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Steve's Corner

By Steve Michel

At the end of May, the by-laws will be finalized unless there are any votes against them. So if you haven't voted yet, be it for or against, you only have one month left. If you missed the ballot in February's newsletter, you can get a copy of it in the newsletter on-line, or you can vote with the form on-line and submit either via e-mail.

So what was up with that March Madness?!? At least a first seed won, but wow, there were some real upsets happening.

In the recent past I've mentioned Delaware Mensa's social media presence. Getting involved is free and, at this point, is really no commitment at all (meaning: it is sort of quiet on the social media front). But if you'd like to join in the fun, please do so.

Do you think you're getting enough out of your Mensa membership? More specifically, do you want to get more involved? Trust me, at least on the Delaware Mensa front, it really isn't that bad. But would you like to be more involved? We have a couple of voluntary opportunities available if you'd like to be a little more engaged. For example, we could use a downstate coordinator. Perhaps you don't live downstate – well, we always have a need for a testing proctor or two. We have the upcoming RG that you can get involved in as well.

If none of the above opportunities interest you, there is always the option to host your own game's day – which simply requires coordinating getting the group together to play games, be it at your residence or at a public location that allows that sort of thing.

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And speaking of the RG... we are starting to ramp up activities for it. It will be at the same hotel as last year (the Crowne Plaza on Naaman's Road, in case you didn't know) and we are working with the Delaware Valley Mensa group to help enhance the experience. The theme this year is Superstition. We almost had a trifecta of coincidences this year with it being our 7th RG, in the year '13 on Friday the 13th. However, alas, the hotel wasn't available that weekend so we are stuck with the 20th.

For the next couple of months, we still 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.

A Proper Afternoon Tea - May 11

Join Delaware Mensa for a proper afternoon tea, on Mother's Day eve. We will meet at the British Bell Tea Room in Peoples Plaza in Glasgow. Please RSVP as seating is limited.

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 a banger roll and soup or salad, for \$25. Not into tiny sandwiches? The British Bell Tea Room has a whole menu for your enjoy-

ment.

Check out <http://www.britishbelltea.com/> for more info.

DATE: Saturday, May 11, 2013

TIME: 12:00 p.m. (NOTE CHANGE IN TIME)

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

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

Marc My Words

by Marc Lederman, Region 2 RVC

American Mensa's election is underway and you have until the end of May to vote. There are two candidates for the next Region 2 RVC, and at least two candidates for each of the five National positions. Please read the election materials you were sent in April and vote for the candidates you think will do the best job of leading Mensa for the next two years.

This month features The Metropolitan Washington Mensa (MWM) RG. I'll be conducting my final RVC Rap Session that Saturday night at 8:30 PM. I'll do my best to be entertaining, so stop by and say hello. MWM RG Co-Chair Jared Levine sent in the following information about the RG:

Join Metropolitan Washington Mensa at our super RG at the Hyatt Dulles in Herndon, VA from May 17-19. Matrix V: Superhero Edition has a unique keynote speaker, Ryan Davidson (of "Law and the Multiverse" blog and The Law of Superheroes), who combines the superhero universe with the law to postulate solutions to unique scenarios. We'll hold an art contest, entry fees going to MWM's scholarship fund; blood drive; youth track; and have a plethora of games. Programs range from Bikers Against Child

Abuse to urban beekeeping, detecting counterfeit money to demystifying marathons, Sam Kean (author of The Violinist's Thumb) to ghosts of DC, from yoga to real-life heroes, the Library of Congress' comic book collection, and more!

As always, we'll have our traditional Chocolate Orgy, Occultorium, Carnelli, and a pool party. Our 24/7 Hospitality will feature Friday night dinner from Hard Times Cafe, Saturday lunch from Popeye's, and breakfast both Saturday and Sunday. After the hotel-provided buffet dinner Saturday night and the keynote speaker, we'll have an ice cream social. Of course, there will be myriad snacks and beverages throughout the weekend. Vegetarian and some gluten-free options are also being worked on.

See program details and ever-evolving specifics at <http://superheroedition.wordpress.com> or <http://www.facebook.com/superheroedition>. Subscribe to the blog for regular updates. Like us on Facebook. Spread the word to friends and family; bring them, too. They can even take the Mensa test Saturday morning.

Come Marvel at the DC RG!

Short Notice Announcement: We will hold a meeting of the Delaware Mensa Executive Committee on Saturday, May 4. The meeting will be at 10:00 am at the Bear Public Library. All members are welcome. No RSVP is required, but you can call Steve at 302-832-2665 for more information.

Delaware Mensa Calendar

Grab your personal calendar and write down some events!

Wed, May 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, or just join the group. For info, e-mail Maria at legalady@magpage.com or call 302-893-5118.
Sat, May 4	10:00 am til?, ExComm meeting at the Bear public library. All members are welcome. For info or to RSVP, e-mail Steve at sdm1177@yahoo.com or call (302) 832-2665.
Sat, May 11	12:00 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!
Mon, May 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, May 14	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.
Wed, June 5	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.
Mon, June 10	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

Your event here!!

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Celebrations

A Happy Birthday to these Mensans :

<u>Name</u>	<u>Birthday</u>
Jenny M Reed	10-May
Maryanne P Bellman	10-May
Robert M Specter	12-May
Lidia Epps	14-May
Lloyd A Teitsworth Jr	15-May
Joan E Sorflaten	16-May
Glenn MacDonald	19-May
Morgan R Dean	27-May
Matthew T Eckman	29-May
Kristin Goodwin	31-May

(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>Years membership:</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Years membership:</u>
Dennis George Cripps	30	Glenn MacDonald	5
Jack Phillip Varsalona	27	Crista S Cotumaccio	4
James D Carroll	9	William N Timm	2
Alexandra Poletaev	7	Michael J Rotach	2
John Daniel Coburn	7		

News from National

American Mensa elections for National positions are under way this very minute (starting April 15, continuing through May 31.) You should have already received ballot material, and information from each of the candidates is available.

This election is a big deal. More positions are contested than I recall ever seeing, and there are real choices to make. In particular, look at the two candidates for Chairman. Even if they agree on every policy issue (which they don't) the differences between them will have a profound effect on the character of our organization over the next few years. Make an informed choice! (ed)

You can get more information by logging in to the American Mensa website, and going to <http://www.us.mensa.org/lead/amc/elections/>.

On top of that, there are two American Mensa By-laws amendments, and three referenda on the constitution of Mensa, International..Together, they would make 19 changes to these governing documents.

Prior Evidence Discount

In other news, application for membership based on prior testing, not the Mensa test, is being discounted 70 percent during the month of May—only a \$12 application fee.

Mind Games Winners

Winners of the 2013 Mind Games have been announced. The winning games are:

Forbidden Desert
Ghooost!
KerFlip!
Kulami, and
Suburbia

More info available on the AML website.

Candidates for National Office

Chair

Daniel Burg (N/P)
Robert Salkin (P)

First Vice Chair

John Recht (N)
Heather Miller Poirier (N)

Second Vice Chair

LaRae Bakerink (P)
Debra Reiger (N)
Kenneth Silver (N)

Secretary

Jared Levine (P)
Brian Reeves (N/P)

Treasurer

Cary Chilson (P)
Nicholaus Sanford (N/P)

Vice Chair, Region 1

Andrew Heffernan (N/P)

Vice Chair, Region 2

Nancy McMahan Farrar (N/P)
Cam Smart (P)

Vice Chair, Region 3

John Voymas (N/P)
Julia Ashley (N/P)

Vice Chair, Region 4

Ellen Voie (N)

Vice Chair, Region 5

Bertha Clarke (N)
Baker Ring (N)

Vice Chair, Region 6

Roger Durham (N)

Vice Chair, Region 7

Gregory Kontz (N)
William Jacob Winship (N)

Vice Chair, Region 8

Harold Ward (N)

Vice Chair, Region 9

Desiree Sagray (N)
Clark Jones (N)

Vice Chair, Region 10

Thomas George Thomas (N)

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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.

May 2013

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