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From the Editor

A Happy Holiday wish to all of our members, however you happen to celebrate.

Since most people are busy this month, we will not have a Tea, and the trivia night at Limestone Road will be suspended. If you are interested in coordinating a trivia night in the Wilmington area (at BWW or somewhere else) please contact Steve (302 832-2665 or sdm1177@yahoo.com). In January, the afternoon Tea will resume, on Saturday, January 14th.

Also starting in January, we've been invited to a monthly games night, and we're reviving our dinner meeting series. Both will be at Trader's Cove, in Penn's Landing, 206 Delaware Street, Old New Castle, DE (<http://www.pennsplace.net/>). The games night is the first Wednesday of every month; bring a favorite game, or just drop in. The first dinner meeting will be Tuesday, January 17th. Our speaker will be Michael Connolly, Executive Director of the New Castle Historical Society, who will speak on Living History - Living in an Historic District. What is it like to live in a 17th century home in an historic area? What are the rules, regulations and responsibilities? How do you deal with tourists? Traders Cove Coffee Shoppe reflects a rustic charm of a bygone era. Offering freshly brewed coffee, tea and espresso along with light fare, soups, pastries and desserts. Additionally, enjoy a cold bottle of beer or sip a glass of wine and unwind your day with us. No RSVP necessary, but if you can let Maria (302

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-893-5118 or legalady@magpage.com) know if you're coming, that helps us plan.

Looking a little further ahead, in February we'll be hosting a Mensa Leadership Development Workshop. If you are interested in more involvement in Mensa, within our group or somewhere else, this is a great opportunity. contact Steve (302 832-2665 or sdm1177@yahoo.com) if you want to sign up. Pre-registration is required. More info will be available later, on the DelawareMensa Yahoo group, or on our website.

Still to come in December are the Lunch Bunch get-together at Purebread Deli in Greenville, and trivia night at Stewart's Brew Pub in Bear. I hope you can make it to one of those, but if not, we'll see you next month.

Marc My Words

by Marc Lederman, Region 2 RVC

Thank you to everyone who participated in Mensa Brilliant, American Mensa's testing promotion in October. As of October 31, American Mensa had 815 fewer members than this time last year, so it is very important we test as many prospects as possible.

Last month our region elected two new LocSecs - Don Slepian from Lehigh Pocono Mensa and Karen Caron from Metropolitan Washington Mensa. I'd like to welcome Don and Karen and thank outgoing LocSecs Carol Wolford and Jared Levine for everything they did for their local groups.

This month I'll be attending two large Mensa events. The AMC will be meeting December 2 - 4 in Las Vegas, Nevada. You can find the agenda for the meeting on the AML

Website by clicking on the Meeting Reports quick link, and selecting the 2011-12-03 Las Vegas meeting. I have a motion on the agenda to replace the distribution of AG profits with a guaranteed AG stipend for host groups. Please let me know if you have any comments or questions on the agenda.

Later this month Central Pennsylvania Mensa will be hosting their Winter Solstice Regional Gathering, December 16 - 18 in Bird-in-Hand, Pennsylvania. This gathering features lots of food, drink, games, a Saturday evening all-you-can-eat Amish buffet, and a most confusing gift exchange. I hope to see many of you at there.

I hope you all have a great holiday season and a happy new year.

Please visit our Web site at <http://delaware.us.mensa.org/index.htm> for updates

Delaware Mensa Calendar

Grab your personal calendar and write down some events!

Mon, Dec 12	11:30—? Second Monday Lunch Bunch –New Location– Purebread Deli in Greenville, north of Wilmington on Rt 52, for lunch and stimulating conversation. Info: Dee Richardson at 302-892-2299
Tues, Dec 20	6 to 8 pm, Happy Hour/ NTN Trivia Night at Stewart's Brew Pub , Governor's Square, Route 40, Bear. Third Tuesday of each month. For info or to RSVP, e-mail Steve at sdm1177@yahoo.com or call (302) 832-2665.
Wed, Jan 4	6 to 8 pm, Games Night, at Traders Cove, Penn's Place, 206 Delaware St, Old New Castle. [Not a Mensa event] First Wednesday of each month. Bring a game, or just join the group. For info, e-mail Maria at legalady@magpage.com or call 302-893-5118.
Mon, Jan 9	11:30—? Second Monday Lunch Bunch –New Location– Purebread Deli in Greenville, north of Wilmington on Rt 52, for lunch and stimulating conversation. Info: Dee Richardson at 302-892-2299
Sat, Jan 14	1:30 pm, Afternoon Tea, at the British Bell Tea Room, Peoples Plaza, Glasgow DE. Please RSVP to Maria - legalady@magpage.com or call 302-893-5118. Also, Check out http://www.britishbelltea.com/ for more info!
Tues, Jan 17	6 to 8 pm, Dinner meeting, "Living History," presented by Michael Connolly. Join us for dinner and a talk at Traders Cove, Penn's Place, 206 Delaware St, Old New Castle. For info, contact Maria - legalady@magpage.com or call 302-893-5118.

Your event here!!

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Winter Solstice RG

December 16-18, 2011

Bird-in-Hand, Pennsylvania

- Enjoy a Saturday night buffet
- Two indoor pools and a large hot tub
- Plenty of shopping at more than 200 Outlets
- Beer tasting session
- Chocolate orgy
- Model building presentation
- More to come!

Hotel Information:

*Bird-in-Hand Family Inn
2740 Old Philadelphia Pike
Bird-in-Hand, PA 17505
(800) 537-2535*

To access more information about the Inn, discover things to see and do in Bird-in-Hand, print the Solstice flyer, or to register online: <http://www.cpa.us.mensa.org/solstice.htm> .



Now I Am Gifted

By Phil Kline [Reprinted from "Head Line", newsletter of Mid-Michigan Mensa, September 1997; John H. Garrison, Editor]

Gifted means to have received a gift. To have intelligence at birth is nice, but the real gift for children is what they receive after birth. As I understand intelligence, it means the ability to learn, so if one has not learned something useful, IQ is wasted. I know many Mensans who know a lot, but not the right stuff. They are not gifted, only intelligent.

I barely knew Bob Barnett when he showed me the results of an IQ test taken by all the high school students. He was given the results because he scored number one on the test, a straight "A" student, president of the senior class

and the one voted most likely to succeed. He gave me my first gift, the knowledge that I was number two. We were both surprised that I scored so high, but suddenly we became members of a fraternity of two.

Before that, I did not feel gifted. Nobody had ever told me that I possessed an exceptional ability to learn. Nobody had ever taken the time to point me toward an area of study or purpose in life. I was an Army Brat who went to eleven different schools, always treated like a child of migrant workers. When I entered the ninth grade I spent two minutes with a school counselor. He told me I was to elect one of three curriculums, college prep, business or indus-

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Celebrations

A Happy Birthday to these Mensans :

<u>Name</u>	<u>Birthday</u>
David Damien Brady	2-Dec
William N Timm	5-Dec
Terrance B Blanch	7-Dec
Harvey C Smith III	8-Dec
Jason C Robinson	9-Dec
Paul Vincent Sedoti	11-Dec
John B Shaposka	12-Dec
Walter Crowe	15-Dec
Mark W Sheppard	18-Dec
Patricia F Lehman	19-Dec
Jennifer A Heth	19-Dec
Mary Ellen Robinson	19-Dec
Gregory E Moore	25-Dec
Lawrence C Laporte	25-Dec
Regina M Barry	31-Dec

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

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

<u>Name</u>	<u>Member since:</u>
Dr Robert M Busche	1994
Carol Ann Schumann	2000
Lidia Epps	2000
Christopher R Gee	2003
Ronald S Riebman	2003
Sonia B Combs	2003
John L Proctor	2004
Frederick W Bryner	2006
Scott Schreiber	2008
Paul Altiero	2008
Robert M Specter	2009
Gerald Harris	2010
Ellen M Nobles-Harris	2010
Patricia B Curlett	2010

And a warm Delaware welcome to Katalin Haynes, who just moved to Delaware

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trial. I chose industrial as nobody on either side of my family had ever been in business or gone to college.

I expect it is the same for students today. Every once in a while a teacher gives direction, but don't depend on it. Usually children must look to their parents for the gift of guidance. It did not happen to me. Mom was a farmer's daughter who married a professional soldier. They just wanted me to finish high school and get a decent job. It was years before I became gifted, only after some people pointed and kicked me in the ass:

Gift: Bob Boxel, a club manager, talked to me at age 28 about going to college, recommending MSU. He pointed and I went.

Gift: Frank Ghinelli, required that his managers take the Dale Carnegie Sales Course. I put it off. He told me to take it or find another job. He pointed me and kicked me in the ass.

Gift: Bill Helderman did not ask if I wanted to instruct in sales; he told me. He pointed me and kicked me in the same place.

Gift: Bob Ferrantino of LCC: When I complained that there were no good texts for my sales class, he said "Write Your Own." Another point.

Gift: Carole Eberly did not ask; she told me she wanted me to write an article on flowers for Lansing City Limits. Although I knew nothing about flowers, she convinced me to do it. She taught me how. I had to rewrite it for her five or six times, but I learned how to write a magazine article.

Another point and kick.

Don't complain that the school does nothing for your gifted child. It will never happen. They are too busily involved in the dumbing down of America. If you want gifted children to get the help they deserve, give it to them yourself; point 'em in the right direction and kick 'em in the ass.

When people did that for me, is when I became gifted.

SUDOKU PUZZLE

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Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

				1 AIDS Awareness Day	2	3
4	5 Repeal Day (21st Amendment)	6	7 Civil Aviation Day Pearl Harbor Day	8	9	10 Full Moon
11	12 Lunch Bunch	13	14	15	16	17 Wright Bros. Day
18	19	20 Happy Hour/NTN Trivia Night-Bear	21 Start of Chanukah	22 Winter Solstice	23	24 New Moon
25 Christmas Day	26 Boxing Day Start of Kwanzaa	27 DelaMensa Deadline	28	29	30	31 New Year's Eve
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