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Steve's Corner

By Steve Michel

Another half-year has come and gone already. I sometimes just can't believe how quickly time flies.

Our superstition-themed RG plans continue to fall into place. We are [still] back at the Crowne Plaza in Claymont (our second of a three year contract). We have Todd Chappelle and Hot Breakfast (the group, not the meal) on Friday night. Three speakers (including Ed Okonowicz) confirmed and maybe a forth for Saturday. There will also be karaoke Saturday night, food, snacks, games and chat. We are teaming up with DVM to try to create a better RG. All RG details can be found on the DM website at <http://delaware.us.mensa.org/rg13.htm>

Of the two members of the chapter that have stepped forward and volunteered to become Testing Proctors, one is awaiting the paperwork approval from National while the other just has to be witnessed giving two tests. The first proctor gave two tests on Saturday, June 22 (while the second observed). There were a total of seven test takers. Hopefully we will be able to welcome some of those to our group in the near future.

Are you reading this on a screen or on a sheet of paper? If the latter, do you know you could help save the chapter money by electing to receive the newsletter electronically? That option is set from the preferences on your profile at National.

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If anyone has any ideas for any programs / gatherings / events, we'd love to hear about them! We currently have a Monday lunch, Tuesday trivia and a Saturday afternoon tea. We've had people host games day in their home (the only requirement is that you have a home to host it – but light refreshments are appreciated) and used to have a philosophical discussion session as well. If someone wants to coordinate an outing to somewhere – anywhere – you are welcome to, also. The earlier it is scheduled the better so that word can get out and the DM website can be updated. Any assistance you would care to provide would be welcome.

"Superstition is the poetry of life."

JOHANN WOLFGANG VON GOETHE

MENSA NEWS

American Mensa's Top Ten Favorite Science Museums

As families across the nation gear up for summer vacation the challenge of finding fun and engaging activities for everyone can be frustrating. American Mensa shares its ideas on how to best spend your time this summer. A recent survey of select Mensa members regarding Science Museums in North America revealed the **National Air and Space Museum in Washington, D.C.**, to be their favorite. There was one common trait that the respondents felt was vital: the interactive aspect of the museum. Comments ranged from "innovative leader in hands-on exhibits," to "everything is hands-on. My grandkids loved it!"

To view the full infographic, visit us.mensa.org/topten.

The top-10 list of museums, as selected by Mensa members includes:

1. *National Air and Space Museum (Washington D.C.)*
2. *Academy of Natural Science of Drexel University (Philadelphia)*
3. *Museum of Science and Industry (Chicago)*
4. *California Academy of Sciences (San Francisco)*
5. *Bradbury Science Museum (Los Alamos, N.M.)*
6. *The Museum of Discovery (Little Rock, Ark)*
7. *California Science Center (Los Angeles)*
8. *Exploratorium (San Francisco)*
9. *Museum of Science (Boston)*
10. *COSI Center of Science & Industry (Columbus, Ohio)*

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

Celebrations

A Happy Birthday to these Mensans :

<u>Name</u>	<u>Birthday</u>
Susan Novellino	1-Jul
Peter L Terry	5-Jul
Scott Schreiber	5-Jul
Margie Bookout Bleier	8-Jul
Shirin Skovronski	9-Jul
Alan Charles Emsley	24-Jul
Carrie Upreti	31-Jul

(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>Years membership:</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Years membership:</u>
Diane Richardson	46	J J Beh	16
Raymond S Pusey	41	Hope S Freeman	10
Carl G Moore Jr	32	Morgan R Dean	9
Margie Bookout Bleier	31	Jeffrey Twardus	7
David Adam Klein	22	Jason Nomura	6
Alan Bleier	20	Gregory E Moore	5
Peter L Terry	20	Jennifer R Johnson	4
Daniel T Furlong	18	Catherine R Scherer	3

And welcome back to re-instating member Leslie Steele Jamison, of Wilmington ,
 And also to these renewing members:
 Thomas P Desmond, of Wilmington, William E Mace, of Camden Wyoming, Edward J Stahl Jr, of Wilmington,
 John Lyle Palabrica, of Newark, Roy V Jackson, of Wilmington and Hope S Freeman, of Freehold NJ.
 Thanks for sticking with us!

Those afraid of the universe as it really is, those who pretend to nonexistent knowledge and envision a Cosmos centered on human beings will prefer the fleeting comforts of superstition. They avoid rather than confront the world. But those with the courage to explore the weave and structure of the Cosmos, even where it differs profoundly from their wishes and prejudices, will penetrate its deepest mysteries.

CARL SAGAN, Cosmos

"I have only one superstition. I touch all the bases when I hit a home run."

- George Herman "Babe" Ruth (1895-1948)

"Superstition is foolish, childish, primitive and irrational - but how much does it cost you to knock on wood?"

Judith Viorst

Delaware Mensa Calendar

Grab your personal calendar and write down some events!

Wed, July 3	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, July 8	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, July 9	6 to 8 pm, Happy Hour/ NTN Trivia Night at Stewart's Brew Pub , Governor's Square, Route 40, Bear. Now the Second Tuesday of each month. For info or to RSVP, e-mail Steve at sdm1177@yahoo.com or call (302) 832-2665.
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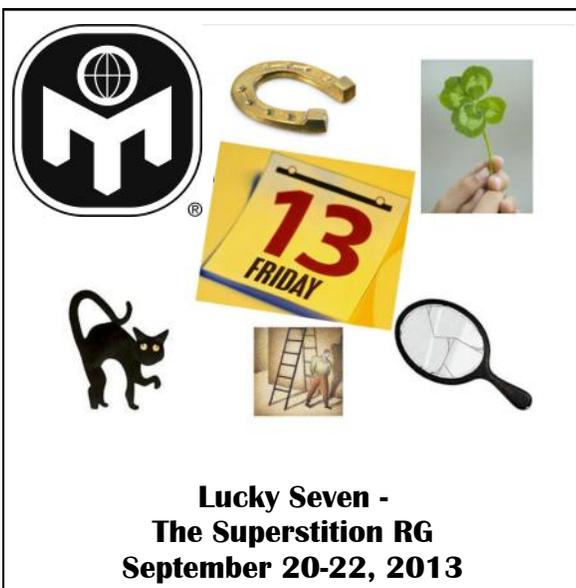
Your event here!!

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LUCKY SEVEN - THE SUPERSTITION RG

Delaware and Delaware Valley Mensas

September 20 to 22, 2013



**Lucky Seven -
The Superstition RG
September 20-22, 2013**

What's my lucky number? What causes bad luck and how can I avoid it? How can I predict the future? People have looked for ways to make sense of the seemingly random events around them forever. We can't promise we will answer any of those questions, but we'll have fun trying.

Join us for Delaware Mensa's seventh annual Regional Gathering, and the first joint effort with Delaware Valley Mensa, in Claymont Delaware, just across the line from Philadelphia. We'll have food and music (Todd Chapelle and Hot Breakfast will be there Friday) and more food and more music (Karaoke on Saturday night), and a speaker track exploring the world of superstition. And don't forget the games - play ours or bring your own favorites.

This is the nicest hotel we have had for an RG - we just need you to make it the luckiest one ever.

RG Registration fees:

- ◆ Up to and including August 31: \$65 (Sat only \$55)
 - ◆ Through the event and at the door: \$75 (Sat only \$65)
- ◆ Rooms are \$89 - make your reservation at

**Crowne Plaza -
Claymont DE
630 Naamans Rd
Claymont, DE 19703
302-792-2700**



Register online at www.delaware.us.mensa/rg13.htm, and pay with PayPal. Or, mail the registration form, below.

-----Detach and send with registration-----
 Make checks payable to: Delaware Mensa. Send registration form and checks to:
 Jen Johnson, Registrar, 209 W 21st Street, Wilmington DE 19802
 For more information, or to register online go to www.delaware.us.mensa.org/rg13.htm !

Name: _____ Local Group: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Number of people registering: _____ Amount included: _____

Name(s) on badge(s): _____

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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.

July 2013

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1	2	3 Games Night at Trader's Cove	4	5	6
7	8 New Moon Lunch Bunch	9 Happy Hour/NTN Trivia Night-Bear	10	11	12	13
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