

From the RVC:

As I sat down to compose this month's missive, I was interrupted by the sad news of the passing of my predecessor as Regional Vice Chairman, Ralph Rudolph. Ralph (or Rudy, as he was known to his friends) and I met years ago, when he was Chairman of American Mensa, but I lost track of him until he moved to New Mexico and soon became the Region 6 RVC. As RVC, he was a regular attendee at our Regional Gathering here in Dallas, and as I was President (LocSec) of our local group around that time, we corresponded fairly frequently. After he resigned as RVC, due to an unfortunate dispute with some other members of the American Mensa Committee, he was kind enough to sign my petition when I became a candidate to replace him. Ralph and I did not always agree, and I never felt that his confrontational style was very effective, but nobody can deny that he worked tirelessly for Mensa, and will be missed by many. Rest in peace, Rudy.

On a more cheerful note, I feel that as this year's Registrar, I can justify a little shameless promotion of North Texas Mensa's RG, the Feast of Pleasures and Delights XXXII. There's still time for you to make plans to attend this year, if you're not already registered, and unless you're an incurable curmudgeon, you're virtually certain to have a good time. The easy way to sign up is on-line at www.northtexasmensa.org, but if you'd rather do it by mail, just send a check in the amount of \$70, payable to NTMRG, to me at 9920 Ridgehaven Drive, Dallas, TX 75238. If you want a ticket to one of the optional Tastings, Brandy and Wine are each an additional \$12, while Beer, Chocolate, and Raw Foods are \$6 each. Hotel rooms are \$81 per night, including 2 breakfast buffets each morning. Call 214-341-5400 or 888-201-1718 for a reservation, and ask for the Mensa rate. We hope to see you at the Radisson Dallas East on Thanksgiving weekend!

I'm cutting this epistle short this month in the hope that your editor will be able to use the extra space to publish the attached photo, illustrating what a good time was had by your RVC at the Lone Star Mensa RG in Round Rock over Labor Day weekend.

Roger Durham