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NH Mensa Election Underway

Election Committee Chair Ric Werme

A Special Business Meeting at the Regional Gathering closed the nomination period for our elections. The only contested race is for Member-at-Large; all other candidates are declared elected. However, while we don't have a formal inauguration, our procedures have turned control over to the new Executive Committee once its composition is known. The final list of nominees is:

Local Secretary:	Claire Natola
Assistant Local Secretary:	John Bauman
Treasurer:	Darlene Alleman
Recording Secretary:	Robert Roy
Members-at-Large:	Mark Becker
	Yvonne Crocker
	Wayne Eddy
	Tom Shiel
	Joe Zanca

The instructions and ballot for the Members-at-Large contest is in the center of this newsletter. Note that you must be a "member in good standing" (i.e., you paid your dues) by April 30th. If you have not yet renewed, do it today! The ballots will be counted at a meeting of the Election Committee to be held soon after the deadline. The ballot design makes it easy to keep the vote secret - one half has validation information, the other half has the vote. The vote-counting meeting will be listed in the May calendar and will be open to members.

Ballots that pass the name and membership number test will be cut through the middle to separate the verification half from the voting half. The former will be discarded; the latter will be saved, thereby preserving ballot secrecy. The votes will then be opened and counted. If necessary a tie will be broken. The winners will be announced at the meeting and the Executive Committee will be notified through Email. The formal, By-Laws-compliant announcement will be made at a Business Meeting to be held on May 23, 2006. #





Campaign Statements

The following campaign statements from Member-at-Large candidates were submitted for publication:

Mark Becker

Hi, my name is Mark Becker and I am running for one of the four Member-at-Large positions that are up for election this year. This statement is a blatant attempt to get your vote. Toward that end I'm supposed to explain who I am and why I'm running.

I'm running because my lovely wife, who shares a nickname with Mrs. Rumpole, suggested it. Well, actually she said quit whining and run, after hearing me complain for too long.

I'm running because I love New Hampshire/Maine Mensa. I like the people I meet, the conversations I have, and the friendships I have formed from this group. If you care enough about the elections to actually be reading this statement then I probably do not have to explain that to you. You know what I mean already.

I have been in New Hampshire Mensa since 1989. On and off, active and inactive. I have run the gambit of involvement from just reading *Bulletin* and *Momentum*, to RG Chair.

When I lived in Antrim the group was active and interesting with many nearby events. When I moved to Bristol I found a different picture. As a south of Concord resident I didn't give much credit to the idea that northern members were outside the loop. After moving north of Concord I gained a different perspective.

Things are a little different now. Some of us are hosting events regularly in the Lakes Region of New Hampshire. Claire Natola is bringing a more northern view to the ExComm. However, I do still hear comments like, "We should do this in Manchester since it's convenient to everybody." Manchester is not convenient to everybody. The population of the region is moving northward, and I feel the ExComm should reflect that. I regret that that no one from Maine is on the ballot this year, but if the imagined center of our chapter can be moved to better reflect all our members, Mensans from further outside the Manchester/Nashua corridor will come forward and claim their part in our beloved chapter.

Another passion that I hope to bring to the ExComm is our commitment to the Mensa families. This chapter has always been good at making spouses and children of members feel that they are part of the group. This is a practice I want to encourage, or perhaps even expand on. Admittedly I don't have a solid plan for this yet, but there are some vague thoughts on support and recognition for the contributions made by the families of chapter members.

The members' children are an especially important group that should have events and recognition of their own. Regardless of the outcome of this election, my wife and I intend to, starting in the summer, have events specifically targeted for children.

Now you know a little about what bothers me in this otherwise wonderful chapter of New Hampshire/Maine Mensa. If you think my concerns are justified I would appreciate your vote for Member-at-Large.

Yvonne Crocker

Biographical Information: Born in the Netherlands. Education: B.A. in Humanities with a double major of Secondary Education and Foreign Languages (German, Spanish, French). M.A. in Education - Developing and Implementing Individualized Programs. M.A. in Education - Developing and Implementing Gifted and Talented Programs. Ed.D. - Incomplete; finished course requirements, residency, and dissertation approval.

I joined Mensa in 1987. As a teacher, I had been involved for a couple of years in the "Olympics of the Mind," first as an assistant to our school team, and for the last five years as a judge.

In 1986, upon the request of then-Governor Sununu, who was interested in setting up a Department of Education program for the Gifted and Talented, I became one of 30 participants of the Governor's Institute on Gifted Education in New Hampshire. We received a two-week training program in Leadership Development and Gifted Education presented by the Center for Creative Learning in Honeoye, New York.

In 1987, again upon the request of Governor Sununu, we met for a week of exchanging ideas about what had worked in the classroom and what had not been successful in a lock-step school setting. Unfortunately, no funds were appropriated for an official school program for the Gifted and Talented or for continuance of the Institute. Out of this group, however, the New Hampshire Association for Gifted Education was born, which is still flourishing and going strong.

During the 1986 session, we were tested with different intelligence tests in order to learn about ourselves. Scoring well within the Mensa criteria, I became a member of the organization. I figured Mensa was a good way to meet interesting people. At that time, there were not too many Mensa activities in New Hampshire, but I attended some meetings in restaurants and other dinner events.

Due to a serious illness of my husband, I had to curtail my activities and was inactive for a number of years. Now after the death of my husband, I want to become active again, and am looking for a wealth of new opportunities and activities for involvement. This year, I attended my first Regional Gathering in Merrimack, and the only thing I can say about it is: "I will be back next year!" I was welcomed with a generous amount of hospitality resulting in an increased amount of interest in Mensa.

So, I am running for the position of Member-at-Large, just to get my feet wet. Being retired, I have the time to attend meetings and will be available to volunteer on projects and committees. I don't promise you perfection and I am sure I have a long way to go to learn all about this position. But I can promise you that I will try my best and work hard to fulfill what is required of me. It is a time of renewal for me and I am always looking for a new adventure, which may be just around the corner.

Thank you for reading my statement, and I sincerely thank you for your vote.

Wayne Eddy

For those of you who have not met me at a Mensa event, my name is Wayne Eddy, and I live in Goffstown, New Hampshire. Some months ago at an ExComm meeting, John Bauman asked for a volunteer to review our chapter's bylaws and check their compliance with American Mensa's Minimum Standard Bylaws. I was happy to volunteer for that project, and it whet my appetite for helping out our chapter on an even larger scale.

Our current Members-at-Large have served our chapter well for many years, both in elected and appointed positions. I felt it was my time to step up to the plate and offer to serve New Hampshire/Maine Mensa in a similar capacity as they have done for so long. To this end, I ask that you please consider me for one of your Member-at-Large votes.

I am excited about the possibility of serving on an ExComm headed by Claire Natola, because I feel that we share the same positive attitude about Mensa, the same willingness to help our members get the most from their membership, and the same drive to make our chapter one of the most exciting Mensa chapters to which to belong. I look forward to serving you and meeting many more of you, and I thank you for your consideration.

Joe Zanca

I have been a member of Mensa for over 25 years, been a Membership Chair, Gifted Children's Coordinator, Assistant Local Secretary, Local Secretary, Regional Vice Chair, and have been awarded the Distinguished Service Award with life membership, become an honorary trustee of the Mensa Education and Research Foundation, and had the honor of New Hampshire Mensa establishing a scholarship in my name.

I am running to be part of Claire Natola's team to bring our group to higher heights, to support her enthusiasm and energy, and once again make New Hampshire/Maine Mensa a dynamic institute for those who were members, are members, and will become members.

Vote for Joe Zanca. 🗳️



Bauman's Quiver

LocSec John Bauman

Well, the 2006 edition of the Granite Gathering is "in the can" and I, for one, think that it was a pretty successful version of our yearly endeavor. We seemed to luck out especially in the weather department, since Presidents' Day Weekend was bracketed on both ends by a snowstorm and that could have been catastrophic if out-of-town participants had been caused to rethink their travel plans and made last-minute cancellations. As it was, we had about 175 souls in attendance, down by about 20 from the year before, and I think that all would state that it was worth the trip.

The music hospitality suite seems to be turning into a signature aspect of Granite Gathering and I suspect that attempts will be made to continue with that showcase. Early indications are that the RG made money and I have heard a figure bandied about that the chapter netted a little over \$600 to be earmarked for this year's local scholarship commitment. So we continue to throw an excellent party, while coming out ahead for the chapter's coffers.

The kudos were abundant and all-around at the Sunday wrap-up, and I do not want to go through them once more, at the risk of overlooking someone, but I will use this forum to once more offer my sincere gratitude to the RG Chair, Claire Natola. She continues to step up and take on the jobs that nobody is springing out of their chair to take on and I appreciate that she helped out once more, on top of all the other things that she does for Mensa in general and NH Mensa in particular. Since she will be the LocSec at next year's RG timeframe, we are looking for someone to take on the Chair for next year. We are in the enviable position of having many experienced RG helpers, so anyone who gulps hard and volunteers will have a solid foundation to move forward with the planning. Volunteer now and beat the rush!!

For those who were not in attendance at the RG, or were not lucky enough to attend his lecture, I just want to highlight one of the many speakers in attendance - the buzz continues about this guy and I have been involved in many conversations about his contribution with other members since the RG. Alan Jamison ran a chocolatier store out of a kiosk at the Pheasant Lane Mall until 28 February, when the high rents forced him to close up shop. He came with his overhead projector transfers to give us a quick overview of the science and history of cocoa, but more importantly, he dispensed hundreds of dollars worth of samples, with no thought towards selling to the crowd and recouping some of his expense. I went to his kiosk on the Tuesday following the RG and made some purchases and I would ask that others who were impressed with his display follow suit and offer more tangible support by doing likewise. As of this moment, his mail order effort is still in a nascent form and his website (<http://www.chocolateconspiracy.com>) states that it will be under construction until 31 March. So make a mental note to check back this month and send some business Alan's way.

It is April and it is an even year, so that must mean that NH Mensa is in the middle of an election cycle. After the Special Business Meeting at the RG, we ended up with five valid nominations to fill the four Member-at-Large positions. You will find a ballot included within this edition of *Momentum*, and I would ask that you take the time to consider the candidates, vote thoughtfully and return your ballot ASAP. We have unfinished business pertaining to amending the chapter Bylaws and need to have the new slate of officers seated before we proceed, so time is of the essence.

The local scholarship essay contest is proceeding apace. We received over 80 essays, most before the deadline, and had over 60 essays to consider in the winnowing-down process before we sent the best on to the next level of judging. I want to thank the judges who were pressed into service on rather short notice and huzzah to Adam Freiband for steering things ultimately to a successful conclusion. Local winners will be named at the earliest opportunity, in accordance with the Regional and National constraints under which we operate.

Spring training is underway in Fort Myers and there still seems to be a lot of unanswered questions with the Red Sox, but I feel fairly confident with our chances this year. But the question that I need answered is: Why are the Patriots allowing Vinatieri to come even vaguely close to being in jeopardy of turning into a free agent? I know that the conventional wisdom is "in Bill we trust" when it comes to personnel decisions, but I do not see how this will work out to a satisfactory conclusion. I guess that time will tell. Peace. ■■



What's Cooking in Region 1

Region 1 Vice Chair Marghretta McBean

February in New York City got off to its usual start: the Westminster Dog Show and Fashion Week. The winner of the former, a bull terrier named Rufus, had tons more aplomb than the zombie-like teenage waifs wobbling down the runways. Rufus is living proof that traditional ideas of attractiveness can be ignored when one possesses self-confidence and good attitude. Beauty really does come from within!

How can a 45-minute flight take 8 hours? When flying to Manchester, New Hampshire in near hurricane strength winds. En route to New Hampshire Mensa's Granite Gathering 2006 "Return to Middle Earth" RG in Nashua, my plane made two landing attempts (add 1.75 hours), ran out of fuel, flew to and refueled at Logan Airport (add 1.25 hours), made three more landing attempts (add 2 hours) and finally flew back to Logan where we were eventually put on vans (add 1 hour) and driven (during rush hour traffic: add 2 hours) back to Manchester. Throw in another hour to get from Nashua to Manchester because the hotel shuttle folks were overwhelmed: power failures had sent area residents to the hotel, the telephone lines had been down, etc. etc.

The hospitality crew outdid themselves. Homemade soups, bread, and cookies; wonderful cheeses paired with excellent wines; games, games and more games; great speakers (the Global Warming lecture given by a meteorologist was especially fascinating); musical offerings from professional level members - tons of talent! Over forty dedicated volunteers made this another stellar Region 1 event. Kudos to all!

Northern New Jersey Mensa reprised their now famous "Mid-Winter Blahs" one-day RG. The featured morning speaker, Joseph D'Angeli, is a licensed chiroptologist: a bat specialist. Joe gave a fascinating presentation on our flying mammalian friends and brought along Jonathan, a very amiable fruit bat. What motivates someone to spend seven weeks bicycling across the United States? Kevin Gately of NNJM gave attendees his answer in a great travelogue. In addition the traditional game room, Carnelli and a raffle of gift baskets full of chocolate goodies completed the day's festivities. A big tip o' the hat to the Blahs Committee for their dedication, inventiveness and esprit de corps!

Where I grew up, no Italian Easter dinner table was complete without a dish of malfatti (spinach dumplings). Italian Jews make a Passover version substituting matzo for the bread crumbs and flour. Happy Easter and ein zeisen Pesach to all!

Malfatti

2 cups ricotta cheese	¼ teaspoon cinnamon
2 eggs, lightly beaten	3 Tbl. flour
2 cups cooked spinach (or 1 lb. frozen chopped spinach, thawed and squeezed dry)	4 Tbl. bread crumbs
½ cup grated Parmesan cheese plus more for layering	Salt and freshly ground black pepper to taste
	Butter

1. Mix all ingredients except butter together thoroughly.
2. Sprinkle a little flour on waxed paper and, with floured hands, form little dough ovals about 2" long x 1.5" wide x .5" thick, using about 1 tablespoon of mixture for each malfatto.
3. Bring a gallon of salted water to a hard boil, then lower heat. Ease malfatti into the water one at a time. When they float to the surface, they are cooked. Remove with slotted spoon and place on warm serving platter.
4. When a layer covers the bottom, dot it with butter and additional grated Parmesan. Keep warm. Repeat layers until all malfatti are cooked, adding butter and Parmesan to each layer.
5. Makes about 3 dozen.

To see this and past articles visit <http://region1.us.mensa.org/cooking.shtml>



Executive Committee Meeting

Recording Secretary Claire Natola

Date: 14 February 2006

Present: Bill Alleman, Darlene Alleman, John Bauman, Elizabeth Becker, Mark Becker, Nicholas Becker, John Lewicke, Ann Majeske, Claire Natola, Robert Roy, Tom Shiel, Walter Wakefield, Ric Werme

The meeting was called to order at 7:43 p.m. John Bauman reported a net gain of 15 members for a total of 500 (348 in New Hampshire and 152 in Maine).

Ann Majeske reported that Scholarship Officer Adam Freiband has narrowed the scholarship essays down to a couple dozen that will be judged by three judges.

Rob Roy reported that he has endeavored to contact as many members as possible. The rate of callbacks he has received has been a little disappointing, but Rob will submit an article for *Momentum* addressing the membership.

John Bauman reported that Scott Cayouette tested prospects recently in Rockland, Maine.

Claire moved to forward the proposed bylaw amendments as crafted by Wayne Eddy to Dan Burg for approval. Ann Majeske seconded. The motion passed.

Discussion ensued about various fundraising ideas. Bill Alleman suggested running a logo design contest. Elizabeth offered to make a quilt out of previous years' unsold Regional Gathering t-shirts for donation back to the chapter to auction off.

John Bauman reiterated the request for a volunteer to the national Nominating Committee.

Walter Wakefield tentatively volunteered to be the 2007 Regional Gathering Chair.

John Bauman reported that Scott Cayouette purchased 23 tickets to a Portland Sea Dogs game on Labor Day weekend for a chapter event.

Darlene Alleman moved to adjourn. Ann Majeske seconded. The motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 8:51 p.m. ■■■





Special Business Meeting

Darlene Alleman

Date: 19 February 2006

Present: Darlene Alleman, Jack Balcom, Bromley Baril, John Bauman, Elizabeth Becker, Mark Becker, Yvonne Crocker, Wayne Eddy, John Lewicke, Ann Majeske, Marghretta McBean, Claire Natola, Tom Shiel, Adam Smargon, Walter Wakefield, Ric Werme, Joe Zanca

The meeting was called to order at 1:01 p.m. Ric Werme read off the list of candidates who submitted nomination petitions for the 2006 election. For LocSec: Claire Natola and Walter Wakefield. For Assistant LocSec: John Bauman. For Treasurer: Darlene Alleman. For Recording Secretary: Robert Roy. For Member-at-Large: Mark Becker, Yvonne Crocker, Wayne Eddy, Tom Shiel, and Joe Zanca.

Walter Wakefield withdrew his candidacy for LocSec and resigned all of his current positions, effective immediately. Claire Natola urged Walter to remain in his position of Assistant LocSec through the remainder of his term; Walter agreed.

The ballot will consist of five people running for four Member-at-Large positions. Joe Zanca asked that the candidates for Member-at-Large be recognized; the candidates (Becker, Crocker, Eddy, Shiel, Zanca) stood up to be recognized.

The deadline for receipt of the bylaws referendum ballot would be later than the deadline for receipt of the election ballot, due to bylaws rules. The bylaws referendum will be published in the April *Momentum*. If Dan Burg does not get back to us on the referendum wording, the referendum will say "subject to approval." Changes should be received in time. [*Editor's Note: Information received subsequent to this Special Business Meeting has forced a delay in the bylaws referendum.*]

Ric would like the election ballot counting to occur a couple of weeks before the May ExComm meeting. Joe Zanca requested that candidates be notified of the results prior to the May ExComm meeting.

Marghretta asked that the eligibility of those voting be clear on the ballot. Ric reminded the candidates to renew their memberships.

John Bauman asked about the wording on the ballot and whether it would say to vote for up to four members-at-large out of five names. The ballot will say "vote for no more than four..." The decision was made to list the candidates alphabetically. In the case of a tie, Ric will decide on a tie-breaker.

Bromley Baril moved to adjourn. John Lewicke seconded. The motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 1:25 p.m. ■■■



Dear Fellow Mensans...

Membership Officer Robert Roy

I thought it was time I updated the Membership a little. I know, about time. Anyway, I wanted to share all the congratulations for everyone doing a great job and everyone having a great time at the RG. Claire, our soon to be LocSec, did an outstanding job. Thank you so much. We have a great Mensan taking the reins, and after watching the outstanding John at work, I'm sure everything will be smooth.

Make sure you renew your membership if you need to; the end of March has snuck up on us. With over 500 members, we're starting to be a force to be reckoned with. ☺ You certainly don't want to miss out on the next few years of Maine/NH Mensa. We are going to rock. My thoughts here are about our coming out of the shadows and being more visible in our communities.

On another note, I must unfortunately give an update on my efforts to contact each and every member. As I first stated upon taking the Membership Officer position, my goal is to strengthen the bond between the organization and its members as well as between members. So I set off all gung-ho to contact each and every member to find out what they liked, didn't like, and wanted to see. Anything after that was a much-appreciated bonus.

Now the unfortunate part I mentioned: I took the first few brush-offs in stride. I understand folks lead busy, busy lives, and to those who were so nice and gave me so much of their time and energy, I can't thank you enough. It just seems that it didn't take me very long to see that some Mensans absolutely do not want to be bothered, and I felt like I was offending people, which caused me to try to be picky, hoping for some luck, which never came. Maybe I just know how to find the folks that don't want to be bothered. ☺ Regardless, I think they should remain not bothered if they so choose, and shall cease my efforts to contact any more members. We have the web site and the wonderful *Momentum* to reach our members, as well as lots of events each and every month. So if I sneak up to a bunch of you all at once and start asking questions, you'll know why. ☺

With that said, I shall continue to be available at any and all times for each and every member in any way possible. I'm here to help you get the most out of your membership, and I want you happy. A lesson learned.

I have met so many wonderful folks since joining, and wanted to thank everyone for making me glad I joined. Let's go make a difference in the world, or at least in our communities.

My sincerest best wishes of health, happiness and harmony to everyone.

Peace. 🏠



Scholarship Update

Scholarship Officer Adam Freiband

The Annual National Scholarship Essay contest local judging was completed on the 18th of February, thanks to the FANTASTIC efforts of several local Mensa members: Elaine Cote-Stewart, Betty Lewicke, Frank Repenski, and Edward Stevens. Also thanks to a non-Mensan, Stan Prager. Everything went amazingly smoothly, despite a time constraint due to illness.

We received a total of 87 entries from Maine and New Hampshire. Of those, 23 were disqualified for not following the directions properly. After first-round judging, we were able to narrow the field to 20 essays, and score rank those in our local final round. Final rankings were submitted to the region at the Regional Gathering for the next round of judging. After regional judging, they will next go to the national office for further ranking and judging of regional and national winners. ■



Granite Gathering 2006

RG Chair Claire Natola

Phew! Now I get to exhale, right? Thanks to everyone who made the Granite Gathering such a success on every level! Because this issue of *Momentum* contains much election content, I will wait until the May issue to publish photos, reminiscences, and feedback from the gathering.

In the meantime, you can view some photographs at our website (http://nh.us.mensa.org/2006_02_rg.htm). Many thanks to Sue Barnes, who submitted the photos thus far on display; I have some to add, and encourage you to send yours! You can email them to webmaster Bill Alleman at webmaster@nh.us.mensa.org.

If you have memories or stories to share from the Granite Gathering, please email me at editor@nh.us.mensa.org, and I will be happy to add them to the May issue.

Looking forward to seeing you at next year's Granite Gathering! ■

Found at the RG

A Jackson Hole, Wyoming baseball cap was left behind at the RG. If you can rightfully claim it, please contact Claire Natola at editor@nh.us.mensa.org or 603-279-9986.



Letter to the Editor

Dear Ms. Natola:

A colleague brought your very nice website to my attention. We would appreciate it if you would provide a link to the New Hampshire Association for Gifted Education's website (<http://www.nhage.org>). We are an association of teachers, counselors, and parents who promote appropriate educational services for gifted children both in and outside of school. Also, could you add my email to your email list for events? That way we can promote what you do and hopefully you will do the same.

Linda Burdick

Enrichment Coordinator, K-8, Kearsarge Regional School District
President, New Hampshire Association for Gifted Education

Linda, we are happy to help! Kudos go to our Webmaster Bill Alleman for our website, which will now contain a link to yours. Also, notice of your upcoming NHAGE event can be found on Page 25 of this issue of Momentum. - Claire

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Wednesday, 19 April 7:00 p.m.	Nashua, N.H.	John Bauman 603-883-7494

Don't Forget: This month, Mensa will evaluate prior evidence for free! If you have friends or family who already have prior evidence, encourage them to visit <http://www.us.mensa.org> for more information. To take advantage this offer, they will need to visit the site between 4/1 and 4/30. Instructions on submitting scores will be linked from the American Mensa home page. 📄



Sudoku

Fill in the grid so that every row, every column, and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1 through 9. The solution can be found on Page 18.

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Advance Event Announcements

For those who have not ventured to the **Museum of Fine Arts** in Boston for quite some time, there are several installations currently on exhibit that appeal to a variety of tastes. Through 14 May, you can see over 150 portraits by the British artist David Hockney. The subjects range from the unknown acquaintances of Hockney to the famous, such as Andy Warhol and Divine. Mediums range from crayon to pen and ink, paint on canvas to photocollage.

Through 23 July, an exhibit entitled *Modern Masters: Degas to Picasso* is on display. The exhibit highlights German and Austrian modernists, many of whom may not be widely known to the casual art enthusiast; but there are also early works by Degas, Gauguin, Redon and Rodin, along with a surrealist selection featuring Matisse, Miro and Giacometti.

Through 13 August, a selection of publicity posters for rock concerts from the summer of love will be hanging - most of us never made it to Fillmore East during the 60s, let alone Fillmore West. For those born too late to be flower children, and for those who want to revisit those years, why not consider a trip to the MFA?

Anyone interested in carpooling to the museum should contact John Bauman at locsec@nh.us.mensa.org. Weekends will probably be the best bet and, with advance notice, passes can be procured that provide free entry to the Modern Masters and the rock posters, and half off for Hockney.

The New Hampshire Association of Gifted Education (NHAGE) is sponsoring a forum for parents, teachers and counselors on the topic: "High Ability Children: Seeking Balance at Home and at School" on Thursday, May 4 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. in the cafeteria at the Ernest P. Barka Elementary School in Derry, N.H. A panel consisting of experienced teachers of the gifted, counselors, and parents of gifted youngsters will discuss issues such as advocacy, ups and downs of daily life, and resources for support. Questions from the audience are encouraged. Fee: \$15 per person, \$20 per parental couple. To register, call 603-641-5839. For more information, call 603-456-2397.



Cape Cod Mini-RG: A Whale Of A Good Time! May 12-14, 2006. Join Boston Mensa for an affordable and relaxing weekend on the Cape. There will be lots of socializing shopping and, of course, our famous hospitality. See old friends and make new ones. Visit P-town, go whale watching, antiquing, swim or play games. This is a great RG for first-timers!

Hotel rooms are \$64.95 until 3/31 and \$69.95 after 4/1. Send your check made out to "Corsair" directly to them at: 41 Chase Avenue, Dennisport, MA 02639. Make your reservations early as the Corsair and Crossrip fill up quickly. Hotel information: 800-332-2279.

Adult RG registration is only \$35 until 4/30; \$45 at the door. Children under 6 are free. Ages 6-20 are \$1 per year of age. Send your name(s), age(s) of children and a check, payable to "Boston Mensa" to: Chris Sullivan, Registrar, 214 Washington Street, #2, Norwell, MA 02061. You can download a registration form at <http://www.CapeRG.com>.

Spring Mountain Climb: May 19-21, 2006, North Conway, N.H. New England has wonderful mountains, enjoyable seashores, and lively cities. New England also has Mensa! This spring, we combine the mountain part with the Mensa part for a wonderful weekend! This is when the cold and ice have gone and the bugs have not yet arrived. This is the best time for wonderful hiking weather. The mountains are there for our enjoyment!

After many years of alternate venues, we are now returning to the original theme - David Heimann's ski club lodge! He is a member of Skiwheelers Ski Club, located in North Conway, N.H. (see <http://www.skiwheelers.org> for further information. The lodge is a lovely 19th Century building, originally built as an inn. In the 1970s it was used as the location for the movie *Return of the Secaucus Seven*. It is close enough to the center of North Conway to be easily accessible to all the shops and activities there, yet far enough away to enjoy the peace and quiet of the woods, trees, and country roads.

The weekend is low-key and basically unstructured. The one major piece of structure is; you guessed it, hiking! We generally have two hikes. One goes to a mountain peak or other destination worthy of a good day hike. The other takes a few hours over easier terrain to reach a viewpoint, waterfall or other point of interest. Of course, there's also the "null hike," a short walk or drive amidst the new leaves and flowers, some shopping (North Conway has a few places!), or relaxing around the lodge.

The weekend includes two nights' accommodations, two full breakfasts, Saturday dinner, and snacks and soft drinks (BYOB for anything stronger), for just \$60 per person. Registrations without accommodations are \$30 (North Conway has various hotels and lodgings, as well as some good nightspots).

We generally pick out the hikes on Friday night. The mountain hike leaves right after Saturday breakfast while the shorter hike leaves an hour or so later. For Saturday lunch, the hike groups stop at a store for people to buy sandwiches and the like before heading out on the trail. As for the cooking and housekeeping, we do them cooperatively using a chore sign-up sheet, which definitely increases the feeling of closeness and camaraderie.

To sign up and reserve a place, send a check for \$60 per person to David Heimann, 65 Cornwall Street, #206, Jamaica Plain, MA 02130. You'll receive confirmation and directions to the lodge by return mail, e-mail, or phone call.

If you have questions or need more information, call David at 617-524-4531, send him e-mail at heimann@world.std.com, or call Bob and Brendy Horn at 781-843-5581.

So there it is: wonderful weather, wonderful mountains, invigorating countryside, and Mensa friends, all in one wonderful weekend. Be sure to sign up early to guarantee a place!

Eileen and John McGondel wish to announce that their first **outside rock-and-roll party** of the season will be on May 20. Basically the same routine as the last couple of years: Live music, all encouraged to play or sing. Two gas grills going. From anytime after sunrise until it ends, which could be Sunday. Tents and stayovers welcome. Campfires at night. Mensans and guests welcome. Each attendee is encouraged to bring something edible to contribute. No kids on this one, sorry. Dogs okay but only if well managed. Relaxed and pleasant time expected. Eric Forman's basement will be open, in the trailer out back. We will have some California wine and American beer (Anheuser-Busch) will be on hand until it's gone. If anyone wants to bring something stronger or just different, feel free. FSP people and Porcs welcome. Either call for directions or for updates or with any questions (603-434-0222) or email John McGondel at jteacher1@hotmail.com.

Scott Cayouette has purchased 23 tickets to the Sunday, September 3rd game of the **Portland Sea Dogs vs. the New Hampshire Fisher Cats** in Portland, Maine. They are in section 204 behind and to the right of home plate, the best you can get without season tickets! The price is only \$7 each until April 30 (after that it's highest bidder, so get them NOW.) First come, first served. Should they all sell out soon Scott will get at least another 20 or more depending on demand; however, these are all in the same spot, the next batch could be anywhere. Contact Scott Cayouette at sacayouette@yahoo.com or 207-649-1515.

Sudoku Solution

1	4	5	3	2	8	9	7	6
6	2	3	1	9	7	8	5	4
8	9	7	6	5	4	3	2	1
2	3	4	5	1	9	7	6	8
9	6	8	2	7	3	4	1	5
5	7	1	4	8	6	2	9	3
7	8	6	9	4	1	5	3	2
3	5	9	8	6	2	1	4	7
4	1	2	7	3	5	6	8	9

Adam Smargon wants to call your attention to an article on Yahoo News about the first World Sudoku Championship held in Italy in early March:

<http://tinyurl.com/qppu6>

The tournament's website can be viewed at:

<http://www.wsc2006.com>

Thank you, Adam!



Calendar of Events

April 2006

Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
Many thanks to our event hosts!						1 Roving Dinner
2 Roving Salon	3	4	5	6	7 Temperance League	8 (Im)moveable Feast
9 Second Sunday Brunch Bunch	10	11	12	13	14	15
16 Central Maine Dining	17	18 FSM/ ExComm	19 North of Boston Dinner	20	21 WinnipeSupper	22
23 North Country Lunch	24	25 Dinner and Pub Quiz	26	27	28 Appetite for Discussion	29 Games Night
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Mensa members are welcome to submit calendar listings to the Calendar Editor (calendar@nh.us.mensa.org) before the first of the month prior to the cover date. ♦ Event hosts may petition the Executive Committee for funds to promote events via postcard to members within a proximate geographic area. ♦ It is NH/ME Mensa policy to avoid conflicts as much as possible, but no conflicts are allowed to group-sponsored events. ♦ Mensans, members of their household, and invited guests are always welcome at group-sponsored events. ♦ Hosts of home-based events reserve the right to restrict attendance due to space or other appropriate reasons. ♦ While our hosts endeavor to provide accurate directions, attendees are well-advised to use their mapping medium of choice to determine their own best routes. ♦ In addition to being proper etiquette, R.S.V.P.'ing makes logical sense; it helps the host plan for the proper number of attendees and allows you to be kept abreast of any changes or cancellations.