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EXCOMMunications - June 2010

By: Maria Sawczuk, Local Secretary

Our fourth annual Regional Gathering was a huge success! I loved the new location, and the hotel was very friendly and accommodating. Thanks to all our speakers, volunteers and everyone who came out. We had twice as many attendees as last year! The talks were amazing (who's getting a team together for Punkin' Chunkin'?), Todd Chappelle was entertaining as always, and old and new friends connected. If you missed it this year, please be on the lookout for next year's event. I think Ben's already putting the plans together!

Do you know anyone who might be interested in joining? Delaware Mensa will be participating in Mensa Testing Day is on October 16th. We will be holding a test session at the Brandywine Hundred Library on Foulk Road in Wilmington. Please have your friends and family contact Nicole at 302-345-9526 to sign up! If the date or location is inconvenient, let Nicole know what will work for you, 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

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make it happen! All ideas are welcome – if you're interested in it, chances are you are not alone!

If you are new to Mensa, think about coming out to an event. I know it's daunting in the beginning, because you don't know anyone, but that will change in no time! We are a welcoming bunch, and I think you'll enjoy yourself and meet new friends. Give us a try, get out, and enjoy everything Delaware Mensa has to offer!

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NEWS FROM NATIONAL

Celebrate the 50th anniversary of Mensa in North America!

In September 1960, early American Mensan Peter A. Sturgeon and his wife Ines hosted the founding meeting of the first Mensa regional group in North America at their home in New York City. Fifty years later, American Mensa has almost 60,000 members nationwide, Mensa Canada also flourishes, and a new national Mensa in Mexico is growing rapidly. We have a lot to celebrate!

Events are taking place around the country at the local and regional level; one of the largest celebrations was the Saturday night gala at the Annual Gathering in July. Contact your Local Group to see what's being planned, or take the initiative and volunteer to plan something! Groups can also petition for an official proclamation to be issued in their area; some examples are posted on our Web site — check out the 50th anniversary article in the Bulletin for information.

It's not too late to participate; to get a copy of the American Mensa Proclamation Guide, email monica@americanmensa.org.

Got a free weekend? Spend it with Mensa!

Around the country, fall is the most wonderful time of year for getting out and playing with your fellow Mensans! From Northern Nevada to Tidewater (Va.), and from Maine to North Texas, Mensa's Local Groups are planning RGs and LDWs that are just what you're looking for. Newly organized events, venerated traditions, three opportunities for Halloween and one for the Thanksgiving break — American Mensa's events calendar has it all through the end of the year. Search or filter the list, or get more information on specific events, at www.us.mensa.org/calendar and hone in on your weekend getaway!

Coming soon: the *Events Register*, an e-newsletter focusing on American Mensa's events from coast to coast! Look for more information later on this new member service.

2011 Nominating Committee results

In accordance with the Bylaws and ASIEs of American Mensa, the National Nominating Committee has received CIFs from members interested in running for national and regional office, has met with a number of potential candi-

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

Marc My Words

by Marc Lederman, Region 2 RVC

Mensa Testing Day is scheduled for October 16, though groups may test between October 2 and October 31 to participate. I'm extremely pleased to see all ten groups in Region 2 participate this year. Testing numbers are down this year compared to last year and we need to test as many prospects as possible in the upcoming months. Not only does increased testing lead to an increase in membership, but local groups make \$15 for every candidate they test.

If you read the August Mensa Bulletin, and looked for information on our Region's upcoming RGs, you probably noticed that there were fewer listings than in the past. The Bulletin only listed RGs through October, and the next issue does the same. So this year it is more important than ever that we spread the word throughout the newsletters and websites of Region 2.

Tidewater Mensa will be presenting their 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. This year they will have dual speaker tracks and a room and activities track for kids. Before you leave for home on Sunday, be sure to check out their media swap. It is a great way to get rid of some old books, CDs, DVDs, and video tapes, and bring home some new ones.

Central Pennsylvania Mensa will be presenting their Winter Solstice RG, December 10-12, in Bird-in-Hand, Pennsylvania. This gathering is centered around food and games, rather than speakers. This year features a beer tasting session, a chocolate orgy, a Saturday night buffet, a very confusing gift exchange, and a free tour of the Amish Farmlands. They will have several dozen Mensa Mind Games caliber games on hand in the game room.

If you've gone to one of these RGs before, you know what fun they are. If you haven't yet gone to one, make this the year you check them out.

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

By John Grover

Various family obligations, concerns and celebrations over the past few months have found us traveling frequently along the NYS Thruway to Western New York. The most recent trip gave us the opportunity to make a quick side trip down the west side of Cayuga Lake. There we discovered not only delightful wines, but another example of the extraordinary cuisine that the Finger Lakes region is becoming known for.

The Finger Lakes have received world-wide recognition for its Rieslings. This month we are comparing three distinctly different wines made from that same grape. And, somehow, I would like to say each one is better than the next. (Wow! Is that even logically possible?) The first is the 2008 Dry Riesling from Swedish Hill Vineyard. This wine has the nice floral nose and rich fruit of melon and pear common to the Riesling grape. But, it is placed into a class of its own by the steely dry minerals and long finish reminiscent of the great white food wines of France and Germany. This wine is available for \$16 a bottle at the winery. An additional 15% is taken off for buying a case.

The second wine is the 2009 Dry Riesling from Hosmer Winery. This wine is one of our long time favorites exhibiting brilliant tastes of apple, peach and citrus. It is made distinct and more complex by the clear spice and floral notes in the taste and nose. This wine is fine as an aperitif or with Indian or Asian cuisines. It is available for \$13 a bottle at the winery. It becomes a super deal when you take off the 15% discount on a case.

The third wine is the 2008 Riesling from Sheldrake Point Vineyard. This sweeter version of a Riesling (3.6% residual sugar) offers absolutely luscious tastes of honey,

peaches, pears and tropical fruit. The words that could describe this wine include: complex, rich, full and round; but, I like the term "luxurious". It is available for \$15 a bottle at the winery. And, the 20% discount for purchasing 12 bottles supports Grover's Law of Acquisition – "Buy by the Case".

Classic Pate' (contributed by Chef Samantha Izzo-Buyskes of the Simply Red Bistro at Sheldrake Point Vineyard and Latourelle Resort and Spa. A visit to this restaurant is in itself worth the trip.)

Ingredients: 2 tbsp butter, 2 tbsp oil, 2oz slab bacon cut into chunks, 3 large Shallots peeled and sliced, 8oz chicken livers, 1tsp each salt and pepper, ¼ cup heavy cream, ¼ cup currants, ¼ cup pitted dates, ½ cup melted butter

In a medium sized pan over medium heat melt the butter and oil. Add in the bacon and shallots and caramelize. Add in the chicken livers and sauté 5 minutes. Add in the salt and pepper, currants and dates sauté 5 more minutes. The liver should still be pink. Remove the pan and allow to cool. In a food processor blend mixture with the heavy cream until smooth. Spread into a dish, top with melted butter and allow to setup in the fridge. Serve with pickled onions, hard-boiled egg, whole grain mustard and baguette.

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 161 members.

A Happy Birthday to these Mensans :

<u>Name</u>	<u>Birthday</u>
Thom Hawkins	9/3
William Bialk	9/12
Henry Milligan	9/16
Karl Boettcher	9/17
Paul Stitik, II	9/17
Po Shan Cheah	9/18
Anthony Eros	9/20
Lorelei Hunt	9/22
Richard Hartland	9/23
Frederick Bryner	9/27
Coralee Witham	9/27
Julie-Anne Gatti	9/29
James Masotti	9/29
Theodore Leach	10/7
Leah Kinder	10/8
Jennifer Johnson	10/9
Andrew Trachtman	10/11
Steven Michel	10/12
Richard Dillard	10/16
Michael McQuade	10/21
Jason Nomura	10/25
Joyce Stevenson	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>Name</u>	<u>Member since:</u>
<i>September</i>	
Richard Dillard	1981
George Daly	1987
Maria Sawczuk	1999
Jodi Walker	2003
Nicole Perefegé	2005 (5 YEARS!!)
Jacob Weyer	2005 (5 YEARS!!)
Leon Powell, II	2008
Po Shan Cheah	2009
Daniel Fried	2009
Susan Irwin	2009
Theodore Leach	2009
<i>October</i>	
William Bialk	1970 (40 YEARS!!!)
Francis Gribbon	1976
William Mace	1980 (30 YEARS!!!)
Patricia Lehman	1982
John Kurpjuweit	1983
Franklin Ward	1984
Beverly Williams	1984
Paul Sedoti	1986
Barbara Sikora	1986
Jean Armstrong	1989
Andrew Trachtman	2003
Geoffrey Weyer	2004
David Brady	2007
Michael Landmann	2007
Richard Eckerd	2009

And a warm Delaware Mensa welcome to:

Reinstating Member Steve Kaess of Wyncote, PA; and

New members Catherine Scherer of Hockessin, Gregory May, Jr. of Wilmington, and Joseph McCain of Wilmington

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dates 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:

Chair

Elissa Rudolph

1st Vice Chair

Dan Burg
Robin Crawford
Cookie Bakke

2nd Vice Chair

John Recht
Lori Norris

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Heather Poirier

Treasurer

Cyndi Kuyper
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RVC 2

Marc Lederman

RVC 3

Betsy Mark

RVC 4

Ken Silver

RVC 5

Bob Cox

RVC 6

Roger Durham
James Franzen

RVC 7

Peggy Panke-Smith
VeraLouise Kleinfeld Pfeiffer

RVC 8

Debra Reiger

RVC 9

Clark Jones
Joan Johnson

RVC 10

Mel Dahl

TREASURERS REPORT (as of June 30th)

DELAWARE MENSA
 Treasurer's Report
 For the six months ending 30 June 2010

Balance on Hand 30 December 2009		\$3,927.78
Income:	Local Group Funding	\$979.08
	Test Revenue	\$15.00
	Lapsed member mailing supple-	\$6.00
	New member supplement	\$2.00
	Corporate subscriptions (AML)	\$3.90
	Private Subscription to Dela-	\$0.00
Total "ordinary" income		\$1,005.98
Extraordinary income (loss) from RG		\$0.00
Total Income:		\$1,005.98
Total Funds Available		\$4,933.76
Expenses:	Printing Newsletter	\$379.94
	Mailing Newsletter	\$300.25
	PO Box rental (Scholarship ex-	\$0.00
	Lapsed member mailing	\$0.00
	Culture Quest fee	\$40.00
	Speaker dinner	\$0.00
Total Expenses		\$720.19
Balance on Hand 30 June 2010		\$4,213.57

In an effort to make our Treasurer's Report transparent, I've left "markers" for some income and expense items (those with \$0.00) that are not present during this period, but which will undoubtedly come into play again. This was a fairly quiet period, financially-speaking.

Dee Richardson

"Facts are the enemy of truth."

Don Quixote - "Man of La Mancha"

"I'm living so far beyond my income that we may almost be said to be living apart."

e e cummings (1894-1962)

"Plough deep, while sluggards sleep, and you shall have corn to sell and to keep."

Benjamin Franklin (1706-1790)



I don't get it. I shower three times a day, and I still smell like a wet dog!

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). **Currently on hiatus.** Call if you would like to 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

{Maybe next month} 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.

Computer Haiku

No keyboard present.
Hit F1 to continue.
One hand claps loudly.

Windows has now crashed.
I am the Blue Screen of Death.
No one hears your screams.

Delaware Mensa Calendar

Grab your personal calendar and write down some events!

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| Mon, Oct 11 | 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, Oct 14 | 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. |
| Sat Oct 16 | Mensa Testing Day , Brandywine Hundred Library on Foulk Road in Wilmington. Anyone interested in testing should contact Nicole at 302-345-9526 to sign up. Other dates and times are available by appointment! |
| Wed, Oct 20 | 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. |

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.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3 Afternoon Tea	4	5	6	7 New Moon	8	9
10	11 Columbus Day Lunch Bunch	12	13	14 Happy Hour/ NTN Trivia Night	15	16 Mensa Testing Day
17	18	19	20 Happy Hour/ NTN Trivia Night	21	22 Full Moon	23 DelaMensa Deadline
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31 Halloween						