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EXCOMMunication - June, 2005

By: Maria Sawczuk, Local Secretary

Can you believe summer is here? What are your plans? I sure hope they include attending a few Delaware Mensa events. There's something for everyone – just check out our calendar! Our monthly happy hour is getting very popular. And we are revving up our speaker series again with this month's topic – Vodou! But don't think there's no room left for your event; if you want to plan something, let us know!

Remember, many of our events are announced first on our Yahoo Group. If you are not yet part of that community, please join. Simply turn your web browser to <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/DelawareMensa/> and request to join. Once in, you'll get advance notice of all of our events, plus email reminders, plus notice of impromptu gatherings that might not make it into our newsletter. You can also use the forum to chat with your fellow members. It's fun!

Of course, you are all heading to New Orleans in July, right? I think we are going to have the largest group of Delaware Mensans at an AG, ever! Take a moment and go to www.ag.us.mensa.org and check out the list of program topics. Wow! What variety! How can you resist the charms of The Big Easy? DM

Air Mobility Museum

A small group of M's formed outside the Air Mobility Museum in Dover on May 21, Armed Forces Day. This is one of the few days of the year when many of the aircraft on display are open for visitors to tour, so those of you who didn't make it missed something special.

The tour starts in the Hall of Heroes, commemorating many of the Medal of Honor winners in our Armed Forces. Then on to the inside displays: early trainers; WWII trainers, a B-17 Bomber,

in the collection. We saw fighters; helicopters; VIP transports; the first tanker, a KC-97, stationed at Dover in the 60's; the C-133 transport, developed specifically to carry ICBM missiles to their launch silos, and the C-141 jet transport.

It was a beautiful day, and a very interesting outing. Hope you can make it to our next event. DM

From The Editor

Summer is here, or it will be this month (even though I had the heat on at home last night.) It looks like we'll have a pretty active summer for Delaware Mensa – check out the calendar listings on page 3.

This month is the first month that some of our members will get their newsletter electronically, and not on paper. Response from the trial run last month was very positive, with people especially liking the color that doesn't show up in the print version. Also, we have the chance to add unlimited space, so members getting the e-newsletter can see more articles, pictures, reviews, and editorials – but only if someone decides to write them. Yes, that means even more reason for me to beg for submissions. Help me out, folks.

Where ever you spend your summer, be careful and stay safe. Wear your seatbelts, use sunscreen, and look both ways and hold hands when you cross the street. DM



and a series of transport planes. Also in the museum hangar are displays on uniforms, military customs, the Berlin Airlift, and the C-5 airlifter.

(Editors note: I worked on the crew that restored this plane, the C-133. Only the C-5 has a longer cargo bay.)

Outside the hangar are the larger planes

You know, a long time ago being crazy meant something. Nowadays everybody's crazy. Charles Manson

Coming Events

Spring is in the air - time to get out and have some fun with Delaware Mensa. So pull out those daybooks and get writing!

TUESDAY, JUNE 14, 2005: THAT VODOU THAT YOU DO (NOTE CHANGE IN LOCATION)

Are you going to the AG in New Orleans? Get a little flavor of what's in store by coming out to this event. First, enjoy a wonderful cajun/creole meal at this New Orleans-inspired restaurant in Wilmington. Then listen to Mambo Vye Zo Komande la Menfo, Dagainen (a.k.a. Mambo Pat) explain the ins and outs of the Vodou religion, which originated in Haiti, and is practiced by millions here in the U.S. As an initiated Mambo, or priestess, Mambo Pat strives to help gain recognition and validation for the Vodou faithful. Her work as Mambo is dedicated to showing the world how beautiful the Vodou faith is, how generous the Lwa can be and how Vodou is the footprint for many of the faiths in the world today.

DATE: Tuesday, June 14, 2005 TIME: 7:00 p.m. for dinner; speaker begins at 8:00 pm

PLACE: Blue Parrot Bar & Grille, 6th and Union Street, Wilmington – NOTE: THIS LOCATION IS DIFFERENT FROM THE ONE PRINTED IN DELAMENSA LAST MONTH – PLEASE MAKE A NOTE OF THE NEW LOCATION!

To RSVP and for directions, e-mail Maria at legalady@magpage.com or call 302-893-5118.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 15, 2005 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, June 15, 2005

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

PLACE: Grotto's Pizza Grand Slam, 1200 Highway One, Lewes 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.

TUESDAY, JULY 19, 2005: ExComm Meeting

Help us plan future Delaware Mensa events and make Delaware Mensa responsive to you. Also come out and hear a recap of, and ideas gained from, the AG. All members are welcome to attend our ExComm meeting, at Where Pigs Fly in Dover.

DATE: Tuesday, July 19, 2005 TIME: 7:00 pm

PLACE: Where Pigs Fly, Route 13 and Lookerman Street, Dover

Please RSVP by e-mailing Maria at legalady@magpage.com or calling 302-893-5118, so we know how many people are coming, and can get an adequate table.

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DATE: Wednesday, July 20, 2005

TIME: 6:00-8:00 p.m. PLACE: Damon's Restaurant, 149 North DuPont Highway, New Castle

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.

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WHAT ARE YOU WATCHING?

(an occasional column in which the author answers the title question; movie or book reviews from other Delaware Mensans welcomed)

STAR WARS, Episode 3, Revenge of the Sith

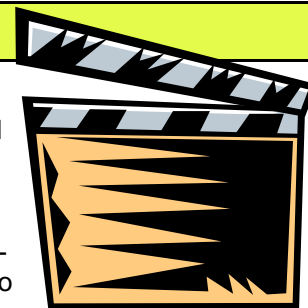
I'm reviewing this movie, but I can't imagine that your decision to see it depends on any review. You're either hooked or you're not. The final segment

to be filmed of the Star Wars saga, this was the one that tied together all the plot threads and gave the answers that fans have been waiting for since 1978. The final three episodes, released in novel form a few years ago, are really just a tiresome cleanup of the remaining Empire forces, after the death of the Emperor.

By now you know the story - Anakin Skywalker becomes Darth Vader; the

Jedi disappear, the evil Emperor takes over, why the Storm Troopers all look so much alike –

so I won't dwell on all of that. The first film (Episode 4, 1978) had the most im-



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What are You Watching? (Continued from page 2)

pact on the movie-viewing public, and was the best choice as a stand-alone movie. Revenge of the Jedi (Episode 6, 1983) had probably the most satisfying ending. But this movie already has the biggest box office, and deals with the most interesting characters.



The original story of Luke Skywalker was one of universal appeal. Essentially the same as the Harry Potter story; a kid with nothing, and no reason to expect anything, turns out to be special, magic, and destined to do great things, and have a good shot at winning the princess (even if she does turn out to be your sister). So many people identify with this plot because we feel like we haven't been recognized for, or lived up to (yet), the potential we have inside us. Contrast that with the story of Darth Vader, which shows how choices and attitudes make the (slim) difference between becoming the person we want to be and the person we fear we might be – much more relevant to an adult in the modern world.

The bottom line is that this is a pretty good movie – if you liked any of the others you will

like this one. But, don't look for a best picture or best actor Academy Award nomination. (And that's OK, because the real money is in the merchandising.)



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Celebrations

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

<u>Name</u>	<u>Birthday</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Birthday</u>
Tamara Metz	6/2	Robert Busche	6/14
William Mace	6/4	Ronald Baldwin	6/16
John Williams III	6/7	Lee Machemer	6/16
Jesse Conrad	6/12	Kathleen Kvortek	6/27

• 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>
Joel Martin	1964	Joan Sorflaten	1994
Fran Joseph	1977	Donald DeVine	1999
Shawn Hale	1989	Eric Wolf	2003
Ann Warner	1991	Matthew Latocha	2004

• A warm Delaware Mensa welcome to New Members:

Erik Pearson of Newark
Jason Bostron of Newark

Welcome to Allison Berdoulay of Lewisville PA,
who preferenced into our group

And, welcome back to reinstating member
David Noble of Wilmington

Liberty has never come from Government. Liberty has always come from the subjects of it... The history of liberty is a history of limitations of governmental power, not the increase of it.

Woodrow Wilson

Delaware Mensa Calendar

Grab your personal calendar and write down some events!

Mon, June 13	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
Tues, Jun 14	7 pm, Dinner meeting at Blue Parrot Bar & Grille, 6th and Union Street, Wilmington. Speaker will be a Vodou priestess, talking about the history of Vodou, and it's presence here. RSVP to Maria, 302-893-5118
Wed, June 15	6 to 8 pm, NTN Trivia Night at Grotto's Pizza Grand Slam, 1200 Highway One, Lewes. Every 3rd Wednesday. For info, call Maria, 302-893-5118
Sat, Jun 25	7 pm. DVM is going to the Trenton Thunder vs. the Reading Phillies. After the game there will be a pre 4th of July fireworks warm up. Tickets \$7.00 More info at www.trentonthunder.com . Seats are limited – call Steve Kaess at 215-885-7373, or stevenholly@comcast.net .
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Your event here

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5	6 New Moon	7	8	9	10	11
12	13 Lunch Bunch	14 Flag Day Vodou Dinner Meeting	15 Happy Hour/ NTN Trivia Night	16	17	18
19 Father's Day	20	21 Summer Solstice	22 Full Moon	23 DelaMensa Deadline	24	25
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