

# **MOMENTUM**

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**Happy New Year!**

# Bauman's Quiver

*NH/ME LocSec John Bauman*

Sitting here on Pearl Harbor day, I have just come in from a little recreational snow shoveling and will take a crack at the newsletter now. I hope that everyone was not caught too unprepared for this latest Nor'easter - looks like Massachusetts took the brunt of it. I am still savoring the latest win by Navy over the Black Knights of the Hudson. I would imagine that Army is rethinking their decision to have a late addition to the schedule, as they managed to set a new NCAA record for futility, going 0 for 13 on the year. Neither of the academies have a lot of their self-esteem wrapped up in how well their football teams play, but it is nice to win, better to be going to a bowl game, and best of all to have the Commander-in-Chief Trophy back in Bancroft Hall after too long an absence. Hopefully the Patriots will be able to get their game in against Miami today; they seem to be on a roll, as well. And with the recent addition of Curt Schilling to the Red Sox, I guess that we all know what we will be doing in October during this upcoming year. As I stated a few months ago, if you are not a sports fan, I pity you.

I am going to jump the gun on the Excomm minutes to announce a few new officers who will have been elected by the time that you read this. Katie Manthey has at long last been relieved as Treasurer of NH Mensa after a run of 17 years. We owe her a debt of gratitude for all of her efforts over the years. She set the standard as the officer holding the same position for the longest continuous period. She has been replaced by Darlene Alleman, who has stepped down from her position as Assistant Local Secretary. Taking over that vacated position will be a member new to the Excomm, Walter Wakefield. Bromley Baril has agreed to be the Membership Officer, so at this point the only vacancies are the perpetually unmanned position of Programming Coordinator and the position of Proctor/Testing Coordinator. I have issued an appeal over the last couple of months to have someone make themselves known in order to fill this critical position. We cannot go on much longer without this position being filled. Please - someone step up.

Walter Wakefield has offered the use of a parking facility for the continued storage of the RG trailer, so that subject is no longer a point of contention. There are, to my knowledge, still a couple of volunteer spots needing to be filled to have the full complement of RG personnel. Anyone having the itch to get involved please check the RG portion of the website, or contact either of the RG co-chairs. By the time that you have this in your hands, there should still be a few days left in December; so if you have not registered for the RG yet, do so by the 31st to take advantage of the last price break. Also, please consider attending the Banquet on Saturday - we need to have 50 people attend to receive the best deal from the hotel.

On the other hand, since this *is* the January column, the holidays may have passed by the time that you are reading this. Therefore, I trust that everyone will have had a pleasant holiday season, hopefully with family and friends gathered nearby. Here is hoping for another great year in Mensa, with continued influx of new members and promises of an ever-expanding calendar. The RG is shaping up nicely, with some of the old favorite events and some surprises in store. Happy New Year to us all and

**BEAT TEXAS TECH.**

*2 Momentum*

# What's Cooking in Region 1

*Region 1 Vice Chair  
Marghretta McBean*

As I write this, snow flurries whirl about outside and New York City is enrobed in a beautiful white coat. Yesterday evening I went ice skating in a Central Park that looked like a fairy tale setting. What a winter wonderland!

Two weeks ago I spent a fantastic weekend at Boston Mensa's Pilgrimage RG. Kudos to all for a well-run, fun and interesting gathering! Special mention should be given to Rick Kovalcik, who orchestrated Hospitality to Olympian heights, and Lisa Maxwell, Registrar Extraordinaire. (See some photos at Region 1's website: <http://region1.us.mensa.org/boston2003.html>). I learned why galaxies form a spiral shape from Dr. Harry Ringermacher, who used Einstein's relativity equations to posit galaxy formation. "Doc Harry" is the 2003 winner of Mensa's Copper Black Award, given to Mensans (he's from Mensa of Northeast New York) who have made significant scientific accomplishments.

## *THE LDW IS COMING!*

Are you executive material? Looking for a mentor? Would you like to learn how to prepare yourself for holding office in (and outside of) Mensa? A Leadership Development Workshop will be held 2-4 April 2004, hosted by Connecticut & Western Massachusetts Mensa. I would like at least two members from each group to attend this important event. RVC funds can be made available for those with limited finances. More info next month.

## *Getting There is (Not) Half the Fun*

I have traveled to about a half dozen Mensa gatherings this year, with varying degrees of ease. I do not drive. Public transportation is how I get from here to there. I rely on the travel instructions included (or not) in the event announcement. This has proven to be frustrating (locations that were nowhere near public transportation) and dangerous (inaccurate directions had me crossing a 6-lane highway at night). When planning an event, it helps to try to include the widest possible audience. Offer several methods of travel; don't assume everyone knows how the area. Ask hotel staff and locals for routes, and then have someone actually follow them. If a location is accessible to only those with cars, then think about including carpooling in the event invitation. The easier it is to get somewhere, the more people will go. Attendance numbers will increase! New faces will appear!

## *Proxy Talk*

If you haven't yet voted, please do so. There is a postcard insert in the December Bulletin, and you can vote online at <http://proxy.us.mensa.org>.

In chronological order: Happy Hanukkah, Good Yule, Merry Christmas, Auld Lang Syne and best wishes for 2004! Here's a Swedish answer to cold weather:

## GLÖGG

1 ½ cups red wine

1 ½ cups port

1 ½ cups vodka

6 pods green cardamom

4 cloves

Orange peel (from 1 orange)

1-2 sticks cinnamon

Combine in a non-reactive pot. Gently warm, without boiling, over low heat. Allow glögg to simmer at least 20 minutes (the longer the better). Serve with a few shaved almonds and brown raisins.



## **Ski SIG Trip January 30 to February 8, 2004**

The Ski SIG of American Mensa invites Mensa members worldwide to join us for a weekend or two or even a full week of snow skiing in the beautiful Sierra Nevada Mountains around Lake Tahoe, California. For details see <http://lists.us.mensa.org/mailman/listinfo/skisig-announce> or contact John Adams, [SkiSIGTrip2004@ski.us.mensa.org](mailto:SkiSIGTrip2004@ski.us.mensa.org), (713) 666-9277, 8211 Fairhope Place, Houston, TX 77025-3201.

## **Snowball XXX Nice 'n' Naughty March 5 - 7, 2004**

Central New Jersey Mensa's Snowball RG is being held once again at the Four Points Barcelo Sheraton Hotel in Piscataway, New Jersey. For details, go to <http://www.cnj.us.mensa.org/> or contact "Uncle" Frank Zollner, Chairman of Snowball XXX, at (732) 251-1277 or [unclfrnk@optonline.net](mailto:unclfrnk@optonline.net). Snowball's Registrar is Andrea Gallini Giarnieri, 632 Salem Avenue, Apartment 501, Elizabeth, NJ 07208, (908) 351-1583, [andreaabgg@aol.com](mailto:andreaabgg@aol.com).

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

*John Grover*  
*Jgrover@berk.com*

Well folks, this column is for the empty nesters and the otherwise socially challenged (We are the former and a bit of the latter.). I would like to introduce you to a wonderful wine from South Africa and to an easy and sensible approach to cooking. And, I will guarantee you that nothing could be easier for those who are challenged in the culinary sense.

The wine is a 2002 Cabernet Sauvignon from Excelsior Estate Winery operated by the De Wet family since 1859. This wine is a rich, juicy and fruit filled find. The taste of blackberries and plums dances across the tongue; and, the aroma storms the senses. Its \$8 a bottle price continues to amaze me. This is the best bottle of wine for under \$10 a bottle that I have tasted this year.

The recipe for this month is a new take on an old style of cooking. The Boss went out and purchased a small 1 ½ quart crock-pot. The resulting serving size is just right for two aging Baby Boomers.

**Swiss Steak**

*(from the recipes in the Rival owner's guide for the Crock-Pot slow cooker)*

- ½ lb. round, cubed or Swiss steak      1 can (8 oz.) tomato sauce
- 1 medium onion, sliced                      Salt and ground pepper to taste

Cut round steak in half; season with salt and pepper. Place onion slices in bottom of Crock-Pot. Place meat on top of onion. Pour tomato sauce over all. Cover and cook 8 to 10 hours (6 to 7 hours if the steak has been cubed or Swiss'd {What does that mean? It means that it has been tenderized by various forms of physical violence.}). This produces a flavorful dish that serves 2 persons.

**\$\$\$ Announcing: M-vestor! \$\$\$**

M-vestor is a new group formed to exchange and discuss investment possibilities. M-vestor meets at 5:30 p.m. on the first Friday of every month at Milly's Tavern in Manchester, prior to Temperance League. Feel free to arrive whenever you can; the group will morph into Temperance League around 7:00 p.m. For more information, contact Bill Watson at (978) 433-8659 or [bill@betweenwaters.com](mailto:bill@betweenwaters.com).

# Executive Committee Meeting – 20 November 2003

Submitted by Charles Bouchard

Officers Present: John Bauman, Katie Manthey, Bill Alleman,  
Tom Shiel, Charles Bouchard

Members Present: Eric Werme, John Lewicke, Walter Wakefield, Ann Majeske

The meeting was called to order at 8:40 p.m.

Item	Status	Started	Description
1.01	Old	9-20-03	Laurie Levesque will no longer be Proctor Coordinator after December 2003. Bromley Baril may consider accepting this position once vacated.
1.02	Old	9-20-03	Katie Manthey has indicated a desire to offer for election the position of treasurer, which she currently holds.  Walter Wakefield is inclined to accept the position pending a review of the records.
1.03	Old	9-20-03	Ann Majeske offered to be a Member-at-Large if needed.
2.01	Old	10-23-03	John Bauman reported that NH Mensa now has 441 members, of which eleven are Young Mensans, a net gain of fifteen.
2.02	Old	10-23-03	The Committee has voted in favor of purchasing a laptop. Bill Alleman has been tasked to investigate and make the purchase.  A new laptop has been purchased.
2.03	Old	10-23-03	Eric Werme has developed a lead on the acquisition of a new labeler through the Shriners for a donation of \$250.00. The motion presented has been passed; Ric Werme will finalize the transaction.
2.04	Old	10-23-03	John Sheehan has been elected to the position of Public Relations.
2.05	Old	10-23-03	John McGondel is in contact with Southern NH University regarding scholarships, testing, and recruitment of young Mensans with favorable results. Further developments are pending.

- 2.06 Old 10-23-03 John McGondel has scheduled a meeting with representatives from the Austin Preparatory School to develop a framework regarding scholarships, testing, and recruitment of young Mensans.
- 3.01 New 11-20-03 John Bauman reported that NH Mensa now has 449 members, a net gain of eight.
- 3.02 New 11-20-03 John Bauman has been designated by National for the collection of proxy votes.
- 3.03 New 11-20-03 Eric Werme raised various minor issues related to the RG.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

## **Business Meeting – 20 November 2003**

### **Submitted by Charles Bouchard**

Officers Present: John Bauman, Katie Manthey, Bill Alleman,  
Tom Shiel, Charles Bouchard

Members Present: Eric Werme, John Lewicke, Walter Wakefield, Ann Majeske

The meeting was called to order at 9:46 p.m.

- 3.01 New 11-20-03 No new business issues were raised.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:47 p.m.

### ***Cats and Cradles***

**by John McGondel 2003**

The car barely slowed down as the driver's door opened and a small bag was tossed out; the bag made no noise as it tumbled across the wet pavement and came to rest against a dumpster. The dumpster was at the entrance to an alley, and the alley was strewn with debris and garbage which had accumulated over the previous few weeks.

As the car accelerated and sped off, the bag began to slowly move, as if it had a life of its own. The confused wino, who had been half asleep near the dumpster, looked at the bag and wetted his lips, in silent anticipation of the prospect of a free drink. He began to reach for the bag and quickly pulled his hand back as a furry little head poked itself out from the bag. The furry little head was followed by the body of a small, fuzzy kitten, and the wino rose to his feet and stumbled off down toward the back of the alley.

The tiny little kitten looked around, and began mewling in a sad, mournful voice. She had never been away from her mother and had never been this cold and hungry before. But there was no one to comfort the small furry kitten, so she began walking in her awkward fashion toward the light of the street. About ten feet from the dumpster, a large, mangy old alley cat was ready to pounce upon the poor unsuspecting kitten, but was scared away by two young people who were walking by holding hands and laughing. The kitten recognized the sound of laughter and was drawn to it, tripping and crawling behind the couple, oblivious to its escaped danger. The couple walked too quickly and the kitten was unable to keep up, until she finally had to pause for a rest on the cold, wet, windy, dark, and menacing streets of the large city.

Cars roared by, scaring the kitten. People walked by hurriedly, and ignored the little creature's plaintive cries for comfort. The streets of the world were unfriendly and scary to such a small fuzzy kitten, and the kitten began walking again, with no idea of where to find safety and warmth. As the kitten passed a store's doorway, it heard gales of laughter, and paused to peer in through the smoke-stained glass of the floor-to-ceiling windows. People were inside, and a bright, warm fire was in the corner. But not for the poor, little, frightened, and half-frozen kitten.

The kitten walked on. As she passed another alley, a huge and fierce barking dog lunged at it, but the kitten escaped when another ferocious dog attacked the first one. Tired, hungry, and terrified, the kitten stepped out into the street, and heard a most horrifying noise as a car screamed to a braking halt beside it. The door to the car opened and a large man got out and approached the kitten, who began to run as she had never run before in her short young life. As it grew darker and colder, the little kitten became less and less hopeful of ever finding comfort, until she finally just sat on the sidewalk and mewed her unhappiness to the world around her. She had picked a piece of stair to sit against, and there were more stairs above the one she sat at. Suddenly she heard voices coming from up above the stairs, and a light shined down upon her.

The kitten summoned all of her strength and climbed up over that bottom step. The voices were louder, and she climbed up over another step. Then, with every ounce of energy left in her poor, exhausted, half-frozen body, she climbed over the top step and looked toward the light. She saw a lot of people, more than she had ever seen before, all looking away from the kitten. What they were looking at she could not see, so she began to walk toward where they were all facing. As the kitten walked past the first rows of people, they turned and sang less loudly, staring at the tiny little half-dead animal walking past them. Row after row watched and fell silent as the kitten made its way toward the altar in the front of the church.

Once at the front of the aisles, the little kitten sat down, feeling for the first time that evening warm and safe. The minister looked down at the kitten and stopped his Christmas Eve sermon. Everyone was silent, as the kitten curled up and went to sleep, purring contentedly. The minister looked at his flock, and had no words, as the scene spoke volumes by itself. Then a little girl with long brown curls got up and walked slowly to where the kitten lay sleeping peacefully. The girl took her bonnet from her head and lifted the dozing kitten, putting it gently into the hat. Everyone stayed silent, as the girl walked back to her father and asked him if she could keep the little kitten for a pet.

Before all the watering eyes of the community, the father wept and said yes. The minister wiped the tears from his eyes and spoke to his flock, and these were the words he said: "In a town on the other side of the world, over two thousand years ago, on this same night, there were two people seeking comfort from the elements, but no comfort was to be found. Tonight, we have been blessed with being able to watch a repeat of that same miracle, right here before our eyes. This, my friends, is what Christmas is really about. This is the miracle of which we have studied."

He then went on to ask of the young girl's father: "What is your child's name, that we may thank her for delivering this timely message to us?" The father replied: "Eileen", to which the minister proclaimed: "Eileen, I have been trying to bring the spirit of the Lord to you all, but it is you who have brought Him to me."

The minister then led his flock in a hymn, after which they all began to file joyously out. Little Eileen had tucked the small, little fuzzy kitten into a doll carriage she had been allowed to push to the church, and with her arm held by her eight year old friend Tommy, she walked through the churchgoers out into the darkness, knowing that both she and the kitten would never be afraid of the darkness again.

Happy Holidays, all...

The Countdown has  
begun! Are you ready  
to Rock On? ...

# An RG That Was

Lynn Pina

I attended my first Mensa Regional Gathering - Boston Mensa's Pilgrimage 2001, "An RG to Die For," in Danvers, Mass. - not knowing what to expect. In a nutshell, it was like what I'd imagine a Star Trek convention to be, only smaller and without all the costumes. The atmosphere was friendly, silly, and I had a great time.

Upon arrival, I was presented with the issue of hugging protocol. I discovered that, unless you have a red dot ("Don't hug me") or yellow dot ("Ask before you hug me") attached to your name tag, someone will approach to hug you. There was a lot of affection going on in general — hugging, back rubs, and reunions among friends. If I had needed a hug, I wouldn't have had to ask twice.

I wandered around after registering to check out the hospitality room, children's room, the two rooms for events or movies, and the two game rooms (smoking and nonsmoking). The nonsmoking game room was always packed during the weekend — I ended up spending more time in the smoking room just due to lack of table space. The board games afford a great bonding experience and I encourage first timers to participate. Members go out of their way to make newcomers feel welcome, and, since every local group has their own customs and favorite games, it's expected that most people are unfamiliar with the rules. The game experience then centers on the exchange of puns, jokes, and socializing instead of winning, and game playing is a great icebreaker for those who don't know anyone there. Over the course of two nights, I learned how to successfully build transcontinental railroads, run amok in a gun-toting department store shopping spree, and build a retail business dealing in the exchange of human body parts.

Food was everywhere! I'm told the Boston RG is an event known for the abundance of food, and I shouldn't necessarily base my expectations of other events on what I experienced here. The hospitality room was continually stocked with large coolers of soda, water and beer. There was the chocolate orgy on Friday night - a display of all things chocolate from candies to cakes and ice cream - and the cocktail shrimp fest on Saturday night. An open bar, Irish coffee time, and snacks (cheese and crackers, potato chips, veggies and dip, pretzels, etc. available throughout the dinner hours) were offered both nights. Saturday's lunch was Italian fare - hot plates of lasagna and ziti (with or without meatballs), and breakfast both days was continental fare of bagels, donuts and other assorted items. Hospitality Chairs Rick Kovalcik and Susan Mozzicato were everywhere, making certain nothing ran short.

I spent more time socializing and game playing than attending workshops, but "Underwater Archeology", "Beginning Tarot", and "Sexy Fishbowl Forum" were originally on my list. I wandered into the massage workshop, lost nerve, and wandered right back out into the "Murder, Death and Other Light Comedy" gathering. After a few laughs, I left early to attend the wine tasting event, where I most appreciatively received a condensed education in cabernet sauvignon. Photos from the RG can be found online at <http://birchmire.com/Pilgrimage2001.htm>.

Two great refuges from chaos were available most of the weekend - the dark, quiet theater room and the lobby area on the second floor. Movies including "Diamonds", "Chocolat", and "Field of Dreams" played when children's fare wasn't being offered. The lobby area was my favorite — full of inviting cushioned seats where people lounged with their drinks and listened to the music of "Sherry Wescott and Friends". The organized event was the Bluegrass Open Session, but they played a variety of pieces, and I kept drifting back to listen.

The New Hampshire Mensa Granite Gathering ("Rock On, Old Man") will be held February 20 through 24, 2004 at the Center of New Hampshire in Manchester. Details can be found at <http://www.nh.us.mensa.org/rgnews.shtm>. I encourage closet Mensans and new members to take this opportunity to get to know fellow Mensans and have a lot of fun at their first RG, just as I did.

Like most of Mensa, an RG is many things to many people. However, for almost everyone, the scheduled events are only one part of an RG. The opportunities to meet kindred people and pursue discussions and activities either on the schedule or not are the most important part of an RG.

The scheduled events are chosen to appeal to a wide range of Mensans. Some of the events may sound wonderful. On the other hand one might question the wisdom or propriety of others. You get to choose which events are worth attending, and you also have the choice of attending another event, or being involved in something that wasn't scheduled that you and others invent on the spur of the moment. No one has to participate in any scheduled or unscheduled event if he or she doesn't want to.

Action central is "hospitality." Hospitality is a pair of large rooms (non-smoking and smoking). Some events are held in the hospitality rooms. The hospitality rooms are always open with beverages and food available. As late as I've been able to stay up, and as early as I've been able to get up, there have always been multiple discussions in hospitality on any subject you'd care to name. You can always feel free to sit down and join in a discussion. You can also feel free to walk away from any discussion that doesn't interest you, or with which you feel uncomfortable. Some of the discussions may be rather loud and emotional. There will also be others that are much quieter. You get to decide for yourself which is more interesting.

There are smoking and non-smoking rooms dedicated to playing games and to tournaments. A large selection of games is available. Just because you don't see someone playing a game that you like doesn't mean that the game isn't available, or that no one else is interested in playing. If you'd like to play a game let people know, either by putting up a notice, or by using your lung-powered public address system.

There is a room for children. There are games and activities for children scheduled at various times. Children and their parents may make use of the room during the other (mostly daylight and early evening hours) that the room is open. Children are welcome in most of the other areas including speakers, hospitality, games, etc. There are likely to be some activities that aren't suitable for children, or where children's presence would make adults uncomfortable. These activities are reserved for adults (over 18), and those who aren't considered adults will be unwelcome (whether or not they are accompanied by a parent).

Speakers and scheduled events are most of what you'll read about in the publicity material for an RG. The organizers have worked hard to come up with a wide variety of interesting speakers who have in-depth knowledge and a passion for their subject. Often there is a talk followed by interaction with the audience. Some of the sessions are interactive throughout with a leader providing guidance. The descriptions on the schedule tell what, when and where for each of the speakers.

There is a movie room where there will be movies on a large screen or projection TV. Check the schedule for something you've missed, or would like to see again.

There are a number of traditional but less formal events that never get any publicity, but always seem to occur. HallSIG is discussions of various sorts in the hallway. It's favored by people who aren't that fond of chairs, tables or shoes. The actual discussions may or may not be as interesting as those in hospitality. DSIG (adults only) consists of more adult discussions and activities. DSIG is usually in a separate room, and usually doesn't really get going until late evening.

Some people try to fill every possible minute with scheduled and non-scheduled events. Personally, I try to find an hour or so in the afternoon when there isn't anything that particularly interests me, and take a nap. After that, I can keep up until all hours. Other people want to stick to their regular schedule, and manage to do so without missing anything they want to be involved in.

In addition to the food available in hospitality, there are usually meals catered by the hotel. This year the hotel will offer an all-you-can-eat buffet on Saturday night. Some people organize trips to nearby restaurants for Friday dinner and other meals. There may be sign-up sheets for some of these.

It is not unusual for some Mensans to focus on a single interest. Sometimes they have trouble recognizing that their interest isn't shared by everyone present. There may be times when you've had enough of a particular conversation or subject, but want to avoid the appearance of rudeness. One way to exit gracefully is to read a passerby's name from their nametag, and accost them as if they were a long-lost friend. This gives the opportunity to exit gracefully, and perhaps make a new acquaintance.

***Granite Gathering: Rock On, Old Man!***  
***February 20-22, 2004***  
***Center of NH, Manchester***

Keep up with the latest news on the RG at <http://www.nh.mensa.org/rgnews.shtm>.  
Sign up before 1/29/04 to guarantee your Mensa room rate!

**Never Been to an RG Before? Never Been to a Mensa Event Before?  
Then What Are You Waiting For? WE NEED HELP!**

This year, we really want to involve you new folks - we know where you are because we've been there ourselves when we first joined Mensa. If you've never been to a Mensa event, or an RG, or have never volunteered, here's your chance this year! There is nothing like being part of the volunteer team to get you into the heart of things instantly. Don't let the fact that you'd know no one keep you away - come help us and we will guarantee that you know at least five new friendly people before Registration opens that Friday! We'll put you to light work, you'll have fun, and there's no better icebreaker than being a volunteer on a team along with the great regulars from previous years. Our friendly switchboard operators are waiting to take your call! Email the RG Chairs, Lynn and John, at [RGChair@nh.us.mensa.org](mailto:RGChair@nh.us.mensa.org) to sign up NOW!

**Here Are Positions/Areas Where We REALLY Need Help!**

Gifted Children's Room:	Parents to share supervising/covering
Best Hawaiian Shirt Contest:	Judges/MCs/Entrants
Wet T-Shirt Contest:	Judges/MCs/Someone to hold the fan!
Wet T-Shirt Contest:	Entrants (male only, please!)
How Many Mensans Can You Fit into a 10XL T-shirt Contest:	Judges/MCs/Entrants
Best Hugs Contest:	Secret Judges
Libertarian/Liberal Debate:	Timekeeper/Moderator/the LIBERAL proponent!
Something Better than Fishbowl:	Moderator
New Member Mentors:	Volunteers
RG Primer Volunteer:	We need 1 more person
Adult/Children Egg Spoon Race:	Coordinator/Timekeeper/Entrants
Speaker Escorts (2-3), and Gofers	

We need **BAKERS!** Lots of BAKERS of things for the Like Water for Chocolate Orgy! We also need folks to volunteer to bake bread, cookies and non-chocolate things as well. Contact Hospitality Chair Sue Barnes at [Sbspdisp@aol.com](mailto:Sbspdisp@aol.com).

We have other areas where we need help that evolve daily - just ask us or suggest your own duty!

**Here Are the Primary Positions/Areas Where People Have Volunteered!**

(there's lots more to do, so don't give up hope for glory just because some weasel already grabbed your forte...)

RG Chairs:	Lynn Pina, John Lewicke	Beermeister:	Bill Alleman
Registrar:	Deb Stone	Icemaster:	Jim Barnes
Programming Chair:	Lynn Pina	Mensa Test Proctor:	Empty
Hospitality Chair:	Sue Barnes	Youth Coordinator/Gopher:	Ben Thompson
Games Chair:	Darlene Alleman		

# Calendar of Events

## January 2004

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>December 28</b> 12:30 pm Fouth Sunday Lunch	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> 10:00 am M-trepreneur SIG	<b>31</b> 7:00 pm New Year's Eve Gala	<b>January 1</b> 5:00 pm Dinner and Film  <i>New                      Year's Day</i>	<b>2</b> 5:30 pm M-Vestor  7:00 pm Temperance League	<b>3</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> 10:00 am M-trepreneur SIG	<b>7</b> 7:00 pm Mensa Testing in Nashua	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> 3:00 pm Central Maine Meet and Munch  5:00 pm Second Saturday Supper
<b>11</b> 10:30 am Second Sunday Brunch Bunch  5:30 pm Portland Dinner	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> 10:00 am M-trepreneur SIG	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> 7:00 pm FSM/ExComm	<b>16</b> 7:00 pm Nashua Area Temperance League	<b>17</b> 10:30 am Mensa Testing in Weare
<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>  <i>Martin                      Luther                      King, Jr.                      Day</i>	<b>20</b> 10:00 am M-trepreneur SIG	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> 6:30 pm Appetite for Discussion	<b>24</b>
<b>25</b> 12:30 pm Fouth Sunday Lunch	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> 10:00 am M-trepreneur SIG	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>

### *Plan Ahead!*

- 2/3:** Lecture: Spies in Time, Concord, N.H.  
**2/8:** Sunday Brunch at Putnam's Waterview Restaurant, Goffstown, N.H.  
**2/20-22:** Rock On, Old Man! The Granite Gathering RG, Manchester, N.H.

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