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From the New LocSec

By Steve Michel

Maria is putting together a great program for this year's RG. As you read this, the "I ♥ Mensa: The Relationship RG" – our fifth RG – is about two weeks away. Assuming, of course, you read this about the time you get it. Also, be sure to pass along the information that we will be having a Mensa Testing session after the RG on Sunday. Be sure to check the Regional Gathering page on the DEM website for details and more information.

There are a number of different communication methods people are tied into nowadays. Facebook, Twitter, e-mail, MySpace, LinkedIn, etc. – you get the idea. But with so many avenues of communication, is it possible, or even likely, that anyone only uses one of these? Of course it is, but is it likely? And which mediums do people use? And use the most? These questions are why we are trying to expand how we, as an organization, communicate with each other. We currently have a Yahoo! Group. We also currently have a Facebook Group. However, at the moment, the Facebook group is small. We'd like to expand that group. We don't use FB that much (yet, and its usage is actually less than Yahoo! Groups), but if you check FB frequently anyway, why not have easy access to the DEM group there too? If you are interested in joining, just do a search in FB for Delaware Mensa and send a request to

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join (kindly include your member ID for reference) and one of our illustrious admins will approve your request.

I hope everyone made it through the hurricane safely. Our family remained safe and dry. We did, however, lose power for 30 hours. Thank goodness for the generator – didn't have access to everything, but enough to make it tolerable. I heard the news anchors comment on whether or not the name Irene would be retired – I expect it will be. It *should* be. Forty deaths (at this writing) and billions in damage – is it even a discussion?

Marc My Words

by Marc Lederman, Region 2 RVC

During the RVC meeting at the Portland AG, National Ombudsman Dave Cahn asked each of the RVCs to appoint a Regional Ombudsman. I have since appointed Brad Christman to be our Regional Ombudsman. Brad's duties include helping to resolve disputes in the following areas - any matter referred by the RVC, complaints against the RVC, matters involving two or more groups in the region, and matters for local groups in the region that do not have their own ombudsman.

The AMC will be meeting September 9 - 11 in Dallas, Texas. You can find the agenda for the meeting on the AML Website by clicking on the Meeting Reports quick link, and selecting the 2011-09 meeting. Please let me know if you have any comments or questions on the agenda.

The following weekend, September 16 - 18, is Delaware Mensa's I <HEART> MENSA: The Relationship RG! You can register through their website <http://delaware.us.mensa.org/rg11.htm>. Their fifth annual RG includes 24 hour hospitality, lunch and dinner on Saturday, a large games room, and their famous karaoke night. There will be a testing session on Sunday morning, so bring your friends and talk them into testing! Registration is \$60 through August 31, and \$70 thereafter. They are back at the Howard Johnson's Inn and Suites on Route 896 in Newark, and they're extending the same awesome nightly rate of \$59.99 for a king or double queen room, and \$67.99 for a single or double suite! Room rates are only guaranteed through 9/2 so be sure to make your reservation now!

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

UPCOMING EVENTS!

I <HEART> MENSA: The Relationship RG

Have you registered yet? Our RG is coming up on September 16-18! Don't miss out on all the fun!

We're going to be at the Howard Johnson's Inn and Suites again this year - it's on Route 896 near I-95 in Newark, DE.

Bring a non-M friend who tests on Sunday and you both could win \$50 Amazon gift cards!

Register online at:

<http://www.delaware.us.mensa.org/rq11.htm> It's only \$70 and includes Saturday's lunch and dinner!

Here's our schedule so far (subject to change):

FRIDAY:

3:00 pm - **For the Love of Pets** - Patrick J. Carroll

4:30 pm - **Genius, Intelligence & Creativity**: Finding the Genius Within - Bonnie L. Miller

5:00 pm - Dinner on your Own

8:00 pm - Poolside entertainment with Unison

SATURDAY:

9:30 am - **Why Can't We Get Along?** - Millicent J. Carvalho-Grevious

11:00 am - **Exploring your Family History** through Genealogy - Michael Dixon

12:15 - Pizza Pool Party

1:30 pm - **Remembering Nights at the Drive-In** - Ed Okonowicz

6:00 pm - BBQ Dinner

8:00 pm - Karaoke

SUNDAY:

11:00 am - **Etiquette & Cultural Interpretations** - Lisa Strong Chase

12:15 pm - **Mensa Testing Session** (bring a friend who tests and you both could win \$50 Amazon gift cards!)

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 10 - Breakfast and Festival of the Arts

Brandywine Festival of the Arts on Saturday Sept 10. Were going to start at 9:00 with a great breakfast at [Fresh Thymes Cafe](#) at 1836 N. Lovering (at Lincoln) in Wilmington. It's about a mile walk to the festival, or drive over and hope to find a parking space. Let's meet at 9:00 am! PLEASE let me (Dee) know, as Fresh Thymes is small and popular. They do accept reservations. Bring a friend! (I am.) RSVP: Dee Richardson at 302-892-2299, or busydeeee@comcast.net

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Congratulations to Delaware Mensa member Glenn Edward MacDonald, who overcame numerous obstacles and graduated Summa Cum Laude from Indiana University on August 31, 2011, with a Bachelor of Arts. Glenn is on to the next challenge - applying for a Graduate Program at California State University. We wish him the best of luck in his future endeavors!

Congratulations to Jeff Twardus - winner of the early bird registration drawing for I <HEART> MENSA: The Relationship RG! Jeff won a \$50 Amazon gift card! Are you jealous? You can win one too Just bring a non-M friend to the RG and you both could win \$50 gift cards!

MINDGAMES RESULTS: ARLINGTON, TEXAS

(4/18/2011) - After two days of nonstop board game action in Albany, N.Y., American Mensa, the high IQ society, selected five Mensa Select winners at its 2011 Mind Games® event. There were 58 entries in this year's competition, but only these five will have the honor of displaying the coveted Mensa Select seal. This year's Mensa Select games are:

InStructures: This is an exciting construction-themed game. (Jane's Games, www.janesgames.com)

Pastiche: Explore the paintings, palettes, and pasts of artists in this unique and challenging game for the whole family. (Gryphon Games, www.freddistribution.com)

Pirate versus Pirate: Pirates have discovered an island brimming with treasure; conquer the island by capturing the gold and silver, or by eliminating enemy pirates. (Out of the Box Publishing, www.otb-games.com)

Stomple: Outwit your opponents by stomping their marbles before they stomp yours! (GaZima Games, www.gazimagames.com)

Uncle Chestnut's Table Gype: An abstract strategy game with a random element (Eternal Revolution, www.eternalrevolution.com)

For more information, or to purchase this year's Mensa Select games, log on to www.mindgames.us.mensa.org.

Celebrations

A Happy Birthday to these Mensans :

<u>Name</u>	<u>Birthday</u>
Jeffrey 'Thom' Hawkins	3-Sep
Roy V Jackson	4-Sep
M Gregory May Jr	6-Sep
William F Bialk	12-Sep
Henry Milligan	16-Sep
Karl Boettcher	17-Sep
Paul G Stitik II	17-Sep
Anthony Eros	20-Sep
Lorelei Hunt	22-Sep
Richard Joseph Hartland	23-Sep
David Lee Sechler	26-Sep
Frederick W Bryner	27-Sep
Coralee Witham	27-Sep

*(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>
Richard T Dillard	1981
Maria Aprile Sawczuk	1999
Jodi L Walker	2003
Nicole Perefege	2005
Jacob Weyer	2005
Daniel Fried	2009
Susan Irwin	2009
Deborah Munson	2010
Shirin Skovronski	2010

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

By John Grover

The wine for this month is Zinfandel. That's red Zinfandel, not that insipid pink stuff. Zinfandel is an excellent wine for Summer and Fall events that have anything to do with outdoor cooking. It has enough character to stand up against most barbecue sauces.

Rancho Zabaco Winery of California makes several lines of very good Zinfandel. Their 2009 Dancing Bull Zinfandel is one within our price range. This wine has a nice nose and a clear taste of black cherry, raspberry and spice. Characteristic of the better examples of this variety, it also has the right balance of acidity that flows over the tongue. It can commonly be found for \$9 to \$11 a bottle.



One of the challenges of Summer is cooking spare ribs without drying them out. My friend Dave who ran a small lunch establishment in Albany is very free with his secret for producing moist and tender ribs. Very simply, do not cook them outside on the grill. Place the spare ribs in a roasting pan and cover with aluminum foil and cook in the oven for 2 hours at 325 degrees. Before cooking put on your favorite spice rub and barbecue sauce. We like "Dinosaur BAR-B-Q" rub and sauce from the famous barbecue joint in Syracuse, New York. When the ribs are done, remove the foil (WITH TONGS PLEASE!). Then brush on some more sauce and put them back in the oven

(uncovered) or on an outdoor grill to finish for 10 to 15 minutes.

There are many good barbecue sauces out there. So feel free to experiment. But, I would recommend avoiding the ones with Habanero pepper. I find that its extreme hot taste ruins the flavor of both the food and wine.

I hope that you will contact me with your comments, suggestions and favorite wines at igrover@berk.com. I will be happy to share them with the broader Mensa group.

John Grover is a member of Mensa of Northeast New York. He lives with his wife Sharon in the Hudson Valley of New York.

Computer Haiku

*Chaos reigns within.
Reflect, repent, and reboot.
Order shall return.*

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Fifth Annual Regional Gathering
Newark Delaware
September 16-18, 2011



I MENSA

The Relationship Gathering

September 16 to 18, 2011

You know you <heart> Mensa - Come and explore your emotions, relationships and commitments at Delaware Mensa's Fifth Annual RG.

*"People; People who need..." something -
"Are the luckiest people in the world."*

That's why we also recommend you buy a lottery ticket on the way to the RG - so when you win, you can share all that money with your very best friends, your fellow Mensa members. Now that's the kind of relationship we all want, isn't it? (*Winning not guaranteed, your results may vary.*)

Then this RG is just what you have been waiting for. We're at the HoJo's again, with plenty of room and good rates, so come out and make the most of this weekend, even if you don't score big with the Lotto.

Speakers, games, death defying stunts,

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

Enjoy a large, recently remodeled games room, and entertainment: Karaoke and Poolside Music by Unison (<http://www.unisonmusic.net>), as well as a testing session on Sunday

RG Registration fees:

- ♦ Through the event and at the door: \$70

Rooms include:

- ⇒ Free wireless internet
- ⇒ Deluxe Continental Breakfast, including waffles, French toast, and cereal, as well as fruit, pastries and muffins.
- ⇒ Refrigerator, microwave and coffee maker in all rooms
- ⇒ Outdoor pool, fitness center
- ⇒ Smoking rooms available. Pets allowed, with fee

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SAME LOCATION AS 2010:

(Make your room reservation separately—Tell them you're with Delaware Mensa!!!)

Howard Johnson Inn and Suites - Newark DE

1119 S College Avenue
I-95 and Route 896
Newark, DE 19713
302-368-8521

Rooms are \$59.99
Suites are \$67.99

Make checks payable to: Delaware Mensa. Send registration form and checks to:

Maria Sawczuk
148 Killoran Drive
New Castle, DE 19720

Or register online at www.delaware.us.mensa.org/rg11.htm !

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

Name: _____ Local Group: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Number of people registering: _____ Amount included: _____

Name(s) on badge(s): _____

EVERY MONTH EVENTS!

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

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.

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

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. CHECK WEBSITE or YAHOO GROUP FOR POSSIBLE MOVE TO NEW LOCATION AND DAY.

THIRD TUESDAY 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.

Delaware Mensa Calendar

Grab your personal calendar and write down some events!

Thur, Sept 8	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 Steve at sdm1177@yahoo.com or call (302) 832-2665.
Sat, Sept 10	Brandywine Arts Festival: breakfast, 9:00 at Fresh Thymes Café, then on to the festival until ?. RSVP: Dee Richardson at 302-892-2299, or busydeeee@comcast.net .
Mon, Sept 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
Sept 16-18	Friday to Sunday, Delaware RG, I ♥ Mensa! See page 4 for registration, page 2 for more info!
Tues, Sept 20	6 to 8 pm, Happy Hour/ NTN Trivia Night at Buffalo Wild Wings, Sunset Station Shopping Center, Route 40, Bear . Third Tuesday of each month. For info or to RSVP, e-mail Steve at sdm1177@yahoo.com or call (302) 832-2665.

Your event here!!

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WORD ROUND-UP

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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.

September 2011

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