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Out of My Mind

LocSec Claire Natola

I haven't Googled who may have originally said it, but I saw this philosophical nugget on the sign outside Inter-Lakes Junior-Senior High School in Meredith, New Hampshire: "You are measured by what you finish, not by what you start." Well put, Mr. Changeable Sign... Ideas are a dime a dozen; it's the execution that matters. This is where I need you, my fellow Mensans.

I have been truly blessed in that nearly every time I've made a call to ask one of our members if he or she would be willing to take on a certain task, the answer has been an enthusiastic YES. Quite often, I also hear from those new volunteers, "I'd been meaning to get more involved..." or "I'd been thinking about doing something to give back to Mensa..." Oftentimes, people had been afraid to raise their hands lest they ended up biting off more than they could chew, as can often happen in volunteer-run organizations. However, the efforts that make this chapter run smoothly can often be broken down into small tasks that anyone can handle. Would you please be one of those who gives us some of your time, one of those who helps us finish what we start? Give me a call or drop me an email to explore ways that we could utilize your talents.

Speaking of talents, four students in New Hampshire and Maine will be awarded scholarships by the Mensa Foundation. We will be contacting them to inform them of their awards and to invite them to a Mensa event this summer. We will announce their names next month and will publish their essays in the September issue of *Momentum*. Continued thanks go to Scholarship Chair Ed Stevens and Judges Frank Matranga, Rob Roy, and Katja Swift for all their efforts on behalf of this important program.

Keeping with the theme of developing talent, Rhode Island Mensa will be hosting a Leadership Development Workshop (LDW) next spring, and they would love your help in deciding the topics to discuss. They have set up a fabulous web page where the Mensans of our region can pick the most important issues facing their chapters. If you could take a couple of moments to visit http://rhodeisland.us.mensa.org/protect/needs_analysis_survey.html and fill out the easy online form it would be a great way to take part in shaping this event. (You will need your American Mensa ID number and password to complete the survey.) Thank you! And keep your eyes open for the announcement of the dates of this LDW; while these events are about the business of improving our organization, they include plenty of socializing and are a great way to meet other involved Mensans from around our region.

As promised last month, this issue of *Momentum* contains an insert outlining information that the ExComm would like to see in a proposal from

anyone interested in chairing future Regional Gatherings. If you're interested in being part of the process, but not necessarily in serving as RG Chair, let me know, and I would be more than happy to put you in touch with any potential RG Chair who needs committee members to help.

Finally, I would like to offer condolences on behalf of all of us to our Treasurer and RG Registrar Deb Stone, whose father Phil recently passed away. After serving in the Army in Korea and attending Tufts University, Phil's professional career was in banking. Among his many accomplishments were co-founding the PocketBank ATM network and Centerpoint Bank and serving as chairman of the New Hampshire Bankers Association in the late 1990s. Phil's volunteer activities included the Red Cross, the Chamber of Commerce, and a chairmanship of the trustees of the city of Manchester's trust funds. Deb has long been a rock in our chapter, and I know that I speak on behalf of all of us when I offer my condolences to her, her mother Barbara, her brothers, and the entire Stone family. If anyone would like to make a donation in Phil's honor, they may do so to the Visiting Nurse Association of Southern New Hampshire Foundation, 33 South Commercial Street, Unit 401, Manchester, NH 03101; or to the Concord Regional Visiting Nurse Association, Hospice House, P.O. Box 1797, Concord, NH 03302.

What's Cooking in Region 1

Region 1 Vice Chair Marghretta McBean

As this is my last RVC column, I would like to simply say "Good-bye". It has been a pleasure serving as your representative to Mensa's board of directors. I have met many wonderful people during my tenure and hope to see you at future events.

My last official act has been to present Regional Service Awards and pins to three members whose volunteerism deserves special notice. Amy Harold (Southern Connecticut Mensa) instituted a weekly email reminder of her group's activities which are not only excellent way of keeping in touch with members, but also help increase event attendance. Mary Jo Kelleher (Mensa of the Southern Tier) served many years as our region's Regional Scholarship Chair, as well as her group's LocSec/President. Bill "Ziggy" Zigo's (Mid-Hudson Mensa) attention to detail and quiet behind-the-scenes help is a hallmark of an outstanding volunteer.

My last recipe is simplicity itself: mix a smile into your life often, stir in curiosity and serve with generosity and graciousness.

Marghretta McBean

RVC Column

Region 1 Vice Chair Lori Norris

Thank you to all of you who voted for me in the election. Special thanks to my husband, Ron, for his past support and his future indulgence in the time this position will involve. I will do my best to serve Region 1 on the AMC. 8.6% of Region 1 Mensans voted in this year's election, the largest participation rate of all the regions.

As I write this, I am looking forward to the Birmingham AG. This will be my third AG, but only second in the US (I attended the Quebec City AG a few years ago). I hope to see many of you there. When I'm not at AMC meetings, trainings, etc. you will probably find me in hospitality or the games room.

For those of you who know me or have been following my campaign, you know that I have been very involved in several Region 1 local groups over the past 17 years and have held various elected and appointed positions locally.

I have been working with Rhode Island Mensa in the early planning stages of a Leadership Development Workshop ("LDW") to be held in spring 2008. I attended my first LDW in Connecticut in 2004. I met many energetic volunteers from other groups and many have become wonderful friends. To participate in the needs analysis survey visit RIM's website (www.rhodeisland.us.mensa.org).

Please feel free to communicate with me about your concerns, ideas and/or suggestions.

Lori Norris



Many thanks to Brian Lebores for this comic, and the cover. Editor

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ExComm Minutes of May 15, 2007

Recording Secretary Liz Modesitt

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

Others Present: Michelle Jones, Anne Majeske, and Ric Werme.

The meeting was called to order at 7:23 p.m.

Claire Natola reported that we have 288 members in New Hampshire and 154 in Maine, for a total of 443 members. At this time last year, we had a total of 442 members.

Liz Modesitt introduced a motion for FSM/ExComm to remain at Deb Stone's house in Bow until otherwise voted. Wayne Eddy seconded the motion. It passed with four "ayes", two "nays", and one abstention (Deb Stone).

Deb Stone, Claire Natola, and Elizabeth Becker have been working on a template for what an RG Proposal needs to contain. The template will be published in the July 2007 issue of *Momentum*. It was also noted that we need to start the hotel search for the 2008 Granite Gathering RG.

Wayne Eddy stated that the computer shop thinks the issue with the chapter laptop is the motherboard. A formal diagnosis would be \$60, and then we would need to consider the repair cost. Deb Stone introduced a motion to salvage the data from the laptop hard drive, dispose of the laptop, and revisit the issue in terms of buying a new laptop should the need for one arise. Tom Sheil seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Deb Stone requested that the chapter look at buying a new printer for RG purposes. Ric Werme and Deb Stone will do research in terms of pricing and chapter funds availability, and report at a future meeting.

We received over 100 essays for the Scholarship Contest, and should be hearing from National about winners before the end of June 2007. A decision was made to ask Ed Stevens to continue to serve as Scholarship Chair.

Based on the scholarship money raised at the RG, Deb Stone motioned that the chapter award a \$500 Joe Zanca Scholarship and another Scholarship for \$200. We will also offer the two winners a free Mensa Admissions test. Wayne Eddy seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Deb Stone motioned that the chapter extend the early RG Registration Rate of \$55 until July 1, 2007. Tom Sheil seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

The March 2008 AMC meeting is still up for bid, with a deadline of June 9, 2007 for submittals. Wayne Eddy will explore the possibility of putting together a bid in time. Communication regarding the subject will take place via the ExComm E-mail List, as it will need to be submitted to the AMC before our next meeting.

Several matters regarding testing and the new Testing Coordinator were discussed.

Wayne Eddy motioned to adjourn the ExComm Meeting at 8:37 p.m. Deb Stone seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

The Business Meeting was called to order at 8:38 p.m. As there was no new business, Tom Sheil motioned to adjourn the Business Meeting. Deb Stone seconded the motion and the Business Meeting was adjourned at 8:39 p.m.

Hey YM's

Submitted by Fran Tishevich

What title character's full name is Oscar Zoroaster Phadrig Isaac Norman Henkle Emmanuel Ambroise Diggs?¹

What is the northernmost world capital?²

YM's who love to file away trivia tidbits, trivia buffs, those who've always wanted to be on Jeopardy, and those who have: here's a book for you.

"Brainiac" by Ken Jennings is a great read. Written by Jeopardy's longest-winning winner, this book is much more than a chronicle of Jennings's time on the show. The book is much more than a shameless attempt to cash in on fleeting Jeopardy fame. It is a fascinating history of trivia since 1691. Yes, folks have been interested in little known, and generally useless, facts for a very long time. Like, which two U.S. Presidents shared the first name Thomas?³

The book takes a look at trivia columns in newspapers (beginning 150 years ago); Quiz games, shows and scandals; and the on-going college trivia events. Jennings describes the construction of a trivia question, and what subtle changes make a question good or bad, easy or difficult. What kind of vegetable is also called an aubergine?⁴

Overall, this is a fun-to-read book where every chapter is liberally sprinkled with trivia questions, to the joy of trivia buffs, everywhere. What is Barbie's full name?⁵ As in the book, answers are provided at the end of each chapter. (Whew, for a minute there I thought I'd never know the answer.)

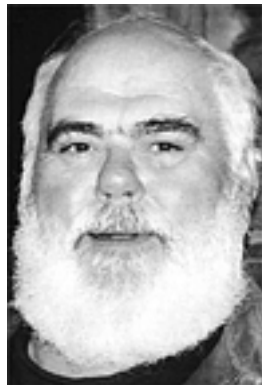
1. Wizard of Oz
2. Reykjavik, Iceland
3. Thomas Jefferson and Thomas Woodrow Wilson
4. Eggplant
5. Barbie Millicent Roberts

Questions and answers provided by "Brainiac".

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Remembering Burton Packard

We are sad to report the passing on April 28 of one of our members, Burton Packard of Guilford, Maine. Burton was born September 6, 1944, in Dover-Foxcroft. At the age of 18, Burt became, and was for 44 years, a registered Maine master hunting and fishing guide. Being in the woods was his first and greatest love. Burt was well-known and respected as a guide and hunter of deer, moose and bear in the areas around Packard's Camps at Sebec Lake, Lobster Lake and Moosehead Lake. He had expert knowledge of guns and ammunition, and could often repair guns whose mysteries had flummoxed others. Being a fine craftsman allowed Burt to build fine houses, as well as repair antiques and create pieces of art. He had a gift for telling mostly true stories which only got better with each recital. His sometimes outrageous comments easily had anyone within earshot laughing. He was generous of heart, often helping those whose paths he crossed. Folks who were experiencing difficulty in their lives felt better after a chat with Burt. Burt operated the Old Mill Campground, Rockwood, for 10 years and spent several years working in construction in the Newcastle area, on Islesboro and Seven Hundred Acre Island. At the time of his death, he was building a special house on the Wilson Stream, Willimantic, in a spot he had dreamed of living since his boyhood. His education began in the Willimantic grade schools. Burt next attended school in Monson and went on to Higgins Classical Institute and Ricker College. Burt is survived by his partner Susan Cowles, three children, seven grandchildren, and an extended, loving family. The family suggests that memorial contributions be made to Charles A. Dean Memorial Hospital, Greenville, ME 04441.



Testing Special for July

Taking the Mensa test can be a little scary for prospective members. Pre-test jitters - plus walking into the session alone - often equals no-shows for our proctors.

During the month of July, we're going to make things easier for test takers by encouraging them to bring a friend with them when they test. And, we'll let their friend test for free! For any test given between July 1 and July 31, we'll administer another test (given at the same session) at no charge.

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Notes from National

There were 4241 total returns (9.95% of the eligible voting membership). Of those, 1405 (33%) were done via the Internet.

We requested 478 replacement ballots. Of those, 100 were due to reports of multi-inserted ballots. Of the 478, 78 cast votes.

These numbers are much higher than usual, for at least two reasons: (1) This is the first year that we used electronic balloting and (2) The error by the printer and/or election house that caused duplicate ballots to be sent to some members. In order to be sure that everyone was aware of the problem and that everyone who wanted to vote had a ballot, we sent out two emails to everyone for whom we had an email address, and a postcard to those for whom we did not. In addition, the US Postal Service was slow in delivering the April/May Bulletin, meaning that we received many requests for duplicate ballots from members who eventually did receive their own. We want to thank the National Office staff, particularly Howard Prince, for an enormous amount of work in dealing with all of this. If you would like any further information, please feel free to contact us at ElectChair@us.mensa.org or 856-667-3504.

Because a number of people have asked for the numbers, and a reminder of the people who were running unopposed, here they are.

Chairman

Marghretta McBean (N) 1,374

Russ Bakke (N) 2,804

Russ Bakke is elected Chairman.

First Vice Chairman

Elissa Rudolph ran unopposed and was declared elected.

Second Vice Chairman

Charlie Bruce (N) 1,824

Dan Burg (N) 2,178

Dan Burg is elected Second Vice Chairman.

Secretary

Marc Lederman (N) 1,903

Scott Rainey (N) 2,077

Scott Rainey is elected Secretary.

Treasurer

Allan Derum (N) 1,593

Cyndi Kuyper (N/P) 2,340

Cyndi Kuyper is elected Treasurer.

RVC 1

Walter Wakefield (N) 221

Lori Norris (N) 388

Lori Norris is elected RVC 1.

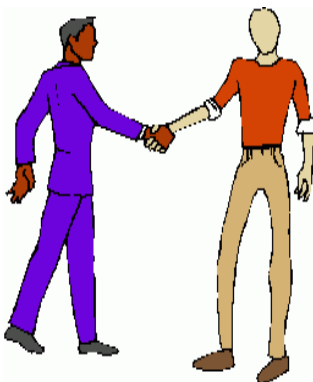
Upcoming Testing Sessions

Tell Your Friends!

Information on testing and prior evidence can be found at 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
Bromley Baril bromleybaril@comcast.net	Thursday, 19 July 6:30 p.m.	Portsmouth, NH Franklin Pierce College
Bill Alleman 603-529-4446	Saturday, 21 July 10:30 a.m.	Weare, NH
Claire Natola 603-279-9986	Sunday, 22 July 3:00 p.m.	Bartlett, NH Bartlett Village Eatery & Pub

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!

Abhimanyu Sharma
Virginia Kristl

W. Lebanon, NH
Portland, ME

Welcome back to Mensa!

Catherine J. Boston
James Sloan

Hampton, NH
Portland, ME



Calendar of Events

July 2007

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
01	02	03	04	05	06 Temperance League	07
08 Second Sunday Brunch Bunch	09	10	11 GenX Pub Trivia Night	12	13 Brady Bunch	14 Dinner at Allens' Camp
15 MA Bridge Night	16	17 Pre-FSM Dinner FSM/ExC-omm	18 GenX Pub Trivia Night North of Boston Dinner	19	20 WinnipeSupper	21 Games Night-Beckers
22 North Country Lunch	23	24	25 GenX Pub Trivia Night	26	27 Appetite for Discussion	28 Road Rally & BBQ
29	30	31 Portland Dinner and Pub Quiz				

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*



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| Wednesday, 01 August 7:00p.m. | Mid-Week Pub Trivia, Concord, N.H. |
| Friday, 03 August, 7:00 p.m. | Temperance League, Manchester, N.H. |
| Wednesday, 08 August, 7:00 p.m. | Mid-Week Pub Trivia, Concord, N.H. |
| Friday, 10 August, 7:00 p.m. | The Brady Bunch, Peterborough, N.H. |
| Sunday, 12 August, 11:00 a.m. | 2nd Sunday Brunch, N.H. |
| Wednesday, 15 August, 6:00 p.m. | North of Boston Dinner, Peabody, MA. |
| Wednesday, 15 August, 7:00 p.m. | Mid-Week Pub Trivia, Concord, N.H. |
| Friday, 17 August, 6:30 p.m. | Winnepesupper, Tilton, N.H. |
| Saturday, 18 August, noonish | Weare's the Micro RG, Weare, N.H. |
| Sunday, 19 August, 1:00 p.m. | North Country Lunch, Bartlett, N.H. |
| Tuesday, 21 August, 5:30 p.m. | Pre-FSM Dinner, Location TBD |
| Tuesday, 21 August, 7:00 p.m. | FSM/ExComm, Location TBD |
| Wednesday, 22 August, 7:00 p.m. | Mid-Week Pub Trivia, Concord, N.H. |
| Friday, 24 August, 6:30 p.m. | Appetite for Discussion, Portsmouth, N.H. |
| Wednesday, 29 August, 7:00 p.m. | Mid-Week 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.

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