

From the editor

2012 is a glorious time to be a Mensan!

This is the first time in a number of issues that I have been able to squeeze in some words of my own. Where do I start?

I have quite a Mensa year planned for myself. In addition to my usual stuff, I am eyeball deep in planning the Regional Gathering in Niagara Falls, April 27-29.

Our committee was inspired by the great job

Calgary crew did with the Annual Gathering last year in Banff. There were lots of new and exciting twists on the Mensa gathering theme and we had a ball.

We've stolen some of their ideas and added a few of our own. I promise if you come to Niagara Falls, you will have a great time.

After I get over that huge hurdle I will turn my eyes to

the east.

First, there is the AGM in Halifax. If you are interested in the inner workings of Mensa Canada, be there. Plus Halifax is a visitor's paradise.

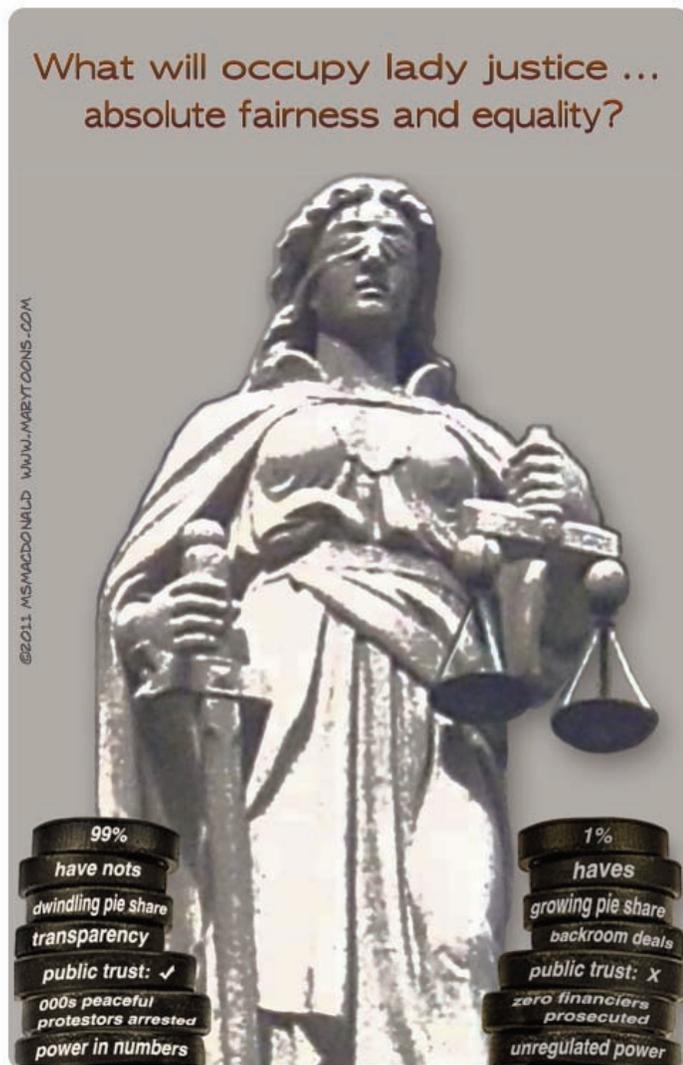
Further east is this year's European Mensas Annual Gathering (EMAG), which is going to be held in Stockholm (see their ad on page 9).

This is the fifth year that there has been a Europe-wide AG and I am really excited to be going. I don't speak Swedish, but the official language of EMAG is English, so I won't have trouble knowing what's going on.

Even before I read [Mary's](#) series on her trip to Mensa Midnight Sun (which wraps up in this issue) I was fascinated by Northern Europe, especially Scandinavia. So when I saw that EMAG was going to Sweden, I couldn't resist.

Adding to all that is the annual 10-day long Medieval Festival in Visby on the Swedish island of Gotland. Music, markets, costumes and more among real medieval buildings! For someone with my interests, it sounds like heaven even before you find out that Visby is a popular Swedish vacation destination. And the dates of the festival and EMAG mesh beautifully!

Just try to hold me back!



Mary Susan MacDonald

A reader replies

Magazine is not the right forum for curing Red Queen syndrome

Having read [Mary's](#) article (January, pg. 8), I disagree with having a "brainstorming" session with *MC*².

A bimonthly magazine does not afford the spontaneity that is usually part of such exercises.

I suggest that we luddites be informed as to how to get on LinkedIn and join the discussion group, and invite the Mensa Canada Board to have at least one representative on it.

On an ongoing basis, this discussion group could apply for formal status as a national SIG and keep a continuing presence within Mensa Canada.

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