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First, I'd just like to mention (again) that I'm having the 2nd Annual Stoney's Superbowl Party on February 3rd starting at 6pm and running until whenever it ends. Last year's party was the first social event in my new home in Bow and my intentions were that there would be more. Life intervened somehow, but it's time to get started again. So I hope you will come by and enjoy some food, friends and what I hope is the end to a perfect football season. Please note that there will be non-Mensan friends and family there as well, and also that I would appreciate an RSVP for planning purposes. There is more information in the calendar, but feel free to call or e-mail me as well.

Another thing that comes to mind is that we are fast approaching the end of the Mensa membership year on March 31st. Our group, currently encompassing NH and ME, is over 500 people and we would love it to stay that way. So don't forget to send in your membership renewal as soon as you get it. After all, it looks like we are going to have an actual election this year, with at least one contested position on the ExComm. I'm sure you want to vote, right?

And speaking of voting, I'm writing this on the weekend before the NH primary, and it has been an interesting political season here in our state. A long one too we have had people here campaigning for a year or more. I don't know who you supported, but I hope that you made the effort to vote. I'm looking forward to seeing who comes out the winner here, but mostly I'm looking forward to the end of the NH part of the process, and to all of the candidates taking their volunteers, their television and radio ads and themselves out of NH for a while!

One thing that has struck me this year though, was that unlike in prior presidential election years, we aren't competing with politicians, pundits and media for space for our RG. With the primary having moved into January, the traditional February invasion is no more. We won't be standing in the elevator with a potential future president or staffer wearing our RG badges and trying to explain what the heck is going on around them. People who aren't used to a whole flock of Mensans sometimes wonder.

If you haven't registered for the RG yet, now's the time! If you let me know now, when you get there your badge and registration packet will be ready for you and you'll be able to get right to the fun. We'll have all of the things you have come to expect from the NH RG, including food, drink, conversation,

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movies, music, speakers, games and much more. I would be remiss if I didn't reiterate the fact that the hotel is expecting to be full on Valentine's Day/President's Day/RG weekend. If you haven't made your reservation yet, please try right away and make sure to mention that you are with Mensa. You may have missed the Mensa rate cut-off (although the hotel has said they will try to accommodate us if possible) but the best way to enjoy the RG is to be there. Come Celebr8 '08 with us!

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 or elizabethmbecker@gmail.com*

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Region 1 Vice Chair Lori Norris

Happy Leap Year. I still don't see why we can't add the extra day to a summer month. We really don't need an extra day in February, it just seems to make winter a bit longer. I know it's all in my mind, but what can I say. I don't think we need an extra day during the snowiest month. I'm anti-snow this month. Ron is away and it snowed yesterday. I actually had to shovel snow which I haven't done in years. My son used to do it and now Ron does. And if there's too much snow, I just wouldn't take the car out. It works for me because I live on the bus line.

February is the month of romance. We celebrate Valentine's Day. Of course, Valentine goods have been in some stores since the day after Christmas. Are there any holidays or special days that remain simple? It seems as if one holiday is over and the stores start pushing the next one. As well as celebrating Valentine's Day, in our world Ron and I also celebrate our anniversary in February. Doesn't seem like it has been seven years already.

Ron and I met and dated around Mensa events. While Mensa is not a singles group, I know of many couples that met through the group. Some of them were not even actively seeking a "significant other." Among our personal friends I can quickly think of at least a couple dozen couples that met through Mensa. It just goes to show that when you're among friends anything can happen. To all you Mensa couples, send me your love story and pictures. If you're willing to share I'll have them put up on the regional website.

February has two wonderful RGs. The NH Granite Gathering "Celebr8 '08" will be held the weekend of February 15 - 17, 2008 at the Radisson in Nashua. NH throws a great party. 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. Central New Jersey Mensa (Region 2) is hosting "Snowball XXXIV" with the theme of "Around the World in Two Days" the weekend of February 29 through March 2. Ron and I will be there. This RG is easily accessible by train. Check out their website for more information, <http://www.cnj.us.mensa.org/>.

Don't forget, the Region 1 LDW hosted by Rhode Island Mensa will be held the first weekend of May. Check out the webpage at <http://www.rhodeisland.us.mensa.org>. Feel free to contact me for more information.

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
16 February 10:00 a.m.	John Bauman 603-883-7494	Nashua, NH Celebr8 '08 RG
20 February 7:00 p.m.	John Bauman 603-883-7494	Nashua, 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.

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Mensa Foundation's Awards for Intellectual Benefits to Society

One of the purposes of Mensa International, Ltd., is to "identify and foster intelligence for the betterment of humanity." The charter of the Mensa Education & Research Foundation states one of its purposes is assisting intellectually gifted people in the development of their abilities so they can better benefit society. In pursuit of these two goals, Mensa International and the Mensa Foundation have founded two awards:

- The Mensa Foundation International Award for Intellectual Benefits to Society
- The Mensa Foundation Intellectual Benefits Award

Each award recognizes an innovative accomplishment that benefits society. Acceptable activities include, for example, new education programs for employees, clients or business associates; programs designed to educate the public; novel philanthropic efforts; and intellectual research and development. Political activities are excluded. Consideration will be given to the number of people impacted.

Nominees must be members in good standing of either American Mensa, Ltd., or of an officially recognized national Mensa or be a direct international member in good standing of Mensa International. Nominations may be made personally or be made by another Mensan or group with the written consent of the nominee. The deadline for nominations is March 1, 2008.

For more information, visit www.mensafoundation.org/programs . American Mensans should visit the Intellectual Benefits pages, and international members should visit the International Awards pages.

Good Wine Cheap (and good food to go with it)

By John Grover

This month's column is again inspired by our recent trip to Russia. River cruises in Europe are a wonderful way to travel for an aging baby-boomer. And, beginning every day with a Mimosa at breakfast is a delightful bit of decadence.

The Russian and German culinary staff on the ship produced some excellent meals. A notable highlight of each meal was the soup, whether emphasizing a meat, vegetable or fish. Borscht is probably the most recognizable and traditional of Russian soups with as many variations in recipes as there are Russian Grandmothers. Our friend Mandy cooked the recipe below to rave reviews at our last gourmet club.

This month's wine is flavorful red recommended by our friend Tina. It is the 2005 Windmill Estate Old Vines Zinfandel bottled by Michael-David Vineyards of Lodi, California. This wine starts out with a nose that gives a striking expectation of a big fruity wine. But, it has a smooth almost mild taste more like a good Merlot, except with a tad more fruit. The taste is a subtle berry with a hint of vanilla and a bit of pepper at the finish. It will go well with the hearty soup below. I have found it in several stores for between \$8 and \$11 a bottle.

Russian Beet Soup (Borscht) (adapted from the recipegoldmine.com website)

Ingredients: 6 cups water; 1/2 cup dried navy beans; 1 pound beef boneless chuck, tip or round, cut into 1/2-inch cubes; 1 smoked pork hock; 1 (10 1/2 ounce) can condensed beef broth; 2 1/2 teaspoons salt; 1/4 teaspoon pepper; 6 medium beets, cooked; 2 medium onions, sliced; 2 cloves garlic, chopped; 2 medium potatoes, cut into 1/2-inch cubes; 3 cups shredded cabbage; 2 teaspoons dill seed or 1 sprig dill weed; 1 tablespoon pickling spice; 1/4 cup red wine vinegar; and, 1 cup dairy sour cream

Heat water and beans to boiling in Dutch oven (a soup pot about 4 to 6 qts.); boil 2 minutes. Remove from heat; cover and let stand 1 hour. Add beef, pork, beef broth, salt and pepper to beans. Heat to boiling; reduce heat. Cover and simmer until beef is tender 1 to 1 1/2 hours. Shred beets or cut into 1/4-inch strips.

Remove pork from Dutch oven; cool slightly. Remove pork from bone and trim fat; cut into bite-size pieces. Add pork, beets, onions, garlic, potatoes and cabbage to beef mixture. Tie dill seed and pickling spice in cheesecloth bag or place in [tea](#) ball; add to beef mixture. Cover and simmer 2 hours. Stir in vinegar; simmer 10 minutes. Remove spice bag. Serve with sour cream; sprinkle with minced dill weed, if desired. Yields 6 servings.



Calendar of Events

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				Jan 31 RG Planning Meeting	01 Temperance League Deadline for March events	02
03 Bangor Film Discussion Superbowl Party	04	05	06	07	08 Brady Bunch	09 Nashua Temp. League Boston Brunch Bunch
10 Second Sunday Brunch Winslow Supper	11	12	13	14 Karaoke Night	15 NH RG!!	16 NH RG!!
17 NH RG!!	18	19 Pre-FSM Dinner FSM/Ex-C- omm	20 North of Boston Dinner	21 French Film	22 Menstel	23
24	25	26 Portland Dinner & Pub Quiz	27	28	29	

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.

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