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Steve's Corner

By Steve Michel

By the time you read this, the "big game" will likely already be over. I, a former New Yorker, will be rooting for the Giants.

Right around the corner is V-Day. Enjoy it, if you so wish. Or don't, if you don't practice or recognize it.

Later this month is President's Day. Do most of you remember when it was two holidays instead of just the one? For those that are fortunate enough to get the day off, it will be the last until the end of May. Thank goodness for vacation days to break up the monotony.

So what else is going on? Let's see, there the "Chat 'N Chew", games night (the first Wednesday of the month – so that's passed for February), trivia at Stewart's, and tea at British Bell Tea Room. Oh! And the Leadership Development Workshop in March. The LDW will be being held at the New Castle Public Library. It will run from 10:00 until 4:00. Lunch is on your own – but being less than two miles from Route 13, that shouldn't be a challenge. Light refreshments will be provided. And by light refreshments, I mean water, soda, and some snacks. If you are interested in attending, please RSVP to me at sdm1177@yahoo.com with LDW in the subject. There is a form on the DEM website as well.

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We are also still in search of a "down state coordinator". Someone who can organize an event or two for those members that live in the lower two-thirds (county-wise) of the state.

If you have an idea for an event, please feel free to contact me or any member of the ExComm. If you want to host an event – do the same. We've had members host games days and other members host a social ("philosophical, I believe it was) chat. It doesn't require much of an effort. And you get the opportunity to meet some new and usually exciting people.

Chat N Chew: LIVING IN HISTORIC NEW CASTLE

By Cindi Era

The first event in our "Chat N Chew" series was January 17th at Traders Cove, in Penn's Place, New Castle DE. Mike Connolly, Executive Director of the New Castle Historical Society gave a talk on living in a historic district.

The audience consisted of both Mensans and local residents. He started his talk by informing the group that any exterior improvements, which have been preapproved by the board, are eligible for a 30% tax refund from the state – this got everyone's attention.

Mike answered a multitude of questions from participants. He provided a color map to illustrate the national and local historic boundaries (the national boundary encompasses more area). If a home owner wanted to anchor a window planter to their home, the change must be approved. He also told us that any work done on the BACK of the home (ie patio, garden shed, etc) is also subject to the rules set forth by the board. Any improvements done to the inside of the home are not subject to approval, nor are they eligible for the 30% tax refund. In this participant's belief, the exterior color of your home is limitless and not subject to approval (and that's why I don't live in a historic district.)

The Staff at Penn's Place

Delaware Mensa Calendar

Grab your personal calendar and write down some events!

Wed, Feb 1	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
Tues, Feb 8	6 to 8 pm, "Chat and Chew", "Are you ready to die?" presented by Joyce Lennon, will discuss the grieving process, and steps to make it easier. Join us for dinner and a talk at Traders Cove, Penn's Place, 206 Delaware St, Old New Castle. For info, contact Maria - legalady@magpage.com or call 302-893-5118.
Mon, Feb 13	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, Feb 14	[NEW DAY] 6 to 8 pm, Happy Hour/ NTN Trivia Night at Stewart's Brew Pub, Governor's Square, 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, Feb 25	1:45 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!
Wed, Mar 7	[NEW] 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.

Your event here!! *DM*

Leadership Development Workshop

Delaware Mensa is hosting a Leadership Development Workshop next month. The purpose is to give knowledge and inspiration to anyone interested in holding a leadership position in Mensa, at a local or national level. This will be a one day session, with attendees from Delaware Mensa and surrounding local groups.

There is no cost to you to attend, and light refreshments will be provided. Topics covered at this LDW include:

PR for Mensa
Recruitment and Retention
Getting People Involved
Welcoming New Members

The workshop will be held March 17, from 10 am to 4 pm at the New Castle Public Library, 424 Delaware Street, New Castle, DE.

If you want to attend, fill out the following information and send to Steve:

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Membership number: _____

Send your registration to: Steven Michel
1177 Dutch Neck Road
Middletown, DE 19709

It's time to renew your Mensa membership.
Renew online at www.us.mensa.org/renew
or call 888/294-8035, ext. 199

Celebrations

A Happy Birthday to these Mensans :

Name	Birthday
Jeffrey Twardus	3-Feb
Patricia B Curlett	9-Feb
Steven M Allison	10-Feb
Ronald S Riebman	12-Feb
Jeffrey E Furman	15-Feb
Cindi Renee Era	15-Feb
Althea M Gutteridge	16-Feb
Beverly Wright	19-Feb
Pamela A Lamb	19-Feb
Catherine R Scherer	20-Feb
Michael J Kamps	27-Feb

(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:

Name	Member since:
Joyce L Stevenson	1982
James William Bishop	1984
Lorelei Hunt	1998
Coke L Westbrook	2000
Anthony Eros	2004
Terri Eros	2004
Cindi Renee Era	2004
Helen Ohlson	2005
Gabriela Poletaev	2006
Christine M Mastbrook	2007
Blyth Lynn McManus	2008
Harvey C Smith III	2008

DELAWARE MENSA Treasurer's Report

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Treasurer's Report
For the nine months ending
31 December 2011

*In November, there appeared on our statement from American Mensa an item labeled "Brilliant Diamond" $65.00. In October, Mensa International celebrated its 65th Anniversary, its "Brilliant Anniversary." I hope I am correct in assuming that these funds honor the anniversary. Thank you.

Dee Richardson

Balance on Hand 31 Mar 2011			$6,336.67
Income:	Local Group Funding	$1,212.78	
	Test Revenue	$60.00	
	New member supplement	$7.00	
	Reinstated member supplement	$28.00	
	Corporate subscriptions (AML)	$3.90	
	Private Sub to DelaMensa	$0.00	
Total "ordinary" income		$1,311.68	
Brilliant Diamond*		$65.00	
Income from RG (see box below)		$12.39	
Total Income:		$1,389.07	
Total Funds Available			$7,725.74
Expenses:	Printing Newsletter	$291.35	
	Mailing Newsletter	$278.08	
	Miscellaneous expenses	$115.01	
	Culture Quest fee	$0.00	
	Speaker dinner	$0.00	
Total Expenses			$684.44
Balance on Hand 31 Dec 2011			$7,041.30
Add: Check to be deposited			$54.37
Adjustment			$4.96
Agrees with Bank Statement			$7,100.63

2011 RG - I <HEART> MENSA Financial Overview			
Income			
	Registrations (net of PayPal charges)		$2,439.67
Expenses			
	Common rooms	$300.00	
	Food and beverages	$1,107.76	
	Entertainment	$875.00	
	Printing-Programs/Name tags	$94.52	
	Early Registration Prize	$50.00	
Total expenses			$2,427.28
Net income			$12.39

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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 2012

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