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Northern Nevada Mensa Scholarship Fund

We need your help!

How can you help?



1. Attend our first NNM **Scholarship fundraising dinner and auction!** Come to our buffet dinner at the Silver Legacy on July 3 at 6:30 p.m. We'll be in the Silver Baron A conference room near the mining rig on the mezzanine (non-smoking) floor. The cost is $35 and a percentage of every ticket purchased goes to the newly formed scholarship fund. *Everyone needs to eat* — so make your dinner count! (PS: the dress code is casual!)

Check us out; tickets and menu are available at:
www.northernnevada.us.mensa.org



Small — XL	**$15**
XXL	**$17**
XXXL	**$19**
4XL	**$21**
5XL	**$23**

2. **Put a little HUMOR into your wardrobe.** We are also selling Nerd Camp 2012 t-shirts at the upcoming Annual Gathering beginning July 4. (We are taking orders now and shirts will also be available for purchase during Mensa Marketplace on Friday and Saturday in the Mensa Marketplace, Reno Ballroom.) You can reserve yours by contacting Anna Wright, NNM Scholarship Committee Chair, at editor@northernnevada.us.mensa.org.

3. **Donate directly** to our Scholarship Fund. Every donation goes to help your fellow local Mensans and families with the enormous costs of college. Any size donation is greatly appreciated — none is too small or too large!

(PS: We are incredibly fortunate that our first donation of $250 has been received from a donor who wishes to remain anonymous. Thank You, Anonymous!)

Anna Wright, NNM Scholarship Committee Chair, at editor@northernnevada.us.mensa.org.



July

3	**Edward Martinez**	Virginia City
4	**Eli Ganska**	Reno
4	**John Preisach**	V.C. Highlands
5	**Lena Green**	Reno
7	**Peter Onorato**	Minden
9	**William Kositzky**	Reno
13	**Dr. Jean Bradt**	Carson City
13	**Mary Griswold**	Reno
15	**Dr. Thomas Sharpton**	Reno
18	**William Immers**	Reno
22	**Anne-Marie Cuneo**	Carson City
25	**Rose Strickland**	Reno
26	**Carl Cooper**	Incline Village
28	**Maria Nucci, Esq**	Sparks
31	**Cookie Bakke**	Las Vegas



And Welcome Back!

Kevin Foley	Reno
Jason Joe	Reno
Sandra Lackovic	Incline Village
Xeona Villegas	Jonesboro, AR

Willkommen,
Bienvenidos,
Irashaimasu,
Dobro pozhalovat',
Chaire,
Bienvenue!

Help Wanted!



I will need all the help that I can get on Friday and Saturday during the AG. We have scheduled a table in Mensa Marketplace (in hospitality) to sell our "Nerd Camp" t-shirts and raffle tickets. Could you spare an hour or two to help us raise money for the Scholarship Fund?

If the answer is "yes," please contact me before July 1 at

editor@northernnevada.us.mensa.org

or Anna Wright: (775) 423-4694

Your help will be greatly appreciated!

Summer Program Listings:

First Ever Scholarship Fundraising Dinner: Tuesday, July 3

It's not too late! Don't forget to attend our buffet dinner at the Silver Legacy on July 3 at 6:30 p.m. We'll be in the Silver Baron A conference room. $35 tickets must be purchased by June 29 and proceeds go to the newly-formed scholarship fund.

http://www.northernnevada.us.mensa.org

Annual Perseid Meteor Shower Campout: Sunday August 12

Bill Kositzky again invites us to join him at his somewhat annual Perseid Meteor shower camp out. Same place as last time: Pyramid Lake, Tamarack Beach, Sunday, August 12 mid-afternoon till Monday, Aug 13 at noon. The moon will be much less bright than last year so we should have better viewing. Put in for a vacation day Monday if you are in the work force. Ok to bring the kids and invite friends. It's a big beach. (More information will be available in the August *Neva-Mind*.)

Annual Picnic in the Park: Sunday August 26, 11 a.m.

POTNIC: "pot luck picnic" — Bring the family; everyone is welcome.

Plates, cups, utensils and napkins will be provided.

Meet near the Snowflake Pavilion at Idlewild Park, 11 a.m.

Egg and spoon race, and bring something to bang, blow or tweet!

For more information, contact Anne maytheroad@gmail.com.

Mensa Meetings 2nd Saturday, 6 p.m.:

- July: **AG 2012 at the Silver Legacy!** No additional meeting this month.
- August: Perseid's Campout and Picnic in the Park! No additional meeting this month.
- September 8: Miniature Golf and Pizza. Time: 5:30 p.m. sharp for miniature golf at Magic Carpet Golf, 6925 South Virginia Street, Reno, then Giorgio's Pizza after.

Need more information? Contact Richard Calendar@northernnevada.us.mensa.org

Supper Club 3rd Tuesday, 6 p.m.:

- July 17: Marisco's El Pescador, Mexican and Seafood, 499 E. Plumb Lane, Reno
- August 21: Men Wielding Fire, Barbecue and more, 180 E. 1st Street, Reno
- Sept 18: Moxie's Spirits and Dining, Wide variety menu
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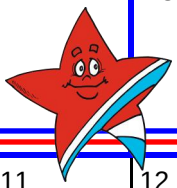
For more information, contact Anne maytheroad@gmail.com.

Lunch Bunch 4th Tuesday, 11:45 a.m.:

- July 24: Indian Garden Restaurant at 1565 S. Virginia St., Reno
  (Do try their Malai Kofta!)
- Aug 28: We'll be trying again to dine at Zagol Ethiopian Restaurant at 855 E. 4th St., Reno. This time we shall succeed!
- Sept 25: Highly recommended by Dr. Gerry, we'll eat a buffet lunch at the Casino Fandango, 3800 S. Carson St., Carson City. (Restaurant: 885-7000)

If you have any questions, contact Laura or Don at 826-5904.

July 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 Canada Day	**3 Scholar-ship Dinner**	**4 AG 2012** 	**5 Ag 2012**	**6 AG 2012**	**7 AG 2012 & Mensa Testing**
8 AG 2012	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17 Supper Club	18	19	20	21
22	23	24 Lunch Bunch	25	26	27	28
29	30	31	Aug 1	Aug 2	Aug 3	Aug 4

Game Night at Joe's: There will be no games night in July (due to the AG), August, or September. See you again in October!



June 14 Meeting: Guest Speaker

Richard Lederer,

***Mensa Bulletin* columnist and many-time published author,** regaled us with stories and humorous anecdotes. Be sure to hear Rich as he speaks, not once, but twice during the upcoming 2012 AG.





Notes From Your ExComm June 14, 2012

- Present were Bob McAllister, LocSec; Ken Wright, 1st Vice-Secretary; Gerald Lockhart, 2nd-Vice Secretary; Carole Preisach, Treasurer; and Anna Wright, *Neva-Mind* Editor.
- Ken Wright, AG2012 Chair, presented updates on the 2012 Annual Gathering (AG), including speakers, tours, hospitality, and finances.
- Carole Preisach, Treasurer, presented the 2011-2012 Treasurer's Report and an update on all bank accounts. (The 2011-2012 report will be included in next month's issue.) Members also discussed setting a minimum checking balance. No action was taken.
- Anna Wright, Editor, announced the suspension of the Publications Recognition Program (PRP) Awards at this AG and asked for volunteer judges for the interim PRP evaluations. There were no volunteers.
- Meeting adjourned.

Congratulations!



Anne Stewart

Just open the pages of your June-July *Mensa Bulletin* and you will see the outstanding contributions of local Mensans, Anne Stewart and Bill Kositzky.

Anne co-wrote the AG 2012 promotional article beginning on page 22 — big thanks to her for presenting our AG to the rest of the Mensa world.



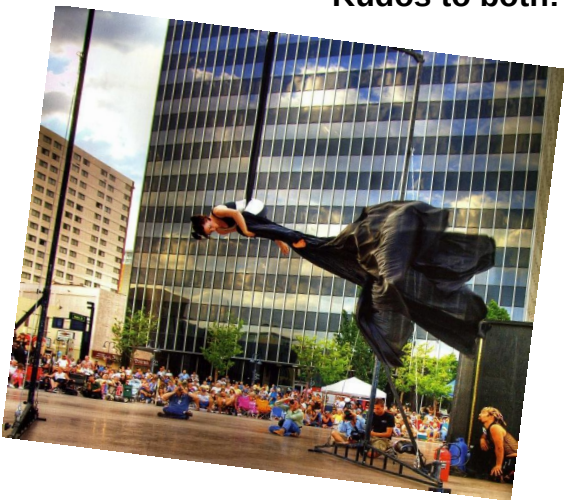
Bill Kositzky

Our favorite local photographer, Bill Kositzky, should be credited for several of the photographs in that article too. And, his action shot of local Mensan, Chelsea Stone, was selected for “Parting Shots” on page 63.

Kudos to both!







Photographed here by Bill are actually two local Mensans, Chelsea Stone and Howard Chen. Chelsea performs on the silks while Howard serves as safety man. (You can find Howard in the lower right corner.)



From the RVC *by Debra Reiger*

Hi everyone. I hope this is turning out to be a good summer for all of you. By the time you get this column, the 2012 End of Time Annual Gathering (AG) will probably be behind us and there will certainly be tales of fun times and renewed friendships. I have been attending AGs regularly since 2002, and find them to be so fun and invigorating, and also exhausting. And then I start looking forward to the next one, which in this case will be in Ft. Worth in July of 2013. It's never too soon to start planning!

Many thanks to Ken Wright, our 2012 AG chair, and to the whole AG 2012 crew, including National Office staff. It has been wonderful to have AGs in our region for 2 years in a row. (After Ft. Worth the AGs will be in Boston and Louisville, two more great destinations.)

A few weeks ago I traveled many miles to a family reunion to visit with cousins I had not seen in 25 years. What a treat for me! But also a big reminder that time passes more quickly than we realize and that we must cherish and nurture the things that matter to us while we have the chance. I will definitely not let that much time go by before I see them again. And I shouldn't have had to drive 3000 miles to have this epiphany, as there are many things in my own community and my daily relationships that call for being cherished and nurtured too.

Please hug someone you love, or give a pat on the back, or express appreciation to someone today. It makes a difference. Everything makes a difference.

Best regards to all of you,
Debra

Mensa-Speak *What are we saying?*	
AG	Annual Gathering (Conference)
AMC	American Mensa Committee (National Elected or Appointed Officers)
AML	American Mensa Ltd. (National Office Employees)
ExComm	Executive Committee (Local Elected Officers)
LDW	Leadership Development Workshop
LocSec	Local Secretary (Local President)
M/Ms	Mensans
MERF	Mensa Education & Research Foundation
MIL	Mensa International Ltd.
NNM	Northern Nevada Mensa
PRP	Publication Recognition Program
RG	Regional Gathering (Conference)
RVC	Regional Vice-Chair
SIG	Special Interest Group
SIGHT	Service of Information, Guidance and Hospitality to Travelers
WG	World Gathering (Conference)

Deal Me In!

Do you like to play poker? So do we! A group of local Mensans are forming a regular poker night and are looking for more players. If you are interested, please contact Bob McAllister at LocSec@northernnevada.us.mensa.org.



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