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EXCOMMunication - June, 2007

By: Maria Sawczuk, Local Secretary

I'm writing this column from my hotel room in New Orleans. Every time I walk down a street here, I remember something I did at the 2005 AG. It was one of my favorite AGs yet. I'm anxiously anticipating the 2007 AG in Birmingham this year – the hotel is almost sold out (although an overflow hotel will be available) so if you haven't made your reservations, get to the phone! Don't let the thought of the heat keep you away. It gets hot and humid in July in Delaware too! Besides, you'll be inside most of the time, enjoying the gobs and gobs of programs the AG Committee has put together.

We're feverishly making our own summertime plans here at Delaware Mensa. Games days, a trip to the drive-in (Yes we still have one right here in Delaware), crab feasts, a new member soiree, and of course the speaker series. There's something for everyone – just check out our calendar! I sure hope to see you at something this summer - it's sure to be a blast!

Oh golly, I almost forgot! Have you heard that Delaware Mensa is hosting our first-ever Regional Gathering? Yep, we're doing it, and it's going to be so cool! So mark your calendar for September 7-9 and meet us at the Towne Place Suites by Marriott on Route 273 and I-95 (behind

We've got even more events in the finalization stage for this summer, but this should whet your appetite until then:

**MONDAY, JUNE 11, 2007 -
A Meeting with WILMAPCO**

Ever felt Mensa should be more like a think-tank? Well, here's a chance to make a bit of a difference in our own community. Learn about transportation plans in the region and how you can get involved in the process. WILMAPCO is the federally-designated transportation planning agency for New Castle County, DE and Cecil County, MD. Working with the public, local government, transportation agencies and land use agencies, WILMAPCO coordinates transportation in the region. Bring your concerns about transportation problems and needs and your ideas about how to solve these.

DATE: Monday, June 11, 2007
TIME: dinner at 7:00 p.m., with the speaker to begin at 8:00 p.m.

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Bob Evans). And bring your favorite eye patch and parrot, because it's Dead M's Tell No Tales! Yes, a pirate-themed RG! Food, speakers, games, poolside fun, even fun for the kiddies – for what more can you ask? It's only \$40 a person until July 8 (kids under 14 half price)! AND – the rooms, oh sorry, the SUITES are only \$89 for a single, and \$99 for a double!

Finally, just a gentle reminder – if you have not renewed your membership, please don't forget. This will be your last newsletter otherwise, and you don't want to miss any of the excitement. It's a great time to be a part of Delaware Mensa!

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Coming Events

PLACE: A Piece of Ireland, Chesmar Plaza, Route 4 and Marrows Road, Newark Please RSVP by e-mailing Cindi at lightintheclouds15@yahoo.com, or call 302-898-0093, so we know how many people are coming, and can get an adequate table.

SATURDAY, JUNE 23, 2007 - The Famous George Family Annual Neighborhood Pig Roast

This annual event is tons of fun for the whole family! Bring your favorite Pot Luck recipe to share. The George Family provides the pig, some soda, and the tableware. This is a true family-style event - kids and elders are welcome. This year we'll hear a famous, real live folk singer, Bill Staines. Don't know exactly what time he'll perform, so you better get there early!

DATE: Saturday, June 23, 2007
TIME: All afternoon and evening. Don't worry about coming too early--we'll just put you to work!

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The Kinder Garden—April 2007

By Leah Kinder, Interim Region 2 RVC

Now spring has truly sprung, and by the time most of you read this, it will nearly be summer. The back yard is alive with sprouts and blossoms, and we did a major expansion to the raised beds in the vegetable garden last fall, so the new ones are being planted for the first time this year. So far in the new section, we've got blueberries, raspberries, blackberries, strawberries, and asparagus. Other big projects scheduled for this summer: a pergola, a pond, and a greenhouse.



Around the region, life goes on. Preparations are in the works for the next round of Regional Gatherings in several groups. Since I last wrote, I've approved bulletin listings for Delaware Valley Mensa's Liberty Bell in October, Central Pennsylvania Mensa's Winter Solstice in December, and Central New Jersey Mensa's Snowball in March. You can find a list of upcoming gatherings in the bulletin or on the website. If you've never been to one, why not give it a try? I remember I was so nervous before I went to my first gathering, and I had an absolute BLAST! And when you register this far in advance, you can save a good bit on your registration costs.

Speaking of gatherings, I wonder how many of you I'll see at the Annual Gathering in Birmingham, AL in July. As I wrote in an earlier column, I got to experience the hosting group's legendary hospitality first-hand when they hosted the American Mensa Committee's January meet-

ing. They've been making the preparations, finalizing the program, and taking care of all the million little details that come together for an event like this. The theme this year is "Give Me That Old Time AG'n" and I hope you'll come out and support their efforts.

Plans are ongoing for our November Leadership Development Workshop. If you've ever thought about increasing your leadership skills, getting more involved with Mensa as anything from an event host to a local group officer to a national officer, this is a great place to come to get ideas, network with other Mensans in our region, and share what you already know. Registration is free, and some meals are provided.

The results of the national elections will be announced in early June, so be sure to keep an eye out. If you think the outgoing officers did a good job, why not let them know? For that matter, what about in your own local group? We're a volunteer-driven organization, and anyone who has ever been a volunteer can tell you it's sometimes a thankless job. Look around you if you get a chance, and thank your event hosts, your local group officers, your webmaster and newsletter editors, and the others who make your Mensa experience what it is. Back to the subject of the AG, it's a great place to meet your new AMC representatives as well, if you can take time away from the programs, the food, the games room, the off-site tours...

And last but not least, here's a thank you from me to all of you for helping make *my* Mensa experience what it is.

Leah Kinder, RVC2

Check out the official American Mensa forums at...<http://www.us.mensa.org/community/forum/>

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Announcements from National

Swing for the cheap seats with our Spring Doubleheader!

Are your friends and family thinking about taking a swing at joining Mensa? Encourage them from the bleachers! Throughout May, Mensa Home Tests are available for \$13 — \$5 off the usual price. Then, if they return the completed Home Test for scoring before June 30, we'll pitch them a coupon worth \$5 off the Mensa Admission Test if they take it by Aug. 31. What have they got to lose? Help them get in the game — we'd love to have them on the team!

May 2007 AML Today

Who should be in the Mensa Hall of Fame?

You get to help choose, y'know. You can make nominations to the American Mensa Hall of Fame anytime; nominations made now will be considered for 2008. For more information, visit halloffame.us.mensa.org.

May 2007 AML Today

"The instinct of nearly all societies is to lock up anybody who is truly free. First, society begins by trying to beat you up. If this fails, they try to poison you. If this fails too, they finish by loading honors on your head."

- Jean Cocteau (1889-1963)

COMING EVENTS (Continued from page 1)

PLACE: The George Family Home, 1314 Whittaker Road, Newark, DE 19702 To RSVP, e-mail Rogers at rogers.george@gmail.com or call 302-731-5948.

NO DOWNSTATE TRIVIA ON WEDNESDAY, JULY 4, 2007

SEPTEMBER 7-9 - DELAWARE MENSA REGIONAL GATHERING - "Dead M's Tell No Tales"

The first ever Delaware Mensa RG will happen at the TownePlace Suites hotel in Newark. A weekend of socializing, speakers and activities with your fellow Mensans,

following the theme of International Talk Like a Pirate Day (Sept 19). The program is still under development, (so if there is something you want to see there, speak up) but we promise it will be a good time. To help your decision to come, we offer early-bird rates: \$40 until July 8, \$45 until Aug 17, and \$50 after that and at the door.

DATE: Sept 7-9
PLACE: TownePlace Suites Hotel, 410 Eagle Run Rd, Newark DE ((302-369-6212), Room rate is \$89/night - mention Delaware Mensa when you register
REGISTRATION: Contact Dee Richardson, busy-deee@comcast.net, 302-892-2299

The Fourth Annual Famous George Family Annual Neighborhood and Motorcycle Club Pig Roast

Date: Saturday 23 June 2007

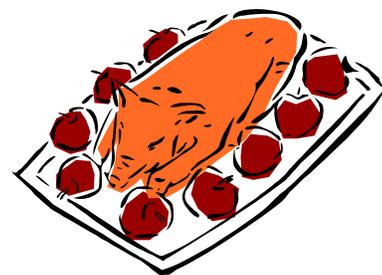
Place: 1314 Whittaker Road, Newark, DE 19702 (google map it)

Time: All afternoon and evening. Don't be afraid to come early--we'll just put you to work. Stay as late as you like. Last year it was 11PM.

Who: Family event, including children and elders. And friends.

How: Pot luck--bring something you like to bring to this sort of event. salad, veggies, munchies, dessert, drinks, family specialty, whatever. Or kick in a couple bucks toward the pig.

- What:**
1. Concert by famous folk singer, Bill Staines, (check out his web site).
 2. Two pigs this year--one in the cooker, one on a spit.
 3. Assorted outdoor activities--pool, hot tub, horseshoes, geese, sitting in chairs.



RSVP: rogers.george@gmail.com or 302-731-5948

Mensan judges name Mensa Select® games for 2007



More than 200 Mensans gathered in Pittsburgh April 20-22 for Mind Games® 2007. During the three-day event, members played and rated 59 board and card games. The top five games have earned Mensa Select® distinction and may use the Mensa Select seal on their games.

The winners are:

- GEMLOK (Pywacket, www.pywacketgames.com)
- Gheos (Z-Man Games, www.zmangames.com)
- Hit or Miss (Gamewright, www.gamewright.com)
- Qwirkle (Mindware, www.mindwareonline.com)
- Skullduggery (Outset Media Games, www.outsetmedia.com)

Congratulations to these winners and their manufacturers! We wish them success!

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

THIRD WEDNESDAY Happy Hour/NTN Trivia Night

Join Delaware Mensa from 6 to 8 pm, on the First and Third 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.

PLACE: Buffalo Wild Wings, Sunset Station Shopping Center, Route 40, **Bear**. To RSVP, e-mail Maria at legal-ady@magpage.com or call 302-893-5118.

SECOND MONDAY Downtown Lunch Bunch

The Downtown Lunch Bunch meets at 11:30 in the basement Cafeteria of the Hotel DuPont for lunch and stimulating conversation. (**Second Monday of each month**) Info: Fran Joseph at 302-994-6347

LAST SATURDAY Philosophy and Discussion Group

Here's a new recurring event for Delaware Mensa. John Slomski and Dr. Deb Gleason host a monthly Philosophy & Discussion Group at their home in Boothwyn, PA, which is a stone's throw from the Delaware State line. Join us, and Delaware Valley Mensa (DVM) on the last Saturday of each month, at 8 pm, for good conversation. Bring your most nagging philosophical questions, and maybe munchies.

PLACE: John and Deb's home in Boothwyn. To RSVP and get directions, contact John or Deb at doctordeb@copper.net, or call 610-485-2745.

Delaware Mensa Calendar

Grab your personal calendar and write down some events!

Wed, June 6	6 to 8 pm, Downstate Happy Hour/ NTN Trivia, at Buffalo Wild Wings, 680 South Bay Rd, Dover. It worked so well we're holding it twice a month. First Wednesday of each month we'll be in Dover. To RSVP, e-mail Leah at bluepointjive@gmail.com.
Mon, June 11	11:30—? Downtown Lunch Bunch meet in the basement Cafeteria of the Hotel DuPont for lunch and stimulating conversation. (Second Monday of each month) Info: Dee Richardson at 302-892-2299
Mon, June 11	7 to 9 pm, Meeting with WILMAPCO, about transit planning for New Castle County, at A Piece of Ireland, Chesmar Plaza, Route 4 and Marrows Road, Newark. Please RSVP by e-mailing Cindi at lightinthecLOUDS15@yahoo.com or calling 302-898-0093.
Wed, June 20	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 legal-ady@magpage.com or call 302-893-5118.
Sat, June 23	George Family Pig Roast, join Mensan Rogers George at his home for a party and pig roast. Not a Mensa event, but all members are welcome. RSVP to Rogers George at rogers.george@gmail.com or 302-731-5948
Sat, June 30	8 pm, Philosophy and Discussion Group at John and Deb's house. Last Saturday of each month . For info and directions, John or Deb at doctordeb@copper.net, or 610-485-2745.
Sun, May 20	1 to 4 pm, Games Day at Leah's house. Play the house favorites, or bring your own. Chili Cook-off! Snacks and drinks will be served. Contact Leah for directions at bluepointjive@gmail.com or 302-222-2357.
Wed, July 4	6 to 8 pm, Downstate Happy Hour/ NTN Trivia, NO GATHERING TODAY .
Mon, July 9	11:30—? Downtown Lunch Bunch meet in the basement Cafeteria of the Hotel DuPont for lunch and stimulating conversation. (Second Monday) Info: Dee Richardson at 302-892-2299
Wed, July 18	6 to 8 pm, Happy Hour/ NTN Trivia Night at Buffalo Wild Wings, Bear.
Sat, July 28	8 pm, Philosophy and Discussion Group at John and Deb's house.

Your event here!!

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Dead M's Tell No Tales RG

The First (ever) Annual Regional Gathering
in Delaware!



Avast! Set yer sails for the maiden voyage of "Dead Ms Tell No Tales," Newark, Delaware, September 7-9, 2007.

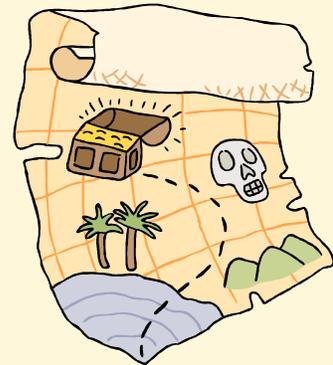
Don yer piratical finest and hijack some grub for the rowdy BBQ. Join the fierce duel of wits at the greased gangplank poolside joke-off and swimming lessons.

Thar be hi-jinx galore--take-no-prisoners Outlaw Hold-Em, cutthroat hearts, an' plenty other despicable games--but don't get caught a-cheatin'. Programs abound to help you stay healthy, get wealthy, and have fun (sorry, no disemboweling class).

Scoundrels report often to Scurvy Jack's galley and grog barrel fer hoagies (Friday), pizza (Saturday), breakfast (Saturday, Sunday), and re-freshments.

Loot and plunder at Delaware's finest tax-free stores.

Registration: \$40 through July 8, \$45 until August 17, and \$50 dockside. Anklebiters (to age 14) be half-price wih special programs, to boot. TownePlace Suites, 410 Eagle Run Road, Newark, DE, right off I-95 (at Exit 3) for ye steering-impaired: \$89 per night for single suites; \$99 for double suites (+ 8% tax).



Be there or be run through! ARRRGHHH!

When: September 7-9, 2007

Where: TownePlace Suites, 410 Eagle Run Rd, Newark DE (302-369-6212)

What: A piratically bloodthirsty RG

How to register:

Send registration form with check payable to Delaware Mensa to Dee Richardson, Registrar, 3101 Duncan Rd, Wilmington DE 19808.

Questions?

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	Lunch Bunch			Flag Day			
	Meeting with WILMAPCO			New Moon			
17	18	19	20	21	22	23	
			Happy Hour/ NTN Trivia Night			George Family Pig Roast	
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						Philosophy Discussion	