



# DelaMensa

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## EXCOMmunications - June 2010

By: Maria Sawczuk, Local Secretary

If you haven't renewed your membership, this likely will be your last newsletter. Please take a moment and either send in your form, or go online at [www.us.mensa.org](http://www.us.mensa.org).

The Annual Gathering is coming along tremendously. I am so excited about the great speakers, the amazing tours, the wonderful food (both in hospitality and in the meal plan options) and the spectacular events! Okay, that was a lot of superlatives, but I am on Cloud Nine right now, thanks to the stellar work of my committee. I cannot wait until we're all in Dearborn from June 30 to July 5. Check out [www.ag.us.mensa.org](http://www.ag.us.mensa.org) for more information. I hope to see you there!

This month's calendar is filling up also. The inaugural walking tour last month brought out so many faces, including some people I haven't seen in a while. I hope you can join us this month in downtown Wilmington! If you've never been out to an event, there's never been a better

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time – check out the calendar. If nothing interests you, please let me know what would – we aim to please!

To get late-breaking news about our events, impromptu get-togethers, and other important information, please consider joining our Yahoo Group at <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/DelawareMensa>.

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## COMING EVENTS!

### WILMINGTON WALKING TOUR

Stop No. 3 on our 12 Stop Walking Tour hits Downtown Dover in June.

These are not strenuous walks - only about a mile or so. After the walk, we'll try to find an open restaurant in Downtown Dover, or we'll head somewhere else for dinner.

On Sunday, June 13 at 1:00 pm, we will meet on The Green, near the Courthouse.

Upcoming walks will include Georgetown, Laurel, Lewes, Middletown, Milford, Newark, Seaford, Smyrna, and Wilmington's West-End/Trolley Square

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DATE: Sunday, June 13

TIME: 1:00-??:?

PLACE: The Green in Dover

Contact Maria at [legalady@magpage.com](mailto:legalady@magpage.com) or call (302) 893-5118 for more information or to RSVP.

### A PROPER AFTERNOON TEA

Join Delaware Mensa for a proper afternoon tea. We will meet at the British Bell Tea Room in Peoples Plaza in Glasgow on Saturday June 19 at 2 pm. 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.

DATE: Saturday, June 19, 2010

TIME: 2 pm

PLACE: British Bell Tea Room, Peoples Plaza, Glasgow. To RSVP, contact Maria Sawczuk at 302-893-5118 or [legalady@magpage.com](mailto:legalady@magpage.com)

### MENSA GAMES DAY

Games Day in Wilmington. Bring a snack or a favorite game. We have plenty of games, including Carcassonne, Settlers of Catan, Alhambra, Citadel, Boggle, plus the classics!

Please RSVP—even if it is at the last minute. Call Jim at

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

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

By John Grover

The Boss and I recently returned from two weeks in Spain. It is a beautiful country with a very welcoming people. It has great art, extraordinary architecture, a turbulent history and mile upon mile of olive and citrus groves. But, most importantly of course, Spain has wonderful food and wine with delightful variations from region to region.

The wines this month are whites from the Rueda region of Spain which is located Northwest of Madrid. The white wines from Rueda are made with from 50% to 100% Verdejo grape with blending allowed using the juice from the Sauvignon Blanc or Macabeo (also known as Viura) grape varieties. The first wine is the 2007 "Las Brisas" from Bodegas Naia. This wine has a fruity citrus freshness like that first glass of lemonade on a hot Summer day. The taste of grapefruit and orange dominate this lovely wine. I have found it available for between \$11 and \$13 a bottle. The second wine is the 2008 "Con Class" from Sitiots De Bodega. While fresh and tangy like the first wine, it is also more complex. It starts with floral notes and combines melon and lemon flavors with the steely minerality of great food wines. This wine is a real deal for \$9 to \$11 a bottle.

**Spanish Asparagus and Orange Salad** ( from *Mediterranean: A Taste of the Sun* by Jacqueline Clark & Joanna Farrow, Hermes House publishing, and available new & used on Amazon.)

Ingredients: 8 oz. asparagus, trimmed and cut into 2 inch pieces; 2 large oranges; 2 ripe tomatoes cut into eighths; 2 oz. romaine lettuce shredded; 2 tbsp. extra virgin olive oil; ½ tsp sherry vinegar; salt and fresh ground pepper to taste



Cook the asparagus in boiling salted water for 3-4 minutes, until just tender. Drain and refresh in cold water. Grate the zest from half an orange and reserve. Peel all the oranges and cut into segments. Squeeze out the juice from the membrane and reserve the juice.

Put the asparagus, orange segments, tomatoes, and lettuce into a salad bowl. Combine the oil and vinegar and add 1 tablespoon of the reserved orange juice and 1 teaspoon of zest. Just before serving, pour the dressing over the salad and mix gently to coat. Serves four.

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

*John Grover is a member of Mensa of Northeastern New York. He lives with his wife Sharon in the Hudson Valley of New York.*

### Delaware Facts and Trivia:

- The nation's first scheduled steam railroad began in New Castle in 1831.
- The United States battleship Delaware was commissioned in 1910.
- Delaware is the only state without any National Park System units such as national parks, seashores, historic sites, battlefields, memorials, and monuments.
- The most historic site in Frederica is Barratt's Chapel east of town. The chapel is where the Methodist Church of America was organized in 1784.
- John Dickinson was called the Penman of the Revolution for his writings on independence. His boyhood home is preserved in Dover.

## Celebrations

As of April 30, we had 154 members.

### A Happy Birthday to these Mensans :

Name	Birthday
Paul Altiero	6/4
William Mace	6/4
Susanne Moskalski	6/8
Shawn Hale	6/11
Richard Schneider	6/14
Ronald Baldwin	6/16
Stephen Shisler	6/20

(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:

Name	Member since:
Frances Joseph	1977
Shawn Hale	1989
Ann Warner	1991
Joan Sorflaten	1994
Eric Wolf	2003
Matthew Latocha	2004
Anthony McGuire	2007
Ernest Bliey	2009
Roy Jackson	2009

## Marc My Words

by Marc Lederman, Region 2 RVC

Last month I attended Central Pennsylvania Mensa's PEP Rally. Dave Remine spent the day educating fourteen local members on topics such as Welcoming New Members, Getting People Involved, Team-Building in the Mensa Community, and All that Mensa has to Offer. Central Pennsylvania Mensa is Region 2's fastest growing local group, and I look forward to seeing them use this education to bring out new members and grow the group even further. At this year's Annual Gathering, the next set of PEP Rally winners will be announced.

In Late April, the AMC received an appeal of a decision by the Election Committee regarding the upcoming National Ombudsman election. The AMC held a conference call to discuss the matter, and voted not to take up the appeal. I was on the losing side of this vote. I believe the Election Committee erred in disallowing the candidacy, and the AMC should have heard the appeal.

During the month of June, Mensa is offering a \$10 testing fee discount for all test sessions. Prospects who qualify will then be encouraged to take off to the hundreds of local, regional and national events offered throughout the year. If you have friends who want to join Mensa, make sure they know about the June testing discount.

By the end of June, several of us will be heading off to Dearborn for the Annual Gathering. Region 2 will have a Meet & Greet late Friday afternoon. Please check the program booklet for the exact time and location of the event.

### Computer Haiku

You step in the stream,  
But the water has moved on.  
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## Delaware Regional Gathering!



**Fourth Annual Regional Gathering  
Newark Delaware  
September 10-12, 2010**

## Fun and Games at the Fourth Annual Delaware Mensa Regional Gathering September 10 to 12, 2010

You like fun, right? You'll play a game once in a while. You don't mind a little good food once in a while.

Then this RG is just what you have been waiting for. We have a new location this year that will let us stretch out and make the most of this weekend.

Speakers, games, death defying stunts,

Food! food! food! Three meals, plus a 24 hour Hospitality room

Enjoy an expanded games room, 24-hour hospitality,  
and entertainment

### RG Registration fees:

- ♦ Up to and including August 31: \$60
- ♦ Through the event and at the door: \$70

#### Rooms include:

- ⇒ wireless internet and a Deluxe Continental Breakfast, including waffles, French toast, and cereal, as well as fruit, pastries and muffins.
- ⇒ Handicap accessible rooms and facilities
- ⇒ Refrigerator, microwave and coffee maker in all rooms
- ⇒ Outdoor pool, fitness center
- ⇒ Smoking rooms available. Pets allowed, with fee

### NEW LOCATION:

(Make your room reservation separately)

**Howard Johnson Inn and Suites - Newark DE**  
1119 S College Avenue  
I-95 and Rout 896  
Newark, DE 19713  
302-368-8521

Rooms are \$59.99  
Suites are \$67.99

302-562-5132, or e-mail at lee-advisor@operamail.com .

DATE/ TIME: Sunday, June 20, 2010/ 1 to 4 pm

PLACE: Jim Lee's house, 11315 Gilpin Ave, Wilmington. To RSVP, contact Jim at 302-562-5132 or lee-advisor@operamail.com

## News from National

### 2010 Annual Gathering – Grooving in Motown

As part of the celebration of the 50th anniversary of Mensa in North America, the 2010 Annual Gathering will be held June 30-July 5 in Dearborn, Mich. More than 2,000 Mensans from around North America are expected to attend this special event; they will enjoy tours, presentations, music, tournaments and plenty of socializing, as well as other

"mini-events" such as movie screenings, concerts and scholarship fund-raisers.

Enjoy 5 days of programs, from cars to movies to games to computers to music to health to AMC business. Registration is \$100 before June 15<sup>th</sup> - you can get your money's worth the first hour, and the rest of the AG is free! Register on the AML website!

### Five games named Mensa Select®

More than 200 Mensans gathered in April for Mind Games® 2010, where they played and rated 49 board and card games. The top five games earned Mensa Select® distinction; they are Anomia™ (Anomia Press), Dizios™ (MindWare), Forbidden Island™ (Gamewright), Word on the Street™ (Out of the Box Publishing) and Yikerz!™ (Wiggles 3D Incorporated). Mind Games 2011 will be held April 15-17 in Albany, N.Y.

### 38 Volunteer Positions for Introverts

By Peggy Pannke-Smith, Boulder/Front Range Mensa. Regional Vice Chair, Region 7. (Reprinted from **InterLoc**, January 2010)

Are you one of Mensa's many introverts? Do you avoid your Local Group's dinner meetings and parties because they're far too boisterous? Do you feel that your contributions would be overshadowed by obvious input from more-outgoing members?

Well, here's some good news for you. Your Local Group definitely needs you! There are (at least) 38 Volunteer Positions in your Local Group suitable for our valuable members who may be shy, introverted or quiet, but who would still like to lend a hand to the growth of the group.

Please contact your Local Secretary (name found in your monthly bulletin) if you can help with any of these positions. Many of these behind-the scenes positions can be filled from home.

"Such as?" you say? Well, many groups have no Archivist/Historians. The group may have been in existence since the time of Nixon, but no one has bothered to compile a copy of all the newsletters. Seek and compile!

Or how about webmaster? Computer-savvy members can compile a web presence for the Local Group. Activities, meetings, dinners and more can be e-mailed to the webmaster on a regular basis. And the webmaster never has to show up at anything! (But is always welcome.)

Do you own a digital camera? If you do, you could become your Local Group's Official Photographer. You get an excuse to attend events, but behind the lens, you don't have

to interact — just click away and send the photos to the newsletter editor and webmaster. Voila—a terrific contribution!

Once you have volunteered for one of the positions below, your name could be listed in your monthly bulletin. Your Local Group will be better because of your contributions. Thank you!

Assistant (Deputy) Loc Sec	Assistant Membership Officer
Treasurer	Hospitality Chair
Mensa Foundation	Newsletter Artist
Scholarship Chair	Official Photographer
Newsletter Editor	Beverage Coordinator
Proctor Coordinator	Meeting Set-up Chair
Proctor	Recording Secretary
Web Designer	Ombudsman
Webmaster	Newsletter columnist
Game Warden ( <i>set up games at meetings</i> )	Archivist/Historian
Book Drive Coordinator	Scholarship Chair
Business Manager	Member-at-Large
Online Typist	SIG Coordinators:
Advertising Manager	Book Lovers
Copy Editor	Bridge
Activities Bulletin Editor	Cinema
Calendar Editor	Fine Dining/Gourmet
Programs Officer	Games
Gifted Children's Coordinator	Trivia

## EVERY MONTH EVENTS!

Join Delaware Mensa this fall at one of our many fun events. Time to pull out those calendars!

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.

### FIRST TUESDAY Happy Hour/NTN Trivia Night

TIME: 6 to 8 pm

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).

### SECOND THURSDAY Happy Hour/NTN Trivia Night

TIME: 6 to 8 pm

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.

### THIRD WEDNESDAY Happy Hour/NTN Trivia Night

TIME: 6 to 8 pm

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.

### NEW LOCATION—

## Delaware Mensa Calendar

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

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| Tues, June 1  | 6 to 8 pm, Downstate Happy Hour/ NTN Trivia, at Buffalo Wild Wings, 680 South Bay Rd, Dover.<br><b>First Tuesday of each month</b> we'll be in Dover. To RSVP, e-mail Leah at <a href="mailto:bluepointjive@gmail.com">bluepointjive@gmail.com</a> .                             |
| Thur, June 10 | 6 to 8 pm, Happy Hour/ NTN Trivia Night at Buffalo Wild Wings, 2062 Limestone Rd, Wilmington.<br><b>Second Thursday of each month.</b> For info or to RSVP, e-mail Maria at <a href="mailto:legalady@magpage.com">legalady@magpage.com</a> or call 302-893-5118.                 |
| Sun, June 13  | 1:00 pm, Walking Tour of Wilmington; meet at the statue of Caesar Rodney in Rodney Square. After the walk, we'll get a late lunch or some ice cream. Please RSVP. For info, e-mail Maria at <a href="mailto:legalady@magpage.com">legalady@magpage.com</a> or call 302-893-5118. |
| Mon, June 14  | 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, June 16  | 6 to 8 pm, Happy Hour/ NTN Trivia Night at Buffalo Wild Wings, Sunset Station Shopping Center, Route 40, Bear. <b>Third Wednesday of each month.</b> For info or to RSVP, e-mail Maria at <a href="mailto:legalady@magpage.com">legalady@magpage.com</a> or call 302-893-5118.   |
| Sat, June 19  | 2 pm, Afternoon Tea, British Bell Tea Room, 890 Peoples Plaza, Newark . Please RSVP. For info, e-mail Maria at <a href="mailto:legalady@magpage.com">legalady@magpage.com</a> or call 302-893-5118.  |
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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.

## June 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Happy Hour/ NTN Trivia Night	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10 Happy Hour/ NTN Trivia Night	11	12 New Moon
13 Wilmington Walking Tour	14 Lunch Bunch	15	16 Happy Hour/ NTN Trivia Night	17	18	19 Afternoon Tea
20 Games Day at Jim Lee's	21	22	23	24	25 DelaMensa Deadline	26 Full Moon
27	28	29	30			