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Steve's Corner

By Steve Michel

The RG is right around the corner! The “Superstition” themed RG program list should be final now. We have Hot Breakfast (the duo group, not the meal) and Todd Chappelle on Friday night, along with a special presentation by Mangesh Hattikudur, the co-founder of Mental Floss magazine. Saturday brings us four sessions: Ed O. will have a presentation on superstition, Maria is going to share her experiences and photos from Cuba, author Barbara Anne Rose is going to present on faith, and Cam Smart, our RVC, will host a chat and a meet-and-greet. All RG details can be found on the DM website at <http://delaware.us.mensa.org/rq13.htm>. Unfortunately, by the time you read this, the discount rate will have expired. But whatever the rate is, it is a great deal.

Also as a reminder, if you know someone that lives upstate that may be interested in testing for Mensa, we will be conducting a test after the RG at the Crowne Plaza at 12:00.

As mentioned last month, this is a request to anyone that wants to contribute to the newsletter to send your photos to the newsletter editor to be included next month. Send the images to editor@delaware.us.mensa.org. These can be images of anything (that is G-Rated) and taken by you. The number of entries received will determine how many – if any - images appear in each newsletter. A few words about the image or what it means to you (maximum 500 words, please) would be great. If, in the rare instance, you want to remain anonymous, just say so in the message.

Football season is about to kick-off too (sorry for the pun). Are you participating in a fantasy football league? Maybe you want to set one up for Delaware Mensa?

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Don't forget we have a Yahoo! Group as well as a Facebook group. Feel free to join either or both, if you didn't already, and participate in a conversation or three.

As always, if you have an idea for a program / gathering / event, we'd love to hear about it! We currently have a Monday lunch, Tuesday trivia and a Saturday afternoon tea. We've had people host games day in their home (the only requirement is that you have a home to host it – but light refreshments are appreciated) and used to have a philosophical discussion session as well. If someone wants to coordinate an outing to somewhere – anywhere – you are welcome to, also (last year we had a tour at the Dover Air Force Base). The earlier it is scheduled the better so that word can get out and the DM website can be updated. Any assistance you would care to provide would be welcome. For all event details, please visit the DM website at <http://delaware.us.mensa.org/events.htm>.

“The root of all superstition is that men observe when a thing hits, but not when it misses.”

Francis Bacon

Final Shameless RG Pitch

Our Regional Gathering is later this month, and in case you are on the fence about whether to attend, here are a few highlights:

Friday night, a presentation by Mangesh Hattikudur, co-founder of [mental_floss](http://mentalfloss.com) magazine. That will be followed by the “moderately funny music” of [Todd Chappelle](#), and also Delaware's premier acoustic dork rock power duo, [Hot Breakfast](#).

Saturday, we have four speakers lined up, followed by Karaoke on Saturday night. Check the Delaware Mensa

website for the latest schedule.

As always, we'll have a 24 hour hospitality room with snacks, a games room where you can play our games or bring your own, lunch and dinner provided on Saturday, and free breakfast from the hotel.

A Gathering is the quintessential Mensa activity; an immersion in the culture with opportunities for social, educational, and playful activities. If you haven't been to one, you should give it a try. If you have, you're probably already signed up.

Celebrations

Congratulations, and a Happy Mensaversary to these members who celebrate their Mensa anniversary this month:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Years of membership:</u>
Richard T Dillard	32
Maria Aprile Sawczuk	14
Jodi L Walker	10
Jacob Weyer	8
Susan Irwin	4
Daniel Fried	4
Deborah Munson	3
Shirin Skovronski	3
Douglas Alan Hyde	2
Pamela Lee Hyde	2

A Happy Birthday to these Mensans :

<u>Name</u>	<u>Birthday</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Birthday</u>
Roy V Jackson	4-Sep	James E Bradley	21-Sep
William Charles Meyer	11-Sep	Lorelei Hunt	22-Sep
William F Bialk	12-Sep	Gerald E Lenis	22-Sep
Henry Milligan	16-Sep	Richard Joseph Hartland	23-Sep
Paul G Stitik II	17-Sep	David Lee Sechler	26-Sep
Karl Boettcher	17-Sep	Coralee Witham	27-Sep
Anthony Eros	20-Sep	Frederick W Bryner	27-Sep

(And also to those who don't wish to have their birthdays published)

And a warm Delaware welcome to new members
Douglas D Manley and William H Cobb, of Newark, and Michael Herring, of Wilmington;
and a hearty welcome back to reinstating member Theodore William Leach, of New Castle

Men become superstitious, not because they have too much imagination, but because they are not aware that they have any.

GEORGE SANTAYANA

Superstition is a part of the very being of humanity; and when we fancy that we are banishing it altogether, it takes refuge in the strangest nooks and corners, and then suddenly comes forth again, as soon as it believes itself at all safe.

JOHANN WOLFGANG VON GOETHE

Delaware Mensa Calendar

Grab your personal calendar and write down some events!

- Wed, Sept 4 6 to 8 pm, Games Night, at Traders Cove, Penn's Place, 206 Delaware St, Old New Castle. [Not a Mensa event] **First Wednesday of each month.** Bring a game, or just join the group. For info, e-mail Maria at legalady@magpage.com or call 302-893-5118.
- Mon, Sept 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
- Tues, Sept 10 6 to 8 pm, Happy Hour/ NTN Trivia Night at [Stewart's Brew Pub](#), Governor's Square, Route 40, Bear. **Now the Second Tuesday of each month.** For info or to RSVP, e-mail Steve at sdm1177@yahoo.com or call (302) 832-2665.
- Sept 20-22 **DM/DVM REGIONAL GATHERING**, starting 3 pm Friday, Crowne Plaza hotel on Naamans Rd, Claymont. See page 3 for details.
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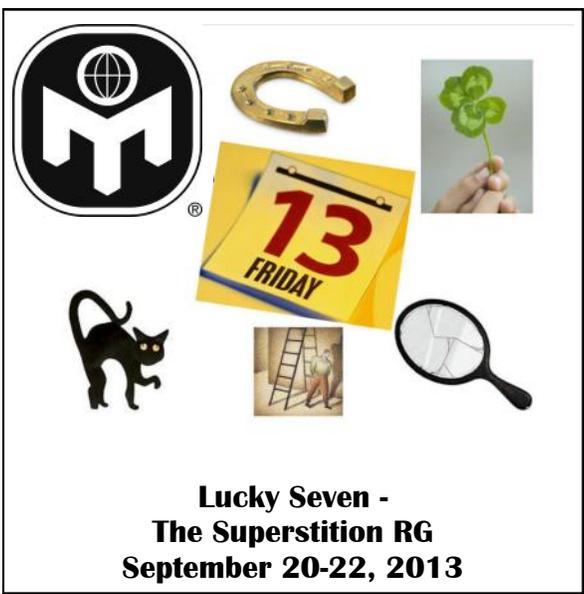
Your event here!!

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LUCKY SEVEN - THE SUPERSTITION RG

Delaware and Delaware Valley Mensas

September 20 to 22, 2013



What's my lucky number? What causes bad luck and how can I avoid it? How can I predict the future? People have looked for ways to make sense of the seemingly random events around them forever. We can't promise we will answer any of those questions, but we'll have fun trying.

Join us for Delaware Mensa's seventh annual Regional Gathering, and the first joint effort with Delaware Valley Mensa, in Claymont Delaware, just across the line from Philadelphia. We'll have food and music (Todd Chapelle and Hot Breakfast will be there Friday) and more food and more music (Karaoke on Saturday night), and a speaker track exploring the world of superstition. And don't forget the games - play ours or bring your own favorites.

This is the nicest hotel we have had for an RG - we just need you to make it the luckiest one ever.

RG Registration fees:

- ◆ Registration: \$75 (Sat only \$65)
- ◆ Rooms are \$89 - make your reservation at
**Crowne Plaza -
 Claymont DE
 630 Naamans Rd
 Claymont, DE 19703
 302-792-2700**

Tell them you are with Delaware Mensa!

Register online at www.delaware.us.mensa/rg13.htm, and pay with PayPal. Or, mail the registration form, below.

-----Detach and send with registration-----
*Make checks payable to: Delaware Mensa. Send registration form and checks to:
 Jen Johnson, Registrar, 209 W 21st Street, Wilmington DE 19802
 For more information, or to register online go to www.delaware.us.mensa.org/rg13.htm !*

Name: _____ Local Group: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Number of people registering: _____ Amount included: _____

Name(s) on badge(s): _____

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
1	2	3	4 Games Night at Trader's Cove	5	6 New Moon	7 Afternoon Tea	
8	9 Lunch Bunch	10 Happy Hour/NTN Trivia Night-Bear	11	12	13	14	
15	16	17	18	19 Full Moon	20-21 REGIONAL GATHERING		
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