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IMPORTANT CALENDAR INFORMATION: We recommend that you contact the host prior to the event to make sure there are no last-minute changes. All events are smoke-free unless noted. No events will be scheduled opposite an official MWM event. All are reminded that, with the exception of official MWM events, attendance at events is at the discretion of the host. This being said, we encourage hosts to be inclusive and welcoming. In general a spouse, significant other, family member, or guest will always be welcome. **The deadline for calendar entries is the 5th of the month preceding the targeted month.** (If your event is in January, the deadline is December 5.)

We share our event calendar with our neighbors to the north, Maryland Mensa. A notation of (MM) indicates that Maryland Mensa supplied the calendar entry. A notation of (MWM-W) indicates that the event will take place in Virginia, west of the Beltway. (NM) indicates a Non-Mensa sponsored event. NOTE: In the event there are last-minute changes, deletions, or additions to the calendar, updates may be found at the mwm_calendar group of yahoo groups. http://groups.yahoo.com/group/mwm_calendar/

MONDAY, JUNE 1, 2009

Noon **Suitland Lunch Bunch**
Contact Paul Bethe for the location in or near Suitland, MD.

TUESDAY, JUNE 2, 2009

6 PM **Pizza SIG/Vicious Rumor SIG**
Kevin McCall invites all to share pizza, sodas, beer, and the check at Joe's Pizza and Pasta, 5555 Lee Highway in Arlington, VA. (There is also a full buffet for those who eschew pizza.) Pizza SIG is sharing its space and membership with a new SIG: Vicious Rumor SIG. Bring an anecdote or two about your fellow M's. If you're not there, the anecdotes could be about you!

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 3, 2009

6:30-10 PM **Games Night**
Potomac Community Center, 11315 Falls Rd., Potomac, MD (240-777-6960). Take I-270 exit for Montrose west, go left on Falls Rd, PCC is on left after about 1.4 miles. Ask for "Board Games" at front desk. \$2 toward room rental. Non-members welcome. Contact Perry Farrar. (Theme on second Wednesday.)

FRIDAY, JUNE 5, 2009

6:30 PM **First Friday Film Fun (MM)**
Come to the Charles Theatre, the 60-year-old Baltimore icon at 1711 North Charles Street (near the intersection with Lanvale Street), to choose and watch a distinctive film with other Mensans. Afterwards, we'll go to a nearby restaurant or coffee shop and share our thoughts about what we just saw. Please tell Mary Sherry if you plan to go.

7 PM **Friday Night Salon**
Enjoy stimulating conversation as well as the best in French country cuisine at La Madeleine Cafe and Bakery, 7607 Old Georgetown Road, Bethesda, MD 20814, at the corner of Old Georgetown and Commerce and just one block from the Bethesda Metro stop on the Metro Red Line. Park in La Madeleine's own parking lot, on the street, or in the newly renovated (and inexpensive) public garage on Woodmont Ave. Our format: We begin with casual conversation then, after about an hour, we segue into a question-and-answer period. Each participant writes down a question he or she wants the whole group to address; this guarantees that people get to talk about something they're interested in and that *no one person gets to monopolize the entire discussion*. Questions are submitted anonymously then read aloud. No pressure--just fun--and being on time is *not* a requirement! Our host Herb Guggenheim writes: "We're at La Madeleine every Friday. Usually we're in the room behind the fireplace. If you get there before us, sit at one of the long tables and, as people come in, they'll join you. We usually have no more than about 15 people. Our conversations are fast-paced, ever-shifting, and intense!--Oh, and I should add we laugh a lot too. You really want to check this out!" For more information, contact Herb Guggenheim. This event is wheelchair-accessible.

7:30 PM **Meeting of the Minds**
A lively open forum for the exchange of ideas, opinions, and sentiments of all stripes, colors, and flavors. Meet at the Friendship Heights Boeymonger's, 5252 Wisconsin Ave., 202-686-5805, a half block from the Friendship Heights Metro Station. Attendees include representatives of Gen Y, Gen X, and Gen Yet to be Named. On an average night, there are 14 to 16 minds meeting: artists, both fine and retail; retired bureaucrats (and those who wish they were); architects; business owners; mathematicians; astronomers; journalists; lawyers; writers; students; and world travelers. We're a noisy bunch who take as our hallmark our ability to listen to others' points of view while sharing our own and we don't mind if you leave after an hour or help us close down the place at 1 a.m. You can order a deli sandwich made fresh to order, or sit and schmooze for the cost of a soda (refills on the house) or a draft of beer

(\$1.50). Wheelchair accessible. No reservations required. For more information, contact one of the following: Adam Beslove; Stu Sweet; Stephanie Smilay.

SATURDAY, JUNE 6, 2009

3:30-6:30 PM LGBTQ KICKOFF MEETING

You are invited to the kickoff meeting of LGBTQ SIG--a group for adult lesbian, gay, bi, and transgender MWM members (as well as other LGBTQ-friendly adults). Join us for cocktails and/or coffee and/or soft drinks at the Tabard Inn, 1739 N Street NW, Washington, DC 20036 (for driving directions, please see GoogleMaps or MapQuest). The Tabard is a 90-year-old B&B right in the heart of Washington, DC--two blocks south of the Dupont Circle stop on the Metro red line (take the 19th Street exit). Though the hotel boasts an expensive restaurant, the cocktail lounge is relaxed and reasonably priced. To see the Tabard Inn online, go to <http://www.tabardinn.com>. Reservations are not required and dress is casual. To facilitate finding other Mensans, we suggest you carry a copy of CapM or the Mensa Bulletin (discretely, of course). The success of LGBTQ SIG will depend on your support so you definitely don't want to miss our kickoff meeting! Pending election of a SIG coordinator, please contact LocSec Herb Guggenheim or Programs Officer Leslie Carroll for information and/or directions (though we think you'll find everything you need right here).

5:30 PM IDEAs

IDEAs meet to investigate where your ideas come from and how they were developed. Dinner with the group is optional but you may not join the discussion once we've started. Introverts and new thinkers welcome. If you enjoy exploring the intellectual realm, this is for you. Reservations required: seating is limited to eight. Dinner in DC and discussion at my home. No smoking. Contact Catherine Woytowicz.

SUNDAY, JUNE 7, 2009

NOON Doukenie Winery (MWM-W) Wine Tasting/Picnic

The Wine Tasting/Picnics have been so successful that George and Chris Cooper have decided to host another but at a different winery. Doukenie Winery is located at 14727 Mountain Road in Purcellville, VA. A beautiful winery surrounded by mountains and a lovely tree-lined pond, it offers tables for picnicking. The Coopers enjoy the various wines offered and Chris especially likes the newly bottled Chardonnay. The Tasting Room Associate that will be giving us words of wisdom during the tasting will be Leanne Wiberg, a very knowledgeable lady who knows just about everything concerning the making of wine. Afterwards, we'll picnic on the lawn near the lake, enjoying more wine and good food.

The maximum amount of guests permitted for this event is twenty. It will be on a first-come, first-served basis. Please do not sign up and then not attend. If we reach the twenty count, and others wish to attend, we will keep a list and notify them if any one cancels. The price for the tasting and a souvenir glass is \$10. We must pay upfront, prior to the event. Chris and George will make the deposit and ask that all attendees make their payments of check or cash to Chris or George. Each attendee should also contribute a food item to share. In case of rain, the tasting will proceed as arranged but the picnic will move to Chris and George's home in Leesburg, VA. Please contact Chris and George Cooper.

TUESDAY, JUNE 9, 2009

6:30-8 PM World Affairs Discussion Group

Have you traveled overseas, or would you like to? Were you born in another country, or do you know people who were? Or, do you just like to read a lot? If you would like to tell us what you know or simply listen to others. We will meet in the Delhi Club restaurant, at 1135 North Highland Street in Clarendon, Virginia. The Delhi Club is across the street from the Clarendon Metro station -- in fact, you can see it from the front door of the station. Please feel free to call Dan Willmore if you have any questions, or go to <http://www.willmore.net/world/>, where you can find a list of topics and selected readings.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 10, 2009

Noon Rockville Lunch Bunch

Meet at El Mariachi in the Ritchie Center in Rockville, MD, at the corner of Wooton Parkway and Rockville Pike (Rt 355). Call Jewell Golden by COB Tuesday to reserve your place.

6:30-10 PM Games Night

See First Wednesday entry for details. Theme: Army

7:30 PM Chinese Restaurant Odyssey

To learn the location and to reserve your place (required!), call Gail Korb or Greg Key by Monday.

8 PM Gen Y Pub Quiz Night

For those who love trivia or just want to hang out for awhile, come join other 20-Something Mensans for a Pub Quiz night! We'll be meeting Wednesday, June 10th at 8-ish at Ireland's Four Fields (3412 Connecticut Ave--Cleveland Park metro stop, Red Line). Guests are welcome! For further information or questions, please contact Allison Rice. Also, if you think you are interested in coming, please let me know so that I know how large of a table to get. Hope to see you there!

THURSDAY, JUNE 11, 2009

4-7 PM Ocean City Get-together (MM)

Join Eastern Shore Mensans at BJ's On the Water, 75th Street bayside in Ocean City, MD (410-524-7575, www.bjsonthewater.com). For more information, contact Nancy Powell.

6:30 PM Harford County Camaraderie (MM)

Link up with northern Maryland's Mensans for dinner and friendly, thought-provoking conversation at the Grand Buffet in the Festival at Bel Air shopping center, Bel Air, MD 21015 (5 Bel Air South Parkway; 443-512-8600). The menu features oriental and other foods, all at reasonable prices. Just as in Frederick, no reservation needed: simply ask for Mensa—the manager and natives are friendly. Directions from I-95: take exit 77 onto MD Route 24 north. There is a traffic light one-tenth of a mile north of I-95 at MD-24's intersection with Emmorton Road; continue north on 24 for 2.6 miles past the traffic light, and then turn right onto Bel Air South Parkway. Turn right off Bel Air South into the Festival shopping center (250 feet), and continue straight on the shopping center drive until you reach a stop sign. Turn right at the stop sign, and you'll find the restaurant in the middle of the row of shops on the right. Please contact Barry Williams for more information.

7:30 PM South Mountain/ Western Maryland Mensa (MM)

Join Mensans from western Maryland and West Virginia, or ones who wish they were, at the Pizza Hut on U.S. Route 40 on the west side of Frederick, MD (1220 West Patrick Street; 301-695-0100). No reservation needed: just ask for Mensa—the manager and natives are friendly. We're usually in the party room in the back, and we usually order pizzas to share from the menu. Cost for the evening will be in the \$10 range. For directions and answers to Mensa-at-Pizza Hut questions, please contact Carol or Robert Martinez.

FRIDAY, JUNE 12, 2009

7 PM Friday Night Salon

See First Friday entry for details.

SATURDAY, JUNE 13, 2009

12:30 BLAMs Go Shooting

ATTN: Due to the incredible popularity of this event we are temporarily restricting attendance of 1st time shooters and those without guns – so RSVP early. Attendance of gun owners and experienced shooters is unrestricted.

(Blazing Lightly Armed Mensans) Target shooting at the NRA HQ's state-of-the-art range, held monthly on the second Saturday. Women, men, novices, first timers, liberals, conservatives, young, old and experienced shooters attend this event. 5-20 Mensans, family, guests and groupies usually attend. For many this is their only Mensa activity. Gun ownership not required, nor is NRA membership. Bring your non-Mensan friends and family -- and your kids! NOobies, plan to arrive at noon for your safety orientation. Saturday afternoons at the NRA HQ Range are rated low to medium testosterone. You can expect range time with a variety of shared rifles and pistols. The range staff knows us well, so mention Mensa when checking in. Wheelchair accessible. Free garage parking. RSVP REQUIRED – Please RSVP early. Late lunch afterward to shoot the manure at Dave's Seafood and Subs. Contact Adam Beslove. NRA HQ 11250 Waples Mill Rd., Fairfax, VA 22030. <http://www.nrahq.org/shootingrange/nrahqrange/>

1 PM Cheap Shows

Meet Ken Kaufman and JJ Armour for a movie at a Metro-accessible theater followed by a late lunch. Call on Friday night or Saturday morning for the show and location.

2 PM Parapsychology SIG

Phone Stanley Korn or use your ESP to reserve by preceding Thursday.

2 PM Frederick Games (MM)

Every second Saturday, starting at 2pm and ending whenever folks want to leave, we play board, card, and strategy games. You're invited to bring a game to teach the rest of the group if you wish (though please try to focus on games that are relatively easy to learn and can be completed within an hour or so). Free drinks are served, and you're welcome to bring munchies to share if you care to. For more information, including directions if you decide you're interested in attending, please contact Cynthia.

7 PM FREE SATURDAY NIGHT PARTY

Come one, come all to another Saturday Night Party. Haven't been to an event in awhile? Come on out and mingle! New member trying to find your way around MWM? Welcome! Here's your opportunity to meet other Mensans! We've been having great turnouts in recent months, so don't miss your opportunity to see old friends and meet new ones. Tonight's party will be held at the home of A.M. Paulos in Falls Church, VA. Light fare, beer, and wine will be available. No RSVP necessary. Admission is FREE!

SUNDAY, JUNE 14, 2009

11 AM Columbia Sunday Brunch (MM)

Enjoy brunch with Mensans in the Holiday Inn Columbia (7900 Washington Boulevard [U.S. Route 1 at its intersection with MD Route 175] in Jessup). The hotel's restaurant offers a brunch buffet with made-to-order omelets and waffles; \$14 covers buffet, beverages, tax, and tip. Please contact Dottie Kuhlman or Cindy Zerkowitz for more information or directions; or just meet us in the hotel lobby at 11.

2 PM ExComm Meeting

MWM's governing body meets at the home of Programs Officer Leslie Carroll. All members of Mensa are welcome. Contact LocSec Herb Guggenheim before the meeting if you wish to put an item on the agenda. See page 2 for contact information.

2-5 pm Ice Cream Party

Ice Cream Party in Falls Church, Virginia, \$3 per person. Contact Rose Chu for directions. Please RSVP by Sunday, June 14th noon

6 PM Bridge SIG

Come to the home of Joanne Schneider in convenient Annandale for friendly party bridge. \$5 standard contribution includes delicious dinner refreshments (i.e., real food), and all bridge tolls (pun intended) from MD or DC will be cheerfully refunded! We welcome all players and will try to find you a partner if needed. N/S. Contact your hostess for directions. For other questions about this group, contact BridgeSig coordinator Sheldon Hofferman.

MONDAY, JUNE 15, 2009

7:30 PM Investment & Speculation SIG

If you're so smart, how come you aren't rich? Bring a \$1 contribution to Ben Perchik's house in Reston, VA to learn how. Call Ben for directions. Please call to confirm this event is taking place.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 17, 2009

6:30 PM Science SIG

Meet Michael Hendrickson in the Food Court in the Ballston Common Mall in Arlington, VA for dinner and to discuss the latest science news and issues. Look for a Mensa sign and a Cap-M on the table.

6:30-10PM Games Night

See First Wednesday entry for details.

6:30 PM Annapolis Gourmands (MM)

June's restaurant is not only a gem of Annapolis dining, but is practically a registered landmark for Annapolis Gourmands and Gourmets: The Main Ingredient Café, in the Eastport section at 914 Bay Ridge Road—the extension of Forest Drive, in the strip mall on the left just beyond the stoplight at the intersection of Forest Drive with Hillsmere on the right and Bay Ridge on the left (410-626-0388; www.themainingredient.com/cafe/). Please plan to join us for an evening of excellent food and spirited conversation, and then make your reservation without fail with Emily Joyce by Sunday the 14th.

FRIDAY, JUNE 19, 2009

7 PM Friday Night Salon

See First Friday entry for details.

7:30 PM Meeting of the Minds

See Friday June 5th for details.

**7:30 PM Maryland Mensa
Monthly Meeting (MM)**

Our northern neighbors meet each month on the near side of Baltimore. You're invited to join them at the Stillmeadow Church near Catonsville, 1.2 miles inside the Baltimore beltway at 5110 Frederick Road (MD 144; exit 13 east off I-695, toward Irvington—the church is on the left-hand side). The evening will begin with Maryland Mensa's annual business meeting, which will include the annual election of officers for MM's fiscal year running from July 2009 through June 2010. Following the short business meeting, we'll turn to June's speaker: Bob Churchill, who'll talk with us about—and more importantly, teach us and lead us in—*contra dancing*. Contra dance is a form of folk dancing in which people dance in two facing lines of indefinite length. Originally rooted in English country dancing, contra dancing first peaked in popularity in the United States in the mid-19th century, and is now enjoying a widespread and growing resurgence. No athleticism or fancy footwork are required—the most common type of movement is a smooth walking step. No special shoes are required, either, though you'll likely be more comfortable if you wear soft-soled ones such as tennis shoes. This is an evening you're going to relish whether you're a veteran contra dancer or might have guessed instead—at least

before reading this—that ‘contra dancing’ was something John Poindexter and Oliver North had performed with the House Foreign Affairs Committee. Now that you know better, be sure to mark the night on your calendar and join us. To learn more about Maryland Mensa’s monthly meetings in general, contact MM Programs Officer Jean O’Donnell.

SATURDAY, JUNE 20, 2009

1- Late PM Northern Virginia Board Games

A monthly gaming group which meets in Northern VA and alternates between two homes. Always the Sat. of each month from 1:00 till late evening. This game night is not limited only to members of Mensa. We mostly play board games such as Princes of Florence, Lowenherz, Settlers of Catan, Carcassonne, Puerto Rico, lots of other Euro-type games, RoboRally, a couple of "train games" of various lengths; and also occasionally word games, family games, or party games. We generally have between 8 and 15 people. It's a lot of affable quiet guys, a few women, and sometimes a couple of older kids who like games too. We split into groups as the number grows, according to what people want to play. People in this group are not fiercely competitive, will teach you games, and will even help you out during play if you want. We often discuss strategy during play and sometimes people will even point out a better play to someone and let them start over if they want. There is of course no charge for this group, and it's come and go as you please. You don't have to bring any snacks unless you want to; we usually order pizza around 6:00. If you think you might be interested, please e-mail me at my work e-mail, as I don't check my personal e-mail every day. Contact: Karen Williams.

1 PM Mature Mensans (MM)

Mature Mensans of any age, but particularly those already enjoying or eligible for retirement, are invited to join host Eric McKeever in comparing notes over lunch at Pebbles Pub, 7165 Security Boulevard in Woodlawn, MD (at the intersection of Security and Rolling Road; 410-265-7878). The pub menu offers a broad selection of entrées, ranging from deli sandwiches through subs, pizza, chicken, beef, crab cakes, and broiled salmon. Please contact Eric for more information, or just to tell him you plan to come (so he'll know how many places to hold at the table).

7 PM Saturday/Sunday Indoor Games SIG (MM)

*What should you do on a midsummer's eve?
Join us at SIGSIG—that's what I believe.
The day will be long and you'll welcome the break
And then there are all of the friends you will make.
Our newest friend Barbara is hosting this fete
She's anxious to see who she hasn't met yet.
So make plans to be there—right now! Don't delay!
You'll find it will brighten your night—and your day.*

Come one, come all to the home of Barbara Bowersox in Westminster, MD. Bring your favorite games and snacks, and a swimsuit if you are inclined to take a dip in the Jacuzzi. Call Barbara or e-mail her so she knows who is coming and for directions, and let's start the summer in style!

8 PM Gen Y Rooftop Party!!!

What better way to usher in summer than a rooftop party? Come join other Gen Y Mensans for food, drink and fun Saturday, June 20th at 8 PM at Amanda McDonald's place, in Reston, VA. The rooftop has a full kitchen area and several rooms (one with a pool table) that will be exclusively ours; there is also probable access to a pool and hot tub, so bring your suits! Guests are welcome! For further information, directions or a ride (for those without a car) contact Allison Rice. Hope to see you there!

SUNDAY, JUNE 21, 2009

6 PM Gourmensans

Join us at Mandalay Restaurant and Cafe, 930 Bonifant Street in Silver Spring for Burmese food that's highly recommended. New and prospective members, family members, and other visitors are always welcome to attend. Questions/directions? Call Paul or Nancy Vogel.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 24, 2009

6:30-10 PM Games Night

See First Wednesday entry for details.

THURSDAY, JUNE 25, 2009

7 PM Eastern Shore Get-together (MM)

Curious about life in the land of pleasant living between the Chesapeake and Ocean City? Learn more about it with resident Mensans at Vinnie's LaRoma Ristorante, 934 South Salisbury Boulevard in Salisbury, MD (one block north of Salisbury University on Route 13). No reservation required. Please contact Steve McCoy for directions or other information.

FRIDAY, JUNE 26, 2009

7 PM

Friday Night Salon

See First Friday entry for details.

SUNDAY, JUNE 28, 2009

NOON

Gifted Kids Act Like a Pirate

The Gifted Kids aaaarrgh invited to a pirate cruise on the Chesapeake Bay, Sunday, June 28. We should gather on the dock at 311 Third St., Annapolis MD 21403 at noon, so we can get our tattoos and jewelry and instructions, and we set sail for adventure at 12:30 PM. There is information about the cruise at <http://www.chesapeakepirates.com/home/homeindex.html>.

The ship holds a maximum of 44 people (children and adults), and I've reserved all 44 slots on a preliminary basis; reservations ARE required to Susan Wenger no later than **Wednesday, June 24**, on a first-come basis. When I have 44 reservations, it's full. They will call me Thursday, June 25 for my final number, and then they'll release unreserved spots to the public. I have told Maryland Mensa about this also, since Annapolis is in their area, so I expect a full ship for this special event.

They will sail if it's sunny, cloudy, or slightly drizzling, but not if it rains. They suggest that you bring a windbreaker or sweatshirt, if desired. The cost is \$18/adult or child, and \$10 for children under 3. Infants in arms still pay \$10. The trip will last about 1 hour 15 minutes, so we should get back to dock around 1:45 PM. Everyone will pay for themselves on the dock the day of the sail.

Aaarrgh! Full fun ahead!

2-5 PM

New Members Open House

FREE! NEW MEMBERS BEGIN READING HERE: Are you a new member of Metropolitan Washington Mensa? If so, those of us who've been here for a while want to meet you and welcome you to the organization. A lot of new members are mystified when they look at all the activities in the monthly calendar. They don't know which activity to attend first. We're suggesting that the New Members Open House (NMOH) is a good place to begin. The NMOH is a long-running tradition in MWM and it's the closest thing we have to a monthly general meeting so you'll see many long-time members as well as a small group of new ones. The NMOH is a casual activity, featuring light food, soft drinks, beer, and wine. There's no program per se; you just come, chat, and socialize with other Mensans. The NMOH is easy, casual, fun, and FREE!

LONG-TIME MEMBERS BEGIN READING HERE: This month's NMOH will be held at the home of Janet Roder in Arlington, VA. On street parking.