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EXCOMMunication – July, 2008

By: Maria Sawczuk, Local Secretary

I am actually already packed for Denver! I am very excited about this AG, and can't wait to see all my friends again. Even if you can't make it this year, you might want to consider next year's AG. It's in Pittsburgh, so it's actually drivable! You will have fun – I promise! (And consider coming out to Detroit in 2010 – Yours Truly is Chair!)

If you are nervous about attending a gathering, dip your toes in the pool by coming out to our Second Annual Regional Gathering, Tower of Babel – Watch Your Language. It's being held in Newark on September 12-14. Registration is now open, so send in your check and reserve your hotel room. We've got a great line-up of speakers, fun events, and an encore, poolside performance by award-winning singer-songwriter, Todd Chappelle.

Once you come to one gathering, I bet you'll be hooked, and want to go to one every weekend. Luckily, our RG starts " 'G Season" in Region 2. There's a nearby RG in October, November, December, and March!

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For the inside scoop on planned Delaware Mensa events, please join our Yahoo Group by going to http://groups.yahoo.com/group/DelawareMensa. Our events are posted there first. Hope you are having a great summer so far, and I hope to see you in Denver!

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Coming Events

SUNDAY JULY 13, 2008 – Games Day in Trolley Square

Games Day comes to Wilmington, thanks to your hosts, Jim and Steph Lee! Bring a snack (and a game if you wish) for an afternoon of gaming with fellow Mensans. We have plenty of games available for your enjoyment, including: Carcassone, Alhambra, Blokus, Lost Cities, Citadel, Tigris and Euphrates, Settlers of Catan, Pass the Bomb, Loot!, Boggle, Articulate, etc.

DATE: Sunday, July 13, 2008
TIME: 1:00 – 5:00 p.m.
PLACE: Jim and Steph Lee's House, Trolley Square area, Wilmington (please RSVP for address and directions) To RSVP, e-mail Jim at lee-advisor@operamail.com or call 302-562-5132.

SATURDAY, JULY 19, 2008: DRIVE-IN MOVIE NIGHT

Join Delaware Mensa for a throwback to another time. We are going to the Drive-In! The Diamond State Drive-In in Felton is the last drive- in left in Delaware, and one of the last in the country. Its days are numbered, as it plans to close for good after this season. So come out and enjoy this fun evening, while you still can.

We will meet at Seafood City for dinner (all-you-can-eat crabs!) prior to the movie, and then head over to the theater. If you don't want to meet at the restaurant, let us know and we'll tell you what cars to look for, so we can all park near each other. At this point, I have no clue what the movie will be, but you're there for the experience, right?

DATE: Saturday, July 19, 2008
TIME: 6:00 pm for dinner; 8:00 for movie
PLACE: Diamond State Drive-In, Route 13, Felton http://www.dsdit.com/ (Seafood City is also on Route 13, right next door).
To RSVP, e-mail Maria at legalady@magpage.com or call 302-893-5118.

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...gathering!

Delaware Mensa's 2nd Annual RG will explore "Language" in all forms.
September 12-14, 2008 – Newark, DE

Dictionaries, computers, runes, ASL, learning languages.

Enjoy an expanded games room,
24-hour hospitality,
and poolside entertainment
with last year's hit, Todd Chappelle!

A buffet breakfast is included for all hotel guests!

Registration Fee(s):
$45 through July 7, 2008
$50 through August 15, 2008
$60 thereafter (and at door)

Make checks payable to:
Delaware Mensa

Send checks to:
Dee Richardson
3101 Duncan Road
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Or online registration at:
http://www.delaware.us.mensa.org/rg08.htm

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TownePlace Suites by Marriott
410 Eagle Run Road
(I-95 and Route 273)
Newark, DE 19702
302-369-6212 x0 or 888-236-2427

Hotel Rates:
Single Suites $89/night
Double Suites $99/night
One Bedroom Suites $149/night

Room rates guaranteed until 8/15/08
Hotel Reservation Code: Delaware Mensa

Last year's gathering was a great success, so we're looking forward to seeing new and familiar faces this year.
Don't delay, *registro hoy!*

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

Name: _____ Local Group: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Number of people registering: _____ Amount included: _____

Name(s) on badge(s): _____

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THE ALCHEMIST by AL THOMAS

RISK IS THE REASON TO BUY

When your broker calls you or a friend gives you a great tip on a stock they always talk about how much it will go up and the huge profits you can expect. Yes, and pigs can fly.

Mr. Broker will bury you with information with the pink sheets, green sheets and slicks and prospectuses. It is worthless as everyone already knows it. It is trading by looking in a rearview mirror. You want to know what is ahead not what is behind.

Be careful of any prospectus. It was not written for the investor. Of course, that is what they tell you. No, it was written for the Dilbert lawyer in his cubicle at the SEC in Washington. All he cares about is it conforms to all the jillion securities regulations. He knows them all, but has no idea if the information in the prospectus is true or how much it has been embellished.

Your friend knows nothing or close to it. He might have a friend who has a friend who knows someone in the company he is touting. He is trying to help you so don't blame him if you lose money with this puppy. (It's not a full grown dog yet.)

Now that you have all the POTENTIALS for huge profits has anyone asked you how much you are willing to lose? Huh? I doubt if you heard that one before.

Brokers never bring it up as it might keep him from creating a commission. Your friend has his head in Never-Never land and has already taken off in his hot-air balloon.

Before you become entrapped emotionally by the hype of this great stock or fund you must get a grip on reality. Not everything investors buy goes up. Ever heard that one before? The best odds are you have a one chance in four of making money with any stock or fund purchase.

Buying is not where the smart money looks. Professionals want to know the risk. How much can I lose if I put my money on this? The NYSE is Las Vegas East, and don't me give that nonsense about being a long term investor. It is still gambling.

A wise investor will always compute the amount he is willing to lose before he buys anything. It might be 10%, maybe more, maybe less.

How is that arrived at? It is a personal decision only the investor can make. Unless it is done the investor will lose money. Doing research will help. If the equity is volatile the risk could be 20%. Choosing a stock with low volatility is much preferred.

In real estate you must buy right. In the stock market the investor must sell right. He must have an exit strategy or he will never make money long term.

Do you set the amount of risk when you buy? When risk is known you are able to buy intelligently.

Al Thomas' bestselling book, "If It Doesn't Go Up, Don't Buy It!" has helped thousands of people make money and keep their profits with his simple 2-stepmethod. Read the first chapter and receive his market letter at no charge on www.mutualfundmagic.com to discover why he's the man Wall Street does not want you to know. Copyright 2008. All rights reserved.

The longer I live the more I see that I am never wrong about anything, and that all the pains that I have so humbly taken to verify my notions have only wasted my time.

George Bernard Shaw (1856-1950)

Celebrations

As of May 31, we had 157 members

A Happy Birthday to these Mensans with a birthday this month:

Name	Birthday
Susan Novellino	7/1
Eric Wolf	7/2
Don Braid	7/3
Peter Terry	7/5
Francis Murray	7/6
Margie Bleier	7/8
Alan Emsley	7/24

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:	Name	Member since:
Dee Richardson	1967	Daniel Furlong	1995
Raymond Pusey	1972	Ward Gaisor	2003
Carl Moore, Jr.	1981	Morgan Wood	2004
Margie Bleier	1982	Alexis Campbell	2006
David Klein	1991	Michael Hargreaves	2006
Alan Bleier	1993 (15 years!)	Wendy Mackay	2006
		Jeffrey Twardus	2006
Peter Terry	1993 (15 years!)	Jason Nomura	2007

And a warm Delaware Mensa welcome to New members Glenn MacDonald of Newark and Jason Robinson of Bear

EVERY MONTH EVENTS!

Join Delaware Mensa this fall at one of our many fun events. Time to pull out those calendars!

FIRST WEDNESDAY Happy Hour/NTN Trivia Night

THIRD WEDNESDAY Happy Hour/NTN Trivia Night

Join Delaware Mensa from 6 to 8 pm, on the First (Dover) and Third (Bear) Wednesdays of each month for some after-work cocktails and a little friendly competition as we play another round of NTN Trivia. 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.

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.

PLACE: Buffalo Wild Wings, Sunset Station Shopping Center, Route 40, **Bear**. To RSVP, e-mail Maria at legal-ady@magpage.com or call 302-893-5118.

SECOND MONDAY Downtown Lunch Bunch

The Delaware Mensa LunchBunch will meet from about 11:45 to 1:15 at ED OLIVER HOUSE. Formerly the Terrace at Greenhill, the restaurant is located at ED "Porky" OLIVER Golf Club, 800 N. DuPont Road, Wilmington. 302 -571-9041. Meet us there for lunch and stimulating conversation.

There is plenty of parking, and it's not too far from downtown. (**Second Monday of each month**)

For further information, contact Dee Richardson, 302-892-2299, busydeee@comcast.net

TUESDAY, June 10, 2008: DOWNSTATE DOWN – Dining Out With Nerds

Come out and support our newest monthly event – Downstate DOWN – Dining Out With Nerds. Leah Kinder will pick a different ethnic restaurant each month. Broaden your culinary horizons, share some stories, and have fun with your fellow Mensans.

DATE: Tuesday, July 22, 2008
TIME: 6:00 pm
PLACE: Viet Kieu Vietnamese Restaurant, (they were closed last month) 510 Jeffric Blvd., Dover**.** To RSVP: e-mail Leah at bluepointjive@gmail.com , or call 302-222-2357. **(WE MUST HAVE AN RSVP IF YOU PLAN TO ATTEND THIS EVENT!)**

LAST SATURDAY Philosophy and Discussion Group

Here's a new recurring event for Delaware Mensa. John Slomski and Dr. Deb Gleason host a monthly Philosophy & Discussion Group at their home in Boothwyn, PA, which is a stone's throw from the Delaware State line. Join us, and Delaware Valley Mensa (DVM) on the last Saturday of each month, at 8 pm, for good conversation. Bring your most nagging philosophical questions, and maybe munchies.

PLACE: John and Deb's home in Boothwyn. To RSVP and get directions, contact John or Deb at doctor-deb@copper.net, or call 610-485-2745.

Delaware Mensa Calendar

Grab your personal calendar and write down some events!

Wed, July 2	6 to 8 pm, Downstate Happy Hour/ NTN Trivia, at Buffalo Wild Wings, 680 South Bay Rd, Dover. It worked so well we're holding it twice a month. **First Wednesday of each month** we'll be in Dover. To RSVP, e-mail Leah at bluepointjive@gmail.com.
Mon, July 14	11:30—? Downtown Lunch Bunch meet at the Ed Oliver House, at the Golf club, 800 N DuPont Rd, Wilmington, for lunch and stimulating conversation. (**Second Monday**) Info: Dee Richardson at 302-892-2299
Wed, July 16	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 legal-ady@magpage.com or call 302-893-5118.
Sat, July 19	6 pm Meet at Seafood City in Felton for dinner. At 7:30, we convoy to the Drive-in Movie at Felton (so we can all park together). Bring your lawn chairs, insect repellant, and a radio. To RSVP, e-mail Maria at legalady@magpage.com or call 302-893-5118.
Tues, July 22	6:00 to pm, Downstate DOWN (Dining Out With Nerds). Viet Kieu Vietnamese Restaurant, 510 Jeffric Blvd., Dover. RSVP with Leah at bluepointjive@gmail.com , or call 302-222-2357
Sat, July 26	8 pm, Philosophy and Discussion Group at John and Deb's house. **Last Saturday of each month.** For info and directions, John or Deb at doctordeb@copper.net, or 610-485-2745.

Your event here!! *DM*

Delaware Mensa Treasurer's Report

Submitted by Dee Richardson

For the 6 months ending June 12, 2008: We have $2322.06 on hand, a gain of $71.75—mainly from testing revenue.

Balance on Hand 12 December 2007			**$2,250.31**
Income:	Local Group Funding	$876.106	
	Test Revenue	$105.00	
	Lapsed member mailing supplement	$0.00	
	Private Subscription to DelaMensa	$20.00	
Total "ordinary" income		$1,001.16	
Extraordinary income			
	RG Proceeds (See below)	$0.00	
Total Income:		$1,001.16	
Total Funds Available			**$3,251.47**
Expenses:	Printing Newsletter	$421.56	
	Mailing Newsletter	$426.36	
	PO Box rental (Scholarship expense)	$0.00	
	Lapsed member mailing	$0.00	
	Mailing Tests (certified)	$0.00	
	Misc. Expenses	$81.49	
Total Expenses			**$929.41**
Balance on Hand 12 June 2008			**$2,322.06**

Notes from National

Mensa Education and Research Foundation Scholarships

Results of the MERF Scholarship program are in. This year we have two recipients in Delaware.

Jessica Anne Kapes, of Magnolia won a Kuhnel Scholarship.

Matthew Shinhold, of Milford won a Diana Mossip Memorial Scholarship.

If you know them, offer our congratulations (they aren't necessarily Mensans), and if you know any students looking forward to the 2009-10 school year, encourage them to apply this coming year. Further information will be available this Fall.

Nominations for Elections

Nominations are being sought for all of the National Mensa offices. If you have an interest in being on the American Mensa Committee (includes the Chairman, First and Second Vice Chairmen, Secretary, Treasurer, and Regional Vice Chairmen from each of the 10 Regions), now is the time to throw your hat into the ring. Get a Candidate Information Form (CIF) from the AML website or from Maria, and send it in absolutely no later than August 15, 2008. Relevant experience is requested.

If you think you might be interested in an AMC position some day, build your Mensa resume now by volunteering with us, your local group. Contact any local officer, no forms required. We'll be holding elections soon, but don't wait for the formalities – call now.

Mensa Testing Day

Mensa Testing Day (MTD) will be Saturday, October 18 this year. We'll be putting out publicity as we get closer, but if you know any potential members who might be willing to test, encourage them to sign up. If you'd like to help out and become a Proctor, contact Maria to find out about the qualifications and training program.

Record Setting at the AG

Mensan Alan Baltis, President of Cleveland Area Mensa, with the help of several hundred of his closest friends, will try to set a new Guinness World Record by hugging more than 900 people in one hour. The current record is 756 in one hour.

The attempt will take place on Saturday, July 5, during the American Mensa Annual Gathering in Denver, CO. People will start forming lines at 1030, and the attempt will start at 11:30.

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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.

JULY 2008

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 New Moon; Happy Hour/ NTN Trivia Night	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13 Games Day	14 Lunch Bunch	15	16 Happy Hour/ NTN Trivia Night	17	18 Full Moon	19 Diamond State Drive-inn
20	21 DelaMensa Deadline	22 Dining Out With Nerds	23	24	25	26 Philosophy Discussion
27	28	29	30	31		