

27. August 2021

Dear fellow Mensans,

This is the **last reminder** for the **Annual Gathering 2021** which will take place on

**Friday, 10. – Sunday, 12.09.2021 at Altes Spital Solothurn <https://altesspital.ch/>.**

**Please read through this email carefully to make sure you have not missed anything !**

For the Gala Dinner please sign up using the Doodle links, for the General Assembly itself please register directly on our website, at the bottom of the event page (<https://members.mensa.ch/ga2021>). Please make sure your information is correct, so we don't run into unpleasant situations later.

As usual, the [General Assembly](#) will be part of the Annual Gathering and will start on Saturday at 10:30 at Altes Spital Solothurn, and is planned to last until 13:00, followed by a buffet lunch. From 8:30h on and during the coffee break there will be coffee, tea, water and Gipfeli available outside the meeting room.

**Program:**

**Friday, September 10th**

18:00 - 22:00 Icebreaker at the Altes Spital, Wandelhalle (Sign up here:

[https://doodle.com/poll/ib2fgci4t6ay2qd8?utm\\_source=poll&utm\\_medium=link](https://doodle.com/poll/ib2fgci4t6ay2qd8?utm_source=poll&utm_medium=link))

18:00 - 20:30 Registration for the AG and the General Assembly

**Saturday, September 11th**

08:30 – 10:20 Registration for AG and the General Assembly

10:30 - 13:00 General Assembly for registered members in good standing

13:00 – 14:30 Buffet lunch after the General Assembly

**Saturday Afternoon Events (Sign up here:**

[https://doodle.com/poll/mtxg88ddcpcct6qfn?utm\\_source=poll&utm\\_medium=link](https://doodle.com/poll/mtxg88ddcpcct6qfn?utm_source=poll&utm_medium=link))

*The events take about 2 to 3,5 hours (depending on the event). We offer tours in German and English..*

**E1 - Escape Room "SteamPunk" / "The Legend of the Ring" (d/e) (max. 12 players each)**

*as this event is very popular I have reserved a 2nd session, there is now room for 24 players, first come, first served in order of sign-up. <https://solothurn.adventurerooms.ch/spiele/steampunk> will be played in duel mode (6 against 6)*

*Start: 14:45h, Treffpunkt*

**E2 : Guided Tour Verenaschlucht and Einsiedelei - 2.5 hours, DE/EN (max. 25)**

*Guided easy walk through Verenaschlucht including Einsiedelei.*

*Etwas ausserhalb der Stadt Solothurn liegt die idyllische Verenaschlucht, ein mystischer Kraftort. Hier lebt noch heute ein Einsiedler. Der gemütliche Spaziergang ab Stadtzentrum zum Eingang der Verenaschlucht dauert rund 20-30 Minuten. Der romantische Weg führt durch den Wald, immer dem plätschernden Bach entlang zur Einsiedelei. Eindrücklich ist auch das Eremitenhäuschen plus die Magdalenen- und die Ölberggrotte. [www.solothurn-city.ch/attraktionen/verenaschlucht-und-die-einsiedelei-6ad6c9a49d](http://www.solothurn-city.ch/attraktionen/verenaschlucht-und-die-einsiedelei-6ad6c9a49d)*

*Start: 15:00h, Treffpunkt Eingang Verenaschlucht*

**E3 : Kunstmuseum - 2.5 hours, D, F (max. 25)**

*Das Kunstmuseum Solothurn besitzt eine umfangreiche Sammlung, die vom Spätmittelalter bis zur Gegenwart reicht, wobei der Schwerpunkt auf Schweizer Kunst des 19. und 20. Jahrhunderts liegt. Es ermöglicht einen breiten Einblick in die Entwicklung der Schweizer Landschaftsmalerei (Alexandre Calame, François Diday, Otto Frölicher, Caspar Wolf) und die beginnende Schweizer Moderne (Cuno Amiet, Giovanni Giacometti, Ferdinand Hodler, Albert Trachsel). Daneben finden sich herausragende Werke international bedeutender Künstler (Paul Cézanne, Alberto Giacometti, Vincent van Gogh, Gustav Klimt, Henri Matisse, Pablo Picasso). <https://www.kunstmuseum-so.ch/>*

*Start: 15:00h, Kunstmuseum*

**E4 : Guided City Solothurn, "the magical number 11"- 2 hours, EN (up to 25)**

*Guided tour of the city of Solothurn. You will meet our tour guide at 15 :00 at the bottom of the steps of St. Ursen Kathedrale. The tour will be in English, you will learn about the magical number 11 which is reflected in many sights in the city of Solothurn.*

*Start: 15:00h, St. Ursen Kathedrale*

**E5 : Absinthe Bar "die grüne Fee" (D max. 30) – 15:00 -17:00**

*"Vom Kultgetränk der Pariser Bohème zum verbotenen Teufelszeug. Um das im Neuenburger Jura entwickelte Wermutelixier ranken sich viele Mythen. 95 Jahre lang war Absinthe in der Schweiz verboten, bis er im März 2005 wieder legalisiert wurde. Dies war auch die Geburtsstunde der ersten legalen Absinthe Bar der Schweiz, die trotz einiger Widrigkeiten in Solothurn entstanden ist. Tauchen Sie bei einer Degustation in die turbulente Geschichte dieses sagenumwobenen Getränks ein."*

*Start 15:00h, Absinthe-Bar*

**Saturday Evening - Gala Dinner**

19:30h Altes Spital.

Dresscode: Smart Casual

**Menu :**

*Solothurner Wysesuppe (vegan: Kürbissuppe)*

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*Kalbsgeschnetzeltes mit Rösti und Gemüsestreifen (vegan: Pilzragout mit Rösti und Gemüsestreifen)*

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*Solothurner Torte (vegan: Fruchtsalat mit Sorbet)*

**Sign up here:** [https://doodle.com/poll/r8wv3q58dv79wvg5?utm\\_source=poll&utm\\_medium=link](https://doodle.com/poll/r8wv3q58dv79wvg5?utm_source=poll&utm_medium=link)

19:30 - 22:30 Gala-Dinner at Altes Spital.

**Important**

**Please check your sign up (if you have signed up already) in case you're bringing a guest ! Please make sure you're stating your own name once and your guest's name in brackets plus your menu choice as well as your guest's name once followed by yours in brackets plus her or his menu choice.**

**Sunday, September 12th, Chill-out**

10 :30 - ~14 :00 We will organize transport to Burgäschisee <https://www.solothurn-city.ch/attraktionen/burqaeschisee-db5c775835>, a picturesque lake near Solothurn. There you can take a walk around the lake, rent a boat, have a swim or just relax and take in the beautiful nature. The Restaurant Seeblick will offer us a small buffet from 12:30h on with pumpkin soup, bread, cheese and fish and french fries, vegetable skewers.

**Sign up here:** <https://doodle.com/meeting/participate/id/ZdP18ywe>

## General information

### Covid-19

*We are following the federal law regarding Covid-19 regulations. When registering in Solothurn at the registration desk you will be asked to complete a binding self-declaration regarding your health. This declaration must be signed by everybody. Regulations apply as in action from the Canton of Solothurn at the time of the General Assembly. You can download the form on our website and prepare it at home, please note that the date on the form must be the 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> or 12<sup>th</sup> September 2021.*

### Hotel Reservation

This year unfortunately we have not been able to allocate a contingent of hotel rooms for members. Due to the extraordinary situation in regard to Covid regulations all bookings must be made individually. For assistance don't hesitate to contact me at [Christine.ryser@mensa.ch](mailto:Christine.ryser@mensa.ch) and I will do my best to help.

The Icebreaker, the General Assembly and the Gala Dinner will take place at Altes Spital. Guests are welcome! If you are a member of Mensa Switzerland and want to bring a guest, please mention your guest in the comment when you sign up for the AG. If you are a member of another National Mensa and want to attend the AG, you are welcome to do so! Special pricing applies.

#### Costs:

Having suffered a lot from people not taking seriously their sign-ups if they aren't paying for them, we have reintroduced small fees for members - a fraction of what Mensa Switzerland will be paying for the events. There will be special pricing for guests and guest members.

Guests and Free Guest Members (G) : Flat rate of CHF 75 covers a Saturday Activity and the Gala Dinner, not the Sunday event.

#### Members and Paid Guest Members:

Friday Icebreaker: Self-paid.

Saturday Activities ( E1, E2, E3, E4, E5 ): CHF 10 per person.

Saturday Gala Dinner (D) : CHF 10 per person.

Sunday Event (S) : CHF 15 per person.

**For any questions, in case of problems, if you're unsure about anything – don't hesitate to contact me by email or phone +41 79 217 57 27 or send a text or whatsapp message, as I may not be able to answer the phone at that moment. I'll get back to you asap and we'll sort out the problem!**

Take care and see you soon in Solothurn,

Christine