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Steve's Corner

By Steve Michel

There is still time left to vote for or against the revised Delaware Mensa by-laws. If you missed the ballot in February's newsletter, you can get a copy of it in the newsletter on-line, or you can vote with the form on-line and submit either via e-mail.

As I type this, about half of March Madness is over. If you're following or created a bracket, I'm sure you must be pretty surprised at some of the results, especially in the West. And who would have thought two Philadelphia area teams would do so relatively well?

Spring has sprung, but apparently the thermometer didn't get the memo. I'm not complaining – it's just prolonging the inevitable (that would be the yard work).

Are you aware that we have a Yahoo! Group where we post reminders about events and occasionally have conversations? To sign up for the Yahoo! Group, access the DM website, go to the Members page, and submit a request using the tiny form on the right.

Did you know we have a Facebook page where we also post reminders about events and occasionally have conversations (actually, I'm not sure if the FB wall has had a conversation yet...)? Do a search for Delaware Mensa

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and submit a request to become a member and one of the administrators will approve you.

Do you receive the newsletter electronically? I know some people like having the paper copy so they can take it with them and read it wherever they are. But do you know how much it costs for that privilege? There is the cost of the paper and, now, increasingly, the postage. The electronic version can be read on most devices as it is just a PDF file.

For the next couple of months, we still don't have too many ancillary activities planned other than the usual lunch bunch, trivia and tea. If you would like to participate in, host, or suggest some sort of social gather, please feel free to let me or any member of the ExComm know.

Marc My Words

by Marc Lederman, Region 2 RVC

I just got back from Central New Jersey's 39th annual Snowball RG. This year 265 people attended, and from what I could tell, they all had a great time. The programs were so popular that hospitality was almost empty several times during the day. And speaking of hospitality, Snowball presents one of the best varieties in snack food and beverages of any RG I've attended. You should start making plans to attend their 40th RG next year.

American Mensa will be having an election this spring. There are two candidates for the next Region 2 RVC - Nancy McMahan Farrar and Cam Smart. I have invited each of them to tell you a little about themselves in this column. Please renew your membership by March 31 so that you are eligible to vote in the election and continue your membership in Mensa.

First up is Nancy:

I'm Nancy McMahan Farrar and I'd welcome the opportunity to work towards making Mensa membership more desirable for our current and future members by serving both you and Mensa as your next RVC!

The AMC Handbook recommends the following experience/training to serve in the position of RVC:

Experience with Mensa activities, especially as a Local Group officer.

- ♦ 16 year member, continually active with Metropolitan Washington Mensa for over 15 years. This includes, but is not limited to, seven

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years on the ExComm (three as LocSec), RG cochair, Proctor Coordinator.

- ◆ Serving on several National committees, including Membership, Marketing, Leadership Development, and AG Host Committees.

Leadership experience (in and/or outside Mensa).

- ◆ Retired US Air Force officer with 22 years of service.
- ◆ Twenty-five years of Board member/officer experience serving a wide variety of non-profits.

Excellent oral and written communications skills.

- ◆ Masters degree in Business Administration.
- ◆ Headquarters staff officer experience preparing position papers for senior executive approval.
- ◆ Four years experience as a Toastmaster; recently awarded the designation of Distinguished Toastmaster, the highest level within the organization for public speaking and leadership.

If you have any questions, please contact me! I can be reached at nmfarrar@earthlink.net, by phone or text at 301-258-0203 or on Facebook.

And now for Cam:

The RVC has a dual role serving the local groups and performing at the national level setting direction and policies of the organization. You will agree my history serving Mensa and my professional history make me the best

qualified to fulfill both roles.

My involvement with Mensa started by volunteering at the AG and RGS, and has grown to include serving as:

- ◆ Editor
- ◆ ExComm
- ◆ Membership Officer
- ◆ Testing Coordinator
- ◆ Scholarship Judge
- ◆ SIGHT Coordinator
- ◆ RG Registrar
- ◆ RG Volunteer Coordinator
- ◆ co-Chair, Annual CPAM Picnic
- ◆ National Nominating Committee

This diversity of experience bears witness to my commitment and makes me uniquely qualified to understand and best serve the needs of local groups.

Professionally, my experience maintains a common theme. Whether while working at a publicly traded company, privately held firm or, most currently at a national non-profit, I have worked with Chief Executives, Boards of Directors, and Governance Committees to establish goals, and draft policy and bylaw revisions enabling a more effective organization.

My goal is to be a representative voice serving members by listening to ideas and concerns, while developing leaders for the future.

My dedication is evident.

Vote Cam Smart for RVC.

Delaware Mensa Calendar

Grab your personal calendar and write down some events!

Wed, Apr 3	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.
Sat, Apr 6	11:30 am, 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, Apr 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
Tues, Apr 9	[NEW DAY] 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.
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Your event here!!

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Celebrations

A Happy Birthday to these Mensans :

<u>Name</u>	<u>Birthday</u>
Oliver J Cleary	1-Apr
Pamela Lee Hyde	4-Apr
Chris R Anderson	18-Apr
Joanne K McCarthy	19-Apr
Francis J Gribbin	20-Apr
Carol Kane	22-Apr
Michael Landmann	22-Apr
Theresa A Quaintance	27-Apr
Michael Patrick Enright	30-Apr

(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>Years membership:</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Years membership:</u>
William L Halberstadt	46	Michael Anthony Ross	14
John B Shaposka	41	Karl Boettcher	11
Michael Patrick Enright	31	Dr Michael R McQuade	9
John Lyle Palabrica	25	Susan Novellino	6
Walter S Koroljow	24	Laurence Martin Pack	3
Henry Milligan	24	Jenny M Reed	3
Keith Alan Johnson	19	Terence Daniels	1

And a warm Delaware welcome to
Katherine Eberle and Crista S Cotumaccio, both of Wilmington,
who recently moved to Delaware.

DELAWARE MENSA Treasurers Report for the year endng 31 December 2012

Balance on Hand 1 January 2012			\$7,100.63
Income:	Local Group Funding	\$1,594.08	
	Test Revenue	\$150.00	
	New member supplement	\$11.00	
	Reinstated member supplement	\$8.00	
	Corporate subscriptions (AML)	\$5.87	
	Testing Site Reimburse	\$50.00	
	Private Subscription to DelaMensa	\$32.00	
	Leadership Dev Workshop Reimburse	\$218.59	
	Miscellaneous income/adjustments	\$96.96	
Total "ordinary" income		\$2,166.50	
Income (loss) from RG as of 31 Dec (** see note below)		(\$2,889.03)	
Total Income:		(\$722.53)	
Total Funds Available			\$6,378.10
Expenses:	Printing Newsletter	\$333.20	
	Mailing Newsletter	\$216.00	
	Leadership Dev Wkshop Expenses	\$218.69	
Total Expenses			\$767.89
Balance on Hand 31 December 2012			\$5,610.21
Adjustment			-\$0.59
Agrees with Bank Statement			\$5,609.62

** (NOTE: The final check representing PayPal receipts (\$1284.03) was deposited into the bank in Feb2013, and is not reflected in the Treasurer's Report above. The final loss was \$1605, not \$2889.)

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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.

April 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3 Games Night at Trader's Cove	4	5	6
7	8 Lunch Bunch	9 Happy Hour/NTN Trivia Night-Bear	10 New Moon	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25 Full Moon	26 DelaMensa Deadline	27
28	29	30				