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This month we bring you a photo of our hard working testing coordinator Lynne Fox, getting support from her husband Dave. Many thanks go to Lynne, and all the proctors that made Mensa Testing Day such a big success in our chapter.





A Sampling of Next Month's Events*



Friday, December 1, 7:00 p.m.	Temperance League, Manchester, N.H.
Friday, December 8, 7:00 p.m.	The Brady Bunch, Peterborough, N.H.
Saturday, December 9, 6:00 p.m.	Candlelight Stroll/WinnipeSupper, Strawberry Bank, N.H.
Sunday, December 10, 10:30 a.m.	2nd Sunday Brunch, Nashua, N.H.
Sunday, December 17, 1:00 p.m.	North Country Lunch, North Conway, N.H.
Sunday, December 17, 4:00 p.m.	Central Maine Dining, Skowhegan, M.E.
Friday, December 22, 6:30 p.m.	Appetite for Discussion, Portsmouth, N.H.
Tuesday, December 26, 6:30 p.m.	Dinner and Pub Quiz, Portland, M.E.

*Events are subject to changes of date, time, location or even outright cancellation, as life sometimes gets in the way. Don't forget to refer to next month's *Momentum* for the most up-to-date information.

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Out of My Mind LocSec Claire Natola

Many may decry computers for losing unsaved documents when the “blue screen of death” appears, but I’ve realized that my pen-and-paper documents are in just as much danger. During lulls while working the registration desk at an architectural conference several days ago, I wrote my LocSec column on the reverse side of the directions I needed to get to the conference. Sometime before returning home three days later, I lost my column. I probably was cleaning out my car at a gas station on the way home, saw the directions and thought, “I don’t need these anymore.” Perhaps a Sunoco attendant is now enjoying my words of wisdom.

I do recall writing how much I was looking forward to the AMC Meeting in Providence, an event that will have passed by the time you read this. I recall encouraging you to attend Boston Mensa’s “Pilgrimage Game” Regional Gathering on November 17-19. I recall urging you to register early for our own 007-themed RG this coming February. And most importantly, I recall thanking our incredible proctors.

October 21 was “Mensa Testing Day,” and as of press time our proctors had scheduled an astonishing 11 testing sessions throughout our two-state chapter during the month of October (with one or two sessions still in the works)! Many other chapters have few or no certified proctors, so our chapter is blessed to have so many active volunteers. My thanks go to proctors **Bromley Baril**, **John Bauman**, **Bev Bryant**, **Marty Capodice**, and **Scott Cayouette** (FOUR sessions alone!) for giving of their time and energy to test prospective members. Gratitude also goes to **Katja Swift** (new to New Hampshire Mensa!) for setting up Marty’s testing session; to **Kevin Tremblay** and **Robert Roy** for hosting testing sessions for Scott and me, respectively; to **Bette Lewicke** for providing publicity for Mensa Testing Day; and to **Lynne Fox** for coordinating all the details and communicating with our prospects! Please give a hearty thank-you to our wonderful testing volunteers the next time you see them at an event.

Getting back to the topic of our 007 Regional Gathering, many exciting plans are underway. The RG Committee is hashing out the details for a Monte Carlo Night on the Saturday evening of the Gathering, in keeping with our 007 theme. How exciting! Stay tuned for more information on this and other RG details in future issues of *Momentum*.

I wish you all a bountiful Thanksgiving!





What's Cooking in Region 1

Region 1 Vice Chair Marghretta McBean

I have just gotten back from Colloquium 2006, presented by Mensa of Northeastern New York (MoNY), and am still in a state of cosmological excitement. "Revolution in Cosmology" with its sellout audience, was the best Mensa event I have ever attended. The stellar caliber of the speakers, the high level discussions, the intensity of the debates sparked by the various points of view, all contributed to a mental stimulation that was both refreshing and thought provoking. While all of MoNY deserves the highest praise for producing a superb event, special plaudits are due Judy Keating, MoNY's president and Dr. Harry Ringermacher, the Speaker Chair, who together conceived the idea and saw it to fruition. On the opening night, I was pleased to present MoNY with a Regional Service Award Certificate in recognition of the positive effect the Colloquium bestowed on not only Region 1, but Mensa as a whole.

My column last month, had it been possible to write it, would have been entitled "What Got Fried In Region 1". At the beginning of September my computer's hard drive Got Cranky. Then it got Very, Very, Very Sick. The horrors of the hard drive crash (actually it was a freeze) are still lingering with me. A Big Thank You goes to Brian Glasser of Greater New York Mensa for his invaluable help in diagnosing and testing my computer and ultimately giving me a replacement hard drive.

The last weekend in September found me up in Vernon CT attending Connecticut & Western Massachusetts MensAutumn RG. An eclectic panel of speakers, including a Muslim Chaplin, an authority on First Amendment issues regarding indecency, "The Meditation Man," among others, provided attendees with thought provoking ideas. The acknowledged stars of the RG, however, were unable to speak. Three dogs from the Manchester Police's K9 team came with their human partners. The policemen gave obedience, retrieval and detaining demonstrations on the grounds outside the RG hotel. They also talked about the special relationship they have with their dogs, how the dogs are trained, and what methods are used to help keep Connecticut free of illicit substances.

As many of you may know, I have decided to run for the Chairmanship of American Mensa in next year's elections. I have appointed Lori Norris of Rhode Island Mensa as Assistant Regional Vice Chair. Lori is running for RVC1 and by making this appointment I hope to effectuate a smooth leadership transition should she win office.

Belated Get Well wishes go to two LocSecs: Mary Jo Kelleher (Mensa of the Southern Tier) and Claire Natola (New Hampshire/Maine Mensa), both of whom are recovering from gall bladder surgeries. Claire was comforted no doubt by the two awards bestowed upon her group at the World Gathering: a GOTYA (Group Of The Year Award) and Best in Mensa Recognition for Momentum, NH/M's newsletter, where she was editor.

CultureQuest, the ultimate Mensa geek contest, had two Region 1 finalists: Misha's Vineyard Players of Greater New York Mensa (5th place); and the Next Generation team (ages under 16 years) of The Olympians from Connecticut & Western Massachusetts Mensa (1st place). Congrats!!!!

As the days get shorter, it's time to "put things by" for the long winter months. These pickles will keep in the refrigerator for months, getting more pungent as they age. They would be great on your Thanksgiving condiment platter.

Refrigerator Pickles

6 half pint glass jars (canning, jelly or condiment with screw top lids)

2 lbs. Kirby or other pickling cucumbers, sliced 1/8 inch thick

3 tsp. kosher or sea salt

½ red or Spanish onion, thinly sliced

1 ½ cups sugar

1 cup distilled white vinegar

½ cup water

1 Tbl. each, Mustard and Celery seed

3 (or more) garlic cloves, halved and bruised

[Optional: sliced seeded jalapeño and/or scotch bonnet peppers]

1. Wash jars well with soapy water and rinse thoroughly.
2. Place sliced cucumbers in layers of about 1 cup at a time in a large non-reactive bowl, sprinkling 1/8 tsp salt on each layer, using 1 tsp of the salt.
3. Add onion, then gently toss. Cover bowl with plastic wrap and let stand at room temperature for 1 hour.
4. Drain off any liquid that has accumulated in the bottom of the bowl.
5. To make brine combine remaining ingredients with the 2 tsp. salt in a medium sauce pan. Bring to boil stirring occasionally. Let boil until sugar has dissolve, about 2 minutes.
6. Pour brine over cucumbers and onions. Let stand for 10 minutes, stirring occasionally.
7. Using slotted spoon or tongs, divide mixture among the jars. [Add one or more layers of pepper if desired.] Try to get a piece of garlic in each jar. Pour enough liquid to cover cucumbers, using extra vinegar if necessary.
8. Slide a table knife down the inside of each jar to help settle contents and remove any air pockets. This might create room for more cucumbers.
9. Screw lids on and let stand at room temperature until cool. Refrigerate at least 24 hours, preferably 48 or more. Shake jars every so often to keep flavours diffused.

To see this and past articles visit <http://>



ExComm Minutes of Sept. 19, 2006

Recording Secretary Liz Modesitt

Voting Members Present:

Darlene Alleman, John Bauman, Mark Becker, Liz Modesitt, Claire Natola

Others Present:

Elizabeth Becker, Anne Majeske, Tom Sheil, Walter Wakefield, Publisher Ric Werme

The meeting was called to order at 8:08 p.m.

Claire reported that we have a total of 479 members, with 324 in N.H. and 155 in M.E. This is an increase of 7 members from last month.

Sue Flaherty will serve as Area Coordinator for the Greater Portland, M.E. area and Bob Lagos will assist her. Scott Cayouette will serve as Area Coordinator for Central M.E.

A motion was made by Mark to officially confirm Liz Modesitt as Recording Secretary. John seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

A motion was made by John to move FSM/ExComm (but NOT Pre-FSM Dinner) to Liz's apartment in Concord, N.H. on a 3 month trial basis. Darlene seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. FSM/ExComm will be held at Liz Modesitt's apartment in October, November, and December.

RG Business

1. John Lewicke purchased the tire covers for the RG trailer.
2. The Crowne Plaza okayed a Monte Carlo night for Saturday night.
3. There will be a banquet at the Crowne Plaza on Saturday night.
4. Elizabeth Becker received a quote on RG T-shirts and sweatshirts from Joe Zanca.
5. There will be a RG Planning Meeting on October 9, 2006. Numbers 2 and 4 will be further discussed at that meeting.

The possibility of hosting/co-hosting the 2010 AG was discussed. It would not be feasible unless N.H., M.A., and C.T. combined together. The only suitable location would be Boston, M.A. Claire agreed to bring the matter up to members of Boston Mensa.

Credit card processing through the National Office instead of our present situation was discussed. Darlene presented the specifics of the process. The decision was tabled, pending further information and the input of RG Registrar Deb Stone.

Darlene made a motion to charge \$6.00 a year for an electronic subscription to Momentum for out-of-chapter members. Mark seconded the motion, and it passed. The fine print at the front of Momentum needs to be updated to reflect this change.



Rob Roy would like to establish a membership hardship fund. The question of how to determine hardship was raised. Claire will check with other LocSecs to see if a model for this exists in another chapter.

Appointed positions not specifically listed in the bylaws were brought up, with the intent of creating additional positions. Walter Wakefield would like to be appointed Archivist and Sergeant-At-Arms. It was decided that Walter would write up a job description for an Archivist and submit it for approval at the next meeting, since the position exists on the National level. The Sergeant-At-Arms position was dismissed due to liability concerns.

Buying a movie projector for chapter use was talked about. Mark motioned that we give Richard Conde leave to pick out and buy a suitable movie projector at or under an ExComm determined price limit. Darlene seconded the motion, and it passed with 1 Nay.

Several Members-at-Large have not been coming to meetings on a regular basis. This is becoming a problem. Claire will check in with certain MALs to see what is wrong.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:37 p.m.



WANTED: All publications of Mensa, Intertel, I.S.P.E., new or old. Especially need all pre-1980 Mensa *Bulletin*, NH/ME/VT/MA local publications, registers, other paper material and pins. Wanted for preservation and access for research to members of these organizations. I will pay \$ for your items, but donations greatly appreciated. Help preserve our past.

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The AML Nominating Committee has completed its task, and the following individuals are considered nominated and will be on the ballot for the 2007 election. Please note that petitions from other potential candidates are being accepted and must be received by Feb. 1, 2007. More information on the petition process can be found at <http://www.us.mensa.org/officerresources>.

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Granite Gathering '007: RGs Are Forever February 16-18, 2007



New Hampshire Mensa's 17th Annual Regional Gathering! RG aficionados say that for a small state, we have one of the best RGs: stellar hospitality, ample food and libations, scintillating speakers, live music, games, contests, silent auction, and more!

Location: Crowne Plaza Nashua, 2 Somerset Parkway, Nashua, NH 03063. Room rate of \$96 (exclusive of 8% NH Rooms Tax) per night guaranteed until 1/16/07. Call 603-886-1200 and ask for the Mensa rate. Complimentary: indoor parking garage, shuttle service to and from Manchester Airport (*when prearranged*), full-service health club.

Registration: \$55 until 11/16/06; \$65 until 1/16/07; \$75 thereafter or at the door. Children 8-17 \$15 less than regular rate; children under 8 free. Saturday rate is \$10 less than regular rate in effect at time of registration. Fabulous Saturday night 007-themed buffet is \$28 per person. Mail your form and fee to Registrar Deb Stone, 24312 Spartan Street, Mission Viejo, CA 92691-3921. (email: debstone@cox.net) Do not mail registration after 2/1/07; register at door instead.

Questions? Contact RG Co-Chair Walter Wakefield at 877-436-7250 or RG Co-Chair Mark Becker at rgchair@nh.us.mensa.org. For latest details, see www.nh.us.mensa.org/rgnews.shtm.



Registrant #1: _____ Registrant #3: _____

Registrant #2: _____ Registrant #4: _____

Children's Names and Ages: _____

Address: _____ City, State, ZIP: _____

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Type	Quantity	Rate (see above)	Subtotal
Adult Registration			
Child 8-17			
Child under 8		Free	
Saturday Buffet		\$28	

Total: \$ _____

Make checks payable to "New Hampshire Mensa" or charge (MasterCard or Visa):
Card # _____ Exp ___ / ___ Name on Card: _____



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Proctor	Date	Location
John Bauman 603-883-7494	Wednesday 15, November, 7 pm	Nashua NH
Bromley Baril 603-749-1088	18, November	Portsmouth NH

Due to the advanced nature of Momentum deadlines there may well be other testing dates in November that did not make it to press in time for this issue. Please refer to the NH Mensa website, <http://nh.us.mensa.org/>, or contact the Testing Coordinator (see back cover for contact information) for more up to date information.

2007 New Hampshire RG Beer Survey!

Please ONLY fill out this survey if you're planing to attend the 2007 NH RG, and are 21 or older.

Beer Can't stand it! 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 Love it!

Abbey beers	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ale	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Belgian Ale	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Brown Ale	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Budweiser	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Budweiser Lite	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cream Ale	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
India Pale Ale	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Lagers	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Low alcohol	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ocktoberfest	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Pale Ale	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sam Adams	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Stout or Porter	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Is there anything specific you'd like to see served at the RG? Tell me some of your favorite microbrews, or any other type of beer you'd like.

Clip & return the survey to 161 Lake St. Bristol NH, 03222. Please address to David Mellville, or Biermiester. Or, copy, fill in and email to : loonie_tick@hotmail.com



The Alchemist

Al Thomas

CONTRARIAN TRADING WORKS

Let's say you want to buy some General Motors stock because you think it is going to go up. Your friend says don't buy it because he thinks it is going to go down. Thinking about the same subject is contrary, but both can be wrong. It might only go sideways.

To be contrary in the stock market is a good way to make money. Almost all brokers think alike. That is what they have been taught. My experience having hired many brokers when I owned a brokerage company I know this is a fact. Few know what they are doing or why they do it.

To be a successful investor you must learn to be contrary. You must learn to think outside the box.

When I was an exchange member and floor trader I was known as a contrarian. I always wanted to know where the majority of traders had their money. Not just 50% or 60% of them, but 80% or 90%. Then I would wait for a special technical indicator I used to tell me when the mass of traders started to change their minds so I could either sell or buy opposite to the crowd. Once that happens it was like an avalanche as the equity started down or climbed out of a big hole like a geyser.

I was not always right, but when I was wrong the loss was very small. That is another contrarian "secret" of professional traders. The pros run quickly to keep losses small whereas the average trader and most brokers will watch and wait for it to come back so they can get out "even". That's a loser's philosophy.

How many investors you know have an exit strategy? All the contrarians do. They have gotten out of the box and know exactly when to run to protect their capital when they first buy or later as profits accumulate. They have a plan to keep the biggest part if the equity changes course to an opposite direction.

When everyone gets bullish it is time to examine your positions to think about your exit. When the market gets so bad and folks are cursing their brokers more than usual it is time to think about buying.

Wall Street has taught Joe Sixpack that he has to be invested all the time. They will never tell that cash is a position. If Joe had sold out the end of 2000 and been in a money market account for the next 2 years he would not have lost 40% to 60% or more of his money.

Today everyone is bullish on oil. It has dropped more than 20% yet the talking heads continue to tell you this is only a correction and it is going much higher, maybe \$100. There are many trapped with losses mounting each day. Without an exit strategy it can only get worse.

Learn to think outside the box. Get away from crowd mentality. Be contrary.

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Local Writers!

For All of US by, Michael Breton

The day dawned bright, cold, calm. We had spent the previous night encamped in and around a tiny Pennsylvania village. Horses tramped in place to stay warm, clouds of steam pouring from their nostrils. Farmers and shopkeepers, fishermen and cobblers, soldiers of this new army of freedom roused themselves, coaxing wisps of smoke from the embers of last night's fire. I had been on duty all night, as I always was, standing watch with the sentries. I was all right, however, as I was very young then; younger still than some of the boys who puffed up their chests and lied themselves into a place in this rag tag band of heroes.

Years passed, 80 and some, and again I found myself with men-at-arms in a small Pennsylvania town, but this time things were different. Today the horses weren't moving to stay warm. No, on this hot July day their ears twitched and tails swished to keep the flies away, flies too fat and obviously too well fed. More than this, though, separated these last 3 days from those of years before. This time the men I faced, while different were, somehow, the same. Looking across the field of battle at my counterpart he, to, shared an almost brotherly similarity.

The pages of history continued to fill, and I answered the call many times again. I have been fortunate that the last time I had to witness armies battle on my home soil were those bitter years that pitted brother against brother. Since then I've been to the cities of Europe, the jungles of Asia, and the sands of the Middle East.

Not all my experiences have been in war. I have cloaked the shoulders of Little Leaguer's on diamonds carved out of potato fields, been waved in triumph by Olympians in mammoth arenas, and been borne to the highest point on the planet. I am unique among my brethren in that I have slipped the bonds of earth and stand alone on the distant shores of a tranquil sea.

Women have played a vital role in my life. As with all of us, a woman brought me into being and perhaps the most famous lady in the world stands on our shores as one of our proudest symbols. Women, too, are often my final guardian when someone they love has given all they have to give, and the country has only me to present as an expression of appreciation and grief.

I am proud to accompany so many each day as they do the jobs that make the country safe for us all. I was with those people on that blue-skied day in September. I was there when so many went back into the scorched skeletons of buildings over and over again to rescue the shattered bodies of people they didn't know, but knew needed them. And, when some of them didn't return from their final call I again stood guard, and gave them their final embrace.

Over the years in many lands I have been burned, spit on; defiled and hated. I've come to expect such things from those who don't know my country and it's people. Now, however, there are those here at home that think that I am not worth protecting. They think that, somehow, it is better to drag me through the mud, burn me, treat me with contempt. I don't pretend to understand those people, but, honestly, I don't worry. All I have ever asked is that you be part of my great, extended family and I will stand proudly for you, too.

RG Volunteers Needed

Hi all,

It is just a short time to the RG. This year we are going to have our old favorites and a few new things. So we need people to bake cookies and bread for Saturday lunch. We will also need Chocolate for the Saturday Night Chocolate Feast please let me know if you are planning to bake so I will have an idea of what is coming.

Thanks

Elizabeth Becker

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From the Editor:

Until I can fix the issues that have plagued Kick Irrational in the print editions, I'll only be putting the strip in the electronic version. Please pass it along to anyone who misses the strip. Also I think we all appreciate seeing the colors.

Thanks

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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

November 2006

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
			01	02	03 Temperance League	04
05	06	07	08	09	10 The Brady Bunch	11 Games Night
12 Second Sunday Brunch	13	14	15 North of Boston Dinner	16	17 WinnepeSupper	18
19 North Country Lunch Central Maine Dining	20	21 Pre-FSM Dinner FSM, ExComm, and Business Meeting	22	23	24 Appetite for Discussion	25
26	27	28 Dinner and Pub Quiz	29	30		

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.