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A group picture at the start of our morning hike in North Conway. From the Spring Mountain Climb. *Photo submitted by David Heimann*

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Out of My Mind

LocSec Claire Natola

Well, I'm just back from American Mensa's Annual Gathering in Birmingham, Alabama and my personal saga of airline travel continues. After having to switch planes on the way south, I was very excited at the prospect of staying on the same plane for both legs of the trip back to Manchester. We arrived in Baltimore, and all but six passengers disembarked to catch connecting flights from other gates. Southwest Airlines is unbelievably quick in hustling passengers about and getting on with the journey, so I was quite surprised at the delay in letting other Manchester-bound passengers on the plane. The pilot then came over the loudspeaker to announce, "Ladies and Gentlemen, we hit a bird departing from Birmingham, so we have mechanics surveying the damage to the engine to determine whether we need to take this plane out of service. Hold tight." A short time later, the pilot told us that we did indeed have to switch planes, but that we would be leaving from the same gate. All that the six of us had to do was to disembark, go to the top of the jetway, and wait right there to be the first ones let on board the new plane.

After a short while waiting at the top of the jetway, we were all informed that in fact we would be departing from another gate...so everyone fled to the new gate, some with elbows flying. Again, we Original Six were promised first entry onto the new plane; Susan Engelke (Boston Mensa LocSec) and I took seats in the front row of the aircraft. After the new plane became fully loaded, I noticed several members of the Maryland Transportation Authority gathered at the door of the plane. They were eventually joined by several members of the Transportation Security Administration. This crowd became larger with the addition of several plain-clothed law enforcement officials with badges hanging on chains around their necks. After about 20 minutes of discussion among the officers, the pilot, and a flight attendant, I heard that flight attendant say to another, "I feel terrible about it..." The second flight attendant replied, "You did what you had to do. You had to report it."

Then the pilot made the following announcement: "Ladies and Gentlemen, someone on this plane made an ignorant statement about the security of this plane. Because we cannot identify with certainty who said it, we need to remove everyone from the plane and do a total security sweep of the plane. Please take your carry-on baggage and follow the officers, who will escort you back through security so everyone can be re-screened."

Let this be a lesson to you: Don't make any stupid jokes about aircraft security while boarding a plane, or anywhere in an airport for that matter. Because of this remark, and because the idiot didn't have the intestinal

fortitude to identify himself, he caused all of us to be three hours late, disrupted the schedules of untold numbers of people further down the chain of travel, and squandered a great deal of security-related resources.

Nevertheless, this was one small black spot on what was an otherwise TERRIFIC Annual Gathering! Mensans from New Hampshire and Maine were in full force, doing their part to make the event a success for all! Arney Dias and Adam Smargon were spotted at many GenX events; Adam also ran some game tournaments and competed in the Mr. Mensa Pageant for charity. Sue and Jim Barnes worked Hospitality and Security, respectively, as they have at numerous Annual Gatherings past. At the annual Awards Luncheon, John Sheehan (national Development Officer) presented the latest inductees into the Mensa Hall of Fame shortly after I presented the Publications Recognition Program awards. Joe, Nancy, and Ashley Zanca and Dave Fox worked their derrieres off at the Mensa Boutique. Joe also reprised his gig as Auctioneer, conducting not only his trademark \$5 bill auction, but also auctioning off two homemade quilts to raise funds for the Mensa Foundation. I am so proud of our members who have helped to give our chapter a presence on the national stage; thank you all for your service to Mensa!

It is with great excitement that I announce to you that the Joe Zanca Scholarship has reached its fundraising goal of \$20,000 in order to become an endowed, self-sustaining scholarship! At the GenX Meet-and-Greet I conducted as this year's AG GenX Coordinator, I asked everyone to please consider earmarking any Mensa Foundation donations they make for the Joe Zanca Scholarship, so that we might be able to come closer to reaching our goal. As it turned out, two fundraisers for the Mensa Foundation (including the aforementioned Mr. Mensa Pageant) were being run by GenXers who heard my plea and opted to earmark for Joe's scholarship the FULL 100% of what their efforts raised. These two fundraisers alone netted several thousand dollars and put us over the top! Many thanks to all of you who have donated, to our Webmaster Bill Alleman for the original idea of honoring Joe this way, and to those members of our previous Executive Committee who had the determination to ensure that Joe's scholarship was established in the manner of his choosing. Students for decades to come will benefit from your efforts.

Finally, I would like to welcome Sue Barnes to our Executive Committee as our new Calendar Editor. Thank you, Sue, for volunteering for this important position! Anyone may contact Sue at calendar@nh.us.mensa.org with events for inclusion in our newsletter's calendar. Don't forget that the deadline is the first of the month prior to the month of your event (e.g., September 1 for October events, October 1 for November events, etc.). Welcome to the ExComm, Sue!

I can't believe that summer is nearly half over already. I hope to see you out there at many of our summer events!

RVC Column

Region 1 Vice Chair Lori Norris

As I write this column, the Birmingham 2007 AG is wrapping up. Approximately 1300 Mensans and guests were in attendance, including both the incoming and outgoing International Chairmen.

At Saturday evening's scholarship auction, JOE ZANCA conducted the traditional \$5.00 bill auction. As a result of that extremely successful auction, and including the monies raised earlier in the week, the Joe Zanca Scholarship is now a fully endowed, self-sustaining scholarship under MERF rules, meaning that over \$20,000 has been raised in Joe's name. Additional donations may be sent to: The Joe Zanca Scholarship, c/o Mensa Education & Research Foundation, 1229 Corporate Dr. W., Arlington, TX 76006-6103. I join with the rest of Mensa congratulating Joe and offering my thanks for his dedication to Mensa over the years.

The Mensa Education & Research Foundation awarded the Copper Black Award for Creativity to DR. HARRY RINGERMACHER, a member of Mensa of Northeastern New York.

At the AMC meeting on Saturday morning, the AMC voted to create a Gifted Children Program Award to provide recognition for outstanding service to Mensa's gifted children program. Also an Annual Gathering Oversight Study Committee was created. DR. JOHN SHEEHAN of New Hampshire/Maine Mensa was appointed to the AMC as the Development Officer. CLAIRE NATOLA, also of New Hampshire/Maine Mensa, was appointed to another term as chair of the Publication Recognition Program. LISA MAXWELL of Boston Mensa was named as chair of the WorldConnect program.

RICHARD DOLLIVER of Connecticut/Western Massachusetts Mensa received the Abbie Proctor of the Year Certificate. Greater New York Mensa's Culture Quest® team MISHA'S VINEYARD PLAYERS placed 4th in this national event. Congratulations to all.

The 2008 AG will be held in Denver, Colorado beginning July 2, 2008. Hope to see many of you there. Visit www.ag.us.mensa.org for complete details and to register online.

Mid-Hudson's RG, Mensa Goes to Summer Camp, back after a one-year hiatus, will be held September 7-9, 2007 at the SUNY Ashokan Field Campus (near Woodstock). This fun-filled weekend will include Mid-Hudson's very first rubber ducky race. For more details, go to www.mid-hudson.us.mensa.org/rg.htm. My husband and I have attended this RG in the past and I am jealous that I will be unable to join Ron at Ashoken as I will be attending an AMC meeting in Arlington, Texas. Please feel free to join either one of us.

Lori Norris
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ExComm Minutes of June 19, 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: Jim Barnes, Sue Barnes, Anne Majeske, Walter Wakefield, and Ric Werme.

The meeting was called to order at 7:43 p.m.

Claire Natola reported that we have 298 members in New Hampshire and 159 in Maine, for a total of 457 members.

Wayne Eddy motioned that we appoint Sue Barnes as the new Calendar Editor. Deb Stone seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

There are two local scholarship winners and two national scholarship winners. Ed Stevens is in the process of contacting all four winners, and will attempt to coordinate matters so that they can be presented with their scholarships at upcoming Mensa Events. They will also be sent copies of Momentum and invited to July and August events.

The issue of next year's Scholarship Chairperson will be discussed next month. It will probably be either Ed Stevens again or one of this year's three judges.

It was mentioned that in previous years, a New Member Party was held during the summer. We will try and remember to bring back this tradition for Summer 2008.

The 2007 AG will take place in July, in Birmingham, Alabama. There is an announcement/insert about it in the July 2007 Momentum, and several members of our chapter are planning on attending.

Some ideas for the 2008 N. H. Regional Gathering were brought up, including holding it in the Portsmouth, N.H. area and having a Rocket 88 / cars theme.

Registration fees were set by the ExComm for the 2008 N.H. RG. Prices are as follows: \$55 until the end of June 2007, \$65 from July 1, 2007 to January 31, 2008, and \$75 from February 1, 2008 onward (including at the door). Saturday only registrations will be \$20 off the applicable price, and children ages 8-17 will be \$15 off the applicable price. Children under age 8 will be free.

Wayne Eddy motioned to adjourn the meeting. Liz Modesitt seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

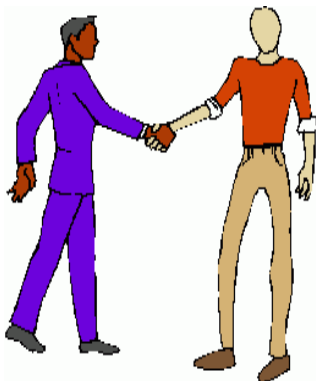
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Proctor	Date	Location
Bromley Baril 603-749-1088	Thursday, 16 August 6:30 p.m.	Portsmouth, NH Franklin Pierce College
Claire Natola 603-279-9986	Saturday, 25 August 9:00 a.m.	Orono, Maine Call for location

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Welcome to NH/ME Mensa!

Jason Kolligs
Toby L. Paddock
Thomas Sweet

Amherst, NH
Franklin, NH
Sullivan, NH



Calendar of Events

August 2007

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			01 Midweek Pub Trivia	02	03 Temperance League	04
05	06	07	08 Midweek Pub Trivia	09	10 Brady Bunch	11 Pool Party/BBQ Games Night
12 Second Sunday Brunch	13	14 Portland Dine Around	15 Midweek Pub Trivia North of Boston Dinner	16	17 WinnipeSupper	18 Weare's the Micro RG
19 North Country Lunch MA Bridge Night	20	21 Pre-FSM Dinner FSM/Ex-C- omm	22 Midweek Pub Trivia	23	24 Appetite for Discussion	25
26	27	28 Portland Dinner and Pub Quiz	29 Midweek Pub Trivia	30	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.



A Sampling of Next Month's Events*



Wednesday, 05 September 7:00p.m.	Midweek Pub Trivia, Concord, N.H.
Friday, 07 September, 7:00 p.m.	Temperance League, Manchester, N.H.
Sunday, 09 September, 11:00 a.m.	2nd Sunday Brunch, N.H.
Wednesday, 12 September, 7:00 p.m.	Midweek Pub Trivia, Concord, N.H.
Friday, 14 September, 7:00 p.m.	The Brady Bunch, Peterborough, N.H.
Tuesday, 18 September, 5:30 p.m.	Pre-FSM Dinner, Location TBD
Tuesday, 18 September, 7:00 p.m.	FSM/ExComm, Location TBD
Wednesday, 19 September, 6:00 p.m.	North of Boston Dinner, Peabody, MA.
Wednesday, 19 September, 7:00 p.m.	Midweek Pub Trivia, Concord, N.H.
Friday, 21 September, 6:30 p.m.	Winnesupper, Tilton, N.H.
Sunday, 23 September, 1:00 p.m.	North Country Lunch, Bartlett, N.H.
Wednesday, 26 September, 7:00 p.m.	Midweek Pub Trivia, Concord, N.H.
Friday, 28 September, 6:30 p.m.	Appetite for Discussion, Portsmouth, 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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I just thought you would like to know that following my recommendation, the AMC approved the appointment of Claire Natola as PRP Chair and Dan Wilterding as InterLoc Editor for the next year.

Personally, I'm thrilled that these two fabulous, talented people consented to serve. Please give them your support and your thoughts at PRP@us.mensa.org and at InterLocEditor@us.mensa.org.

And obviously, I've been appointed for another term. As always, you can send me your questions and ideas via these lists or off-list at communications@us.mensa.org.

Robin Crawford