



The
Constellation
 Rochester Area Mensa
 July, 2012

Short & Sweet

Hello Everyone!

I hope that you are having a GREAT summer! The Rochester Philharmonic Orchestra concert at Charlotte Beach was very good. Aside from too many opera overtures (for my taste) and creative parking, it was an extremely enjoyable evening. The weather was absolutely perfect!

I realize that we have a pretty busy summer schedule. I hope that your family is able to attend at least one event. The only function that does not allow younger Mensans is Party Madagascar at Seneca Park Zoo (due to alcohol being served). We do plan to make one change in the schedule for August. The pool party will take place on Sunday, the 26th of August. All other details regarding the party remain the same.

Everyone has his or her own interpretation of life. I have been told (by a number of people) that my view is quite unusual! Occasionally, I will share an example of my unique perspective. I was shopping at Salvation Army with a friend of mine (Continued on Page 2)



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who likes to go there for the low prices. There is always a gigantic, multiple rack assortment of available jeans. She had selected a full cart of things to try on, while I grabbed only one pair of denims. When she questioned me about only having one pair, my response was, "I only want one pair!" As I recall, she was left tilting her head to the side like a dog who was trying to understand a most confusing situation!

Hope to see you soon,

Julie Stout

RAM LocSec

P.S. I did end up taking the jeans home! ☺

July RAM Events

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

Castaways 585.323.2943
244 Lake Road CastawaysOnTheLake.com
Webster, NY 14580

Enjoy the most spectacular views and gorgeous sunsets on Lake Ontario while dining outside. Cozy evenings and incredible specials are what make the Castaway a favorite dining spot all year long. Take Route 104 to Bay Road north, then left on Lake Road. No RSVP required; look for the yellow balloon.

RPO Concert in the Park – Sunday, July 8, 2012 7:30 pm

Perinton Park www.rpo.org/p_1459
1100 Ayrault Road
Fairport, NY 14450

RPO concert with Jeff Tyzik conducting. It starts at 7:30. The location is Perinton Park, 1100 Ayrault Road. Although the event is free, you may choose to bring a chair and picnic basket. Look for the yellow balloon.

Max at the Gallery Tapas Night – Thursday, July 12, 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!**

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. No RSVP required; look for the yellow balloon.

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 Member As of July

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| Russell Heller | Macedon | Move In |
| Verona S Bennetto | Rochester | Move In |
| Madelyn MacLaughlin | Pittsford | New |
| Erik Rist | Hilton | New |
| Steven D Oller | Rochester | Reinstating |

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

July RAM Member Birthdays

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| Erik Rist | July 3 rd |
| Joseph E Maurer | July 4 th |
| Howard G Hadley | July 17 th |
| Roberta W McDermott | July 22 nd |
| Peter Daniel Wierzba | July 31 st |

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

July RAM Member Anniversaries

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| Miklos G Karner | 38 years with Mensa |
| Nancy Ruth Simon | 32 years with Mensa |
| Shirley R Cramer | 27 years with Mensa |
| Lt Col David Alan Schottler | 24 years with Mensa |
| Jeff Gould | 19 years with Mensa |
| Troy Vincent Bierkortte | 19 years with Mensa |
| Victoria Gail Roberts | 19 years with Mensa |
| Howard G Hadley | 8 years with Mensa |
| Ellen A Hadley | 8 years with Mensa |
| Robert C Jackson | 8 years with Mensa |
| Joseph E Maurer | 8 years with Mensa |
| Frank W Alexander III | 7 years with Mensa |
| Cathryn M Ciccolone | 6 years with Mensa |
| Cole Wagner | 6 years with Mensa |
| Russell Heller | 2 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.

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The natural frequency of this event is 30! Yes, the 30th Regional Gathering! Positronically assured of a periodic table of entrees, Quark's bar, luminosity in the programs and momentum in the tournament track. Quanta rates are (all postmark dates) \$60 through June 1, \$65 through Aug. 1, \$70 through Nov. 24, and \$75 thereafter. Children under 5 are free. Ages 6-10 are \$15. Ages 11-20 are half the full rate. Partial rates are available at the door. Friday only = \$30; Saturday only = \$65. Saturday dinner and dance (after 5 p.m.) = \$40. No rollovers. Refunds must be requested by Nov. 29, 2012. Checks payable to Cincinnati Area Mensa RG. Hotel: Doubletree, 6300 E. Kemper Rd., Sharonville, OH 45241; 513/489-3636; www.doubletree.com/hotels/CVGKRDT. Room rates (\$99) guaranteed until Nov. 15. S CD 10 and under, H RP 11/29/12 cutoff DT. Contact Cassie Ryle, 7270 West Chester Rd., West Chester, OH 45069; 513/755-6322; cassier@fuse.net.

I am looking forward to seeing you soon.

LLAP and Peace,

Betsy

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About Our Cover and "Centerfold" Photos

This month's photo is *A Cheesecake First Thirstday*, 06/07/2012, Copyright © 2012 Robert Horner, including our RVC Betsy Yvonne Mark and a couple of our favorite local Mensans, George and Bob. Sorry if you missed this event but we hope you can join us next time out!

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.

Stay Tuned – More to Come – August, 2012

We are planning on publishing an August Constellation edition to remind you of all events included in our busy summer schedule and to highlight any changes in the program. Please let us know if you have any questions or would like to have any additional events listed.

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Irish Folk Music and Dance – Wednesday, July 18, 2012 7:00 pm

Ontario Beach Park
Performance Pavilion

4799 Lake Avenue
Rochester NY 14612

The Dady Brothers performing with the Young Irish Dance Studio. This starts at 7:00 and is located at the Ontario Beach Park Performance Pavilion, same location as our previous RPO concert. Please bring a chair and refreshments if you like, but there are also a lot of places to get food. It takes place at Lake and Beach Avenues. Look for the yellow balloon.

Ice Cream Social – Sunday, July 22, 2012 2:30 pm

Shark's Custard and Candy
50 State Street
Bloomfield, NY 14469

585.657.4429
<http://bit.ly/PFxukT>

Routes 5 & 20 in Bloomfield, just west of South Avenue, ¼ mile east of the Mendon-Ionia Road intersection or 1.4 miles west of Route 444. Homemade hard ice cream is available (and delicious)!

Optional walk afterward on the DEC trails at 6300 Routes 5 & 20 in East Avon, approximately 1 mile east of I390, Look for the yellow balloon.

Party Madagascar – Saturday, July 28, 2012 6:30 pm

Seneca Park Zoo
2222 St. Paul Street,
Rochester, NY 14621

585.336.7200
<http://bit.ly/LoJi88>

Party Madagascar at the Seneca Park Zoo! If you get your ticket online before the event the cost is \$12.00 or \$15.00 at the door. This includes entry into the zoo, entertainment (music and dance), as well as dinner. There is a cash bar. The time is from 6:30 until 11:00 and includes arts and crafts and close encounters with some of the animals. (That's my main reason for going!) There are tables and chairs. As always, look for the yellow balloon. This event is great for more than one reason; the money is being raised for various worthy causes.

August 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).

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August RAM Events (Continued)

First Thirstday – Thursday, August 2, 2012 7:00 pm

La Luna 585.232.5862
60 Browns Race LaLunaRestaurant.net
Rochester, NY 14614

Basically an upscale Italian place, the entrées start at around \$13.00 and up, but the starters run from \$6 to \$9... we can order a number of them and share. There is a parking lot across the street.

German Festival – Saturday, August 11, 2012 2:00 pm

Firemen's Exempt Grounds GermanFest.RochesterGerman.com
Route 259
Spencerport, NY 14559

There is an entry fee of \$6.00 for adults; kids under 12 are free. There will be music, dance, food, obviously drink, children's games, and activities. We will meet at around 2:00. Find the yellow balloon.

Susan B. Anthony Celebration – Saturday, August 18, 2012 2:00 pm

Susan B. Anthony House 585.235.6124
17 Madison Street SusanBAnthonyHouse.org
Rochester, NY 14608

Half price admission (\$5.00) includes entertainment, a tour of the house, and other activities. There will be limited food vendors, so you might choose to do the picnic and chair thing. Our yellow balloon is welcome!

POOL PARTY! – Sunday, August 26, 2012 7:00 pm

Stout Residence 585.225.3020
11 Grecian Pkwy
Greece, NY 14559

I do not have the menu planned yet, but everyone had a great time last year so we may do something close to that. The pool is located at 11 Grecian Pkwy in Greece. It will start at, yes folks, around 2:00! You guessed it; there will be yellow balloons!

MAG Tapas Night – Thursday, August 30, 2012 7:00 pm

U of R - Memorial Art Gallery 585.276.8900
500 University Avenue mag.rochester.edu
Rochester NY 14607 http://bit.ly/NjNa62

Our monthly gathering at the MAG – We'll have a chance to listen to live music and enjoy wine, beer, and tapas plates for purchase.

reMARK by Betsy Yvonne Mark, RVC3 – July, 2012

It's the Annual Gathering! I hope you are in Reno, Nevada, with me. I will be hosting a Region 3 Meet and Greet on Wednesday, July 4, from 6 to 7:15 PM and I hope to see you there – plenty of time afterwards for the fireworks! Region 3 Meet and Greets are great ways to connect with members from our wonderful Region. Touch base with members who share your interests. Are you on your ExComm? Do you volunteer for a specific something for your local group? Meet others who do the same and who might benefit from your experience. I have actually met members from my own local group who hadn't been at any local function and whose first event was the AG. When you sign in your local group gets points towards the Group of the Year Award. What a great way to make new acquaintances and friends!

It's not too late to register for the 2012 Columbus Area Mensa RG, The London (Ohio) Games to be held July 27-29. Tournaments will reign supreme as in any Col-M-Pic year, but there will also be a full slate of speakers, activities, Friday night kids, British-themed food and drink, and much more! Registration is \$70 until 7/9 and \$75 at the door. Friday only is \$30, Saturday only is \$50, and kids 11-18 are half price. Kids 10 and under are free. MP (5): included. Checks payable to Columbus Area Mensa. Hotel: Ramada East Airport, 4801 E. Broad St., Columbus, OH 43213; 614/861-0321. Room rates (\$69) guaranteed until July 1. Contact Julia Ashley, PO Box 292557, Columbus, OH 43229; 614/448-6023; psibernaut@yahoo.com if you have questions and check out the RG's website: <http://columbus.us.mensa.org/2012-rg.pdf>

Western Pennsylvania Mensa takes you around the world in 80 hours this Labor Day weekend. See the world without pesky airport lines! Registration for adults and kids ages 4-9 is \$90 and \$45 until July 8 (the AG), \$95 and \$48 until Aug. 1 (Columbus RG), \$99 and \$50 postmarked by Aug. 26, and \$115 and \$58 at the door. Single-day registration rates for adults and kids ages 4-9 are \$30 and \$15 for Friday, \$50 and \$25 for Saturday, \$50 and \$25 for Sunday, \$25 and \$13 for Saturday or Sunday evening only, \$25 and \$13 for Monday. MP: all included. Checks payable to WPAM RG. Hotel: Doubletree (formerly Radisson), 101 DoubleTree Dr., (aka 101 Radisson Dr.), Pittsburgh, PA 15205; 800/445-8667; www.doubletree1.hilton.com/en_US/dt/hotel/PITGTDT-DoubleTree-by-Hilton-Hotel-Pittsburgh-Green-Tree-Pennsylvania/index.do. Room rates (\$89) guaranteed until Aug. 11. CD 9 and under, H RP Aug. 20 cutoff DT SA CP H/AS. Contact Jamie Fritz, 345 Thompson Run Rd., Penn Hills, PA 15235; 412/612-0634; jlongstreth@comcast.net.

Cincinnati Area Mensa is in an excited state (any of the energy levels of a physical system – like an RG committee) as you are invited to the HyperchaRGeD gathering. (Hypercharge: the quantum number equal to B [baryons] + S [strangeness] + C [charmed].) Gravitational attraction and radiant energy brings you to the Doubletree in Sharonville starting Nov. 30, and inertia takes you to a half-life of the event on Dec. 2.

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