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## EXCOMMunications - July 2009

By: Maria Sawczuk, Local Secretary

Are you going to Pittsburgh for the Annual Gathering (AG)? This is the closest it will be to us for at least the next 3-4 years. It's worth it to drive or fly out even for a few days. There's so much to do – speakers, games, tournaments, parties – you name it! Also, if you are there on Thursday afternoon, please stop by the 2010 AG Kickoff party at 1:30 pm. As chair of the 2010 AG in Detroit, I'll be leading the fun! Stop by and say hi, and wish me luck (and get your early registration in – 6 days of fun for only \$65 if you register by 7/31/09)

We haven't talked about it much until now because we had some difficulty finding a hotel, but our Third Annual Regional Gathering (RG) will be held this year. We finally found a great place – the Quality Inn and Suites on Concord Pike in Talleyville. Please think about making it to the RG - "Eat, Drink and Be Mensan" - on September 11-13. We'll have another great line-up of speakers, fun events, karaoke, and an encore performance by award-winning singer-songwriter, Todd Chappelle.

We've got a Games Day scheduled for July, and I've heard a rumor that there will be one downstate in August.

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Also, afternoon tea has been very popular, and we are going again this month on July 18. Think about joining us – the foods delicious and the company is great!

For the inside scoop on planned Delaware Mensa events, please join our Yahoo Group by going to <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/DelawareMensa>. Our events are posted there first. Hope you are having a great summer so far, and I hope to see you in Pittsburgh!

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## COMING EVENTS!

Great events – but we need your RSVPs ASAP!

### GAMES DAY - SATURDAY, JULY 11

Come join us for fun and games on July 11 at 1:00! We've got Mensa favorites, including Carcassone, Rummis, Settlers of Catan, Boggle and many others. Bring a snack or a favorite game. Event will be hosted by Jim Lee at 1315 Gilpin Avenue in Wilmington. Please RSVP to [lee-advisor@operamail.com](mailto:lee-advisor@operamail.com) or 302-562-5132.

DATE: Saturday, July 11, 2009

TIME: 1:00 p.m. til ?

PLACE: 1315 Gilpin Ave, Wilmington

To RSVP, contact James Lee, at [lee-advisor@operamail.com](mailto:lee-advisor@operamail.com), or 302-562-5132.

### A PROPER AFTERNOON TEA - SAT, JULY 18

We are really enjoying our afternoon teas and are making these a monthly event. I hope you can come out to

join us - please RSVP so we have enough seats - it's a small place!

Join Delaware Mensa for a proper afternoon tea. We will meet at the British Bell Tea Room in Peoples Plaza in Glasgow on Saturday July 18 at 2:00 p.m.

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 banger rolls 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.

**WE MUST HAVE AN RSVP BY JULY 13 IN ORDER TO RESERVE ENOUGH SEATS!**

DATE: Saturday, July 18, 2009

TIME: 2:00 p.m.

PLACE: British Bell Tea Room, Peoples Plaza, Glasgow

To RSVP, contact Maria Sawczuk **BEFORE JULY 13**, at 302-893-5118 or [legalady@magpage.com](mailto:legalady@magpage.com).

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

## Celebrations

As of May 31, we had 158 members.

### A Happy Birthday to these Mensans :

<u>Name</u>	<u>Birthday</u>
Susan Novellino	7/1
Eric Wolf	7/2
Don Braid	7/3
Scott Schreiber	7/5
Peter Terry	7/5
Francis Murray	7/6
Margie Bleier	7/8
Fred Wiley	7/10
Alan Emsley	7/24

*(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>
Dee Richardson	1967	Alexis Campbell	2006
Raymond Pusey	1972	Michael Hargraves	2006
Carl Moore, Jr.	1981	Wendy Mackay	2006
Margie Bleier	1982	Jeffrey Twardus	2006
David Klein	1991	Jason Nomura	2007
Alan Bleier	1993	Alison Fielo-Worth	2008
Peter Terry	1993	Gregory Moore	2008
Daniel Furlong	1995	Benjamin Sussan	2008
Ward Gaisor	2003		
Morgan Dean	2004		

(5 YEARS!!)

## Election Results

The American Mensa election results are now final. Winners are:

Chair: Elissa Rudolph  
 1st Vice Chair: Dan Burg  
 2nd Vice Chair: John Recht  
 Secretary: Heather Poirier  
 Treasurer: Cyndi Kuyper  
 Regional Vice Chair 2: Marc Lederman

They have officially taken over the reins as of the AMC business meeting at the AG. Congratulations to the winners, and thank you, the members, for your votes.

## Conversations with Mensa

The Mensa Education & Research foundation's podcast series, "*Conversations with Mensa*," is now available on the iTunes online music store, and may be downloaded free of charge. Currently posted *Conversations* feature

topics as wide-ranging as the psychology of poker, ADD and current issues in cosmology. *Conversations* is also available online at [www.mensafoundation.org/conversations](http://www.mensafoundation.org/conversations).

## Share your Profile

By logging in at [www.us.mensa.org/profile](http://www.us.mensa.org/profile), or by clicking "Members" then "Profile Update," you have immediate access to your member information as it is currently on file. You can check it for accuracy, and decide what information to share with other members. You can also post your own biography of your involvement in Mensa (or whatever else you want to share.)

## Eat Drink and be Mensan

Delaware Mensa's 3rd Annual Regional Gathering  
 11-13 September 2009  
 Quality Inn and Suites, Concord Pike in Talleyville

A celebration of Mensan food, from Santa's milk and cookies, to haute cuisine, to fountains of chocolate. Hey, everybody's got to eat, right? More information to come.

Needed: energetic volunteers to help with publicity, programs, and planning for food. It takes a village to put on a Gathering. Call or e-mail Maria or Keith (see page 1 for contact info)



## Marc My Words

by Marc Lederman, Region 2 RVC

As I write my first Regional Vice Chairman (RVC) column, the votes are being tabulated for American Mensa's election. The new AMC will take office on July 1, so I really don't have much to tell you other than to introduce myself. I joined Mensa in 1992, and have been an active member ever since. I previously served on the AMC for the 2005-2007 term, first as RVC, then as Secretary. I am a member of Central Pennsylvania Mensa and serve as their Membership Officer, Webmaster, and proctor. I am currently serving on my sixth Annual Gathering committee, this time as Logistics Chair and AG Co-Chair. The Annual Gathering takes place July 1 - 5 in Pittsburgh.

At this year's AG, both the AMC meeting and Annual Business Meeting will take place on Thursday July 2. The agendas will be published in mid to late June. I leave for the AG on June 30, so please contact me before then if you have any comments or questions on the agendas or any other Mensa matters. Our region will be having a Meet and Greet at the AG on Saturday at 3 PM. I hope to see many of you there. The easiest way to reach me is by email ([marc@paonline.com](mailto:marc@paonline.com)) or phone in the evenings (717-308-1221). As I have always said, an effective RVC will communicate with the members, listen to their wishes, and help when needed. I look forward to continuing to work for Mensa and all of you in Region 2 as your RVC.

COMING EVENTS (Continued from page 1)

### STAR TREK EXHIBIT—FRANKLIN INSTITUTE, AUG 15 (TENTATIVE—DVM)

Delaware Valley Mensa (Philadelphia area) is planning a trip to the Star Trek Exhibit at the Franklin Institute. Exhibit details can be found at <http://www2.fi.edu/startrek/>. Tentative date is August 15, 2009. Cost will be \$23.75 adults; children(4-11) \$15.50; (or \$15 for adults, \$12.75 for chronological children for an advance booked group of 15 or more). Your check or money order made out to Delaware Valley Mensa (DVM) will reserve your space.

We may possibly go to the TGI Fridays nearby afterwards. For further details e-mail me, David Brown @ [royal\\_blue\\_ace@yahoo.com](mailto:royal_blue_ace@yahoo.com)

DATE: Saturday, August 15

TIME: TBD

PLACE: Franklin Institute, Philadelphia

To RSVP, contact David Brown at

[royal\\_blue\\_ace@yahoo.com](mailto:royal_blue_ace@yahoo.com) . Reserve your spot or it might not happen.



## Winter Solstice RG

December 18 – 20, 2009

Bird-in-Hand Family Inn - Bird-in-Hand, PA



Saturday night buffet

2 indoor pools and a large hot tub

Plenty of shopping at more than 200 Outlets

Free Amish Farmlands tour (inquire with the hotel when you make your reservations)

More to come!

**Hotel Info:** Bird-in-Hand Family Inn 2740 Old Philadelphia Pike, Bird-in-Hand, PA 17505, 800-627-1910. Room Rates: \$99 (SR), \$99 (DR), \$109 (TR), \$119 (QR). Reservations must be made by November 4. Mention Mensa when you make your reservation. This hotel is completely non-smoking

### Special Door Prize:

Each person who registers and books a hotel room by July 31 will be entered into a drawing to receive their registration for free.

### Full Registration:

\$50 (through Sep 30)

\$65 (Oct 1 to Dec 7)

\$70 (after Dec 7)

### Saturday Only:

\$50 (through Sep 30)

\$55 (Oct 1 to Dec 7)

\$60 (after Dec 7)

Check out our RG Website: [www.cpa.us.mensa.org/solstice.htm](http://www.cpa.us.mensa.org/solstice.htm)

Send your check (payable to Central Pennsylvania Mensa) to:  
Mike Durakovich – 16 Lexington Drive - Shrewsbury, PA 17361

## Dog Diary:

### Tuesday:

7:00 AM - Outside! My favorite thing!

8:00 AM - Dog food! My favorite thing!

9:00 AM - A ride in the car! My favorite thing!

9:30 AM - A walk in the park! My favorite thing!

10:30 AM - Got rubbed and petted! My favorite thing!

Noon - Lunch! My favorite thing!

1:00 PM - Played in the yard! My favorite thing!

2:00 PM - Looked out the window and barked! My favorite thing!

3:00 PM - Wagged my tail! My favorite thing!

4:00 PM - Chased a bird out of a tree! My favorite thing!

5:00 PM - Milk bones! My favorite thing!

6:00 PM - Watched my people eat! Table scraps! My favorite thing!

7:00 PM - Got to play ball! My favorite thing!

8:00 PM - Wow! Watched TV with the people! My favorite thing!

## Cat Diary:

### Day 983 of my captivity.

My captors continue to taunt me with bizarre little dangling objects. They dine lavishly on fresh meat while the other inmates and I are fed hash or some sort of dry nuggets. Although I make my contempt for my rations perfectly clear, I nevertheless must eat something in order to keep up my strength.

The only thing that keeps me going is my dream of escape. In an attempt to disgust them, I once again vomit on the carpet.

Today I decapitated a mouse and dropped its headless body at their feet. I had hoped this would strike fear into their hearts, since it clearly demonstrates what I am capable of. However, they merely made condescending comments about what a good little hunter I am.

There was some sort of assembly of their accomplices tonight. I was placed in solitary confinement for the duration of the event. However, I could hear the noises and smell the food. I overheard that my confinement was due to the power of allergies. I must learn what this means and how to use it to my advantage.

Today I was almost successful in an attempt to assassinate one of my captors by weaving around his feet as he was walking. I must try this again tomorrow - but at the top of the stairs.

I am convinced that the other prisoners here are flunkies and snitches. The dog continues to receive special privileges. He is regularly released and seems to be more than willing to return. He is obviously retarded.

## 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:legalady@magpage.com) or call 302-893-5118.

**SECOND MONDAY Lunch Bunch**

The Delaware Mensa Lunch Bunch will meet from about 11:45 to 1:15 at Purebread Deli in Greenville, north of Wilmington on Rt 52. 302-571-9041. Meet us there for lunch and stimulating conversation.

For further information, contact Dee Richardson, 302-892-2299, [busydeee@comcast.net](mailto:busydeee@comcast.net)

### AML Statistics—May 2009

Total membership	48,686
New and reinstating membership	706
Offers of membership	330
New members since April 2009	765
Reinstating members since April 2009	839

*A full report of monthly statistics is available on the AML Web site at [www.us.mensa.org/officerresources](http://www.us.mensa.org/officerresources).*

## Delaware Mensa Calendar

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

- Thur, July 9      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](mailto:legalady@magpage.com) or call 302-893-5118.
- Sat, July 11      1 pm—?, Games Day, hosted by Jim Lee at 1315 Gilpin Avenue in Wilmington. Please RSVP to [lee-advisor@operamail.com](mailto:lee-advisor@operamail.com) or 302-562-5132
- Mon, July 13      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
- Wed, July 15      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](mailto:legalady@magpage.com) or call 302-893-5118.
- Sat, July 18      2 pm, Afternoon Tea, British Bell Tea Room, 890 Peoples Plaza, Newark . Must have RSVP by July 13. For info, e-mail Maria at [legalady@magpage.com](mailto:legalady@magpage.com) or call 302-893-5118.
- Wed, Aug 5      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](mailto:bluepointjive@gmail.com).

*Your event here!!*

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# JULY 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
			1	2	3	4	
5	6	7 Full Moon	8	9 Happy Hour/ NTN Trivia Night	10	11 Games Day	
12	13 Lunch Bunch	14	15 Happy Hour/ NTN Trivia Night	16	17	18 Afternoon Tea	
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