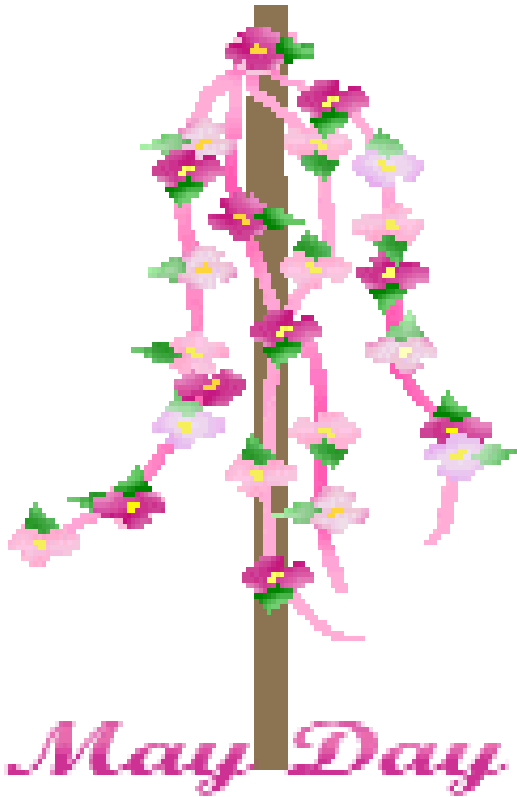




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Out of My Mind

LocSec Claire Natola

This column comes to you courtesy of Air Canada. I am aboard a flight from Montreal to London (UK, not Ontario) as I write this. Air Canada's fare was a couple of hundred dollars cheaper than those of airlines flying directly to London from Boston. I figured I could put up with a Boston-Montreal-London route...a longer travel time, but a small price to pay to save a decent amount of money. But had you asked me about that "small price" several hours ago as I was shoe-horned into a seat on the prop plane that "whisked" (sputtered?) me from Boston to Montreal, I might not have been so enthusiastic.

Upon boarding, the fellow in line behind me gasped, "God, do they even still make these things?" The plane appeared to be older than I, and I'm vintage 1968. As I approached seat 5F, my heart sank. I realized that I was the wrong seatmate to have been assigned to the gentleman already in place in 5E. I'm far from a thin wisp, and this fellow was quite portly. (His rear end made my rather ample *derrière* look like two dinner rolls by comparison.) Good Lord, I think we listed to the right all the way to Montreal with all the weight he and I loaded into our tiny two-seat row. I have yet to breathe enough to make up for all the breath I held while squished into that seat. Such are the perils of being a jet-setter (or a prop-planer, as the case may be).

On the other hand, one benefit of being a Mensan that makes travel better is the SIGHT program: Service of Information, Guidance and Hospitality to Travelers. SIGHT Coordinators and Mensan hosts around the world volunteer to assist traveling Mensans in a variety of ways: providing sightseeing advice, recommending hotels and restaurants, and sometimes even offering a place to stay. Do visit <http://www.us.mensa.org>, click on "Programs," then "SIGHT" for more information about this wonderful benefit!

In our chapter, we have two SIGHT Coordinators. Charlie McGillicuddy covers the state of Maine; please see his column on Page 9 about how you can become involved in the SIGHT program. And we thank Deb Stone who, in addition to everything else she does for us, has stepped forward to fill our SIGHT Coordinator position for New Hampshire, which had been vacant for some time. Many thanks go to Charlie and Deb for all they do!

Whether you are an active volunteer like Charlie and Deb, an occasional attendee at Mensa functions, or a "silent" member who is content to simply receive *Momentum* and *Bulletin* each month, you have an opportunity at this time to make your voice heard in our organization at large. By now, you should have received the April *Bulletin* containing ballots for elections on the re-

gional, national, and international level. I urge you to cast your vote. Read the candidate's statements if you've never had the opportunity to meet the candidates in person at Mensa events. If you're still unsure about whom to vote for, ask fellow members for their opinions and then decide. It takes very little time, but it helps direct the future of this organization that means so much to us. Thank you.

On that note, I'll bid you all "Cheerio!" I hope to see many of you at events this spring.



What's Cooking in Region 1

Region 1 Vice Chair Margherita McBean

At the March AMC (American Mensa Committee - Mensa's board of directors) meeting, we voted to formally designate the Mensa Foundation as the sponsor of our Colloquia. With its 501(c)(3) status, it is hoped that the opportunity of making a tax deductible contribution might encourage more corporate and individual patronage. Clearer lines of communication and responsibility in producing a Colloquium were also addressed. The 2007-2008 budget was also approved; I made one of the dissenting votes. While budgeting is an art not a science, I felt that the income expectations were far too optimistic - a 32% increase over this year's budgeted income which is itself short of the actual amount. Hopefully I will be proven wrong: despite the increase in testing fees and prior evidence evaluation, many more people will continue to take that first step towards membership.

If you are reading this column, it probably means you were a member as of 1 April, and entitled to vote in both our national (full disclosure: I am running for Chairwoman) and international elections. Look for for the ballots in your April issue of the Mensa Bulletin. In addition to the traditional paper mailed in ballot, there is an Internet option as well.

It's Taurus Time, and I would like to wish all my fellow bulls the Very Best in Birthday Wishes. Of special note may Oleg Bayborodin and Lorenzo Perez (Boston Mensa); Jack Peregrim (Connecticut/Western Massachusetts Mensa); Christopher Neylan, Traci Nagy, Kevin Thompson, and Salvatore Negri (Greater New York Mensa); M Lee Ribblett of New Hampshire & Maine Mensa; Alex Peters and Harvey Nisselson (Northern New Jersey Mensa); George Merusi III of Southern Connecticut Mensa and of Jacques DuPuis of Vermont Mensa enjoy our Day of Days - May 7th.

Maria Gaetana Agnesi (1718-1799), another brilliant Taurus, was an Italian mathematician who is credited with studying planar cubic curves which are symmetric about the y-axis and approach the x-axis as asymptotes. The so called "Witch of Agnesi" got its name from a Brit who did not speak Italian too well and mistook versiera ("that which turns" or "sine curve") as avversiera ("witch"). I'm in high geek(ette) mode now, just having finished reading "She's Such A Geek", edited by Annalee Newirtz and (Ms.) Charlie Anders.

I made this Finnish Pancake as part of my Mother's Day brunch for my mother when I was six and considered old enough to use the oven. It's really easy and delicious.

Finnish Pancake

- 2 oz. (½ stick) unsalted butter
- 8 oz. milk or half-and-half
- 4 eggs
- 1 cup flour
- pinch of nutmeg

1. Preheat oven to 450 degrees F.
2. In a mixing bowl, combine flour, milk, eggs and nutmeg and whisk lightly, leaving batter a little lumpy.
3. Melt butter in a 12-inch cast-iron (or one with a heatproof handle) skillet. When very hot, pour in batter.
4. Bake 15 to 20 minutes or until golden brown and puffy.
5. Sprinkle with confectioner's sugar if desired and serve with jam, preserves or marmalade.

Marghretta

"An optimist is the human personification of spring." – Susan J. Bissonette



Notes from National

Mensa for Kids Website www.mensaforkids.org launched.

This educational site is an adjunct of our main site and is sponsored by the Mensa Education and Reasearch Foundation. It features fun-filled games and activities meant to encourage learning, and introduce Mensa to children. The site also links to resources for parents and teachers of gifted children. The site is a great opportunity to share Mensa with the gifted children in your life (AML Today April 2007)



ExComm Minutes of March 20, 2007

Recording Secretary Liz Modesitt

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

Others Present: Anne Majeske, Walter Wakefield, and Ric Werme.

The meeting was called to order at 7:39 p.m.

Claire Natola reported a total of 530 members, with 350 in New Hampshire and 180 in Maine. This is an increase of 4 members overall.

Wayne Eddy motioned that FSM/ExComm will be held at Deb Stone's for May 2007, but that the location for the summer months will be re-visited at the April 2007 meeting. Deb Stone seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

The Office Depot pricing was clarified by the National Office to all chapters, and different services are varying percentages off the total price. The Copy Shop has agreed to match Office Depot in the pricing break we do get, so we have gone back to them for printing and will remain with them. Also, we will continue to fold and staple the newsletter ourselves.

Claire Natola has agreed to approach Marty Capodice about possible serving as the person who reviews the Dues Subsidy Applications. Until a suitable application reviewer is found, we will not be proceeding any further with the Dues Subsidy Policy.

December 2008 is probably when the next AMC meeting is up for bid to host, but the current bid(s) for March 2008 have not been finalized yet. We will know for sure what date our chapter could possibly bid on for our April 2007 ExComm meeting.

The National Office has raised the testing fee to \$40.00, due to a 68% increase in fees associated with giving/administering the test. John Bauman presented information regarding this subject, and there was some discussion on the topic.

Charles McGillicuddy will remain the Maine SIGHT Coordinator, and Deb Stone will serve as the New Hampshire SIGHT Coordinator.

Wayne Eddy motioned that we request for the National Office to recreate the Internet domain of me.us.mensa.org. Deb Stone seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. As soon as the new domain is up and running, all positions associated with Maine will be switched to the appropriate e-mail address.

Claire Natola read several e-mails that she received regarding the 007 Granite Gathering. Further thoughts and opinions about RG matters will be reviewed at the RG Debriefing on April 21, 2007.

There are several issues that were raised with operations on the local level. Claire Natola will look into them.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:46 p.m.

Letters & Emails



This is an exchange that took place earlier this month online reprinted here as a plea for local shutterbugs.

Devin Starlanyl wrote: (to webmaster Bill Alleman)

Hi Bill. I've been checking the NH RG site, and all I see is the RG application form. Are the 2007 photos posted yet? If so, where will I find them? I can never remember how to access the members section. Memory loss is a fibromyalgia moment that never ends. But the RG was so fine, and I would like to enjoy the photos. For us all. There sure were a lot of people taking photos. I'm forwarding this to Mark. Maybe he can put something in Momentum that will encourage people to share their photos. (Hint, Mark. Please.) Regards, Devin

Bill Alleman wrote:

No need to access the "Members Only" section (there's a link to that in the left-hand column) for RG stuff, which is all accessible from the "RG News" page (where links to archival material can be found toward the bottom). But there is no '07 Photos page at this time because nary a single photo has been submitted. I believe there were photos produced, perhaps intended to be made available for an additional fee, but the webmaster (who took none himself) -- and the website -- has been left out of it this year...

The editor **Mark Becker** wrote:

I didn't take photos as I was ordering the CD that was supposed to be available. I'm not sure if those could be reprinted in Momentum, but the question is moot at the moment as I have not received any CD anyway. Mark

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, antiques, 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:

Rick Kovalcik (rk@mit.edu) or Susan Mozzicato (smozz@comcast.net)

617-244-4560

<http://www.caperg.org>

HELP WANTED

Liz Modesitt, our hard working calendar editor, has decided to step down from that role in order to devote more time to her studies, and her son. Their gain is, alas, our loss. If anyone is interested in filling her shoes, please get in contact with me at editor@nh.us.mensa.org, or call 603-744-3757.

Thank You
Mark Becker
editor

Maine S.I.G.H.T. (Service of Information, Guidance & Hospitality to Travelers)

Most of us have joined Mensa to meet and mix with other Mensans. Being a SIGHT host provides an additional, wonderful opportunity to do more of just that, and it's a chance to meet interesting people from all over the world.

SIGHT is set up to assist travelers on short visits to our area. Maine is a popular destination from shore to mountains and in-between, and Mensans visiting here seek information on places to stay, points of interest, and local events.

If you can respond to an e-mail, talk on the phone, or help with other local contacts, you can be a SIGHT host. Whatever you are offering is purely voluntary. Some hosts provide accommodations, or help with touring about, but that's not required. Hosts can specify the kinds of guests they are willing to accept and can reject all who don't fit the house rules -- smokers, drinkers, pets, children -- include or exclude, your choice!

For information on being a SIGHT host contact the Maine Coordinator, Charles McGillicuddy, at sight@maine.us.mensa.org or at 207-215-4092.

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Proctor	Date	Location
Bromley Baril bromleybaril@comcast.net	Saturday, 19 May 10:00 a.m.	Portsmouth, NH Franklin Pierce College
Bill Alleman 603-529-4446	Saturday, 19 May 10:30 a.m.	Weare, NH

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.



A Sampling of Next Month's Events*



Friday, 01 June, 7:00 p.m.	Temperance League, Manchester, N.H.
Wednesday, 06 June, 7:00 p.m.	GenX Pub Trivia, Concord, N.H.
Friday, 08 June, 7:00 p.m.	The Brady Bunch, Peterborough, N.H.
Sunday, 10 June, 11:00 a.m.	2nd Sunday Brunch, Merrimack, N.H.
Wednesday, 13 June, 7:00 p.m.	GenX Pub Trivia, Concord, N.H.
Friday, 15 June, 6:30 p.m.	Winnepesupper, Tilton, N.H.
Sunday, 17 June, 6:00 p.m.	Bridge Night, Dedham, MA
Tuesday, 19 June, 5:30 p.m.	Pre-FSM Dinner, Location TBD
Tuesday, 19 June, 7:00 p.m.	FSM/ExComm, Location TBD
Wednesday, 20 June, 6:00 p.m.	North of Boston Dinner, Peabody, MA
Wednesday, 20 June, 7:00 p.m.	Gen X Pub Trivia, Concord, N.H.
Friday, 22 June, 6:30 p.m.	Appetite for Discussion, Portsmouth, N.H.
Saturday, 23 June, 6:00 p.m.	Games Night, Concord, N.H.
Sunday, 24 June, 1:00 p.m.	North Country Lunch, Bartlett, N.H.
Tuesday, 26 June, 6:30 p.m.	Dinner and Pub Quiz, Portland, Maine
Wednesday, 27 June, 7:00 p.m.	Gen X Pub Trivia, Concord, N.H.

*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.



Calendar of Events

May 2007

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
		01	02 GenX Pub Trivia Night	03	04 Temperance League	05
06 North Country Lunch	07	08 Dining Around Portland	09 GenX Pub Trivia Night	10	11 The Brady Bunch	12
13 2nd Sunday Brunch	14 MST3K Monday	15 Pre-FSM Dinner FSM/ExComm	16 North of Boston Dinner GenX Pub Trivia Night	17	18 Winnipesupper Spring Mt. Climb	19 Spring Mt. Climb Games Night
20 Spring Mt. Climb M.A. Bridge Night	21 Eat, Drink, & Bowl with GenX	22	23 GenX Pub Trivia Night	24	25 Appetite for Discussion	26 First "Our Place" Party of 2007
27	28	29 Dinner & Pub Quiz in M.E.	30 GenX Pub Trivia Night	31		

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.