



The

Constellation

Rochester Area Mensa

March, 2012

Short & Sweet

Hello Everybody!

February turned out to be a rather busy month for Rochester Area Mensa – it was wonderful to see new faces and meet new people! I am currently looking into future gatherings: One is an overnight stay at the Seneca Park Zoo for the females in the group. This includes pizza for dinner, followed by a tour of the zoo to see the nocturnal animals, a movie, and possibly an up close and personal meeting with some of the animals. Then there is a sleep area (you provide your own sleeping bag and pillow) in the glass-enclosed area with the polar bears and such. They wake the group at 7:00 AM. (Sorry about that!) The early hour is so they can take us on another tour to see what goes on behind the scenes before the zoo opens to the public. It is popular birthday party spot, and I was assured that there would be women of all heights; mothers and daughters are most welcome! Sorry guys, they do not allow coed groups, but you will get your chance, too!

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The zoo hosts events like this several times each year, so right now we are only attempting to gauge the level of interest among our members and their families, so please let me know if this sounds tempting. You can contact me at 585.225.3020 or send email to jks82461@hotmail.com.

Remember that there are many IQ tests that can be used to qualify for Mensa. I used my IQ test from elementary school. Being a teacher, I recognize genius young people quite quickly. I would like to give them a chance to be among other gifted students. This would get them together with true peers. The possible age levels for events we might sponsor would be anywhere from pre-k through college. Parents, please remember that if you are in Mensa, there is a pretty good chance your children will qualify as well. Also, one does not have to be a member to come to an event. I have many ideas, but as always, am open for suggestions! Also, because our area covers quite a large number of colleges I think that would be a tremendous way to expand our group. However, I will begin with our own members. So don't be surprised if you get an email or phone call from me within the next few months. We are attempting to get an idea of how many younger people would be interested in challenging their brains! A basic school education doesn't cut it! We, of course, would have age appropriate activities. This is why it so important that I get information about our genius young people and their ages. I assure you that all information will be kept only for arranging Mensa functions.

Thanks to everyone who came out for any of the February events – I look forward to meeting even more people in Mensa! I should let you know that we are planning unusual gatherings to pique your interest! I, myself, have learned a lot about Rochester from the tourist information. For an area this size, there really are an impressive number of offerings. We will be trying events on different days and also different times of the day. A long time ago there was a very popular downtown monthly lunch event. Brunches at the art museum are also a possibility! I am also speaking with the Rochester Museum and Science Center for unusual visits. You might want to check the current exhibit out on your own. For current exhibits they do not offer guides. When I explained that letting a bunch of Mensans loose was like trying to herd cats, the woman I spoke with became much more flexible about guides for their ongoing exhibits! Lastly, I realize that our members are spread out over a large area of land. I am working on more events outside of Rochester. Before you have smoke coming out of your ears, simply said, there are a great number of possible gatherings in the works!

Hope to see you soon,

Julie Stout

RAM LocSec

March RAM Events**First Thirstday – Thursday, March 1, 2012 7:00 pm**

Slayton Place Restaurant 585.352.0260
54 Slayton venue Limited info available at:
Spencerport, NY 14559 <http://bit.ly/nX5oFp>

We first attended this restaurant several months ago and the general consensus was... THUMBS UP!

The restaurant is located on Slayton Avenue, directly across the parking lot from the Spencerport Tops Market. With the air of a family diner, Slayton Place offers exceptional versions of classic menu items and generous portions. Favorites include seafood Diablo and chicken and artichoke French, and a fish fry available every day. Assuming that someone is having fun making a play on words, I wonder what the connection to "Peyton Place" might be. Hmm... No RSVP required; look for the yellow balloon.

Billiards Night – Wednesday, March 14, 2012 7:00 pm

Six Pockets Bar - Grill – Billiards 585-266-1440
716 Ridge Road East SixPockets.net
Rochester, NY 14621 (In the Ridge Hudson Plaza)

This will be our first time at this venue as a group. Six Pockets offers a full bar, a contemporary pool room, and a rustic dining room with a variety of menu items including finger foods, burgers, wraps, and even steak dinners. Six Pockets is located in the Ridge Hudson Plaza, just east of Hudson. They also host APA (American Poolplayers Association) 8-Ball league on Wednesdays, so even if you're not playing you may get a chance to see some great players in action. According to establishment personnel (and I did call and check) we should have no problem getting a table for ourselves. No RSVP required; look for the yellow balloon.

Pizza Night – Thursday, March 22, 2012 7:00 pm

Great Northern Pizza 585.427.7437
640 Jefferson Road GreatNorthernPizza.com
Rochester, NY 14623

Great Northern Pizza offers an extensive listing of pizza variations billed as being "the adventurous side of pizza." In addition, they also have wings, calzones, soups, salads, and sandwiches available. The Great Northern Pizza we're visiting is on Jefferson Road in Henrietta, east of Hylan Drive near Marketplace Mall, pretty much between the Longhorn Steakhouse and DiBella's, right across the street from Red Lobster. You enter from the light at Marketplace Drive. We are all looking forward to having a *great* time! No RSVP required; look for the yellow balloon.

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March RAM Events – Continued from Page 3**Max at the Gallery Tapas Night – Thursday, March 23, 2012 6:00 pm**

University of Rochester 585.276.8900
Memorial Art Gallery mag.rochester.edu
500 University Avenue mag.rochester.edu/events/slider-tapas-night
Rochester NY 14607 **If you haven't been lately, give it a try!**

Max at the Gallery now offers a weekly Tapas Night. This event runs from 5:00pm to 8:00pm; we plan to gather at 6:00pm. We'll have a chance to listen to live music, enjoy wine, beer, and tapas plates for purchase AND, for anyone interested, you can visit the Gallery with half price admission (open until 9 pm). No RSVP required; look for the yellow balloon.

April RAM Events (so far!)*

**Attention fellow Mensans, please be aware:* We are continuing the practice of publishing at least the known events for the coming month ahead of time, usually at least the First Thirstday and whatever else is nailed down by the time we go to print. This is just a preview into the future month, so please be sure to refer to the RAM Web site, consult your Constellation issue for the next month when you get it, or give us a call or send an email if you have a specific question (or suggestion).

First Thirstday – Thursday, April 5, 2012 7:00 pm

The Beale New Orleans Grille and Bar 585.216.1070
1930 Empire Boulevard BealeStreetCafe.com
Webster, NY 14580

Join us at "The Beale" – a New Orleans Grille & Bar (formerly The Beale Street Café) in Webster. The Beale has been a long-time favorite and recently transformed itself ever so slightly. See the news article at <http://bit.ly/wCwQOW> for ever-so-slightly more info. Enjoy Cajun food, drinks, and (we hope) those shiny Mardi Gras beads! Lots of free parking, too. No RSVP required; look for the yellow balloon.

About Our Cover and "Centerfold" Photos

This month's photo is His Master's Voice, 02/16/2012, Copyright © 2012 Robert Horner, taken at our Sticky Lips BBQ outing in February.

The picture we use for our cover and centerfold is open to all who care to participate. If you have attended a recent RAM event and would like to suggest one of your own photos, send it in!

The criteria are fairly simple: It must be an original photograph submitted by anyone – RAM member or non-member – depicting anything of interest from a recent RAM event. Other than a few editorial and/or technical details, that's pretty much it! Feel free to call or see the Web site for complete details.

reMARK by Betsy Yvonne Mark, RVC3 – March, 2012

Treat each other with respect and kindness; others may have beliefs and opinions, goals and aspirations different from yours, but they have a right to share with you and to be heard. Listen and you will learn. Be gentle when you disagree – you have a right to disagree, but do not be disagreeable. Try something new, you may like it. Those are some of the lessons my dear mother shared with me before she passed away on January 28. I wish to pass them on to you. My Mensa family has been very kind to me and I hope you can be kind to one another.

Because I will be attending the spring AMC meeting, I cannot register for, but you certainly can register now for Dayton Area Mensa's 25th RG, March 30 through April 1, with Karen Lehman, Registrar, 7039 Monte Carlo Drive, Englewood, OH 45322. The RG will be at the Dayton Grand Hotel (same great hotel, new name) (937) 461-4700 - \$82 + tax per night. RG rates are \$60 through 2/28/2012 and \$70 thereafter. Kids are ½ price and day rates are available. Check the following URL for more info: http://www.dayton.us.mensa.org/index_files/RG.htm

I have already registered for and hope you will register now for SEMMantics XXXIII RG, May 4 – 6, 2012, to be held at the Holiday Inn Hotel and Suites, 37529 Grand River Avenue, Farmington Hills, MI 48335, (248) 477-7800. Registration: \$65 through 1/31/2012, \$75 through 4/15/2012, \$45 Friday Only, \$50 Saturday Only, \$85 Weekend at the Door, Children 5 - under 18 1/2 price, Children under 5 free. Send your registration checks (made out to SEMMantics) to Larry Arbanas, 24565 Glen Orchard Dr., Farmington Hills, MI 48336-1725.

I am looking forward to seeing you soon.

LLAP and Peace,

Betsy

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Member Recognition

On behalf of all RAM members, we would like to extend a warm welcome to our newest members: Congratulations, welcome to the group, and we hope to see you at a RAM event soon!

New RAM Members as of February 2012		
Emily Scrivani	Rochester	(Move In)
Rylan Blowers	Canandaigua	(New)
Joseph J Jacobs	East Rochester	(New)
Timothy Wright	West Henrietta	(Reinstating)
Annabeth W McCorkle	Fairport	(Reinstating)

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If you see any of these RAM members in the month of March, be sure to wish them a happy birthday:

March RAM Member Birthdays	
Brett Kinsler	March 14 th
David R Ballou	March 17 th
Patricia Ann O'Leary	March 22 nd
Nathaniel D Sluk	March 28 th

And a special “tip of the hat” to those having anniversaries this month:

March RAM Member Anniversaries	
Linda Gordon Ramacher	36 years with Mensa
Richard F Hauver	35 years with Mensa
Patricia Ann O'Leary	20 years with Mensa
Diane Wiley	20 years with Mensa
Heinz G Kepplinger	20 years with Mensa
George H Gerspacher	16 years with Mensa
Michael G Savage	12 years with Mensa
James F Scorse	10 years with Mensa
Ron Merritt	6 years with Mensa
Karen A Lindquist	5 years with Mensa
William Wellington	5 years with Mensa
Leslie Wilcox Hughes	3 years with Mensa
Edward Dunn	3 years with Mensa
James Daly	3 years with Mensa
Patrick Killen	3 years with Mensa
Timothy Alan Brinduse	3 years with Mensa
Debra K Scorse	2 years with Mensa
David Masters	2 years with Mensa
Abigail Kennedy	2 years with Mensa
Ben Greenberg	1 years with Mensa
Richard Paul Moore	1 years with Mensa
Jamie Welch	1 years with Mensa

And if we've missed anyone: The past several months have been busy and full of events, unfortunately we do not have unlimited space in our printed newsletter, and AML is only now improving distribution of key info and stats. If we have overlooked anyone in any way for any reason, we apologize very sincerely and look forward to doing a better job with our member recognition efforts, both online and in print, in the future.

IMPORTANT – 2012 RAM Election

If you are interested in running for ANY elected RAM position, please contact Julie or Terry ASAP. We need Executive Committee members at large to compensate for current vacancies. (Continued on Page 7)

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We are also in need of election committee volunteers (who do NOT wish to run for any office). Please refer to the RAM Bylaws available at <http://bit.ly/wwMmp1> but feel free to contact any of us for more info. We are under some time constraints here, so time is of the essence. Please respond ASAP so we can get thing under way! ☺

Good Wine Cheap (and good food to go with it) by John Grover

Real men do eat quiche. This month's recipe entails bacon, eggs, cheese, onions, and green peppers. What else could make a more manly snack during the intermission of your favorite basketball or hockey game? And, if you want to break away briefly from the Molson's, we have a wine that should complement the dish very nicely.

The wine this month is the 2009 Morgon from Les Vins Georges Deboeuf and is produced in Beaujolais region of Burgundy, France. Morgon is one of ten villages that have the Beaujolais Cru designation and a well-deserved reputation for very good wines. This red wine has a fruit laden nose, which is followed by tastes rich with cherry, plum, and a hint of black pepper. There is an earthy quality to this wine that ends with a very smooth finish. When tasting, try leaving a little on your tongue while breathing in through your mouth for the full effect. This is a wonderful wine for between \$11 and \$14 a bottle.

Bacon and Green Chili Quiche (from June 1996 *Bon Appetit* magazine)

Ingredients: 1 refrigerated pie crust (room temperature); 8 strips bacon; a 4 ounce can of diced green chilies, drained; 4 green onions, chopped; 1 cup shredded Monterey Jack cheese (about 4 ounces); 1 cup shredded sharp cheddar cheese; 1 ¼ cups half and half; 4 eggs; ½ tsp. salt

Preheat oven to 425 F. Unfold crust. Using wet fingertips, press together any tears. Press crust into 9-inch deep-dish pie plate. Press foil over crust to hold shape. Bake 5 minutes. Remove from oven; remove foil. Reduce temperature to 400F.

Cook bacon in heavy skillet over a medium high heat until crisp and brown. Transfer to paper towel and drain. Crumble bacon. Sprinkle bacon, chilies, and green onion over crust. Combine the cheeses and sprinkle over crust. Beat half and half, eggs, and salt in a bowl to blend; and add this mixture into crust.

Bake quiche until knife inserted in center comes out clean, about 45 minutes. Let quiche stand 5 minutes. Cut the quiche into wedges and serve. Serves 6 as a main course or 12 as an appetizer.

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

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