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EXCOMMunication - July, 2007

By: Maria Sawczuk, Local Secretary

Have you registered? For what, you say? Why, for the first-ever Delaware Mensa Regional Gathering!! We have some great speakers and fun times planned for our first gathering. And make sure to come early on Friday – you won't want to miss our speaker from the DiscoverSea Shipwreck Museum. On Saturday, we are featuring Ed Okonowitz, noted ghost historian of the Delmarva Peninsula, and an educator from the Kalmar Nyckel Foundation. And we haven't even discussed of local Mensan speakers! If you have kids, bring them along, and we'll keep them entertained with a host of kids' activities. Be sure to book your hotel room too – you won't want to go home and miss any of the fun!

Prior to the RG, we are hosting another installment of our popular Speaker Series. Dr. Stephanie Wright, Founder, President, and CEO of the Delaware AeroSpace Education Foundation will meet us at DASEF's facility, just east of Smyrna for a pizza party and discussion. Directions to the facility can be found on DASEF's website, www.dasef.org. Please be sure to let Dee know if you're coming, so we have enough pizza!

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Hadn't heard about this event before now? Well, you need to join our Yahoo group, so you are the first to know about our events. It's a low traffic site, so don't worry about us exploding your email box. Plus, you'll get friendly reminders about events as they near. Go to <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/DelawareMensa/> to sign up.

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Coming Events

TUESDAY, AUGUST 14 7:00 pm, Delaware Aerospace Education Foundation

Dr. Stephanie Wright is an enthusiastic educator and administrator and she looks forward to introducing our group to DASEF. I first heard Stephanie speak at a Delaware Biotechnology Breakfast meeting. One of the things she mentioned was the fact that, like NASA, DASEF has many programs in place focusing on the Earth's environment - it's not all in space. I thought their facility would be a great venue for a Mensa meeting, and she has agreed. A peek at their website www.dasef.org will show some of the programs already in place, and we'll hear about plans for the future.

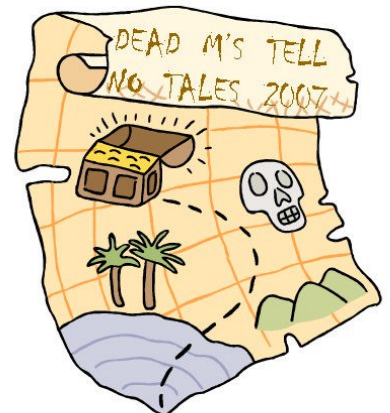
We've been invited to have pizza on their deck at the Environmental Outpost and Mountjoy Observatory, east of Smyrna, overlooking nature at its best! (We will make the pizza arrangements, not DASEF.) Please bring others you know that are interested in the environment and education. This time is not for children...but you can anticipate the fun that children will have participating in future DASEF pro-

grams.

Please contact Dee Richardson to let her know you'll be attending - and what kind of pizza/soda you like at 302-892-2299 or busydeee@comcast.net

SEPTEMBER 7-9 - DELAWARE MENSA REGIONAL GATHERING - "Dead M's Tell No Tales"

The first ever Delaware Mensa RG will happen at the TownePlace Suites hotel in Newark. A week-end of socializing, speakers and activities with your fellow Mensans, following the theme of International Talk Like a Pirate Day (Sept 19). The program is



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

By John Grover

This month we will match a luscious wine from California with a barbequed sea food dish. The wine is the 2005 Sauvignon Blanc from the Sterling Vintners located in Sonoma. This white wine is from their Vintner's Collection line and features Central Coast grapes. First notice the aroma of lemon and peach as you bring this white wine to your nose. Once you take some of this pale gold wine across your tongue you will notice ripe grapefruit, perhaps apple and a hint of lemon grass and mineral. This moderately intense wine is surprisingly complex for the price. It nicely compliments a mild fish like the tilapia below; but, it is still not overwhelmed by the assertive spices called for in the recipe. This wine should retail for around \$10 a bottle. I got it as part of a case for \$8 a bottle.

Grilled Tilapia (adapted from a posting by "Sage" on the recipezaar.com website)

Ingredients: 2 lbs. tilapia fillets, 1 tsp. olive oil, 1 tsp. Cajun seasoning and 1 tsp. Old Bay Seasoning.

Spread oil on both sides of the fillets. Sprinkle with seasoning. Place on a preheated grill for about 5 minutes over a medium high heat with the grill cover down. Turn once during grilling. Serve with the Aioli described below. Makes four servings. **Cooking hint:** Tilapia fillets are very thin and delicate. Use a grilling tray with a smooth surface and small holes so that a grilling disaster does not ensue!

Aioli

Ingredients: 1 cup mayonnaise, 6 cloves of garlic minced, 1 ½ tbsp. lemon juice, 1 ½ tbsp. Dijon mustard and ¾ tsp dried tarragon.

Prepare Aioli by mixing all the ingredients in a bowl. Cover and refrigerate ahead of time for flavors to blend. At the author's suggestion, we served this dish with boiled new potatoes and fresh green beans to dip in the Aioli. The combination of flavors was delightful and the preparation of this dish was quick and easy.

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.

This column runs in several Mensa newsletters, and John has offered it to DelaMensa on a regular basis. Please let me know how you like it, and if you would like to see it continue! Ed.

Celebration

As of June 30 we had 158 members

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

<u>Name</u>	<u>Birthday</u>
Wendy Mackay	8/1
Carl Moore, Jr.	8/2
Allison Berdoulay	8/5
Helen Ohlson	8/5
Martha Lankford	8/9
George Majors	8/10
Chris Quintanilla	8/21
Terri Eros	8/22
Robert Auer, Jr.	8/23
Paul Thompson	8/26
Thomas Keane	8/28
David Moak	8/29
Melissa Hanlon	8/31

Congratulations, and a Happy Mensaversary to these members who celebrate their Mensa anniversary this month:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Member since:</u>
Alan Emsley	1980
Christina Hillson	1989
Steven Allison	1999
Pamela Lamb	1999
Anthony Geniec	2001
Lawrence Laporte	2001
Walter Crowe	2004
Melissa Hanlon	2005
Richard Schneider	2005
Francis Stevens	2006

COMING EVENTS (Continued from page 1)

still under development, but has mostly taken shape. If there is something you want to see there, speak up, and we can probably fit it in.

Friday night, after check-in, we'll have a speaker from the Delaware Shipwreck Museum

Saturday will have a number of talks, on topics such as:

- Delaware ghost stories
- Mid-Atlantic Lighthouses
- Cars – how to avoid auto repair pirates
- Talk like a Pirate – how and why
- The Kalmar Nyckel
- Sailing in the Carribean
- Geneology – you might be related to a Pirate

Plus, live music after dinner

Also, there will be parallel kids activities, so don't leave them at home.

Throughout the weekend, the Hospitality room will be open all day (snacks and drinks, and a little extra at lunch and dinner time – the hotel offers a Continental Breakfast) as will the Games Room, and the and the pool will be open, too. There are restaurants in the local area, if you feel the need to get out for a while.

On Sunday, following the end of the RG, will be the next Delaware Mensa EXCOM meeting. All members are welcome to join in and help plan our Fall activities.

To help your decision to come, we offer early-bird rates for the event: \$45 until Aug 17, and \$50 after that and at the door.

DATE: Sept 7-9, 2007

PLACE: TownePlace Suites Hotel, 410 Eagle Run Rd, Newark DE (302-369-6212), Room rate is \$89/night – mention Delaware Mensa when you register

REGISTRATION: Contact Dee Richardson, busy-deee@comcast.net,302-892-2299

Murphy's Lesser Known Laws

- Light travels faster than sound. That is why some people appear bright until you hear them speak.
- He who laughs last, thinks slowest.
- Change is inevitable, except from a vending machine.
- Those who live by the sword get shot by those who don't.
- Nothing is foolproof to a sufficiently talented fool.
- The 50-50-90 rule: Anytime you have a 50-50 chance of getting something right, there's a 90% probability you'll get it wrong.
- If you lined up all the cars in the world end to end, someone would be stupid enough to try to pass them, five or six at a time, on a hill with a curve in it, in the fog.
- If the shoe fits, get another one just like it.
- The shinbone is designed for the special purpose of finding furniture in a dark room.
- A fine is a tax for doing wrong. A tax is a fine for doing well.
- When you go to court, you're putting yourself in the hands of 12 people who weren't smart enough to get out of jury duty.

Announcements from National

National Mensa award winners were announced at the AG, July 6, 2007:

National Chairman's Awards

Elissa Rudolph
Don Drumtra
Dr. Irving Freeman
Eldon Romney
Guy Conti
De Freshwater

Group of the Year Awards (GOTYA)

Class I: Chicago Area Mensa
Class II: Oregon Mensa
Class III: Piedmont Area Mensa
Class IV: Iowa-Illinois Mensa
Class V: Permian Basin Mensa

Culturequest 2007 Teams

1. Eureka
2. GLAAMarama
3. Gordian Nots (Region 2)
8. Ockham's Hell Razors (Region 2)
12. Carbon Based Life Forms (Region 2)

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 and Third 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 Downtown Lunch Bunch meets at 11:30 in the basement Cafeteria of the Hotel DuPont for lunch and stimulating conversation. (**Second Monday of each month**) Info: Fran Joseph at 302-994-6347

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 doctordeb@copper.net, or call 610-485-2745.

Delaware Mensa Calendar

Grab your personal calendar and write down some events!

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| Mon, Aug 13 | 11:30—? Downtown Lunch Bunch meet in the basement Cafeteria of the Hotel DuPont for lunch and stimulating conversation. (Second Monday of each month) Info: Dee Richardson at 302-892-2299 |
| Tues, Aug 14 | 7 pm, Pizza and a talk by Dr. Stephanie Wright, of DASEF, at their facility just east of Smyrna. See their website at www.dasef.org for directions. Contact Dee Richardson to RSVP at 302-892-2299 or busydeee@comcast.net |
| Wed, Aug 15 | 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, Aug 25 | 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. |
| Wed, Sep 5 | 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. |
| Sept 7-9 | Delaware Mensa RG—TownPlace Suites, 410 Eagle Run Rd, Newark DE. Register with Dee Richardson, 302-892-2299. |
| Mon, Sep 10 | 11:30—? Downtown Lunch Bunch meet in the basement Cafeteria of the Hotel DuPont for lunch and stimulating conversation. (Second Monday) Info: Dee Richardson at 302-892-2299 |
| Wed, Sep 19 | 6 to 8 pm, Happy Hour/ NTN Trivia Night at Buffalo Wild Wings, Bear . |
| Sat, Sep 29 | 8 pm, Philosophy and Discussion Group at John and Deb's house. |



Your event here!!

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Dead M's Tell No Tales RG

The First (ever) Annual Regional Gathering
in Delaware!



Avast! Set yer sails for the maiden voyage of "Dead Ms Tell No Tales," Newark, Delaware, September 7-9, 2007.

Friday night be time for tales of noble ships taken or lost on the high seas, or join the landlubbers poolside and walk the plank for swimmin' lessons.

Thar be hi-jinx galore--take-no-prisoners Outlaw Hold-Em, cutthroat hearts, an' plenty other despicable games--but don't get caught a-cheatin'. Programs abound to help you stay healthy, get wealthy, and have fun (sorry, no disemboweling class).

Scoundrels report often to Scurvy Jack's galley and grog barrel fer hoagies (lunch), pizza (Supper), and refreshments.

Loot and plunder at Delaware's finest tax-free stores.

Registration: \$45 until August 17, and \$50 dockside. Anklebiters (to age 14) be half-price wih special programs, to boot. TownePlace Suites, 410 Eagle Run Road, Newark, DE, right off I-95 (at Exit 3) for ye steering-impaired: \$89 per night for single suites; \$99 for double suites (+ 8% tax).

Be there or be run through! ARRRGHHH!



When: September 7-9, 2007

Where: TownePlace Suites, 410 Eagle Run Rd,
Newark DE (302-369-6212)

What: A piratically bloodthirsty RG

How to register:

Send registration form with check payable to Delaware Mensa to Dee Richardson, Registrar, 3101 Duncan Rd, Wilmington DE 19808.

Registration Form:

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

E-mail: _____

Badge Name: _____

Questions?

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Happy Hour/ NTN Trivia Night	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12 New Moon	13 Lunch Bunch	14 DASEF Meeting	15 Happy Hour/ NTN Trivia Night	16	17	18
19	20	21 DelaMensa Deadline	22	23	24	25 Philosophy Discussion
26	27	28 Full Moon	29	30	31	