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From the New LocSec

By Steve Michel

Snow? In October? Two words: go away! We resisted putting the heat on for as long as possible, but once the temps dropped below 40, it was time. Having hot tea and hot [and sour] soup at the Golden Rooster helped warm our insides before we headed to Odessa for the Grave Robbing story telling. And it was a good thing the session was inside too. It wasn't exactly hot, but it was certainly better than being outside. There were six representing DEM at dinner and at the reading. Other than trudging through some mud on the way to the barn, I think a fun time was had by all.

The Grave Robbing story telling was really "grave digging, grave robbing, and body snatching." The story teller was Ed Okonowicz. The same Ed O. that spoke about drive-ins at this past DEM RG.

Late October's ExComm meeting was cancelled. It will be rescheduled, but it may occur before you read this. One of the items we will be discussing during the ExComm meeting is the Leadership Development Workshop. We still know that it will be late February or early March 2012.

Check the DEM website for our upcoming events. I don't

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think, for the moment, there are any scheduled outside the usual trivia and tea. If you have any suggestions for an event, send it our way! We'd love to have some ideas for getting together.

Have a Happy Thanksgiving!

"Never interrupt your enemy when he is making a mistake."

Napoleon Bonaparte (1769-1821)

Marc My Words

by Marc Lederman, Region 2 RVC

The last two months have been very busy for me. In September I attended an AMC meeting and the Delaware RG. In October I attended the Reno RG and the Metropolitan Washington Mensa (MWM) RG. Putting together an RG takes a lot of work and a lot of volunteers. If your group has an RG, or is considering an RG, please think about volunteering to help. If you're not the committee type, consider spending an hour or two sitting behind a registration desk or helping out in hospitality. This is a great way to help your local group and meet more members.

While in Reno, I toured the Reno AG hotel complex and began work as AG Logistics Chair. AG Hospitality is scheduled to be in the Reno Ballroom, one block away from the Silvery Legacy casino. Plans are underway for a wide variety of programming and entertainment for youths and adults. You can check the AG website <http://ag.us.mensa.org/> for the latest information on the event.

Several months ago, a member from our region wrote to me to ask about the feasibility of offering reduced membership rates for full-time, undergraduate students who are under the age of 25. I referred the question to American Mensa's Treasurer, Nick Sanford, to discuss with the Finance Committee. The Finance Committee reviewed the options for discount programs for students as per their charge to periodically review dues rates and found that such a program would not be financially feasible or be likely to result in significant membership increases for Mensa at this time.

The Mensa Foundation is proud to introduce the latest "Conversations with Mensa" podcast: "The Gaming Evolution." This 57-minute session explores the evolution of social games and the people who play them. Mensa member Gordon Walton, VP and Executive Producer at Playdom Austin, joins Dr. Mia Consalvo, Visiting Associate Profes-

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sor of Comparative Studies at MIT, to discuss Dr. Con-salvo's research with regard to the development of social interaction and communities via online gaming. The Conversation is available for listening or download at <http://www.mensafoundation.org/conversations>. The Conversations with Mensa series is also available on iTunes; search for "Mensa" via the iTunes store or visit our page directly at <http://itunes.apple.com/WebObjects/MZStore.woa/wa/viewPodcast?id=317327876>.

The AMC will be meeting December 2 - 4 in Las Vegas. A couple of weeks before the meeting you can find the

agenda for the meeting on the AML Website by clicking on the Meeting Reports quick link, and selecting the 2011-12 meeting. Please let me know if you have any comments or questions on the agenda.

The difference between 'involvement' and 'commitment' is like an eggs-and-ham breakfast: the chicken was 'involved' - the pig was 'committed'.

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Delaware Mensa Calendar

Grab your personal calendar and write down some events!

- Thur, Nov 10 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 Steve at sdm1177@yahoo.com or call (302) 832-2665.
- Sat, Nov 12 1:30 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!
- Mon, Nov 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
- Tues, Nov 15 6 to 8 pm, Happy Hour/ NTN Trivia Night at [Stewart's Brew Pub](#), Governor's Square, Route 40, Bear. **Third Tuesday of each month.** For info or to RSVP, e-mail Steve at sdm1177@yahoo.com or call (302) 832-2665.

Your event here!!

DM

Winter Solstice RG

December 16-18, 2011

Bird-in-Hand, Pennsylvania

- Enjoy a Saturday night buffet
- Two indoor pools and a large hot tub
- Plenty of shopping at more than 200 Outlets
- Free Amish Farmlands tour (inquire with the hotel when you make your reservations)
- Beer tasting session
- Chocolate orgy
- Model building presentation
- More to come!



Hotel Information:

Bird-in-Hand Family Inn
2740 Old Philadelphia Pike
Bird-in-Hand, PA 17505
(800) 537-2535

Room Rates: \$95 (SR/DR), \$105 (TR), \$115 (QR).

Reservations must be made by November 2. Mention Mensa when you make your reservation.

This hotel is completely non-smoking.

To access more information about the Inn, discover things to see and do in Bird-in-Hand, print the Solstice flyer, or to register online: <http://www.cpa.us.mensa.org/solstice.htm> .

If you wish to register by mail, send your check to Mike Durakovich at 16 Lexington Drive, Shrewsbury, PA 17361. Make your check payable to Central Pennsylvania Mensa. Include your name, mailing address, e-mail address, desired name(s) for your badge(s), and whether you are attending all weekend or only on Saturday.

Celebrations

A Happy Birthday to these Mensans :

<u>Name</u>	<u>Birthday</u>
Patrick Wayne McMahan	6-Nov
Debora Ann Jarrell	8-Nov
James Lee	11-Nov
Daniel Fried	13-Nov
Anthony J McGuire	14-Nov
James William Bishop	14-Nov
William L Halberstadt	16-Nov
Diane Richardson	19-Nov
Robert Abel MD	21-Nov
Coke L Westbrook	26-Nov
Hope S Freeman	28-Nov
Jean Lynn Armstrong	30-Nov
Nicole Perefegé	30-Nov

(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>
Sandra K Lehman	1967	Robert C Auer Jr	2003
Paul Damien Craven	1982	John W Zahradnik Jr	2003
David A Bailey	1991	Theresa A Quaintance	2003
Coralee Witham	1998	Joanne K McCarthy	2003
Chris R Anderson	1999	Maryanne P Bellman	2003
Todd Litterelle	2000	Allison O Berdoulay	2004
Chris A Quintanilla	2002	Steven Michel	2005
Thomas P Desmond	2002	Althea M Gutteridge	2006
Regina M Barry	2002	Stephen C Shisler	2007
Brian L Miller	2002	Lauren A McMillan	2008
Martha P Lankford	2002	Ian W McMahan	2008
Arnold I Caine	2002	Jeffrey E Furman	2010
Leah M Kinder	2003	Steven M McClure	2010

And a warm Delaware welcome to Katalin Haynes, who just moved to Delaware

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

By John Grover

The subject of this month's column is Kale, or "What should I do with that green stuff that is ready to harvest in my garden in the Fall". Or as my brother would say "You're not going to make me eat that green stuff are you!?" Well Bro, get over it, this stuff is good.

The wine this month is the 2009 Neprica from Tormaresca Estates Vineyards in Puglia, the heel of Italy's boot. This red wine gains its name, "Neprica", from a blend of the Nergoamaro, Primitivo and Cabernet Sauvignon grapes. This combination of grapes produces a wine full of dark berry and black cherry flavors to the point you might even call it "jammy". But, it is also dry enough and has a clean lightly tannic finish that is just right for the Italian red sauce dishes that Americans love. This wine is a real deal selling for between \$8 and \$11 a bottle.



Kale and Sausage Ragu (Adapted from a recipe in a recent issue of "Rachael Ray Every Day". While Rachael is a little too perky for a grumpy old geezer like me, the lady can cook and her web site and magazine have excellent recipes.)

Ingredients: 1 lb rigatoni or penne pasta; ½ lb Italian sausage (real meat eaters might go for a whole pound); ½ cup sliced shallots; 12 cups stemmed kale strips; ½ cup white wine; a 15 oz can of pink or white (Cannellini) beans; 1

lemon; and ½ cup grated Parma style cheese.

Cook pasta; drain, reserving 1 cup of the pasta water. Brown sausage in a large skillet; reserve. Add shallots to skillet; cook two minutes. Add kale, wine and one cup of water; simmer for 15 minutes. Stir in pasta, beans, 1tbsp of lemon juice, sausage, cheese and ¾ cup of cooking water. When serving top with extra cheese and lemon zest. This dish should serve six and can easily be cut in half.

Cooking note: For my friends, who do not eat red meat, you can substitute the pork sausage with a chicken or turkey based sausage.

I hope that you will contact me with your comments, suggestions and favorite wines at jgrover@berk.com. I will be happy to share them with the broader Mensa group.

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Computer Haiku

Wind catches lily
scatt'ring petals to the wind:
segmentation fault

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10 <small>Full Moon</small> Happy Hour/NTN Trivia Night-Newark	11 Veterans Day	12 A Proper Afternoon Tea
13	14 Lunch Bunch	15 Happy Hour/NTN Trivia Night-Bear	16	17	18	19
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