
Southern Connecticut mensa Chronicle

SCHEDULE OF CHAPTER EVENTS FOR JULY

Wednesday, July 11, 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, frbill@mags.net.

Saturday, July 21, 7:00. Monthly dinner, Three Door Restaurant, 1775 Madison Ave., Bridgeport. One of the most challenging problems for business owners is managing cash flow - one can struggle to pay bills at the same time that your clients owe you an ample amount of money to cover everything. Maureen Reville will talk about "Factoring - Tomorrow's Cash Today". One aspect of her business is to provide an alternative way of handling this problem. Maureen is active in and very knowledgeable about the local business community in Connecticut. 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, July 28, 8:00, THEATRE EVENT: William Shakespeare's *A Comedy of Errors*, performed by the Town Players of Newtown at the Little Theatre, Orchard Hill Road (just off Rte. 25), Newtown, CT (www.danbury.org/org/townplayers). Tickets are \$10. Meet for coffee before the show. For info or reservations, please call Jim Mizera at (203) 332-2548 or e-mail Jmizera@hotmail.com. Last minute: call Box Office, (203) 270-9144.

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE OF CHAPTER EVENTS FOR AUGUST

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

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

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CONNECTICUT AND WESTERN MASSACHUSETTS MENSA CHAPTER UPCOMING EVENTS

This is not a complete listing. WE - Weekly Event , ME - Monthly Event, YE - Yearly Event

July 4, 11, 18, 25 Wednesday Noon

West Hartford Lunch (WE) Wednesday lunch will be held at the Hometown Buffet in the Shaw's shopping plaza off Prospect St. West Hartford. Seven dollars buys all you can eat, and the service time is as fast as you can pick up your food! From 84 West take exit #44 (Prospect). Cross through the light right into the plaza. From 84 East take exit #44 (Prospect). Take left at the light then a left at the next light (you will have crossed over Rte 84) and then a right into the plaza. There is a large selection of food for a modest cost. We will be seated at the front of the restaurant (away from the food counters). Contact: **John Bentley**, (860) 644-0435. PLEASE DOUBLE CHECK WITH JOHN as this is, of course a holiday!

July 5, 12, 19, 26 Thursday 7:00 PM

Scrabble (WE) at Emmanuel Synagogue, 160 Mohegan Drive, West Hartford. **Ellen Leonard**, (860) 667-1966

July 6 Friday 5:30 - 7:00 PM

Happy Hour (ME, first Friday) at the Ramada Inn, Meriden. **Ann Polanski**, (203) 269-4565. This monthly reunion usually draws 10-20 people, warmly welcomes newcomers, and is less than a mile from the I-91 and I-691 interchange. **DIRECTIONS:** From I-91 north or south, or Route 15 north or south, take East Main St. (Meriden) exit, head east (away from Meriden Center). After the I-91 interchanges, take a right at the next light. There is a small Ramada sign at the corner. After you pass the Meriden Cinema Complex and the road curves to the left, take a right into the Ramada parking lot. Inside Silver City Grill, ask the host/hostess for the Mensa table - they know us well!

July 7 Saturday 5:00 PM

Bowling at T-Bowl Lanes, Rte 5 in Wallingford. June's event brought 7 of us to the alleys, (of very varying skills) and we enjoyed 2 strings before we reconvened for dinner. Please call **Beth Collins**, (203) 294-0503 (note different number) or email Player.Piano@Juno.Com to reserve your place. Cost of \$3.00 per string for 2 or 3 strings, shoe rental is \$2.50. Please note – the lanes can be a little bit smoky.

July 13 Friday 6:30 – 10:00 PM

Game Night in Windsor. **PUZZLES and TRIVIA night at the Greene residence in Windsor. Hosted by Henry Green and Shanti Greene. Pizza and some beverages on the house. Please RSVP by Thursday July 12. For directions and reservations, contact Henry at HGPuzzle@Yahoo.com or (860) 298-0323.**

July 14 Saturday 7:05 PM

Mensa Goes to a Ballgame. See the New Britain Rock Cats host the Binghamton Mets. Buy a general admission ticket (\$5) and meet in Section 213 on the third base side. For more info, contact **tom.thomas@the-spa.com** or (413) 467-7726, or contact the Rock Cats at www.rockcats.com

July 22 Sunday 10:30 AM. No Rain Date.

TAKE A HIKE in Hurd State Park. From the junction of CT 151 and CT 66 in Cobalt, drive south on CT 151 for 2.4 miles to a traffic light at a four-way junction. The road to your right leads to the park entrance. Park in the lot to the right of this road at the junction; it has a large routed wooden sign showing trails. By the Connecticut River, 3.5 miles, 600' total vertical rise, 2-3 hours with stops to enjoy the scenery and for lunch or snacks while enjoying the river view. Contact **Nicole Michaud** for info: leave a message at (860) 434-7329 or email nirimi@snet.net, subject "hike."

July 27 Friday 5:00 PM

Fourth Friday Happy Hour, (ME, fourth Friday) Colonial Tymes, 2389 Dixwell Ave Hamden. Located about 1/2 mile north of Exit 60, Wilbur Cross Parkway. We have been able to sit at a nice big table and enjoy the good free food for a few months now. Come on down and join us. We also seem to be going out to dinner after, so if you plan to come and want dinner, too, let us know so we can reserve. **Gail Trowbridge** (203) 877-4472 or Gail.Trowbridge@att.com. I send out an e-mail reminder every month. Let me know if you'd like to be on the list.

July 29 Sunday 2:00 PM

HamSIG meets at **Beth and Charlie's** in Wallingford to continue plans for a play for the RG. Come join the fun, maybe even launch your acting / directing / producing career! All are welcome with their ideas and talents (even if it's just audience talent). **Please RSVP to Beth at 203-294-1994 or, better yet, email to Player.Piano@Juno.Com**

August 4 Sunday 2:00 PM

Blown Glass Exhibit - Join us at the Springfield Museum of Fine Arts for the exhibit of "Seaforms" by renowned blown glass artist Dale Chihuly.

Directions: From the south, take 91N to Exit 4 in MA, stay on Columbus Blvd, take right at 4th light onto State St., then take 4th left onto Eliot, left on Edwards. From the north, take 91S to Exit 7 in MA, take left at 2nd light onto State St., then take 4th left onto Eliot, left on Edwards. RSVP requested but not necessary, to **Lois Cappellano**, 412-567-4702

A Quiz for people who know everything...

(Answers on next page.)

- (1) There's one sport in which neither the spectators nor the participants know the score or the leader until the contest ends. What is it?
- (2) What famous North American landmark is constantly moving backward?
- (3) Of all vegetables, only two can live to produce on their own for several growing seasons. All other vegetables must be replanted every year. What are the only two perennial vegetables?
- (4) At noon and midnight the hour and minute hands are exactly coincident with each other. How many other times between noon and midnight do the hour and minute hands cross?
- (5) What is the only sport in which the ball is always in the possession of the team on defense, and the offensive team can score without touching the ball?
- (6) What fruit has its seeds on the outside?
- (7) In many liquor stores, you can buy pear brandy, with a real pear inside the bottle. The pear is whole and ripe, and the bottle is genuine; it hasn't been cut in any way. How did the pear get inside the bottle?
- (8) Only three words in standard English begin with the letters "dw." They are all common. Name two of them.
- (9) There are fourteen punctuation marks in English grammar. Can you name half of them?
- (10) Where are the lakes that are referred to in the "Los Angeles Lakers?"
- (11) There are seven ways a baseball player can legally reach first base without getting a hit. Taking a base on balls -- a walk -- is one way. Name the other six.
- (12) It's the only vegetable or fruit that is never sold frozen, canned, processed, cooked, or in any other form but fresh. What is it?
- (13) How is it possible for a pitcher to make four or more strikeouts in one inning?
- (14) Name six or more things that you can wear on your feet, that begin with the letter "s."

ANSWERS TO QUIZ

(1) Boxing.

(2) Niagara Falls. The rim is worn down about 2 and a half feet each year because of the millions of gallons of water that rush over it every minute.

(3) Asparagus and rhubarb.

(4) Ten times (not eleven, as most people seem to think, if you do not believe it, try it with your watch, it is only 10 times).

(5) Baseball.

(6) Strawberry.

(7) The pear grew inside the bottle. The bottles are placed over pear buds when they are small, and are wired in place on the tree. The bottle is left in place for the whole growing season. When the pears are ripe, they are snipped off at the stems.

(8) Dwarf, dwell, and dwindle.

(9) Period, comma, colon, semicolon, dash, hyphen, apostrophe, question mark, exclamation point, quotation marks, brackets, parenthesis, braces, and ellipses.

(10) In Minnesota. The team was originally known as the Minneapolis Lakers, and kept the name when they moved west.

(11) Batter hit by a pitch; passed ball; catcher interference; catcher drops third strike; fielder's choice; and being designated as a pinch runner.

(12) Lettuce.

(13) If the catcher drops a called third strike, and doesn't throw the batter out at first base, the runner is safe.

(14) Shoes, socks, sandals, sneakers, slippers, skis, snowshoes, stockings, and so on.

BEST-OF-7 CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES

When the Colorado Avalanche bested the New Jersey Devils in the recent National Hockey League Stanley Cup finals, it was only the fourth time in the last 31 years that the series has gone the full seven games. How does this compare to baseball and basketball, the other major sports that conduct best-of-seven championships, and how competitive have these contests been in each sport throughout their history?

The table below shows the breakdown for the championship finals in each sport:

Percentage of 7-game finals

Games	MLB	NBA	NHL	Expected
4-games	18.48%	10.91%	31.75%	12.50%
5-games	22.83%	23.64%	23.81%	25.00%
6-games	22.83%	40.00%	26.98%	31.25%
7-games	35.87%	25.45%	17.46%	31.25%

Percentage of Games won by Winner

MLB	69.43%
NBA	68.97%
NHL	75.45%

Average Length of Series

	Games
MLB	5.76
NBA	5.81
NHL	5.30
Expected	5.81

MLB = Major League Baseball (World Series)
 NBA = National Basketball Association
 NHL = National Hockey League (Stanley Cup)

The expected numbers are based on the assumption that the teams are evenly matched. Baseball has had the most seven-game series, more than expected if winners were randomly selected. However, basketball has had the most competitive series based on the average length of the series.

NOTED AND QUOTED

When I came back to Dublin, I was court-martialed in my absence and sentenced to death in my absence, so I said they could shoot me in my absence. - Brendan Behan

Organic chemistry is the chemistry of carbon compounds. Biochemistry is the study of carbon compounds that crawl. - Mike Adams

I like the moment when I break a man's ego. - chess champion Bobby Fischer

He who dies with the most toys is, nonetheless, still dead. - Anonymous

A professor is one who talks in someone else's sleep. - W.H. Auden

We have forty million reasons for failure, but not a single excuse. - Rudyard Kipling

Glory is fleeting but obscurity is forever. - Napoleon Bonaparte

The chains of habit are too weak to be felt until they are too strong to be broken. - Samuel Johnson

Everybody lives and acts partly according to his own, partly according to other people's ideas. - Leo Tolstoy

To cure jealousy is to see it for what it is, a dissatisfaction with self. - Joan Didion

Ideas are everywhere, but knowledge is rare. - Thomas Sowell

Laughter is a tranquilizer with no side effects. - Arnold Glasow

I love mankind; it's people I can't stand. - Charles Schulz

I cannot undertake to be impartial as between the fire brigade and the fire. - Winston Churchill

If truth were self-evident, oratory would be unnecessary. - Cicero

Painting is an indoor art. You don't put a Rembrandt on the lawn. - Henry Moore

Quality remains long after the price is forgotten. - H. Gordon Selfridge

It is necessary to relax your muscles when you can. Relaxing your brain is fatal. - British Grand Prix driver Stirling Moss

Only the insecure strive for security. - Dr. Wayne Dyer

All tastes are acquired tastes. We are born with a taste for nothing except human milk. - Euell Gibbons

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MENSA REGIONAL GATHERINGS

Balloons over Binghamton. Mensa of the Southern Tier is celebrating the return of Balloons over Binghamton August 3rd – 5th. Registration is only \$45 until July 30th. It will be held at the Holiday Inn Arena, which has a room rate of \$79 for single and double rooms. The phone number is 607-722-1212. Mail your registration to Ellen Shaw at 5 Riverside Dr. #411, Binghamton, NY 13905. Her e-mail address is Ellenshaw1@Juno.com. For those of us who enjoy hot air balloons the festival site is only a few minutes away from the hotel. We might actually be able to see some balloons without getting up at ungodly hours.

Mid-Hudson Mensa's Seventh Annual Camping Weekend July 20-22, the third weekend of July. As usual, we will enjoy cheap rates, tent camping, the great outdoors, hiking and/or relaxing, and Eric's Campfire Pizza! What is not usual is that we are moving the event to the wilds of New Jersey! On July 20-22 we will be meeting at the Group Campsite "B" at Jenny Jump State Forest in Hope, New Jersey. Jenny Jump has boating, hiking, 1.6 billion year old outcroppings, and an astronomy program and observatory at one of the few "dark sky" places in New Jersey! Bring \$5, a tent or van, sleeping bag, some food and drink, and either a hammock or hiking shoes! Alcohol is not permitted in the park, but a winery is nearby. Contact Bibi Sandstrom at bibis@juno.com, or 845-255-5528, or 48 South Manheim Blvd New Paltz, NY 12561 for more info.

Mid-Hudson's Regional "Autumn in New York" Gathering

Can you survive a weekend at the Ashokan Field Campus of SUNY New Paltz? This year's theme is "Survivor", and we're calling it our Reality Gathering! It is quite different from others as its all-inclusive price of \$129 includes 6 meals, (prepared by a CIA graduate), as well as sleeping accommodations in the bunkhouses. Of course if you want to sleep in tents that's fine with us if you bring your own. Yes, we do have indoor plumbing! Come see if you can survive our luxurious Summer Camp type RG. Dates are from Sept 7th – 9th. Contact registrar Bill Zigo at 194 Roosevelt Road, Hyde Park, 12538 NY, 845-229-8729, mr.marmot@worldnet.att.net.



Son of Asilomar 2001 Back to the Year One August 31 – September 3, 2001 The Cliffs at Shell Beach, California

Mensa's oldest RG moves to a world-class oceanside resort setting for its 37th annual event. Exciting program, top-flight catering. Very special prices include reg., rooms, and meal package: 2 days, \$399–\$525 pp/do. Other options, daytripper rates available.

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