

Southern Connecticut mensa Chronicle

SCHEDULE OF CHAPTER EVENTS FOR DECEMBER

Wednesday, December 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, Dec. 16, 7:00. Monthly dinner, Three Door Restaurant, 1775 Madison Ave., Bridgeport. Have you found the job that's best for you? The one that is suited to your particular values, skills, and interests? Carol Lambe, a personal and career development coach, will talk to us about doing exactly that - how to determine what to look for and how to make it happen! Carol has worked in a number of fields, and now has her own practice in Connecticut and New York designing individual programs to help people use their natural talents, personality, and interests to build satisfying careers.

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.

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE OF CHAPTER EVENTS FOR JANUARY

Wednesday, Jan. 10, 7:00. Southern Connecticut and Connecticut/Western Massachusetts Joint Dinner. See above listing for details.

Saturday, Jan. 20, 7:00. Monthly dinner, Three Door Restaurant, 1775 Madison Ave., Bridgeport.

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 Cuhnsnick at 778-0002.

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National MENSA Membership Statistics

	<u>As Of</u> <u>10/31/00</u>	<u>Estimated</u> <u>#/100,000 Pop.</u>	<u>As Of</u> <u>10/31/99</u>
Active Members	44,446	16.46	43,583
Memberships Expired 2000	6,302		4,768
New Members	291		320
Reinstatements	184		116

Southern Connecticut Mensa Membership As Of 10/31/00

<u>TOWN</u>	<u># MEMBERS</u>	<u>Estimated</u> <u>#/100,000 Pop.</u>
Ansonia	1	5.64
Bethany	1	20.70
Bethel	6	33.57
Bridgeport	8	5.82
Brookfield	9	61.37
Danbury	19	28.86
Darien	8	44.24
Easton	5	74.13
Fairfield	13	24.19
Greenwich	26	44.57
Milford	2	4.00
Monroe	3	16.16
New Canaan	16	88.56
New Fairfield	4	29.59
Newtown	6	25.57
Norwalk	25	32.03
Orange	1	8.05
Redding	3	36.73
Ridgefield	17	76.70
Shelton	8	21.12
Sherman	2	66.29
Stamford	28	25.30
Stratford	12	24.56
Trumbull	10	29.84
Weston	4	45.22
Westport	7	28.90
Wilton	6	36.06

GRAND TOTAL FOR CHAPTER: 250 Members Est. #/100,000 Pop: 29.82

NEWS OF THE WORLD

I sent the following letter to the H.B. Reese Candy Co.:

Gentlemen:

I have a quarrel with your slogan "There's No Wrong Way To Eat A Reese's." Since there is only one right way to eat a Reese's peanut butter cup, all other ways must, therefore, be wrong. There are, accordingly, an infinite number of wrong ways to eat them.

Sincerely,

Gary Oberst

P.S. The right way, of course, is to unwrap two of them and, after placing the base of each frustum together, eat them both at the same time.

The Consumer Relations Department responded:

Dear Mr. Oberst:

We appreciate your taking the time to contact us and for commenting on our advertising program. Comments from consumers about any part of our advertising program are always of concern to us. Since it is not our intention to offend any consumers, we work very hard to assure that our commercials are of the highest quality. We will send your comments to our Marketing Department.

Thank you for your interest in our company.

Sincerely,

Maria Ream
Consumer Correspondent

I subsequently lost my taste for Reese's peanut butter cups.

If you wish to submit material, please write or e-mail Jim Mizera at PMB #181, 7365 Main St., Stratford, CT. 06614-1300, Jmizera@hotmail.com. E-mail submissions are preferred. Please include your name, address, and telephone number. Anonymous material will be rejected, although names will be withheld on request. Items will be returned if accompanied by a self-addressed, stamped envelope. Currently, the deadline for postal submissions is the 15th of the month preceding publication, and the 20th of the month for e-mail submissions.

PUZZLES (Answers on page 5) From the rec.puzzles archive

1. How many squares of any size are made by the lines of a standard chessboard?
2. Bob drives at an average speed of 30 miles per hour to the railroad station each morning and just manages to catch the train. On one morning, there was a traffic jam and at the halfway point, he found that he had averaged only 15 miles per hour. How fast must Bob drive the rest of the way to catch his train?
3. A man walks into a bar and asks the barman for a glass of water. The barman pulls out a gun and points it at the man. The man says 'Thank you' and walks out. What happened?
4. Why is it better to have round manhole covers than square ones?
5. A woman had two sons who were born on the same hour of the same day of the same year. But they were not twins. How could this be so?
6. A man pushed his car. He stopped when he reached a hotel at which point he knew he was bankrupt. Why?
7. Anthony and Cleopatra are lying dead on the floor of a villa in Egypt. Nearby is a broken bowl. There is no mark on either of their bodies and they were not poisoned. How did they die?

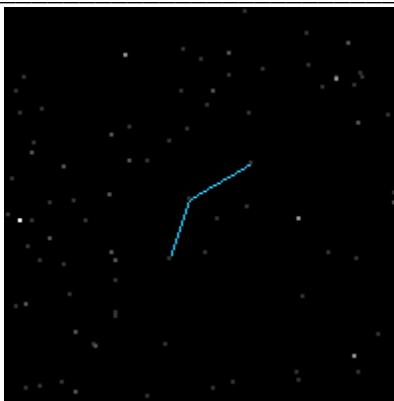
Questions 8-10 are Language Equations.

Example: 1 = E. on a C. Answer: 1 = Eye on a Cyclops

8. 1 = G. L. for M.
9. 2 = O. in a D. P.
10. 3 = L. on a T.

Answers to Puzzles

1. There are $8 \times 8 = 64$ 1-box squares, $7 \times 7 = 49$ 2-box squares, 6×6 3-box squares, and so on down to 1 8-box square. The sum total of squares is 204.
2. The train is already leaving the station and Bob cannot catch it.
3. The man had hiccups. The barman recognized this from his speech and drew the gun in order to give him a shock. It worked and cured the hiccups - so the man no longer needed the water.
4. A square manhole cover can be turned and dropped down the diagonal of the manhole. A round manhole cannot be dropped down the manhole. So for safety and practicality, all manhole covers should be round.
5. They were two of a set of triplets (or quadruplets etc.)
6. He was playing Monopoly.
7. Anthony and Cleopatra were goldfish whose bowl was knocked over by a clumsy dog.
8. 1 = G. L. for M. (Giant Leap for Mankind)
9. 2 = O. in a D. P. (Outs in a Double Play)
10. 3 = L. on a T. (Legs on a Tripod)



Mensa

The Table Mountain Constellation

Mensa is one of the constellations invented by Abbe Nicholas Louis de Lacaille who mapped the stars of the southern hemisphere from the Cape of Good Hope in the years from 1751 to 1753. De La Caille gave this constellation the full name Mons Mensae, that is, Table Mountain. Usually, though, this constellation is referred to simply as Mensa.

The constellation of Mensa commemorates an actual geographical location, Table Mountain near Cape Town, South Africa, where de La Caille made his observations of the southern skies.

The stars of Mensa are extremely dim, of magnitudes 5 and 6. The most notable object near Mensa is the Large Magellanic Cloud, which lies mostly in the neighboring constellation of Dorado but laps over to some extent into Mensa. The Large Magellanic Cloud is a smaller neighbor of the Milky Way Galaxy in which we live. The Large Magellanic Cloud lies about 168,000 light years away from us.

RECIPE/ADVERTISEMENT

Anton's Chocolate Chip Cookie Mix Gift in a Jar

Ingredients:

_ tsp. vanilla powder (available from cake decorating suppliers)
1 c all purpose flour
_ c white sugar (cane, not beet)
_ c brown sugar
1 c chocolate chips
_ c brown sugar
_ c white sugar (cane, not beet)
_ c all purpose flour
_ tsp salt (kosher, not iodized)
1 tsp baking soda
1 tsp baking powder

Directions:

Layer the chocolate chip cookie mix ingredients into a wide-mouth mason jar. Start from the bottom up. Pack each layer into the jar.

Use scissors to cut a 9 inch diameter circle from calico fabric (or use a doily). Place over lid. Tie on a raffia or ribbon bow to secure the fabric. Alternately, shellac a cookie the same size as the lid as an ornament on top of the jar, or cut out old Christmas card circles the same size as the top and place it them between tops and rings. Attach a gift card to the jar with the following mixing and baking directions:

Anton's Chocolate Chip Cookies

_ c unsalted butter
1 egg
1 Chocolate Chip Mix Gift in a Jar

Preheat oven to 375 degrees. Sift dry ingredients through a colander to separate out the chocolate chips from the other ingredients (so you don't smash the chips!). Beat _ cup of unsalted un-melted butter in a medium bowl. Stir sifted ingredients into butter until well blended. In a small bowl, beat 1 egg. Mix your beaten egg into your butter mixture until blended. Gently stir in chips. Drop 1 teaspoon of batter onto a lightly greased cool cookie sheet. Bake 8 minutes or until browned. Yield: 4 dozen.

From *Anton's Gifts in a Jar*. ISBN: 096661190X available from Amazon.com.

This book contains 200 old-fashioned folk, Amish, and gourmet country handcrafted food gifts and personal luxury recipes that fit in a quart mason jar. These are creative gifts for creative minds! In this book are recipes for soups, salsa, baby items, herbal potions, magic reindeer food, fisherman's soap, flower recipes, aromatherapy, tea, Christmas drinks, bath products, dip, cider, layered mixes for cookies. It is brand new for 2000.

These recipes instruct how to make jars that can be placed in old-fashioned handcrafted cheer baskets. They are great for Mother's Day. The jars make lovely bridal and baby shower prizes. You can top the mason jars with your favorite quilt squares, cross-stitch, doilies, homespun fabric, and ribbons. This book and its projects are a hit during the gift-giving season!

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