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In our continuing quest to bring you faces for all those ExComm people, this month features Liz Modesitt hard at work on the events calendar. In addition to sorting out where each of us will be going each month, she has also agreed to take over the role of recording secretary to keep the minutes for our ExComm meetings. Thank You Liz!

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# Out of My Mind

## LocSec Claire Natola

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By the time you read this, I will have returned from the World Gathering in Orlando, an event I am greatly anticipating. I am not looking forward to the extra humidity, but I did survive last year's Gathering in New Orleans, so I'll probably be fine. I'll be attending many Leadership Development Workshops such as "So You Want to Start a Speaker Program," "Mensa Testing Day: The How-To," and "SIGHT: The Future." I look forward to meeting Mensans from all over the world, and rekindling the friendships I made with Mensans I met last year. I'll be sure to write all about my experiences for the October issue of Momentum.

Closer to home, more appointments were made at last month's ExComm Meeting. Walter Wakefield and Mark Becker were appointed as Regional Gathering Co-Chairs. (You can look for a 2007 RG registration form in future issues of Momentum.) Judi Shaw was appointed as interim Recording Secretary, pending Liz Modesitt's availability for the position this month. And Bette Lewicke has agreed to be appointed as Public Relations Officer at this time. I'd like to thank Walter, Mark, Judi, Liz, and Bette for their dedication to our chapter! And a special thank-you goes to Rob Roy, who had to resign the Recording Secretary position, but who will be continuing as our Membership Officer. Folks, we've got some great officers in our chapter, and I urge you to give any of them a pat on the back the next time you see them at an event.

The July 22 "Meet the RVC" event in Maine was fabulous! We had a great turnout, not only of Maine Mensans, but of New Hampshire Mensans and friends as well. Kevin Tremblay's graciousness as a host is unparalleled; I urge everyone to visit Kevin's place any time he is hosting an event at his home. Many thanks go to everyone who attended. The big news to come out of it was the decision to name some Area Coordinators for Maine. An Area Coordinator acts as a contact person for a certain geographic region (e.g., Greater Portland, Mid-coast, Down East, Central Maine, etc.). The Area Coordinator can organize regular events, and can provide encouragement and support to others in the region who want to host events. If you are interested in becoming an Area Coordinator for your region in Maine, please contact me at [locsec@nh.us.mensa.org](mailto:locsec@nh.us.mensa.org) or 603-279-9986.

On the fundraising front, one idea floated by the Fundraising Committee was the creation of a New Hampshire Mensa eBay account. The idea would be for our members to donate items to be auctioned, with our chapter benefiting from the proceeds. We have someone willing to post the items and manage the auctions; also, Joe Zanca has offered his place in Northfield, N.H. as the central location for holding and shipping the items. What I would like to know from our membership is this: Would you utilize this program to help us raise funds? An initial financial outlay would be required to get this program off the ground, and we want to be certain that the program would be utilized before we proceed. I urge you to contact me via the methods listed above, or to call Joe Zanca at 603-286-4157 to express your interest (or even your lack thereof) in auctioning

your items.

I hope you all enjoy the rest of your summer, and I look forward to seeing you at a Mensa event soon!



## What's Cooking in Region 1

### **Region 1 Vice Chair Marghretta McBean**

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The unbelievable heat wave that engulfed New York and most of the northeast has abated, hopefully for good. In my unairconditioned top-floor apartment, the temperature stayed above 95 degrees F. for over a week. Total meltdown.

It was cooler up in Maine when I visited our down east Mensans at the end of July. This was my only unvisited state in Region 1, and it was a pleasure to meet so many Maine members. Kevin Tremblay hosted a wonderful barbecue on his huge property and also gave an informative nature tour, pointing out the various plants he has nurtured. We were treated to a "Poetry Slam" from members of his talented writing group, many of whom expressed interest in joining Mensa.

A spirited discussion about the future of Mensans in Maine was held. While I had hoped to garner interest in reviving Maine Mensa, most of the members were understandably cautious about creating a group without a good cadre of strong leaders. What did emerge however, was a strong desire for a Maine identity, with more activities in the state. It was felt that appointing Area Coordinators could help immensely in this regard, and volunteers from the Portland/Casco Bay, Down East/Acadia, Kennebec/Moose River and Maine Highlands regions stepped forward.

I was very pleased to meet Scott Cayouette, who has worked tirelessly as the Proctor Coordinator in Maine. He has traveled throughout the state (and Maine is about 50% of New England size-wise!) testing prospects. I presented him with a Regional Service Award Certificate and pin in recognition of the fine work that he has done, not only for his group, but for Region 1 as a whole.

Claire Natola, who is currently the LocSec of New Hampshire Mensa, was also given a Regional Service Award Certificate and pin in recognition of her extraordinary work she has done for Mensa. From editing an award winning newsletter, to chairing a sensational RG, and all points in between, her bottomless energy and enthusiasm has contributed to the positive growth of her group, and also Region 1.

Summer usually means plenty of tomatoes this means time for Gazpacho. There are almost as many recipes as there are Spaniards. If you have watched any Pedro Almodavar films, usually one of the characters will make and/or drink this quintessential vegetable delight.

## GAZPACHO

Lots of red, ripe tomatoes  
Cucumber unpeeled, but with stem removed  
Anaheim peppers (or any non sweet green pepper)  
Stale bread (sour dough or ciabatta are great)  
Garlic  
Red wine vinegar  
Olive oil  
Salt  
Water

A nice looking gazpacho should have a pretty orange-red colour. I use a ratio of about 2 lbs. tomatoes to ½ lb. each of peppers and cucumbers.

1. Cut the vegetables in pieces that your blender can manage.
2. Cut some bread and soak in water until softish. Add mixture to blender.
3. Add the olive oil, salt, vinegar and water.
4. Blend until well mixed. Take a spoonful and taste it. At this point you can decide what is missing, what is in excess, etc. Experiment with the recipe: some people like gazpacho very thick, so they add a lot of bread, while some others like it very liquidy, and they add more water or less bread.
5. Some people get crazy adding garlic (like myself: 3-4 large cloves), while others are more restrained.
6. Some prefer gazpacho at room temperature. However, as it is a typical summer dish, it is usually served cold. If you make it a day ahead, the flavours are more intense.

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

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“Genius is an African who dreams up snow.”  
- Vladimir Nabokov

Marghretta  
McBean presents a  
Mensa Regional  
Service Award to  
Scott  
Cayouette.





# ExComm Minutes of July 18, 2006

## **Recording Secretary Judi Shaw**

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### Voting Members Present:

Claire Natola  
Joe Zanca  
Yvonne Crocker  
Mark Becker  
Darlene Alleman  
John Bauman

### Others Present:

Judi Shaw  
Eric Werme  
Elizabeth Becker  
Nicholas Becker  
Ann Majeske

The meeting was called to order at 1955.

### Chapter Update:

Claire reported that we have 11 new members for a total of 466; 315 in NH and 151 in Maine.

Robert Roy has sent word that he will be unable to serve as Recording Secretary due to other commitments. Elizabeth Modesitt is willing to take over but is not available until September. A motion was made by Claire, seconded by Joe to have Judi Shaw act as the interim Recording Secretary. The motion passed.

Bette Lewicke is interested in the position of Public Relations Officer but would like to take it on a trial basis for a few months before making a firm commitment. Claire moved to accept this arrangement, Yvonne second. The motion passed.

Walter Wakefield has offered to serve as RG Chair, but cannot begin work on the RG until September. Motion was made by Claire to appoint Walter RG Chair second Mark Becker. Much discussion followed with the consensus being that the position would best be served by co-chairs so that work may proceed immediately. The motion was amended to have Walter and Mark Becker serve as RG Co-Chairs. The motion passed with one abstention.

### Old Business:

We currently have about 20 printed member handbooks. More handbooks will be printed after the revisions are completed.

### New Business:

RG Contract: Elizabeth Becker and Claire are currently negotiating the contract with the Crowne Plaza. It is basically the same as last year. There are still some issues to be ironed out concerning check-out times. A motion was made by Claire, second by John Bauman to send a deposit of \$1,000 pending contract agreement. The motion passed with 1 against and 1 abstention.

Credit Card Processing: National Office is able to provide credit card processing for RGs at a much lower cost than our current provider. Motion Claire, 2<sup>nd</sup> John Bauman, to cancel our current account and sign up for the American Mensa account pending details acceptable to Darlene Alleman as Treasurer. The motion passed with one abstention.

Fundraising:

#1. Creation of NH Mensa E-Bay account. Claire motion, Mark Becker 2<sup>nd</sup>. Tabled.

#2. Trading RG registrations for use in raffles, etc. Joe motion, John B. 2<sup>nd</sup>, Passed.

#3. Selling Mensa home tests. Motion Joe, 2<sup>nd</sup> Claire. Passed with 1 abstention.

#4. Fundraising committee autonomy with \$20 dollar limits/endeavour. Passed.

Motion to adjourn made by Claire 2<sup>nd</sup> by Yvonne.

Meeting adjourned at 2110.

Respectfully submitted:

Judith Shaw



## Letters to the Editor

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*OK, strictly speaking this isn't a letter to the editor, but rather an exchange of emails that Rob Roy has asked me to put forward in the hopes of generating further discussion. I have retyped the letters as accurately as I can, but still errors and confusion are most likely my fault. The first part is the email Rob Roy received, and the personal info of the sender is omitted. The second part is his response.*

**Subject:** What is consciousness?

On Thursday, in my class on "Ideas on Human Nature", the prof asked the students the question: "What is consciousness?"

One said: rationality; another, decision-making; another, awareness; still another, sentience and so on. But the prof himself, when asked his opinion appeared to avoid the question.

Therefore I spent half an hour on the web this morning exploring the subject and have devised the following statement to present to the class on Tuesday.

"The consciousness of an entity is the subjective experience of that entity that it exists, which experience is the sum total of its experiencing of: Awareness of self, others and environment; Its sensations, emotions and mental processes; Reflections on the above and their inter-relations."

I would love to hear “your” opinions on : “What is consciousness?”

#6\*

**Subject:** [Re] ‘What is consciousness?’

Consciousness, to me is bits and pieces of truths concerning all that has ever been, all that ever is, and all that ever will be, and more; anything that is not nothing, wasn’t nor will ever be nothing.

As much as each bit and piece is individualistic, they are as well, part of a whole that was, is and always shall be. Consciousness is that part that is of the origion, the beginning, and gathers and grows in various shapes, sizes and forms as it journeys home.

At its lowest it is matter, and at its hightest it is thought. Its presence in humans merely a staging area, a better work station than a rock.

I have always thought that self awareness is like the water of conciousness. You can float and get nowhere or swim and get anywhere. Consciousness seems to be based on energy, good and bad, and balance, when it comes to gathering. It certainly seems to gain in strength, energy and powers as it gathers, whether good or bad. Perhaps free will is neither a blessing nor a curse, just a safety valve. Free will allows it to gather where worthy, whether good or bad, break apart where not, to try again, or to sit and rest.

Consciousness, the VIP lounge where the knowlage of the truths of everything is free for those who have earned the right to be there.

Just my thoughts. :-)

Peace

Rob

*Rob Roy, and the editor welcomes discussion. Email addresses can be found on the back cover of Momentum.*

*Also here is a letter from Lynn Pina about her SIG.*

Hey Editor.

Here is the Yahoo Group to the new SIG I started that National approved:  
<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/FreeStatersSIG/>

However, although it’s on the National website of approved SIGs, they have never mentioned it in Bulletin since inception. I may have to pay for an ad with them, just to get it mentioned.

In the meantime, can I get something included in the next Momentum, since I'm a NH Mensan? Here is the official blurb from <http://www.freestateproject.org/> on what the the Free State Project is:

What the Free State Project is...

The Free State Project is an effort to recruit 20,000 liberty-loving people to move to New Hampshire. We are looking for neighborly, productive, tolerant folks from all walks of life, of all ages, creeds, and colors who agree to the political philosophy expressed in our Statement of Intent, that government exists at most to protect peoples rights, and should neither provide for people nor punish them for activities that interfere with no one else.

Statement of Intent is listed in the middle box here:

<https://secure.freestateproject.org/join.jsp?q=join>

Thanks!

Lynn

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## Upcoming Testing Sessions

### Tell Your Friends!

Information on testing and prior evidence can be found at [nh.us.mensa.org](http://nh.us.mensa.org). Anyone 14 or older who wishes to take the Mensa Admissions Test should pre-register with the respective proctor listed below, who can provide testing site information. The test costs \$30; a photo-ID is required.

Date	Location	Proctor
Saturday, 16 September 10:00 a.m.	Portsmouth, N.H.	Adam Smargon 603-987-4205
Wednesday, 20 September 7:00 p.m.	Nashua, N.H.	John Bauman 603-883-7494



## Sudoku

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Fill in the grid so that every row, every column, and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1 through 9. Solutions can be found on Page 23.

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



# Notes from National

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Come join us! And share this information with your members, let's celebrate bringing the AMC to New England.

Rhode Island Mensa (RIM) is hosting the quarterly meeting of the American Mensa Committee (AMC) the weekend of October 13-14. We are spreading the word to all Mensans to come and view the inner workings of their governing board. The meetings will be held at the Radisson Airport Hotel in Warwick, Rhode Island. All details are posted on the RIM web page at [www.rhodeisland.us.mensa.org](http://www.rhodeisland.us.mensa.org).

Board members will be arriving from all regions on Friday (the 13th!) to participate in subcommittee meetings and to settle in for the games ahead. RIM will be staffing a hospitality room for arriving board members and all who may wish to meet them, from the hours of 6pm til 11pm. The AMC meeting begins on Saturday at 8am and breaks for a 6:30pm "meet and greet" Saturday dinner, a "taste of New England" chowder, clam cakes, and pasta buffet with a cash bar. The dinner is open to Mensans and their guests; all those who are interested in coming to the dinner please register early as seating is limited.

Please come and join us, come listen in as your elected board members make decisions that guide the direction of Mensa going forward. Become familiar with the inner workings, as this may be your opportunity and your inspiration to step forward and become intimately involved in this dynamic organization-your organization!

Please post this information on your website and in your newsletters and help us get the word out! Directions, meeting times, dinner registration info, and dinner menu are available on the website.

Thank you,

Michele Fremont, AMC Hosting Committee Chair



*Flowers from the garden of Kevin Tremblay.*



# The Alchemist

**Al Thomas**

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## YOUR BROKER WON'T CALL

One of the quickest ways to have your broker stop calling is to have your portfolio start sinking into oblivion. Of course, then you will be having calls from other brokers telling you how well they are doing for their clients and you should transfer your account to them.

Yes, and pigs can fly.

The secular bear market has taken over again and the chance of any small investor making money in the next couple of years is close to zero.

Please don't kill the messenger me as I am going to show you how to protect your capital from going down the toilet as it did in 2000. Your broker won't help. He's not allowed to tell you the simple method outlined here. You have to do it. And don't rely on some financial planner as most of them won't do it either.

Investors who followed the method I wrote about in my columns in 2001 rescued their savings from the Wall Street landslide. It is starting again. Don't get caught this time.

Based on technical analysis there is a strong probability that Dow Jones Industrial Average can drop 2,000 points or more. Your broker doesn't believe it and neither do any of the talking heads on CNBC-TV. Oh, I can be wrong, but I wrote back in November 2001 that the NASDAQ would drop 2,000 points and no one paid any attention then.

Right now look at every stock and fund that you own. If any one of them has fallen more than 10% from its highest closing price its time to SELL. Your broker will tell you to wait until it comes back. From where?

Another excellent sell signal is to plot a 200-day moving average on a chart of your stock or fund. If that line has turned down then SELL. All you need be concerned with is the direction of that line and not the price of the equity. Up is buy and hold. Down is sell and keep your money.

Go back to 2000 and draw a 200-day moving average for any fund at that time and you will see how accurate it was in giving a sell signal that protected investors' money. Can you afford another 2000?

No one knows for sure which way the market is going, but the 200-day moving average line will have the market telling you. If you learn to listen to the voice of the market and not some expert you will be able to make money in the stock market and more importantly not lose your money.

Now you call your broker.

Al Thomas' book, "If It Doesn't Go Up, Don't Buy It!" has helped thousands of people make money and keep their profits with his simple 2-step method. Read the first chapter at <http://www.mutualfundmagic.com> and discover why he's the man that Wall Street does not want you to know. Copyright 2006 All rights

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## The Alphabet Soup of Giftedness, by Kathe Oliver

September brings the start of the academic year with its accompanying flurry of school paperwork. Gifted children's parents often receive letters filled with undefined acronyms. Here are basic definitions for the most common acronyms to have puzzled some Mensa parents in recent Septembers.

CAT: California Achievement Test, widely used in the United States

CTY: Center for Talented Youth. See JHU-CTY.

GCC, GCP: In Mensa, and in some school districts, the Gifted Children's Coordinator and Gifted Children's Program.

GT, G&T: Gifted and Talented. The definition of and qualifications for inclusion in this term vary widely from school district to school district.

HSA: Home and School Association, a parents' group in many schools (see PTA, PTO)

JHU-CTY: The Johns Hopkins University Center for Talented Youth (5801 Smith Ave., #400 McAuley Hall, Baltimore, MD 21209, 410-735-4100, [www.jhu.edu/cty](http://www.jhu.edu/cty)) provides a variety of services for children in grades 2-10. It is best known for the CTY Talent Search.

LD: Learning disability, learning disabled

NAGC: The National Association for Gifted Children (1707 L Street, NW, Suite 550, Washington, DC 20036, 202-785-4268) is the largest support and advocacy organization for gifted children in the United States. Their publications and website <http://www.nagc.org/> are important resources for people who work and live with gifted children.

PTA, PTO: Parent Teacher Association, Parent School Organization, parents' groups in many schools (see has)

SENG: Supporting Emotional Needs of the Gifted (P.O. Box 6074, Scottsdale, AZ 85261, 773-857-6250, [www.sengifted.org](http://www.sengifted.org)), unlike other educational organizations for the gifted, deals with the emotional and social needs. It supports research and offers education in the psychology of giftedness to gifted people and the professionals who work with them. Anyone interested in giftedness can benefit from its resources.

SENG's "Online Conferences" offer a way to interact with experts on giftedness. Past speakers have included Dr. Robin Schader (the Parent Resource Specialist for the NAGC) and American Mensa's Gifted Children's Program Coordinator (GCPC), Dr. Deborah L. Ruf.

SIG: In Mensa and many other organizations, this acronym refers to a “Special Interest Group”, such as Mensa’s Homeschooling SIG (<http://www.geocities.com/Heartland/9687/SIG.html>). In other contexts SIG is usually an acronym for Summer Institute for the Gifted (River Plaza, 9 West Broad Street, Stamford, CT 06902-3788, 866-303-4744, [www.giftedstudy.com](http://www.giftedstudy.com)), which offers summer camps for gifted children and workshops for their parents and teachers.

TAG, TAGP: Talented and Gifted, Talented and Gifted Program

2-E: Twice Exceptional, someone who is both GT and LD

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By the age of six the average child will have completed the basic American education. From television, the child will have learned how to pick a lock, commit a fairly elaborate bank holdup, prevent wetness all day long, get the laundry twice as white, and kill people with a variety of sophisticated armaments. —Russell Baker

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(Adapted from an article written for Imprint, the Newsletter of Northern New Jersey Mensa, published in September, 2006)



Joe and Nancy Zanca had a great turnout for their July road rally and barbecue. Photo by Lynn Fox.



## Local Shutterbugs!

Incoming Scholarship Chair Ed Stevens presents Crystal Landry of Hudson, N.H. with the second annual Joe Zanca Scholarship. *Photo by Claire Natola.*



Kevin Tremblay treats us to a reading of his poetry. *Photo by Marghretta McBean.*

Judi Shaw at the barbecue after the road rally. *Photo by Lynn Fox.*





## **BOSTON MENSA RG**

### **“The Pilgrimage Game”**

November 17–19  
Braintree, MA

“The Pilgrimage Game” will have all the features of our best RGs (great food and beverages, open bar mixers, speaker track, activity track, games tournaments, Kids Academy, newly released movies, and more) plus a variety of individual games and puzzles running in the background. Mensa Dollars will be awarded to attendees during the convention based on which activities they choose to complete. Mensa Dollars can be used in a variety of raffles.

For more information and to register online go to:

**<http://bostonrg.org>**





# Calendar of Events

## September 2006

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
					1 Temperance League	2
3 Portland Sea Dogs	4	5	6	7	8 The Brady Bunch  Fall Mt. Climb	9 Fall Mt. Climb
10 Fall Mt. Climb  Sunday Puttering Time	11	12	13	14	15 Winnipesupper  Camping Weekend	16 Camping Weekend  Games Night
17 North Country Lunch  Central Maine Dining  Camping Weekend	18	19 Pre-FSM Dinner  FSM and ExComm	20 North of Boston Dinner	21	22 Appetite for Discussion	23
24	25	26 Dinner and Pub Quiz	27	28	29	30

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