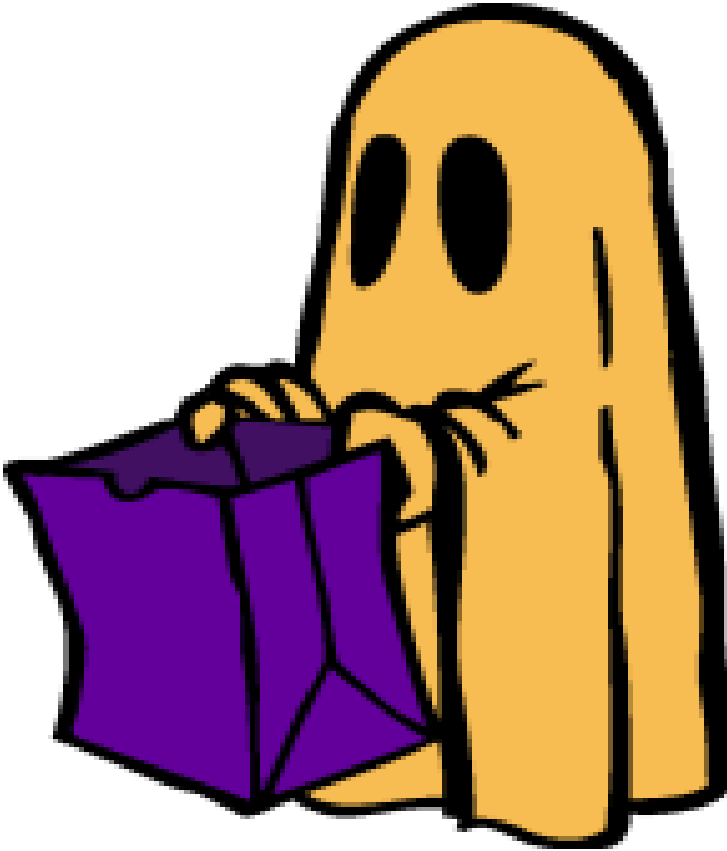




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LocSec Deb Stone

By the time you read this, I will have just returned from a few days in southern California. I'm going out mostly to see some of my SoCal friends and partly to play in a poker tournament - the CA Ladies State Poker Championship (CALSPC.) The winner gets an entry into the World Series of Poker Ladies Event and also entry into other CA tournaments throughout the next year.

Some of you have already heard my tournament story, but for those who haven't, here it is. While I lived in SoCal, I used to play a fair amount of poker at the many casinos/card rooms in that area. There were probably a half dozen really good places to play within an hour drive of my house in Mission Viejo. The place I played the most was a card room in Oceanside (about 35 miles south) called Ocean's Eleven. One day I was there playing and saw an announcement about an upcoming tournament being played there called the CALSPC.

I went back and forth about playing - I'd never played in a tournament before. But I decided it sounded like fun, and I would give it a shot. Like many other tournaments, they offered satellites where the prize for winning is entry into the main tournament. With the price tag of the satellite at \$20, and the price tag of the main tournament at more than \$200, I decided to try one satellite - which I won! So my entry into the CALSPC was now paid for.

I showed up on the first day - a Sunday - to find over 200 women there to play. My first goal was not to be the first one out of the tournament. And I wasn't. My next goal was to make it to the first break (about 2 hours.) Which I did. My next goal was to make it to the second break. Which I did. Next goal - make it to the second day (the top 36 players.) Which I did! I had to go into work Monday morning and tell my boss that I needed to leave at noon that day because I was in the middle of a poker tournament!

On Monday afternoon we started up again about 1:00pm. By now, my goal was to make it "into the money", meaning I would actually get some of the overall purse. That meant making it into the top 18 players. Which I did. Next goal - make it to the final table. Which I did. Next goal - to win. Which, unfortunately, I didn't. But I did finish third, took home several thousand dollars in prize money, and had a story to tell. My biggest thrill was talking to the spectators afterwards and having them be amazed to hear that it was my first tournament - meaning I didn't look like a total 'fish' out there.

Now I'm going back. Who knows what will happen this year, but one way or the other, I'll be having fun! I took a chance in 2004, jumped in with both feet, met some great people and had a great time. Sounds like a recipe for Mensa membership as well!! If you're one of the people who sit on the sidelines of Mensa, read the newsletters but haven't gotten involved further, and want some fun and new friends we'll welcome you with open arms! Come to a monthly event. Register for the RG. Volunteer to help out. We're waiting to meet you!

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
8, October 6:00 p.m.	Scott Cayouette 207-649-1515	Winslow, ME
18, October 10:30 a.m.	Adam Smargon 603-978-4205	Portsmouth, NH
18, October 10:30 a.m.	Marty Capodice 603-746-3648	Lebanon, NH
18, October 10:30 a.m.	Bill Alleman 603-529-4446	Weare, NH
18, October 11:00 a.m.	Scott Cayouette 207-649-1515	Winslow, ME
20, October 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.



RVChat

Region 1 Vice Chair Lori Norris

Autumn is fast approaching. As we drove through northern Vermont at the end of August, the leaves were already beginning to change color. I love autumn. Of course, autumn also brings hurricane season to the New England coast, of which I am not as fond. As I write this, my husband is outside repairing roof damage which came to light during this last storm when the porch roof starting leaking (okay, pouring) into the "guest room" and onto the unsuspecting house guest asleep on the sleep sofa. Surprise!

One of the final stops on our vacation was in Stratford, Ontario to enjoy the Stratford Shakespeare Festival. We were fortunate to obtain last-minute tickets to the opening night performance of George Bernard Shaw's Caesar and Cleopatra with Christopher Plummer as Caesar. Fantastic! I would highly recommend this festival to anyone within driving distance. Hint: it is not a very long drive from Pittsburgh to Stratford. We plan on driving to Stratford after the AG next year.

Belated congratulations to Joseph O'Malley of MONNY for his well-deserved receipt of the 2008 Abbie Salny Proctor of the Year award and to GNYM's Misha's Vineyard Players for placing 11th in the 2008 CultureQuest competition.

The American Mensa Committee (AMC) has engaged the services of Tecker Consultants to assist in our strategic planning process and the "Governance Project." This Project will give the AMC the opportunity to make substantial, ongoing changes in the way it operates, beginning with the development of a solid strategic plan which, in turn, will help better define the authority and responsibility of the AMC, officers, committees and staff, as well as set tangible goals and the measurements for success. Critical to the success of this plan will be for the AMC to choose goals that will be important to the ongoing growth and development of American Mensa. **What are the goals that will be important to American Mensa? What goals do you think should be important?** I would appreciate your ideas and feedback about the Governance Project and the strategic planning process now underway, as well as specific goals that they believe would be of benefit to the society. If you would like to participate, please send your ideas to me at rvc1@us.mensa.org. Information on this process will be posted on the American Mensa website as it develops.

C&WM Mensans are hosting their 30th annual Regional Gathering (RG) the weekend of October 10-12, 2008 in Manchester, CT. Check out the group's website for more information (www.cwm.us.mensa.org). I'll be there, will you?

Lori

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ExComm Minutes of Aug. 19, 2008

Recorded by Deb Stone

Called to order 7:34pm

In attendance: ExComm member: Deb Stone, Anne Majeske, John Bauman, Yvonne Crocker, Mark Becker

Also in attendance: Tom Shiel (arrived late), Elizabeth Becker, Nicholas Becker, Ric Werme, David Melville

Deb gave membership numbers (NH 335, ME 177, Tot 512)
Increase over last month included 5 renewals and 3 reinstatements. Deb submitted paperwork to National for reimbursement for mailing to lapsed members but it didn't arrive in time to make the August funds so should show up next month.

We will be acknowledging passing of one member now that confirmed.

Treasurer - no report

Young M - no report

Gifted Children - no report

Scholarship - Local winners, Kristine Zeeb (1st), Benjamin Freedman (2nd), Richard Ouellette (2nd). None were able to make it to event so award checks were mailed. Deb will contact Kristine to get her permission to print essay in Momentum and on website.

Testing - John doing testing session 08/20. Reminder MTD is 10/18; Adam has agreed to do October testing session in Portsmouth for MTD but can't test otherwise so still looking for new proctors for seacoast area. One potential new proctor application approved, needs to observe & then run testing session to have certification final. Another is supposedly submitting her application but Deb hasn't received yet. Deb considering becoming re-certified; will let John know. MTD contest for proctors; entered in drawing (\$30 prize good toward dues) for each test.

ME Mensa update - still expecting 'rebirth' date to be 11/08. Deb will check with Anne regarding editor/newsletter status for soon-to-be ME Mensa.

RG Report - Deb confirmed RG did not make latest Bulletin. Should be in next month, and is posted on AML website.

Deb reminded everyone about Colloquium 2008 in Salt Lake City 9/12-14. Colloquium 2009 in late Feb 2009 in Atlanta - topic weather/climate.

Question raised about changing the day of the week for FSM/ExComm - Deb will bring up at next ExComm meeting where we have good attendance. Also, Deb informed the ExComm that she will be out of town for the September meeting.

Moved to adjourn (Becker), 2nd (Bauman), vote unanimous. Meeting adjourned 8:06pm

Business Meeting August 19

Called to order 8:06pm

No old business

New business: Discussion came up about doing a better job of publicizing events, possibly via e-mail alerts. I will put this on agenda for the next business meeting in order to solicit feedback from members as to whether this is something they want to see.

Moved to adjourn (Becker), 2nd (Bauman), vote unanimous. Meeting adjourned 8:08pm



News from Members

Mark,

I received a message on my answering machine from a woman in North Conway named Evelyn Albert that a member Ruth Ann Casagrande had died in 2007. Ruth Ann was member 1076605 and lived in Intervale. She was born in 1946 and had been a Mensan since June 2006, although her member number indicates that she must have originally joined in the 70s. Evelyn had evidently found a copy of Momentum and uncovered my number thru that and requested that we stop sending Momentum.

John Bauman

I located a copy of the obituary which can be found at: <http://tinyurl.com/6hcmk4>. Her obit is on page 26.

She sounds like an accomplished musician, and an active member of her church. We send thoughts of comfort, and peace to those loved ones she leaves behind.

Editor.



NH Mensa RG 2009

February 13th -15th

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For more info call Deb Stone @ (603) 856-7055 or Holly Green @ (603) 428-7267

Name(s) _____

Address _____

Telephone _____ E-mail _____

Registrar: **Deb Stone, 6 Fox Meadow Drive, Bow, NH 03304, (603) 856-7055, nhrq@stonesrealm.com**

Registration: \$60 until 11/15/2008, \$65 until 01/15/2009, \$75 thereafter and at the door
8-17 years old, \$15 less than standard adult rate, 18-20 years old \$10 less than standard adult rate.
Children under 8, free. Day rates available (please contact registrar.)

of registrations: Adult _____ 18-20 yrs _____ 8-17 yrs _____ <8 yrs _____

Make checks payable to NH Mensa – RG. Or MC/Visa # _____ Exp Dt _____

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Boston Mensa
Presents:



Pilgrimage '08: Pilgrims' Progress

November 21-23, 2008

We've come a long way, baby, since 1620! From the Puritans to the Patriots, the Bay State has seen it all. Come celebrate our history!

A Thanksgiving dinner is tentatively planned for Friday night; Saturday lunch and continental breakfasts on Saturday and Sunday are included. We'll have a costume contest where you can dress up as your favorite Bay State character from real life or fiction. Our infamous karaoke returns, as does our dedicated video game room! We'll have tournaments, puzzles, open bar mixers, outstanding hospitality, and much more!

Location: Sheraton Braintree Hotel, 37 Forbes Road, Braintree, Mass.
Book your room with the hotel directly (781-848-0600; Mensa rate \$95).

View details and register online at <http://bostonrg.org>
(PayPal accepted!)

Registration: \$65 until 10/31/08, \$75 thereafter or at the door.
Children: under 6 free; ages 6-20 pay \$2 x age.

Questions or suggestions? Contact RG Chair
Claire Natola at mensabear@gmail.com

RG Update



The Chair and committee of the Granite Gathering would like to request input and assistance from anyone interested in making the 2009 RG better. Please email Holly Green at rgchair@nh.us.mensa.org with any ideas, or opinions. Alternatively join the RG planning meeting at the Red Apple Buffet on the eighth of this month.



Notes from National

Dues to Increase January 1

Inflation rates across the country have soared in the past year, and American Mensa has felt the impact throughout our budget. In the past year, expenses in areas including fuel, paper and postage have increased nearly 45%. We have balanced most of these increases by "tightening our belts" in every budget category, but a dues increase has still become necessary.

Effective January 1, annual dues will increase to \$59. Second family member rates will increase to \$39, 3-year memberships to \$160 and 5-year memberships to \$260.

However, members can renew on or before Dec. 31, 2008, in order to "lock in" the current membership rates, and I'm letting you know this so that you can get the word out in your newsletter about the upcoming change. Members who wish to renew early can visit www.us.mensa.org/renew or call 888/294-8035 ext. 199 to renew with a 1-year, a 3-year, 5-year or Life Membership.

The news item that has been submitted to the Mensa Bulletin for publication follows. You're welcome to use it in your newsletter as well.

Thank you for your help in alerting your membership to this important change.

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NEW CADILLAC

I need a new Cadillac. It won't cost much because I own the company, General Motors. That is. Oh yes, I own it. Or will shortly. Nancy Pelosi, Speaker of the House of Representatives told me she is going to buy it for me. And you too.

She is going to have the government "loan" the auto industry 50 Billion (that's a B) dollar because she thinks they are going to fail, go out of business, go belly up. Wait a cotton-pickin' minute. It is not possible for a company as big as GM to fail, is it? Of course that same line of reasoning applied to Merrill Lynch, but they went under and were bought by Bank of America. It happened so quickly that the workers didn't miss a stroke.

It seems that GM management hasn't been as smart as Toyota, Hyundai and all those other Asian car manufacturers. Plus management made sweet-heart deals with the union for the workers back in the 60's not thinking ahead. Now they are in over their head.

If GM and Ford go belly up what will happen to all those nice union workers? Right. Gone. Laid off. Getting unemployment checks. That's all.

Can Ford and GM be saved? Yes, but it will be painful for those who work there, but they will have a job.

It is more than likely that the factories will be open and producing again in less than 30 days. Maybe some Eastern company will buy out all the equipment and start the production lines again. Probably.

The unions won't like it, but folks got to eat.

When bankruptcy is filed all contracts are null and void. That includes all those union agreements. No more health insurance, no more pension plan, no more expensive Starbucks coffee. Such screaming you never heard. There will be picketing, demonstrations and a few violent acts against the standing assets (really dumb).

Is this a good idea? The country has a choice. Let Congress give the auto industry our money to an outmoded industry that will continue to lose our taxpayer money every year or get competitive with Toyota, etc. so the Detroit cars can be sold profitably again.

It is not an even bet that Congress will give away our money to the unions. The unions give big donations to help reelect those bums who are spending our money (not theirs).

Even if I own the company my Cadillac is going to cost more because of old and continuing inefficiencies of the management. The unions did what they were supposed to. They got more than they should from auto management.

It is time to start over.

There won't be any American well-managed auto companies if voters allow Congress to sell out the taxpayers with another stupid bail scheme.

Shucks! Looks like I won't get that new Cadillac.

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			01 Deadline for Nov. events	02	03 Temperance League First Friday	04
05	06	07	08 RG Planning Meeting	09	10 Brady Bunch	11 Boston Brunch SSecond SSat.
12 Second Sunday Brunch Mid-Maine Dinnah	13	14	15 North of Boston Dinner	16	17 Winnipesupper Japanese Dinner	18 Nashua Temp League Games Night
19	20	21 FSM ExComm	22	23 Mechani- cal Puzzle Night	24 M & I	25
26	27	28 Portland Dinner & Pub Quiz	29	30	31	