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Out of My Mind

LocSec Claire Natola

Before I forget, let me thank **Eagle-Eyed Ed** for catching a typo in last month's column: The correct website for the 2007 AG is <http://www.ag2007.org>. I had an errant period in there that would have sent all of you to the end of the internet.

My next round of thanks goes to **Walter Wakefield, Elizabeth Becker**, and ALL the wonderful volunteers who worked so tirelessly to make our 2007 RG such a success! I continue to receive great feedback from attendees, particularly from first-timers. My favorite first-timer story comes from a Mensan who lives near Chicago. On the Wednesday before the RG, he realized he had no plans for the weekend. His girlfriend was going to be out of town, so he decided to look into which Mensa chapters were hosting Regional Gatherings. He emailed contacts for our chapter and another chapter, asking, "Why should I come to your RG?" He liked **Mark Becker's** answer better and decided to come to New Hampshire! (Thanks, Mark!) Not only did he have a great time at our RG, but he returned to New Hampshire just two weeks later to spend another weekend hanging out with the new friends he had made. Now THAT'S a great story!

The biggest news to come out of the Regional Gathering is news that I hope you find as inspiring as I do. An announcement was made that a long-time Mensan who is a big fan of **Joe Zanca** has stepped forward anonymously to match (dollar-for-dollar) every donation made to the Joe Zanca Scholarship Fund before the 2008 Annual Gathering! Since the founding of the Joe Zanca Scholarship a couple of years ago, \$6,369 has been raised towards it. However, a total of \$20,000 needs to be raised in order for the scholarship to become fully endowed (and therefore self-sustaining). Our anonymous donor has offered to donate up to \$6,816; if we can raise the other \$6,816, we'll be at \$20,000.

Making this announcement were Mensans **Lynne Killgore** and **David Michel** of Ohio, visiting our RG for the first time. I was pleased to meet them at Chicago's RG last October; at that time, they offered to look for a grant or other type of support that might help the Joe Zanca Scholarship reach its endowment level more quickly. Boy, did they ever! It was quite an emotional moment when they surprised Joe Zanca with this news at the conclusion of his \$5 bill auction at the RG. Lynne and David, you are friends not only of Joe, but of New Hampshire Mensa, and I thank you on behalf of our entire chapter.

Won't you help us by making a donation? Donations may be sent to: The Joe Zanca Scholarship, c/o Mensa Education & Research Foundation, 1229 Corporate Drive West, Arlington, TX 76006-6103.

On the ExComm front, I would like to welcome back **Tom Shiel** as a Member-at-Large! Tom has been a stalwart of volunteerism in our chapter, and we're delighted to have him back on the ExComm! Bushels of good wishes go out to **Darlene Alleman**, who is stepping down as Treasurer due to increasing work obligations. Darlene has turned over the reins as Treasurer to **Deb Stone**. We're lucky to have enthusiastic members like Tom, Darlene, and Deb among our ranks; thanks to you all for helping our chapter run so smoothly!

I hope that winter's chill will finally be behind us by the time you read this. I wish you all a joyous spring!



What's Cooking in Region 1

Region 1 Vice Chair Marghretta McBean

March was Women's History Month, and I had the pleasure of saluting two women who have contributed much to Region 1. Both are from Northern New Jersey Mensa. Their Regional Service Award Certificates and pins are tokens of the esteem and gratitude with which not only Region 1 but all of Mensa holds them. Congratulations to both!

Dr. Abbie Salny has been one of American Mensa's "movers and shakers" since its founding. As its Supervisory Psychologist, Dr. Salny was the person who officially verified that yes indeed we are truly geniuses. After stepping down from that position, she has kept active nationally and internationally: she is currently the Honorary Chair of Mensa International.

Kathe Oliver has become the Gifted Children spokesperson not only for her group, but increasingly for American Mensa. Her monthly column, full of tips for raising gifted children, is read across the country. She sponsors monthly activities that appeal to parents, children and those who are neither. She is a true ambassador for the gifted child. Unfortunately for Region 1, Kathe and her family will be moving out to Oregon this spring. We all wish the Olivers the best in their new home.

I grew up in Long Island City in Queens, but right over the Greenpoint Bridge behind my grammar school was Greenpoint, Brooklyn home then as now to a large Polish community. Easter was a Polish gustatory festival: they kept a very strict Lenten fast which forbade eggs and milk as well as the customary meat, so Easter meant tons of rich, tasty dishes.

Easter babas were prized: only women could prepare them - men were forbidden to enter the kitchen. Doors and windows were kept closed lest a draft would hit the puffy dough. Once in the oven, everyone tiptoed around in stocking feet to avoid the horror of a collapsed baba. The baked babas were cooled on down comforters so as not to be crushed, hence the names "Muslin Baba" or "Feather Baba".

Muslin Baba

24 egg yolks
12 oz. sugar
2 oz. yeast
½ cup lukewarm milk
1 Tbl. flour
1 tsp. sugar
1 Tbl. ground vanilla bean or 2 tsp. vanilla extract
10 oz. sifted flour, lightly warmed
4 oz. melted butter

1. Place egg yolks and sugar in large enamel or non-reactive bowl. Put this bowl into a larger one with hot water. Beat mixture until thick and light in colour. (Even with an electric mixer this will take about 15 minutes.)
2. Crumble yeast in milk; add the tablespoon of flour and sugar.
3. After mixture bubbles, add to egg yolk/sugar mixture along with vanilla and flour. Beat for 30 minutes (OK, at least 20 if you're using an electric mixer. But the more you beat the fluffier the baba.)
4. Add the butter and beat again for another 30 minutes.
5. When dough doubles in bulk, transfer to a buttered lightly warmed baba pan (a steamed pudding or even a large Bundt pan can substitute) and let rise.
6. When the dough rises to the edges of the pan, place in pre-heated 375 F. degree oven, taking care to avoid any sudden jolts. Bake 60-70 minutes.
7. Having taken the hot baba out of the pan, sprinkle liberally with superfine sugar or cover with icing when cooled.

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

"I seldom think of my limitations, and they never make me sad. Perhaps there is just a touch of yearning at times; but it is vague, like a breeze among flowers."

— Helen Keller



ExComm Minutes of February 20, 2007

Recording Secretary Liz Modesitt

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

Others Present: Elizabeth Becker, Tom Sheil, Walter Wakefield, and Ric Werme.

The meeting was called to order at 7:58 p.m.

Claire Natola reported that we have a total of 526 members, with 347 members in N.H. and 179 members in Maine. This is an increase of 9 members.

Darlene Alleman no longer wants to remain Treasurer, due to a change in work schedule.

Claire made a motion to appoint Deb Stone as Treasurer, and Wayne Eddy seconded it. The motion passed unanimously.

Deb Stone resigned as Member-At-Large. She will coordinate with Darlene Alleman to handle all necessary business details of becoming Treasurer.

Deb Stone motioned to appoint Tom Sheil to the now-vacant Member-At-Large position. Mark Becker seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

We received over 100 scholarship entries. The judging at the local level has been completed, and the essays have been forwarded for regional judging.

Office Depot is not really offering a 60% discount on all printing. Right now, Office Depot costs slightly less than the Copy Shop, but there are other pros and cons to be considered. Claire Natola will talk to the Copy Shop about possible price matching to Office Depot.

Wayne Eddy updated us on the on-going Bylaws Revisions.

The Dues Subsidy Policy was tabled until next month, pending more discussion of the application review process and who will be reviewing the applications.

The question of our official chapter name was brought up. A decision was made to table any formal thought until after the upcoming RVC Elections.

Rhode Island is presenting a LDW in Spring 2008, which puts an end to the possibility of holding one in the near future in New Hampshire. We will find out when the next AMC Meeting available for bid is being held, and consider what would be needed to submit a bid proposal for that.

Approximately 188 people attended the RG. There will be an RG Debriefing Meeting sometime in April to further talk about the good points and bad points of the RG.

The ExComm Meeting was adjourned at 9:33 p.m.

The Business Meeting was called to order at 9:34 p.m.

There was no new business.

The meeting adjourned at 9:35 p.m.



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A Whale Of A Good Time

Cape Cod Getaway Weekend

May 11-13, 2007

Join Boston Mensa on beautiful Cape Cod in Dennisport, MA for “A Whale Of A Good Time.” Plan on a weekend filled with dining, shopping, swimming (heated indoor pool), socializing, and great hospitality. Optional (on your own) activities on Saturday include trips to nearby Provincetown or Hyannis, whale watching, antiquing, bicycling, or just sit back and enjoy the beauty of the Cape.

Hotel rooms are only \$69.95 until 3/31 and \$74.95 after 4/1. Send your check, made out to “Resort Motels,” directly to them at 41 Chase Avenue, Dennisport, MA 02639. Make your reservations early as the Corsair and Crossrip fill up fast. For more hotel information call 800-332-2279.

Please note that the hospitality house and all hotel rooms at the Corsair and Crossrip are non-smoking. Smoking is allowed outside only. Those wishing to smoke in their hotel room should call 800-332-2279 to discuss alternatives.

Adult registration is only \$40 until 4/30 and \$50 at door. Children under 6 are free. Ages 6-20 are \$1 per year of age.

Send your name(s), age(s) of children, and a check, payable to “Boston Mensa,” to the registrar: Sean Guerino, 7 Dinsmore Court, Cambridge, MA 02138 or register online at www.caperg.org.

For more information:

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617-244-4560

<http://www.caperg.org>



Local Writers!

RGs Are Forever

by Kevin P. Tremblay

After some wine

Home made and store bought

I watched Revenge of the Nerds

There was agreement all around

The participants knew

To be a nerd was not unusual or new

The gathering was a fantastic success

We celebrated our differences in mass

And await the next RG



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@aas-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.



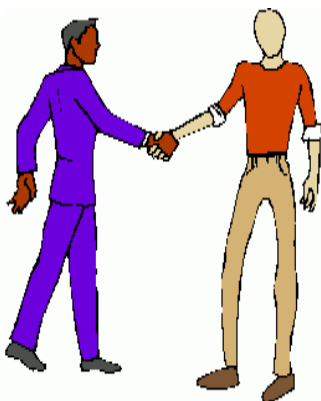
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Proctor	Date	Location
Bromley Baril 603-749-1088	Saturday, 21 April 10:00 a.m.	Portsmouth, NH Franklin Pierce College

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.



Welcome to NH/ME Mensa!

David H. Schulte
Kaelina Lombardo
Tami Widney
Andrea M. Robitaille

Milford, NH
Nottingham, NH
Madbury, NH
Portland, ME



Welcome back to Mensa!

James R. Forster Jr.
Kay L. Burgess

Durham, NH
Washington, ME



Calendar of Events

April 2007

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
01	02	03	04 GenX Pub Trivia Night	05	06 Temperance League	07
08 2nd Sunday Brunch	09	10	11 GenX Pub Trivia Night	12 Dining Around Portland	13 The Brady Bunch	14 Games Night
15 GenX SIG Micro-Marathon Central M.E. Dining M.A. Bridge Night	16 MST3K Monday	17 Pre-FSM Dinner FSM/ExComm	18 North of Boston Dinner GenX Pub Trivia Night	19	20 Winnipesupper	21 007 RG Debriefing Party with Deb and Sammi
22 North Country Lunch	23	24 Dinner & Pub Quiz in M.E.	25 GenX Pub Trivia Night	26	27 Appetite for Discussion	28
29	30					

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.



A Sampling of Next Month's Events*



Wednesday, 02 May, 7:00 p.m.	Gen X Pub Trivia, Concord, N.H.
Friday, 04 May, 7:00 p.m.	Temperance League, Manchester, N.H.
Tuesday, 08 May, 6:30 p.m.	Dining Around Portland, Portland, Me.
Wednesday, 09 May, 7:00 p.m.	Gen X Pub Trivia, Concord, N.H.
Friday, 11 May, 7:00 p.m.	The Brady Bunch, Peterborough, N.H.
Saturday, 12 May, 6:00 p.m.	Becker Residence, Bristol, N.H.
Sunday, 13 May, 10:30 a.m.	2nd Sunday Brunch, Cape Cod, Mass.
Monday, 14 May, 6:30 p.m.	MST3K Monday, Meredith, N.H.
Tuesday, 15 May, 5:30 p.m.	Pre-FSM Dinner, Location TBD
Tuesday, 15 May, 7:00 p.m.	FSM/ExComm, Bow, N.H.
Wednesday, 16 May, 6:00 p.m.	North of Boston Dinner, Peabody, Mass.
Wednesday, 16 May, 7:00 p.m.	Gen X Pub Trivia, Concord, N.H.
Friday, 18 May, 6:30 p.m.	WinnipeSupper, Location TBD
Friday, 18 May to Sunday, May 20	Spring Mountain Climb, North Conway, N.H.
Sunday, 20 May, 4:00 p.m.	Central Maine Dining, Location TBD
Sunday, 20 May, 6:00 p.m.	Bridge Night, Dedham, Mass.
Wednesday, 23 May, 7:00 p.m.	Gen X Pub Trivia, Concord, N.H.
Friday, 25 May, 6:30 p.m.	Appetite for Discussion, Portsmouth, N.H.
Tuesday, 29 May, 6:30 p.m.	Dinner and Pub Quiz, Portland, Me.

*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.

Spring Mountain Climb, May 18-20, 2007 North Conway, N.H. at Skiwheelers Lodge

Enjoy a weekend in the White Mountains with Mensa friends at Skiwheelers Ski Club lodge (David Heimann's ski club) in North Conway, New Hampshire. Go on a day hike to a peak or high point, a shorter hike to a point of interest, or on no hike at all! For further information, contact David Heimann at (617) 524-4531, e-mail heimann@world.std.com, or call Bob & Brendy Horn at (781)843-5581.