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LocSec Deb Stone

As I write this, we in the midst of our first real snow-storm of the season. It's looking awfully pretty out there, but I'm happy to be inside nonetheless. We had an inch or so of snow a couple of weeks ago, but right now they are saying that over the next twenty-four hours Bow should get 6-9 and that further north there could be a foot or more. I know that we're still almost three weeks from the official start of winter, but it sure has felt like we're already there for the last few days. And we're in the part of the year that is (almost) my least favorite. I'll write about my true least favorite time in another column. In the meantime, the days continue to get shorter and shorter. It's dark when I drive into work and dark when I drive home from work and I don't even work particularly long days anymore.

In a few weeks, while winter will be official, the days will start getting longer. And somewhere deep in my heart a little spark of happiness starts to grow. It may be cold. It may be snowy. Mother Nature may be blowing wind gusts that will lift you off your feet. But there's a minute or two more of daylight every day. Hooray!

Check the back cover, or the minutes from last month. You will see that we have a new Young M Coordinator. Tyler is a great young man; if you have ideas about our YM program please get in touch with him or with me. He brings a lot of enthusiasm to his role, and I hope we can keep him feeling that way by reaching out and helping out. We also have a new Public Relations Coordinator thank you Mark! As usual, there is movement in the officer ranks. Don't forget - we are coming up on our biannual elections. The Nominating/Election committee has formed for this round, and is made up of Ric Werme, Sue Barnes and John MacDonnell. If you would like to become a candidate for one of the elected positions, let us know. If you are interested in one of the appointed positions, let us know that too!

And now, one of my monthly refrains. We're only about six or seven weeks away from the RG as you read this. If you aren't registered yet, please call, write or e-mail. Our current registration rate changes on January 16th, so don't miss that deadline. The hotel is filling up; as I mentioned in an earlier column they expect to be very busy that weekend, so *make that hotel reservation!* Don't get locked out of the hotel by procrastination. An RG is best enjoyed as a guest of the hotel you can be on the spot for all of the excitement, activity and good company.

Finally, a teaser for February. My very first party in my house here in Bow when I moved in last year was to host a Superbowl party. I had a great time, and had every intention of hosting a few more parties during the year, but life intervened. However, it's definitely time to jump back in, so I'm announcing the 2nd Annual Stoney's Superbowl Party. Be there on February 3rd; look for the calendar item in next month's Momentum.

Celebr8 2008 New Hampshire Beer Survey!

Please ONLY fill out this survey if you're planning to attend the 2008 Mensa RG in New Hampshire, and are 21 or older.

BeerCan't stand it! 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 Love It!

Ale	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Brown Ale	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cream Ale	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dark Beer	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
IPA	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Lager	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Low Alcohol	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Mike's Hard Lemonade	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Non-Alcohol	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ocktoberfest	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sam Adams	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
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(Don't be shy, tell me what kind of beer you want!)

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Region 1 Vice Chair Lori Norris

As I write this column, I'm sitting in my nice warm den, watching the snow fall and feeling very cozy, comfortable and peaceful. This is the season's first major snow storm here in Rhode Island . When I arrived home earlier this afternoon and pulled into the driveway, I realized that the snow reached the undercarriage of my little Toyota . Shoveling would begin later, may as well let it pile up. I lugged bags of Christmas gifts into the house from the car. With the help of many of my co-workers, Ron and I have "adopted" a family from his school for Christmas. We are providing toys, games, winter clothing, underwear, etc. to seven children and some warm winter clothing and grocery gift certificates to their parents. Since I am the organizer, I get the privilege of wrapping and packaging the gifts. Since I was home early from work due to the storm, I started sorting and wrapping and counting gifts (can't shortchange any of the kids). As I'm in the midst of this mess, I hear a noise at my backdoor. I peak out and what do I see, no not Santa but almost as good. The lad from across the street is shoveling my drive and has already done the sidewalk. I thanked him and offered him a tip, but he refused just saying he wanted to do it. I then made a deal to pay him for the next storm and told him how much I appreciated. Is there a moral of this story? I don't know, but it felt good to be doing something to help someone else out and at the same time having someone do a good deed for me. 'Tis the season, but I know that there are a lot of Mensans who are generous with our time, energy and resources year round.

The New Year is a traditional time for making (and breaking) resolutions. Over the past few years I've given up making any of the standard resolutions. My resolutions now revolve around happiness for my family, my friends and, of course, myself. But I also try to find ways to spread happiness to others by supporting what I consider to be worthwhile charitable organizations. A couple times this past year, I've been involved with sending care packages and books to our troops. It is amazing how good it feels to do something for someone else without seeking a reward for doing so.

February and the NH Granite Gathering are approaching. "Celebr8 '08" will be held the weekend of February 15 - 17, 2008 at the Radisson in Nashua . Always a great party. We're registered. For those of you who haven't heard this story before, Ron and I got married on the way to this RG in 2001. We even showed up with a wedding cake. Check out <http://www.nh.us.mensa.org/forms/2008NHRGReg.pdf> for a registration form and additional information. We're going to be celebrating the whole year in one weekend.

Best wishes to you and your families for a happy and healthy new year.

Lori

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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.

Date	Proctor	Location
19 January 10:00 a.m.	Bromley Baril bromleybaril@comcast.net	Portsmouth, 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.

*Checks, or charge cards only in this location, please.

THE ANTIQUARIAN BOOKSTORE



WANTED: All publications of Mensa, Intertel, I.S.P.E., new or old. Especially need all pre-1980 Mensa *Bulletin*, NH/ME/VT/MA local publications, registers, other paper material and pins. Wanted for preservation and access for research to members of these organizations. I will pay \$ for your items, but donations greatly appreciated. Help preserve our past.

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ExComm Minutes of Nov. 20, 2007

Recording Secretary Liz Modesitt

Voting Members Present: Mark Becker, Wayne Eddy, Anne Majeske, Liz Modesitt, and Deb Stone

Others Present: Jim Barnes, Sue Barnes, Elizabeth Becker, Melina Doherty, Tyler Doherty, David Melville, John McConnell, Walter Wakefield, and Ric Werme

The meeting was called to order at 8:00pm

There are a total of 501 members; the breakdown for New Hampshire and Maine was not known at the meeting.

Deb Stone gave her last Treasurer's Report.

Ben Thompson resigned as Young Mensa Coordinator. Tyler Doherty was introduced as a possibility for the position. Wayne Eddy made a motion to appoint him, and Liz Modesitt seconded the motion. It passed unanimously; Tyler Doherty is the new Young Mensa Coordinator.

Bette Lewicke resigned as Public Relations Chair. Mark Becker offered to take over the position. Liz Modesitt made a motion to appoint Mark Becker to the position. Wayne Eddy seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Mark Becker is the new Public Relations Chair.

The position of Membership Officer will be discussed at the December Ex-Comm meeting.

21 people tested for our chapter during National Testing Month in October. 13 people were offered membership, and 9 have already joined. Also, a new proctor qualified for our chapter in October.

According to RVC Chair Lori Norris, there is a possibility of Vermont Mensa disbanding. This has not happened yet, though, and Vermont Mensa still exists as its own chapter.

Ex-Comm members were urged to attend the Leadership Development Workshop to be held in early 2008 in Rhode Island.

Elizabeth Becker, David Melville, and Walter Wakefield gave a brief report on the upcoming Celebr8 08 Regional Gathering.

The Nominating / Election Committee needed to be formed for the 2008 chapter elections. Members cannot be current officers or those planning on running for office. The trio of Sue Barnes, John McConnell and Ric Werme was suggested. Mark Becker motioned that they be committee members. Anne Majeske seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. Wayne Eddy motioned to adjourn. Anne Majeske seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. The Ex-Comm meeting adjourned at 9:06pm.

The Business meeting was called to order at 9:07pm. There being no business, it was adjourned at 9:08pm.



A Sampling of Next Month's Events*



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| Friday, 1 February, 7:00 p.m. | Temperance League, Manchester, N.H. |
| Sunday, 3 February, 6:00 p.m. | Superbowl Party, Bow, N.H. |
| Friday, 8 February, 7:00 p.m. | The Brady Bunch, Peterborough, N.H. |
| Sunday, 10 February, 10:30 a.m. | 2nd Sunday Brunch, N.H. |
| Wednesday, 13 February, 6:00 p.m. | North of Boston Dinner, Peabody, MA |
| Thursday, 14 February, 9:00 p.m. | Karaoke, Raymond, N.H. |
| Fri.-Sun, 15-17 February | NH RG, Nashua, N.H. |
| Tuesday, 19 February, 5:30 p.m. | Pre-FSM Dinner, Bow, N.H. |
| Tuesday, 19 February, 7:00 p.m. | FSM/ExComm, Bow, N.H. |
| Thursday, 21 February, 6:30 p.m. | French Film, Chelmsford, MA. |
| Friday, 22 February, 7:00 p.m. | Menstel, Portsmouth, N.H. |
| Tuesday, 26 February, 6:30 p.m. | Dinner & 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.

Leadership Development Workshop

The registration form for the Region One Leadership Workshop is now available on line.

To see it (and register) go to www.rhodeisland.us.mensa.org/special/index.html <<http://www.rhodeisland.us.mensa.org/special/index.html>> and click on Registration Form. The registration form is in Rhode Island Mensa's protected area, so you will need to enter your M number and password for access.

I look forward to seeing you in May at the Leadership Workshop.

Your fellow M,
Tom Padwa
RIM LDW Committee Chair



Announcing the NH/ME Mensa Great Crock Pot Cookoff!!

Friday Feb. 15th at Celebr8 '08

Bring your crock pot full of your favorite dish for all to taste and enjoy. Our secret judges will rate them, and everyone at the Friday night dinner can vote for their favorites. The winner will be given an award and have their recipe printed in a future issue of Momentum.

*Please contact Hospitality Chair Elizabeth Becker if you plan to participate:
[603-744-3757](tel:603-744-3757) or elizabethmbecker@gmail.com*

Theories for Everything

Article by Fran Tishkevich

Are you interested in science? How about history? Both? Here's a book for you: [Theories for Everything: An Illustrated History from the Invention of Numbers to String Theory.](#)

Written by John Langone, Bruce Stutz and Andrea Gianopoulos, this book has something for everyone. The chapter headings are: the heavens; human body; matter and energy; life itself; earth and moon; mind and behavior. One can read only those chapters of interest, or, the entire book can be read from beginning to end. But then again, what Mensan can skip any part of a good book?

Each chapter includes a myriad of topics as it traces the history of each field of science from ancient to modern times. It's not just a good book. Nor is it just a good science book. Also included are historical events that shaped the advances, and sometimes the stagnation or outright reversals, in each field. After all, not only does science influence history, but history influences science. Cultural and commercial exchange, art, religion, and war all effect the development of science. Scientific and technological advances effect the course of history, as well. The invention of stone tools, domestication of plants and animals, the development of numbers to account for these resources, the telescope, microscope, gunpowder and medical advances have all had tremendous historical consequences.

From Aristotle to Watson, Crick and Franklin (yes, proper credit is given to Rosalind Franklin), forty centuries of science are chronicled. The chapter on matter and energy, for example, explores the ever expanding and increasingly incomprehensible world of physics. It manages to enlighten the reader and challenge us to understand. Beginning with Archimedes's Eureka! moment and ancient Sumerian pictographs, of the past, to string theory and quantum mechanics of the present, the authors tie together the past, present and provide questions for the future (Is string theory Einstein's Unified Theory?).

Published by National Geographical Society, the book contains thoroughly researched, highly readable and fascinating text. Also included are many, many pictures for which NGS is so well known.

Isaac Newton wrote: "If I have seen farther, it is by standing on the shoulders of giants." This book makes the reader aware of some of the less familiar names, though giants in their own right, who made great scientific adventures and advances possible.



Calendar of Events

January 2008

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		01 Deadline for Feb. events	02	03 RG Planning Meeting	04 Temperance League	05
06 Boston Brunch Bunch Bangor Film Discussion	07	08	09	10 Karaoke Night	11 Brady Bunch	12 Games night
13 Second Sunday Brunch	14	15	16 North of Boston Dinner	17	18 Winnipesupper	19
20	21	22 Pre-FSM Dinner FSM/Ex-C- omm	23	24 French Film	25 Menstel	26
27	28	29 Portland Dinner & Pub Quiz	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.