



The Constellation

Rochester Area Mensa

November, 2012

Short & Sweet

Hello to Everyone!

I love this time of year! New York State has a front row seat to the autumn color changes! We have the Adirondack Mountains, the Finger Lakes, and Letchworth State Park, just name a few beautiful places to visit and enjoy nature's canvas of amazing changes!

I also love the holidays of both Halloween and Thanksgiving! It is great to be able (for the most part) to set all religious differences aside and just celebrate as Americans! It seems as though being "politically correct" has completely taken over many other holidays during the year. It is amazingly refreshing to speak openly about a holiday without the fear of offending anyone! I realize that some extreme belief systems do have a problem with Halloween, but they still will acknowledge it in some way. For Thanksgiving, we can all come together and celebrate as citizens of this great country.

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I have been fortunate enough to have my violin act as a passport for travel to a number of very interesting places. I know that our country has many challenges and frustrations to overcome, but I have witnessed or been part of things that would NEVER happen in the United States! I will share some of them with you: I have seen poor people that make our poor seem wealthy; I have been a close witness to a man having grand mal seizures and heart attacks with no 911, no ambulance, no medical person coming up to help even though there were two full international flights worth of passengers in plain view. The hardest thing for me with that situation was I knew that they were NOT treating him in any way that that would stop the seizures and attacks (I have epilepsy), but I could NOT approach his wife because she was in full burqa with netting over her eyes and everything. Because of an old custom, I could not help and no one else was making an effort to help, so we watched as this scenario carried on for far too long.

In an airport in another country, I saw a woman who was trying to avoid being sent back to the place she had just left; she was crying and fearful for her safety if sent back. We won't even get into the issues of clean drinking water or well-supplied restrooms. I guess that my overall impression is that for as many faults as our country has, it still attracts people from all over the world who would choose to reside here because of our standard of living! Remember to be thankful for all of the everyday things we take for granted!

Hope to see you soon,

Julie Stout

RAM LocSec

P.S. – We had a great time at our first “Laptop Night” at MacGregor’s on Empire Boulevard in October. We are looking forward to having another such event soon!



*Mensa Gathering with
Laptops at MacGregor's*

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

Zebb's Deluxe Grill & Bar 585.271.1440
1890 Clinton Avenue South Zebbs.com
Rochester, NY 14618

Come on out and enjoy an evening at one of our long-time favorites. Zebb's has a great selection of food but if you've never had a Zebb's burger you owe it to yourself to try one. No RSVP required; look for the yellow balloon.

MAG Tapas Night – Thursday, November 8, 2012 6:00 pm

University of Rochester 585.276.8900
Memorial Art Gallery mag.rochester.edu
500 University Avenue <http://bit.ly/NjNa62>
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. (The gallery itself remains open until 9:00 pm.) 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.

**Holloway House Friends & Family Night –
Wednesday, November 14, 2012 6:00 pm**

Holloway House Restaurant 585.657.7120
29 State Street (Routes 5 & 20) TheHollowayHouse.com
East Bloomfield, NY 14443

This is not an "all-you-can-eat" special like the one we enjoyed in September; instead, it's a family-style turkey dinner where all tables get the same amount of food for one attractive price. The restaurant suggests four to six people per table, and whatever remainder there is goes home with you. For \$45.95, each table gets the famous homemade Holloway bread and rolls, tossed salad, a large platter of turkey with giblet gravy bowl, a bowl of mashed potatoes, a bowl of stuffing, and a bowl of vegetables. Cocktails and beverages are ala carte. Sorry, for Friends and Family Night no coupons of any type are allowed... As designed, it's already only \$7.66 to \$11.49 per person before drinks, tax, and tip.

We gave this event a try last year with great success, but we've learned that for the Holloway House, reservations are essential and we need to show up on time with the anticipated number of guests. Therefore, RSVP is REQUIRED by Monday, November 12th; please call or email Julie or Terry. And yes, of course – we'll have a yellow balloon! ☺

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October RAM Events (Continued)

Post Turkey Day Hike – Friday, November 23, 2012 2:30 pm

Ganondagan State Historic 585.742.1690
Site Ganondagan.org
1488 State Route 444
Victor, NY 14564-9346

Walk off that turkey at Ganondagan! Meet at main parking lot on County Road 41, just west of Route 444 / Maple Avenue in Victor. Length and route of forest and meadow hike will be determined by consensus of participants, as well as possible supper afterwards.

December 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.*

First Thirstday – Thursday, December 6, 2012 7:00 pm

Sheridan's Pub 585.271.7777
1551 Mt. Hope Avenue SheridansPub.com
Rochester NY 14620

Sheridan's Pub – Known for serving up great drinks, gourmet pub fare, attentive service, and fun loving hospitality. Parking directly across the street - on left hand side. No RSVP required, just look for the yellow balloon!

Stay Tuned – More to Come – December, 2012

We are planning on publishing a December Constellation edition to remind you of all events included in our busy holiday season 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.

About Our Cover and "Centerfold" Photos

This month's photo is *Change in the Autumn Wind*, 10/14/2012, Copyright © 2012 Terrence Redfield, taken at our Auburn Trail hike / India House dinner in October. 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.

reMARK by Betsy Yvonne Mark, RVC3 – October, 2012

Region 3 knows how to put on parties! I just returned from Dayton's annual picnic and what a great event it was. I've had the opportunity this summer to attend Southeast Michigan's and Cleveland's picnics and many other regional events. It's been a wonderful summer.

The National NomComm has completed its work and now is the time for those who wish to run for Chair, 1st Vice Chair, 2nd Vice Chair, Secretary, Treasurer, or Region 3 Vice Chair to do so by following American Mensa's petition process which is as follows:

"In accordance with Art. VI, Sec. (4) of the Bylaws of American Mensa, Ltd., nominations for candidacy for office in American Mensa may be made by petition. Each petition must contain the signatures of 50 members of American Mensa in good standing as of December 1, 2012. Petitions must be submitted on official petition forms. Each petition candidate must also submit a completed Acceptance of Nomination form and a completed Candidate Information Form.

Petition forms, Candidate Information Forms, and Acceptance of Nomination forms are available below and may also be obtained by contacting the National Office at Operations@americanmensa.org. You also can start an online, members-only petition via the Web site. All petition candidates should review the 2013 Code of Election Procedures before beginning the petition process. Members wishing to sign available online petitions may do so via the same link.

Candidate petition forms must be received by 11:59 p.m. central time on February 1, 2013. Send completed forms and petitions to Operations@americanmensa.org, fax to 817/649-5232, or mail to Elections, American Mensa, Ltd., 1229 Corporate Drive West, Arlington, Texas 76006-6103."

Register now for Cincinnati's Regional Gathering. 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. The natural frequency of this event is 30! Yes, the 30th Regional Gathering! Positronically assured of a periodic table of entrées, Quark's bar, luminosity in the programs and momentum in the tournament track. Quanta rates are (all postmark dates) \$70 through Nov. 24, \$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

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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.

Dayton Area Mensa will be hosting DAMNations 26: Triskadeka Times Two (or times three because it's 2013!) Talks and presentations; games and tournaments; five meals by the famous Dayton Hospitality team; music and dancing; late-night conversations and general silliness! Registration is \$55 by Dec. 1; \$60 by March 1, 2013; \$70 at the door. Ages 5-18 half price, under 5 free. MP (5): included. Checks payable to Dayton Area Mensa RG. Hotel: Wyndham Garden Dayton South, 31 Prestige Plaza Dr., Miamisburg, OH 45342; call hotel 937/434-8030. Room rates (\$83) guaranteed until March 15, 2013. CD 18 and under, H DT CP. Visit www.dayton.us.mensa.org or contact Karren Lehman, 7039 Monte Carlo Dr., Englewood, OH 45322; RG.Registrar@dayton.us.mensa.org.

Southeast Michigan Mensa will be hosting SEMMantics XXXIV, May 3-5. More information soon!

For local and national events, be sure to check local Web sites and the National Web site. At this time, do not check our Region 3 Web site. Due to unexpected circumstances our Web site is woefully out of date. I am working on correcting it. If you are interested in helping me, I thank you in advance and ask that you contact me as soon as possible.

Thanksgiving is my favorite holiday. I have much for which to be grateful. I wish all Region 3 members and their families and friends a very happy Thanksgiving. May your Thanksgiving be filled with all good things. I send you my very best.

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 Member As of November		
Roman John Wilbert II	Ontario Center	Reinstating
Richard Paul Moore	Rochester	Renewing

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

November RAM Member Birthdays	
Miklos G Karner	November 6 th
Pierre E Dorancy	November 7 th
Richard A Kroll Esq	November 13 th
David M Eckert	November 18 th
Joshua F Allen	November 18 th
Joseph F Kirchner	November 20 th
Dr Candace Jo Mayo Farnham	November 23 rd
Maureen A Shaw	November 24 th
Michael G Savage	November 24 th
Joseph J Jacobs	November 24 th
John Terrence Sheehan	November 25 th
Robert J Kalb	November 26 th
Verona S Bennetto	November 29 th
Heinz G Kepplinger	November 30 th

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

November RAM Member Anniversaries	
Robert L Walton	16 years with Mensa
Joseph F Kirchner	11 years with Mensa
John E Valentine	9 years with Mensa
Christina M Olsowsky	8 years with Mensa
Robert D MacArthur	8 years with Mensa
David M Eckert	8 years with Mensa
Christopher P Muller	6 years with Mensa
Laurie S Townsend	6 years with Mensa
Brad Bovenzi	5 years with Mensa
Brian E Taylor	5 years with Mensa
Amy Marron	4 years with Mensa
Emily Scrivani	2 years with Mensa
Andrew C Symonds	1 year 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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