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Steve's Corner

By Steve Michel

Delaware Mensa has unfortunately had a bit of trouble getting a newsletter out to you. Our long-time editor, Keith, had to step down earlier this year due to his job responsibilities. His temporary replacement was unable to continue to carry the torch. We have someone lined up to begin assisting in 2015. In the meantime... well, here you are.

Due to not having a newsletter since about July, this one will attempt to cover all that has happened since.

Football season has started already and the Eagles are already 3 and oh. We'll see how long that holds up for. Autumn, as I type this, is also upon us. And the weather rollercoaster continues.

As a fan of the Simpson's, I would like to point out that one event that happened last month was the FXX network making history by broadcasting every single episode of the Simpsons – spanning 25 seasons consisting of 522 episodes in all – from beginning to end, plus the movie.

The “She Blinded ‘M’ With Science” RG has now come and gone. It was our 8th annual gathering and again was put on with the assistance of DVM. Next year DVM will be taking the lead and DM will be assisting them instead. Though attendance was significantly down from last year, a fun time was had by everyone. There were 7 presentations in all, plus music by Todd Chappelle and Carla Ulbrich, a music based game by me and karaoke. Details can be found at the DM website on the RG page at http://Delaware.US.Mensa.org/RG_14.htm.

In the spirit of full disclosure, for those who aren't on any of the appropriate Facebook pages or have heard from any particular people, there have been some changes at the National Office (NO). For one reason or another, some long-time employees are no longer supporting Mensa. What does this mean to you? Perhaps nothing. There may be some minor delays in getting a response from the NO as new people in certain positions are now getting their feet wet.

We still have a need for a Downstate Coordinator. If you are

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interested, please contact someone on the ExComm (contacts available on the DM website at <http://delaware.us.mensa.org/contactus.htm>). The requirements aren't too rigorous and we have put together a less-than-one-page summary of the duties (with no financial obligation required).

If you don't get the DelaMensa Newsletter electronically, would you consider doing so? You don't have to, but it does save the Chapter money and it will get to you faster.

A reminder that this year is an ExComm election year. If you would like to participate on the election committee or run for one of the offices, please let me or anyone on the ExComm know. Nominations have to be received by November 1.

At the end of the RG—technically after it ended—there were three candidates that took the Admission Test. We may have another new member or two or three.

Would you like to help the Chapter out some how? How about volunteering for something, like mailing the newsletter or hosting a games day. Neither of these have to cost you anything (depending on what you may serve, if anything, at a games day).

Our by-laws, the ones the Chapter voted on last year, were approved by National. So now they are officially official.

As always, if you have an idea for a program / gathering / event, we'd love to hear about it! See our Events page on the DM website for a listing of current events at <http://delaware.us.mensa.org/events.htm>.

The journey of 1,000 miles begins with just one step.

- Chinese Proverb

Celebrations

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

<u>Name</u>	<u>Years:</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Years:</u>
Diane Richardson	47	Richard Dillard	33
Raymond S. Pusey	42	Maria Sawczuk	15
Carl G. Moore, Jr.	33	Jodi Walker	11
Margie Bookout Bleier	32	Jacob Weyer	9
David Adam Klein	23	Susan Irwin	5
Alan Bleier	21	Daniel Fried	5
Peter L. Terry	21	Shirin Skovronski	4
Daniel T. Furlong	19	Deborah Munson	4
Morgan R. Dean	10		
Jeffrey Twardus	8	William Bialk	44
David Alexander	8	Francis Gribbon	38
Jason Nomura	7	William Mace	34
Gregory E. Moore	6	Patricia Lehman	32
Jennifer R. Johnson	5	John Kurpiuweit	31
Douglas D. Manley	1	Beverly Williams	30
Theodore Leach	1	Franklin Ward	30
		Paul Sedoti	28
Steven Allison	15	Jean Armstrong	25
Roger Mussard	12	Andrew Trachtman	11
Walter Crowe	10	Geoffrey Weyer	10
Richard Schneider	9	Julia Haines	9
Karen Kinkel	6	Oliver Cleary	2
Joseph McCain	4	Qiang Tu	2
		Matthew Phelps	2
		Peter Christy	1

**A Happy Birthday to these Mensans:
(not all Mensans publish their birthdays)**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Date</u>
Susan Novellino	1-Jul	Gerald E Lenis	22-Sep
Peter L. Terry	5-Jul	Lorelei Hunt	22-Sep
Scott Schreiber	5-Jul	Richard Hartland	23-Sep
Margie Bookout Bleier	8-Jul	David Lee Sechler	26-Sep
Shirin Skovronski	9-Jul	Frederick Bryner	27-Sep
Fred W. Wiley	10-Jul		
Carrie Upreti	31-Jul	Theodore Leach	7-Oct
		Jennifer Johnson	9-Oct
Carl G Moore Jr	2-Aug	Andrew Trachtman	11-Oct
Taralee Morgan	3-Aug	Steven Michel	12-Oct
Helen Ohlson	5-Aug	Richard Dillard	16-Oct
Qiang Tu	9-Aug	Matthew Phelps	17-Oct
George Edward Majors	10-Aug	Jason Nomura	25-Oct
Chris A Quintanilla	21-Aug	Jack Versalona	29-Oct
Robert C Auer Jr	23-Aug	Brian Miller	30-Oct
Thomas R Keane	28-Aug		
David Moak	20-Aug		
Roy V Jackson	4-Sep		
William Charles Meyer	11-Sep		
William F Bialk	12-Sep		
Joseph E Berry	13-Sep		
Paul G Stitik II	17-Sep		
Karl Boettcher	17-Sep		

(And also to those who don't wish to have their birthdays published)

Photo of the Month

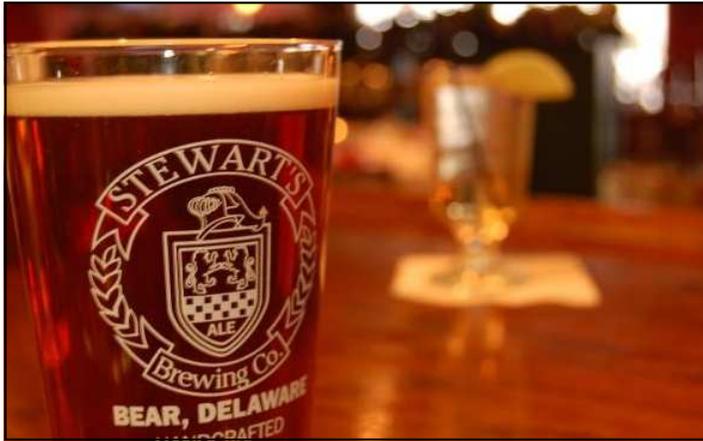


Monet's Water Lilly Pond at Giverny

NTN Trivia — October 14, 2014

I don't drink beer. But I still go to the NTN Trivia night at [Stewart's in Bear](#) — when I can — for the competition. It is a friendly competition and the reward is frequently a "good job" and a fist bump.

If you aren't familiar with the NTN thing, NTN stands for National Trivia Network. When you play, you use a large keypad to press a button from 1 to 5 in answer to the trivia question displayed on a TV screen. Though there are a number of different modes of game to be played, we usually play the game with three rounds of five questions each. The actual game play only lasts about 15 minutes but with breaks and end-of-the-game rankings, the entire games lasts a half-hour.



Stewart's recently underwent a renovation. Though I haven't been back since, I look forward to checking it out this month.

Another nice item regarding Stewart's is that on Tuesday nights they have half price burgers. At half price, they run in the \$5 — \$6 range, including fries. How often can you go out for a dinner and only spend that much?

And you don't have to play trivia if you go either. While it is true that conversation is at a minimum during the actual answering of the trivia questions, during the course of the hour and a half we are playing, there is plenty of time for other conversation.

If you like local beers and microbreweries, this is definitely a great place to check out, and it isn't that far away either: <http://www.stewartsbrewingcompany.com/> for more info.

DATE: Tuesday, October 14, 2014

TIME: 6:00 — 7:30 p.m.

PLACE: Stewart's Brewing Company, Governor's Square Plaza, Bear

To RSVP, contact Steve Michel at sdm1177@yahoo.com.

A Proper Afternoon Tea — October 25, 2014

Join Delaware Mensa for a proper afternoon tea. We will meet at the British Bell Tea Room in Peoples Plaza in Glasgow. Please RSVP as seating is limited.

Afternoon tea, complete with sandwiches, scones, desserts and of course, your choice of tea, is only \$19 pp. Or choose high tea, with all of the above, plus a banger roll and soup or salad, for \$25. Not into tiny sandwiches? The British Bell Tea Room has a whole menu for your enjoyment.

Check out <http://www.britishbelltea.com/> for more info.

DATE: Saturday, October 25, 2014

TIME: 12:00 p.m.

PLACE: British Bell Tea Room, Peoples Plaza, Glasgow
To RSVP, contact Maria Sawczuk at 302-893-5118 or legalady@magpage.com.



Smart M-Talk

Congratulations to Steve Slepner (DVM) for his appointment as Editor of the Mensa Research Journal! Steve's first issue of the MRJ will be winter 2015 and we already know it will be excellent. The MRJ highlights scholarly articles and recent research related to intelligence from a diverse selection of nationally and internationally esteemed authors. To subscribe to the MRJ, visit the Foundation website at <http://www.mensafoundation.org/>.

Speaking of Foundation news, the annual scholarship program started mid-September and will run through January 15, 2015. Applicants do not have to be members but, if you are, you may also apply for the Mensa Member Award Program. Alternatively, if you'd like to participate with the judging of entries, please contact your local group officers or Regional Scholarship Chair, Ellen Bauer (DVM).

Interest in Mensa membership is trending upward. With 752 home tests, 332 supervised tests and 172 prior evidence submissions in August, the future looks oh so bright for Mensa testing month. Now is the time to get your friends and family involved - supervised testing is only \$20 for the entire month of October.

During the Board of Directors meeting on September 6, we discussed a number of controversial and sensitive issues. The two motions that received the most member feedback from resulted in 1) dividing the proposed bylaws amendment and agreeing to forward two proposed bylaws amendments to be voted on by the membership and, 2) rejecting the motion to increase 2015 dues to \$76.00 and 2016 dues to \$79. As always, mini-minutes and full minutes can be read on the AML website under [Board meeting reports](#).

The board also discussed national office operations and personnel issues during a closed session. Chairman Dan Burg issued a statement immediately following the closed session reflecting the confidential nature of the discussion and action of the board. The statement may be read on the Region 2 facebook and yahoo! sites.

Congratulations to Lauralee Arnold and Lisa Lee for a successful launch to CNJM's first Mensa Youth and families event this summer! It was a great turn out with youths ranging from 4 to 16 years old. Absolutely well done!

On a related note, did you know the board approved non-M parents of young members to participate in the Gifted Youth Program? Participation eligibility is subject to the same criteria and can be a great way to play a more active role with young Mensa members. Contact your group's LocSec or President for more information.

Tidewater's RG, The Taming of I.Q., is right around the corner, October 10-12. Registration includes wine tasting, chocolate fair, ice cream, buffet dinner, a jam session for musicians, and the infamous Pungo Players! Tidewater hosts an RG every other year so you don't want to miss it. To register, visit www.tidewater.us.mensa.org. Hope to see you there.

Thank you,

Cam Smart
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Letter From the [Temporary] Editor

I hope you enjoy this month's issue of the DelaMansa Newsletter. This is my very first attempt at editing a newsletter, so please bear with me. I am open to (constructive) suggestions, and of course, articles. Please send anything you would like included in the newsletter to sdm1177@yahoo.com. Please put "DelaMansa Newsletter" in the subject line.

One segment that I'd like to see started (which it has) and continued is a photo of the month. We welcome all PG photos of which you, the submitter, is the copyright owner. We do NOT want to recirculate already published photos, we would like to use original works.

Some newsletters have poems, stories and or puzzles. What would you like to see in ours? Do you have a particu-

lar skill you'd like to exhibit? Let's see it. No reason this newsletter can't be your first publication either.

This issue is a bit light because it is being put together by me and I frankly didn't plan on doing it. Our replacement will hopefully begin in full force starting in 2015.

Be patient as we work through our rough patch. Things will be back to normal shortly. Hopefully.

Steven Michel

October 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13 Columbus Day Obs. Lunch Bunch	14 Happy Hour/NTN Trivia Night-Bear	15	16	17	18
19 Columbus Day	20 DeLaMensa Deadline	21	22	23	24	25 Afternoon Tea
26	27	28	29	30	31 Halloween	

Quirky Holidays October 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Balloons Around the World Day	2 Guardian Angles Day	3 World Smile Day	4 National Taco Day and Vodka Day
5 World Teachers Day	6 Child Health Day	7 You Matter To Me Day	8 International Top Spinning Day	9 National Chess Day	10 National Handbag Day	11 Universal Music Day
12 Spanish Language Day	13 English Language Day	14 Spiderman Day	15 Information Overload Day & Fossil Day	16 Dictionary Day	17 Alternative Fuel Day	18 National Chocolate Cupcake Day
19 World Toy Camera Day	20 National Clean Your Virtual Desktop Day	21 Celebration of the Mind Day	22 Smart Is Cool Day	23 National Pharmacy Technician Day	24 Food Day	25 International Artists Day
26 National Privacy Day	27 Cranky Co-workers Day	28 National Chocolates Day	29 Internet Day	30 National Candy Corn Day	31 International Bandana Day	

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