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From the New LocSec

By Steve Michel

This is my first article as the new LocSec of Delaware Mensa, so let me introduce myself: I'm Steve. I've been a member of DEM for six years now, and have contributed to some of the activities and I manage the DEM website (more on that in a moment). By trade, I'm a software development project manager. I'd like to send a big thank you to Maria for your contribution over the **eleven years!** But I have to ask, if you wanted a "break", why'd you volunteer to run the RG?!?!

There is about a month before our RG – our fifth annual! This year's theme is "I ♥ Mensa: The Relationship RG." Some details are still in progress, but it should be, as always, a good one. Rooms are available so be sure to mention "Delaware Mensa" when booking your room. If you want to help, contact Maria. Be sure to check the Regional Gathering page on the DEM website for details and more information.

And speaking of the DEM website... The website should be being expanded to provide more information to our members – information about DEM itself, activities, the ExComm. We're also looking to expand our digital footprint to keep our members engaged and so they can see what is going on with DEM. We're going to try to start using Facebook® more too. We already do have a Yahoo! Group where we post information about events and have discussions. Admittedly, the discussions lately have been more about event reminders and the like than actual discussions, but we're trying.

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One event we conduct a couple times a month is a trivia dinner. We play NTN trivia at Buffalo Wild Wings, and now, also at Stewart's Brew Pub in Bear. We play on Tuesday's at Stewart's because it's half-price burger night. But if you don't like trivia, you can still come out and enjoy the company. It is true that the conversation may be a little dry while the questions are being played, but there are frequent breaks! Also, the trivia dinners are not restricted to Mensans only. If you have a friend or a loved one that you'd like to bring along, go ahead. If it's cost you're worried about, remember it's half-price burger night (at least at Stewart's) – you can get a burger with fries and water, and with tip, would only cost about \$6.00!

One last item: in addition to the regular testing events that are available, we will be holding a testing session Sunday afternoon after the RG ends. If you know someone you think might qualify, one of these events would make an excellent opportunity for them to test.

From the Editor - An Apology

By: Keith Johnson, Editor

Let me start out with an apology for my grievous dereliction of duty. I'm sorry. Communication is a vital requirement for us to be a viable organization. Your involvement and participation can make that easier. As always, member articles, letters, poetry, fiction, reviews or whatever are solicited. And pictures, we need more pictures.

The DelaMensa newsletter is sent to all members of the group every month (or almost every month.) You have your choice of a paper copy, electronic delivery to your e-mail, or both, but by a vote of the American Mensa Committee (AMC), electronic delivery is the default. We haven't yet decided how to implement that in Delaware - your

input would be appreciated. Advantages of the electronic version include earlier delivery; savings on paper, ink, and postage for the group; plus it is in color. If you'd like to try electronic delivery, just send a request, with the e-mail address you'd like to use, to me. See the box in the upper right of this page for the address to send your request.

Also, don't forget our Yahoo Group. You will need a Yahoo account (free) to sign up, then go to <http://groups.yahoo.com/> and search for DelawareMensa (with no space).

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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

I hope those of you who went to Portland for the AG had an excellent time. I'd like to thank the dozen people who attended the Region 2 Meet & Greet.

The bid from a consortium chaired by Mary Lee Kemper and me to host the 2015 AG in Louisville, Kentucky was approved at the AMC meeting. Other upcoming AGs include Reno, Nevada in 2012; Fort Worth, Texas in 2013; and Boston, Massachusetts in 2014.

Congratulations to the following members of our region who received awards at the AG:

Central Pennsylvania Mensa won the Class II Group Of The Year Award (GOTYA).

Dave Aronson from Metropolitan Washington Mensa (MWM) won a Publications Recognition Program (PRP) award for Mensa Awareness in the Capital M newsletter.

Two of our teams finished in the top 20 on CultureQuest. The Gordian Knots, captained by Stephanie Smilay from MWM, finished in 3rd place. The Carbon-based Life Forms, captained by Elaine Brody from Delaware Valley Mensa (DVM), finished in 15th place.

Maria Sawczuk from Delaware Mensa was the Region 2 winner of the Leadership Development Teambuilding/ Icebreakers contest. Her winning entry was "North Wind". For her efforts, Maria won a \$50 gift certificate to Fox Imaging, and Delaware Mensa wins a \$1000 one day Leadership event.

Over the last few months, four of our ten groups have elected new LocSecs. I'd like to thank the following outgoing LocSecs for their long service to Mensa in those roles - Pat Horsley from DVM, Maria Sawczuk from Delaware Mensa, Elaine Greywalker from Richmond Mensa, and Samantha Coole from Tidewater Mensa.

I'd like to welcome our four new LocSecs - John Heiple from DVM, Steve Michel from Delaware Mensa, Santiago Osorio from Richmond Mensa, and Dawn Barthlow from Tidewater Mensa.

I hope to see you at one of our upcoming Fall RGs. Delaware Mensa is hosting their RG September 16-18 in Newark, Delaware. MWM is hosting their RG October 7-10 in Herndon, Virginia. I'll talk about each of them in more detail next month.

EXCOMM MINUTES

Unfortunately, we didn't have enough of the ExComm represented Tuesday night to have a quorum. Thus, we could not officially make any "voted on decision" (for lack of a better decision). Regardless, here is a summary of the discussions - a couple of which need approval.

- **Leadership Development Workshop:** We won a \$1,000 LDW program! It is put on by National - all we have to do is pick a date and the topics. We have until the end of March 2012 for the session to take place. This type of event is not limited to our Chapter. We will need to put a committee together too. The general consensus is to have it in November or December before the weather gets bad.

- **Updating the by-laws:** In progress (via Maria).

- **Facebook:** We are starting to make good use of FB. We should try to use it more and get more people enrolled. FB will allow further communication of activities and such.

- **Website:** A section of the website called "Mensa 101" is being developed. It is a page that will contain basic information about Mensa and DEM. Hopefully it will help generate more interest in Mensa and DEM.

- **Local events:** The local events have been going well - tea, lunch, trivia. However, we need to try to do a little more. Restarting the speaker series was mentioned as an idea to help with attendance.

- **National Test Day:** NTD is in October. We need to communicate it.

- **RG Testing:** We ARE going to have a testing session after the RG. It will be proctored by Nicole or, if he can get certified in time, Jeff.

- **RG: (This is what we need approval for)** An idea was mentioned to hold a \$50 giftcard drawing for all those that register for the RG before August 31 - just like last year. **(This is also what we need approval for)** An idea was mentioned to hold a \$100* drawing for anyone who brings a friend that registers for the RG, attends, AND takes the Mensa test Sunday afternoon. *The \$100 would be two \$50 giftcards - one for the person that does the inviting and one for their friend. We currently have 3 speakers committed. Two for Friday night, one for Saturday. Saturday night will be Kareoke. There may be a band available for Saturday, as well / or a magician. Those details are in progress.

Sorry more of you couldn't make the meeting Tuesday. In order for the giftcards to be acquired and that info to be communicated on a wide scale, we need to get approval from at least one member that was not in attendance (so we have a majority, assuming I counted correctly).

Celebrations

A Happy Birthday to these Mensans :

<u>Name</u>	<u>Birthday</u>
Maryanne P Bellman	10-May
Lidia Epps	14-May
Lloyd A Teitsworth Jr	15-May
Glenn MacDonald	19-May
William E Mace	4-Jun
Paul Altiero	4-Jun
Steven M McClure	5-Jun
Shawn Elliott Hale	11-Jun
Richard Schneider	14-Jun
Ronald W Baldwin	16-Jun
Stephen C Shisler	20-Jun
Michael J Rotach	26-Jun
Susan Novellino	1-Jul
Peter L Terry	5-Jul
Scott Schreiber	5-Jul
Margie Bookout Bleier	8-Jul
Shirin Skovronski	9-Jul
Joseph M P R Cocucci	11-Jul
Alan Charles Emsley	24-Jul
Eric L Yoder	24-Jul
Carl G Moore Jr	2-Aug
Helen Ohlson	5-Aug
George Edward Majors	10-Aug
Kevin A Dill	10-Aug
Rosaria Macera	16-Aug
Robert E Cox	16-Aug
Lauren A McMillan	20-Aug
Chris A Quintanilla	21-Aug
Terri Eros	22-Aug
Robert C Auer Jr	23-Aug
Thomas R Keane	28-Aug
David Moak	29-Aug
Bettymae Berry Doyle	30-Aug

(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>	
May	Dennis George Cripps	1983	Margie Bookout Bleier 1982
	Jack Phillip Varsalona	1986	David Adam Klein 1991
	James D Carroll	2004	Alan Bleier 1993
	Alexandra Poletaev	2006	Peter L Terry 1993
	John Daniel Coburn	2006	Daniel T Furlong 1995
	Glenn MacDonald	2008	Hope S Freeman 2003
	Jason C Robinson	2008	Morgan R Dean 2004
	Michael J Rotach	2011	Alexis C Campbell 2006
	Rosaria Macera	2011	Jeffrey Twardus 2006
	William N Timm	2011	Jason Nomura 2007
June	Frances Montgomery Joseph		Gregory E Moore 2008
		1977	Jennifer R Johnson 2009
	Shawn Elliott Hale	1989	Catherine R Scherer 2010
	Ann Iona Warner	1991	
	Joan E Sorflaten	1994	August
	Anthony J McGuire	2007	Alan Charles Emsley 1980
	Todd E Hauser	2011	Steven M Allison 1999
	Joseph M P R Cocucci	2011	Pamela A Lamb 1999
	Kevin A Dill	2011	Lawrence C Laporte 2001
July			Walter Crowe 2004
	Diane Richardson	1967	Richard Schneider 2005
	Raymond S Pusey	1972	Francis J Stevens 2006
	Carl G Moore Jr	1981	Lloyd A Teitsworth Jr 2008
			Karen Kinkel 2008
			Charles H Masland IV 2009
			M Gregory May Jr 2010
			Joseph McCain 2010

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

By John Grover

This month we will focus on a wine (and food) for Summer. There are a number of wines that seem to be just made for an idyllic picnic or for sitting on the lawn at Tanglewood while listening to the classical music and contemplating the stars above. This month's selection is from Portugal.

Vinho Verde is a wine made for warm Summer evenings. This wine is produced in the Minho province of Portugal. Its name means "green wine", which does not refer to the color of this white wine. Rather, the name alludes to the fact that it should be consumed fresh and young. Vinho Verde is slightly effervescent and should be served well chilled. The high acidity of this wine gives it a crisp taste and makes it a good partner for chicken and seafood, either grilled or in salads. This is a very sensible wine for those hot days ahead, because it is relatively low in alcohol (around 8.5 to 10%).

Some of the good and affordable labels for Vinho Verde include Casal Garcia, Alianca and Aveleda. These brands can be found for \$6 to \$8 a bottle.

This month's recipe is devoted to the Summer barbecue. While you are cooking that chicken or seafood, let me suggest adding some vegetables to the grill. Not only will you be providing something healthy to your family and guests, it is so good that you will think a plague of locusts attacked the serving platter.

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I **MENSA**
The Relationship Gathering
September 16 to 18, 2011



MENSA

Fifth Annual Regional Gathering
Newark Delaware
September 16-18, 2011

You know you <heart> Mensa - Come and explore your emotions, relationships and commitments at Delaware Mensa's Fifth Annual RG.

*"People; People who need..." something -
 "Are the luckiest people in the world."*

That's why we also recommend you buy a lottery ticket on the way to the RG - so when you win, you can share all that money with your very best friends, your fellow Mensa members. Now that's the kind of relationship we all want, isn't it? (*Winning not guaranteed, your results may vary.*)

Then this RG is just what you have been waiting for. We're at the HoJo's again, with plenty of room and good rates, so come out and make the most of this weekend, even if you don't score big with the Lotto.

Speakers, games, death defying stunts,

Food! food! food! Two meals, plus a 24 hour Hospitality room

Enjoy a large, recently remodeled games room, and entertainment: Karaoke and Poolside Music by Unison (<http://www.unisonmusic.net>), as well as a testing session on Sunday

RG Registration fees:

- ♦ Up to and including August 31: \$60
- ♦ Through the event and at the door: \$70
- ♦ Registrations received by August 31 will be entered in a drawing for \$50 gift card!

Rooms include:

- ⇒ Free wireless internet
- ⇒ Deluxe Continental Breakfast, including waffles, French toast, and cereal, as well as fruit, pastries and muffins.
- ⇒ Refrigerator, microwave and coffee maker in all rooms
- ⇒ Outdoor pool, fitness center
- ⇒ Smoking rooms available. Pets allowed, with fee

SAME LOCATION AS 2010:

(Make your room reservation separately—Tell them you're with Delaware Mensa!!!)

Howard Johnson Inn and Suites - Newark DE

1119 S College Avenue
 I-95 and Route 896
 Newark, DE 19713
 302-368-8521

Rooms are \$59.99
 Suites are \$67.99

Make checks payable to: Delaware Mensa. Send registration form and checks to:

Maria Sawczuk
148 Killoran Drive
New Castle, DE 19720

Or register online at www.delaware.us.mensa.org/rg11.htm !

-----Detach and send with registration-----

Name: _____ Local Group: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Number of people registering: _____ Amount included: _____

Name(s) on badge(s): _____

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.

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

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. CHECK WEBSITE or YAHOO GROUP FOR POSSIBLE MOVE TO NEW LOCATION AND DAY.

THIRD TUESDAY 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.

Delaware Mensa Calendar

Grab your personal calendar and write down some events!

Thur, Aug 11	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.
Mon, Aug 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
Wed, Aug 16	6 to 8 pm, Happy Hour/ NTN Trivia Night at Buffalo Wild Wings, Sunset Station Shopping Center, 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.
Sat, Aug 20	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!

Your event here!!

DM

GOOD WINE CHEAP (Continued from page 3)

Marinated roasted vegetables

Summer squash, zucchini squash, red and green peppers, tomatoes, eggplant and Vadalia onions

Slice vegetables into large enough pieces so they don't fall through the BBQ grate, marinade (at least an hour) and cook for about 5 minutes a side.

Marinade recipe (actually "Classic French Dressing" from the original Fannie Farmer Cookbook,)

½ cup olive oil, 2 tbsp red wine vinegar, 1 tsp salt, ½ tsp garlic powder and ½ tsp fresh ground pepper

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.

John Grover is a member of Mensa of Northeast New York. He lives with his wife Sharon in the Hudson Valley of New York.

WORD ROUND-UP

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Find and Circle:

Six units of length:

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Three four-letter metals:

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Two largest planets in our solar system:

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Round shape:

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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.

August 2011

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