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HALLOWEEM

23 SKI-BOO!



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Hey, I want to welcome all youse guys to HalloweeM 23 Ski-Boo! We here in Chicago are known for our hospitality so we want youse to have a good time!

The gang here at 23 SkiBoo! has worked real hard to make sure that this here is the best RG. You will have a good time or our friend here, Guido will make sure you get a real close up of the river, see. So, I'd like to invite you take part in our little weekend that we like to call HalloweeM 23 Ski-Boo!

So, we invite you to partake of our little 24-hour speakeasy with 7 feeding frenzies, including our roast of Orange County AG since they neglected to accept our little invite to our party. We also have a number of other great feeding frenzies, which our Food Flappers have spent great amounts of time making sure would meet with your approval. See the rest of this program for more information. And what's a speakeasy without 24-hour booze? We will make sure that the coppers don't raid our party. Youse make sure to drink responsibly or I'll have Nunzio take you out.

We have many fine programs for your intellectual interests. Möebius Theatre joins us again to entertain you with their unique

brand of science fiction comedy frivolity. We also have Raymond Benson, the current James Bond author, scheduled to speak, and a presentation on stage fight choreography. And those are just a few highlights. Programming Chair Cynthia Clampitt has outdone herself in getting some great talent to our little party. Seats for this year's programs are limited, so please be on time to presentations.

These are just a few of the ways of enjoying yourself this year. Please see the rest of this here program for more information.



Welcome to HalloweeM, Chicago Area Mensa's Regional Gathering and the World's Longest Halloween Party.

We have a lot of great programs lined up for you—more than you can possibly fit into one weekend. So as you look over the schedule, be thinking about what you'd like to have us do again next year, and let us know. We want you to have a great time this year, and we want you to keep coming back.

PLEASE NOTE: To facilitate movement from one program to the next (and to allow for "comfort stops" and coffee breaks), we have inserted 15-minute intervals between programs. This should make it easier to get to the various programs you want to attend. However, it means that very few programs begin on the hour, so check times carefully.

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

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

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

Bulletin Boards: A bulletin board will be available near the Registration desk for the posting of personal messages, program changes, and other announcements.

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

Food and Beverages: HalloweeM food and beverages must remain in the hospitality suites.

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

Notes From the Program Chair

Hugs: To hug or not to hug, that is the question. Pick up a button at the registration desk that signifies your hugging preference, and make a point of checking the pins that others wear. When in doubt, ask first.

Late Checkout: When you check in, please let the hotel desk staff know if you will need a late checkout 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.

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

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

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

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

All Weekend

Book Sale and Silent Auction

Room CC1-9

Find out what your fellow Mensans have finished reading. Take home some treasures. Proceeds go to the Mensa of Illinois Gifted Children's Fund.

Children's Programming
Room CC1-11

Activities of special interest to children will occur at intervals throughout the weekend. See schedule posted on room door for list of videos and other child-related amusements.

Games Room & Tournament Room
Rooms 1204 & 1205

Rooms stocked with puzzles and games await you, one room (1204) informal, one (1205) with organized competitions. Open 24 hours a day.

Hospitality Suites
Rooms 1230 (Nonsmoking)
1239 (Smoking)
1231 (Feeding Frenzies)
P27 Senate (Gay/Lesbian SIG; all M's and FM's welcome)

Food and beverages are available 24 hours a day in separate smoking and nonsmoking suites. Though the famous Chicago Feeding Frenzies will again punctuate the weekend, there will be ample provender regardless of the hour of night or day.

Massage, Reiki, Reflexology
Rooms CC1-13 & CC1-14

Linda Krejcik and her cohorts return to HalloweeM. Come experience the joyfully relaxing effects of massage, Reiki (energy balancing), or reflexology at the very gifted hands of these HalloweeM favorites. See the sign-up sheets posted outside the room to reserve one of the reasonably priced sessions. A portion of the proceeds will be contributed to the Mensa of Illinois Scholarship and Gifted Children's Funds.

Pool Tables
Room 1215

Two pool tables will be available all weekend. See sign-up sheet outside the room for details and available play times. This activity made possible by the "Good Old Burton Spain" trust. Thanks, Burton!

Singles' Mailboxes
Room CC1-7

Post your stats. Read the "ads." Leave a message. Find out ahead of time whether the individual sporting a single's number on his or her badge is just your cup of tea, or a polar opposite. Available 24 hours a day.

Unscheduled Feeding Frenzies

Room 1231

Stop by room 1231 occasionally to see what the HalloweeM hospitality food flappers have scared up for your feeding pleasure. As always, assorted snacks, chocolate, vegies, chocolate, cheese and crackers, chocolate, ice cream, and chocolate are available in the main hospitality suite, room 1230, around the clock.

Vendors' Area

Room 1222

During the day, browse through the Mensa Boutique or stop to buy a book and get an autograph from bestselling author, Richard Lederer, both in the lobby outside the Paramount Ballroom. And be sure to visit (and play with) Kadon Games, housed in the Game Room (1205).

Friday

For details on events and features that run all weekend long, see page 7.

3:30-4:30

Integrated Energy Work: An Alternative Approach to Health

Linda Krejcik

Room CC1-12

Integrated Energy Work facilitates healing on all levels using the electromagnetic field. An explanation and demonstration will be given. Linda will also be offering individual sessions throughout the weekend.

Newsletter Editors' Round Table

Paul Giordano

Room CC1-4

Paul, editor emeritus of *ChiMe,* the newsletter for Chicago-area Mensa, will facilitate a round table discussion of how Mensans keep those newsletters coming. What works, what doesn't. How to do it better, faster, cheaper. Bring your ideas, your war stories, your questions.

Singles' Mixer

Catherine Woytowicz

Room 1214

Mingle, meet, learn the ins and outs of the singles' mailboxes. Catherine, who heads up Young Single Mensans, will help single Mensans of all ages feel welcome.

4:45-5:45

Libertarians—Meet the Candidates, Discuss the Issues

Charles Sila

CC1-12

The Libertarian Platform is focused on tax relief for the working people of Illinois. With goals of amending the Illinois Constitution to require a 2/3 vote to increase taxes and repealing the state personal income tax, the party is obviously keeping taxpayers in mind. Charles, who is the Libertarian candidate for Lt. Governor, will also explain the reasons Libertarians believe that the office of Lt. Governor should be eliminated.

Peace Corps Experience in Kenya

Bonnie Wilpon

Room 1214

Join the Peace Corps vicariously, through vivid slides and stories of Peace Corps life in Embu District, Kenya. You might even learn a few words of Swahili. (Bonnie's wonderful stories and boundless enthusiasm will also probably make you want to join the Peace Corps.)

Sharing Shabbos

Laurel Smith

Room CC1-4

Light candles, break bread, drink wine, nosh and kibitz, and.... Short, informal meeting of Jewish Mensans (and friends or family of) to welcome our day of community and reflection together at the RG; share traditions, jokes, and stories; and whatever else you'd like to suggest. (Guitars and voices are welcome, too!) Please join us.

6:00-7:00

The Practical Side of Psychoneuroimmunology: Bodymind in Daily Life

Carol Low

Room 1214

Carol, a doctor of clinical psychology, will discuss the continuity between mind and body, cognition, emotion, and behavior, as a way of demonstrating how an integrated person can be happier and healthier. Research findings are provided as a way to see how science supports this paradigm. Discussion of specific techniques for enhancing one's life, such as clinical hypnosis and mental imagery, will be included. Case examples will be presented.

My Parrot, My Friend: Appreciating Parrots and Cockatoos

Mary Olson

CC1-12

Mary, her daughter, Kathy, and fellow teacher, Mary Conrad, bring not only their knowledge but their birds to HalloweeM. Mary Olson has a Moluccan cockatoo and an African Congo Gray parrot (a real talker). Mary Conrad also has a Moluccan cockatoo, plus an Amazon parrot. Appreciate the beauty and intelligence of these remarkable birds. Learn some history and background of birds and bird raising. Hear about these bird fanciers' experiences. Watch a video of Irene Pepperberg's work with Alex, the parrot that proved that some birds know what they're saying. And interact with the birds. Mary Olson says Amadeus, her cockatoo, never gets tired of being petted.

6:00-8:00

The Word Circus

Richard Lederer

Paramount Ballroom

From alpha to omega,
You can bet the alphabet,
Like a painting done by Degas,
Will leap and pirouette.

Bestselling author and perennial favorite speaker, Dr. Richard Lederer will present highlights of his brand-new book, *The Word Circus*. Using slides of dazzling word play, rollicking poems, and other materials from this Book of the Month Club selection, Rich will make the alphabet dance through anagrams, palindromes, and other forms of letter play undreamt of in your philosophies. Will Shortz of *The New York Times* called *The*

Word Circus "fast, furious, and funny." So hurry, hurry, hurry—the Word Circus is in town.

Sexyg Fishbowl
ADULTS ONLY

Cat Sterrett

CC1-5

Curious about what others think (or do) about sex? Now's your opportunity to ask questions anonymously and learn a lot! We'll pick questions one by one out of a "fishbowl" and answer them candidly. Confidentiality and discretion a MUST. To minimize disruption, PLEASE BE ON TIME and note that we'll lock the doors 15 minutes after we begin. Led by Cat Sterrett with respect and humor.

7:15-8:15

Space Adventures: The Space Travel Agency for the Next Millennium

Eric Anderson

Room 1214

Eric introduces us to possibilities once open only to an elite few. Learn about exciting travel programs already offered—from zero-gravity flights to building rockets, from talking to astronauts and cosmonauts to riding in a MiG 25 to the edge of space, from planetary geology classes to Space Camp—and how in 3-5 years you will be able to buy a ticket into space. Opening up whole new worlds of adventure, Space Adventures is where reality exceeds your dreams.

Classical Music for the Bedroom

Alexis DeFotis Jump

CC1-4

Alexis will present some of her personal choices for PEAK performances of supreme CLIMAXES in classical music. Beautiful music for romantic occasions.

Hell's Mensans Meeting

Skinner

CC1-12

A meeting for current and potential Hell's Ms. Find out what is going on with the party SIG. We will be discussing some of the issues brought up in recent issues of PARTY SMART. **Note:** Hell's Ms—don't forget to vote for "Party Animal" on Sunday—results will be announced at the Sunday brunch.

7:30–8:30

Feeding Frenzy: Pizza!

Boardroom 1231

Looking for your little slice of heaven? Well, if it's covered with cheese and pepperoni (or mushrooms and onions) this is the place for you. Come sample our world-famous Chicago pizza and let the fun begin.

8:15–9:00

Time to nosh, change into your costume, talk with speakers, shop for books.

9:00–10:00

Costume Parade and Judging

Paramount Ballroom

It's one of the things for which we are (justly) famous—COSTUMES. Mensan costumes range from weird to wonderful, elegant to outlandish, hilarious to enigmatic. Prizes will be awarded in several categories, including "Best Traditional," "Best (or worst) Pun," and "Best Bribe for Judges." Please SPEAK LOUDLY AND CLEARLY when you get to the microphone, so everyone (including the judges) can hear and enjoy the description of your guise.

10:00PM–1:00AM

Costume Dance

Paramount Ballroom

Costumes are optional, but dancing is a must! A large dance floor, hot DJ with all the hits, and plenty of tables at which to relax and chat with your partner(s) all contribute to an excellent evening.

10:00–10:30

Ballroom Dance Lessons (Swing)

Darlene Brill

CC1-5

Waltz on over and join Chicago M Darlene for some basic swing step lessons. Learn the swing or just add these steps to your free-style dancing. In a relaxed and unpressured atmosphere, Darlene will build on what you already know, i.e., how to walk. Feel more confident on the dance floor with these steps and learn some secret dance techniques. Wear smooth-soled shoes or socks to dance in. NOTE: You do NOT need to have a dance partner to attend.

10:00–?

Flicks

Bob Finnegan

CC1-12

If you want to sit and relax in front of a good film, Bob will have a variety of movies available. However, he feels that, given the fact that John Glenn is, even now, scheduled to be circling the earth, *The Right Stuff* or *Moon Shot* would be good choices.

11:00–Midnight

Feeding Frenzy: Breads and Spreads

Boardroom 1231

To spread or not to spread, that is the question. Whether 'tis nobler in the mind to suffer the spread and bread of outrageous proportion or to taste...perchance to dream...of assorted tasty fillings.

11:00–?

Karaoke Unplugged

Clyde Forrester, facilitator

CC1-6

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

Midnight–?

Carnelli

Room 1214

Come play the word/idea association game invented by D.C. Ms Jan Carnell and Jim Lange, now a fixture at RGs across the country. Never played? Come and learn how! Facilitated by a quick-witted gHost.

Saturday

For details on events and features that run all weekend long, see page 7.

8:00–10:00

Feeding Frenzy: Bagel Breakfast

Boardroom 1231

Carbohydrate-packing at its very best. Start your day with a hearty bagel and cream cheese, pastry, or cereal and fruit.

8:45–9:45

Stretching Exercise

Skinner and Yvonne

Room CC1-6

Skinner and Yvonne will lead a morning exercise session to help you get stretched out and ready to party (and to help you recover from Friday's dance). The program is not strenuous, consisting of various non-aerobic stretching exercises designed to loosen you up, not wear you out.

Calendar Reckoning

Robert Stalzer

Room 1214

We'll compare the Gregorian, Jewish, and Islamic calendars and examine their respective astronomical underpinnings. What is an intercalary month? Why does Ramadan occur at a different time every year? How long IS the Metonic cycle? We'll also explain Moslem prayer schedules based on Solar Time and learn why the direction of Mecca isn't what you might expect. And don't miss the intricate explanation of the Christian and Eastern Orthodox Ecclesiastical calendars, whose baroque machinations are based on formulae from antiquity. Finally, this would be a great opportunity for you to ask Robert those nagging questions about the analemma, the Rules for Eclipses, behavior of satellite orbit, sundials, etc. Some math, but no quiz—just lots of fun!

9:00–5:00

Blood Drive

Monika Guendner

CC1-4

It isn't just Dracula who wants your blood. Area hospitals are always looking for someone who's just your type. Open your heart—or at least a blood vessel—and donate. It saves lives.

9:00–10:00

Pun and Games

Richard Lederer

Delaney's

Sharpen your pun cells. Richard Lederer, who was elected International Punster of the Year right here in Chicago, will take you on a joy ride through the various kinds of punnery, from homographs through spoonerisms. Attila the Pun will offer games that have pun fun with each concept and will also invite you to contribute your best plays on words. All are welcome, but Rich also encourages children aged nine and older to join in the fun.

Legal Aspects of Estate Planning

Nancy Saunders

Room CC1-6

Nancy will cover the basic definitions and methods you can use to protect your loved ones during your lifetime and after your death. Living Trusts, Pay Back Trusts, and Supplemental Lifetime Trusts are some of the topics that will be discussed.

10–11

Bagpipe Music—Becoming Part of Our Culture

Kit Jensen

Delaney's

Kit, a world-class piper, will not only play for your enjoyment, but will explain the instrument, its history, and types of music played on the pipes. If you're keen on Celtic music, this will be real treat. Question-and-Answer time will follow the presentation (many of you will remember Kit's answer to the question of what is worn beneath the kilt).

Creative Thinking Exercises

Darlene Brill

Room 1214

Turn it on at will. Eliminate long, agonizing, fruitless sessions. We're talking about creativity, and how to tap into yours through brainstorming, generating ideas, and exploring them using easy-to-learn, three-minute, creative thinking exercises. Learn and practice exercises that you can apply to every aspect of your life. If you're stuck for an idea, if you

want to invent or redesign a product, or if you just want a stimulating, high-energy pick-me-up, join Darlene in this fast-paced, participatory workshop.

Get Ready to Get Lucky
ADULTS ONLY

Cat Sterrett

CC1-12

Ever notice that sex makes you breathe hard, your face get red, and your muscles become rigid? Just like exercise! Chicago M Cat Sterrett, an Exercise Physiologist with 14 years' experience in fitness training (and 15 years with various Sexyg programs) will describe and demonstrate how you can combine erotic activities with exercise to increase libido, improve sexual performance, and enhance sexual satisfaction. Come early for a front-row seat as Cat tastefully demonstrates various exercises "even you" can do!

Archaeology in the Middle East
Mindi Epstein

CC1-6

Small, informal discussion of what is happening in the Middle East, particularly Israel, in regards to archeological discovery and conservation. Mindi will bring a copy of her final report on the work to uncover and preserve the Hippodrome Wall Paintings at Caesarea Maritima, Israel, as well as some photographs, but will happily discuss the work she has done all over the Middle East. Primarily a conversation and Q&A opportunity.

11:15–12:15

Cancer: Chaos in the Cell
Jerry Henslee

CC1-12

An overview will be given of what goes wrong in a normally functioning cell that results in the cell loosing its control to grow and die, thus becoming malignant. It is like a car that has lost its brakes and has its accelerator stuck at the same time.

Molly Hess, Woman on the Ration
Marilyn Hess

Delaney's

Marilyn, a living history interpreter, relates what life during the American Revolution was like for a woman who followed her husband into war. Privation, hard work, and even battle were among the difficulties—and opportunities—that faced women who accompanied 18th century armies on campaign.

Melting Away Stress and Pain with Jin Shin Jyutsu

Kebba Buckley

1214

Jin Shin Jyutsu is a simple-to-use accupressure system for holding points to release discomfort. Attitudes, emotional distress, tightness, and pain can all be balanced away with this ancient oriental art. Unlike some healing modalities, this can be self-applied.

Monastic Life in the New Millennium: a Counter-culture Voice

Father Joel Rippinger

CC1-6

Contemporary monastic life is not an oxymoron. However, living that life in an American culture on the cusp of a new millennium has us confront a phenomenon that is both timeless and constantly being adapted. Based upon the experience of one who has lived the life for over 30 years, this presentation will discuss the tradition and practical demands that are part of this life and why it continues to have an appeal for many today.

12:30–1:30

Möbius SF Comedy Theatre

Paramount Ballroom

This professional comedy troupe will provide entertainment again this year, regaling the crowd with their unique contemporary style of thespian endeavor. Alternately spectacular and amusing, this event is not to be missed!

Molière's Ribald Rhetoric Re-rhymed

ADULTS ONLY

Timothy Mooney

CC1-8

Timothy, who has authored seven verse adaptations of Molière's work, discusses his process, his rationale for putting prose works into verse, and some rather ribald interpretations of classics such as *Tartuffe, The Miser, The Imaginary Invalid, Don Juan,* and *The Doctor In Spite of Himself.*

The Recent Checkmate: Evolution vs. Creationism

Neal Roys

CC1-8

In this presentation, Neal separates knowledge from mere belief on issues related to evolution, intelligent design, the Big Bang, and world religions.

Around the World in 60 Minutes

Lisa Gay

Delaney's

Lisa, president and co-founder of the Adventure Travelers Society, offers a dynamic and interactive program that introduces you to some of her favorite destinations and wonders of the world, many of which are now available through the society (not a sales pitch). Be prepared to discuss one of your favorite destinations or dream vacations.

1:45–2:45

The James Bond Phenomenon

Raymond Benson

Paramount Ballroom

Raymond, current author of the James Bond novel series, will give a brief, illustrated history of the James Bond Phenomenon, including a bio of 007 creator Ian Fleming, as well as his own experiences in writing Bond novels. Autographed books will be available for sale at the presentation.

Flavors of Linux

Richard Hinton

CC1-12

Richard will present a comparison of two flavors of Linux, RedHat and SuSE, discussing their strengths and weaknesses. Basically all versions of

Linux use the same kernels, and in that sense they are identical. Each distributor likes to emphasize the great features of their particular product. Each product has little differences that may or may not be appealing, depending on your likes and dislikes.

An Introduction to the Phenomenology of Music

Joseph Smith

Delaney's

The "phenomenology" of music and performance has to do with the experiencing of musical sounds by both the performer and listener. It aims not primarily at the analysis of music, but rather at its synthesis and aesthetic perception within the hearers. In perceiving music, the listener reacts at multiple levels of consciousness. An actual demonstration and performance make clear how we elicit the Muse from within our own subjective consciousness. Words alone don't do it!

A Men's Meeting on Male Role Models

Gary A. Porter

CC1-6

Male role models—we all had them. What type do you wish you would have had when you were growing up? What type do you wish your children had today? And what type do you want

your grandchildren to have? What can we do to get the role models we want for our children? Men involved in the Mankind Project will lead this meeting. Women are invited, too.

2:00–3:00

Feeding Frenzy: Death by Chocolate

Boardroom 1231

But oh, what a way to go. From soup to nuts, and everything in-between, you won't believe your sighs.

3:00–4:00

Hospital/No Hospital: Secrets of Stage Combat

Richard Gilbert and David Gregory

Paramount Ballroom

Violence and fighting are often portrayed on theatrical stages and are a mainstay of American cinema. Ever wonder how it's done? Professional stunt men/fight choreographers, Richard and David give you a "behind-the-scenes" look at the craft of stage combat in a 30-minute lecture/demonstration that pulls no punches. Or does it? Time for questions and answers follows.

Successful Interpersonal Communication

Deborah Dimond

CC1-8

Deborah notes that, as Ms, we all live in our heads to some extent, which leaves some of us wondering why we can't make connections with friends of either gender. If you wonder why you have trouble making and/or keeping friends or relationships, this is the program for you! Come find out how to communicate successfully with almost anyone. Deborah will give you simple, clear-cut rules that she says will, if followed, guarantee successful interpersonal communication.

SuppleMentally – The Latest from the World of Science

John Blinke

Delaney's

John hosts a freewheeling, interactive talk on the latest big happenings in science. Subject matter will vary, depending on what discoveries have occurred recently, but likely topics are: 1. The accelerating expansion of the universe; 2. Quantum Teleportation: what it is not!; 3. Mad Cow Disease: how dangerous is it

and how did it become a problem?; and 4. Whatever the audience wants to talk about.

3:00–4:30

Fiendish Armchair Treasure Hunt

Jay Smith

Room 1214

A long standing favorite of the HalloweeM crowd, the Fiendish Armchair Treasure Hunt is a game where teams work with fiendishly-clever, rebus-style clues to reveal geographic locations, garnering points in the process. Some teams get organized in advance, others form on the spot. Everyone is welcome. Warning! This is an addictive game—it may change your life! The Sacred Judges for the Hunt include Jay Smith (the game's originator), Helen Kupper, Louise Howe, Mara Marin, and Nadine McBeth.

4:15–5:15

Signing—When Hands are a Conversation Piece

Melinda Spencer

CC1-8

Hands are expressive in any culture, any language, but for the deaf, hands are an expression in and of themselves. Hands can contain accents, education, jokes, puns, anger, joy, information, and questions. Come learn about the joys of signing, the humor of the language, as well as a bit about the culture that promotes the use of sign language.

Computer Animation Explained

Matthew Gilmore

Paramount Ballroom

Matt, a film producer, game creator, and computer artist, will explain how computer animation is created for television, movies, and video games. Examples of his animation work will illustrate the presentation.

Ho Chi Minh and the American Experience in Viet Nam

Roger Mattingly

CC1-12

Roger is a photojournalist and war correspondent who covered the war in Viet Nam. His experiences and continued study of the issues have given him insight into many aspects of this controversial military action. Roger will address such questions as, "Why did America ignore such clear warning signals?" and "How did this tiny country best the world's greatest super power?"

Saturday

Expanded Consciousness Training for Wisdom, Strength, and Healing

Mark Dorian Wenner

CC1-6

Based on his experience and research, Mark will explain his views on the dimensions of consciousness and how expanded consciousness inspires spontaneous healing, athletic performances "in the zone," and increased intuition, strength, and wisdom. He will present techniques designed to help you activate the "zone" for yourself, and will offer for sale his book, *Tapping Universal Source.*

5:30–6:00

Cocktails

Brasserie

Wind down from your busy day. Ease into evening with something pleasant from the Cash Bar.

Magic

P.C. Swanson

CC1-12

Geared for children, but adults welcome. P.C., a veteran magician (and relentless punster) will entertain with tricks, then teach a few simple effects that don't require any special apparatus. (Duration: 30-45 minutes, depending on interest and attention spans.)

6:00–7:00

The Banquet

Brasserie

Enjoy HalloweeM's formal feast. The Banquet requires a ticket, purchased in advance when you registered. Seating is limited. If you failed to purchase a ticket beforehand, you may want to check the bulletin board.

7:15–7:45

Service Awards

Please come and see who wins the Long Term and Short Term service awards for this year. It may be you!

7:45–8:45

Gong Show

Paramount Ballroom

Come display your talents, hidden or otherwise, or your guts, if you have no gift for public performance, and help us raise money for the Mensa Scholarship Fund. Alan Baltis will emcee this popular event, and you can pay to gong, or un-gong, any act that you want to see end or continue. There are always

a few wonderful things that no one wants to gong, some that are gonged almost immediately, and some that raise enough doubt to be gonged and un-gonged several times. It can be bizarre, but it's for a good cause.

9:00–10:00

Reading of the Snark

Bill Slankard

Room CC1-8

"Just the place for a Snark, the Bellman said" is how Lewis Carroll's poem "The Hunting of the Snark: An Agony in Eight Fits" begins. And this is just the place to hear it read by eight fellow Mensans. If you would like to be one of the readers, a sign-up sheet will be available at Registration.

Behind the Movie Screen

Bob Finnegan

CC1-12

What did Janet Leigh wear in the shower? What animal scares Paul Newman? Why did the Alien need condoms? The stars talk about these and other weighty matters in this videotape presentation of the best selections of Bob's collection of movie documentaries. Includes footage showing how special effects were done and covers such movies as *Jaws, Terminator 2, Spartacus,* and *Close Encounters of the Third Kind.*

9:00–Midnight

Quiz Bowl

Gary Smith

Room 1214

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

9:00PM–1:00AM

Dance

Paramount Ballroom

The second dance extravaganza of the weekend—this time with a live band! Again, there will be plenty of tables, where you can chat, catch your breath, or just sit and marvel at the amazing guitar riffs.

10:00–Midnight

Poetry SIG and "Coffee House"

Helen Kupper and Arlene Gloria Hirsch

CC1-8

Chicago's Poetry SIG presents an "Hour of Poetry" hosted by SIG member Helen Kupper. Stop by registration to pick up the poems that will be read. Each reading will be followed by a brief discussion/analysis. Though advanced review of the poems is recommended, it is not required. Following the SIG presentation, Arlene Hirsch, poet and Poetry SIG member, will host an open-mike "coffee house." She invites all poets, songwriters, and folk musicians to bring their work—and their guitars, if available. Come share your creative efforts with others who love to write and/or sing. Very supportive atmosphere.

Flicks II

Bob Finnegan

CC1-12

Bob will again make a variety of movies available for those who would like to relax with a great film.

10:00–11:00

Pretentious Drinking

ADULTS ONLY

Alan Baltis & Gary Kryvko

CC1-6

Liqueurs. The fancy stuff. Polished, cosmopolitan, perhaps even a little snooty. The stuff you graduate to from beer. You'd like to know more, but they cost $10/$30/$50 (or more) per bottle, and what if that French name you thought sounded so sophisticated actually translates "snail juice and brandy," and isn't quite the palette-pleaser you expected. Rejoice, for tonight (for a nominal fee per snoot) you can sample to your heart's content. Alan & Gary will supply a wide range of weird and wonderful concoctions from around the world, and you can determine just 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.

11:00–Midnight

Feeding Frenzy: Vegetarian Delight

Boardroom 1231

Sample your way through a Middle-Eastern bonanza—a HalloweeM favorite.

11:00–1:00AM

Joke-Off

CC1-3

Alan Baltis, Denny Bender, and Dave Plottel will act as hosts, judges, and agents provocateurs for an evening of infinite jest. Come share your latest witticisms and drolleries—perhaps you will capture the coveted title of Jokemeister for this year's HalloweeM.

Midnight–2:00AM

Rocky Horror Picture Show

CC1-12

Outrageous, campy romp has become a standard feature of HalloweeM at midnight.

Sunday

For details on events and features that run all weekend long, see page 7.

8–10

Feeding Frenzy: Mobs of Muffins

Boardroom 1231

Muffin, muffin, who's got the muffin? Don't worry, there's plenty to go around along with an assortment of cereals, juices, and fruit.

8:45–9:45

Alexander Hamilton's New York Provincial Company of Artillery

Bill Hess

Woodfield #1

In 1776, Alexander Hamilton took command of an artillery unit raised to defend New York City. Today, Bill Hess commands the re-enacted version of that same unit. Come and learn what it was like to command an artillery unit during this formative time in our history, and learn something of the history of Hamilton's, the only unit of the era still in active service today.

Mathematical Humor Exchange

David Spangler

Room 1214

Humor can be a strong motivational device for students — especially when it reinforces mathematical concepts and applications. David will share his favorite anecdotes, jokes, cartoons, bad ads, and news clipping from his nearly 30 years in mathematics education. The talk is intended to be informative, as well as humorous. To the many of you who enjoyed this program last year: David says there is a lot of new material.

10:00–11:00

Frontiers of Artificial Intelligence: Genetic Programming

Alan Baltis

Room 1214

Can we use the simulation of natural systems to solve difficult computational problems? This talk will focus on the burgeoning fields of Genetic Algorithms and Evolutionary Programming, which use concepts of reproduction, mutation, and evolutionary fitness to mimic natural selection and allow us to solve "non-trivial" problems more efficiently than ever before. Come learn why running vast

numbers of generations always seems to lead to the number 42.

Contemporary Worship

Vineyard Worship Band

Paramount Ballroom

Tap your foot, clap your hands, raise your spirits. Join us for a joyous, rocking time of non-denominational worship music. If you haven't heard "church music" for a while, you may be surprised to see electric guitars, drums, keyboards—this is great music, with a great beat, but with heart and soul, too. Sing along (words will be projected) or just watch and listen. There will be a sign-language interpreter, so come even if it's just for the blessing and the beat. Prayer will be offered after the music, if you have any needs you would like to share.

11:15–1:15

Brunch and Awards

Paramount Ballroom

A sumptuous brunch awaits you. As with the banquet, tickets must be purchased in advance. However, whether you're brunching or not, you are welcome to attend the Awards and Announcements which follow (approximately 12:15).

1:30–2:30

Late 18th Century Medicine and Ethics

David Jahntz

Room 1214

An exploration of our founders' generation—their moral imperative, not just as it related to politics and war, but to daily life. Attitudes toward, and the practice of, medicine during this period; living with plagues, constant infant deaths, and the resulting emphasis on the eternal rather than temporal life.

Proctored Tests

Rooms CC1-12 and CC1-7

1:30–3:30

2:45–3:45

Albert Einstein: The Profound and the Profane

Joseph Dell'Aquila

Woodfield #1

Einstein is best known for his theories of special and general relativity. The confirmation of the latter theory made him the first celebrity scientist and a mythic figure. Come and gain a better understanding of Einstein's personal life and of how the Einstein myth developed.

Get Inline! Inline Skating for Beginners

Danita Fleck

CC1-4 (Moves outdoors after introduction)

Inline skating is a safe, recreational activity for Mensans of every age. Feel more alive, lift your mood, manage your weight, develop a bodacious body, or cross train for downhill skiing. We'll discuss skate and safety gear selection and fit, and review SLAP (smart, legal, alert, polite) skating. You'll learn the safe-T position, scissors, and the swizzle. In an hour you'll be striding, stopping, turning, stroking, and gliding. Attendees should bring

inline skates (with heel brake) and safety equipment (bicycle helmet, knee and elbow pads, wrist guards) and a beach towel. If you don't have equipment, feel free to watch. There will be handouts, but equipment will NOT be provided.

What's New at the National Office

Pam Donahoo

CC1-6

Pam will give a brief overview of what transpires at the national office of American Mensa, Ltd., then will open the floor to questions. This is a good opportunity to learn more about how American Mensa operates.

3PM–?

Time to Clean Up.

Thanks for coming. Hope to see you next year!

~The HalloweeM Committee

Eric Anderson

Space Adventures (Fri.)

Eric is Vice President of Space Adventures, a "space tourism" company that offers exciting, space-related travel, including planetary geology programs, sub-orbit space flights, rides to the edge of space in a MiG-25, Space Camp, Russian Space Program, how to build rockets, zero-gravity flights, and more. A *magna cum laude* graduate of the University of Virginia (aerospace engineering and business), Eric has worked at NASA's Goddard Space Flight Center, where he was responsible for flight hardware and data analysis on experiments flown on seven space shuttle missions. He has also worked at the National Radio Astronomy Observatory, where he conducted research on extragalactic astrophysics, and was Lead Engineer at a space software and technology company. Eric will be coming to us straight from the Kennedy Space Center and the John Glenn launch. Website —http://www.spaceadventures.com

Alan Baltis

Frontiers of Artificial Intelligence: Genetic Programming (Sun.)

In addition to being Chicago-area Mensa's LocSec, Alan is president of Lankmar Corporation, an information systems consulting firm specializing in custom database and telecommunications solutions. He became fascinated with Genetic Algorithms after seeing an article in *Wired* magazine, then read everything he could find on the subject. He is currently developing stock and commodity trading systems using Genetic Algorithms and Evolutionary Programming to create a colony of "trading creatures" that should make him fabulously wealthy, oh, any day now.

Raymond Benson

The James Bond Phenomenon (Sat.)

Raymond is the current author of the phenomenally successful James Bond novel series. So far, he has penned *Zero Minus Ten* (1997), *Tomorrow Never Dies* (1997), and *The Facts of Death* (1998).

Website— http://www.ianfleming.org

John Blinke

SuppleMentally: Science from the Mensa Bulletin (Sat.)

John is widely known in Mensa, both for the *Bulletin's* "SuppleMentally" column, which he has been writing for about ten years, and for the enthusiastic, well-informed presentations that he has made at RGs and AGs over the last 3-4 years. Science is his lifelong passion. He has had every science-related hobby you can imagine, and keeps current on cutting edge developments through publications like *Science* and *Nature.* That, along with working in the hands-on industrial world gives him a look at the real-life applications of technology. John is an electrician and plant newsletter editor working for Visteon (Ford) Automotive Systems. He has a BA in English from Wayne State University in Detroit.

Darlene Brill

Ballroom Dance Lessons (Fri.), Creative Thinking Exercises (Sat.)

Darlene has worked as a French translator, a personnel generalist, and a property manager. She has trained corporate staff in creative thinking exercises and grammar (not necessarily a contradiction). Darlene spent 15 years

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as a competitive ballroom dancer and a short time as a building rehabber. She is now a freelance technical writer and proofreader.

Kebba Buckley

Melting Away Stress and Pain with Jin Shin Jyutsu (Sat.)

Kebba is a Master's degree scientist and owner of a holistic healing clinic in Scottsdale, AZ. She has been helping people with stress-caused pain, fatigue and illness since 1975, combining a wide range of healing arts, including massage therapies and un-stress coaching. A certified instructor of Jin Shin Jyutsu, Kebba has included this oriental art in her practice since 1985.

Joseph Dell'Aquila

Albert Einstein: The Profound and the Profane (Sun.)

Joseph has a Ph.D. and M.S. in Physics and B.A. in Humanities (Philosophy). He is Professor of Physics and Chair for the Department of Chemistry and Physics at Marian College in Indianapolis, and a consultant/evaluator for the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools' Commission on Higher Education. Einstein has been a continuing interest of his for more

than 15 years. Joseph has published articles on Einstein, his physics and his fame. For more info on Einstein, he recommends visiting http://www.westegg.com/einstein/

Deborah Dimond

Successful Interpersonal Communication (Sat.)

Chicago M Deborah has an M.A. in Communications Theory. She is currently teaching Interpersonal Communication for Waubonsee Community College and Robert Morris College.

Pam Donahoo

What's New at the National Office (Sun.)

Pam has been Executive Director of American Mensa, Ltd. since March 1997. She has seen Mensa through a lot of changes in the last 1-1/2 years. Before coming to Mensa, Pam worked with a wide range of trade and professional organizations.

Bob Finnegan

Flicks (Fri. and Sat.), Behind the Movie Screen (Sat.)

Bob is an avid movie and video buff, with a large collection of documentaries and information on movies and movie making, as well as a wide range of videos.

Danita Fleck

Get Inline! Inline Skating for Beginners (Sun.)

In September 1997, Danita successfully passed the International InLine Skating Association Level I Instructor Certification Program, and is fully certified and insured to teach Beginning Skating Techniques. She has been inline skating for nearly 6 years and has been racing with Team Rainbo for the past 3 years. In addition to racing, Danita also enjoys roller aerobics, inline hockey, and wind skating. She takes her skates everywhere and can recommend scenic places to skate and explore all over the world.

Lisa Gay

Around the World in 60 Minutes (Sat.)

Lisa is a world-wanderer and president/cofounder of the Adventure Travelers Society. Her goal is to climb or ski every major mountain range in the world. In her travels alone she has escaped mountain militia in Chile, been robbed in several countries, lost the car keys in a lagoon of the Blue Mountains of Australia, and made livelong friends on several continents. She loves to talk about, and show pictures of, her adventures—and she loves to hear the tales of others. Website—http://www.adventure-travelers.com

Matthew Gilmore

Computer Animation Explained (Sat.)

Matt has a B.A. in film production, 7 years experience in various types of video production, 3 years in game development, and 2 years working on independent feature films. He has published one Playstation game. He is an outstanding creative computer animation artist.

David Gene Gregory and Richard Gilbert

Hospital/No Hospital: Secrets of Stage Combat (Sat.)

David and Richard, of R&D Choreography, have more than 20 years combined as professional fight choreographers, stage combat instructors, and stunt men. They are members of the Screen Actors Guild, Society of American Fight Directors, and are adjunct instructors of stage combat at Lewis University, Romeoville, with ad hoc classes at Northwestern University, University of Rhode Island, University of Missouri, Stephens College, et. al.

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Jerry Henslee

Cancer: Chaos in the Cell (Sat.)

Jerry received a Ph.D. in biochemistry in 1978 and did post doctorate work in biochemistry, 1979-1981. He has been researching potential treatments for cancer at Abbott Laboratories, Diagnostic Division, 1981 to the present, and lectures widely on the subject.

Bill Hess

Alexander Hamilton's New York Provincial Company of Artillery (Sun.)

Bill has been a living history interpreter for 16 years. As part of the Northwest Territory Alliance, he acts as commander of Alexander Hamilton's New York Provincial Company of Artillery.

Marilyn Hess

Molly Hess, Woman on the Ration (Sat.)

For 16 years, Marilyn, a living history interpreter with the Northwest Territory Alliance, has been doing programs for schools and other organizations, as well as appearing in a variety of roles (from hard-working laundress to "naughty lady") at 18th-century reenactments.

Richard Hinton

Flavors of Linux (Sat.)

Richard has been building or programming computers since 1985. He has programmed in higher level languages such as SAS and SPSS on a variety of PC's and mainframe's operating systems such as MVS, CMS, NOS, Primos, VMS, and Unix. He got started with Linux while chatting with Craig Burley (developer of GNU Fortran) several years ago. He belongs to three Linux/Unix users groups: UniForum Chicago, CLUG, and Luni (out of Argonne Labs). Currently, he is a school psychologist and part-time statistical programmer at a local university, where he has used Windows, DOS, OS/2, DR DOS, Windows 95, and finally Linux in two of its flavors.

Arlene Gloria Hirsch

Poetry "Coffee House" (Sat.)

Arlene is a teacher, poet, and member of Chicago Mensa's Poetry SIG. Originator of The Poetry Factory, Arlene's goal is to create a variety of outlets for poets.

David Jahntz

Late 18th Century Medicine and Ethics (Sun.)

Re-enactor and speaker, David has been making personal appearances for 23 years, sharing his knowledge of medicine and surgery as practiced during the era of the American Revolution. He has been highlighted on the History Channel regarding Frontier Medicine, and was part of the George Rogers Clark segment of the Legends of the Frontier series.

Kit Jensen

Bagpipe Music — Becoming Part of Our Culture (Sat.)

Chicagoan Kit Jensen has been playing the Scottish bagpipes for decades. He studied with the Queen's piper at Balmoral Castle, and has won medals at numerous international bagpiping competitions, including those at Braemar and Cowal.

Alexis DeFotis Jump

Classical Music for the Bedroom (Fri.)

Alexis was a music major at the University of Illinois. She spent six years with the Chicago Symphony Chorus. Classical music continues

to be her passion, and she listens to and studies it daily.

Linda B. Krejcik

Integrated Energy Work (Fri.) — and massage/Reiki/reflexology throughout the weekend

Linda, who has a Master's Degree in Education, is a Certified Massage Therapist and Reiki Master and Instructor, and has been doing Integrated Energy Work for 17 years. (If you want a personal recommendation, talk to our LocSec, Alan Baltis — he visits her monthly to get de-stressed.)

Helen Kupper

Poetry SIG (Sat.)

Helen has filled many roles in her 29 years in Mensa, from local to national, including RVC Region 4, American National Representative, five-plus years as International Director of Development, and currently MERF trustee. In 1996 she received Mensa's "Oscar," the prestigious Margot Award. She is a poetry lover, and has long been active in Poetry SIG.

Richard Lederer

The Word Circus (Fri.), Pun and Games (Sat.)

Ph. D., linguist, humorist, Top Pun, and bestselling writer, Rich is familiar to most Mensans as the longtime language columnist for the Mensa *Bulletin*. Rich has authored thousands of articles and books about language and humor, including best-sellers *Anguished English* and *Crazy English*. His current book, *The Word Circus*, has been selected by the Book of the Month Club. His syndicated column, "Looking at Language," appears in newspapers and magazines throughout the United States. He is language columnist for *Writer's Digest* and the *Farmers' Almanac*, and is language commentator on National Public Radio. Rich was elected International Punster Of The Year here in Chicago, and has been profiled in magazines as diverse as *The New Yorker, People*, and the *National Inquirer*. For more word fun, be sure to visit Rich's website—http://www.pobox.com/~verbivore

Carol Low

The Practical Side of Psychoneuroimmunology: Bodymind in Daily Life (Fri.)

Carol is a doctor of clinical psychology with certification from the American Society of

Clinical Hypnosis. She is cofounder of the Center for Conscious Living, which specializes in holistic psychological treatment for mental and physical distress. She has lectured at the Chicago Society of Clinical Hypnosis, the American Association for the Study of Mental Imagery, the Institute for Objectivist Studies, and has coauthored a published paper and several articles. Carol has done research involving learning disabilities and attention deficit disorder, and is a former Montessori teacher and founder of a Montessori school in Pittsburgh, PA. Website— http://www.pobox.com/~cfcl

Roger Mattingly

Ho Chi Minh and the American Experience in Viet Nam (Sat.)

Roger is a photographer and co-president of the Chicago/Midwest chapter of the American Society of Media Photographers. As a war correspondent, he covered the war in Viet Nam, and his work has been published in Time Life Books and in *Requiem*, the 1997 Random House tribute to photographers killed in Indochina-China. Roger continues to study the war, its causes and effects.

Möbius Theater (Sat.)

Off-the-wall Science Fiction Comedy Theater group. You may know them from sci fi Conventions, or from last year's HalloweeM (their Kabuki version of *Star Wars* was certainly memorably hilarious). If not, there is no way to describe them.

Timothy Mooney

Molière's Ribald Rhetoric Re-Rhymed (Sat.)

Timothy has worked with the Milwaukee and Seattle Reps, as well as the Alabama Shakespeare Festival. He ran the newsletter "The Script Review" for seven years, reviewing more than 700 manuscripts, and produced over fifty plays in five years as the Artistic Director of the Stage Two Theatre Company in Chicago's northern suburbs. He has created new variations of Molière's *Tartuffe, The Miser, The School For Husbands, Don Juan, The Doctor In Spite of Himself, The Imaginary Invalid,* and *Scapin.* Websites— http://www.myenvoy.com/mooney/ *or* http://www.myenvoy.com/stagetwo/

Mary Olson

My Parrot, My Friend: Appreciating Parrots and Cockatoos (Fri.)

Mary teaches High School Math in Chicago. A few years ago, she got her first parrot, and

became entranced. She read everything she could find on the subject, went to shows, talked to other owners, and eventually got a second bird. She has a Moluccan cockatoo and African Congo Gray parrot, both of which will accompany her to HalloweeM. Mary will be assisted in the presentation by her daughter, Kathy, an RN, and fellow teacher and bird owner, Mary Conrad.

Father Joel Rippinger

Monastic Life in the New Millennium: a Counter-Culture Voice (Sat.)

Joel entered Marmion Abbey, Aurora, IL, in 1968. With a B.A. from St. Procopius College and an M.A. in History from the University of Notre Dame, he pursued his theological studies at Bellarmine School of Theology in Chicago, and the Pontifical Universities of Sant'Anselmo and the Gregorian in Rome, Italy. He has been an instructor and religion department chair at Marmion Academy. Among his numerous other activities, he served as project advisor for the *Encyclopedia of Monasticism,* has written numerous articles on monastic history and spirituality, and is the author of *The Benedictine Order in the United States: An Interpretive History.*

Neal Roys

The Recent Checkmate: Evolution vs. Creationism (Sat.)

Neal currently teaches AP Calculus, Honors Pre-Calculus, and Honors Advanced Algebra, and is Math Team Coach, at Adlai Stevenson High School in Lake Country, IL. He is coauthor of *Technology*, published by D.C. Heath and has published articles on mathematics and teaching. He speaks regularly at conferences around the country, including those for NCTM, ICTM, and MMC, addressing teachers and mathematicians on such subjects as "Does Mathematics Inform Morality" and "The Big Bang: Where Math, Physics, Theology and Evolution Overlap."

Nancy Saunders

Legal Aspects of Estate Planning (Sat.)

Nancy's interest in disability planning and estate planning was ignited by the disabling illness of a family member. In 1980, she decided to become an attorney and work in these fields, and was finally able to go to law school in 1990. She graduated from Chicago Kent in 1994 and has been working as an attorney on a part-time basis since her graduation. Nancy has been a member of

Mensa for 20 years, and is currently a Gen Rep for Chicago Mensa.

Charles Sila

Libertarians — Meet the Candidates, Discuss the Issues (Fri.)

Charles is the Libertarian candidate for Lieutenant Governor for the state of Illinois.

Skinner

Hell's M's meeting (Fri.), Stretching, Men's Role Models (Sat.)

Skinner has been involved in Mensa since 1980 and has been coordinator of Hell's M's since it was founded in 1988. He is the owner of an award-winning home improvement company. He has been studying martial arts since the late '80s, is an avid SciFi reader, is deeply involved in Men's Work, and feels lucky to be loved by a woman (Yvonne) who makes his life very special.

Bill Slankard

The Reading of the Snark (Sat.)

Aside from the many other talents and skills he possesses, Bill feels that his main qualification for doing this program is that he has done it before, with Mensans at an RG, and it was wonderful. So he's doing it again.

Gary Smith

Quiz Bowl (Sat.)

Gary, a Mensan since 1974, originated the Quiz Bowl at HalloweeM many years ago. He felt that the "trivia" to which most games were limited did an intellectual disservice to Mensa-level competition. He has structured Quiz Bowl to offer more challenge, while eliminating the possibility of someone winning by simply memorizing all the Trivial Pursuit cards. Gary has presented Quiz Bowl at other RGs and at two AGs. He wants to give credit to the many people with whom he has interacted in his Mensa "knowledge competition" experience, most especially Jim Draper, Sandy Topping, Rick Magnes, and Michael Mason. These Mensans have provided valuable insights, suggestions, and ideas that have been incorporated into the ongoing effort to improve the scope and challenge of Quiz Bowl.

Joseph Smith

Classical Music Appreciation (Sat.)

Musician, composer, conductor, and scholar (Ph. D.), Joseph is the founding editor of the *Journal of Musicological Sound* and author of nine books, including *The Experiencing of*

Musical Sound and *Understanding the Musical Experience*, and numerous articles on musicology, philosophy and the phenomenology of music and the creative process.

Laurel Smith

Sharing Shabbos (Fri.)

Laurel is a Chicago M from a Reform (read Freeform) background and has enjoyed celebrating Sabbath holidays with fellow Mensans at home, but has felt a distinct lack of Yiddishkeit at Mensa gatherings. She welcomes the opportunity to establish ties with other Jewish Mensans for discussions about what our culture means to us, and just hang out with people who get our jokes. Shalom!

David Spangler

Mathematical Humor Exchange (Sun.)

David is a Mathematics Editorial Manager for Scott Foresman-Addison Wesley Publishing Company. A former middle-school teacher, he has remained active in teaching through his adjunct work at National-Louis University, where he has been teaching methods courses and workshops since 1981. He is author of *Math for Real Kids,* a supplement published by

Speakers' Bios

Good Year Books. This year, David is quite proud to say that he is an intense Cubs fan.

Melinda Spencer

Signing—When Hands are a Conversation Piece (Sat.)

As an interpreter for the hearing impaired, Melinda thought it would be natural to adopt two deaf children. She soon discovered that it was one thing to "speak" the language, and it was another thing to understand and accept the culture. As her children grew, Melinda started seeing the obstacles that exist in a hearing world, while exposure to the deaf culture caused her to reassess her views on deaf issues. Through her 20-year association with the deaf and hearing impaired, Melinda has seen a need to constantly reevaluate her views on deaf education, and though she knows she doesn't have all the answers, she feels she understands at least some of the issues. In addition to being a sign-language interpreter, Melinda is a teacher (computer, K-3).

Robert Stalzer

Calendar Reckoning (Sat.)

Past president of the Chicago Astronomical Society (America's oldest astronomical society), and popular speaker at Chicago Mensa meetings and the AG, Robert is skilled at making celestial mechanics accessible to a diverse audience. He has consulted for local Islamic prayer group and contributed to "Through the Telescope," published by TAB Books. Robert has a Bachelor's degree in Mathematics and is currently pursuing a Master's degree in Software Engineering at DePaul University.

Cat Sterrett

Sexyg Fishbowl Forum (Fri.) and Get Ready to Get Lucky (Sat.)

Cat has been a member of Chicago Mensa for 16 years. She was the Chicago Sexyg Coordinator for six years and has led Sexyg Fishbowl Forums at RGs and AGs around the country. She has a Master's degree in Exercise Physiology from the University of Illinois at Chicago, specializing in exercise adherence and issues affecting the elderly. Cat has been in private practice as a fitness trainer for six years, and is certified as a competent and safe personal trainer through the American Council on Exercise (ACE), American College of Sport Medicine (ACSM), and is a professional member of the National Strength and Conditioning Association (NSCA).

P.C. Swanson

Magic (Sat.)

Humor is a hallmark of P.C.'s magic. A veteran of forty years performing magic professionally, P.C. also creates and manufactures magical effects, writes, lectures, and operates a retail magicians' supply store in Rock Falls, IL. He has appeared throughout North America and Europe. He performs mainly for restaurants, lounges, trade shows, corporate meetings, and private parties.

Vineyard Worship Band

Contemporary Worship Music (Sun.)

Vineyard founder John Wimber was a former member of the Righteous Brothers, so it's not surprising that music has always been a big part of Vineyard worship. Vineyard Music has grown so much that it is now listed as a separate music category. Hundreds of musicians have fueled this growth at Vineyard Christian Fellowships around the world. The talented musicians performing at HalloweeM are from the Vineyard of Mundelein. Website— http://members.aol.com/vcfmundele

Mark Dorian Wenner

Expanded Consciousness Training for Wisdom, Strength, and Healing (Sat.)

Mark has a BLS in humanistic management and a minor in sociology, plus graduate-level credits in gerontology, folk medicine and clinical psychology. He is the author and publisher of *Tapping Universal Source*, and a health and fitness instructor who includes John Elway among his clients.

Website— http://www.angelfire.com/il/5thdimension

Bonnie Wilpon

Peace Corps in Kenya (Fri.)

Bonnie was no kid when she joined the Peace Corps —she was a successful business woman with 13 years experience in marketing research management with Walker Research. But she wanted to help, and she wanted to do it in Africa. Stationed in Embu, Kenya, Bonnie served as a Small Business Adviser for the U.S. Peace Corps for three years (1990-1992). Today, she is a small business owner, dealing in software for the subsidized housing industry.

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DePaul University Merle Reskin Theatre

Feeding Frenzy Flappers

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Chocolate	Cindy Ogilvie
Vegetarian	Stacy
Breads and Spreads	Dhun
Orange County	Danita

Cast of Characters

Boo Boss	Thedora Hartman
Lady In Red (Assistant Chair)	Kiki Kruse
Food Flappers	Cindy Ogilvie Danita Fleck
Program Moll	Cynthia Clampitt
Registrar	Gary Kryvko
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Any errors that you may find in this book are in keeping with this year's theme:

Here a Boo, there a Boo, everywhere a Boo Boo.