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February is going to be a busy month for me!

First and foremost (at least in the Mensa section of my mind) is our NH RG:

• *Love Potion '09 - A Mix of Magic and Romance'*

If you aren't already registered - why not? We have such a great time every year, and it's a wonderful way to escape from those winter/snow/wind/cold doldrums that plague most of us this time of year. We'll be at the Nashua Radisson (the same place as 2008, albeit on a different floor) from February 13<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup>. I'm looking forward to seeing lots and lots of you!

For me though, other parts of my life intervene before being able to spend some quality time with a couple of hundred of my best friends. During the first week of February, I travel on business down to FL for a couple of days. I know, I know - it's a tough job, but someone has to do it. I leave on the 4<sup>th</sup> and return on the 6<sup>th</sup>. Just in time to unpack, repack and leave Sunday morning (the 8<sup>th</sup>) for New York City. In November, my mother and I attended the Animal Rescue League of NH Live & Silent Auction. It's their big fundraiser of the year. One of the items in the live auction section was a trip we had bid on, but not gotten, last year. This year we got it! We get to spend three nights in the city at one of the boutique hotels that are all the rage, and we get reserved seating tickets to the Westminster Dog Show. We're really excited; I've been to a couple of smaller local dog shows over the years and of course, we have both seen Westminster on television - but to actually be able to go and see it live should be quite an experience and lots of fun. Of course, Samantha won't be too happy about all of this time away. But she does love the house-sitter. Maybe I can bring her a present from my travels...

And while all of this is going on I'm expecting my CA nieces and nephew to be flying in for a visit - hopefully, about a week. They should be here to attend the RG with me, and among other things we'll be doing is taking a trip down to CT so my older niece can take a first-hand look at Yale. She's applying to several of the UC schools, Stanford and Yale, and this will be her first opportunity to actually walk around and see the school other than online.

I figure with all of that happening in the first 2 ½ weeks of February, I'll need to hibernate through the rest of the month! Of course, my employer may have something to say about that.

And one more thing - I received notice from AML that the prior evidence review fee is being rolled back to 1999 prices (that's \$25 instead of \$40) until June 30<sup>th</sup>. So if you have friends or family who have been putting off sending in that prior evidence, now's the time.

So, time to go for this month... after one more reminder - RG, RG, RG! See you there!

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## Maine Mensa Update

I just thought I'd drop a line here telling you about what is being actively discussed in Maine Mensa circles. (Okay, so I have been discussing these things in my head - talk about circles.) I feel like the guy in the Verizon commercials with this cadre of people behind me at this point - nodding my head and hoping the network works as advertised.

We're awaiting the election results - giving us a name for our treasurer, and the final piece to the ExComm puzzle. Then we can start discussing any appointments we need to make, etc. There's no real concrete plan for anything other than just getting our team in place and getting the mechanics of it organized.

We are consolidating and increasing our Proctor base. Martin Perfit in the Bangor area is now a Proctor, and I will be one soon myself. I do have some others interested in becoming available too and we will keep fostering those interests. I feel that testing, membership, and the resulting 'chatter' is a great thing.

We're discussing a MINI-RG in Maine for the Fall of 2010. This coming Fall is too soon for us to do a good job - and we don't want to have a disappointing event. That being said - we are really coming up with some great ideas for an awesome time. One idea is to have our mini-RG focus always on humor and the absurdity of life. We may focus on that as a recurring theme for Maine's RG's. If we can't laugh at each other, then what's the point? Just some ideas floating around...

Another idea I have had circling in my head is to have Maine Mensa really put an effort and focus on Asperger's syndrome and its place in the fabric of our Mensan experience. Because my grandson has been diagnosed with it, and I have seen how many "Aspy's" are in Mensa, it bears looking into in more depth. I'd like to have some Aspy-friendly testing sessions - any thoughts about this?

It is a very exciting time to be a part of Maine Mensa. If you want to be on

the "Short List" emails, let me know. If you want to make sure your email address is correct so you can at least be on the "Update List", contact me also. Wooooo Hooooooo !!

Anne W. Allen

Maine Mensa Acting Loc Sec

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## RVChat

### Region 1 Vice Chair Lori Norris

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Happy February: Groundhog Day, Valentine's Day, Presidents' Day, spring break and snow, snow and more snow! And of course, the New Hampshire Regional Gathering is being held on Friday, February 13 through Sunday, February 15. New Hampshire throws a heck of a party and I hope to see you there. Check out their website for more information.

The 2008 Mensa Testing Day in October resulted in 1,272 people being tested nationally. Three Region 1 groups were in the top 20 groups with the highest number of prospects tested. Congratulations Greater New York Mensa (#2), Connecticut/Western Mass Mensa (#9), New Hampshire/Maine Mensa (#15) and Boston Mensa (#17). Thanks to all the volunteers who made Testing Day a success across the region.

Know any friends, co-workers, relatives or complete strangers who are interested in qualifying for Mensa through prior evidence review? Mensa is rolling back the prior evidence fee from \$40 to \$25, from now until June 30, 2009. To see a partial list of accepted scores, please go to <http://www.us.mensa.org/scores>.

CultureQuest® XX is approaching. The 2009 CultureQuest® will take place on Sunday, April 19<sup>th</sup>. Check out AML's website for rules and registration forms. Registrations can be made until March 31, 2009. Maybe your local group could make it to the Top 20 and win money for your local group. On April 19<sup>th</sup>, Mensan teams of up to five members gather across the U.S. and Canada for this 90 minute event testing cultural literacy, with questions ranging from film to politics, from literature to geography, music and history.

For advance planning, Mind Games® will be held in Fort Mitchell, Kentucky

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the weekend of April 24 through 26. Ron and I attended Mind Games® in 2007 when it was held in Pittsburgh. We had such a good time. That year there were 59 games to be tested, if I recollect clearly. We were required to play 30 of those games during the weekend and some of the other ones looked good so we played them as well. I don't think I've ever been in a more intense game playing environment. If you're into board games and trying new ones, check this out on the AML website or ask me for more details.

Have you registered for the Pittsburgh AG yet? While the primary hotel is filling up fast, the overflow hotel is less than a ten-minute walk away.

*Lori*

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## RG News



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I hope you will be joining us for the Granite Gathering this year on February 13 - 15 at the Radisson Hotel in Nashua, NH. Our theme this year is: Love Potion '09: a Mix of Magic, Romance, and Fun! There is still time to register - in fact you can register at the door.

Friday night, the Great Crock Pot Cook Off returns - just like magic - and we will have magical cream sodas (creamsicles with vanilla ice cream and old fashioned root beer floats) for dessert. Our ever popular shrimp will appear late in the evening. Pete the Bartender also returns for both Friday and Saturday Night and, as always, there will be films to watch in our movie room all week-end long.

Saturday will feature all the usual delicious goodies (waffles for breakfast, sandwiches on various homemade breads, pasta dinner with assorted homemade sauces, chocolate late in the evening). We have lots of interesting speakers lined up (see website below), as well as a magician and a juggler. We will also bring in a portable planetarium and a Plymouth State University professor will give a show for adults and a show for children. There will be games tournaments for all and a magic tournament in the late afternoon for the kids.

Finally, back by popular demand, the talented Bob Oxford and his friends will be there to entertain us with their music - so if you haven't already registered, please come register at the door and join in on the fun.

You can check out the latest RG news and program on the NH Mensa web page at <http://www.nh.us.mensa.org/rgnews.shtm>.

- Holly Green, 2009 NH RG Chair

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# Gifted, ADD, or Both Part II

by Fran Tishkevich

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Children who are gifted and children with ADD often exhibit similar behaviors. Both possess high activity levels, have difficulty paying attention, experience difficulty persisting on certain tasks, have problems following rules, and often experience academic underachievement.

When these behaviors occur in the classroom, teachers may refer the students for evaluation. The diagnostician will probably use behavior checklists to investigate the possibility of Attention Deficit Disorder. Used alone, the checklists will only indicate that the behavior does, in fact, occur. The checklists will not indicate the cause of the behavior.

The use of many instruments can allow for a finer level of analysis between the two groups and can help distinguish ADD from giftedness. Intelligence tests, achievement and personality tests and parent and teacher rating scales can all help determine the subtle differences between ADD and giftedness in inattention, heightened activity and impulse control.

An individual evaluation allows the evaluator to establish a rapport with the child to get the best effort on the tests. Keeping the test situation constant allows for better comparisons among children. Portions of the intellectual achievement tests will reveal attention problems or learning disabilities. Gifted children who answer impulsively tend to answer correctly, while ADD children who answer impulsively tend to guess incorrectly. Personality tests will show whether emotional problems could be causing the behaviors. Parent and teacher checklists will indicate where the problems occur. Gifted children tend to have attention problems at school but none at home, while ADD children often experience problems in both settings.

Although identifying Giftedness, ADD, or both can be difficult, an accurate identification is important. Misidentification has potentially harmful consequence. If a child's behaviors are perceived as being negative, it is unlikely that he or she will be seen as gifted. That is, once a child is identified as ADD, it may be very difficult to see the behavior in any other way but within that framework.

Gifted childrens' high energy level, perceived inattention, ability to hyperfocus, impulsivity and risk taking behaviors can all be problematic in a traditional school setting. But it is these very attributes that will allow them to be successful in the future.

The consequences of misidentifying a gifted child as ADD are obvious. However, missing the diagnosis of ADD in the gifted child who truly experiences

the disorder is equally deleterious. ADD is a serious medical condition. It significantly impairs daily activities, and can prevent a person from functioning at their fullest potential. While effective treatment options exist, ADD must first be correctly identified.

Research is just beginning into the misidentification of ADD, giftedness and both. Early studies have indicated that counselors in training may not receive the information needed concerning the similarities between gifted children and children with ADD. Due to the harmful impact that either a misdiagnosis of ADD can have on a gifted child, or missing a diagnosis of ADD in a gifted child, obviously, future research should continue to determine what needs to be done to remedy this potential problem.

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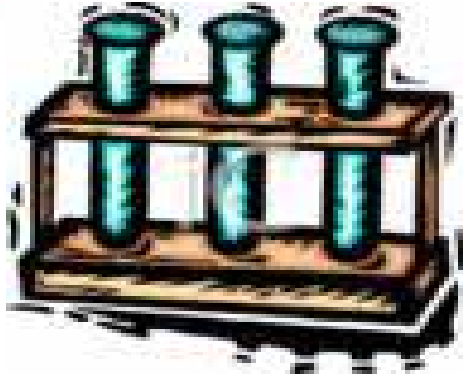


## Announcing the NH/ME Mensa Great Crock Pot Cookoff!!

***Friday Feb. 13th at Love Potion '09 RG***

Bring your 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 [c21elizabeth@consultant.com](mailto:c21elizabeth@consultant.com)



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### The "Music Hospitality" room

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|---------------|----------------------------|----------------|
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| • Banjos      | • Basses                   | • Harps        |
| • Voices!     | • Clarinets                | • Keyboards    |
| • Tambourines | • Maracas                  | • French Horns |
| • Fiddles     | • Saxophones               | • Trumpets     |
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Designed around musical talent and across the hall from the traditional Hospitality Room, the **Music Hospitality** will feature performances by talented Mensans as well as local performers.

We are planning on "Sing Alongs", Solo performers, duos, educational presentations, time set aside for "Just Jammin'" with your friends **and MORE!** To be consider as a featured performer or lecturer, **please contact Bob as soon as possible** (See contact info below).

Basic sound reinforcement equipment (Microphones and such), an electronic drum kit and a 5 octave Keyboard will be provided. So if you play a piano, you don't have to bring your Mason and Hamlin Concert Grand along! If you require any unusual musical instrument that you can't bring yourself, please let Bob know and he'll try to work it out.

Come, enjoy, listen & participate

### The "Music Hospitality" room

**Please bring your instruments!!!**

If you are musically inclined and interested in performing or would like to be a speaker on a musical topic, please contact: **Bob Oxford** at 603-626-3000 or via Email: [BobOxford@Comcast.net](mailto:BobOxford@Comcast.net), as soon as possible!

Check out: <http://nh.us.mensa.org/rgnews.shtm> for Up to the Minute NH RG News!!

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# Upcoming Testing Sessions

## Tell Your Friends!

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Information on testing and prior evidence can be found at [nh.us.mensa.org](http://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                         |
|----------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------------|
| 14, February<br>10:00 a.m. | John Bauman<br>603-883-7494 | Nashua, NH<br>Love Potion '09 RG |
| 18, February<br>7:00 p.m.  | John Bauman<br>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 inside back cover for contact information) for more up-to-date information.

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### 2009 New Hampshire Beer Survey!

*Please ONLY fill out this survey if you're planning to attend the 2009 Mensa RG in New Hampshire, and are 21 or older.*

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

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## Letters & Emails

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To the editor:

The time has come to recognize that Mensa is one of many organizations that compete for intelligent people's time and energy. We aren't going to succeed and grow if we keep on doing the things we've done forever. We also have to decide whether our objective is to achieve artificial goals (like number of people tested, etc.), or whether our goal should be an organization that provides opportunities for intelligent people to enjoy doing things together.

I'm on a number of online networking sites. I'm even "friends" with friends from Mensa on some of them. Why don't we see the disconnect between those sites and our aging organization that's stuck in newsletters and calendars with months long lead times? What do new members think when they see an organization for intelligent people that seems to be unable to move from fifties technology?

I think we need to have some sort of dynamic, online calendar. We can do it through Meetup or any number of other ways. Until we start having problems with undesirables crashing our meetings, there's no reason to worry about "security". Until we can get members to crash our meetings, why worry about the riff-raff?

There are some of us who do active outdoor things that are weather dependent. It's futile to try to schedule that kind of event two months in advance. If we were online, we could schedule or cancel that kind of event on little notice. There are lots of other events that can't be scheduled far in advance. Why can't we include those kinds of events and the kind of people who enjoy them within Mensa?

We like to think of Mensa as inclusive. However, we don't think about the ways we exclude people like ourselves without thinking. Let's work on becoming more like the competition. Maybe if we do there won't be any need for GenX, GenY or other subgroups.

John Lewicke

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## ExComm Meeting for Dec. 2008

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Because of power outages due to the ice storm, the December ExComm meeting was canceled. Any pending business will be picked up at the January meeting.



NH Mensa RG 2009  
February 13th -15<sup>th</sup>

# Love Potion '09

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

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Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

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| 01<br>Deadline<br>for Mar.<br>events                        | 02  | 03  | 04  | 05  | 06<br>Temperance<br>League                    | 07  |
| 08<br>Second<br>Sunday<br>Brunch<br><br>Mid-Maine<br>Dinnah | 09  | 10  | 11  | 12  | 13<br>NH RG!                                  | 14<br>NH RG!  |
| 15<br>NH RG!  | 16  | 17  | 18  | 19  | 20<br>Winnipesupper<br><br>Japanese<br>Dinner | 21<br>Nashua<br>Temp<br>League<br><br>SSSeco-<br>nd Sat.<br>in ME |
| 22<br>VT Sunday<br>Brunch<br><br>FSM/ExC-<br>omm            | 23  | 24  | 25  | 26  | 27<br>M & I                                   | 28  |
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