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EXCOMmunications - February 2010

By: Maria Sawczuk, Local Secretary

Are you still on the fence about going to the Annual Gathering this summer? The plans are coming together for one of the biggest bashes Mensa has ever seen! Thousands of Mensans will descend on Detroit from June 30-July 5 to enjoy speakers, dances, pub crawls, movies, music, comedy and general camaraderie. I hope you can share in the fun. If you have any questions about what an AG's all about, please drop me a line. We are on pace to break attendance records this year, and the host hotel is already sold out – but the two convenient overflow hotels offer something for everyone. More info can be found at <http://ag.us.mensa.org/>. I promise you'll have a blast!

We are forming groups now to participate in CultureQuest, which will be held earlier than usual this year – mark your calendars now for Sunday, April 11. From film to politics, from literature to geography and from music to history, Mensan teams of up to five members gather in their neighborhoods on a single day across the U.S. and Canada and, for 90 minutes, compete for cash prizes and cul-

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tural literacy bragging rights. If you are interested on being on a team, or want more information, give me a call or shoot me an email before the deadline of March 31. I hope to have at least 2 or 3 teams this year.

That's it for now. To get reminders about upcoming events, go to <http://groups.yahoo.com> and join the "DelawareMensa" group. Hope to see you at an upcoming event!

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COMING EVENTS!

A PROPER AFTERNOON TEA

Join Delaware Mensa for a proper afternoon tea. We will meet at the British Bell Tea Room in Peoples Plaza in Glasgow on Saturday February 20 at 12:00 noon. Afternoon tea, complete with sandwiches, scones, desserts and of course, your choice of tea, is only \$19 pp. Or choose high tea, with all of the above, plus banger rolls and soup or salad, for \$25. Not into tiny sandwiches? The British Bell Tea Room has a whole menu for your enjoyment. Check out <http://www.britishbelltea.com/> for more info.



DATE: Saturday, February 20, 2010

TIME: 12:00 noon

PLACE: British Bell Tea Room, Peoples Plaza, Glasgow.
To RSVP, contact Maria Sawczuk at 302-893-5118 or legalady@... (legalady <at> magpage <dot> com)

MONTHLY MENSA MOVIE MADNESS

Adam Smargon hosts Monthly Movie Night at The Centre at Studio Green in Newark DE; it's a new residential clubhouse with a medium-sized movie theatre. The movie to be shown this month wasn't available at press time, but call Adam to confirm the show, the date and the time.

Directions: From Elkton Road in Newark, turn west on Thorn Lane. Pass the fire house, and you'll see The Centre on the left. Park in the lot across the street, or in the lot behind The Centre. Next month's movie is TBA, but Adam is happy to take suggestions. Note: Studio Green's residents are also invited, and attendance is limited to the first 23 people. Contact Adam for more information: 302/561-4585 or adam@smargon.net

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

TREASURER'S REPORT—2009

For the year ending 31 December 2009

Balance on Hand 12 December 2008		\$4,284.61
Income:		
Local Group Funding	\$1,664.60	
Test Revenue	\$60.00	
Lapsed member mailing supplement	\$23.00	
New member supplement	\$10.00	
Corporate subscriptions (AML)	\$33.15	
Private Subscription to DelaMensa	\$0.00	
Total "ordinary" income	\$1,790.75	
Extraordinary income (loss) from RG	-\$870.23	
Total Income:	\$920.52	
Total Funds Available		\$5,205.13
Expenses:		
Printing Newsletter	\$577.43	
Mailing Newsletter	\$644.92	
PO Box rental (Scholarship expense)	\$40.00	
Lapsed member mailing	\$0.00	
Speaker dinner	\$15.00	
Total Expenses		\$1,277.35
Balance on Hand 31 December 2009		\$3,927.78



RG Financial Overview

Income		
Registrations		\$2,090.00
Expenses		
Common rooms	\$940.56	
Food and beverages	\$1,180.48	
Entertainment	\$500.00	
Miscellaneous	\$129.96	
Souvenir bags	\$209.23	
Total expenses		\$2,960.23
Net income		(\$870.23)

Dee Richardson—December 2010

Notes:

- Ending Balance on Hand s/b \$4423.74. Add in \$812.58 (paid to Keith) and deduct \$316.62 received from Maria.
- Maria accepted PayPal payments and paid Delaware Mensa, absorbing the fees.
- Maria paid for here two rooms (\$384.48) and the other items so marked on the event financials.

MENSA NEWS!

FREE PRIOR EVIDENCE IN FEBRUARY

The Mensa admission test is not the only way to qualify for membership. Qualifying scores on any of several other recognized tests can be used. There is normally a \$40 fee to review scores for membership, but for all of this February, that fee will be waived.

Anyone interested (like any of your friends or relatives) can download the application (<http://www.us.mensa.org/application>) and return it with prior test scores during the entire month of February at no charge. The applicant should note the promotion "Free PE Month" on the payment portion of the form. There is no age requirement, so anyone who is interested in Mensa membership may submit their test scores. A condensed version of the list can be found by visiting <http://www.us.mensa.org/scores> and clicking on "qualifying scores".

Marc My Words

by Marc Lederman, Region 2 RVC

December featured Central Pennsylvania Mensa's annual Winter Solstice Regional Gathering (RG). In lieu of program tracks that most RGs offer, this RG featured a casual laid-back weekend of hospitality, games, a family style banquet, and the world's most unusual gift exchange. Despite a big snow storm that prohibited most of the attendees from doing major shopping on Saturday, more than 50 people turned out for a fun-filled weekend.

Our region's next RG is Central New Jersey's Snowball RG, March 5-7 at the Hilton Woodbridge in Iselin, New Jersey. This is the longest running and one of the best attended RGs in the country. You can find the latest information at their website, cnj.us.mensa.org/snowball.html.

That same weekend, the AMC will be meeting in San Diego. The agenda should be online in early to mid February. The March meeting is the meeting where the budget for the next fiscal year (April 1, 2010 - March 31, 2011) is approved. The proposed budget will be online with the agenda.

Have you renewed your Mensa membership? As of the end of December, 68% of Region 2 members had yet to renew. The easiest ways to renew are through the

Mensa website at www.us.mensa.org/renew or call 888-294-8035 ext. 199 during regular business hours.

It's not too early to think about CultureQuest(r). The 2010 CultureQuest(r) competition will take place on Sunday, April 11th. Rules and registration forms are available for download at www.us.mensa.org/eventregistration. Registration and changes can be made until 11:59 p.m. Wednesday, March 31, 2010. The Top 20 teams win money for their Local Group! For more information on CultureQuest(r), contact CQ Chair Marilyn Sallee at CultureQuest@us.mensa.org.



It's time to renew your Mensa membership.

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or call 888/294-8035 ext.
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Celebrations

As of December 31, we had 175 members.

A Happy Birthday to these Mensans :

<u>Name</u>	<u>Birthday</u>
Jeff Twardus	2/3
Steven Allison	2/10
Ronald Riebman	2/12
Cynthia Basner	2/15
Beverly Wright	2/19
Pamela Lamb	2/19
Ward Gaisor	2/20
Michael Kamps	2/27

*(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>
Joyce Stevenson	1982
James Bishop	1984
Lorelei Hunt	1998
Coke Westbrook	2000
Don Braid	2001
Cynthia Basner	2004
Anthony Eros	2004
Terri Eros	2004
Helen Ohlson	2005 (5 YEARS!!)
Gabriela Poletaev	2006
Jeffrey Billion	2007
Christine Mastbrook	2007
Harvey Smith III	2008
Blyth McManus	2008
Fred Wiley	2009

And a warm Delaware Mensa welcome to reinstating member Robert Specter of Newark

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

By John Grover

Whether clothes, electronics, cars or most importantly wine, it is always satisfying to come across a great buy. The wine this month is the 2008 Big House White from California. This dry white wine is a blend of juice from four grapes including Malvasia Bianca, Muscat Canelli, Viognier and Roussanne. It starts with a nose that is both fruit and floral. The taste is complex combining pear, citrus and sweeter tropical fruits (lychee?). This is all carried off with a pucker of crisp acidity. It is a good match for a wide range of dishes including the recipe below. This wine is a real value for between \$9 and \$10 a bottle.



Chicken Marsala: Marsala wine lives up to the reputation of making everything taste better. Having a bottle on the shelf means you always have a quick flavor enhancer for deglazing the saute' skillet. (You can find dozens of recipes for chicken marsala over the internet. But, this one is really quick and easy.)

Ingredients: 4 boneless, skinless chicken breast halves; 1 egg, beaten; ½ cup seasoned dry bread crumbs; 3 tbsp butter, divided; 2 cloves garlic, minced; ¼ cup chicken

broth; ¼ cup dry marsala wine; freshly ground pepper to taste

Pound chicken breasts to half inch thickness. Dip in beaten egg and dredge lightly in bread crumbs. Heat 2 tbsp. of the butter in a large skillet. Add chicken and garlic and cook over a medium-high heat until chicken is browned and cooked through, about 4 minutes a side. Transfer chicken to a serving platter and cover. Add broth and wine to the skillet and cook over high heat, stirring constantly, until sauce has reduced to a glaze, about 2 minutes. Remove from heat and swirl in remaining tbsp. of butter. Pour sauce over chicken and sprinkle with pepper to taste.

Serving suggestion: Serve with your favorite pasta tossed with extra virgin olive oil, a dash of red pepper flakes and freshly grated Parmesan cheese.

I hope that you will contact me with your comments and about your 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.

CULTUREQUEST 2010

CultureQuest 2010, the annual Mensa contest of cultural knowledge, will be early this year, April 11. Do you know the answers to any of these questions from a past edition?

- a. Before Peter Graves was the lead IMF agent in the 60's TV series "Mission: Impossible," the lead agent was a character played by actor Steven Hill. What was this character's last name?
- b. Which U.S. President lived the longest after leaving office?"
- c. The first line of the classic song "I'll Take You Home Again, Kathleen" is the same as the title. What is the second line?
- d. Correctly spell the French phrase translating to "let the good times roll."
- e. What 12 actors appeared as jurors in the 1957 film "12 Angry Men"?
- f. Counting from the left, in which column of the periodic table are the halogens listed?
- g. What is the name of the indentation between the nose and the upper lip?
- h. In chess, what are the opening moves (one white and one black) in the Sicilian Defense?
- i. Who is the lead vocalist for the band Linkin Park?
- j. For one point each, name three feature films in which the entire action takes place in a single 24 hour period, with no flashbacks.
- k. What is the name of the literary device (particularly common in Scandinavian sagas) where two words are combined – often by a hyphen—to create a metaphorical expression to substitute for the normal name of a particular person, place or object?
- l. Who scored the most points in a single NBA game: What team was he playing for? Who was the opposing team? How many points did he score? In what year was the game played? In what month?
- m. For one point each, list the 8 books of the Bible (King James Version) that are each actually two or three books.

No, this is not the trivia game from your corner bar! But if you are up for a challenge, and are willing to experience a little humility, then this could be for you.

If you knew the answers to ANY of these questions, without consulting reference material, we desperately need you on our next team! Teams must be registered by March 31. Contact Maria to sign up.

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). To RSVP, e-mail Leah at bluepointjive@gmail.com.

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, busydeeee@comcast.net

Delaware Mensa Calendar

Grab your personal calendar and write down some events!

Tues, Feb 2	6 to 8 pm, Downstate Happy Hour/ NTN Trivia, at Buffalo Wild Wings, 680 South Bay Rd, Dover. First Tuesday of each month we'll be in Dover. To RSVP, e-mail Leah at bluepointjive@gmail.com .
Mon, Feb 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
Thur, Feb 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 Maria at legalady@magpage.com or call 302-893-5118.
Wed, Feb 17	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.
Sat, Feb 20	2:00 pm, Afternoon Tea, British Bell Tea Room, 890 Peoples Plaza, Newark . Please RSVP. For info, e-mail Maria at legalady@magpage.com or call 302-893-5118.
Tues, Feb 23	7:00 pm, Movie Night at The Centre at Studio Green in Newark DE. This week, "The Incredibles," seats are limited. For info, contact Adam, at 302-561-4585 or adam@smargon.net
Tues, Mar 2	6 to 8 pm, Downstate Happy Hour/ NTN Trivia, at Buffalo Wild Wings, 680 South Bay Rd, Dover. First Tuesday of each month we'll be in Dover. To RSVP, e-mail Leah at bluepointjive@gmail.com .

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.

February 2010

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1	2 Happy Hour/ NTN Trivia Night	3	4	5	6
7	8 Lunch Bunch	9	10	11 Happy Hour/ NTN Trivia Night	12	13 New Moon
14	15 Washington's Birthday	16	17 Happy Hour/ NTN Trivia Night	18	19	20 Afternoon Tea
21	22 DelaMensa Deadline	23 Movie Night Studio Green	24	25	26	27
28 Full Moon	1	2 Happy Hour/ NTN Trivia Night	3	4	5	6
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