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Steve's Corner

By Steve Michel

Happy New Year! Hope everyone enjoyed their holidays. I spent a lot of time with family and friends and had a bit of vacation time to use from work. Didn't get to relax as much as I would like to have, but that's OK.

Did you make any new year's resolutions? Did you break any of them already? I've considered it every once in a while, but not this year for no particular reason. I have a couple personal goals I'd like to achieve, but I don't consider them resolutions.

As mentioned last month, the votes are in. The elected officers who comprise the Executive Committee (ExComm) are: Steve Michel, Loc Sec (reelected); Cindi Era, First Councilor (reelected); Dee Richardson, Second Councilor (newly elected); and Jen Johnson, Treasurer (newly elected). Congratulations to those elected. The positions took effect at the beginning of the year.

We had our first snow in the area – what little of it there was – late last month. I know the north, as usual, had more than the south. But I wouldn't mind if that was all we had for the season. :-). Next month is the big game already. More party time!

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Hopefully no one is too superstitious that is reading this. If you are, I express my sympathy to you for having a whole year of ... whatever it is that you call it. That is how it works, right? After all, this is the year '13. Later this year, we're hosting our 7th RG. We were considering having it on the weekend of Friday the 13th too! Alas, the hotel wasn't available. We still may try to play off the superstition theme, but we're still in the planning stages.

For the next couple of month, we 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

My recent ten day trip to New Orleans ended with New Orleans Mensa's first RG since Hurricane Katrina, and the December AMC meeting. Thank you to the local group for hosting us. Among the highlights of the meeting were: amending the AML Strategic Plan; clarifying that the policy regarding the new life dues rates begins with payments collected on or after January 1; considering the candidacy of several individuals for International office; approving the budget allocation for the 2013 LocSec Leadership Summit; and approving the funding of new membership cards. It was announced that Mind Games 2014 has been awarded to Lonestar Mensa in Austin, Texas. The next meeting of the AMC will be held March 23, 2013, in Herndon, Virginia.

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New Jersey. The event will feature games, puzzles, snacks, and speakers. A hoagie lunch and a pizza dinner will be served. I hope to see many of you at this event.

The latest issue of Fred: The Magazine for Young Mensans is available at www.us.mensa.org/fredmagazine. This issue explores the holidays - traditions, stories, and even recipes. Read and play with articles, puzzles, games, and more. See the winners of the Create Your Own Planet Contest and find out about the latest contest!

Renewal season is upon us. Everybody who renews by December 31 will renew at the current dues rate of \$63. Please consider renewing early to save yourself money and Mensa money on renewal mailings.

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

Delaware Mensa Calendar

Grab your personal calendar and write down some events!

- Wed, Jan 2 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.
- Tues, Jan 8 [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.
- Mon, Jan 14 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
- Sat, Jan 19 10 am to noon, Delaware Mensa ExComm meeting, Middletown Library. **All members welcome.** 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>
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January Birthdays

Todd Litterelle	5-Jan
Geoffrey R Weyer	13-Jan
Thomas P Desmond	14-Jan
James D Carroll	14-Jan
Jason R Brower	15-Jan
Shaharris Beh	19-Jan
Michael Anthony Ross	19-Jan
Maria Aprile Sawczuk	20-Jan
Judith Armstrong	21-Jan
John R Kurpuweit	22-Jan
Todd E Hauser	24-Jan
Douglas Alan Hyde	25-Jan
Christopher Ohles	30-Jan
Jodi L Walker	30-Jan

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

And Welcome Back to reinstating member
Jordan N McGee of Wilmington

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

<u>Name</u>	<u>Years membership:</u>
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January Anniversaries

Judith Armstrong	47
Robert Abel MD	34
George Edward Majors	33
Richard Joseph Hartland	29
Gerald E Lenis	10
David Moak	10
John W Carson	10
Thomas R Keane	9
Harry F Albert	9
Jennifer A Heth	9
Terrance B Blanch	9
James Lee	7
Beverly Wright	4
Jeffrey 'Thom' Hawkins	3
Shaharris Beh	2
Matthew T Eckman	1
James E Bradley	1
Sherwood T Brooks	1

Local Mensa News

Delaware Mensa ExComm Meeting: Our local executive committee is meeting at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, January 19th, at the Middletown public library. The main point of business will be finalizing an update to our local group by-laws (long overdue.) Other topics may include planning activities for the rest of the year, and discussing our next Regional Gathering, but no agenda has been set, yet. ExComm meetings are open to all members, and we encourage you to come out, see what goes on behind the scenes, and put in your own 2 cents. For more information, e-mail Steve at sdm1177@yahoo.com or call (302) 832-2665.

DVM RG: Delaware Valley Mensa plans to hold a one day mini-RG on January 26 at YMCA Camp Ockanickon in Medford, New Jersey. The event will feature games, puzzles, snacks, and speakers. A hoagie lunch and a pizza dinner will be served. I hope to see many of you at this event.

Snowball XXXIX: Our region's next Regional Gathering is Central New Jersey's Snowball XXXIX RG (<http://cnj.us.mensa.org/snowball.html>), March 1 - 3 in Iselin, New Jersey. This is the oldest and one of the largest RGs in the country.

AMC Meeting: The AMC will be having their final board meeting of the term on March 23. The meeting will be hosted by MWM in Herndon, Virginia. Members are welcome to attend the meeting and join us afterwards in the hospitality suite. The agenda for this meeting should be online in early March.

RENEWAL TIME: March 31 is the deadline to renew your membership and be eligible to vote in the upcoming American Mensa national election.

News from National

Take the online Home Test for free this month

American Mensa is offering the online Home Test for free to anyone through Jan. 31. This bargain is perfect for a potential Mensa member seeking a taste of questions on the official qualifying test or for others looking to ease some anxiety before taking the supervised test. The online Mensa Home Test, regularly priced at \$18, is available at www.us.mensa.org/mht.

Ready for a CultureQuest?

It's time to start assembling your team for CultureQuest XXIV, scheduled to take place on Sunday, April 28. There are two divisions:

- Classic is open to all members regardless of age. Each team member must be a dues-paid Mensa (U.S. or Canada) for the 2013-14 membership year before April 1, 2013.
- The Next Generation is the youth division. Entrants must have been born after April 29, 1995. Only the youth division team captain must be a current Mensa member.

Register your own team at www.us.mensa.org/culturequest, or contact any ExComm member to join team Delaware.

Upcoming Symposi-Ms

On the second Sunday of every month, American Mensa's online Community hosts Community Symposi-Ms, our virtual symposium series, and all Mensa members are welcome! Participation is easy, but the opportunity to obtain new knowledge and perspectives could be profound.

Watch each month's video, then attend the live, Mensans-only online discussion at 3 p.m., Central time, on the dates listed, in the General Chat room of the American Mensa online Community (www.community.us.mensa.org). There will also be a dedicated online discussion thread in the Events section of the "Mensa and You" forum in the Mensa Online Community to continue discussions and to allow those who are not able to attend the chat to participate.

The Jan. 13 Community Symposi-M is "[The Anthropology of Mobile Phones](#)" by Jan Chipchase. As principal researcher for Nokia, Jan Chipchase travels around the world and inside our pockets in search of behavioral patterns that will inform the design of products we don't even know we want — yet. Watch the 16-minute video at http://www.ted.com/talks/jan_chipchase_on_our_mobile_phones.html.

Plan now to attend the Feb. 10 Community Symposi-M on "[Why Eyewitnesses Get It Wrong](#)" by Scott Fraser, a forensic psychologist who thinks deeply about the fallibility of human memory.

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January 2013

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

		1	2 Games Night at Trader's Cove	3	4	5
6	7	8 Happy Hour/NTN Trivia Night-Bear	9	10	11 New Moon	12 Afternoon Tea
13	14 Lunch Bunch	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25 DelaMensa Deadline	26 Full Moon
27	28	29	30	31		
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