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EXCOMmunications - November 2010

By: Maria Sawczuk, Local Secretary

We had a good turnout of prospective members for Mensa Testing Day. I hope to see lots of new and active members soon. If you know someone who's interested in joining, we test throughout the year, so just put them in touch with me and we'll set them up with a testing session. If they'd rather try the home test first, November is a great time to do that. November is Alzheimer's Awareness Month. In conjunction with that event, for every Mensa Home Test sold during the month of November, American Mensa will donate \$5 to help fund Alzheimer's research and support programs. What better time to exercise your brain, and help others save theirs! Check out www.us.mensa.org for more information.

Election season may be over in National politics, but here in Delaware Mensa it's just beginning. Are you interested in running for a position on our ExComm? Need more information about what each position does? Let us know and we'll put you in touch with our Election Committee to find out more. Working for Delaware Mensa has been a wonderful experience for me, and I've met great friends through this position. If you feel you'd like to become more active, this might just be the way. The time commitment is not overwhelming, and it's quite fun.

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If you haven't joined our Yahoo group, what are you waiting for? You'll be the first to know about events, and the traffic is light. Just go to <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/DelawareMensa/> and sign up.

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Computer Haiku

Pleasure is fleeting
As are the faint memories
Of your files, now gone.

News From National

Delaware Mensa has 167 members, as of September 30, 2010, tied for 91st largest local group out of 133 groups.

Mindgames 2011 – Mindgames is the annual event where Mensans can try out the year's new games, and vote to pick the top five. Mindgames will be April 15-17, and registration is \$65 until Dec 31, and \$75 after that.

AG 2011 – The 2011 Annual Gathering will be in Portland, Oregon this year. The AG will run from June 30 to July 4, and registration is underway. Early registration is \$80, until December 31, stepping up to \$110 in June. The AG is the biggest Mensa event of every year, and the price of admission is the biggest bargain you will see this year. Think about attending this year.

Colloquium 2011 – Colloquium 2011 is on the subject of Electronic Gaming, and will be held February 18-20 in Austin, Texas. Registration is open, and will cost \$199 until Dec 31, \$249 after that.

Logo use/ trademark protection – The Mensa name, and the logo that goes with it, are the most valuable assets that American Mensa has. As such, the organization must protect it from infringement, and that is the charge of the Name and Logo Committee. The committee is working to educate members on acceptable use of the Mensa logo, and to develop tools to find and track unauthorized use of the Mensa name.

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

Marc My Words

by Marc Lederman, Region 2 RVC

November is shaping up to be my busiest month of the year.

The month kicks off with Tidewater Mensa's 25th Anniversary RG, November 5-7, in Williamsburg, Virginia. The theme this year is "Who or Who-M?, The Murder Mystery Regional Gathering". The Saturday night performance by the Pungo Players is not to be missed. I'll be doing a magic show Friday night and an RVC rap session Sunday morning.

The following weekend is an AMC Meeting in Fort Worth, Texas. This meeting includes an extra day for planning activities. The agenda is online at www.us.mensa.org/meetingreports. Select the 2010-11 Meeting Reports link to see the agenda and all of the Officer reports. If you have any questions or comments about the agenda, please let me know. I have placed a motion on the agenda to require the Mensa Bulletin to publish Regional Gathering (RG) notices in each edition beginning at least six months prior to the start of every RG that has been approved by the RVC, and if the information has been received by the appropriate Mensa Bulletin submission deadline.

The weekend after the AMC meeting I leave for my annual New Orleans vacation. Last year I was able to attend one

of their local Mensa events. With so many local group newsletters online, it's easy to find out if there are any events in an area you are visiting. And speaking of local group newsletters, did you know you can save your group a lot of money by requesting electronic newsletters instead of paper newsletters? The local group is required to send you paper unless you indicate a willingness to accept electronic. If you want to switch to electronic newsletters, log on to www.us.mensa.org, click on Profile Update, provide your email address, check the box that says you want receive publications electronically, then click the button at the bottom of the page to save changes.

Also in November, I'll be busy getting ready for Central Pennsylvania Mensa's Winter Solstice RG, December 10-12, in Bird-in-Hand, Pennsylvania. I am the Hospitality Chair for this event. This gathering is centered around food and games, rather than speakers.

American Mensa and Barnstorm Games announced the launch of Mensa Brain Test for the Apple iPhone & iPod Touch. In this brain-trainer app, users will work through a series of Mensa-tough questions, some of which will flummox even the most experienced of gaming & puzzle aficionados. Mensa Brain Test is available to download from the Apple App store and is priced at \$1.99. To find out more visit: www.mensabraintest.com.

Celebrations

A Happy Birthday to these Mensans :

Name	Birthday
Nathan Centers	11/5
Patrick McMahan	11/6
James Lee	11/11
Daniel Fried	11/13
James Bishop	11/14
Anthony McGuire	11/14
William Halberstadt	11/16
Dee Richardson	11/19
Robert Abel	11/21
Edward Stahl, Jr.	11/25
Coke Westbrook	11/26
Hope Freeman	11/28
David Henry	11/30
Nicole Perefefe	11/30

(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:	Name	Member since:
Sandra Lehman	1967	Leah Kinder	2003
Paul Craven	1982	Joanne McCarthy	2003
David Bailey	1991	Theresa Quaintance	2003
Coralee Witham	1998	John Zahradnik, Jr.	2003
Todd Litterelle	2000	Allison Berdoulay	2004
Regina Barry	2002	Steven Michel	2005
Arnold Caine	2002	Althea Gutteridge	2006
Thomas Desmond	2002	David Henry	2006
Martha Lankford	2002	Stephen Shisler	2007
Brian Miller	2002	James Masotti	2008
Chris Quintanilla	2002	Ian McMahan	2008
Robert Auer	2003	Lauren McMillan	2008
Maryanne Bellman	2003	Jordan McGee	2009

And a warm Delaware Mensa welcome to:

Reinstating members: Susan Hendrich of Wilmington and Shirin Ormberg of Newark;
and new member Deborah Munson of Newark

LOCAL NEWS

The 2010 Punkin Chunkin was held November 5, 6, and 7 this year. This Delaware tradition started with a group of friends in Sussex County, in 1986. The winning chunk that year was 126 feet. The world record, set in 2008, is 4483.5 feet – 800 feet short of a mile. Chunkers compete in one of eight categories to throw an 8 to 10 pound “punkin” the farthest. Pumpkins must be intact when they leave the machine, and no explosives are allowed.

This year, 105 teams competed. The longest chunk was 3755.6 by the Hormone Blaster team, in the Adult Female Air Cannon class, with a close second of 3728.2 feet, by the Emancipator, in the Adult Air Canon class.



EVERY MONTH EVENTS!

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

FIRST TUESDAY Happy Hour/NTN Trivia Night

On hiatus, looking for a new host.

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 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 or call 302-893-5118.

SECOND MONDAY Lunch Bunch

The Delaware Mensa Lunch Bunch 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, busydeee@comcast.net

MONTHLY WALKING TOUR

Each month, we'll meet at the first stop, do the walking tour, and then get dinner or a snack, depending on the time and location. Look for an announcement of the time and place. For info, e-mail Maria at legalady@magpage.com or call 302-893-5118.

Delaware Mensa Calendar

Grab your personal calendar and write down some events!

Mon, Nov 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
Thur, Nov 11	6 to 8 pm, Happy Hour/ NTN Trivia Night at Buffalo Wild Wings, 2062 Limestone Rd, Wilmington. Second Thursday of each month. For info or to RSVP, e-mail Maria at legalady@magpage.com or call 302-893-5118.
Wed, Nov 17	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 legalady@magpage.com or call 302-893-5118.
Thur, Dec 9	6 to 8 pm, Happy Hour/ NTN Trivia Night at Buffalo Wild Wings, 2062 Limestone Rd, Wilmington. Second Thursday of each month. For info or to RSVP, e-mail Maria at legalady@magpage.com or call 302-893-5118.
Mon, Dec 13	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

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.

<h1 style="margin: 0;">November 2010</h1>						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5 <small style="background-color: #cccccc; padding: 2px;">New Moon</small>	6 <small style="background-color: #ffff00; padding: 2px;">Afternoon Tea</small>
7	8 <small style="background-color: #ffff00; padding: 2px;">Lunch Bunch</small>	9	10	11 <small style="background-color: #008000; color: white; padding: 2px;">Veteran's Day</small> <small style="background-color: #ffff00; padding: 2px;">NTN Trivia Night</small>	12	13
14	15	16	17 <small style="background-color: #ffff00; padding: 2px;">Happy Hour/ NTN Trivia Night</small>	18	19	20
21 <small style="background-color: #cccccc; padding: 2px;">Full Moon</small>	22 <small style="background-color: #cc0000; color: white; padding: 2px;">DelaMensa Deadline</small>	23	24	25 <small style="background-color: #008000; color: white; padding: 2px;">Thanksgiving Day</small>	26	27
28	29	30				
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