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## EXCOMMunication - May, 2007

By: Maria Sawczuk, Local Secretary

I didn't think the weather would ever catch up to the calendar. But it looks like spring is finally here. It's a good time to come out of hibernation and join Delaware Mensa at one of our many upcoming events. Do you have an idea for an event? If so, you can either come out to our ExComm meeting on May 23 and let us know, or you can email me with your idea. We are always looking for events that interest our members.

Hopefully by now you've received your May issue of the Bulletin, along with your ballots. PLEASE VOTE! Region 2 has the first contested election for RVC in years, and each and every vote is important. If you need more information about the candidates, for either our region, or national or international offices, drop me a line or go to [www.us.mensa.org](http://www.us.mensa.org).

Who's going to join me in Birmingham for this year's AG? I've been told that this year's hosts will be feeding us well – both in mind and body! So, why not enjoy a little southern hospitality, kick back, relax and meet some life-long friends – you can do all that in Birmingham this July.

Remember, many of our events are announced first on our Yahoo Group. If you are not yet part of that community,

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please join. Simply turn your web browser to <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/DelawareMensa/> and request to join. Once in, you'll get advanced 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!

Finally, just a gentle reminder – if you have not renewed your membership, please don't forget. We've got some wonderful upcoming events – you're not going to want to miss out!

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## Coming Events

Now that the weather has decided to coincide with the calendar, it's time to pop out of that cave and join Delaware Mensa at one of our upcoming events:(PS - New members and newly social members will not be eaten - come out and see how much fun your membership can really be)

### SUNDAY, MAY 20, 2007 - Games Day

Leah and LD Kinder invite you to their home in Felton for a day of games, food and fun, from 1:00 pm until we get tired. House favorites include Beyond Balderdash, Cranium, Scrabble and Trivial Pursuit, or bring your own game, if you have a special favorite. Snacks and soft drinks will be served.

DATE: Sunday, May 20, 2007

TIME: 1:00 p.m. `til ??

PLACE: Leah's house – contact her at [bluepointjive@gmail.com](mailto:bluepointjive@gmail.com) or call 302-222-2357. Please RSVP so we know how many people to expect.

### WEDNESDAY, MAY 23, 2007:

#### ExComm Meeting \*\*\*\*\*NOTE: DATE CHANGE\*\*\*\*\*

Help us plan future Delaware Mensa events and make Delaware Mensa responsive to you. All members are welcome to attend our ExComm meeting, at A Piece of Ireland in Newark.

DATE: Wednesday, May 23, 2007

TIME: 7:00 pm

PLACE: A Piece of Ireland, Chesmar Plaza, Route 4 and Marrows Road, Newark Please RSVP by e-mailing Maria at [legalady@magpage.com](mailto:legalady@magpage.com) or calling 302-893-5118, so we know how many people are coming, and can get an adequate table.

DATE: Wednesday, May 16, 2007

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

PLACE: Buffalo Wild Wings, Sunset Station Shopping Center, Route 40, Bear

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# The Kinder Garden—May 2007

By Leah Kinder, Interim Region 2 RVC

The bulbs are blooming! The plum tree is blooming! Most of the lilies are starting to show some signs of life, and the rugosa rose is covered with leaves again. And, to balance things out, the weeds are starting to show themselves too. Further down on my to-do list is picking up a load of mulch from Lowe's. It's finally springtime in Region 2... Can you tell I've been awaiting it quite anxiously?



At the end of March I attended the Aspects of Humor Colloquium and the last American Mensa Committee (AMC) meeting of the term. It was my first Colloquium ever, and I had a great time. Those Chicago folks sure do know how to put on an event! They really had a great group of people working on the event. Their team worked together under like a well-oiled machine, and if anything didn't go exactly as planned, I don't think the rest of us could've seen it. The program was a great combination of comedy professionals and professionals who study humor in their research. I only saw one presenter selling books, and the stacks he brought with him were sold out within minutes.

After the January meeting, when the motion about Colloquium sponsorship was tabled, I emailed every past chair of a Colloquium, all the way back to the 80s, to get their input on the motions that were before us for votes. Those who responded were unanimously, to various degrees, in

favor of the Mensa Education and Research Foundation (MERF) sponsoring these intellectual events. I forwarded their feedback on o the rest of the AMC as I received it. During the Colloquium weekend, I was able to talk to a few more people who are deeply committed to the future of Colloquium, and/or were deeply involved in past Colloquiums. In fact, the chair of the Chicago Colloquium, after his event was all said and done, still made time to sit and review the two versions of the motion, and to give me his feedback. In the end, the motion passed to make Colloquium an American Mensa, Ltd. event, sponsored by the Mensa Education and Research Foundation, and presented by host groups.

By the time you receive this column, we will be well into the national elections for American Mensa. You'll have received your Bulletin with the candidate biographies and campaign statements, along with their answers to the questions posed by the AMC. In addition to that information, if you visit the American Mensa website, you can find those same biographies and campaign statements, along with an option to click a button and ask a question of all the candidates for a particular office. There's also an active thread on the AML forums in the Mensa Matters section under the You and Your AMC category where you can discuss aspects of the election and questions for the candidates. I think there is more information available for this election than any of the ones in the past, and I encourage you all to avail yourselves of it and help guide the future of the organization by casting your votes.

Leah Kinder, RVC2

Check out the official American Mensa forums at...<http://www.us.mensa.org/community/forum/>

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## Celebration

As of March 31, we had 184 members

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

<u>Name</u>	<u>Birthday</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Birthday</u>
Alison Taggi	5/4	Rogers George	5/13
Joseph Gillson, Jr.	5/5	Lidia Epps	5/14
Maryanne Bellman	5/10	William Boyles	5/20

and those who wish their birthdays not be published

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>
Dennis Cripps	1983	John Colburn	2006
Jack Varsalona	1986	Shauneen Hutchinson	2006
James Carroll	2004	Alexandra Poletaev	2006

COMING EVENTS (Continued from page 1)

To RSVP, e-mail Maria at [legal-ady@magpage.com](mailto:legal-ady@magpage.com) or call 302-893-5118. No RSVP necessary, but we'll know to look for you this way.

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The use of COBOL cripples the mind; its teaching should, therefore, be regarded as a criminal offense.

*Edsger Dijkstra (1930-2002)*

Good people do not need laws to tell them to act responsibly, while bad people will find a way around the laws.

*Plato (427-347 B.C.)*

## EVERY MONTH EVENTS!

Join Delaware Mensa this fall at one of our many fun events. Time to pull out those calendars!

### FIRST WEDNESDAY Happy Hour/NTN Trivia Night

### THIRD WEDNESDAY Happy Hour/NTN Trivia Night

Join Delaware Mensa from 6 to 8 pm, on the First and Third Wednesdays 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. If you've never played before, it's highly addictive! Come out and see what it's all about, and challenge your fellow Mensans.

PLACE: Buffalo Wild Wings, 680 South Bay Road (Route 113), **Dover** (across from former Blue Hen Mall) To RSVP, e-mail Leah at bluepointjive@gmail.com.

PLACE: Buffalo Wild Wings, Sunset Station Shopping Center, Route 40, **Bear**. To RSVP, e-mail Maria at legalady@magpage.com or call 302-893-5118.

### SECOND MONDAY Downtown Lunch Bunch

The Downtown Lunch Bunch meets at 11:30 in the basement Cafeteria of the Hotel DuPont for lunch and stimulating conversation. (**Second Monday of each month**) Info: Dee Richardson at 302-892-2299.

### LAST SATURDAY Philosophy and Discussion Group

Here's a new recurring event for Delaware Mensa. John Slomski and Dr. Deb Gleason host a monthly Philosophy & Discussion Group at their home in Boothwyn, PA, which is a stone's throw from the Delaware State line. Join us, and Delaware Valley Mensa (DVM) on the last Saturday of each month, at 8 pm, for good conversation. Bring your most nagging philosophical questions, and maybe munchies.

PLACE: John and Deb's home in Boothwyn. To RSVP and get directions, contact John or Deb at doctordeb@copper.net, or call 610-485-2745.

## Delaware Mensa Calendar

*Grab your personal calendar and write down some events!*

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| Wed, May 2   | 6 to 8 pm, Downstate Happy Hour/ NTN Trivia, at Buffalo Wild Wings, 680 South Bay Rd, Dover. It worked so well we're holding it twice a month. <b>First Wednesday of each month</b> we'll be in Dover. To RSVP, e-mail Leah at bluepointjive@gmail.com.   |
| Mon, May 14  | 11:30—? Downtown Lunch Bunch meet in the basement Cafeteria of the Hotel DuPont for lunch and stimulating conversation. ( <b>Second Monday of each month</b> ) Info: Fran Joseph at 302-994-6347  |
| Wed, May 16  | 6 to 8 pm, Happy Hour/ NTN Trivia Night at Buffalo Wild Wings, Sunset Station Shopping Center, Route 40, Bear. <b>Third Wednesday of each month</b> . For info or to RSVP, e-mail Maria at legalady@magpage.com or call 302-893-5118. (next event Dec 20) |
| Sun, May 20  | 1 to 4 pm, Games Day at Leah's house. Play the house favorites, or bring your own. Chili Cook-off! Snacks and drinks will be served. Contact Leah for directions at bluepointjive@gmail.com or 302-222-2357.  |
| Tues, May 23 | 7 to 9 pm, ExCom Meeting, at A Piece of Ireland, Chesmar Plaza, Route 4 and Marrows Road, Newark. Please RSVP by e-mailing Maria at legalady@magpage.com or calling 302-893-5118.   |
| Sat, May 26  | 8 pm, Philosophy and Discussion Group at John and Deb's house. <b>Last Saturday of each month</b> . For info and directions, John or Deb at doctordeb@copper.net, or 610-485-2745.  |

*Your event here!!*

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Blur of motion, then-  
Silence, me, a paper bag  
What is so funny?

*Cat Haiku*

**Don't forget to Vote in the Mensa National Elections (see your Bulletin for details and a ballot)**

**NOTE: Our own Leah Kinder is running for Regional Vice Chair—Region 2.**

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Full Moon	2 Happy Hour/ NTN Trivia Night	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13 Mother's Day	14 Lunch Bunch	15 New Moon	16 Happy Hour/ NTN Trivia Night	17	18	19
20	21	22	23 ExComm Meeting	24 DelaMensa Deadline	25	26 Philosophy Discussion
27	28	29	30	31		