

StaRGazing

Dear 2007 StaRGazing Attendee(s):

The following is basic information that is provided to you to facilitate your enjoyment at the 2007 GLAAM RG, StaRGazing.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Desiree Sagray at (626) 329-3979 or at lamensarg@gmail.com.

Please Note: This event is for Mensa Members and their Guests. Mensa Members will be asked to show their Membership Card (or provide their Membership Number) at Check-in. Non-Mensa guests are required to check-in with the Mensa Member. Thank you for your cooperation with this request.

- **Registration Hours** - The Registration Desk is located in the Lobby area of the Four Points Sheraton, Monrovia. To avoid any confusion regarding Registration Times, please note that the Registration Desk will be open according the below schedule. *If you arrive at the RG for the first time outside of this schedule, we may be unable to check you in, and you cannot enter the Program Rooms without your Badge.* To avoid this problem, please try and time your arrival according to the following schedule:

Friday	3:00 PM – 10:00 PM
Saturday	8:30 AM – 11:30 AM
	1:30 PM – 6:00 PM
Sunday	8:30 AM – 9:30 AM
	11:00 AM – 4:00 PM

- **Parking** is free at the hotel for all attendees, whether they have a room for the evening or not.
- **Attire** is casual – but you must be clothed in more than just undergarments! Saturday is our **Saints & Sinners Costume Ball** and Sunday sees the return of **Club GLAAM**. Feel free to don your interpretive creations for Saturday night or cocktail attire for Sunday evening.
- **Meals** – We have a two-meal package: the Saturday evening banquet with ‘**Mayor Villaraigosa**’ and **The Puccini Breakfast** on Sunday morning. The cost is \$39 for both, however, it’s \$27 for the Saturday banquet alone and \$15 for the Sunday breakfast alone. Please note that we may have some tickets available for either (or both) at the start of the RG. Please see the Registrar if you are interested in purchasing the meal package.
- **Special Events** – Please note the following Special Events that are part of this year’s program offerings and will only succeed through your active participation! The **White Elephant Silent Auction** will come from your donations that you bring with you on Saturday and donate to the auction. Similarly, the **Monday Morning Media Exchange** will require you to bring items with you to exchange with other attendees. The While Elephant Auction benefits the GLAAM MERF Local Scholarship supporting undergraduate students in our area. Please consider what silly, fun, or otherwise unneeded item that you might have to donate and consider bidding on those brought by others. The Media Exchange will allow exchanges between same media types—books for books; DVDs for DVDs; CDs for CDs; etc... Please Note the following time details:
 - **White Elephant Silent Auction to benefit MERF.** Please bring your “white elephants” to **Salon A** from 5:00 – 6:00 PM on Saturday. On Saturday evening, between 9:00 – 11:00 PM, you will have the opportunity to peruse the items in Salon A and enter bids for your choices. Bidding closes promptly at 11:00 PM! Checks for your tax-deductible donations from winning bids will be collected between 11:00

– 11:30 PM. Receipts will be given upon request. Remember, you're not just buying these items, but you are DONATING TO CHARITY, so be generous with your bids. Not unlike Chicago elections, bid early, often, and in high amounts.

- **Monday Morning Media Exchange** Please bring your books, tapes, CDs, DVDs, periodicals, and other media to the RG on Monday morning. Between 8:30 – 9:30 AM, attendees will be able to check in their trades and receive vouchers for exchange items outside of Salon C. Between 9:30 – 10:00 AM, redeem vouchers as you peruse the items from other attendees and choose your “new to you” replacements!
- **Saints & Sinners Costume Ball** Please see the attached flyer providing the various particulars. There is a \$50 prize for the Grand Prize Winner.
- **Smoking** – Those from out-of-state may be unaware, smoking is not permitted in any public rooms, including Hospitality. Smoking is permitted only at designated outside areas.
- **Volunteers** – As with every RG, we have plenty of volunteer opportunities! Please see the Registration Desk for sign-up sheets for the specific needs that have not yet been met. Also consider ‘pitching in’ if you notice something that could help us out.
- **Mensa Bucks** – As has become tradition at the GLAAM RG – we have Mensa Bucks available for participation in the various programs and for volunteering your time. You will earn Mensa Bucks through attendance at the programs, participation in the tournaments, and winning various competitions. Denominations will be in \$1, \$3, and \$9. Raffle Tickets will be sold during different times during the RG for \$9 of Mensa Bucks. Raffle Prizes will include \$100 CASH, Registration Refund for 2007, Free Registration for 2008, Refund of Meal Plan for 2007; and Free Meal Plan for 2008. (Please note that no committee members are eligible to enter for these prizes.)

We look forward to seeing you at the RG!

Desiree Sagray
Chair & Registrar 2007 GLAAM RG

Saints & Sinners Costume Ball

Saturday at the RG: February 17, 2007 during the music of Rockdaddy in Salon C/D - we will be taking entries and judging the Costumes for the "Saints & Sinners" Costume Ball.

First Prize Overall: \$50 Cash

Winners in each Category will receive extra Mensa Bucks to be used for the Raffle on Monday February 19, 2007.

Categories:

- I. Historical Figures - If you decide you come dressed as a *real person* from history with a touch of 'commentary' thrown in to suggest current place of residence....in keeping with the theme of course...the this is your category!!
- II. Fictional Characters - When choosing to interpret someone/something from literature, folklore, popular culture, or elsewhere you are welcome to be as creative as you like. (Characters who have been described in books and also represented in movies need not be interpreted in like manner.)
- III. Conceptual Expressions - Given the nature of the topic, if you choose to interpret allegorical qualities or concepts instead of a specific person or character, then you should enter under this category. 'Love'; 'Hate'; 'Energy'; etc... would all be entries for this division.

Judging Criteria:

All costumes will be judged by members of the RG Committee on three criteria scoring a maximum of 5 points under each criterion (or a total of 15 points for highest score).

- A. Execution - This is a measure of how well your idea is presented/represented by the costume or how well your costume matches your stated intention.
- B. Workmanship - Costumes that are mostly bought or rented will score zero in this area. We are looking at how much personal effort you or the costume maker put into making the costume or costume accessories. At least 50% of the key elements of the costume must be made by the wearer (or maker of the costume) to score anything in this area.
- C. Showmanship - Strut Your Stuff! This category measures how well you present, show to advantage, show-off, etc.... your costume!