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# Out of My Mind

LocSec Claire Natola

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"Where was my birthday greeting?" is the most frequent question I get from our members, referring to the list of birthdays we publish in *Momentum* each month. We would never intentionally slight anyone whose birthdate is on file with American Mensa, Ltd. and who has authorized AML to release that information. It's the authorization that's the key!

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We receive an updated list of everyone's privacy settings each month, and use that list to determine whose specific birthdays to acknowledge. I would like to thank our intrepid Publisher **Ric Werme** for always staying on top of not only the birthdays, but also the Mensa anniversaries, and the mailing list in general. He's a godsend, and our chapter is incredibly fortunate to have him!

Now, here is some news from your Executive Committee: We are in need of a new Calendar Editor. You probably saw the "Help Wanted" ad for it in last month's issue; this is because **Liz Modesitt** is stepping down from the position. Liz has done a great job keeping track of our many social activities over the past year, and we are truly grateful! Happily for us, she is staying on as Recording Secretary, so we won't be losing her entirely. But, we do need to fill her calendariffic shoes. If you can spare a couple of hours a month and are interested in being part of the team that puts together this great newsletter, please feel free to contact me or Editor **Mark Becker** for more information about what the job entails.

I would like to welcome **Shawn Colby** to our Executive Committee as our new Testing Coordinator. Shawn became a Mensan last fall, and has been a contributing member of our team at the trivia nights in Concord. He has six children, so wrangling a bunch of proctors should be a piece of cake! Thank you for volunteering, Shawn!

Shawn joins us due to the resignation of Lynne Fox from the Testing Coordinator position. Many thanks go to Lynne for her composure and dignity in dealing with absurd volunteering conditions. (We'll be able to look back on it and laugh, Lynne...) You're a trooper!!

Last month, the ExComm voted to institute a policy whereby anyone interested in the job of Regional Gathering Chair is asked to present a brief proposal to the ExComm that covers such areas as RG theme, timeline, budget, committee members, etc. This may sound intimidating, but we do not intend for it to be terribly formal, just organized. In next month's *Momentum*, we will publish an outline of the information that should be included in such a proposal, with examples. If you've ever been interested in helping us throw our chapter's biggest bash of the year (not to mention one of the best Regional Gatherings in the country), be on the lookout for that outline in next month's newsletter and get in on the action!

Here's to getting out there and enjoying a great summer!



## What's Cooking in Region 1

Region 1 Vice Chair Marghretta McBean

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Exactly one hundred years ago (15 May 1907) my maternal grandmother landed in Baltimore after a six day sea voyage on the S.S. San Miguel sailing from Port Maria in Jamaica BWI. She, like so many other immigrants, was convinced that the grass was greener here and opportunity beckoned at every street corner. That belief, often in the face of adversity, has been a guiding light to me and I think, to all of us who trace our roots back to "the other side". Gifted with high intelligence, we Mensans have a special advantage as we approach life's street corners. Let us always use it wisely.

Of special note: Rhode Island Mensa will be hosting a Leadership Development Workshop in April/May of 2008 (location and date to be determined). Region One members can help choose the workshop topics by visiting RIM's website ([http://www.rhodeisland.us.mensa.org/protect/needs\\_analysis\\_survey.html](http://www.rhodeisland.us.mensa.org/protect/needs_analysis_survey.html)) and completing a Needs Analysis Survey. The more input received, the better tailored to participants the LDW will be. Leadership Development Workshops are excellent opportunities to get hands-on intensive instruction in all aspects of creating, nurturing and managing volunteer-run groups, Mensan or otherwise. Since participants usually come from several groups, the chance to meet like-minded folks is excellent. For many, it is the first step in becoming more involved in Mensa: a lot of LDW alums have gone on to run for local or regional office, myself included.

June marks the beginning of those hot, lazy summer days and what better way to spend them than licking the paddles of an ice cream maker? If you don't have one, an electric mixer can substitute. This dessert is a frozen chocolate nirvana.

## Bitter Chocolate Sorbet

1 cup milk  
¾ cup sugar  
¼ cup good cocoa powder  
5 oz. good bittersweet chocolate  
(e.g. Callebaut, Valrhona, Scharffen Berger)  
2 cups water

1. Bring milk and sugar to just under a boil over medium heat, stirring occasionally.
2. Reduce heat to low, and whisk in cocoa until smooth. Cook at gentle simmer for 15 minutes, stirring often.
3. Melt chocolate in double boiler. Slowly whisk in cocoa mixture and water.
4. Remove from heat and set over iced water to chill thoroughly.
5. Transfer to ice cream machine and process. Store in airtight container.
6. If you don't have an ice cream machine, freeze chilled mixture until slushy consistency. Beat with electric mixture until light and smooth. Return to freezer in an airtight container.

Marghretta

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## Letters & Emails



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To the Editor:

My most notable achievement last year was 53 years after my high school graduation in 1953 and attending a little on (and a lot of off) college courses I finally received my BA from Keene State College...mostly thanks to the NH waiver of tuition fees for seniors 65 or over.

The NH "waiver" allows for a NH resident 65 years old or over to attend one class per semester if space is available free of all tuition...they only have to buy the books and materials. I was matriculated and all my classes counted toward my graduation requirements. Some *Momentum* readers 65 year old or older might not be aware of this great benefit from the State of NH which is available to them. Seniors on "waivers" have a choice to just audit or go the full route including taking tests, doing homework, and, as I did, graduating.

Sherry Smythe-Green



## ExComm Minutes of April 17, 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: Elizabeth Becker, Anne Majeske, and Ric Werme

The meeting was called to order at 7:32 p.m.

Claire Natola announced that we have 538 members, with 357 in New Hampshire and 181 in Maine.

Three resignations were announced. (1.) Lynn Fox resigned as Testing Coordinator. (2.) Liz Modesitt resigned as Calendar Editor, effective after the June issue of *Momentum* is completed. She will keep her position as Recording Secretary. (3.) Scott Cayouette resigned as Central Maine area Coordinator and will no longer host any events or proctor any admissions tests.

Wayne Eddy motioned for Shawn Colby to become the new Testing Coordinator, and Yvonne Crocker seconded the motion. After a short discussion on the best way to help Shawn learn his new position, the motion passed with seven yeas and one abstention.

Claire Natola has not yet heard from Marty Capodice as to whether or not he will serve as reviewer for potential Dues Subsidy applications.

The next AMC meeting available for bid will be in December 2008, and bids will probably be offered & accepted later this year. No decision was made on potentially creating a bid from our chapter.

Persons serving in positions for Maine now have e-mail addresses that reflect their geographic location. Should Maine Mensa become a separate chapter again, their e-mail addresses will now be able to go with them.

Some debate occurred regarding the location, time, and day of the week that FSM/ExComm meetings are held. Liz Modesitt motioned that for June 2007, FSM/ExComm should be held at 7:00 p.m. at Deb Stone's house in Bow, N.H. Wayne Eddy seconded the motion. It passed with five yeas, one nay, and one abstention. The location, etc. for July 2007 and August 2007 will be voted on at the May 2007 ExComm meeting.

In the Spring of 2008, Rhode Island Mensa will be holding a Leadership Development Workshop. They are asking for input on possible topics through an online Needs Analysis Survey. Claire Natola will send the exact link to all officers.

In an effort to formalize the manner in which our chapter runs, it was decided that all persons interested in becoming R.G. Chair must make a formal presentation to an ExComm meeting. For ideas on what the presentation should cover, interested parties should contact one of the ExComm Officers or see the description in the next *Momentum*. Deb Stone introduced the motion, Mark Becker seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Issues involving the chapter laptop have not been resolved. Wayne Eddy now has possession of the laptop. David Melville will give the hard drive to Wayne, and Wayne will see if there is anything more he can do.

Claire Natola motioned for adjournment, and Mark Becker seconded the motion. It passed unanimously, and the meeting adjourned at 8:23 p.m.

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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](mailto:editor@nh.us.mensa.org), or call 603-744-3757.

Thank You  
Mark Becker  
*editor*

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KICK IRRATIONAL by Brian Lord



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# Notes from National

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American Mensa has teamed up with Amazon.com to create Smart Buys, an online storefront for all things found where Mensa and Amazon intersect. We're committed to collecting all this great information into one convenient buying location, and here's the behind-the-scenes fun: A small percentage of each purchase (whether it's in the store or reached elsewhere in Amazon through our store) comes back to American Mensa as non-dues revenue, with no difference to your price paid. So bookmark the store, come do what you do at Amazon anyway, and help support American Mensa!

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## Mensan judges name Mensa Select® games for 2007

More than 200 Mensans gathered in Pittsburgh April 20-22 for Mind Games® 2007. During the three-day event, members played and rated 59 board and card games. The top five games have earned Mensa Select® distinction and may use the Mensa Select seal on their games.  
2007 Mensa Select winners

The winners are:

- \* GEMLOK (Pywacket, [www.pywacketgames.com](http://www.pywacketgames.com))
- \* Gheos (Z-Man Games, [www.zmangames.com](http://www.zmangames.com))
- \* Hit or Miss (Gamewright, [www.gamewright.com](http://www.gamewright.com))
- \* Qwirkle (Mindware, [www.mindwareonline.com](http://www.mindwareonline.com))
- \* Skullduggery (Outset Media Games, [www.outsetmedia.com](http://www.outsetmedia.com))

Congratulations to these winners and their manufacturers! We wish them success!

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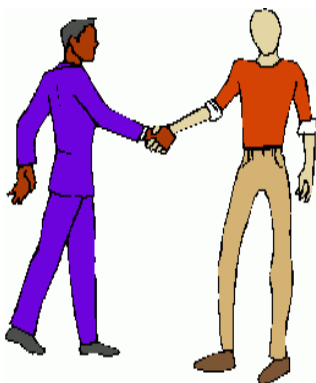
# Upcoming Testing Sessions

## Tell Your Friends!

Information on testing and prior evidence can be found at [nh.us.mensa.org](http://nh.us.mensa.org). Anyone 14 or older who wishes to take the Mensa Admissions Test should pre-register with the respective proctor listed below, who can provide testing site information. The test costs \$40; a photo-ID is required.

Proctor	Date	Location
Claire Natola 603-279-9986	Tuesday, 5 June 7:30 p.m.	Bartlett, NH Bartlett Village Eatery & Pub
Bromley Baril 603-767-9206	Thursday, 21 June 7:00 p.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!

Jeff A. Daniels	Goffstown, NH
James Crick	Windham, ME
Charles Rankowski	Portland, ME
Nicole R. Bissonnette	Portland, ME
Jean Bessette	Protland, ME
Sarah B. Paterson	Orono, ME

### Welcome back to Mensa!

Dorothy V. Minior	Mason, NH
John F. Vey	Nashua, NH
William C. MacIntosh	Seabrook, NH





# Calendar of Events

## June 2007

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
					01 Temperance League	02 Games Night
03	04	05	06 GenX Pub Trivia Night	07	08	09
10 Second Sunday Brunch Bunch	11	12 Dining Around Portland	13 GenX Pub Trivia Night	14	15 WinnipeSupper	16
17 Mass. Bridge Night	18	19 Pre-FSM Dinner  FSM/ExC- omm	20 North of Boston Dinner  GenX Pub Trivia Night	21	22 Appetite for Discussion	23 Games Night
24 North Country Lunch	25	26 Portland Dinner and Pub Quiz	27 GenX Pub Trivia Night	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\*



Friday, 06 July, 7:00 p.m.	Temperance League, Manchester, N.H.
Sunday, 08 July, 11:00 a.m.	Second Sunday Brunch Bunch, Laconia, N.H.
Wednesday, 11 July, 7:00 p.m.	GenX Pub Trivia, Concord, N.H.
Friday, 13 July, 7:00 p.m.	The Brady Bunch, Peterborough, N.H.
Sunday, 15 July, 6:00 p.m.	Bridge Night, Dedham, Mass.
Tuesday, 17 July, 5:30 p.m.	Pre-FSM Dinner, Location TBD
Tuesday, 17 July, 7:00 p.m.	FSM/ExComm, Location TBD
Wednesday, 18 July, 6:00 p.m.	North of Boston Dinner, Peabody, Mass.
Wednesday, 18 July, 7:00 p.m.	Gen X Pub Trivia, Concord, N.H.
Friday, 20 July, 6:30 p.m.	WinnipeSupper, Tilton, N.H.
Saturday, 21 July, 6:00 p.m.	Games Night, Bristol, N.H.
Sunday, 24 June, 1:00 p.m.	North Country Lunch, Bartlett, N.H.
Wednesday, 25 July, 7:00 p.m.	Gen X Pub Trivia, Concord, N.H.
Friday, 27 July, 6:30 p.m.	Appetite for Discussion, Portsmouth, N.H.
Tuesday, 31 July, 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.

Anyone who has purchased tickets for the July 1st Portland Sea Dogs baseball game from Scott Cayouette can contact him at 207-649-1515 or [sacayouette@yahoo.com](mailto:sacayouette@yahoo.com) to receive tickets by mail or meet him at the gate on July 1st after 12:00 p.m.