

SOUTHERN CONNECTICUT MENSA CHRONICLE

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SCHEDULE OF CHAPTER EVENTS - MAY

Friday, May 13, 7:00

Danbury Dinner - Southern Connecticut and Connecticut/Western Massachusetts Joint Dinner

at a new venue, The Pasta Garden, 174 Federal Rd, Brookfield CT 06804 (restaurant phone: (203) 775-0426). Interested M's should contact Ward Mazzucco at 203-744-1929, ext 25, wjm@danburylaw.com or Rev. Bill Loring at 203-794-1389, fr.bill@comcast.net for more info on location and/or reservations.

Tuesday, May 17, 7:00 pm

Post Road Dinner

King and I restaurant, 260 Post Rd., Fairfield, CT 06820. Contact Jim Mizera: jmizera@hotmail.com or (203) 522-1959 for reservations or info.

Saturday, May 21, 6:15 pm

Monthly Dinner

SPEAKER: Rick D'Amico will lead a discussion of Malcolm Gladwell's ideas from his bestselling books *The Tipping Point* (2000), *Blink* (2005), and *Outliers* (2008). The Putnam House Restaurant, The Seelye Room, 12 Depot Place, Bethel (downtown - across from old railroad station), CT 06801 (theputnamhouse.com - Dinner Menu 1 - a vegetarian option is on the menu.). Dress is casual. We will try meeting in the bar before dinners to encourage people to meet everyone. Meet in the bar 6:15 - 7:00 before the dinner, which will be held on the 2nd Floor Seelye Room. Dinner Menu 1 - a vegetarian option is included on the menu.) Before the presentation, we will enjoy dinner. There is parking in the rear of the restaurant and in the nearby Old Railroad Station lot. Contact Jim Mizera at jmizera@hotmail.com or (203) 522-1959 for reservations or info. Reservations are encouraged but not required. In case of severe weather, please call

to confirm that the event is going on as scheduled.

CONNECTICUT AND WESTERN MASSACHUSETTS CHAPTER UPCOMING EVENTS

This is not a complete listing WE - Weekly Event, ME - Monthly Event, YE - Yearly Event CT & W. Mass Calendar Editor Gisela Rodriguez, 860-888-9867, email: lilith@beadylittleskies.com.

MAY

5, 12, 19, 26 Thursdays 6:30 pm

Scrabble

(WE) at the Fellowship Housing clubhouse, 24 Starkel Road, West Hartford (it's the small building right where the road bends). For more info contact Lois Cappellano 413-567-4702

6 Friday 5:30 pm

Happy Hour in Wallingford

(ME, 1st Fridays) Ann Polanski (contact her at 203-269-4565 or cell 860-817-9910 or ann.polanski@comcast.net) at The Old Dublin, 171 Quinnipiac Street, Wallingford, CT 06492, 203-949-8022, www.theolddublin.com From Route 15: Take exit 64 toward Wallingford/ Downtown, Sharp right at Quinnipiac Street, At 0.3 miles turn left to stay on Quinnipiac Street. The Old Dublin will be on the left about 0.3 miles from where you turned left From I-91: Take I-91 to exit 13 Turn right at end of exit onto South Colony Road. At about 0.2 miles, turn left onto Quinnipiac Street (Wallingford center, just before the gazebo). The Old Dublin will be on your right within about two blocks.

11 Wednesday 5:30 pm

Happy Hour in Branford

(ME, 2nd Wednesday) at Donovan's Reef 1212 Main Street, Branford CT. www.donovans-reef.com has a small map, and here are some directions with distances - from I-95 take exit 54/Cedar Street. Go south on Cedar Street crossing Rt. 1/Boston Post Road for about 0.5 mi. to Rose Street. Take a left on Rose and go 0.25 mi. to a driveway on the right where you will enter the parking lot for a number of businesses in a complex known as Lockworks Square. Drive part way through the lot and look for Donovan's Reef

on the left. Locals can also enter Lockworks Square from the Ivy Street side just off of Main Street. The lounge is on the left inside. I usually have a table reservation and will likely have an "M" sign visible. We start around 5:30. There are free daily bar goodies along with a comprehensive menu. Donovan's: 203-488-5573. We have a great time talking about anything and everything. Hope to see you there! Questions? Contact Mike Wilson at 203-481-2858 or MahoutMike@aol.com

13 Friday 6:30 pm

Diner Dinner

(semimonthly, 2nd and 4th Fridays) at Olympia Diner, Rte 5, Newington, just north of the Berlin town line and North East Utilities. Menu ranges from toasted cheese sandwich to steak and fish dinners. Basic bar menu available, no happy hour prices, but the food is good and very reasonable. Questions? For info, contact Howard Brender at 860-635-5673 or howiebren@aol.com
Subject: Diner Dinner

14 Saturday Time TBA

Mensa Admissions Testing

C&WM Mensa now holds regular testing in Newington, CT on the second Saturday of every month. Please preregister to attend by contacting the testing Proctor Coordinator, David B. Collier at Testing@CWM.US.Mensa.org for more details, including directions. In addition to the regular testing, additional tests will be made available around the region as candidate interest requires. To register for testing updates, go to <http://www.us.mensa.org/directtesting> and provide an email address. You can also save time at the site by paying for your testing session online at www.us.mensa.org/testingvoucher.

20-22 5:00 pm Friday to 5:00 pm Sunday

Region 1 Games Weekend

The Second Annual Region 1 Games Weekend hosted by RVC Lori N. and her husband, Ron, will be held at the Quality Inn, 1150 Riverdale Street, West Springfield, MA the weekend of May 20 to May 22. Games room will be open from 5:00 pm on Friday through 5:00 pm on Sunday. Space limited to 50 registrants.

Advance registration requested; walk-ins only as space permits. Mail registration (\$40 per person) to Lori N. [Check Media]. Contact Lori to

arrange Paypal payment for event registration.

Contact hotel directly for reservations (413-739-7261) and ask for the Mensa rate. Rates are \$71.99 for king room and \$81.99 for rooms with 2 queen beds (\$8 for 3rd and 4th person in room). Reserve early as once our block is sold out, it may be tough to get a room (graduation weekend). As the hotel may run out of double rooms, they have reserved 7 cots for the king rooms if needed. The hotel has a "deluxe continental breakfast" for those staying at the hotel.

This event is being limited to adults only, no children. There will be limited hospitality and no alcohol provided by the hosts. You may, and are encouraged, to BYOB. Bring your games to share (especially MindGame winners). Pet-friendly hotel (may have a separate charge) but no cats per your hostess. For further information, please e-mail Lori Norris at lorijnorris@hotmail.com.

25 Sunday 1:35 pm

Baseball

Come see the New Britain Rock Cats host the Binghamton Mets (Double-A Mets). Buy a general admission ticket (\$5), climb up to section 213, about four rows from the top, and join other Mensans for live baseball, jokes, and hot chocolate or beer (weather depending). More info? www.rockcats.com or contact Tom T. Tom.thomas@the-spa.com

27 Friday 5:00 pm

Fourth Friday Happy Hour

FHamden, CT We're moving the happy hour back to the Playwright in Hamden - better happy hour snacks. www.playwrightirishpub.com. Come on down and join us this month, we'd love to see ya. Contact Gail Trowbridge 203-877-4472 or gail_trowbridge@yahoo.com

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REGIONAL GATHERINGS

May 6-8

Cape Cod Mini-RG

Join us on beautiful Cape Cod for a relaxing weekend of socializing and hospitality. Enjoy great seafood, go whale watching, antiquing, bicycling or just sit back and listen to the ocean.

Register at: www.caperg.org

Adult registration is only \$45 and kids under 21 are \$1 per year of age. Hotel rooms are \$74.95 for 1-4 people until 3/31, then \$79.95. Make your reservations early as the Corsair and Cross Rip fill up fast. Hotel info/reservations: 800-345-5140.

Friday dinner and Saturday and Sunday breakfasts are included in the registration.



FROM THE REGIONAL VICE CHAIRMAN**LORI NORRIS****RVCHAT**

As many of you may already know, Joe Zanca passed away on March 29th. Joe was a former RVC for Region 1, the founder of the Mensa Boutique, and a much beloved friend of Mensa and Mensans alike. I will miss Joe as will many others. Donations can be made to the Joe Zanca Scholarship Fund through the Mensa Foundation.

My penultimate column - I love that word. Ever since I first heard it used a couple of years ago, I use it as often as I can. And I'm one of those folks who frequently have to look up a long word to see what it means. Here I am, a Mensan and an attorney, and I usually prefer simple language - unless it is a neat word.

Mind Games® 2011 was held in mid-April in Albany, New York, hosted by Mensa of Northeastern New York. A great weekend - good games, good company, and lots of hard work with all those games to play. Can't wait for next year.

My husband and I enjoy playing games with our Mensan friends. We socialize, have a few drinks (sometimes) and enjoy each other's company over some friendly competition. During the year, we try to hold semi-regular games nights at our home and have gotten anywhere from four to twenty-six people in our small house. Last spring we hosted a games weekend in

March which was a great success, so we're doing it again. The weekend of May 20-22 we will be playing games in West Springfield, MA. If you are interested, contact me at lorijnorris@hotmail.com or check out the event on the Region 1 Facebook page (which now has 255 members).

The Mensa national elections are underway. Votes must be submitted by May 31 for national officers. Andrew Heffernan (MoNNY) has been declared to be elected as our new Regional Vice Chair (RVC) as he was running unopposed. Members of Region 1 groups (us) may vote for Chair, First Vice Chair, Second Vice Chair (I am a candidate), Treasurer and Secretary. All of these positions have at least two candidates and two positions have three candidates. You may vote electronically or via a paper ballot (if you haven't received one, contact the national office for a replacement ballot). This is your Mensa, so vote and make your voice count.

During the first full weekend of May, Boston Mensa is holding their Cape Cod Mini-RG and I am the Hospitality Chair (let's hear it for waffles and omelettes). This is a great, unstructured weekend.

Lori J. Norris
RVC - 1

GOOD WINE CHEAP**(AND GOOD FOOD TO GO WITH IT)***by John Grover*

The Boss and I have recently returned from a trip to Northern Italy. The geography of the North is highly varied from the hills of Piedmont, to the sandy beaches of Liguria, and across the vast farmlands of the Po River plain with the magnificent Alps Mountains looming in the background. Here the cities are modern and industrialized and the economy is quite dynamic. But, the architectural charm of the old city centers is meticulously preserved. And, the way of life is quintessentially Italian. Good food, good wine, good style and "la dolce vita" abound.

The wine this month is the 2008 "Solane" Valpolicella from the Santi winery of the Veneto region. This wine is made from the local Corvina and Rondinella grapes. There are several classifications noted on the bottle: 1. "Classico" which means it comes from the original Valpolicella production area; 2. "Superiore" indicates that it has been aged at least 12 months; and, 3. "Ripasso" which pertains to a specific production technique. This red wine starts with the aroma of cherry with hints of tobacco and clove. There is also a bit of mustiness to the nose which seems to go away by decanting this wine and letting it breathe for a few minutes. The taste is both subtle and delightful with muted red berry fruit and a bit of cherry and spice. The smooth tannins give it an almost creamy finish. You can find Solane Valpolicella marketed widely for between \$11 and \$15 a bottle.

PORK CHOPS BRAISED WITH SAGE AND TOMATOES, MODENA STYLE

(from "More Classic Italian Cooking" by Marcella Hazan, Ballantine Books, 1984; and is available through Amazon books)

Ingredients:

2 tbsp butter
 1 tbsp vegetable oil
 4 pork loin chops, 2 inch thick
 1/ 2-cup flour, spread on a dish
 6 to 8 fresh sage leaves
 3/ 4-cup canned Italian plum tomatoes, cut up in their juice
 salt and pepper to taste

Choose a sauté pan large enough to hold all four chops later without overlapping. Put in all the butter and oil and turn heat to medium high. Dredge the chops in flour on both sides. When the butter foam in the pan subsides, put in the chops and sage. Brown the chops on each side for about 2 minutes. Add 2 or 3 pinches of salt, a grinding of pepper and the chopped tomatoes with their juice. Cover the pan, turn down heat to medium low and cook for about 1 hour or until the meat is tender to a fork. The sauce should be quite dense. If it is not, turn up the heat for a few moments and reduce it rapidly. Tip the pan and with a spoon remove all but about a tablespoon or so of fat. Serves four. Serving suggestion: Invest in some high quality balsamic vinegar from Modena, Italy. It will make a nice condiment for this or most of the side dishes you might serve with this recipe.

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.

U.S. MENSA ELECTION 2011

The website <http://www.us.mensa.org/election> has the candidates' personal biographies, campaign statements and their answers to questions from the AMC. Ballots and election information will be direct-mailed to these members and should arrive on or after April 15. Voting for the American Mensa election begins on April 15. The national voting period runs from April 15 to May 31, and voting information will be included with your ballot. Please note that online voting will be available and that login information for the online balloting will arrive with your ballot packet.

CAMPAIGN STATEMENT

*Jared Levine,
Candidate for AMC Secretary*

As the American Mensa Committee (AMC) Secretary, I will provide swift mini-minutes less than one week after AMC meetings so that the membership can keep abreast of the results of issues that were considered by the AMC. I will draft and make available Annual Business Meeting (ABM) minutes less than one month after the ABM is conducted. This will enable attendees to have a fresh recollection of what occurred and who said what, for attendees to provide any relevant suggestions for changes they might choose to submit well in advance of the subsequent year's ABM at which the minutes are voted on. Not only does the incumbent frequently take several weeks or longer to provide mini-minutes, she has also continued the practice of not providing draft ABM minutes until approximately a month before the meeting where they need to be approved, i.e., 11 months after the meeting they are recounting, when memories are hazy.

Not only do I differ from the current Secretary in the ways mentioned above, but we are also quite different in our views on some major policies. I have advocated ways to replace the Regional Vice Chairman (RVC) that would provide the full Regional membership a say; not only would electing an alternate simultaneously provide the membership that say, so would allowing a Special Election of the full Regional membership once a vacancy occurs.

Members must have been current as of 12:01 a.m., central time, on April 1 in order to vote in this election; this includes transactions made online through 11:59 p.m., central time, on March 31.

Please allow sufficient time for delivery. If have not received your American Mensa ballot after April 30, please email operations@american-mensa.org or call 888/294-8035 ext. 5502 to discuss replacement options.

The incumbent, however, voted in favor of allowing only Local Secretaries that vote when the measure was before the AMC - a measure which, to many, does not comply with NY state law. I have supported bylaw amendments that would give the AMC the ability, and even require them, to review the decisions of the National Hearings Committee when there is any sanction recommended, rather than just the mandatory review when expulsion or suspension is recommended. The incumbent has voted against such measures. I authored and championed the bylaws amendment approved by the membership in 2009, which set the National Ombudsman's term of office at six years and revamped the procedure by which he is chosen. The incumbent favored changing that procedure before the inaugural election of the National Ombudsman was even finished.

Look at my blog - <http://boxmasterscorner.blogspot.com> - to see my views on other matters that have come before the AMC and even on local Metropolitan Washington Mensa matters. Also feel free to write me with your questions.

Sincerely,
Jared Levine, LocSec
Metropolitan Washington Mensa
Candidate for AMC Secretary
locsec@mwm.us.mensa.org

CAMPAIGN STATEMENT

Lee Berkovits
Candidate for Chair

Hi! My name is Lee Berkovits, and I'm running for Chairman of American Mensa.

I ask for your vote, in order that needed reforms be made within AML. I have made a wealth of friends and had good times from being a member of this fine organization, and I want others to have the same wonderful opportunities that I have had, as well as being able to continue to have those opportunities for myself and all members.

My platform includes balancing the budget and insuring that true transparency is used at all times by the AMC.

Both will be of the highest priority for me if elected.

The AMC chat list should be readable by the membership. The meetings of the AMC, and its subcommittees, should be recorded and those recordings made available to the membership for viewing. All votes should be publicly recorded. All motions should be brought by a person, not a committee, so the membership can clearly see who is responsible.

I pledge, if elected to the position of AML Chairman, to make AML governance as open and transparent as humanly possible.

Some recent events you might not be aware of:

American Mensa lost some \$1.9 million in a lawsuit against Inpharmatica.

And almost lost the right to the Mensa. This expenditure was never budgeted for, and in fact was deliberately left off of the budget.

American Mensa has run up approx. \$2.6 million of debt over the past 6 years. Not one year of being in the black. That includes the current fiscal year, which appears to be heading for \$200,000+ of red ink.

The AMC passed a new rule requiring members to opt in for printed publications. If you don't go online and request that your local bulletin or newsletter be mailed to you, it will be sent in electronic form only.

The AMC (at least some members of it) wants to drastically reduce the amount of money being sent to local groups, and thus require that local newsletters are no longer published in print form, but only sent electronically.

That Interloc and The International Journal are now electronic only, and no longer printed.

There have been many changes made in recent years, most not very well publicized or publicly discussed. There has been a centralization of power within the AMC and National Office. This is a major shift in the way that American Mensa has been traditionally run, and it is not being done with much, if any, membership input or even awareness

I believe that American Mensa should be for ALL the members, not just the AMC.

I believe that the recent increases in National Office spending (up 15% over the past 2 years, to over 50% of the total budget) are not a good use of the membership's money.

I will need every vote that I can get. So please cast your vote for me.

Any questions? Please email me at Lee@Leesantiques.com

You can learn more at www.Leesantiques.com/Election

Thank you.
 - Lee Berkovits

CAMPAIGN STATEMENT

Dan Burg
for First Vice-Chair of American Mensa

Q1. What is your role as First Vice-Chair of American Mensa?

A1. As with so many other positions, the job is what the occupant makes of it. Various First Vice-Chairs have interpreted the same words differently over the years. "[A]ct as substitute during the Chairman's absence or inability to serve" - that's easy to discern. "In the case of vacancy in the office of Chairman . . . the [First Vice-Chair] shall move up" - that's easy to discern too. But what does "assist in the discharge of the Chairman's duties" mean? To me, it means that the Chairman and the First Vice-Chair should act as a team. I provide informal advice and historical perspective and act as a resource to the Chairman and to other individuals and to the AMC as a whole. I'm also currently on eight national committees, including two as chair, and gather member input on issues important to them.

An example of advice and historical perspective and resource rolled into one is that I offer to help AMC members write motions and help anybody write bylaws amendments, even if I don't agree with the substantive content of what it is I'm writing. I have helped several people this way both this term and in previous terms. The idea is that I want things to be both understandable and in keeping with technical requirements; if either of those is absent it can lead to trouble down the road. I believe all members should have the opportunity to have their proposals considered without being hampered by technical difficulties. Q2. What challenges you most about the role?

A2. The role of First Vice-Chair is very broadly defined. The position's duties can vary widely from one administration to the next. The relationship between the Chairman and the First Vice-Chair is a key element. So, the biggest challenge is to see how I can be the most effective Number Two for the Chairman and the most helpful for the membership as whole. So far this term, the Chairman has called on me to do many things in many areas. My wide-ranging

background and long service on the AMC and in local group leadership positions have helped me immeasurably in this regard.

Representing American Mensa internationally is another important part of the First Vice-Chair's job. The First Vice-Chair traditionally serves as one of American Mensa's national representatives to Mensa International. The international board meeting last fall was my ninth, the most of anyone currently in the American delegation. Each has brought its own challenges, as have many of our discussions between meetings, but my experience has let me weather the challenges in ways that are beneficial to both American Mensa and international Mensa. Q3. What issues do you believe American Mensa will face in the coming years with respect to this role?

A3. There might not even be a First Vice-Chair position in the future. Or maybe there will be one but with a different title, or maybe it will remain unchanged from what it is today. No one knows at this point. The Governance Task Force and the AMC are examining all aspects of American Mensa's governance structure. If a change in structure for the AMC is recommended, the First Vice-Chair role could be affected, either directly or as a result of other changes. One thing that won't change, though, is that someone has to be next in line if the chairmanship becomes vacant mid-term. The challenge is for the person who fills that position to fill it well. To me, that means that the person should have experience in many jobs at many levels - locally, nationally, internationally - in order to understand the many aspects of what he or she may be asked to do. Q4. If you could improve one thing about American Mensa, regardless of area or responsibility, what would it be?

A4. As the saying goes, what you get out of Mensa depends on what you put into it. To go one step further, what all members get out of Mensa depends on what all members put into it. If we can find a way to make Mensa feel more useful to more members, to be a more important component in their lives, it would have a huge effect throughout our organization. There are already many ways to be active: attend, organize, or host activities in your local group; attend events in other places, such as RGs, AGs,

Colloquia, or Mind Games; participate online, whether in SIGs, forums, or otherwise; write articles or columns for your local newsletter or for national publications; read scholarship essays; play in CultureQuest; donate books for Project Inkslinger; be on a local or national committee; and the list goes on and on. But just giving members a list of ways to be active isn't the end of the story; we also have to find ways to make participation more comfortable and more accessible in order for more members to be active, and especially for them to take that initial plunge.

Q5. On a more personal note, what is one of your more memorable or favorite moments in your time as an American Mensa member?

A5. That's an easy one! It's when I met Mensan Ember Skidmore and married her. (We have been married for nine years now and have two children, David and Aaron.) And though you didn't ask, my second favorite moment came at our wedding reception: Ten of the 84 guests at our wedding were Mensans. First my brother made a toast, then Ember's brother made one, then Russ Bakke stood up. He said, "Some of you are probably wondering who these Mensa people are. We are Dan and Ember's third family.

The following endorsements speak to my accomplishments, my potential, and my philosophy, by people who know me well. I am honored to have received them.

Dan Burg
Candidate for re-election as First Vice-Chair

I've worked with both Dan Burg and Robin Crawford for their entire time on the AMC, and I was married to Cookie for 25 years. I wish each of them well in their personal endeavors. I support Dan Burg for First Vice-Chair, though, and here's why.

The First Vice-Chair is a heartbeat away from the chairmanship. I've been Chairman and know what it takes. The more experience that officer has with the AMC, ExComm, and Mensa as a whole, the better off we are. Dan has ten years of experience on the AMC and the ExComm; neither Robin nor Cookie has any ExComm experience. Robin has six years of experience

on the AMC; Cookie has none. I've worked with Dan his whole time on the AMC and know how good he is with questions regarding Bylaws and ASIEs and historical questions in general. He sees both the details and the big picture. He doesn't blow his own horn, but he works hard and gets the job done, no matter what the job is. He also has a lot of experience representing American Mensa to International, which is important and which neither of the other candidates has.

I've also worked with Robin her whole time on the AMC, and know that what she brings to the table, which is considerable, is not what the AMC and American Mensa need in a First Vice-Chair. If the First Vice-Chair has to ascend to the chairmanship to fill a vacancy, I am fully confident that Dan would do a good job with it, and I'm not so sure that either of the other two would.

Please join me in voting to re-elect Dan Burg as First Vice-Chair.

Russ Bakke, Past Chairman

I'm voting for Dan Burg. I hope others will too. What?! TJ Lundeen voting for Dan? There goes my standing as a "rebel" voice. Given what is at stake in this election, I'd rather be a voice of reason.

I've known and worked with Dan many times over many years and find that, underneath, he represents to me the closest candidate we have to the spirit of Mensa. We listen to each other and sometimes even change each other's minds. I don't always agree with Dan's votes on the AMC, but I am convinced that he is honest and straightforward. He helps groups think through their own solutions to problems. I'm convinced that Dan believes in a round table and has not forgotten that, above all, he is a local member of Mensa. That's the spirit behind a society of intelligent human beings who also want to socialize with diverse individuals. And that is just what Mensa says it is.

I'm voting for Dan, and I'm not holding my nose while doing so.

TJ Lundeen, "Rebel"

CAMPAIGN STATEMENT

Robin Crawford
Candidate for First Vice Chair

To serve as First Vice Chair, and potentially as Chair, long-standing, detailed background knowledge of the organization and culture is important. With a background that includes wide-ranging national work, local service, and outside education, my familiarity with Mensa structures is considerable and covers a wide spectrum of governance levels and areas.

I've been a member for over 22 years and married a Mensan. Currently, I am a stay-at-home mother of 15 year-old twins who are also active Mensan volunteers. That means I have plenty of time and energy to dedicate to the organization that means so much to my family and friends.

Being a somewhat younger member (how wonderful to be "young" at 48!), I am comfortable with communication technology in addition to more than 200 blog posts, nearly 1,000 forum messages, and even more Twitter and Facebook status updates, I've kept up with dozens of email lists, both official and unofficial. I've also written articles for InterLoc, InterLink, and the Mensa Bulletin. I read and participate in online discussions even when it's not campaign season, and take great pleasure in talking to members at RGs and AGs.

Experience? I have plenty.

As AMC Communications Officer since 2004, I am proud of the Policy and Guidelines for Administrators of Internet Communication Services, the growth and success of the forums, and the improvements in the Bulletin and Web site. Additionally, I have developed a reputation as a leader on large special projects and have been responsible for producing the Local Group Funding Report (which resulted in a subsidy increase for Local Groups), the Name & Logo Workbook, the Local Group Charter, and most recently the Governance Task Force Report.

During my six years on American Mensa's Board of Directors, I've served on 19 national committees (chairing six) and two International committees, presented workshops, worked closely with the Mensa Foundation, and even braved the camera with Lesley Stahl. Besides the special projects and my regular Communication duties, I've served as Chair of the Name & Logo Committee and liaison to the Research Review and Gifted Youth Committees.

However, past accomplishments only count for so much, and it's easy to rely on comfortable habits, conservative traditions, and specialized expertise.

Mensa needs leaders who are willing and able to embrace change and learn new ways of thinking, cooperating, and solving problems. Mensa needs responsible leaders who gather data and input from many sources and use strategic planning to move forward instead of to justify where we've been. Mensa needs gregarious leaders who make time to communicate openly with members via many venues, all year long. Mensa needs leaders who can think big, take risks, and try new things.

As First Vice Chair, I will offer you my experience, knowledge, patience, courage, energy, and imagination.

You can learn more about my skills, views, and promises by visiting: www.robinclawford.us

Together we can help Mensa evolve.

- Robin Crawford

CAMPAIGN STATEMENT

Cookie Bakke
Candidate for First Vice Chair

In 1977, after a short bout of banging my head against the wall because nobody in Grand Rapids seemed to get my jokes, I joined Mensa and attended the next AG on what can best be described as a whim. I found friends, family, some incredibly bad jokes that I did get ... and, for the first time ever, a sense of intellectual contentment. In subsequent moves, first to Las Vegas and then to Orange County, it was Mensa I called on to socially acclimate to my new surroundings. Not everyone becomes a best friend, but the odds are stacked toward that eventuality from the onset. E.T. may have phoned home; now when I do the same, the phone rings in Texas, California, New York, Florida, Ohio, Oregon, Connecticut and every other place where Mensans have received and extended friendship. Pure and simple, I'm a Mensa junkie. And that brings about the question, "Cookie, why are you (grimacing) running for national office?"

The answer is this. Throughout the years, when I've been tempted to raise my voice, I opted instead to raise my hand. First Vice is both a support position and a bring-it-on special projects position. My hope is to lend the energy it takes to blend the tastes and times that have defined our first fifty years with the advancing technology that will surely define our next fifty years. It's not as much about bylaws ... as it is about pride. In real life I am a journalist, a

speaker, an educator, an investigator and a victim advocate. In Mensa I do the same things, albeit to a different audience. Experience, the kind WITH members, is my middle name. Each of us, especially in a group like Mensa, is skilled; my own strong suits are communications, the ability to see the big picture and the ability to effectively interact with people. While I've not yet served on the AMC, I've attended dozens of AMC meetings and more than a few International Board of Director meetings, taught multiple topics at Leadership Development Workshops, been a part of a number of national Committees, Chaired an AG, and been Speaker Chair, Hospitality Chair, Entertainment Chair, Hotel Negotiator/Liaison for other AGs. I've chaired a few RGs and am in the midst of chairing yet another one as I write this. I've served as National Events Hotel Coordinator, Interim Editor of the Mensa Bulletin, Associate Editor of the Bulletin for two decades and the Bulletin Letters Editor for five years; I've been Loc Sec, Local Newsletter Editor (OWL award), scholarship reader, newsletter awards judge, a prolific writer, a fund-raiser/auctioneer and a National Service Award recipient. In every case I have added something of value.

Right now I'd appreciate your vote so that I can continue adding value. That's what I do. That's who I am. Plus my Mensa daughter is 19 and I want to assure that tomorrow's Mensa is the best it can be.

- Cookie Bakke

CAMPAIGN STATEMENT

Lori Norris

Candidate for Second Vice Chair

As a candidate for 2nd Vice Chair, I would like to give you some insight into my life as a Mensan. Since I joined Mensa over 20 years ago, I have been an active, involved member. For the past four years, I have been the RVC for Region 1 (New England, most of New York, northern New Jersey and a small section of northeastern Pennsylvania). Currently, I participate on American Mensa's Name & Logo, Marketing and Risk Management Committees. In the past, I also served on the Bylaws, Local Group Charter, Licensing, Leadership Development and Planning Committees.

During my 20 years as a Mensan, I have held a number of positions in Rhode Island Mensa. I have been a LocSec, Proctor Coordinator, Editor, Membership Officer. I have had the pleasure of being a scholarship judge at both the local and regional level. In 2010, I was a participant in Mensa International's Leadership Exchange Program and presented leadership development workshops both at our Annual Gathering and the European Gathering. I have also served on Mensa International's Name & Logo Committee.

As RVC for the past four years, I have been committed to working with the local groups. I have been, and continue to be, a resource for whatever needs they may have. I have worked with the

local group officers to resolve challenges facing their groups. I have provided advice to members and sought advice from them to share with other groups. I have sought input from members on various issues facing the AMC, to be as well informed as possible.

Mensa is an important part of my life. Much of our social life revolves either around Mensa events or with our many friends we have made through the organization. In 1989, I attended my first RG and then at my second RG I met my husband, Ron. This year I will be the Hospitality Chair at two neighboring groups' RGs. I've been to well over 60 RGs where I spend most of my time in the games room or hospitality. I really do enjoy socializing with my fellow Mensans.

I am a sole practitioner attorney specializing in family law and estate planning. My prior work experience includes banking and food (I am a trained chef). My husband is a high school math teacher.

Thank you for taking the time

- Lori Norris

CAMPAIGN STATEMENT

Heather Poirier
Candidate for Secretary

I have had the pleasure and privilege of serving Mensa for 11 years now. I've held offices at all levels, and each one has brought its joys. Among the many benefits of my extensive experience derived from holding office in Mensa comes a greater sense of the long-term goals for the organization.

I was elected secretary to the American Mensa Committee (AMC) in 2009, and given my professional work, it is a job for which I am uniquely suited. I am the senior production editor for an oncology journal and a longtime technical writer; before moving to Washington, DC, in 2007, I was an editor and technical writer at a biomedical research center. I have a BA and an MA in English, and I taught business and technical writing at the university level for nine and a half years. This extensive professional experience gives me a strong skill set for the position of AMC secretary.

I believe that the most important issues facing American Mensa right now are strengthening our testing program and supporting our proctors; the ongoing implementing of our Strategic Plan and Dashboard, a task spearheaded by the Planning Committee, of which I am a part; and careful managing of American Mensa's financial health.

My work as an officer in American Mensa began in 2000 and has ranged from the local to the regional, national, and international levels. I was locsec and newsletter editor in Baton Rouge Mensa, as well as Region 6 LDW coordinator from 2001-2003 and co-chair of the New Orleans Mensa RG (NORGY VI) in December 2003. After chairing the 2005 Annual Gathering in New Orleans, I was appointed the AMC membership

officer, a role in which I served for four years. While membership officer, I served on the Communications Committee, the Research Review Committee, and the Leadership Development Committee, chaired the Membership Committee, and served on other committees for shorter periods.

Since 2009, I have also served as the fourth national representative for American Mensa on the Mensa International Board of Directors. Being a NatRep has given me an invaluable perspective. Policymaking at the international level affects Mensa members worldwide; in addition to considering outcomes for American Mensa, we have to consider them for Mensa groups in other countries, as well as for those Mensans yet to join. American Mensa helped develop the Leadership Exchange Program, which selects members from American Mensa to present talks at the European Mensa Annual Gathering (and selects international members to do the same at our Annual Gathering).

We members of American Mensa are blessed with numerous opportunities to do work that benefits others—not just Mensans—all over the world.

I have been proud to be a member of Mensa ever since I joined in 1993. My service has helped me make longtime friends, put me on the path to meeting my husband, and has brought me much laughter and joy. I look forward to many more years in Mensa to come.

- Heather Poirier

CAMPAIGN STATEMENT

Cary Chilson
Candidate for Treasury

My name is Cary Chilson, candidate to serve you as American Mensa Ltd. Treasurer over the next two years. I ask your support and your vote.

Contact me at cary-c@juno.com if you wish.

AML is at a crossroads with respect to policy decision-making. We have been on a fiscal death spiral for more than half a decade now. Cumulative expenses have exceeded cumulative earned income by literally millions of dollars. A legal battle we initiated was responsible for some \$2 million in deficits, but cumulative losses continue to grow independent of that. Current trends are not sustainable.

Corporate expenses are not well controlled, and even dues increases from \$49 in 2005 to \$63 today have not kept up with them. If AML is to have a viable future, we must become more fiscally responsible -- learning to live within our income, at the very least.

Last year's supposed austerity budget was \$12K in the red after the first quarter, \$50K in the red after the second quarter, and \$23K in the red after the third quarter. Since AML fourth quarter results are typically worse than third quarter results, when the 3/31/2011 end-of-fiscal-year results are released we are likely to see serious red ink once more. (OK, nobody has a perfect track record in predicting these things, and it would be nice to be wrong in this case, but the smart money is on fiscal year 2010-2011 being another business-as-usual example of revenue shortfalls and expense over-runs).

So that is my Priority 1, proactively insuring that expenditures do not exceed earned income.

Priority 2 relates to the secrecy with which important and/or self-serving matters are handled by our Board of Directors. I advocate transparency of intent, process, and results.

Priority 3 is in reaction to how our Board of Directors spends its time. Mostly deliberating housekeeping measures almost completely irrelevant to the general membership. This is one reason, I think, why almost no members show up to see how the sausage is made. At a cost exceeding \$1,000 per decision, I want to see Board meeting agendas dominated by issues of direct relevance to the interests, wants, and needs of members, former members, and prospective members.

If these issues resonate with you, I could use your help in clearing out as much of the old guard as possible. Do vote your conscience, but my thinking is that the current Board members have had their chance -- now let's see what the rest of us can accomplish.

I'll be voting for Lee Berkovits, Cookie Bakke, Jared Levine, myself, and RVC 9 candidate Joan Johnson. We don't necessarily agree on exactly where AML's future lies, but I think it is safe to say that we all seek something much better than perpetuating the status quo.

- Cary Chilson

CAMPAIGN STATEMENT

Guy Conti
Candidate for Treasurer

Hello, my name is Guy Conti. I am a candidate for Treasurer of American Mensa. The purpose of this email is to ask you for your vote. I thought the best way to do that would be simply by telling you what you get with me:

You get a Treasurer with solid financial experience. I was, prior to becoming an attorney, the Controller of a multi-

million dollar company. Moreover, my understanding of accounting concepts has allowed me to write accounting programs. As a practicing bankruptcy attorney, I deal with the finances of other people and corporations all the time as well as actively manage the finances of my own law firm. American Mensa's finances can be a little daunting. You need someone who understands them and can communicate them to you. I can do both.

You get a current member of your Board of Directors (the "AMC") who spans two generations. Born in 1964, I identify myself as both a Baby Boomer and a Gen-Xer. Not only do I generally understand the concerns of both of these generations, but by perceiving how important it is to recognize the differing flavors of generations, I am able to keep an open mind to the issues of other generations, as well. Moreover, as current member of the AMC, I will know about 2/3 of your new Board, and can hit the ground running. You get an experienced Mensan. I have been a member of American Mensa continuously since 1994. This includes the financially strapped three years I spent in law school. During that time, I have been a

member of three local groups, have been a member of several national committees, been a member of the 2010 AG Host Committee, Chaired your National Elections Committee, served on three international Mensa committees and was your national Advocate for almost four years.

You get an experienced Director: I have been, as a member of the AMC, on your Membership Officer since July 2009. During this time, our retention and lapsed member rejoin numbers have been at or close to historical highs. I understand completely the nature of the fiduciary duty I have as a Director of American Mensa. During these two years, I have often been in the minority on hotly debated issues the AMC has considered; I have proven I can disagree and not be disagreeable. Outside of Mensa, I am a Director and Vice Chair of the Board of Community Alliance, a multi-million dollar charity in Southeastern Michigan.

American Mensa has a budget of about \$4 million. You need someone as your Treasurer who understands the magnitude of that budget as well as how to manage it and communicate its components to the membership at large. I am the person for the job. Please vote for me during the month of April. Please, feel free to visit <http://www.guyfortreasurer.info> for more information.

Thank you for your thoughtful consideration!

Respectfully,
 Guy Conti

PUZZLES & QUESTIONS

(Answers may be in next month's Chronicle.)

1. Name some famous sting operations.
 2. What is the biggest ranch in the world? In the U.S?
 3. How can people deepen their thought?
 4. Name the 11 nations in the world that have populations greater than 100 million.
 5. How many celebrities are there?
 6. What is the estimated average world population per square mile?
 7. What baseball pitchers are the best at hitting the corners of the strike zone? Find some statistics to support your answer if you can.
 8. How long is the combined coastline of all the Great Lakes?
 9. Do scientists think better in words or in images?
 10. Estimate the population of these U.S. towns: Battle Creek, MI; Hershey, PA; Corning, NY; Bentonville, AR; Redmond, WA; Pueblo, CO; Cape Canaveral, FL; Huntsville, AL
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PUZZLES & QUESTIONS ANSWERS TO LAST MONTH'S PUZZLES:

2. What percentage of coffee sold in the United States is decaffeinated?
A: 30%.
4. What percentage of the world's electricity is produced by nuclear power?
What percentage of Connecticut's electricity is produced by the Millstone nuclear plant?
A: Nuclear power produces about 13 - 16% of the world's electricity and an estimated 6 - 8% of its energy. The Millstone nuclear plant produces about 45 - 48% of Connecticut's electricity.
6. How many calories are there per gram of fat? Per gram of carbohydrate?
A: A gram of fat has about nine calories. A gram of carbohydrate and a gram of protein each have about 4 calories.
8. Estimate the population of these U.K. cities: London, Glasgow, Liverpool, Birmingham, Newcastle.
A: The population of greater London is about 7.7 million (metro area pop. 14 million). Glasgow has 581,000 (Greater Glasgow urban area pop. 1,200,000); Liverpool - 436,000 (urban area pop. 816,000); - Birmingham - 1,028,000 (urban area pop. 2,285,000); Newcastle - 190,000 (urban area pop. 260,000)

NOTED & QUOTED

Many are stubborn in pursuit of the path they have chosen, few in pursuit of the goal.

- Friedrich Nietzsche, (1844 - 1900)

To put everything in balance is good, to put everything in harmony is better.

- Victor Hugo, (1802 - 1885)

We perpetuate war by exalting its sacrifices.

- Paddy Chayefsky, (1923 - 1981), U.S. playwright, screenwriter, and novelist

One foe is too many and a hundred friends too few.

- Hopi proverb

I should not talk so much about myself if there were anybody else whom I knew as well.

- Henry David Thoreau, (1817 - 1862)

Egotism is an alphabet of one letter.

- Scottish proverb

Show him death, and he'll be content with fever.

- Persian proverb

We are using the word 'guru' only because 'charlatan' is too long to fit into a headline.

- Peter Drucker, (1909 - 2005), U.S. economist, management sociologist, and author

Very deep, very deep is the well of the past.

Should we not call it bottomless?

- Thomas Mann, (1875 - 1955), German-American novelist

Our life is no Dream, but it may and will perhaps become one.

- Novalis, (1772 - 1801), German poet and novelist

I had a dream, which was not all a dream.

- Lord George Byron, (1788 - 1824), English poet

Work thinks, laziness muses.

- Jules Renard, (1864 - 1910), French novelist and playwright

We are the children of our landscape.

- Lawrence Durrell, (1912 - 1990), British novelist and poet in France

Carriages without horses shall go, and accidents fill the world with woe.

- Anonymous

It is not possible to enumerate all the kinds of vanity.

- Baron Duc de La Rochefoucauld, (1613 - 1680), French epigrammatist

Men who wear turtlenecks look like turtles.

- Doris Lilly, (1926 - 1991), U.S. journalist

From the sublime to the ridiculous is but a step.

- Napoleon Bonaparte, (1769 - 1821)

To live is to feel oneself lost.

- Ortega y Gasset, (1883 - 1955), Spanish philosopher and politician

I'm not finished, because I'm still curious.

- Barry Diller, (1942 -), U.S. media executive

Habit is habit, and not to be flung out of the window by any man, but coaxed downstairs a step at a time.

- Mark Twain, (1835 - 1910)

The love of economy is the root of all virtue.

- George Bernard Shaw, (1856 - 1950)

Whom the gods hate they make schoolmasters.

- Lucian, (125 - 180+), Assyrian-Roman essayist, satirist

An idol serves no one; it is served.

- Cynthia Ozick, (1928 -), Jewish-American novelist, 'Innovation and Redemption: What Literature Means', Art and Ardor, 1983

Human life without some form of poetry is not human life but animal existence.

- Randall Jarrell, (1914 - 1965), U.S. poet, novelist, essayist, critic, "The Obscurity of the Poet", p. 22

A book itself threatens to kill its author repeatedly during its composition.

- Michael Chabon, (1963 -), U.S. novelist, short story writer

Not to read books is like being shut up in a dungeon while life rushes by outside.

- John Macy, (1877 - 1932), U.S. author, literary critic,, The Pocket University, Volume XXIII, The Guide to Reading (1924?)

Artists, by definition innocent, don't steal. But they do borrow without giving back.

- Ned Rorem, (1923 -), U.S. composer and diarist

A critic is a necessary evil, and criticism is an evil necessity.

- Carolyn Wells, (1869 - 1942), U.S. writer of mysteries and verse

When there is too much information, we graze it lightly, applying focus only where it is most needed.

- Sven Birkerts, (1951-), Editor AGNI literary journal, Director Bennington Writing Seminars., 'Reading in a Digital Age', Aristos, Spring 2010

The problem with this silly old ball we live on, Ö, is that life is infinitely complex. The closer you look, the more you see. - William Bonner, U.S. Financial columnist, author, publisher

Smell that! That's gasoline you smell in there. You can't buy any perfume in the world that smells as sweet.

- William K. Whiteford, former Chairman Gulf Corp.

The artist's place is to be where life is, active life, found in neither ivory tower nor concrete shelter; he must be out listening to everything, looking at everything, and thinking it all out afterward.

- Sean O'Casey, (1880 - 1964), Irish playwright, 'Always the Plough and the Stars', The New York Times Book Review

There are two statements about human beings that are true: that all human beings are alike, and that all are different. On those two facts all human wisdom is founded.

- Mark van Doren, (1894 - 1972), U.S. poet, literary critic

The unfortunate, truly exciting thing about your life is that there is no core curriculum. The entire place is an elective. The paths are infinite and the results uncertain. College is something you complete. Life is something you experience.

- Jon Stewart, (1962 -), TV host, comedian; William and Mary commencement speech, 2004

You can't connect the dots looking forward; you can only connect them looking backward. So you have to trust that the dots will somehow connect. You have to trust in something - your gut, destiny, life, karma.

- Steve Jobs, (1955 -), Stanford commencement speech, 2005

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2. moiety (MOI- I- tee) -
- 3.moil -
4. multifarious (mul- tuh- FAIR- ee- uhs) -
5. adumbrate -
6. antinomy (an- TIN- uh- mee)
7. arroyo -
8. arteriosclerosis -
9. yahoo -
10. yaw -
11. yegg - (slang term)
12. yeoman -

1. mesalliance (may- ZAL- ee- uhs, may- zal- YAHNS)- a marriage with a social inferior.
2. moiety - 1. a half part. 2. a share.
- 3.moil -1. to work hard. 2. drudgery.
4. multifarious - having many different parts, elements, or forms. 2. numerous or varied, diverse.
5. adumbrate - 1. to give a faint shadow or outline of; to sketch. 2. to foreshadow. 3. to darken or conceal partly.
6. antinomy - 1. opposition between one law, principle, or rule, and another. - 2. in philosophy, a contradiction between two statements, both apparently obtained by correct reasoning; a paradox.
7. arroyo - a small gulch or ravine with a nearly flat floor.
8. arteriosclerosis - a degenerative disease characterized by a thickening of the blood vessels, loss of their elasticity, and decreased blood flow.
9. yahoo - 1. an uncultivated person; lout; philistine; yokel. 2. a coarse, uncouth, brutish person.
10. yaw - 1. to head off course, deviate, or turn to one side. 2. (aircraft) to move about its vertical axis.
11. yegg - 1. a safecracker. 2. a robber or burglar. 3. a thug.
12. yeoman - 1. a petty officer of the U.S. Navy who has clerical duties. 2. an independent farmer - one who cultivates his own land.

ANSWERS:

MIND GAMES® 2011

I just returned from Mensa's 2011 Mind Games®. For anyone who may not be aware, Mind Games® is an annual event during which Mensans get together to play and rate recently released board and card games. Game manufacturers enter their newest products with the hopes of being awarded the (may I say coveted) Mensa Select® seal.

Mind Games® started in 1990. For the first 6 years it was held in New York and open to only select invitees. It was then decided that the event should be moved to various locations around the US. Attendance is now also open to all Mensans. Since 1996, Mind Games® has been held in many different locations including Atlanta, Chicago, Phoenix, Seattle, Houston, Tampa, Portland, Pittsburgh, near Cincinnati, and last year, San Diego.

The 2011 Mind Games® were held in Albany, New York. By the time of the official kick off at 4:00 on Friday, April 15th, most of the ~300 registered participants had arrived in the large games room set up at the Best Western Sovereign Hotel.

Long tables were piled high with stacks of 5 or more copies of each of the approximately 60 new games in contention. Each judge was given a ballot listing about 30 randomly assigned games. The objective is to play each game at least once – no small task as some games can take an hour or more to play – and then submit a ballot ranking their votes for the top games prior to 9:00 a.m. Sunday morning.

At least some of the attendees (myself included) try to play all of the games. Often throughout the weekend, someone starting a new game would need additional players and announce the game and the number of players needed into a microphone located near the game boxes. This meant there were plenty of opportunities to play.

New games included some fast favorites: Lexigo (a hexagon tile word game); Solitaire Chess (a set of logic puzzles); Sumoku (a sort of numerical Bananagrams); Gold Mine (build a maze of tunnels and go for the gold); Prolix (another word game); City Square Off (a race to fit the most tetris-like pieces on your board); and a few that my kids have already played many times: Skippity, Eleminis, and Yamy.

At 2:00 a.m. Saturday night there were still about 100 serious gamers still in action. By 10 am Sunday, all of the votes had been tabulated, and the following games had been deemed the best for 2011:

InStructures – A construction game

Pirate versus Pirate – Eliminate enemy pirates and capture the gold

Uncle Chesnut's Table Gype – Move and jump across a board of changing pieces.

Stomple – Stomp opponents' marbles

Pastiche -- Score colors to win paintings.

A full list of winners by year is available on the Mind Games® website.

Overall, the environment, the people, and of course the games made it a very enjoyable weekend.

Next year's games will be held in Herndon, VA near Washington DC. I've already registered and perhaps I will see you there!

- Debra Jennings

MENSA MIND GAMES 2011 RESULTS

This year's winners are:

InStructures

(4 or more players, ages 8 and up; designed by Jane's Games, published by Jane's Games)

Pastiche

(2 to 4 players, ages 10 and up; designed by Sean D. MacDonald, published by Gryphon Games)

Pirate Versus Pirate

(2 to 3 players, ages 8 and up; designed by Max Winter Osterhaus, published by Out of the Box Publishing)

Stomple

(for 2 to 6 players, ages 8 and up; designed by Greg Zima, published by Spin Master)

Uncle Chestnut's Table Gype

(for 2 to 4 players, ages 10 and up; designed by Paul E. Nowak and Christopher Nowak, published by Eternal Revolution)

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Chronicle Expenses:	\$1,427.54
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Approximate cost with airfare: \$4,400 but we can get substantial discounts for a group. If interested contact Barb Holstein at BarbCPA@att.net or (860) 632-7873 or Bruce Allen at pataphysical@aol.com

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