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SEMMANTICS XXXVI
Apr 24-26 2015

SEMMantics XXXVI RG Annoucement

- New Weekend**
- New Registration Methods**
- Discounts Extended Through Feb 2**
- Volunteer Positions**

Greetings! Registration is now officially open for this year's RG, SEMMantics XXXVI, being held April 24 - 26, 2015. Please note the new date for SEMMantics is one week earlier than it has been in the past.. Southeast Michigan Mensa and I are looking forward to seeing you at this great RG.

SEMMantics XXXVI promises to be a wonderful experience. Included in your registration fee are World-Renowned, Smoke-Free, 24-Hour Hospitality Rooms (from Friday afternoon through 2 p.m. Sunday); Friday evening Dinner; and Saturday's Lunch and Dinner. Hotel guests will also enjoy a full hot breakfast buffet daily. Non-guests will have a light continental breakfast available in Hospitality or can buy the hotel breakfast buffet.

Specific attractions of SEMMantics XXXVI will include an Amazing Kid's program in a separate area by Melissa Jenkins. Chocolate orgy and Decadent Desserts. 24-hour hospitality including sinful, sugar and gluten free, and healthy snacks. Garage Band and Singalong. Games Room by Karen Smith (2010 AG) and tournaments all weekend long. Quality beer and wine including tasting programs. Fascinating speakers including Harry Ringermacher (2006 Colloquium).

Our hotel is the Holiday Inn Hotel and Suites, 37529 Grand River Ave, Farmington Hills, MI 48335. Call [248-477-7800](tel:248-477-7800) for reservations. Reservations may also be made online at <http://goo.gl/JDVrHw>. To get the discounted \$89 rate, be sure to mention Mensa or Southeast Michigan Mensa for phone registrations, or use the Group Code SEM for the online registration. If you wish to select a specific room in the hotel, please be advised that again this year, Hospitality will be located on the 3rd floor and the Games Room will be on the 4th floor.

In addition to a new date we are also introducing some changes to registration this year. We are pleased to offer an online E-registration system. There is no longer a need to mail in a paper form and check. To use the system, you will need either a **valid credit/debit card or a PayPal account** at the time of registration. Signing up with PayPal is not required. Payment is expected at time of registration. The E-registration system can be accessed from the [green area](#) of mensadetroit.com/semantics or, alternatively, directly [via this link](#).

If you prefer instead to mail a paper registration form & check (payable to SEMMantics), that option is also still available. The registration flyer is available for download and printing [from here](#) (.pdf 230k).

Since the end of January falls on a weekend this year I am extending the current rates through Monday Feb 2nd. Please ensure that your envelopes are postmarked by this date or that you have completed the online E-registration process, including payment, by this time in order to avoid the approaching price increase.

The discounted, current member, adult registration rate is \$70 (valid prior to Feb 3). Friday only is \$50 and Saturday only is \$55. Complete registration rate information is available on the paper [registration form](#) (.pdf 230k). Please note that although guests of members are always welcome, **an additional \$5 per guest fee will be required again this year**. This policy has enabled us to avoid raising rates and is also intended to encourage Mensa membership.

Questions about volunteering, either at the event or with the committee in planning for the event, may be directed to Jean Becker (JeanKBecker@att.net). We are particularly interested in the following positions, some (*) of which will come with a partially subsidized registration fee this year.

- Hospitality Shift Leaders (*)

- Scrabble Tournament Host (contact [Joan Rayford](#) directly)

I look forward to seeing you at this event.

Note: If you are already registered for SEMMantics XXXVI please disregard this invitation.

Larry

R. Larry Arbanas, Registrar

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