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EXCOMMunication - February, 2009

By: Maria Sawczuk, Local Secretary

We're now in the midst of winter, but spring is right around the corner. I am (im)patiently awaiting the arrival of my tulips, along with all the symbols of renewal and rebirth that spring brings. But I'm not hibernating – that's for sure. With all the fun stuff Delaware Mensa is doing, it's hard to stay inside!

The first Thursday Trivia Night was a big success, and I am looking forward to going again this month. If you like trivia, try one of our Buffalo Wild Wings Trivia Nights – The First Wednesday of each month in Dover, the Second Thursday on Route 7 in Wilmington, and the Third Wednesday on Route 40 in Bear.

I received a letter last month that really touched me. A member wrote to me to tell me how much he enjoyed his membership, even though he was unable to come out to any of our events. I was thrilled to hear from a member I didn't know. There's so many of you out there, and it's nice to hear our efforts are appreciated. This member said he wanted to donate to the cause, but since our treasury is doing fine, I would suggest instead donating to the Mensa Education and Research Foundation, Mensa's charitable arm. More information can be found at www.merf.us.mensa.org. Donations can be done online, or mailed to Mensa Education & Research Foundation, 1229 Corporate Drive West, Arlington, TX 76006-6103.

If you know someone who might qualify, now's the time to encourage them to test, or to submit prior evidence. We are having a mini-membership drive right now. If we test more this month than we did in February 2008, we will receive extra funding dollars from National! If someone you know is interested in testing, have them contact me for a

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date.

Also February is **Free Prior Evidence Month**, for those aged 17 and under. Anyone who is age 17 and under and submits a previous test score to the National Office from Feb. 1-28 will save the standard \$40 evaluation fee. All they need to do is download the application (<http://www.us.mensa.org/application>) and send it in with their test scores. They will not need to fill out the payment portion of the application, but please note the promotion on the form. For a partial list of accepted test scores accepted as prior evidence, please visit <http://www.us.mensa.org/testscores>.

Over 17? Not to fret, you can still save money! Mensa is rolling back the prior evidence review fee from \$40 to \$25, from now until June 30, 2009.

If you are interested in working with Young Mensans, let me know. We would love to have a Gifted Children Coordinator on our team, and host some events for our growing number of young Delaware Mensa members.

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Special Notice!

LUNCH BUNCH—February 9

Starting 9 Feb 2009, Delaware Mensa's **2nd Monday Lunch Bunch** will meet at Purebread Deli in Greenville Crossing Two. It is located near the railroad tracks that cross through the lengthy Greenville Shopping Center on DE Rte 52. Going north from Wilmington's downtown area on Rte 52, cross over top of DE Rte 141, pass two traffic lights. Pass Powder Mill Square on the left and look for the RR tracks. Turn right at the next light, cross the tracks, and look to your left - it is tucked in the far corner. (All three lights are within a half mile - or less - of

each other.) Timing will remain the same - 11:45 ish to 1:15 ish. More information at www.purebreaddeli.com. Contact Dee Richardson at busydeee@comcast.net for more information or to RSVP.

MENSA TESTING—February 14

The February Delaware **Mensa Testing** will be Saturday, February 14, 2009 at 10:30 am. It will be held at the Brandywine Hundred Library at 1300 Foulk Road in Wilmington, DE. Their number is 302-477-3150. The

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

Celebrations

As of December 31, we had 176 members

A Happy Birthday to these Mensans :

<u>Name</u>	<u>Birthday</u>
Jeffrey Twardus	2/3
Miriam Weidner	2/5
Steven Allison	2/10
Ronald Riebman	2/12
Cynthia Basner	2/15
Brian Bramble	2/15
Pamela Lamb	2/19
Ward Gaisor	2/20
Nancy Hillyard	2/20
Michael Kamps	2/27

(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>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Member since:</u>
James Bishop	1984 (25 YEARS!!)	Helen Ohlson	2005
Lorelei Hunt	1998	Gabriela Poletaev	2006
Coke Westbrook	2000	Jeffrey Billion	2007
Don Braid	2001	Blyth McManus	2008
Cynthia Basner	2004 (5 YEARS!)	Michael Paregian	2008
Anthony Eros	2004 (5 YEARS!)	Harvey Smith III	2008
Terri Eros	2004 (5 YEARS!)		

And a warm Delaware Mensa welcome to:

Reinstating Members (lapse of more than one year):

Thomas Anagnostou of Newark, and Susan Hendrich of Wilmington

and New Members: Paul Altiero of Middletown,

Susanne Moskalski of Lewes, and Scott Schreiber of Wilmington

Good Wine Cheap (and good food to go with it)

By John Grover

This month's column is a testament to the wisdom of always being on the lookout for good recipes. I tend to flip through the magazine supplements to the Sunday newspaper very quickly. But, the picture of this very colorful pasta dish caught my eye. A variety of white wines will match nicely with this recipe, including Sauvignon Blanc, Pinot Grigio or Albarino.

The wine we picked was a 2007 Dry Chenin Blanc from Dry Creek Vineyards of California. The Chenin Blanc grape is used to produce the great white wines of the Loire Valley of France. The aroma of this wine displays notes of melon, peach, and lemon peel. Sipping it, a crisp acidity is balanced with juicy tropical fruit flavors and floral notes. The wine finishes with a wonderful intensity and flavor. It matches well with seafood or spicy Asian dishes. This wine is an outstanding value. I have found it locally for about \$9 to \$11 a bottle.

Spaghetti Al Mezzogiorno (Adapted from the Hometown Recipes segment of American Profile magazine and contributed by Anthony Massaro of Monroeville, Pa.)

Ingredients: 8 ounces uncooked spaghetti, broken in half; ¼ cup olive oil; 1 medium green bell pepper, cut into very thin strips; 1 medium red bell pepper, cut into very thin strips; 5 garlic cloves, minced; 1 (2-ounce) can anchovies, drained, optional (see tuna adaptation below); ¼ cup chopped parsley; ½ cup fruity white wine (Muscat, Sauvignon Blanc or Chenin Blanc); 4 tablespoons grated Romano or Parmesan cheese

Instructions: 1. Heat olive oil in a large skillet over medium heat. Add bell peppers and cook until very tender, about 15 minutes. Add garlic and anchovies, if using, and cook 30 seconds. Add parsley and wine; remove from heat.

2. At the same time, cook pasta according to package directions. Drain and place in a pasta bowl.
3. Spoon ¾ cup of sauce over pasta and toss to blend. Place remaining sauce in a bowl to pass at the table with cheese. Mr. Massaro says that this recipe will serve 6; but, I don't think that it would survive past 3 or 4 eaters like me.

Cooking Tips: We changed this recipe to a main course dish by substituting two 6 oz. cans of tuna for the anchovies. The tuna was added after letting the garlic cook a bit; and, then left over heat for another minute in order to bring everything back up to temperature. For more or thinner sauce, reserve ½ cup of the pasta cooking liquid to add to the sauce at the end of the cooking time. Serve with a crusty French or Italian bread.

I hope that you will contact me with your comments and favorite wines at jgrover@berk.com. I will be happy to share them with the broader Mensa group.

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testing fee is \$40.00, cash, check or money order made payable to American Mensa.

Anyone interested in testing that day should RSVP to Nicole Perefegé [nicoleperefegesq@verizon.net] by 5 pm on Friday the 13th. Please arrive about 10:00 as we start promptly. The test runs about 2 hours.

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

SECOND THURSDAY Happy Hour/NTN Trivia Night

THIRD WEDNESDAY Happy Hour/NTN Trivia Night

Join Delaware Mensa from 6 to 8 pm, on the First (Dover) and Third (Bear) 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.

**NEW LOCATION—
now on Second Thursdays in Wilmington!**

PLACE: Buffalo Wild Wings, 2062 Limestone Rd, Wilmington (near Kirkwood Hwy). To RSVP, e-mail Maria at legalady@magpage.com or call 302-893-5118.

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 Delaware Mensa LunchBunch will meet from about 11:45 to 1:15 at Purebread Deli in Wilmington. 302-571-9041. Meet us there for lunch and stimulating conversation.

For further information, contact Dee Richardson, 302-892-2299, busydeeee@comcast.net

THIRD TUESDAY: DOWNSTATE DOWN - Dining Out With Nerds

Downstate DOWN – Dining Out With Nerds. Leah Kinder will pick a different ethnic restaurant each month. Call her to find out where. Broaden your culinary horizons, share some stories, and have fun with your fellow Mensans.

DATE: February 17, 2009

TIME: 6:00 pm

PLACE: TBD. To RSVP: e-mail Leah at bluepointjive@gmail.com, or call 302-222-2357. **(WE MUST HAVE AN RSVP IF YOU PLAN TO ATTEND THIS EVENT!)**

Delaware Mensa Calendar

Grab your personal calendar and write down some events!

Wed, Feb 4	6 to 8 pm, Downstate Happy Hour/ NTN Trivia, at Buffalo Wild Wings, 680 South Bay Rd, Dover. First Wednesday of each month we'll be in Dover. To RSVP, e-mail Leah at bluepointjive@gmail.com .
Wed, Feb 12	6 to 8 pm, Happy Hour/ NTN Trivia Night at Buffalo Wild Wings, 2062 Limestone Rd, Wilmington. Second Thursday of each month . For info or to RSVP, e-mail Maria at legalady@magpage.com or call 302-893-5118.
Mon, Feb 9	11:30—? Downtown Lunch Bunch –New Location– Purebread Deli in Wilmington, for lunch and stimulating conversation. (Second Monday) Info: Dee Richardson at 302-892-2299
Tues, Feb 17	6 to ? pm, Downstate DOWN. Please RSVP to Leah by e-mail at bluepointjive@gmail.com , or call 302-222-2357
Wed, Feb 18	6 to 8 pm, Happy Hour/ NTN Trivia Night at Buffalo Wild Wings, Sunset Station Shopping Center, Route 40, Bear. Third Wednesday of each month . For info or to RSVP, e-mail Maria at legalady@magpage.com or call 302-893-5118.
Thur, Feb 19	6:30 to 8 pm, Delaware Mensa EXCOM meeting, at Maria's house. Come help plan for the local group. To RSVP, e-mail Maria at legalady@magpage.com or call 302-893-5118.
Wed, Mar 4	6 to 8 pm, Downstate Happy Hour/ NTN Trivia, at Buffalo Wild Wings, 680 South Bay Rd, Dover. First Wednesday of each month we'll be in Dover. To RSVP, e-mail Leah at bluepointjive@gmail.com .

Your event here!!

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This newsletter is sent to members of Delaware Mensa each month (more or less), but is also going out to prospective members who have qualified for membership. If you are one of those prospective members, allow me to add another invitation to you to join Mensa. The organization is both big and small, you can enjoy it at whatever level suits you.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4 Happy Hour/ NTN Trivia Night	5	6	7
8	9 Full Moon Lunch Bunch	10	11	12 Happy Hour/ NTN Trivia Night	13	14 Mensa Testing
15	16 Presidents Day	17 Downstate DOWN	18 Happy Hour/ NTN Trivia Night	19 EXCOM Meeting	20	21
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