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Marc My Words

by Marc Lederman, Region 2 RVC

"Will you still need me, will you still feed me, when I'm sixty-four?"

As I sat down to write this column, the above lyric was running through my head. No, I'm not 64 years old yet. This is my 64th, and final, RVC column. I became RVC in July 2005 and served for 16 months before finishing that term as Secretary. After a two year break, I returned in July 2009 to once again serve the region as RVC. By the time this column is printed, the current election will be wrapping up and we'll soon find out who will take office as our next RVC on July 1. I hope you will give our next RVC as much support as you've given me over the years.

Since I first became RVC, our region has hosted numerous events. Regional Gatherings (RGs) have been hosted by Central New Jersey Mensa, Central Pennsylvania Mensa, Delaware Mensa, Delaware Valley Mensa (DVM), Metropolitan Washington Mensa (MWM) (including a joint RG with Maryland Mensa), and Tidewater Mensa (including a joint RG with Richmond Mensa). Thomas Jefferson Mensa has hosted an annual Corn Boil, an event larger than several of our RGs. We have held Leadership Development Events/Workshops in Central Pennsylvania, Delaware, DVM, MWM, and Tidewater. Last year, MWM hosted Mensa Mind Games, bringing it to our region for the first time.

Many people have served our region in appointed positions. Selena Updegraff, John Williams, and Ellen Bauer have served as Regional Scholarship Chair. Marianne

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Demkó has been our Regional Webmaster for the past eight years. Brad Christman has been our Regional Ombudsman. William Baker, Yvonne Brownlee, Scott Shaffer, Kit Hope, Allen Neuner, Cam Smart, Jody Carlson, Pat Horsley, and Steve Kaess have represented our region on the National Nominating Committee.

I have been fortunate enough to serve on, and chair, several committees. I've introduced, and fought for, many changes to improve the way Mensa operates. I was proud to have the opportunity to chair two colloquiums for the Mensa Foundation, and I will be the MC for the upcoming colloquium preceding the 2013 Fort Worth AG. Special thanks to Mary Lee Kemper for asking me to co-chair the 2009 Pittsburgh AG, and the upcoming 2015 Louisville AG. I couldn't ask for a better AG co-chair.

And finally, a few personal highlights include visiting the Grand Canyon after an AMC meeting, eating sushi for the first time with two of the best people I've met in Mensa,

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A Proper Afternoon Tea - June 15

Join Delaware Mensa for a proper afternoon tea, on Saturday, June 15 at noon. We will meet at the British Bell Tea Room in Peoples Plaza in Glasgow. Please RSVP as seating is limited.

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 a banger roll 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.

Also, a member pointed out that if you are planning to attend the high tea, there is a livingsocial deal for 50% off the price. Here's the link:

https://m.livingsocial.com/cities/198/deals/684880-high-tea?afsrc=1&utm_campaign=MorningSend&utm_content=198&utm_medium=email&utm_source=blast

DATE: Saturday, May 11, 2013

TIME: 12:00 p.m. (NOTE CHANGE IN TIME)

PLACE: British Bell Tea Room, Peoples Plaza, Glasgow

To RSVP, contact Maria Sawczuk at 302-893-5118 or

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

spending way too many late night hours at AGs with Circle SIG, the awesome Cards Against Humanity gift, strolling down Bourbon Street with two hot women after an AMC meeting, and the lovely young woman who brought her then boyfriend, now husband, over to my house to take the Mensa test, so he could be part of this great organization.

I have enjoyed serving as your RVC, and I look forward to seeing many of you again one day as our paths cross at a

Mensa event.

"Yours sincerely, wasting away." - Marc

"You can get more with a kind word and a gun than you can with a kind word alone."
- Al Capone (1899-1947)

MENSA NEWS

DELAWARE MEMBERSHIP TESTING

Delaware Mensa will be conducting testing for membership at Wilmington's Woodlawn Library on Saturday, June 22, if you know anyone interested. Two sessions will be held – 1pm and 2:45 pm.

Reservations are recommended, and the fee must be pre-paid – we are not allowed to accept money at the library. Go to the American Mensa website to purchase vouchers. <https://www.us.mensa.org/join/testing/testingvoucher/>

AML ELECTION RESULTS

American Mensa national elections have concluded. With a little better than 10 percent of members voting, the results are:

- Chair - Daniel Burg
- 1st Vice Chair - Heather Miller Poirier
- 2nd Vice Chair - LaRae Bakerink
- Secretary - Brian Reeves
- Treasurer - Nicholas Sanford
- RVC 2 – Cam Smart

Take note that Cam Smart won our RVC position with a one vote margin. Don't ever think that your voice doesn't matter in Mensa.

Delaware Mensa Calendar

Grab your personal calendar and write down some events!

- Wed, June 5 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, June 10 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, June 11 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.
- Sat, June 15 12:00 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!
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Your event here!!

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Celebrations

A Happy Birthday to these Mensans :

<u>Name</u>	<u>Birthday</u>
Shawn Elliott Hale	11-Jun
Richard Schneider	14-Jun
Michael K Wendeler	15-Jun
Ronald W Baldwin	16-Jun
Crista S Cotumaccio	23-Jun
Katherine Eberle	29-Jun

(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>
Shawn Elliott Hale	24
Ann Iona Warner	22
Joan E Sorflaten	19
Jason Brugman	5
Katherine Eberle	1

And welcome back to re-instating members Kevin A Dill of Newark, Althea M Gutteridge of Wilmington, and William Charles Meyer of Middletown

Deelineations

We owe something to our newer members! For the past several years, we have *hoped* that new members would just join in the fun, but that has only happened in a few cases.

New members, can we lure you into becoming a part of our group? Will you give me permission to call and interview you so that the rest of us can learn about you? Nothing personal, exactly...things like your work, your hobbies (now THAT is an old-fashioned word!), your diversissements, why you joined Mensa (like - why do any of us join?), etc.

Will you tell me what you most wished would have happened when you joined Mensa - that didn't happen?

Did you know that the Executive Committee meetings (and all Delaware Mensa meetings) are open to all members - new, old, young, students, professionals, unemployed, mothers, artists, retired folks?

Did you know that Delaware Mensa and Delaware Valley Mensa are co-hosting a Regional Gathering this Sept 20-22? The theme is S*U*P*E*R*S*T*I*T*I*O*N!!

Have you ever been to a Regional Gathering?

Have you scoped out our website? <http://www.delaware.us.mensa.org/> How 'bout our Yahoo! Group?

What do you want to know about the other 150 or so Delaware Mensans? One thing I can tell you is that we are not

all Delawareans. Several members have "preferenced in" from Maryland, New Jersey and Pennsylvania. Just like shopping here - no taxes!

Here are some things I plan to present to the ExComm to help facilitate our new member integration: - Publishing a little brochure describing our group - maybe even a Member Directory - A special welcoming event where only NEW members get in at no charge. I consider "NEW" members to be those who have never, ever ventured to a meeting. - A brief profile for the newsletter of those members who agree to be interviewed

Are you in? Just call me or "e" me: Dee Richardson 302-892-2299 busydeee@comcast.net

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"When you do the common things in life in an uncommon way, you will command the attention of the world."

*- George Washington Carver
(1864-1943)*

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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	
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2	3	4	5 Games Night at Trader's Cove	6	7	8 New Moon	
9	10 Lunch Bunch	11 Happy Hour/NTN Trivia Night-Bear	12	13	14	15 Afternoon Tea	
16	17	18	19	20	21	22 Mensa Testing - Wilmington	
23 Full Moon	24 DelaMensa Deadline	25	26	27	28	29	
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