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## EXCOMMunication - March, 2009

By: Maria Sawczuk, Local Secretary

It's time for Culture Quest again! Would you like to sign up to be on a team? The deadline is coming up on March 31. This year's competition will be held on Sunday, April 19. Teams of up to five members gather on a single day across the U.S. and Canada and, for 90 minutes, compete for cash prizes and cultural literacy bragging rights. If you are interested on being on a team, or want more information, give me a call or shoot me an email before the deadline of March 31. The competition is open to all members regardless of age. Each team member must be a dues-paid Mensa member for the 2009-2010 membership year by April 1, 2009.

Speaking of which – have you renewed your membership yet? If not, please do so now. You can easily renew online at [www.us.mensa.org](http://www.us.mensa.org). National elections are coming up in April, and you must be a member in order to vote. Besides, you won't want to miss out on the fun this coming year! Your ExComm has some great events planned for 2009!

If you like playing board games, think about going to Mind Games, April 24-26 in Cincinnati, Ohio. I went a few years back and had a blast! It's an intense game-playing weekend, where you get to try out the latest games and rate them, as well as give your feedback to the manufacturers.

Also, I want to remind you that the Annual Gathering is within driving distance this year! It's being held July 1-5 in Pittsburgh! If you haven't been to an AG yet, you really should think about going. It's tons of fun!

### Directory of Local Officers

|                 |                                 |              |   |
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We are also starting to plan our annual Regional Gathering (RG) – “Eat, Drink and Be Mensan” - to be held on September 11-13. We will likely be changing hotels this year, since we seem to have outgrown our digs. Stay tuned, and contact Keith Johnson if you want to volunteer.

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### AML Statistics—January 2009

|                                      |        |
|--------------------------------------|--------|
| Total membership                     | 55,450 |
| New and reinstating membership       | 977    |
| Offers of membership                 | 263    |
| New members since April 2008         | 3,434  |
| Reinstating members since April 2008 | 3,772  |

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).

## March Dinner Speaker!

### Dinner with Sharon Baker, March 24

On March 24, Sharon Baker will speak to us on the art of filmmaking, and her involvement with Hearts & Minds Film Initiative. We'll start dinner at 6:30 and she'll speak at 7:30. It will be in Dover, but the exact place is TBD.

Sharon continues to pursue a life long interest in public affairs and documentary filmmaking. A graduate of the University of Delaware, she continued her professional development with master classes in directing and editing. Expert in the art of the interview, Sharon has trav-

eled throughout the US and around the world, recording the words and images of people from all walks of life. She is also sought after as a speaker, conference panelist and moderator.

Her films have been broadcast and distributed internationally, via: the Public Broadcasting System (PBS), American Public Television (APT), A&E/The History Channel, The BRAVO Network, and National Geographic Worldwide.

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

## Celebrations

As of January 31, we had 176 members

### A Happy Birthday to these Mensans :

| <u>Name</u>         | <u>Birthday</u> |
|---------------------|-----------------|
| Sonia Combs         | 3/4             |
| Frances Joseph      | 3/4             |
| Christopher Shelley | 3/4             |
| Alan Bleier         | 3/12            |
| Paul Craven         | 3/12            |
| Harry Albert        | 3/14            |
| Ann Warner          | 3/19            |

*(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> |
|-------------------|----------------------|------------------|----------------------|
| Albert Daniels    | 1980                 | Carrie Upreti    | 2005                 |
| Christian Hillson | 1994 (15 YEARS!)     | Miriam Weidner   | 2005                 |
| Ronald Baldwin    | 1995                 | Dietmar Luchmann | 2007                 |
| Patrick McMahan   | 2002                 | Jason Romeo      | 2008                 |
| Edward Shahl, Jr. | 2002                 | Christopher West | 2008                 |
| David Brenner     | 2005                 |                  |                      |

And a warm Delaware Mensa welcome to Beverly Wright of Bear

## News from National

### Balloting Procedure Change

A change has been made in the balloting procedure for American Mensa's 2009 AMC election and bylaws referenda. Instead of your national election ballot being included in the April/May Mensa Bulletin, a national ballot package will be mailed to you separately on or about April 10. This package will include the ballot, candidate information and referenda. The election will run from April 15 to May 29. You may vote online as late as 31 May.

### Travel smart in 2009

Have you resolved to save money on travel this year? Have you visited [www.us.mensa.org/travel](http://www.us.mensa.org/travel) recently? American Mensa has partnered with the YTB Travel Network to provide an entire Web site to handle all of your travel-related needs.

At this fully integrated site, you can:

- Book your flight, hotel and car for any trip;
- Search for cruise deals, international vacation packages and last-minute get-aways;
- Process online flight check-in;
- Track traveler health advisories, passport requirements and airport delays;
- Sign up for a weekly "deals & steals" e-newsletter; and even
- Set up a honeymoon travel registry.

Enjoy your trips!

### Prior-evidence fee dropped to \$25 through June 2009

Ahh, the good old days — when unemployment was only 4.5 percent, grocery prices were stable, the federal debt was half its current total, and the stock-market bubble had yet to burst.... Was it only 10 years ago?

Out of respect for the current economy and in an effort to maintain our momentum, American Mensa is rolling back the price of prior evidence review to its 1999 rate of \$25. Effective immediately and running through June 30, 2009, this pricing will apply to anyone who wishes to submit scores from any of more than 200 standardized intelligence tests they may have taken at any point in their lives.

Candidates can download the application at [www.us.mensa.org/application](http://www.us.mensa.org/application) and return it with their test scores. For a partial list of accepted test scores, all candidates can visit [www.us.mensa.org/testscores](http://www.us.mensa.org/testscores) anytime.



in the National AMC elections! To do so you must renew your membership by March 31. Visit [us.mensa.org/renew](http://us.mensa.org/renew) for details.

## 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 LunchBunch 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, [busydeeee@comcast.net](mailto:busydeeee@comcast.net)

### THIRD TUESDAY: DOWNSTATE DOWN - Dining Out With Nerds

Downstate DOWN – Dining Out With Nerds. Leah Kinder will pick a different ethnic restaurant each month. Call her to find out where. Broaden your culinary horizons, share some stories, and have fun with your fellow Mensans.

DATE: March 17, 2009

TIME: 6:00 pm

PLACE: TBD. To RSVP: e-mail Leah at [bluepointjive@gmail.com](mailto:bluepointjive@gmail.com), or call 302-222-2357. **(WE MUST HAVE AN RSVP IF YOU PLAN TO ATTEND THIS EVENT!)**

## Delaware Mensa Calendar

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

|              |  |
|--------------|--|
| Mon, Mar 9   | 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, Mar 12  | 6 to 8 pm, Happy Hour/ NTN Trivia Night at Buffalo Wild Wings, 2062 Limestone Rd, Wilmington. <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.                  |
| Tues, Mar 17 | 6 to ? pm, Downstate DOWN. Please RSVP to Leah by e-mail at <a href="mailto:bluepointjive@gmail.com">bluepointjive@gmail.com</a> , or call 302-222-2357  |
| Wed, Mar 18  | 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. |
| Thur, Mar 19 | 6:30 to 8 pm, Delaware Mensa EXCOM meeting, at Maria's house. Come help plan for the local group. To RSVP, e   |
| Tues, Mar 24 | 6:30 to 8:30 pm, Sharon Baker talks about the Art of Filmmaking and the Hearts and Minds Film Initiative. For info, e-mail Maria at <a href="mailto:legalady@magpage.com">legalady@magpage.com</a> or call 302-893-5118.   |
| Wed, Apr 1   | 6 to 8 pm, Downstate Happy Hour/ NTN Trivia, at Buffalo Wild Wings, 680 South Bay Rd, Dover. <b>First Wednesday 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> .                            |

*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.

# March 2009

| SUN | MON              | TUE   | WED                                   | THU                                   | FRI | SAT |
|-----|------------------|---|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|-----|-----|
| 1   | 2                | 3   | 4<br>Happy Hour/<br>NTN Trivia Night  | 5                                     | 6   | 7   |
| 8   | 9<br>Lunch Bunch | 10<br>Full Moon   | 11                                    | 12<br>Happy Hour/<br>NTN Trivia Night | 13  | 14  |
| 15  | 16               | 17<br>St Patrick's Day<br>Downstate DOWN                  | 18<br>Happy Hour/<br>NTN Trivia Night | 19                                    | 20  | 21  |
| 22  | 23               | 24<br>Dinner Meeting—<br>Sharon Baker                     | 25<br>DelaMensa<br>Deadline           | 26<br>New Moon                        | 27  | 28  |
| 29  | 30               | 31<br>Annual Membership<br>Ends/ CultureQuest<br>Deadline |                                       |                                       |     |     |