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EXCOMMunication - August, 2005

By: Maria Sawczuk, Local Secretary

Wow, am I exhausted! This year's AG in New Orleans was even better than last year's (and I didn't think anything could top the time I had last year). Although we did not take home Group of the Year honors again this year, I could not have had a better time.

If you missed this year's event, please consider coming out to next year's World Gathering in Orlando, August 8-13. It will be Mensa's 60th Anniversary, and thousands of Mensans will be coming from all over the world to take part in the festivities. Plus, for those who are of GenX age (born between 1961 - 1981), I will be coordinating the GenX events - so they are sure to be memorable (if I do say so myself)! So make your plans now - I've already registered and reserved my hotel room

(at the Coronado Springs Resort in Disney).

A few things on the home front:

I would love to reclaim our Group of the Year title in front of a worldwide audience, and I need your help. Do you know someone who would qualify for Mensa? Encourage them to join. As you probably know, there are many standardized tests whose scores are accepted (see http://www.us.mensa.org/join_mensa/overview.php3 for more information) or they can take our admissions test. Also, with National Testing Day fast approaching (it's on October 22nd this year), we could use ideas to help promote Mensa, and Delaware Mensa in particular. We were greatly helped in recent years by wonderful articles in Delaware Today

and the News Journal, and we'll need more publicity this year to keep our growth rates climbing.

Also, we've decided to make a bid for Mind Games in 2007 and we need your help to plan it. The bid will be due to the AMC in late fall. If you are interested in helping out with the bid, and serving on the committee, please let me know.

Finally, if you've not been out to an event yet, there's no better time than now. Take a look at our jam-packed calendar and pick an event or two. You'll be sure to meet some wonderful people, hopefully learn something, and above all, have a great time. Give us a try - get the most out of your membership.

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ExComm Meeting/Coming Events!

The ExCom got together last month and put their heads together to come up with a schedule for the rest of the summer. Take a look and see if there's something there for you!

EVERY THIRD WEDNESDAY - Happy Hour/NTN Trivia Night

Join Delaware Mensa on the Third Wednesday of each month for some after-work cocktails and a little friendly competition as we play another round of NTN Trivia. You've probably seen NTN Trivia at a favorite bar or restaurant. It's a nationwide trivia network, with rounds of games played 24 hours a day. You answer the questions shown on the TV screen by using a small voting device. If you've never played before, it's highly addictive! Come out and see what it's all about, and challenge your fellow Mensans.

DATE: Wednesday, August 17, 2005

TIME: 6:00-8:00 p.m.

PLACE: Grotto's Pizza, 1819 Pennsylvania Avenue, Wilmington (other dates, location TBD)

To RSVP, e-mail Maria at legalady@magpage.com or call

302-893-5118. No RSVP necessary, but we'll know to look for you this way.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 21, 2005: Games Day/Crab Feast

Leah and LD Kinder invite you to their home in Felton for a day of games, food and fun, from 2:00 pm until we get hungry. Then we are going to head to a nearby crab shack (Seafood City) for all-you-can-eat crabs! House favorites include Beyond Balderdash, Cranium, Scrabble and Trivial Pursuit, or bring your own game, if you have a special favorite. Plus, we have two brand-new games we've been asked to review - want a sneak peak at these hot-off-the-press games? Then join us!

Snacks and soft drinks will be served. Contact Leah at leahkinder@aol.com for directions, and to let her know how many people to expect.

DATE: Sunday, August 21, 2005

TIME: 2:00 p.m. til' ?? (If you want to join us for crabs only, please call Maria at 302-893-5118 and we'll let you know what time we'll be there)

PLACE: Leah and LD Kinder's house, 119 Dickens Lane,

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Felton

To RSVP and for directions: E-mail Leah at leahkin-der@aol.com

SUNDAY, AUGUST 28, 2005: MOVIE NIGHT

Delaware Mensa is going to the movies! The Schwartz Center for the Arts in Dover presents the independent film *Enron: The Smartest Guys in the Room*. Based on the best-selling book of the same name, the chronicle takes a look at one of the greatest corporate disasters in history, in which top executives from the 7th largest company in this country walked away with over one billion dollars, leaving investors and employees with nothing. The film features insider accounts and rare corporate audio and video tapes that reveal colossal personal excesses of the Enron hierarchy and the utter moral vacuum that posed as corporate philosophy. The human drama that unfolds within Enron's walls resembles a Greek tragedy and produces a domino effect that could shape the face of our economy and ethical code for years to come. (plot summary courtesy of IMDb.com).

DATE: Sunday, August 28, 2005

TIME: Movie starts at 7:00 pm

PLACE: The Schwartz Center for the Arts, 226 S. State Street, Dover (for directions, visit their website at www.schwartzcenter.com)

To RSVP, e-mail Keith at jkjohnson@snip.net or call Maria at 302-893-5118. No RSVP necessary, but we'll know to look for you this way.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2005: DISCOVER SEA SHIPWRECK MUSEUM

DATE: Sunday, September 18, 2005

TIME: 11:00 am

PLACE: Discover Sea Shipwreck Museum, 708 Ocean Highway, Fenwick Island (above Sea Shell City)

COST: \$2 per person

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2005: E-A-G-L-E-S EAGLES!

Delaware Mensa (well, me specifically, but I am sure my ExComm will back me on this) is thrilled to have Ray Diding, senior producer with NFL Films for our Speaker Series this month.

DATE: Thursday, October 6, 2005

TIME: 7:00 p.m. for dinner; speaker to begin at 8:00 p.m.

PLACE: Stanley's Tavern, Foulk and Grubb Roads, Wilmington DM

Nothing in education is so astonishing as the amount of ignorance it accumulates in the form of inert facts.

Henry B. Adams

Marc My Words

By Marc Lederman, Region 2 RVC

As I write this column, my term as RVC is officially beginning. Next week I leave for the Annual Gathering (AG), where I will represent Region 2 at the American Mensa Committee (AMC) meeting. Since this is the first AMC meeting of the term, most of the agenda deals with appointments. Several members of Region 2 are up for appointments: Sallie Banko as the new InterLoc editor, Maria Sawczuk as returning corporate counsel, Clifton McCann, Esq. as returning intellectual property counsel, Steve and Lesley Slepner as returning chairs of the Election Committee, and I as chair of the Publications Recognition Program (PRP) for the third time. In addition to participating in the AMC meeting, I also will be attending a few committee meetings, the new AMC member orientation, the Annual Business Meeting, and several LDW programs.

It's been several months since our Region has held a Regional Gathering (RG), but the drought is about to end. Delaware Valley Mensa is back with Liberty Bell XV: "That's Medieval" to be held October 14-16, 2005, in King of Prussia. This will be an anachronistic extravaganza with their friends from the Society for Creative Anachronism (SCA). There will be programs on the arts and styles of pre-17th century Europe as well as some of their old favorites. This RG shows signs of being their biggest one yet. I've already sent in my registration. Have you???

One of my goals for the upcoming year is to hold a Leadership Development Workshop (LDW) somewhere in Region

2. LDWs are standardized training sessions with the purpose of developing local group leaders. You don't have to be a current local officer to attend. This will be a great opportunity to learn more about the administrative side of Mensa and meet some of the people currently holding positions in our region. It has been many years since we have last hosted one, and we are overdue. Over the next couple of months, I will be sending out surveys to each ExCom, asking their opinions on topics, potential locations, and whether or not they wish to participate.

Did you know that Region 2 has its own Yahoo Group? It was started a year and a half ago, but has yet to see much participation. I'd like that to change. This is a great place to promote a Regional Gathering, help plan a LDW, or provide feedback on AMC Agenda topics. If you're afraid of being overwhelmed by email, don't worry. Yahoo gives you options to receive postings as individual emails, a daily digest, or no emails at all. You will find the Yahoo group at <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/AML-Region2/>, and you can join by sending an email to AML-Region2-subscribe@yahoogroups.com, or directly from the website.

I'm looking forward to the next two years, and I hope you are as well. If you have any questions, comments, or just want to talk about what's happening in Mensa, you can reach me by email at rvc2@us.mensa.org or by phone at 717-308-1221.

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Casting Call

BEAUTY AND THE GEEK NEW YORK CASTING

Beauty And The Geek Season 2 is looking for smart SINGLE guys 21-35 years old with a high IQ and a savvy intellect. If you are more likely to be featured on Jeopardy rather than The Bachelor then we want you and you need us.

Do you know a good single guy who deserves a GREAT break in life? If so, the WB is going to make that happen. Finally, a reality show where being smart PAYS OFF with a MAJOR cash prize! This is a chance for smart, educated, single men, who may have a hard time socially, but can knock you out of the ballpark with their intellect.

Are you sick and tired of those reality shows featuring the dumb guys with not much substance? We're turning the tables and showing America that smart guys are much more.

FINALLY A SHOW WHERE SMART GUYS FINISH FIRST AND RICH!

e-mail impossiblecast@verizon.net

or call 212-255-3029 for more information

Celebrations

As of 6/30/05, we have 160 members

A Happy Birthday to these Mensans with a birthday this month:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Birthday</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Birthday</u>
Michael Brechtel	8/1	George Majors	8/10
Carl Moor, Jr.	8/2	Terri Eros	8/22
Larry Hegland	8/7	Robert Auer	8/23
Allison Berdoulay	8/5	Paul Thompson	8/26
Donald Hearn	8/7	Thomas Keane	8/28
Martha Lankford	8/9	David Moak	8/29

Congratulations, and a Happy Mensaversary to these members who celebrate their Mensa anniversary this month:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Member since:</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Member since:</u>
Alan Emsley	1980	Lawrence Laporte	2001
Enrico Federighi	1987	Michael Brechtel	2003
Pamela Lamb	1999	Walter Crowe	2004
Steven Allison	1999		

And a warm Delaware Mensa welcome to New Member
Bo Shi of Newark

You can't use tact with a Congressman! A Congressman is a hog!
You must take a stick and hit him on the snout!

Henry B. Adams

Delaware Mensa Calendar

Grab your personal calendar and write down some events!

Mon, Aug 8	11:30—? Downtown Lunch Bunch meet in the basement Cafeteria of the Hotel DuPont for lunch and stimulating conversation. (Every 2nd Monday) Info: Fran Joseph at 302-994-6347
Wed, Aug 17	6 to 8 pm, NTN Trivia Night at Grotto's Pizza, 1819 Pennsylvania Avenue, Wilmington. Every 3rd Wednesday. For info, call Maria, 302-893-5118
Sun, Aug 21	2 pm till?. Games Day/Crab Fest. First, games at Leah's house, then adjourn to nearby Seafood City for crabs galore. To RSVP and for directions: E-mail Leah at leahkinder@aol.com . To meet us for crabs only, call Maria at 302-893-5118
Sun, Aug 28	7 to 9 pm, Movies at the Schwartz Center in Dover. Enron, the Smartest Guys in the Room will be showing. The movie starts at 7, so be there early to get your ticket and meet the rest of the group. For info, call Keith, 302-242-8201, or see the Schwartz Center website
Sun, Sept 18	11 am. Visit the Discover Sea Shipwreck Museum, 708 Ocean Highway, Fenwick Island. The museum focuses on shipwrecks of the Delmarva Peninsula. Admission cost \$2 per person. To RSVP and for directions, e-mail Maria at legalady@magpage.com or call 302-893-5118.
Wed, Sept 21	6 to 8 pm, NTN Trivia Night (location to be determined.) Every 3rd Wednesday. For info, call Maria, 302-893-5118
Thur, Oct 6	7 to 10 pm, an evening with Ray Didinger, journalist, author, film maker, and EAGLES expert—Stanley's Tavern, Foulk and Grubb Roads, Wilmington. To RSVP, e-mail Maria at legalady@magpage.com or call 302-893-5118.

Your event here

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