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Marc My Words

by Marc Lederman, Region 2 RVC

I hope many of you are planning to attend and/or did attend the Annual Gathering. If you're reading this before the AG and planning to attend, please try to stop by the Region 2 Meet & Greet, scheduled for Friday July 2, 4:30 PM, in DeSoto A. Last year we had more than 50 people attend.

The two official events at the AG that might interest you are the AMC Meeting, Thursday July 1 at 9:00 AM, and the Annual Business Meeting, Thursday July 1 at 4:00 PM. You can find agendas for both of these events online at www.us.mensa.org/meetingreports and select 2010-07 Meeting Reports. Please contact me if you have any questions about either one.

In the coming months I'll be talking more about our region's gatherings and large events in late summer through the fall. Thomas Jefferson Mensa will be holding their annual Corn Boil at the Luray, Virginia home of Dave and Liz Remine, Delaware Mensa will hold their Fourth Annual RG, Tidewater Mensa is back with their 25th Anniversary RG, and Central Pennsylvania Mensa hosts their Winter

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Solstice RG.

The national Nominating Committee (NomComm) is looking for qualified candidates to run for the elected positions on the American Mensa Committee. This includes the Chairman, the First Vice Chairman, the Second Vice Chairman, the Secretary, the Treasurer and Regional Vice Chairman. If you are interested in running for any of these positions, fill out a Candidate Information Form (CIF) from the AML Website. Their preference is to receive copies

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Delaware Regional Gathering!



**Fourth Annual Regional Gathering
Newark Delaware
September 10-12, 2010**

Fun and Games at the Fourth Annual Delaware Mensa Regional Gathering September 10 to 12, 2010

You like fun, right? You'll play a game once in a while. You don't mind a little good food once in a while.

Then this RG is just what you have been waiting for. We have a new location this year that will let us stretch out and make the most of this weekend.

Speakers, games, death defying stunts,

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

Enjoy an expanded games room, 24-hour hospitality, and entertainment

RG Registration fees:

- ♦ Up to and including August 31: \$60
- ♦ Through the event and at the door: \$70

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I-95 and Rout 896
Newark, DE 19713
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Rooms are \$59.99
Suites are \$67.99

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

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

By John Grover

A part of the joy of travel is discovery. It may be new sights, new sounds, new approaches to living and definitely new tastes. One of the new tastes that we come across during our recent trip to Spain was the incorporation of the almond into almost every aspect of cooking. This was particularly noticeable in the Southern regions. Almonds could be found various forms in appetizers, soups, salads, desserts and in main dishes such as the one below.

We have two wines to recommend this month, a red and a white. The first is the 2007 Red Guitar from the Navarra region in the North of Spain. This red wine is a blend of Tempranillo and Granacha grapes. It has the aroma of cherries and tastes of red and black raspberries. Its soft tannins produce a smooth medium bodied wine that matches with a range of dishes. It is widely available for between \$8 to \$10 a bottle. The second wine is the 2008 Montecillo "Verdemar" Albarino from the Rias Baixas wine region. This white wine is made from 100% Albarino grapes. It is a crisp and pleasant wine that starts out with a nose of tropical fruit and moves to a dry but fruity taste of apple, pineapple and a bit of lime. There is almost a creamy character to this wine that helps to make it a good match to this month's recipe. I have found this wine from about \$8 up to \$12 a bottle.

Andalusia Style Chicken

Ingredients: 8 Chicken thighs (or other parts); 4 garlic cloves peeled; 1 tomato, peeled and chopped (may use canned); 1 medium onion, chopped; 1 bay leaf; 2 cooked egg yolks; ½ cup white wine; 1 cup chicken stock; 10 toasted almonds; 6 tbsp. olive oil; 5 Saffron strands; 2 sprigs of parsley; ground pepper and salt to taste.

Wash and dry the chicken. In a large frying pan, heat the oil and fry the peeled garlic cloves until browned. Remove them and set aside. Salt the chicken and fry in the oil until browned. Place in the pot that the stew is to be made. Peel and chop the onion and fry gently in the same oil as used to fry the chicken, until it becomes transparent. Add the chopped tomato and heat for 5 minutes. Add contents of pan to the pot with the chicken and pour in the wine. Pour in the chicken stock, add the bay leaf, cover and cook on low heat for about 20 minutes. While the chicken is cooking, combine the garlic, almonds, saffron, and parsley into a paste using a food processor. Incorporate the egg yolks process again and add paste to the chicken. Stir in paste, add pepper with a few twists of your pepper grinder and cook for a few minutes on a low heat. Serves four.

I hope that you will contact me with your comments 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 Northeastern New York. He lives with his wife Sharon in the Hudson Valley of New York.

Celebrations

As of May 31, we had 156 members.

A Happy Birthday to these Mensans :

<u>Name</u>	<u>Birthday</u>
Susan Novellino	7/1
Scott Schreiber	7/5
Peter Terry	7/5
Francis Murray	7/6
Margie Bleier	7/8
Fred Wiley	7/10
Adam Smargon	7/16
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:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Member since:</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Member since:</u>
Dee Richardson	1967	Morgan Dean	2004
Raymond Pusey	1972	Adam Smargon	2004
Carl Moore, Jr.	1981	Alexis Campbell	2006
Margie Bleier	1982	Jeff Twardus	2006
David Klein	1991	Jason Nomura	2007
Alan Bleier	1993	Alison Fielo-Worth	2008
Peter Terry	1993	Gregory Moore	2008
Dan Furlong	1995 (15 YEARS!)	Benjamin Sussan	2008
Hope Freeman	2003	Jennifer Johnson	2009
Ward Gaisor	2003		

And a warm Delaware Mensa welcome to: Daniel Fried, who moved to Wilmington from State College, PA

electronically, but paper forms will still be accepted. Save a copy of the CIF for your records and email Nominating Committee Chair Susan Heimlich with a copy at nom-comm@us.mensa.org, or mail it to the address listed on the form. Forms must be received via email by midnight, Central Time on August 15 or postmarked no later than August 15 via regular mail.

LATE BREAKING NEWS: The 2010 Publications Recognition Program (PRP) nominations are out, and congratulations to the following nominees from Region 2:

OUTSTANDING NEWSLETTER - MEDIUM GROUP: Penn Central - Central Pennsylvania Mensa (editor: Cam Smart)

Contribution Nominations – POETRY, "Broken Bell", by

Marjorie Dodge (Penn Central, Central Pennsylvania Mensa)

Contribution Nominations - NON-FICTION (MENSA-RELATED), "For The Benefit of Humanity" by Joseph Maldonado (Penn Central, Central Pennsylvania Mensa)

Contribution Nominations - NON-FICTION (ESSAY) "Little House in the Big Woods" by Karen Caron (Capital M, Metropolitan Washington Mensa)

OUTSTANDING WEB SITE - LARGE GROUP: Central New Jersey Mensa, www.cnj.us.mensa.org, Darcie Velez, Webmaster

EVERY MONTH EVENTS!

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

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

MONTHLY WALKING TOUR

Each month, we'll meet at the first stop, do the walking tour, and then get dinner or a snack, depending on the time and location. Look for an announcement of the time and place. For info, e-mail Maria at legalady@magpage.com or call 302-893-5118.

Delaware Mensa Calendar

Grab your personal calendar and write down some events!

Sat, July 10	2 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.
Mon, July 12	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, July 15	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, July 21	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.
Tues, Aug 4	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.

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