
S o u t h e r n C o n n e c t i c u t m e n s a

SCHEDULE OF CHAPTER EVENTS FOR FEBRUARY

Wednesday, February 9, 7:00. Southern Ct and Connecticut/Western Massachusetts Joint Dinner.
This regular dinner is now being held the 2nd Wednesday of each month at the Old Sorrento Restaurant, Newtown Road, Danbury, CT. Interested Mensans should contact Ward Mazzucco at (203) 744-1929, ext. 25, wjm@danburylaw.com, or Rev. Bill Loring at (203) 794-1389.

Saturday, February 12, 7:00 p.m. Poker Night, Norwalk, CT.
Marc and Suzanne Leichtling are hosting a relaxed evening of low-stakes poker at their home in Norwalk. For information and directions, call them at (203) 838-3566 or e-mail leicht@discovernet.net.

Saturday, February 19, 7:00. Monthly dinner, Three Door Restaurant, 1775 Madison Ave., Bridgeport.
Topic: "Profiting from Emerging Trends in Technology". Ben Twombly, who was an accomplished senior scientist with Perkin-Elmer, created and developed several businesses, and successfully day-traded many high-tech stocks, will tell us how to understand and invest successfully in new technologies. Please call Lee Steuber at 203-730-1634 for information and reservations. Dinner is \$10.00 and includes everything but the cash bar. Dress is casual and guests are welcome.

Saturday, February 26, 8:00 pm. THEATRE EVENT: Arthur Miller's *A View from the Bridge*, Cheshire, CT. This absorbing 1955 tragedy of conflict in a Brooklyn Italian family is being put on by the Cheshire Community Theatre at Doolittle School, 735 Cornwall Ave., Cheshire. Tickets are just \$10.00. For reservations or information, call Jim Mizera at (203) 332-2548 or email Jmizera@hotmail.com.

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE OF CHAPTER EVENTS FOR MARCH

Wednesday, March 8, 7:00. Southern Connecticut and Connecticut/Western Massachusetts Joint Dinner.
See above listing for details.

Sunday, March 12, 4:00 p.m. Games Night, Danbury, CT.
Bring a game or just yourself for an informal afternoon of gaming. Please call Lee Steuber at (203) 730-1634 for information and directions.

Saturday, March 18, 7:00. Monthly dinner, Three Door Restaurant, 1775 Madison Ave., Bridgeport.

Saturday, March 25, 2:00. THEATRE EVENT: Shakespeare's *Richard III* at the Yale Repertory Theatre, New Haven. The Yale School of Drama presents one of Shakespeare's most gripping tragic histories. Tickets for this matinee performance are just \$20.00 if we can get a group of ten, so if you are interested, please call Jim Mizera at (203) 332-2548 or e-mail Jmizera@hotmail.com.

Want to see more activities listed here? Call or e-mail Jim Mizera at (203) 332-2548, Jmizera@hotmail.com if you have a suggestion. Let us know if you or a friend are willing to coordinate or host an event.

RECENT MENSA EVENTS

I have been encouraged recently by the excellent attendance at some of our recent chapter events. Though I believe that the quality of a Mensa event is determined more by the satisfaction the participants get from it than the attendance, it is still good to see increasing numbers at recent outings. I am also pleased that we are experiencing a good mix of new people and long-time members - this makes it more interesting for both groups.

Each month there is a dinner in Danbury on the second Wednesday of the month. This last month there were eight of us at the dinner - we had a good dinner and lively conversation ranging across a wide range of topics (the telling factor in a successful Mensa event!).

The long-standing chapter dinner held at the Three Door Restaurant was a little different than usual - our speaker cancelled at the last minute due to a family medical emergency. As a somewhat different twist on the evening, I asked for little known information and interests about each person as they came in the door. After dinner, we guessed who could speak multiple languages, who made non-spherical gears, who had wrestled as an amateur, etc. Our members have a wide variety of experiences and interests! Despite having 17 people in the room, it ended up as a single, relaxed conversation.

A third games night took place this month - nine people showed up and we had a good time playing a couple of different games. It is certainly interesting playing Taboo with people with extensive vocabularies and the ability to articulately describe things. Larry Schwartz brought the game Set, which has won several awards, including the official Mensa Games award. Next month is poker night in Norwalk on the 12th.

Thanks to the efforts of Jim Mizera, there is a theater group that has seen several successful plays put on locally. In January, fourteen people came out to see Agatha Christie's *The Mousetrap* at the Clockwork Repertory Theatre in Oakville. Everyone enjoyed dinner before the show, followed by a suspenseful mystery classic.

I encourage you to give some of the activities a try - especially if you have never been to a Mensa event. New members are welcomed into the group - the regulars are happy to explain the procedures or what to expect. If you would like to know more about any of the listed events, please feel free to call the sponsor or me - we would be happy to give you as much advance information as possible.

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NOTED AND QUOTED

Those who can make you believe absurdities can make you commit atrocities.
VOLTAIRE

I am not a creature of circumstance, I am a creator of circumstances.
NAPOLEON BONAPARTE

If we are not our brother's keeper, let us at least not be his executioner.
MARLON BRANDO

A wise man is one who creates more opportunities than he finds.
FRANCIS BACON

How many apples fell on Newton's head before he took the hint?
ROBERT FROST, Comment

If at first you don't succeed, destroy all evidence that you tried.
NEWT HEILSCHER

A wide screen just makes a bad film twice as bad.
SAMUEL GOLDWYN

That millennium sure flew by, didn't it?
GREG GOTH

There is a time in the life of every problem when it is big enough to see,
yet small enough to solve.
MIKE LEAVITT

Those who say they give the public what it wants begin by underestimating
public taste and end by debauching it.
T. S. ELIOT (1888-1965)

Man is a creature of habit. The artist's task is to break with habits.
JEAN RENOIR

All my methods are rational; only my ends are insane.
AHAB, H. Melville's *Moby Dick*

A fool's paradise is a wise man's hell.
THOMAS FULLER

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