lived in Chicago for most of his life. He has a BA in economics, an MBA, and a JD. After getting his law degree at age 41, he decided to quench his thirst for adventure travel. After visiting over 70 countries, suffering a failed 2-year marriage, a 6-year divorce, and a lifetime of Chicago winters, he decided to search for a warm place to spend parts of his life. This search led to property investment and a life in 3 foreign countries.

Carol F. Metzger

Mixed Media Coloring for Grownups (Thurs.)

Carol will try to make art out of just about anything. Lately it has been computer-assisted calligraphy, coloring with pencils and paint, and papercraft. Previous obsessions include oil and acrylic painting, knitting, weaving, dyeing, beading, chain maille, metalwork, decoupage, woodworking, and cabochon cutting.

Steve Metzger

Future and Fantasies Book Discussion (Sun.)

Retired Librarian – I have coordinated Futures and Fantasies, the local Science Fiction SIG, for at least 20 years. We mostly do book discussions.

NaughtyBaby

BDSM Social (Thur.)

Soulmates, wondertwins, lovers, and best friends, Boss and NaughtyBaby are a married power couple that has explored kink for their entire 18 years together. They are frequent presenters on a number of topics in the BDSM community and love to support and help others discover their confidence in the bedroom and beyond.

Gerald Pearson

Medieval/Renaissance Woodwinds (Sat.)

I started teaching myself to play recorders in 1962, while working on my PhD in physical chemistry. In the late 1970s, after taking some private lessons, I played many different medieval & Renaissance woodwinds in concerts given by the Collegium Musicum at the University of Iowa. Since 2008, I've performed as a street minstrel at Renaissance faires. I am a member of both the American Recorder Society and the Society for Creative Anachronism (SCA), and I play music for dances in the SCA.

Marie Porter

Making Up: Ronan the Accuser (Fri.)

Marie Porter is a Canadian (Minneapolis-based) spandex and cosplay costumer, and author of the "Spandex Simplified" series of sewing manuals. Together with her husband Michael, Marie designs and creates movie replica costumes, competing in cosplay competitions at various fandom conventions. Some of her award-winning replica costumes include: Thorin & Thranduil from "The Hobbit" series, Maleficent, a Weeping Angel, and Katniss's wedding gown from The Hunger Games: Catching Fire. Her website is: www.evilcostumeoverlord.com

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David Rebman

Whale Phishing (Sat.)

With over 20 years of Systems, Network and Security work in IT, I am currently working as threat intel and management engineer for a large credit union in the Chicagoland area. I am also a former USMC military policeman.

Jill Sackett

Amazing Race (Sun.)

Jill is an Amazing Race fan, avid gamer, and occasional event-planner who's back for a fourth year of planning whimsical and cerebral challenges for her fellow Mensans, with devious input from former contestants. She is joined by a terrific team of fellow Amazing Race fans to help execute this annual event.

Marie Salvaggione

THRILL THE WORLD IS BACK (Fri.)

Marie Salvaggione has been an accountant for 14 years. She has a BBA in Accounting and an MS in Forensic Accounting. Her special interest is cybercrime and identity theft. She is also a member of the Association of Certified Fraud Examiners. Her other interests include theater, dancing, music and art.

Hal Snyder

Exploring the World with Data Science (Sat.)

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

Robert Stalzer

Costume Parade Emcee (Fri.)

Robert is returning (after a multi-year break) to perform the job he was born to do. As a young scriptwriter, Robert's glaring mathematical mistake (Scarecrow's Pythagorean Theorem gaffe upon receiving his brain) led to his firing, and prompted him to devote his life to learning stuff that isn't, like, wrong. (And don't get him started on if tin rusts, or if the Witch actually sublimates, melts, or evaporates.) He spends his spare time pondering the Cosmos: Kramer and Topper.

Catherine Sterrett

Get Ready to Get Lucky (Thur.)

Cat is a Life Member, and formerly led Sexyg programs for 25 years (back in the day). Her graduate work in exercise physiology and part-time work as a fitness trainer prompted a mash-up of these sensibilities resulting in GRGL. Though some Mensans may be overweight and celibate, they never lose their interest and curiosity in sex. So, if you're thinking of getting back on the horse (so to speak) or want to ride farther and longer, check out how to Get Ready to Get Lucky! catsterrett@gmail.com.

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Debra Sylvia

Learn to Lindy Hop (Sat.)

Debra Ann and Steve Rider were both bitten by the swing dance bug in the late 1990s, dancing multiple times a week for several years. Debra Ann has been teaching swing dance and dancing competitively, off and on, since 2003 at various venues around Chicago and across the country, including The University of Chicago and Frankie's Blue Room in Naperville.

Susan Trieschmann

Social Injustice (Thur.)

Susan has worked on social justice issues most of her life, most recently as Founder and Executive Director of Curt's Cafe, a workforce training program for highly at-risk teenagers. She is passionate about speaking for those who can't, and serving those that have been forgotten.

PD Wadler

Having the Relationship You Want (Fri.)

PD Wadler is a clinical psychologist in Chicago, working to help people have healthier and happier relationships. He holds an MD from Harvard and a PhD from the University of Texas, as well as a post graduate degree in psychopharmacology. He works with all different kinds of couples and specializes in same-sex couples.

Mike Wolstein

Return of the Vinyl Junkie (Fri.)

Retired after 43 years in electronics engineering, Mike has a passion for hi-fi sound and music. He began enjoying popular music and collecting vinyl in the late 1950s.



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