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SCHEDULE OF CHAPTER EVENTS FOR SEPTEMBER

Wednesday, Sept. 13, 7:00. Southern Connecticut 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, Sept. 16, 7:00. Monthly dinner, Three Door Restaurant, 1775 Madison Ave., Bridgeport. Southern Connecticut Mensa has a new gifted children coordinator – Jim Wood!!!! Jim has a BA in Biology, an MA in Clinical Psychology, and a Ph.D. in Neurophysiology, and has worked professionally in the biological and psychological sciences. He recently held the position of Director of the Gifted Child Program for Chicago Mensa while continuing his extensive studies of the literature from the major gifted children research centers around the world. Jim is interested in disseminating this information to the community at large, encouraging private and State agencies to expand school programs for the gifted, and getting parents and teachers more directly involved with the intellectual and psychological development of exceptional children. He will be speaking about his research and efforts in these areas at the September dinner, and welcomes your ideas and assistance in rebuilding our chapter's program for gifted youngsters.

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, Sept. 23, 8:00. THEATRE EVENT: *Much Ado About Nothing*, a comedy by William Shakespeare, at the historic Eli Whitney Barn, 916 Whitney Ave., Hamden (just over the New Haven Line). The Algonkuin Theatre Company (www.Algonkuin.org) is putting on this show and tickets are \$12 reserved, \$15 at the door. For info or reservations, please call Jim Mizera at (203) 332-2548 or e-mail Jmizera@hotmail.com, preferably before Wednesday, September 20.

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE OF CHAPTER EVENTS FOR OCTOBER

Wednesday, October 11, 7:00. Southern Connecticut and Connecticut/Western Massachusetts Joint Dinner. See above listing for details.

Note: this is on the second Saturday not the third as is customary!!!!, October`14, 7:00. Monthly dinner, Three Door Restaurant, 1775 Madison Ave., Bridgeport. Our speaker will be Shoya Zichy, author of the newly published book *Women and Leadership* (McGraw Hill). Shoya, who is on a brief break from her book-signing tour, will conduct a mini-workshop based on her research that evaluates and develops leadership potential (not gender specific).

2001 NOTICE

The Connecticut Association for the Gifted needs people who are willing to teach youngsters in grades K-8 for their Minds in Motion classes tentatively planned for October, 2001, at Danbury High School. The CAG, a non-profit organization, sponsors classes in subjects such as rocketry, chess, math, drama, dance, the environment, art, and foreign languages. If you are interested or want more information, please call Susan Chapman at 778-0194 or Chris Cuhnick at 778-0002.

Bruce Campbell, longtime chapter member, spoke at the August dinner on etymology - the study of words, their relationships, meanings, and development over the ages. The following are words that he chose from several sources to illustrate the amusing or interesting changes that words can undergo, especially in meaning, derivation, and pronunciation. Each word is followed by either its original meaning or root. The arrows show changes either in meaning or usage.

Monday – moon's day	Bheu/bhu => future, physical, booth,	Crook – bent person
Tuesday – Tiu's day (god of war)	byre, burly, byelaw, be, bour (as in	Cybernetics – art of governing
Wednesday – Woden's day	neighbor)	Dairy – place where a female
Thursday – Thor's day	Bill and coo – hook bladed weapon	kneader of bread works
Friday – Frie's day	Biscuit – twice cooked	Dawn – daying (day break)
Saturday – Saturn's day	Bit – <i>binary digit</i>	Decimate – every tenth soldier
Sunday – day of the sun	Bizarre – beard => handsome, brave	Devil – slanderer
January – Janus	Blackmail – hidden payment/tax	Dimple – pothole
February – purification	Bless – mark with blood	Dinner – breakfast
March – Mars	Blue – yellow	Discuss – smash to pieces
April – Aphrodite	Bombastic – speech stuffed with	Dismal – bad day
May – Maia (wife of Vulcan)	cotton	Disseminate, season, semen, seminar
June – Juno	Booze – drink much alcohol	– all have the same root
July – Julius Caesar	Bribe – piece of donated bread =>	Divine – shining <= diewos
August – Augustus	beg => steal	Doctor – teach
Sept, etc, - seventh, eighth, ninth,	Bridal – bride ale (drinking session to	Doll – mispronouncing Dorothy (a
tenth (Roman years started with	celebrate a marriage)	mistress)
March)	Brothel – despised person	Dozen – Latin duodecim (12)
Abeyance – waiting with gaping	Brown – dark	Dream – deceive
mouth	Budget – pouch	Dreary – dripping with blood
Abject – thrown away	Bully – sweetheart/pimp	Duck – bird that ducks (under water)
Abominate – shrink from an evil	Bureau – red	Eager – sharp
omen	Buxom – obedient	Earn – working in the fields
Accost – rib to rib	Cafeteria – coffee seller	Effete – that has given birth =>
Accurate – done with care	Calculate – calx, counting stone	exhausted => decadence
Addled – urine egg	Calendar – money-lender's account	Effrontery – barefaced
Adolescent – nourishment	book	Either – always each of two
Advertise – warning	Callow – bald <= young fowl with no	Elbow – arm bend
Aftermath – second mowing (of a	feathers	Electricity – rubbing amber
hay field)	Cancan – noise, uproar	Elegy – song
Ale – bitter	Candidate – one clothed in white	Eliminate – kick them out-of-doors
Alfresco – fresh	Career – road or racetrack for	Embrace – put your arms around
Alimony – feeding the estranged	wheeled vehicles	Empty – not full, unmarried
wife	Caterpillar – hairy cat	Endorse – write on the back
Aloof – sail close to the wind	Charm – magic spell	Engine – gun, natural talent
Amen – truth	Christ – anointed/messiah	Enthusiasm – possessed
Angel – messenger	Clan – offspring	Eunuch – bed guard
Arouse – plumping up the feathers	Clumsy – numb with cold	Evident – can be seen
Aubergine – anti-fart vegetable	Coitus, exit, issue, obituary, transient	Evil – uppity => bad
Awkward – wrong direction	– go out	Faculty – easy to do
Barn – place to store barley	Comet – longhaired one	Fall (season) – fall of the leaf
Barrage – artificial obstruction in	Companion – someone who shares	Family – servant
water	your bread	Fee – cattle
Barrister – called to the bar	Compass – pace out	Feisty – farting dog
Bead – prayer	Comrade – room sharer	Fellow – someone who lays out
Belfry – siege tower	Concubine – a person with whom	money/joint venture
Best man – ablest defender while	one goes to bed	Female – person from whom milk is
abducting a bride	Consider – observe the stars	sucked
	Corn – small particle, e.g., salt	Fern – from Indo-European porno –
	particle in corned beef	(Greek porne = prostitute)
	Crib – manger/basket	Fight – pull someone's hair

- Finger – one of five
 Fizzle – fart silently
 Flan – flat cake, cowpat
 Flatter – caress with the flat of the hand
 Flux – flowing
 Focus – fireplace
 Foist – concealing dice in one's fist
 Fond – foolish
 Fool – windbag
 Forget – not get
 Fornication – arch/vault => brothel => etc
 Free – family, not servants
 Friend – loving
 Frown – snorting
 Frugal – fruitful
 Gain – hunting ground
 Game – people participating
 Gas – chaos
 Gasket – little girl?
 Gaul – foreigners
 Geezer – someone in disguise
 Generous – of noble birth
 Genuine – place one's newborn on one's knee – to acknowledge as one's own
 Gerund – carrying on
 Gift – bride price
 Girdle – surrounding
 Glad – shining
 Glass – blue, green
 Go-go – wanton, lusty
 Gossip – godparent => close friend =>
 Govern – to steer a ship
 Greyhound – bitch
 Grocer – wholesaler
 Guess – take aim
 Gulf - bosom => space between a woman's breasts => trough between waves
 Gymnasium – naked
 Harem – forbidden place
 Hectic – suffering from fever
 Hell – hidden place
 Heresy – choice
 Heyday – hurrah
 Hit – knowledge
 Hoist on ones petard – blown up with one's own bomb
 Hug – comfort, console
 Husband – house/home holder
 Hysteria – womb suffering
 Icon – similarity
 Idea – the look of something
 Idiot – private individual
 Idol – form, shape
 Ill – bad
 Imbecile – weak
 Imp – sapling
 Impeach – ensnare
 Impresario – one who undertakes
 Inch/ounce – one twelfth
 Infant – one who cannot yet speak
 Injury – unjust
 Ink – burn in
 Instant – be present
 Insult – leap upon
 Intelligence – perceive
 Invent – find
 Japan – sunrise
 Jazz – sexual intercourse?
 Jeopardy – even chance
 Journey – a day's travel
 Jovial – born under the influence of the planet Jupiter
 Jubilee – ram's horn
 Jungle – dry, wasteland => scrubland
 Just – sacred formula
 Kaiser = Tsar = Caesar
 Ketchup – brine of fish
 Knight – young man
 Kowtow – knock one's head
 Lady – bread kneader
 Lens – shaped like a lentil
 Lent – long days
 Lesbian – woman from the isle of Lesbos
 Lettuce – milky sap
 Links – (golf course) sloping or rising ground
 Lord – loaf guardian
 Make – kneading
 Man – have power
 Maniple – handful, (cloth used in RC rite of marriage, 60 to 120 soldiers, handful of straw tied to a staff to make a Roman battle standard)
 Manure, Maneuver – manual labor
 Marinade – dunk in the sea
 Mathematics – something learned
 Measles – spots
 Mediocre – halfway up a mountain
 Melancholy – black bile
 Melon – apple
 Menstrual – monthly
 Merge – plunge
 Minute, minute – small, small part of an hour
 Mistress – lady master of the house
 Mortgage – death of a lien
 Nation – breed, stock
 Nice – stupid
 Nightmare – goblin that sits on your chest and gives bad dreams
 Noble – well known
 Noise – sickness
 Nymph – bride
 Obstetric – stand before a woman giving birth
 Old – grown up
 Omelet – thin
 Opportunity – favorable winds taking one to one's homeport
 Orchestra – place where the chorus danced
 Orchid – testicle-shaped
 Orient – rising sun
 Pain – punishment
 Pansy – thought
 Paradise – enclosed place
 Paraphernalia – woman's property, not part of the dowry
 Parasite – eating at the table of another
 Parlor – room for conversation
 Patient – someone who is suffering
 Patrol – paddle about in mud
 Pencil – little penis
 Planet – wanderer
 Plus fours - pants four inches longer than the knee
 Pocket – bag
 Poison, potable – drink
 Police – civic administrator
 Porcelain – pig's vagina (from a cowrie which is shaped like that)
 Precocious – precooked
 Prestige – illusion
 Prostitute – set it up in front of everyone
 Prude – virtuous woman
 Pudding – sausage
 Quintessence – fifth essence
 Raid, road – riding
 Ramble – wander around like a randy ram, looking for an ewe to copulate with
 Rankle – festering from a dragon's bite
 Remorse – biting of conscience
 Repudiate – divorce one's wife
 Restaurant – where one is restored/refreshed
 Result – jump backward
 Robin – Robert
 Sacrilege – steal holy things
 Salad – salted dish
 Salute – safe, healthy
 Salver – taster, for poison
 Saracen – people of the East
 Sarcasm – rending of flesh
 School – leisure

Scold – nagging woman, the sort who had a ‘scold’s bridle’ on to still her tongue	Sphere – round pellet of dung	Tragedy – goat song
Serenade - a serene piece of music	Stamina – plural of stamen	Trapeze – four-footed
Serendip – Sri Lanka	Starve – be stiff	Travel <= an instrument of torture
Sermon – talk, discourse	Stew – take a steam bath	Trundle – roll
Sesquipedalian – words that are a foot and a half long, pompous	Stipend – tax	Twenty – two tens
Shambles – meat market	Street – paved road	Umbrella – little shadow
Shirt, skirt – short	Sturdy – drunk as a thrush	Unison – of the same sound
Silly – blessed, happy	Surgeon – someone who does hand work	Utopia – “no place”
Sir – senior (older)	Sweetbread – sweet flesh	Vegetable – be active
Skeleton – dried-up body	Symposium – getting together for a drink	Victory – defeat
Sky – cloud	Taxi – cabriolet <= like a jumping goat	Vodka – little water
Slave – Slav	Temerity – acting in the dark	Wag (comical fellow) – waghatter, someone destined for the gallows
Slim – small, inferior	Temperature – mixture	Wake – watch (over)
Slogan – war cry (of a clan)	Tempest – period of time	Walk – roll about
Smut – put dirt on	Test – earthenware pot	West – where the sun goes down
Snob – shoemaker	Testis => (witness) => testament, testicle, testimony, contest (v)	Whore – lover
Sock (as in hit) – light shoe	Thing – appointed time	Wife – woman
Sophisticated – adulterated	Thousand – many hundreds	Willy-nilly – will I, nill I
Soup – piece of bread soaked in liquid	Thumb – swollen part	Window – wind eye
South – side where the sun appears	Tit – small (titmouse), nipple	Winter – either wet or white season
Speed – success (as in Godspeed)	To boot – advantage/remedy	Wizard – wise man
Sperm – sown	Trade – trodden path	Wrong – twisted
		Zodiac – circle of little animals

Did You Know?

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The only planet in the solar system that rotates clockwise is Venus. All other planets rotate counterclockwise.

The only coin minted in the U.S. that has a profile facing right is the penny. All other coins feature profiles that face left.

The Great Pyramid of Khufu, Egypt, is the only ancient wonder of the world still in existence.

The only fruit whose seeds grow on the outside is the strawberry.

Honey is the only food that does not spoil. Archaeological digs at ancient tombs have turned up honey that is still totally edible.

The Crater of Diamonds, located near Murfreesboro, Arkansas, is the only active diamond mine in the United States. For a nominal fee tourists may enter the mine to hunt for precious stones; they are allowed to keep whatever they find.

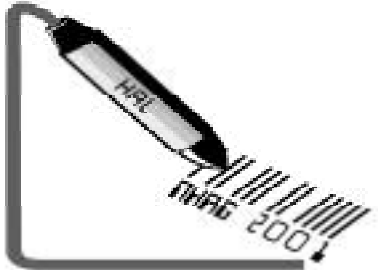
Alaska is the only state with three different coasts. It is bordered by the Arctic Ocean, the Pacific Ocean, and the Bering Sea. Alaska is also the only state that operates on Bering time, which is six hours behind Eastern Standard Time.

Connecticut is the only state with an official state ship and hero. The state ship is the USS Nautilus and the hero is Nathan Hale.

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