

From the RVC:

First of all, my thanks to those of you who voted to keep me as your Regional Vice Chairman for another two years. To those of you who were hoping to see James Franzen's name at the bottom of this column, I can only say that I'm sorry if I failed to meet your expectations, and I promise I'll try to do better in the future.

As I write this, I have just returned from a very enjoyable weekend in Houston, at SynRG 2011, Gulf Coast Mensa's Regional Gathering. Co-chairs Patty and Chris Williams did a great job of putting together a stimulating mix of speakers and other events, plus a well-stocked hospitality suite. Patty and Chris have already signed on as co-chairs of next year's event, so I know it will be equally memorable. I'm especially grateful to Hospitality Chair Anne So for the smoked salmon every morning, which I hope to see next year as well.

Which brings me to the region's next opportunity for fun, fellowship, and foolishness, LoneStarRG XIII, Lone Star Mensa's Regional Gathering. I hope to see many of you in Round Rock over Labor Day weekend to celebrate "Halloween in September", the theme of this year's event. Check LSM's website (<http://lsm.us.mensa.org/events/rg>) for details.

In other news, T.J. Lundeen of Central Oklahoma and Roy Huff of South Texas suggested a few weeks ago that there ought to be a way for members to subscribe to the electronic editions of the newsletters of the other local groups in the region. I thought that was a good suggestion, so I asked Howard Prince, our resident computer guru at the National Office, how that could be accomplished. The outcome is that sometime in July, when Howard has recovered from the national election and the Annual Gathering, he will set up an e-address, similar to "region6-talk" to which you can send an e-mail request to be subscribed. Jeff Dommene of Lone Star Mensa, my long-suffering Assistant RVC, has agreed to be the administrator for this list, and after he adds you as a subscriber, you will automatically begin to receive copies of all the Region 6 local group newsletters by e-mail. I'll provide details next month. Sorry, you won't be able to request only certain newsletters, it's going to be all or nothing.

That's all for now, folks - I'm off to Oregon for the Annual Gathering and the first meeting of the newly-elected American Mensa Committee. Thanks again for your support; I'll be back next month with more info on the newsletter subscriptions and details of the AG and AMC meeting.

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