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Steve's Corner

By Steve Michel

"Frankenstorm", aka Hurricane Sandy, has now come and gone. Hopefully everyone escaped without any significant loss or damage. I am sorry if you were one of the ones that were evacuated. As this is being written, the damage estimate is expected to be about $20 billion – that would put it as the third most expensive storm, between Andrew and Ike, on the list of most expensive storms according to CNBC.com. And it may have been the largest storm to ever hit the U.S. too. Glad we made it. Hope we never have to try that again.

Contained in this month's newsletter is the ballot for this year's voting. You can also vote by filling in the on-line form found on the Delaware Mensa website, on the Members page, and e-mailing it to Maria, our Election Committee.

Our latest RG (Regional Gathering) themed *Music, Music, Music* is now behind us (it was in September). Survey results are in and feedback is that it was a success. Plus, attendees *really* liked the new facility – the Crowne Plaza in Claymont. Though we didn't get as much of a turn out that we had hoped, everyone had a good time listening to the music of Todd Chappelle and Hot Breakfast on Friday night. On Saturday, we enjoyed a number of talks: Dee gave a talk about the sights of Delaware; Lenore Mussoff gave a talk titled "What's In A Song"; and Saul Broudy gave two musical talks titled "Singing Workers: American Occupational Folk Songs" and "All Over This Land: American Regional Folk Music". Your humble author also put together a game called "*Tune That Name*" where contestants (they all voted to play casual vs. competitive) had to guess the titles of number one hit songs – played backwards. The karaoke was a huge hit and the RG attendees were joined by two teams of traveling hockey players for the first couple hours.

I specifically want to thank Maria, Cindi, Dee and Keith for their assistance with RG, too. Planning for next year is already underway. Watch for details coming soon.

We expect to have a revised copy of the Delaware Mensa By-Laws to be published very soon, They need the blessing from National before they are distributed for review and put up for vote.

Keep your eye on the Delaware Mensa website for more information and updates.

As always, just a reminder that if you have any ideas for an event, please contact a member of the ExComm. And don't forget to vote in our local group election (see page 3.)

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A Proper Afternoon Tea - November 10

Join Delaware Mensa for a proper afternoon tea. 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 enjoyment.

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

DATE: Saturday, November 10, 2012
TIME: 11:30 a.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 (legalady@magpage.com).

Delaware Mensa Calendar

Grab your personal calendar and write down some events!

Wed, Nov 7	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, Nov 10	11:30 am, 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, Nov 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
Tues, Nov 13	[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.
Wed, Dec 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.

Your event here!! *DM*

Marc My Words

by Marc Lederman, Region 2 RVC

Congratulations to Andrea Giarnieri, the webmaster for Central New Jersey Mensa. Andrea received a Publication Recognition Program nomination for best member recruitment.

American Mensa's election season has started. The National Nominating Committee received Candidate Information Forms from members interested in running for national and regional offices, met with some of the potential candidates at the AG, and received additional information from them. After careful consideration, the Nomination Committee nominated these members from our region: Heather Miller Poirier, candidate for 1st Vice Chair; Nancy M. Farrar, candidate for RVC2; and James Richard Sanford, candidate for RVC2. Additional candidates can submit petitions to the Election Committee to be included on the ballot. The balloting will take place in April and May, 2013.

The latest issue of Fred: The Magazine for Young Mensans is available now at http://www.us.mensa.org/fredmagazine . Fred is a free quarterly e-magazine available to Mensa families as a way for Young Mensans to connect and share their interests on a more regular basis. After coordinating with two prestigious names in education, American Mensa is pleased to announce two new member benefits that are sure to be of great interest to Young Mensans and their parents.

The Johns Hopkins University Center for Talented Youth identifies and develops the talents of the most advanced K-12 learners worldwide. Founded in 1979, CTY's roots extend back to Johns Hopkins psychologist Julian Stanley's pioneering work with gifted middle school prodigies. Today, a former CTY student started Facebook; another co-founded Google. Until very recently, this exclusive benefit was offered only to the center's employees and their children. However, CTY is now offering Young Mensans a 10-percent discount on online courses (for an average savings of more than $100 per course!). YMs can apply to the program via paper application or online application; either way, they must include a copy of their membership cards with their course applications to receive the discount.

The McGraw-Hill ONboard™ Series for Advanced Placement is an online, interactive program designed to help incoming AP students build the background knowledge and skills they need to succeed in their upcoming AP coursework and beyond. This is a very useful program for students who are taking the courses at earlier ages or who may have skipped previous classes. Topics include biology, history, environmental science, psychology, government and economics. The courses are $50 each, but McGraw-Hill is offering Mensans a 20-percent discount, making each course only $39.99.

This month I'll be attending Tidewater Mensa's Regional Gathering. Doctor Hoot - It's About Time will be taking place November 9 - 11 in Williamsburg, Virginia. The RG features another original performance by the Pungo Players, along with speakers, games, a media swap, and a chili feast. There's still time to register. For information, check out their website: http://tidewater.us.mensa.org/ . I look forward to seeing many of you there.

To get more information on these new opportunities and on all of the other excellent benefits available through your Mensa membership, visit http://www.us.mensa.org/benefits.

Celebrations

A Happy Birthday to these Mensans :

Name	Birthday
October Birthdays	
Beverly Carter Williams	6-Oct
Jennifer R Johnson	9-Oct
Andrew T Trachtman	11-Oct
Steven Michel	12-Oct
Richard T Dillard	16-Oct
Keith Alan Johnson	21-Oct
Dr Michael R McQuade	21-Oct
Jason Nomura	25-Oct
Joyce L Stevenson	25-Oct
Jack Phillip Varsalona	29-Oct
Brian L Miller	30-Oct
November Birthdays	
Patrick Wayne McMahon	6-Nov
James Lee	11-Nov
James William Bishop	14-Nov
William L Halberstadt	16-Nov
Diane Richardson	19-Nov
Robert Abel MD	21-Nov
Edward J Stahl Jr	25-Nov
Coke L Westbrook	26-Nov
Hope S Freeman	28-Nov
Jean Lynn Armstrong	30-Nov
Nicole Perefege	30-Nov

(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	Years membership:
October Anniversaries	
William F Bialk	42
Francis J Gribbin	36
William E Mace	32
Patricia F Lehman	30
John R Kurpjuweit	29
Franklin M Ward	28
Beverly Carter Williams	28
Paul Vincent Sedoti	26
Jean Lynn Armstrong	23
Andrew T Trachtman	9
Geoffrey R Weyer	8
Michael Landmann	5
David Damien Brady	5
November Anniversaries	
Sandra K Lehman	45
Paul Damien Craven	30
David A Bailey	21
Chris R Anderson	13

Name	Years membership:
Todd Litterelle	12
Thomas P Desmond	10
Chris A Quintanilla	10
Regina M Barry	10
Brian L Miller	10
Martha P Lankford	10
Arnold I Caine	10
Theresa A Quaintance	9
John W Zahradnik Jr	9
Robert C Auer Jr	9
Maryanne P Bellman	9
Joanne K McCarthy	9
Allison O Berdoulay	8
Steven Michel	7
Althea M Gutteridge	6
Lauren A McMillan	4
Angela Jo Hardin Yochem	4
Ian W McMahon	4
Steven M McClure	2
Joseph E Berry	1

Delaware Mensa Local Election Ballot

Delaware Mensa has four elected positions. A slate of officers has been provided by the Nominating Committee, but write-in votes are allowed. The candidate with the most votes for each office will be elected. Please indicate your vote below, or write in the candidate of your choice. **Votes must be received by 30 November 2012**.

LocSec -- *shall be the chief executive officer of Delaware Mensa and the liaison with other local groups. He or she shall preside at ExComm meetings and shall be the chief point of contact between AML and the local group.*

☐ Steven Michel OR ☐ _____

First Vice Councilor -- *shall be responsible for arranging for local group activities, and shall coordinate with and advise the officers of these activities.*

☐ Cindi Era OR ☐ _____

Second Vice Councilor -- *shall be responsible for publicity, public relations, testing, and recruitment and retention programs.*

☐ Dee Richardson OR ☐ _____

Treasurer -- *shall be responsible for financial matters of Delaware Mensa, including the finances of the newsletter, and shall submit to the ExComm a semi-annual financial report that shall also be published in the newsletter.*

☐ Jen Johnson OR ☐ _____

You've Got Options

1. Mail a paper copy of your ballot, with your name or member number on the outer envelope, to:

   Election Committee
   148 Killoran Dr.
   New Castle DE 19720-

OR

2. E-mail your vote, with subject: Attention Election Committee, and with your name or member number in the body, to:

   legalady@magpage.com

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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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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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4	5	6	7 Games Night at Trader's Cove	8	9	10 Afternoon Tea
11	12 Lunch Bunch	13 New Moon Happy Hour/NTN Trivia Night-Bear	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22 Thanksgiving Day	23 DelaMensa Deadline	24
25	26	27	28 Full Moon	29	30	