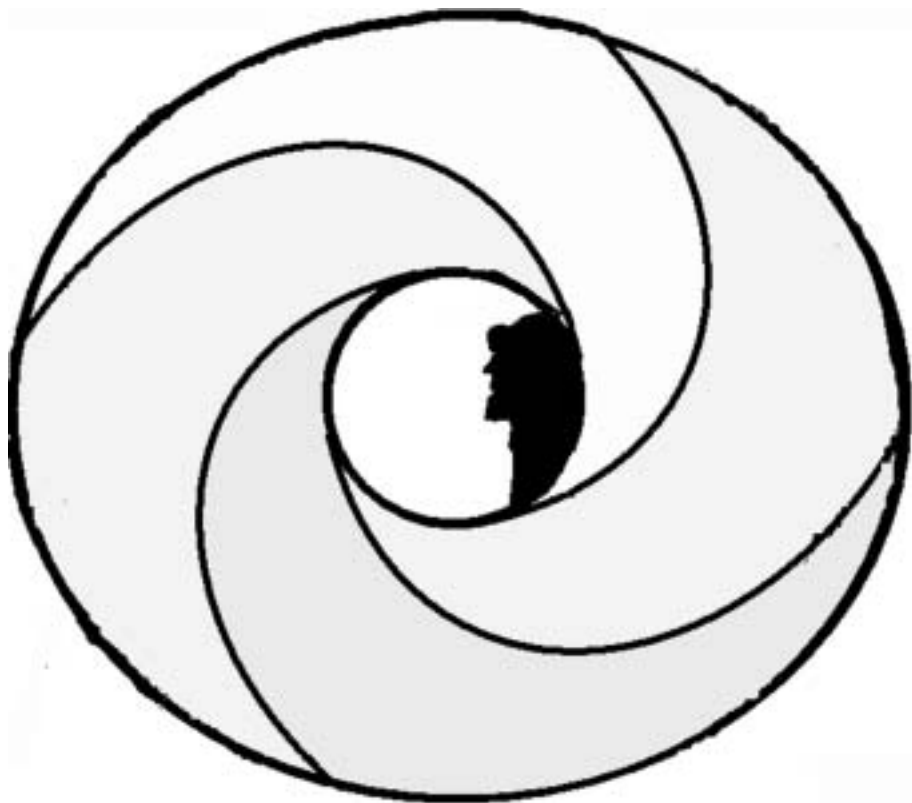


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Out of My Mind

LocSec Claire Natola

Although I am writing this at the beginning of January, I must put myself in a February mindset. Hmm... Pitchers and catchers report, red rose sales spike, men dressed in powdered wigs hawk automobiles...and the Granite Gathering is upon us!

If you have thought about attending our RG, but haven't registered yet, it's not too late. Please consider this your personal invitation from me to come to the RG: Avail yourselves of the abundant food and drink available, attend lectures both entertaining and thought-provoking, listen to live music (and play if you wish!), learn some new games, catch some films you may have missed, and make many new friends. Email our Registrar **Deb Stone** at debstone4@verizon.net to tell her that you'll be joining us, and she'll have your name badge and a welcoming smile ready when you arrive at the RG!

I have several requests of those who are planning to attend the RG, but I'll start with a big THANK YOU. **Ed and Susan Stevens** heeded my plea last month for donations to our Silent Auction to raise money for our scholarships. They contacted Ed Butler, proprietor of The Notchland Inn in Hart's Location, New Hampshire, who generously donated a two-night midweek stay at his B&B! The Notchland Inn was voted one of the Top Ten Inns overall in the United States in the [BedandBreakfast.com](http://www.bedandbreakfast.com) B&B Awards Program, so this gift is no small potatoes! (Check them out online at <http://www.notchland.com>.) We thank Ed Butler for donating, and thank Ed and Susan Stevens for arranging it. Now THAT'S the kind of teamwork I love, folks!

We still need much more...PLEASE think about what non-used items you might be able to donate. Did you recently get an office-supply catalog offering you a free scanner with a \$100 purchase? "But, I already own a scanner," you said when you saw the offer. Hey, if they're giving it away free and you're buying \$100 in goods anyway, snag the scanner for our auction! Did Aunt Millie give you a gift certificate to that 5-star steakhouse for your birthday, forgetting that you're a vegetarian? Donate the gift certificate to our auction! Heck, pull out a tenner and go buy us a gift card at your favorite bookstore! It doesn't take much, but it means a lot to our scholarship recipients. PLEASE call me at 603-279-9986 to let me know what you are able to donate. Thank you!

Other RG requests come from our Hospitality, Games, Music, Children's and Movie Chairs, whom I applaud for all their hard work! Hospitality Chair **Elizabeth Becker** requests homemade breads and cookies, as well as chocolate items for our Chocolate Orgy. Feel free to contact her at 603-744-3757 with offers or questions.

Games Chair **Adam Smargon** wonders if we have any baccarat aficionados among our ranks. If so, please contact him at adam@smargon.net to discuss a possible baccarat tournament at the RG. (By the way, as of press time, Adam has time slots set aside for SEVEN special games and tournaments: Clue, Poker, Baccarat, CultureQuest®, Bridge, Backgammon, and Sudoku...and that's IN ADDITION to the games being offered at the RG's Monte Carlo Night!)

Music Chair **Bob Oxford** has once again arranged to have a live Music Room available at the RG. We'll have informal music jams throughout the weekend, and

scheduled performances by various musicians. Please bring your instruments! Microphones, amplification, and an electronic drum kit will be provided. If you are interested in performing as part of the program, please contact Bob Oxford at 603-361-7651 to schedule a time slot.

We just had yet another successful RG Planning Meeting, and in my flurry of notes I have written "Paper Egg Cartons." Although I'm not entirely sure, I believe that may be a request from our Children's Chair **John Follansbee**. John has a number of ideas up his sleeve for crafts and other activities for the children in attendance, so I suspect that's where the paper egg cartons fit. So, save them up and bring them along!

Movie Guy ("MG" in Bond Terms) **Richard Conde** has compiled a list of films from which he would like to make the selections for our RG. Does anyone have a copy of any of the following films we could borrow? (DVD is preferred, but VHS also works.)

Tomorrow Never Dies
Revenge of the Nerds
March of the Penguins
Akeelah and the Bee
Word Play

Agent Cody Banks
Little Miss Sunshine
The Aristocrats
The Star Trek: Deep Space

Nine episode "Our Man Bashir"

Goldfinger

Monster House

An Inconvenient Truth

Ice Age 2

Stranger Than Fiction

The Man with the Golden Gun

Thank You For Smoking

The Pink Panther Collection

(the cartoons, not the movies)

Please contact Richard (who will take great care with your films) at rwriter@mcttelecom.com to let him know if you are able to provide any of these movies for the RG. Thank you!

There will also be puzzles and martinis, runic readings and chocolatinis, karaoke and books for sale...more fun than should be legal on a February New Hampshire weekend! I look forward to seeing you there.



What's Cooking in Region 1

Region 1 Vice Chair Marghretta McBean

Three days ago it was seventy-one (71) degrees. In January. In New York City. The daffodils and other bulbs in my community garden have pushed out green shoots. The bees started swarming (we have two beehives and three queens - long story). Winter, where is your sting????

Ave atque vale: a huge Thank You and Best Wishes for future endeavors goes to Mary Jo Kelleher of Mensa Of the Southern Tier. Mary Jo has been the MOST LocSec for many years and has reluctantly decided to step down for personal reasons. Assistant LocSec Ellen Shaw, who I know from my Greater New York Mensa board member days, will be taking up the reins while a permanent replacement is sought. Anyone living in the Binghamton/Tri-Cities area is

welcome to apply. Fortunately for Region 1, Mary Jo will continue to serve as our Regional Scholarship Chair.

In an effort to provide more speedy delivery, reduce local group printing and postage costs, and offer enhanced features, Mensans can now indicate on their Personal Data Questionnaires if they want electronic versions of their newsletters. Currently in Region 1 New Hampshire/Maine, Boston, Rhode Island, Southern Connecticut, Greater New York and Northern New Jersey offer this option to their members. If you are interested, sign in at the Mensa website and go to the PDQ area to update your preference. Printed newsletters are not being eliminated; electronic delivery is just an option.

February brings Valentine's Day and thoughts of love lead to thoughts of food (well, not always, but most of the time, for me at least). I don't have a sweet tooth, but this fudge will tempt even the most recalcitrant candy hater. It has aphrodisiacal properties. Honest.

Whiskey Fudge

19 oz. (570 g.) bittersweet chocolate, broken up
1 can (14 oz. / 325 ml) sweetened condensed milk
1/3 cup (75 ml) good whiskey (I use single malt scotch: e.g. Glenmorangie, The Macallan, Oban, Talisker)

1. Butter (unsalted) an 8-inch (2 liter) square pan.
2. In a heavy saucepan over medium-low heat, cook the chocolate with the milk. Stir continuously until chocolate is almost melted.
3. Remove from heat and stir in whiskey until mixture is smooth.
4. Spread fudge in prepared pan. Cover and refrigerate overnight or until firm. Cut into squares. Most people skip this part and dive right in, but I know you wouldn't do that. This supposedly keeps really well for weeks if refrigerated, but I've never seen it last more than a few minutes, so storage is not an issue.

To see this and past articles visit <http://region1.us.mensa.org/cooking.shtml>

Marghretta McBean

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"Genius is an African who dreams up snow."

- Vladimir Nabokov



Granite Gathering '007: RGs Are Forever February 16-18, 2007



New Hampshire Mensa's 17th Annual Regional Gathering! RG aficionados say that for a small state, we have one of the best RGs: stellar hospitality, ample food and libations, scintillating speakers, live music, games, contests, silent auction, and more!

Location: Crowne Plaza Nashua, 2 Somerset Parkway, Nashua, NH 03063. Room rate of \$96 (exclusive of 8% NH Rooms Tax) per night guaranteed until 1/16/07. Call 603-886-1200 and ask for the Mensa rate. Complimentary: indoor parking garage, shuttle service to and from Manchester Airport (*when prearranged*), full-service health club.

Registration: Adults: \$75. Children 8-17: \$60. Children under 8: Free. Saturday rate is \$10 less than regular rate in effect at time of registration. Fabulous Saturday night 007-themed buffet is \$28 per person. Mail your form and fee to Registrar Deb Stone, 8 Hancock Drive, Bedford, NH 03110. (email: debstone4@verizon.net) Do not mail registration after 2/1/07; register at door instead.

Questions? Contact RG Co-Chair Walter Wakefield at 877-436-7250 or RG Co-Chair Mark Becker at rgchair@nh.us.mensa.org. For latest details, see www.nh.us.mensa.org/rgnews.shtm.



Registrant #1: _____ Registrant #3: _____

Registrant #2: _____ Registrant #4: _____

Children's Names and Ages: _____

Address: _____ City, State, ZIP: _____

email: _____ Telephone: _____

Type	Quantity	Rate (see above)	Subtotal
Adult Registration			
Child 8-17			
Child under 8		Free	
Saturday Buffet		\$28	

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Proctor	Date	Location
Scott Cayouette 207-649-1515	Saturday, 3 February	Winslow, ME
Claire Natola 603-279-9986	Saturday, 17 February 9:00 a.m.	Nashua, NH RG!
John Bauman 603-883-7494	Wednesday, 20 February 7:00 p.m.	Nashua, N.H.

Due to the advanced nature of deadlines there may be other testing dates that did not make it to press in time for this issue. Please refer to the NH Mensa website (<http://nh.us.mensa.org>) or contact the Testing Coordinator (see back cover for contact information) for more up-to-date information.



Bits and Pieces

Young Inventors' Competition

Tilton, NH Winnisquam Regional High School, Saturday, April 7, 2006 8am- noon.

Join the Acacemy of Applied Science and fellow Mensans and check our young minds at work. Students from across the state will display and demonstrate thier inventions. Volunteers needed to judge - no experience needed. For more information, contact Pamela Hampton at Phampton@aa-world.org or call 603-228-4530. Join fellow Mensans for lunch afterwards at the Century Buffet restaurant. For directions, call Joe Zanca 603-286-4157.





ExComm Minutes of December 19, 2006

Recording Secretary Liz Modesitt

Voting Members Present: Darlene Alleman, John Bauman, Mark Becker, Yvonne Crocker, Wayne Eddy, Liz Modesitt, Claire Natola, and Deb Stone.

Others Present: Alicia Andrus, Anne Majeske, Tom Sheil, Walter Wakefield, and Ric Werme.

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 p.m.

Claire Natola reported that we have a total of 510 members, with 337 members in New Hampshire and 173 members in Maine. This is an increase of 13 members from November 2006.

Joe Zanca resigned his Member-at-Large position. Darlene Alleman motioned for Deb Stone to take over the position, and Mark Becker seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.

The issue of where to hold FSM and ExComm was discussed. A motion was made by Deb Stone to move it to her new home in Bow for a three-month trial beginning February 2007. Claire Natola seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Office Depot printed the January *Momentum*, but questions were raised regarding their pricing, reliability, and quality. Claire will look into the matter, and where *Momentum* gets printed in the future will depend on what she finds out.

Wayne Eddy completed the first draft of our Membership Hardship Dues Fund Policy. A decision was made that before we can vote on the policy, a draft of the accompanying application for members to fill out needs to be created as well.

Liz Modesitt made a motion that we stop looking into holding a mini Leadership Development Workshop at the end of the February 2007 RG. Wayne Eddy seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. The chapter will look into holding a full-scale stand alone LDW instead, possibly in September 2007.

Deb Stone is continuing to explore payment and credit-card processing options for future RG's after the February 2007 RG.

Walter Wakefield presented the minutes of the RG Planning Meeting that was held on December 05, 2006.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:47 p.m.



Calendar of Events

February 2007

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
				01 James Bond Movie	02 Temperance League	03 GenX SIG Night Out
04 Superbowl & Housewarming Party @ Deb's	05	06	07 GenX Pub Trivia Night	08 James Bond Movie	09 The Brady Bunch	10
11 Second Sunday Brunch	12	13	14 GenX Pub Trivia Night	15	16 007 Granite Gathering	17 007 Granite Gathering
18 007 Granite Gathering M.A. Bridge Night	19	20 FSM, Business Meeting, and ExComm	21 North of Boston Dinner	22	23 Appetite for Discussion	24
25 North Country Lunch	26	27 Dinner & Pub Quiz in M.E.	28 GenX Pub Trivia Night			

Mensa members are welcome to submit calendar listings to the Calendar Editor (calendar@nh.us.mensa.org) before the first of the month prior to the cover date. • Event hosts may petition the Executive Committee for funds to promote events via postcard to members within a proximate geographic area. • It is NH/ME Mensa policy to avoid conflicts as much as possible, but no conflicts are allowed to group-sponsored events. • Mensans, members of their household, and invited guests are always welcome at group-sponsored events. • Hosts of home-based events reserve the right to restrict attendance due to space or other appropriate reasons. • While our hosts endeavor to provide accurate directions, attendees are well-advised to use their mapping medium of choice to determine their own best routes. • In addition to being proper etiquette, R.S.V.P.'ing makes logical sense; it helps the host plan for the proper number of attendees and allows you to be kept abreast of any changes or cancellations.

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| Friday, March 02, 7:00 p.m. | Temperance League, Manchester, N.H. |
| Wednesday, March 07, 7:45 p.m. | Gen X Pub Trivia, Concord, N.H. |
| Friday, March 09, 7:00 p.m. | The Brady Bunch, Peterborough, N.H. |
| Sunday, March 11, 10:30 a.m. | 2nd Sunday Brunch, Hudson, N.H. |
| Wednesday, March 14, 7:45 p.m. | Gen X Pub Trivia, Concord, N.H. |
| Friday, March 17, 6:30 p.m. | Winnipesupper, Tilton, N.H. |
| Sunday, March 18, 4:00 p.m. | Central Maine Dining, Location TBD |
| Sunday, March 18, 6:00 p.m. | Bridge Night, Dedham, Mass. |
| Tuesday, March 20, 5:30 p.m. | Pre-FSM Dinner, Location TBD |
| Tuesday, March 20, 7:00 p.m. | FSM/ExComm, Bow, N.H. |
| Wednesday, March 21, 6:00 p.m. | North of Boston Dinner, Peabody, Mass. |
| Friday, March 23, 6:30 p.m. | Appetite for Discussion, Portsmouth, N.H. |
| Sunday, March 25, 1:00 p.m. | North Country Lunch, North Conway, N.H. |
| Tuesday, March 27, 6:30 p.m. | Dinner and Pub Quiz, Portland, Maine |

*Events are subject to changes of date, time, location or even outright cancellation, as life sometimes gets in the way. Don't forget to refer to next month's *Momentum* for the most up-to-date information.