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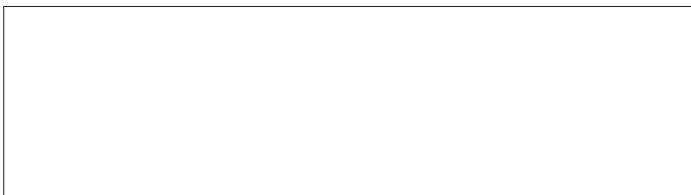
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# Bauman's Quiver

NH/ME LocSec John Bauman

With the RG just weeks away, I am sure that everyone has begun the process of rummaging through the backs of their closets to find that prime example of a Hawaiian aloha shirt, right?? If you are saying to yourself, “*What the hell is he talking about?*” shame on you. This year the RG is going tropical, mon, and one of the defining events is going to be the Hawaiian shirt contest. (Just to teach us all a lesson, the weather will probably be frigid that weekend, just like two years ago, and we'll be shivering together, wondering who had the brilliant idea of trying to replicate tropical climes in New Hampshire in February). The price breaks have expired for registration, the room rate is guaranteed only until 29 JAN 04, so if you have procrastinated until now, it might be advisable to secure your rooms first, since that is the only real deadline left. As a convenience to help the people running the RG, please continue to register with Deb Stone via e-mail; it will cut down on the congestion in the hallway and speed up the process of checking in at the Registration table. Plus, we can ensure that your nametag is painstakingly fashioned, by the team of award-winning artisans secured for that very purpose, in a controlled and reverent manner, instead of being slapped down by hand with a marker while you bend over and make a back for the person at Registration. Keep in mind that Deb lives in California, so if you have not mailed her a check yet, be aware that the deadline for mailing is 06 FEB 04. See the RG pages enclosed elsewhere in this issue for details, or check the RG section of the website. And, as always, if you are in a volunteering mood, see the list of vacant positions that I am sure still exist and then contact either Lynn Pina or John Lewicke to offer your services.

The local chapter By-laws mandate that we hold elections in even years, so there is an explanation of the elected officer positions located in this issue, along with the mechanics of placing a nomination before the Election Committee. Just to underline this one point, you **cannot** nominate yourself; you must come up with three other stalwarts to present your name to the Committee.

As a preview of coming events, the members of the Executive Committee are in the process of putting together a survey to poll the membership as to their views on the current state of NH Mensa. Along with taking the temperature of things now, we also want to elicit recommendations as to what the future course should be. The hope had been to have that survey included in this copy of Momentum, to be mailed in conjunction with the RG. We are moving cautiously in the formulation of this document, but my hope is to at least have a stack of the surveys on hand at the RG in order to give participants a headstart on proffering their input. If you cannot make the commitment to the group by volunteering to fill one of the offices that have been established by the local group charter, at least make the commitment to filling out the survey so that we can know what the silent majority desires.

This month's installment of my continuing appeal for volunteers will change from its usual content. We have had two people step forward to voice interest in the vacant Testing/Proctor Coordinator position. The ExComm has not had a chance to consider the potential appointees, but hopefully, we will at long last have the position filled by this time next month. My emphasis this month is directed specifically to the Maine

members. Ann Kucera has been filling the post of Gifted Children Coordinator for Maine for quite some time and has recently made it known that she needs relief. Per the By-laws, the GCC maintains and updates resource files for gifted children, their parents and their teachers. Ann has all this material assembled currently and will help transition her replacement into the position. As currently constituted in NH Mensa, there is very little contact between GCCs and young Mensa membership. That falls under the purview of the Young Mensa Coordinator, which is still a rather nascent program. If anyone in Maine will take over this position, I am sure that it will guarantee entrance into Mensan heaven.

Seeing that it is an election year, nationally as well as Mensa, please be sure to vote for the candidate of your choice in the upcoming primary. We take great pride in New Hampshire as being one of the first states holding a primary, so please don't squander the opportunity. If you are unhappy with who shows up on the ballot in November, you have no one to blame but yourself. And remember – vote early and often. Peace.

## **New Hampshire Mensa Elections - 2004**

**W**ell, it's that time again, and we're not talking Howdy Doody time. *It's NH Mensa election time!* The By-laws of our chapter require that elections be held in even years, and that notice be given to all members that nominations are open for the elected officer positions described below. The term of office will be from Spring 2004 to Spring 2006.

"How does this affect me?" you ask. Well, that's simple: your help is needed as an elected officer of this group. Here's how you can get involved:

1. Read the descriptions below and decide which office most appeals to you.
2. Contact three other members of NH Mensa to put forward your name in nomination to the Election Committee, or if that is not feasible, contact a member of the Election Committee directly.
3. If neither of the modalities in Step 2 are possible, attend the Special Business Meeting that will be held at the close of the RG (1:30pm) on 22 FEB 04. You do not have to attend the RG as a paying participant in order to attend the Special Business Meeting convened specifically for the purpose of nominations - just show up at the RG hotel and look for the signs at RG registration for the meeting location. Nominations will be closed at that Business Meeting, per By-law, so don't delay!

A nomination consists of three members in good standing supporting a candidate and acceptance of the nomination by the candidate. Nominations made by petition to the Election Committee shall include the signatures and member numbers of the petitioners and of the candidate accepting nomination. Petitions should be mailed to the Election Committee at New Hampshire Mensa, P.O. Box 7998, Nashua, NH 03060-7998. For nominations at the Special Business Meeting, as in Step 3 above, both the supporters and the candidate must be present to make and accept the nomination, respectively. Members of this year's Election Committee are:

**Lance Ribeiro**  
**Jayne Britton**  
**Sue Barnes**

Email them at [ElectComm@nh.us.mensa.org](mailto:ElectComm@nh.us.mensa.org) to start making a difference!

### **Elected Officer Duties**

The descriptions below are versions of what can be found in our By-laws. They have been edited slightly to remove the formal, legalistic phrasing. If you wish to see the By-laws in full, refer either to your Member's Handbook included in the center of your FEB 2003 Momentum or to the online version on our website.

The **Local Secretary** acts as our chapter president and administers the business of NH Mensa in accord with our By-laws and the principles of American Mensa. Official duties involve: presiding at ExComm and business meetings, acting as the primary point of contact between AML and our local group, notifying the National Office within two weeks of the results of elections and of any changes in the officers of the local group.

The **Assistant Local Secretary** performs the duties of the LocSec during his absence or disability. Other than that, the Assistant LocSec attends ExComm and business meetings, provides input on decisions, and may volunteer to take on small tasks to help out the LocSec.

The **Secretary** attends ExComm and business meetings, records the minutes, and subsequently types and submits them to the newsletter editor for publication.

The **Treasurer** acts as custodian of NH Mensa funds by handling deposits, paying bills/reimbursements, maintaining financial/administrative records for the group, sending quarterly bank and financial statements to the LocSec, and reporting in the newsletter semi-annually the income, expenses, and balances for all funds controlled by our group (including for the RG, scholarship program, newsletter, etc). According to the By-laws, the Treasurer also performs the duties of Assistant LocSec during his absence or disability.

NH Mensa has four **Members-at-Large** on the ExComm. They serve our group by attending the monthly meeting, providing advice and consent. They may also fulfill other duties appointed to them by the ExComm. Their value is in providing their own perspectives on business discussed at ExComm meetings.

Our last pitch... Keep in mind that ALL positions are open for nominations. We currently have (almost) a full slate, but if your New Year's resolution was to take on a more active role in your Mensa membership, why not start at the top? Walter Wakefield has been the Assistant LocSec less than 30 days and Darlene Alleman is such a new Treasurer that she has not yet effected the pass-down from her predecessor. It might be prudent to let those folks get acclimated to their new jobs before you try to claim their office, but there is nothing to prevent you from getting nominated for that very purpose. You need not have prior experience in a Mensa position to volunteer. New members have plenty to offer this group and often an infusion of new perspective is exactly what is called for. If you check the slate of officers on the back cover, you might see that a lot of current volunteers are doubling or tripling up on jobs. Please consider relieving them of some of their extra jobs and contact the Election Committee.

## What's Cooking in Region 1

*Region 1 Vice Chair  
Marghretta McBean*

**H**appy 2004! Happy Year of the Monkey! May happiness, good health and fortune be with you and yours!

I haven't fully recovered from the grueling trip to New Orleans for the last American Mensa Committee (the AMC is the board of directors for American Mensa) meeting, December 11-14. Going down, rain delayed my flight two hours. Coming back, snow and then rain made the four-hour trip stretch to thirteen hours. I arrived home at 2 a.m. to 4 inches of water on my kitchen floor: water had collected on the roof, found a weak spot in my ceiling and poured through. The good news is that my ceiling is now freshly plastered, and I will be getting a new kitchen floor.

I did get a little time to walk around the French Quarter, which is as pretty and mysterious as the novels describe it. The AMC meeting spanned almost 12 hours. As they say in diplomatic circles, there were several frank exchanges of opinion. One item of immediate interest is the fact that American Mensa is suing Carlton Books Ltd. (publisher of those Mensa quiz books) for alleged trademark and license infringement. American Mensa believes that Carlton has been using the Mensa name in Great Britain without paying the appropriate fees. This suit will also impact the 2004-5 budget. I created an Adobe .pdf file of the court filing which can be seen (and downloaded) at <http://region1.us.mensa.org/AMLvsCarltonBooksLtd.pdf>.

## LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOP UPDATE

In addition to topics like "Getting Involved at the Regional or National Level", and "From Agenda to Zany: Fast, Effective Business Meetings," Dr. Deborah Ruf, the National Gifted Children Coordinator, has graciously offered to lead a Gifted Children track. This will be of special interest to not only Gifted Children Coordinators, but to parents of gifted children and to gifted children themselves. Another national luminary, Dr. Jean Becker, the president of American Mensa, will also be presenting.

### PROXYQUEST

If you haven't yet voted, please do so. You can vote online at <http://proxy.us.mensa.org>.

Cold weather needs something hot to warm you up (it's 1°F as I write this). Here are two spice mixtures from Africa that will give your meals some heat. Berbere is the national spice mix of Ethiopia. Like curry to Indians, there are many versions. Tabil is the national spice mix of Tunisia. It is especially nice on steamed vegetables.

### BERBERE

1 ½ Tbl. chili powder  
2 Tbl. Paprika  
1 Tbl. onion powder  
1 tsp. garlic powder  
1 tsp. Basil  
½ tsp. ground ginger  
¼ tsp. black pepper  
1/8 tsp. each (all ground): cloves, cinnamon, cardamom, nutmeg, allspice, cumin, fenugreek and turmeric

Mix together and store in an airtight container.

### TABIL

1Tbl. ground coriander seeds  
1 tsp. ground caraway seeds  
¼ tsp. garlic powder  
1/8 tsp. chili powder

Use a coffee mill (or mortar and pestle) to grind the seeds. Mix ingredients and store in airtight container.

**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.

**Beat the Midwinter Blahs Party**  
**Northern New Jersey Mensa**  
**February 29, 2004**

The Midwinter Blahs Are Here! Beat them at NNJM's "Beat the Midwinter Blahs" Party. Join us for a fun-filled day, February 29, 2004 (Leap Day!) from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm. Register at the door for prizes! No registration fee. Joke-off, Limericks, Music Fest, Games and Puzzles, Speakers, Food, and Prizes. To offer your help or to RSVP that you are coming: Nancy Pool (973) 989-8709 or Mindy Maidens (201) 224-0453. Car Pool Coordinator: Mirabelle Sacks (973) 663-6280. Fairfield Inn Meadowlands, 850 Route 120, East Rutherford, NJ 07073, Telephone for directions: (201) 896-6666. Open to all members, guests, and prospective members.

**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, [andreabgg@aol.com](mailto:andreabgg@aol.com).

**CultureQuest® XV**  
**March 28, 2004**

It's time for CultureQuest® XV, a 90-minute test of cultural knowledge for American and Canadian Mensans. Questions range from politics to science and from entertainment to current events. The test is composed of what are intended to be "family" questions, so there shouldn't be any embarrassing moments for adults and children who team up together.

CultureQuest® (“CQ”) was once referred to as “an annual test of the obscure”. This year’s test will be different. “Cultural Knowledge” is our quest, aiming for accessibility over obscurity. It takes place anywhere and everywhere simultaneously on SUNDAY, MARCH 28. The top 20 teams receive cash awards, traditionally designated for their Local Groups’ scholarship funds.

Each team captain must submit a completed registration with the \$40 FILING FEE by MARCH 1. Each team, comprising one to five members, can be supplemented by up to two alternates. During the test the team may use no reference materials, computers, calculators nor other assistance outside of some scratch paper and its own members’ memories and wits.

So get a copy of the Rules and the Registration Form, round up some teammates, and sign up for CQ XV today! You’ll find them at [www.us.mensa.org/best\\_of/culturequest.php3](http://www.us.mensa.org/best_of/culturequest.php3). For hard copies, or if you have difficulty with the Web site, call the National Office at 817-607-0060. Adult Mensans seeking teammates may find their local or regional officers willing to assist in the matchmaking. Last year, 64 Local Groups fielded teams! More information on CQ can be found in the January issue of the Mensa Bulletin. Any other questions can be emailed to CultureQuest® Coordinator Eliot T. Kieval ([CultureQuest@us.mensa.org](mailto:CultureQuest@us.mensa.org)).

### SAMPLE QUESTIONS

Not all of these questions have appeared verbatim on prior CQ’s, but all are representative of what you might find this year:

1. In most versions of the Stations of the Cross, Jesus meets two women who are named; name one such woman.
2. In the United States Constitution, what does the Seventh Amendment concern?
3. At Alamogordo, who famously quoted the line, ‘I am become death, destroyer of worlds.’?
4. Identify the famous work of literature (and the author) from the brief synopsis provided:
  - a. After 18 years alone, the title character might have exclaimed “Thank God it’s Friday!”
  - b. With a Miller, a Carpenter and pilgrims aplenty, the author endowed literature with perpetual glory - and perhaps the first Traveling Salesman’s story.
  - c. Gregor Samsa awakes to find he’s a bug - the cockroach kind.
5. Vexillology is the study of what?
6. Name the man famous for inventing the mobile; he also custom-painted a Braniff Airlines plane.
7. What are you doing if you’re doing “double Dutch”?
8. Who ran against Dwight D. Eisenhower on the Democratic ticket in 1952 and 1956?
9. Hirohito published several books and was considered an expert on ichthyology. What does ichthyology deal with?  
*(Answers on following page...)*

This month's wine and recipe come from the Northern part of Italy. Our gourmet group focused upon the region of Lombardy this past month. We were rewarded by a wealth of recipes available both over the internet and from several excellent cookbooks.

The wine is a 2001 Pinot Grigio from the winery Tenute Aleandri. This winery is located in the Veneto region just to the East of Lombardy. It can be a challenge finding a Pinot Grigio that can be considered a fine wine and remain within our price range of \$10 a bottle and under. The Aleandri Pinot Grigio is right on the edge of this limit at \$10 to \$12 a bottle. But, it has qualities that I have found only in Pinot Grigio's costing around twice as much. It is an absolutely luscious wine with a complex structure layering lemon and other citrus in combination with a silky crispness across the tongue. It is a perfect match with fish or chicken in light wine or cream sauces. It also performed well as an aperitif when served with the appetizer given below.

### **Gorgonzola and Goat Cheese Crostini**

*(from the Italian Farmhouse Cookbook by Susan Herman Loomis)*

- 2 oz. Gorgonzola cheese
- 6 oz. soft goat cheese
- 1/3 cup of heavy (whipping) cream
- plenty of thinly sliced crusty bread, toasted
- 1 small bunch of fresh chives, for garnish (optional-but I recommend)
- Coarse ground pepper, also for garnish (optional)

Using a wooden spoon, blend the cheeses with the cream in a small bowl to obtain a smooth, relatively homogeneous mixture. Thickly spread the mixture on the toasts and arrange attractively on a platter. Mince the chives if using. Serve the toasts plain or sprinkled with chives and pepper. This appetizer was a real hit at the party.

I hope that you will contact me with your comments and favorite wines at jgrover@berk.com. I will be happy to share them with the broader Mensa group.

*John Grover is a member of Mensa of Northeastern New York.  
He lives with his wife Sharon in the Hudson Valley of New York.*

### **Answers to CultureQuest® XV Sample Questions**

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|---------------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------|
| 1. Veronica or Mary | 4a. Defoe, <i>Robinson Crusoe</i>    | 6. Calder       |
| 2. Trial by jury    | 4b. Chaucer, <i>Canterbury Tales</i> | 7. Jumping rope |
| 3. Oppenheimer      | 4c. Kafka, <i>Metamorphosis</i>      | 8. Stevenson    |
|                     | 5. Flags                             | 9. Fish         |

# Executive Committee Meeting – 18 December 2003

Submitted by Charles Bouchard

Officers Present: Bill Alleman, Bromley Baril, John Bauman, Charles Bouchard, John Lewicke, John McGondel, Claire Natola, Lynn Pina, John Sheehan, Tom Shiel, Walter Wakefield, Darlene Alleman

Members Present: Katie Manthey, Laurie Levesque, Ann Majeske

The meeting was called to order at 8:19 p.m.

Item	Status	Started	Description
4.01	New	12-18-03	John Bauman reported that NH/ME Mensa now has 459 members, a net gain of ten.
4.02	New	12-18-03	Bill Alleman was recognized by the chair and motioned for the Assistant Local Secretary, Darlene Alleman to step down. Claire Natola seconded the motion. All present were in favor signified by an aye vote; none were opposed.  John Bauman nominated Walter Wakefield to the position of Assistant Local Secretary. Claire Natola seconded the nomination. All present were in favor signified by an aye vote; none were opposed.  John Bauman nominated Darlene Alleman to the position of Treasurer. Claire Natola seconded the motion. All present were in favor, signified by an aye voate; none were opposed.
4.03	New	12-18-03	Bill Alleman was recognized by the chair and nominated Bromley Baril to the vacant position of Membership Officer. Claire Natola seconded the nomination. All present were in favor signified by an aye vote; none were opposed.
4.04	New	12-18-03	Bill Alleman was recognized by the chair and nominated John Sheehan to the vacant position of Public Relations Officer. Claire Natola seconded the nomination. All present were in favor signified by an aye voate; none were opposed.
4.05	New	12-18-03	Public Relations Officer John Sheehan will propose a means and methods of polling current members for input regarding participation. Proxy votes are at 16% with a minimum of 50% required. Registered members will be encouraged to vote electronically at the 2004 RG.
4.06	New	12-18-03	The November Treasurer's Report was submitted by Katie Manthey.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

## Letter from the RG Chair

**H**ello! I'd like to take this opportunity, on behalf of myself and RG Co-Chair John Lewicke, to invite you all to this year's NH Regional Gathering at the Center of NH in Manchester. We welcome back those of you who are veteran RG attendees – you guys make the RG what it has been over the years. We're especially grateful to those of you who consistently stand up to take on core RG volunteer positions, especially that of Hospitality which is no small task. This year Sue Barnes is soloing as we've lost Al and Linda Church to their move out of state. I'd like to make a special personal invitation, however, to those of you who are new and closet Mensa members. You haven't gotten an opportunity to know us if you haven't yet attended a Mensa event or an RG in particular, and this year's RG would be a good chance as we've planned some activities just for the purpose of welcoming you in particular and socially introducing you so have a good time. I was once a new member myself, not knowing which local activity to pick since I didn't know anyone. Some of us have benefited from the grace of a good Mensa event host or hostess, who eased our way and made our introduction to the group easy and fun, and we're focused on passing on that wonderful experience to you at this year's RG.

Co-Chair John Lewicke will be welcoming folks and guiding them toward Registration. I'll be at Registration myself to greet you new folks, assisting Registrar Deb Stone, as will Bromley Baril, the chapter Membership Coordinator. This year, at Registration, we will have two icebreakers. One is a game where each person gets a nut or a bolt, and they have to find their match. There is another one where they get half of a famous quote, and have to find their match. These matches go into a raffle drawing for a prize. We're also having veteran escorts – John Lewicke came up with the idea of asking veterans who register to hang around to be paired up with newcomers to show them around socially until the RG Primer, around dinnertime that Friday night. Bromley will be hosting the RG Primer along with Wendy Birchmere, RG veteran and former RG Chair of Boston Mensa. This is a half-hour version of "RG 101" where newcomers get to meet one another, listen to observations of what RG's are like, and get to ask questions. So, don't be shy! We've rolled out the welcome mat for you, and really encourage you to come to the RG if you're looking for your introduction into the NH Mensa social scene. If you need a niche, then please volunteer – we have LOTS of openings where we need help in areas that will be light and fun. We've listed some in this version of Momentum, but they are updated almost daily on the RG website.

We got off to a slow start this year, when I didn't know if I'd be living in MD when February arrived, and John Lewicke graciously offered to co-Chair so we'd be guaranteed to have an RG Chair on premises. That's behind us now, but the delay means some of the best and last changes won't make it into Momentum but will be broadcast through the RG website regularly up until the RG, so please check the pages often:

Main Page: <http://www.nh.us.mensa.org/rgnews.shtm>  
RG Details: <http://www.nh.us.mensa.org/rg2004.shtm>

Most recent additions to the Programming list are Darryl Thompson from the Canterbury Shaker Village, Bette Lewicke with a workshop on dream analysis, and Dann Mauro with a workshop on werewolves and other supernatural phenomena. Items that are brewing that are not on the RG page as of this writing are a cheese and wine tasting organized by Darlene Alleman with Les Case, speakers on women and guns/self-defense and what the Second Amendment means to you – all of these will be confirmed on the website and the RG final schedule. The Libertarian/Liberal debate is missing a Liberal proponent, so please let me know if any of you wish to volunteer for this role or know of a good local candidate to approach and participate.

This year we're also making a point of addressing programming for younger Mensans. There will be an adult/child bean and spoon race with a prize, a marshmallow and toothpick sculpture contest with a prize, and some special Movie Room activities geared toward the 12-18 crowd. We have no Gifted Children's Room Chair this year, but we have materials for self-directed activities that will be brought to the GC Room – materials for the marshmallow and toothpick sculpture contest, materials for a bead party, etc. – along with the usual games. If you have craft materials – scissors, paste, construction paper, crayons, etc. – you'd like to donate, please bring them in a box to the RG and let me know at Registration. We'll put our enthusiastic 13-year-old Youth Coordinator/Gofer Ben Thompson to work delivering them – the bean and spoon race and sculpture contests were his ideas.

With all your new year's resolutions, make one of them to go out and have fun and become more involved in the chapter social life. Come on! We're looking forward to the opportunity of introducing ourselves to you at the RG and finally getting to know you. Welcome!

Lynn Pina  
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603-456-2074

**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 (Shhhhh...we need 2 more!)
Libertarian/Liberal Debate:	Timekeeper/Moderator/the LIBERAL proponent!
New Member Mentors:	Volunteers
RG Primer Volunteer:	We need 1 more person
Adult/Children Dried Beans Spoon Race:	Entrants
Kissing Booth Contest	Kissers/Money Counters
Biggest Butt Contest	MC/Judges/Volunteers
Beer-Tasting Contest	MC/Judges/Volunteers
Largest Male Nipple Contest	<i>(Same MC/Judges/Volunteers from the wet t-shirt contest)</i>
Speaker Escorts	2-3
Gofers	<i>I said "Gofers," not "Golfers!"</i>

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 and John Lewicke	Registrar:	Deb Stone
Games Chair:	Darlene Alleman	Programming Chair:	Lynn Pina
RG Primer:	Bromley Baril and Wendy Birchmire	Hospitality Chair:	Sue Barnes
Sexual Trivia Moderator:	Laurie Levesque	Movie Room Chair:	Rich Conde
Kissing Booth Moderator/Bouncer:	John McGondel	Biermeister:	Bill Alleman
Mensa Test Proctor:	Laurie Levesque	Headhunter Bartender:	Bromley Baril
Youth Coordinator/Gopher:	Ben Thompson	Icemaker:	Jim Barnes
		Dried Beans & Spoon Race Coordinator/Timekeeper:	Julie Thompson

## The Speaker Chair Speaks

Here is the latest information we have on speakers, but there's certainly more to come. Time and room will be announced in the RG schedule.

- The Free State Project — Jason Sorens, founder and Chairman of the Board of the Free State Project has agreed to hold a workshop at the RG to elaborate on the Free State Project effort. Please join us — we expect this to be the highlight of the RG Speaker Program this year!
- CASA — We'll have representatives from the Court Appointed Special Advocates of NH on hand to talk about the program, provide information and volunteerism opportunities both in NH and their branches throughout the Eastern Seaboard states.
- Big Brothers/Big Sister — Representatives from Big Brothers/Big Sisters will be presenting a workshop on the program, success stories, and how to get involved in your local/state chapter if you're one of those Mensans who's always wished for a Mensa-linked opportunity for community activism. Come join us!
- Employment Workshop by Robert Half — Robert Half has agreed to provide a representative to hold a workshop on how to conduct a successful employment search, perhaps leading into a second workshop of résumé critique. Details are being ironed out, but we have a commitment for this event!
- Canterbury Shaker Village — Meet veteran Interpreter Darryl Thompson and learn all about the Shakers and the Canterbury Shaker Village. The Village was founded in 1969 to preserve the heritage of the Canterbury Shakers.
- Local Mensans Bette Lewicke and Dann Mauro presenting workshops on “dream analysis” and “Vampires, Werewolves & Witches: The Supernatural as Primitive Science.”

I will also be approaching people in the following weeks to see if they are interested in speaking for us concerning these areas:

- NRA/local groups for speakers on Second Amendment issues and on women, guns & self-defense
- Mt. Kearsarge Indian Museum
- World War II



## Granite Gathering 2004

### Registration Form

February 20 - 22, 2004

The Old Man went south this year, so we're bringing him back for the "I Wanna Go Where It's Warm" Reunion Tour on the infamous 12<sup>th</sup> Floor of the Holiday Inn at the Center of New Hampshire. Warm, hearty NH homemade soups and stews, new member icebreakers and RC Primer ice cream, international coffee, excellent shrimp "Lava Water for Chocolate" eggs something better than Sexual Fishbowl, Lunch in Acapulco, hotel-provided "lava" beer drinks, private "tik" pool party, gifted children's rooms, movies, book sale, auctions, poker tournaments, games galore, best Hawaiian shirt, wet t-shirt and other contests, Libertarian/Liberal debate (initiative) and speakers, speakers, speakers! And, of course the best beer selection EVER!

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**Registration:** \$45 until 12/1, \$50 until 12/31, \$55 after 12/31. Do not mail registrations after 2/6/04 - please register at the door instead. Children 8-17, \$10 less than the regular rate, children under 8 free. Saturday rate is \$10 less than the regular rate in effect at registration. Make your checks payable to "New Hampshire Menne" and mail your form and fee to: Registration, After-Deli Store, 24312 Spartan Street, Mission Viejo, CA 92691-3921 or email to [debatone@com.net](mailto:debatone@com.net).

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**Hotel Information:** Holiday Inn at the Center of NH, 700 Elm Street, Manchester, NH 03101 (web link on our RC details page) Call 603-625-1000 (NOT the 1-800 number) for reservations and ask for the NH Menne RC rate. Single/Double: \$99. Triple/Quad: \$99. Room rates guaranteed until 1/25/04. Handicapped access, hotel/airport shuttle, separate smoking/gaming and hospitality rooms. \$2/day hotel parking fee (included in the hotel bill for those staying overnight). Saturday Evening Buffet: \$25/person (we need at least 30 people for buffet style). Sunday Brunch: \$9.95/person.

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Name on Badge: \_\_\_\_\_

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City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_ Is this your first RC/Menne event? \_\_\_\_\_

Tell Us 3 Things About You for Your Name Badge: \_\_\_\_\_

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Dinner Buffet @ \$25 each \_\_\_\_\_ Kids Meal @ \$12.95 each \_\_\_\_\_ Sunday Brunch @ \$9.95 each \_\_\_\_\_

Amount Enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_ (make checks payable to New Hampshire Menne) or

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MC/Visa # \_\_\_\_\_ Expires: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ Name on Card: \_\_\_\_\_

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## "Hire-A-Mensan" SIG

If you're an unemployed or underemployed Mensan looking for a job, then please join us — maybe we can help each other.

How do you join? Go to <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/Hire-A-Mensan-SIG/> then click "Join this Group" and follow instructions. When you receive the approving email, please be prepared to make a post introducing yourself (there are others as examples), to post a list of job titles for which you wish to apply, any geographic limitations, and your resumé as well. All we guarantee are extra sets of eyes and an online place to exchange tips, resources, possibilities, etc.

If you have any other questions, contact Lynn Pina at [Lpb52@cotse.net](mailto:Lpb52@cotse.net).

## I Can Fix It

Whatever it is, from industrial electronics to engine rebuilds, and lots of things that aren't in between. Numerous Mensa and non-Mensa satisfied customers. John Lewicke, (603) 878-2610 or [lewicke@yahoo.com](mailto:lewicke@yahoo.com).

### \$\$\$ 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).

## Submissions Wanted

I am soliciting submissions of short stories, essays, poems, etc. from members of NH Mensa, to be published by PlatoEuclid Press (my small press). Any proceeds above costs will go into our NH Mensa scholarship fund. Anything may be submitted, fiction or not, up to 2,000 words. Must only be submitted digitally, online or through mail, and using 12 pt, Times New Roman, and either as a text only or as an RTF. RTF much preferred. No submission fee. First run of books will be approximately \$17.00 each. Book should be published in April of this year. Email John McGondel for details at: [jteacher1@hotmail.com](mailto:jteacher1@hotmail.com), or mail to: P.O. Box 183, Chester, NH 03036.

# McGondel's Psychology Word Test

This is a six letter word that can be associated with either an astrological sign or a person who shoots an arrow:    \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_

1   2   3   4   5   6

The first letter of each answer to the clues below goes in its corresponding numbered space. Good Luck! Winner gets a free beer at RG hospitality...

- John McGondel

1. A psychological abnormality exemplified by poor, aggressive, ill-mannered, and/or overly-assertive behavior in group type situations.
2. The use of various defenses (including denial) to avoid confronting criticistic behavior.
3. An action that one feels one must repeat again and again, in a stereotyped fashion, whether one has the desire to repeat such action or not.
4. The area of the brain that is adversely affected by stress, which can alter this area's memory retrieval functioning to the extent that a dissociative disorder may develop.
5. Freud's term for the psychic schema which override one's id and forces one to react in terms of the "reality principle."
6. This term is used to describe an mood disorder disturbance which is emotionally or cognitively oriented.

# Calendar of Events

## February 2004

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>February 1</b> Pats Superbowl Party	<b>2</b>  <i><b>Groundhog                      Day</b></i>	<b>3</b> 10:00 am M-preneur SIG  6:30 pm Lecture: Spies in Time	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> 5:30 pm M-Vestor  7:00 pm Tem perance League	<b>7</b>
10:30 am Second Sunday Brunch Bunch	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> 10:00 am M-preneur SIG	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>  3:00 pm Central Maine Meet and Munch  5:00 pm Second Saturday Supper  <i><b>Valentine's Day</b></i>
9:00 am Galileo's Birthday  5:30 pm Portland Dinner	<b>16</b> 7:00 pm FSM / ExComm  <i><b>Presidents'                      Day</b></i>	<b>17</b> 10:00 am M-preneur SIG	<b>18</b> 7:00 pm Mensa Adm ission Tests in Nashua	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>  <i><b>Granite                      Gathering RG</b></i>  7:00 pm Not the Nashua Area Tem perance League	<b>21</b>  <i><b>Granite                      Gathering RG</b></i>
<i><b>Granite                      Gathering                      RG</b></i>  12:30 pm Fourth Sunday Lunch  1:30 pm Special Business Meeting	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> 10:00 am M-preneur SIG	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> 6:30 pm Appetite for Discussion	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b>	<b>March 1</b>	<b>2</b> 10:00 am M-preneur SIG	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> 5:30 pm M-Vestor  7:00 pm Tem perance League	<b>6</b>

Calendar listings must be in the hands of the Calendar Editor before the first of the month prior to the cover date. It is N.H. 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 N.H. Mensa events. Many thanks to our event hosts, without whom this calendar would be quite barren. E-mail your events to [Calendar@nh.us.mensa.org](mailto:Calendar@nh.us.mensa.org).