

OK, the responses are trickling in for the “MensaTrain” to the AG next summer, and it looks like we might make it work. A number of people have also inquired about traveling first-class (by sleeping car) and that is also a possibility. The roundtrip first-class fare is the coach fare (about \$300 per person) plus the sleeper accommodation charge (about \$600 for a roomette), or a total of about \$600 each for 2 people sharing a roomette, which includes all meals on the train. If you think you might be interested, and haven’t responded yet, please e-mail me at AGTrain@region6.us.mensa.org and let me know where you would be boarding and whether you would prefer coach or sleeper (see my September column for route and schedule information, or go to www.amtrak.com and look up the Texas Eagle route).

Anyway, while we’re waiting for the AG to roll around, how about a Mensa cruise out of Galveston? The good folks of North Texas Mensa are putting together a Mensa group for a one-week cruise to Cozumel, the Costa Maya, and Roatan, Honduras, leaving Galveston on March 7th aboard the Royal Caribbean Cruise Line’s 150,000-ton luxury liner, Voyager of the Seas, and they have kindly allowed me to invite the rest of Region 6 to join us. The cost, depending on accommodation, will be a mere \$580 to \$730 per person, double occupancy, including all fees and taxes. A deposit of \$500 per cabin is due by November 21. If you’re interested, contact Dennis Nienkerk at: Strong Travel Services, 8214 Westchester Dr #670, Dallas 75225. His office phone is 214-361-0027; Cell: 214-680-7607.

Meanwhile, don’t forget the Feast of Pleasures and Delights, North Texas Mensa’s 30th annual RG, taking place over Thanksgiving weekend at the Radisson Dallas East, LBJ Freeway at Jupiter in Dallas. I hope to see many of you there.

Errata: Ron Edelstein, LocSec of Lone Star Mensa, reminded me after last month’s column that I had inadvertently given credit to the wrong person for Hospitality at the Austin RG. While all was done under the expert tutelage of Ray O’Connor, the actual Hospitality Chairs were Ron’s son Andrew and his fiancée.

Also, in September I said the MensaTrain group would leave Dearborn, MI on Monday, July 5, but since then I have learned that the AG is being extended one day due to the Monday holiday, so we will most likely actually leave on Tuesday, July 6.