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EXCOMMunication - October, 2008

By: Maria Sawczuk, Local Secretary

Wow! Our second annual Regional Gathering was a huge success! Thanks to all our speakers, volunteers and everyone who came out. We had 74 attendees – a 20% increase over last year! The talks were amazing, Todd Chappelle was entertaining, the weather cleared up for the outdoor concert, and the camaraderie could not be beat! If you missed it this year, please be on the lookout for next year's event.

Do you know anyone who might be interested in joining? Delaware Mensa will be participating in Mensa Testing Day is on October 18th. We will be holding a test session in Hockessin that morning. Please tell your friends and family to sign up! If the date or location is inconvenient, please let us know, as we test just about every month, and in all three counties.

Have an idea for an event? Just let me know and we can make it happen! All ideas are welcome – if you're interested in it, chances are you are not alone!

If you enjoy everything Delaware Mensa has to offer, please consider volunteering. We could use help with a few positions, and I promise we won't take more than an hour or two of your time each month. We need testing proctors, a downstate coordinator, an assistant newsletter editor, and contributors to the newsletter. Please consider helping us out.

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From the Editor

September was a busy month for Delaware Mensa, and for your editor. As a result, the September issue of DelaMensa never quite got out, and at least one member noticed. Sorry about that, I'll try not to let it happen again.

If you are wondering how you can help, there are a couple of ways. 1. Write something—an article about anything of interest to a Mensan (hint: you're a Mensan, so that's anything that interests you. Especially our local events.) 2. We need help getting the paper newsletter put together and mailed. 3. Volunteer to be the assistant editor. (I don't know just what that would entail—we'll have to work that out.)

Coming Events

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2008 - Games Day in Trolley Square

Games Day returns to Wilmington, thanks to your hosts, Jim and Steph Lee! Bring a snack (and a game if you wish) for an afternoon of gaming with fellow Mensans. We have plenty of games available for your enjoyment, including: Carcassone, Alhambra, Blokus, Lost Cities, Citadel, Tigris and Euphrates, Settlers of Catan, Pass the Bomb, Loot!, Boggle, Articulate, etc.

DATE: Saturday, October 11, 2008

TIME: 1:00 – 5:00 p.m.

PLACE: Jim and Steph Lee's House, Trolley Square area, Wilmington (please RSVP for address and directions) To RSVP, e-mail Jim at lee-advisor@operamail.com or call 302-562-5132.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2006 - MENSA TESTING DAY

Do you know someone you think would qualify for Mensa? Have them sign up to take our admission test during Mensa Testing Day. Delaware Mensa will be testing at the Hockessin Library.

DATE: Saturday, October 18, 2006

TIME: 10:00 a.m.

PLACE: Hockessin Public Library, Route 41, Hockessin To sign up to take the admission test, e-mail Nicole at nicoleperefegesq@verizon.net or call 302-575-1399.



Delaware Mensa held its second annual Regional Gathering on September 12 to 14, 2008. The theme, in case you weren't there, was Language, in all its forms.

The first year went so well that it was too much to hope we would match it. But we not only matched it, we topped the total attendance by 20 percent.

All of the talks were well attended, and most were standing room only. We had talks on sign language, on flower language, on Television language, on English language, and even on learning a new language. We had a couple of sessions where the speaker couldn't be there, and even those were full.

We had a hospitality suite with food and snacks around the clock (although the pickings did get a little slim around 4 a.m. We'll try to improve on that next year, and welcome any comments.

Then there was musical entertainment, with Todd Chappelle by the pool, Saturday evening.

We even made a profit!! (financial report in a future issue) The one thing we didn't have was a photographer taking pictures of the event. If you have any good snapshots of the RG, please share them with us, for the website, and maybe a future newsletter article. And make your plans to be there next year!

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

By John Grover

This column will return to the joys of our recent Italian experience. While no modern nation state can claim to have invented cooking, Italy is certainly among the leaders in the competition for those who have perfected it. One of the stops in our sojourn to Florence was the Cordon Bleu Cooking School (*Scuola di Arte Culinaria Cordon Bleu*). The school is run by several charming young ladies who helped our fellow tour participants prepare dinner for the evening. As continuing proof that the simplest foods can be the best, we will focus on the basic bread appetizer, the *crostini* (called *fettunta* in Tuscany) and its many forms.

This month's wine is the 2007 Palazzone Orvieto from Azienda Agricola Palazzone located in the province of Umbria. This fruity white wine offers several layers of flavor including pear, apple and peach with a bit of lingering nut. It is refreshing and crisp across the palate, perfect as an aperitif or with seafood and lighter dishes. It blends the juice of five different grapes traditional to Orvieto wine including Procanico, Grechetto, Verdello, Drupeggio and Malvasia. A high quality and complex wine like this is a real bargain for around \$10 a bottle.

Bell Pepper Crostini (adapted from "Mediterranean Cooking" by Gabriella Mari, Christina Blasi, Carla Bardi, Rosalba Gioffre, Marta Busquets Net and McRae Books Srl, published by Readers Digest Association, 2005)

First, let's start with a basic Crostini or Fettunta. Take eight pieces of Tuscan or peasant bread and

toast it on your grill or in your oven until golden brown. Rub each slice of toast all over using a large peeled garlic clove (two cloves should be sufficient). Arrange the toasted bread on a serving plate. Season with salt and pepper, and drizzle with extra virgin olive oil. And, already you have produced a most pleasing appetizer. But let's take this a step further with the wonderful bell pepper recipe.

Ingredients: 1 red bell pepper, 1 yellow bell pepper, 1 garlic clove finely chopped, 4 basil leaves torn, 2 tbsp. pitted black olives coarsely chopped, 1/4 cup extra virgin olive oil, salt and freshly ground pepper. The writer's recommend firm textured bread, such as a French baguette or Italian ciabatta, sliced and toasted.

Grill or roast the bell peppers whole in the oven, until the skins are blackened, turning as needed. After roasting, wrap them in a paper bag and let them cool for 5 minutes; then remove the skins and seeds. Slice the bell peppers into small thin strips and place into a bowl. Add the garlic, basil, olives, olive oil, salt and pepper and marinate in the refrigerator for 4 hours. Spread the bell pepper mixture on the freshly toasted bread and serve. (For my truly lazy {or efficient} bachelor friends, you can buy roasted peppers in a jar.)

I hope that you will contact me with your comments and favorite wines at 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.

Celebrations

As of August 31, we had 166 members

A Happy Birthday to these Mensans :

<u>Name</u>	<u>Birthday</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Birthday</u>
William Bialk	9/12	Leah Kinder	10/8
Henry Milligan	9/16	Curtis Smith	10/10
Karl Boettcher	9/17	Andrew Trachtman	10/11
Paul Stitik II	9/17	Steven Michel	10/12
Anthony Eros	9/20	Richard Dillard	10/16
Lorelei Hunt	9/22	Franklin Ward	10/16
Richard Hartland	9/23	Barbara Lavelle	10/20
Frederick Bryner	9/27	Michael McQuade	10/21
Coralee Witham	9/27	Keith Johnson	10/21
		Arnold Caine	10/24
		Jason Nomura	10/25
		Jack Varsalona	10/29
		Kari Goral	10/30
		Brian Miller	10/30

(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:

<u>September</u>	<u>Member since:</u>
Paul Thompson	1977
Richard Dillard	1981
George Daly	1987
Maria Sawczuk	1999
Jodi Walker	2003 (5 YEARS!)
Nicole Perefegé	2005
Jacob Weyer	2005
Ed Fuska	2007
Lucien Jacquet	2007

<u>October</u>	<u>Member since:</u>
William Bialk	1970
Francis Gribbon	1976
William Mace	1980
Patricia Lehman	1982
John Kurpjuweit	1983 (25 YEARS!)
Franklin Ward	1984
Beverly Williams	1984
Paul Sedoti	1986
Barbara Sikora	1986
Jean Armstrong	1989
Holly Hillson	1992
Christopher Shelley	2002
Andrew Trachtman	2003 (5 YEARS!)
Geoffrey Weyer	2004
David Brady	2007
Michael Landmann	2007
Derek Underwood	2007

A warm Delaware Mensa welcome to New Members:

Alison Fielo-Worth of Wilmington
Benjamin Sussan of Newark
Jordan Bills of Wilmington
Karen Kinkel of Newark

Reinstating Members Gregory Moore of Newark and
Lloyd Teitsworth, Jr. of Landenberg PA

and Derek Underwood, who moved to Wilmington
from Royal Oak, MI

The tumultuous populace of large cities are ever to be dreaded. Their indiscriminate violence prostrates for the time all public authority, and its consequences are sometimes extensive and terrible.

George Washington

Consult not your fears but your hopes and your dreams. Think not about your frustrations, but about your unfulfilled potential. Concern yourself not with what you tried and failed in, but with what it is still possible for you to do.

Pope John XXIII

Member in the News!

Jacob Weyer, one of our youngest members, is performing in the *The Music Man* at the Candlelight Theater in Arden. <http://www.newcandlelighttheatre.com/>. The show runs from 11/8/08 to 12/21/08

Jacob Weyer (Chorus) is delighted to be in his first show at the New Candlelight! He is in 6th grade at the Tatnall School in Wilmington. Jacob has performed in several pillow plays at the Wilmington Drama League. He has also been a member of the Junior Competition Tap Team and Jazz Ensemble for his dance studio. Jacob loves to tap dance and play the flute, and has traveled with People To People. He has won awards in national science competitions and is one of the youngest members of Mensa, International in Delaware. "Thanks to the entire company for helping me debut here!"

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

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.

PLACE: Buffalo Wild Wings, Sunset Station Shopping Center, Route 40, **Bear**. To RSVP, e-mail Maria at legal-ady@magpage.com or call 302-893-5118.

SECOND MONDAY Downtown Lunch Bunch

The Delaware Mensa LunchBunch will meet from about 11:45 to 1:15 at ED OLIVER HOUSE. Formerly the Terrace at Greenhill, the restaurant is located at ED "Porky" OLIVER Golf Club, 800 N. DuPont Road, Wilmington. 302-571-9041. Meet us there for lunch and stimulating conversation.

There is plenty of parking, and it's not too far from downtown. (**Second Monday of each month**)

For further information, contact Dee Richardson, 302-892-2299, busydeee@comcast.net

TUESDAY, October 21, 2008: DOWNSTATE DOWN - Dining Out With Nerds

Come out and support our newest monthly event – Downstate DOWN – Dining Out With Nerds. Leah Kinder will pick a different ethnic restaurant each month. Broaden your culinary horizons, share some stories, and have fun with your fellow Mensans.

DATE: Tuesday, Oct 21, 2008

TIME: 6:00 pm

PLACE: La Tonalteca (Mexican) Restaurant, 245 S. DuPont Hwy, Dover, 302-735-1572. To RSVP: e-mail Leah at bluepointjive@gmail.com, or call 302-222-2357. (**WE MUST HAVE AN RSVP IF YOU PLAN TO ATTEND THIS EVENT!**)

NEW EVENT—Monthly Photo Tour

Exercise your inner shutterbug! Each month we'll visit a photo location. Help/advice on both technical/camera issues and content/framing will be available if desired. Watch the Yahoo group for an announcement of the next tour.

DATE: TBD PLACE: New and exciting every month
RSVP: Walter Crowe, saghost1976@yahoo.com, 302-494-6826

Delaware Mensa Calendar

Grab your personal calendar and write down some events!

Wed, Oct 1	6 to 8 pm, Downstate Happy Hour/ NTN Trivia, at Buffalo Wild Wings, 680 South Bay Rd, Dover. It worked so well we're holding it twice a month. First Wednesday of each month we'll be in Dover. To RSVP, e-mail Leah at bluepointjive@gmail.com .
Sat, Oct 11	Games Day at Trolley Square. At Jim and Steph Lee's House, Trolley Square area, Wilmington (please RSVP for address and directions) To RSVP, e-mail Jim at lee-advisor@operamail.com , or call 302-562-5132.
Mon, Oct 13	11:30—? Downtown Lunch Bunch meet at the Ed Oliver House, at the Golf club, 800 N DuPont Rd, Wilmington, for lunch and stimulating conversation. (Second Monday) Info: Dee Richardson at 302-892-2299
Tues, Oct 21	6:00 to pm, Downstate DOWN (Dining Out With Nerds). La Tonalteca (Mexican) Restaurant, 245 S. DuPont Hwy, Dover. RSVP with Leah at bluepointjive@gmail.com , or call 302-222-2357
Wed, Oct 15	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 legal-ady@magpage.com or call 302-893-5118.
Sat, Oct 18	Mensa Testing Day!! 10:00 a.m. PLACE: Hockessin Public Library, Route 41, Hockessin To sign up to take the admission test, e-mail Nicole at nicoleperefegeesq@verizon.net or call 302-575-1399
Sat, Maybe	Monthly Photo Tour. Exercise your inner shutterbug - RSVP to Walter Crowe, saghost1976@yahoo.com , 302-494-6826

Top 10 Smartest TV Shows of All Time

Posted on FoxNews.com, 19 February 2008

Jim Werdell, chairman of Mensa International, selected the shows after being posed the question by Fancast.com.

"They weren't pure comedy, mystery or action," Werdell said. "They tended to be shows that dealt with issues in the world, and from my perspective that's considered smart. Some sitcoms reach a higher level of intellect than others, and you can say the same about some of the dramas. The stories may be cliché, but the characters and dialogue are smarter."

Here's the list with Werdell's comments:

1. "M*A*S*H" – It had smart repartee and was so much more than a comedy.
2. "Cosmos" (with Carl Sagan) – Sagan was able to communicate something extremely complicated to the layman and do it well, and that's unusual for a scientist at his level.
3. "CSI" — The way they use science to solve their programs is intriguing to viewers.
4. "House" – Again, it's high level type of show; it's the personality that makes it a winner, plus it deals with science.

5. "West Wing" – You had to pay attention to stay up with it. The repartee was fast and furious and you needed a fairly high level intelligence to keep up with it.

6. "Boston Legal" – It's primarily because of the characters. The story lines are okay, but the characters are incredible and the writers give them great dialogue.

7. "All in the Family" – The show dealt with social issues before its time and was on the forefront of trying to show people's feelings, beliefs and the complexities of personality, in both a serious and comedic way.

8. "Frasier" – The repartee was sensational; the main characters were very good. Even though they portrayed people who were likely of high intelligence, they also showed their weaknesses.

9. "Mad About You" – It's a personal favorite, I loved the characters and the back and forth. It was very smart.

10. "Jeopardy" – It's about the only game show that really tries to test people's intelligence. There's very little luck involved, and there are few game shows like that. I don't watch it all that much honestly, but from what I've seen it tests more than knowledge, it tests intelligence too.

Notes from National

Mensa Testing Day

Mensa Testing Day is just around the corner - 18 Oct 2008.

See Mensa on "60 Minutes"

As many of you know, Lesley Stahl of "60 Minutes" attended the Annual Gathering and filmed for an upcoming story. At this time, we do not know the exact date the story will air, but her producers have indicated that it will be this fall. Watch the AMLNewsFlash elist for updates.

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National Slate of Officers

In accordance with the Bylaws and ASIEs of American Mensa, the National Nominating Committee (NomComm) has received Candidate Information Forms (CIFs) from members interested in running for national and regional office, has met with a number of potential candidates at

the AG, and has received additional information from them. At this time, after careful consideration, the Nominating Committee forwards the following names to the Election Committee and to the AMC as approved candidates. I would like to thank the hard-working members of the National Nominating Committee for their time and effort. — Susan Heimlich, Chair, National Nominating Committee

Don't forget to vote.

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Nick Sanford

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RVC-7

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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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