
Southern Connecticut mensa Chronicle

SCHEDULE OF CHAPTER EVENTS FOR DECEMBER

Wednesday, December 12, 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, December 15, 7:00. Monthly dinner, Three Door Restaurant, 1775 Madison Ave., BRIDGEPORT.

(Directions are available at www.threedoor.com.directions.htm.)

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, December 29, 8:00, THEATRE EVENT: Moss Hart and George S. Kaufman's comedy *The Man Who Came to Dinner*, performed by Theatreworks, 5 Brookside Ave., NEW MILFORD (www.danbury.org/theatreworks). The uproarious story of what happens when an irascible critic is confined for six weeks with an outrageous family. Tickets are \$15 (\$13 srs/students). For info or reservations, please call Jim Mizera at (203) 332-2548 or e-mail Jmizera@hotmail.com. To ensure seats, call a week early - I'm not sure how fast tickets sell at this theatre.

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE OF CHAPTER EVENTS FOR JANUARY

Wednesday, January 9, 7:00. Southern Connecticut and Connecticut/Western Massachusetts Joint Dinner. See above listing for details.

Saturday, January 19, 7:00. Monthly dinner, Three Door Restaurant, 1775 Madison Ave., Bridgeport.

Saturday, February 2, 8:00, THEATRE EVENT: *The Fantasticks*, Milford Eastbound Theatre, Milford Railroad Station, 40 Railroad Ave. South, MILFORD. Tickets are \$12.50 (\$10 srs/students). For info or reservations, please call Jim Mizera at (203) 332-2548 or e-mail Jmizera@hotmail.com.

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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

DECEMBER

6, 13 Thursday 7:00 PM

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

7 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, Nov. 2 we had 30! We warmly welcome newcomers, and it's 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!

9 Sunday 3:00 PM to 8:00 PM.

Open House and Tree Trimming at Beth and Charlie's in Wallingford! Call 203-294-1994 to let us know you're coming, or email Player.Piano@Juno.Com. Sing carols to tunes from the player piano as long as we can stand it. Bring something to eat or drink! Join us!

20 Thursday 7:00 PM Reserve for Sat. night's games

Scrabble (WE, see first Thursday), West Hartford – check before you go to this event.

21 Friday 7:30 PM

C&WM Holiday Party at Solomon Welles House, Wethersfield, CT. Come one, come all - enjoy the Holiday Season with your fellow Mensans. The chapter will supply the basic food and drink, but please bring along a dish or treat to share for potluck holiday enjoyment. If for some reason you cannot bring anything, come anyway - we will consider your company the treat. An ExComm Meeting and then the Chapter Annual Meeting will also be held.

DIRECTIONS: I-91 to exit 26. Follow the signs to the Dept of Motor Vehicles. Pass DMV to next intersection. House is on the right. Park in back. Cal Ed's notes – some people come decked out for this party, but "dress-up" clothes are optional. I haven't seen a tux there in my 16 years, but sequins and velvet show up often. And some are happy in their jeans!

22 Saturday 6:30 PM

GAMES NIGHT – Once again at Henry's house - puzzles and games (like Boggle, Trivial Pursuit). Bring a favorite treat (snack or desert). Henry will provide beer, soda, tea, and coffee. Call him early to discuss. Please RSVP by Thursday Dec.20th. For directions / food coordination /reservations, call Henry at 860-298-0323, email HGPuzzle@Yahoo.Com.

26 Wednesday Noon

Waterbury Last Wednesday of the Month Lunch (ME) at Maggie McFly's, Rt. 63, Middlebury, Dick Fogg, (860) 274-2370.

28 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.

31 Monday 4:00 - 8:00

The Real Millennium, Part III. Come celebrate the anniversary of the Millennium party, at Barb Holstein's in Cromwell. Same successful format as the last 2 years, come any time after 4PM, wear your most elegant clothes (elegance optional, clothes mandatory). Bring your most gourmet dish to share and \$2 for the champagne kitty. We'll eat around 6 and celebrate the "real" New Year at 7PM Greenwich Mean Time. By 8PM, you'll be on your way either to another party, or home before the drinking traffic begins. RSVP required for champagne count. 860-632-7873 or BarbCPA@att.net.

Directions: 2 Old Colony Lane, Cromwell. I-91 North or South to Exit 22S onto Rte 9 South toward Middletown. First exit off Rte 9 is West St. Cromwell. Turn Right. First Right onto Rte 3 North, first Right onto Evergreen Rd, second Right onto Old Colony Lane. #2 is the very first house on the right, blue-gray colonial.

MATH PUZZLE

A math professor divides his class and seats 12 of his students up front in a row. He tells them of a number he has in mind. He tells the rest of the students the number is less than 50,000. The first student up front says the number is divisible by 2. The second student says the number is divisible by 3. This continues until the last student says the number is divisible by 13.

The professor tells the class that two of the students are wrong and they are sitting next to each other.

What is the number?

The answer will appear in the next issue of the Chronicle.

THE MARSHMALLOW EXPERIMENT

Patience is a virtue, but the importance of patience and impulse control to success may be greater than realized. In the 1960s, Stanford University psychologist Walter Mischel conducted an experiment examining the patience of 4-year old children in the university preschool. Each child was offered a choice by the experimenter. They could either have a marshmallow immediately, or if they waited until the experimenter came back from an errand, they could have two marshmallows. The experimenter then left the room for 20 minutes while hidden cameras watched the child's actions. About one-third of the children ate the marshmallow as soon as the tester left the room. Another third agonized for a few minutes and then gave in and devoured it. The rest of the students, however, were able to resist the temptation, either by looking away or by occupying themselves with another task. For their patience, they got their bonus marshmallow. What is surprising, however, are the results of the long-term follow-up studies done on the students by psychologist Phillip Peake of Smith College. He found that those children who were able to control their impulses in the experiment turned out to be much more successful academically, socially, and psychologically in high school than the group who instantly ate the marshmallow. The most patient children scored 20% higher on their Scholastic Aptitude Test scores than the least patient third of the youngsters. They also were judged to be much more responsible, reliable, and less easily frustrated. The preschool students who did not delay gratification showed the same inability in activities 12 years later, and were less able to concentrate. They wound up in prison much more often than the rest of the group. These differences could not be easily explained by any other factor; the results of the marshmallow test turned out to be a much better predictor of academic success and SAT scores than the early IQ differences between the children.

The results of the studies were published by Dr. Mischel, Dr. Peake, and their colleague Yuichi Shoda in the article "Predicting Adolescent Cognitive and Self-regulatory Competencies from Preschool Delay of Gratification" in the journal *Developmental Psychology*, Vol. 26,6, 1990.

THE ECONOMICS AND PSYCHOLOGY OF TIPPING

The custom of tipping or giving gratuities to waiters, bartenders, and other workers who give personal service to customers has been around for a few centuries but it is only in the past few decades that social scientists have begun examining this practice. In their research they have explored several questions about tipping. What is its economic function and how well does it serve that function? What motivates customers to tip? What factors affect the size of a tip? Why does the extent of tipping differ from country to country? Economists, sociologists, psychologists, and historians have come up with some intriguing research on all these questions.

There is debate over the origin of the custom of tipping but one common explanation is that it originated in 18th-century English coffeehouses. There, patrons who wanted faster service or better seating were encouraged to put coins in a box that was labeled "To Insure Promptness" or "To Insure Promptitude". Eventually the expression was shortened to the acronym "tip".

Linguistic research by George Foster, Professor Emeritus of Anthropology at UC Berkeley, seems to support this type of explanation. In 1972, Foster found that in many languages the word for "tip" or "gratuity" derived from phrases such as 'drink money', suggesting that the practice began in bars or restaurants. He theorizes that patrons may have felt guilty enjoying themselves while the servers were catering to them, so they began tipping as a way to say to the waiter, "Here, have a drink on me", thereby alleviating the awkwardness of the situation.

Jesse Sheidlower, Principal Editor in North America for the Oxford English Dictionary, disputes these origins for the word "tip". The "T.I.P" explanation is wrong, he says, because acronyms weren't popular in English until the 1920s, and the word "insure" was usually spelled "ensure" in the 1800s. His dictionary attributes the word's origins to the slang used by 17th century thieves. "Tip" to them meant "give", as in "Tip me your wallet or your life." That is why we "give" people "tips" of information as well as money. According to Sheidlower, it was only in the next century that the meaning expanded to gratuities given to servants.

Whatever its lexical origin, tipping became common in England by the mid 18th-century. It did not catch on in America until after the Civil War, possibly because there were many slaves in America and relatively few servants. But affluent American families who traveled to Europe after the war brought the custom back with them. Despite a Progressive Era campaign that banned tipping in seven states, tipping became an American institution. Now tipping is practiced in most of the world, with the biggest exceptions being Asia and the South Pacific. On other continents, tipping policy is more inconsistent, but is usually not quite as widely practiced as in North America. For example, in several European countries, tips are smaller because they are combined with service charges.

Michael Lynn, associate professor of market and consumer behavior at the Cornell University School of Hotel Management and a former waiter, has done more research, including international research, on tipping than any other academic. Dr. Lynn looked at the different tipping customs in different countries and counted the number of services that were tipped and the size of tips in those nations. He compared those statistics with the results of personality tests. He concludes that countries with the most neurotic, extroverted, ambitious, and

sympathetic citizens, such as the United States, gave bigger tips and tipped for more services. Lynn suggests that extroverts tip more to get attention and neurotics tip more to ease anxiety over status differences between them and the server. Status-seekers tip big so they will be thought of more highly, and sensitive individuals tip generously to help the service people.

The international research done by Michael Lynn and others raises the question of whether tipping serves an economic or a psychological purpose. The "To Insure Promptness" explanation reflects economic reasoning, but economists also give a related rationale for the practice. Managers of restaurants, diners, bars, and other establishments simply cannot easily monitor the quality of the service given by their staff. Tipping allows them to delegate the task to customers. In effect, restaurants gain more managers. It is an example of the "agency problem" that economists study in any organization where owners who don't directly deliver or oversee services must provide incentives to managers or employees to serve the owner's interests. Since the services rendered are personalized and their quality subjective, customers should be well qualified to "manage" this role.

In order for tips to provide economic incentives, both customers and service employees must view tips as rewards for the quality of service. This is where economic research brings up puzzling results. One might think that consumers, who usually try to minimize their costs, would be even more eager to curtail these discretionary costs. After all, people often skip paying for computer shareware. Hence, they should at least be very keen to pay based on the quality of service. But that's not very true according to a study done by Dr. Lynn and Michael McCall of Ithaca College and published in the Journal of Socio-Economics. Dr's. Lynn and McCall did a meta-analysis of several other statistical studies of tipping. They found that only about 2% of the variation in tips could be explained by customers' degree of satisfaction with a waiter's service. What's more, the correlation between the waiter's opinion of his service and the size of the tip was insignificant. These results give little support for the use of tips as incentives for good service. Whatever inducement they give would be diluted at restaurants that pool tips among waiters and busboys, although this practice encourages cooperation. What about the use of gratuities as encouragement for good service on future visits? Here again, the study found only a modest connection. Diners leave normal tips even when they'll probably never come back again.

The results of the meta-study seem to contradict what Americans say about tipping. According to a poll conducted by Market Facts, more than half of Americans say that service quality is the most important thing in their decisions of how much to tip. Slightly smaller percentages say that it is the prime factor in tipping hairstylists and bartenders. But Prof. Lynn's research finds that the size of the bill explains 70% of the tip amount, showing that it is more a social norm than a discriminating judgment. "The primary motivation for tipping is social approval," Lynn said. "It's expected." Diners act not as if they were judging but as if they were being judged.

There is other evidence that diners and hotel guests do not tip purely on rational economic calculations. Sometimes trivial gestures can increase the size of a tip. In a 1984 experiment, researchers found that a waitress who touched her customers lightly on the hand or shoulder when checking on them increased the tip from 11% to a 14% level. Waiter introductions ("Hi, I'm Zeke and I'll be your waiter for this evening.") also boosted gratuities (by 53%!). Both crouching instead of standing when taking an order, and simply writing "Thank you" on the bill raised tips from the standard 15% up to 18%. Sometimes, the effect differs depending on the gender of the server. Temple University psychology professor Bruce Rind

and his students found that waitresses who drew a smiley face on the bill increased their gratuities by 5 percentage points, but waiters who did the same thing suffered a 3-percentage point drop in tips.

Other findings make even less economic sense. While it is common knowledge that customers who pay with credit-cards tip more, cash-paying customers who are presented a bill on a tray with credit-card logos tip more as well. Guests at hotels gave much bigger tips when room servers gave them a favorable weather report, regardless of the actual weather.

Despite these peculiar results, some patterns observed by tipping researchers are perfectly consistent with sociological and economic research in other areas. People tip more in situations they are more familiar with. According to a Market Facts survey, almost all Americans eat out at restaurants on occasion and 94% of them tip there. But in the U.S. there are about 35 professions that are tipped now and most people do not use these services as often. Only about 60% of Americans ever visit bars, and only 64% have porters carry their luggage. Not surprisingly, fewer Americans, 75%, say they usually tip in these situations.

One familiar fact is that diners tend to shirk on tipping when they dine in groups. A survey by the NPD Group, which does research on consumer marketing, shows that people who dine alone tip 19.7%, but that number drops to 16.9% for two people, 15.2% for three, 14.9% for four and 13.2% for five. This is just a small case of the diffusion of responsibility that economists recognize so well in other areas where people share a commons. Many restaurants impose a service charge on large parties to offset this free-riding propensity.

Can the economics of tipping be uploaded to the Internet? Surprisingly, several observers have suggested it may be the best way to encourage payment for intellectual property that is easily copied. This seems strange to skeptics, who believe that it is the personal contact between customers and waiters in restaurants that keeps people from skipping out without tipping. But some web business people say that they can give people a similar social incentive to pay by personalizing their site with their pictures and contact information, and giving promises of future goods based on the response. Furthermore, a few proponents of web tipping say the customer should set the price he wants to pay. If the seller sets the price, they reason, buyers who cannot afford that price will not buy or will not pay. If the buyer pays what he wants to, however, those who cannot pay the standard price will pay what they can, while those who can well afford to pay will tend to pay more than expected, just as in ordinary tipping situations. Since the incremental cost of providing the service is very low, some believe that this can work for intellectual property authored by clearly identifiable individuals. They suggest that instead of fighting a losing battle against piracy, one should motivate people to pay what they can. This would make the technological frontier an interesting test of the limits of tipping.

Regardless of what the future brings, research shows that tipping will probably remain as much a social curiosity as an economic transaction. Customers tip according to service quality in theory but not in practice. The size of tips probably depends more on custom than on calculation, and more on mood than on merit.

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.

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If you would like to organize or sponsor a Mensa event, please contact Jim Mizera at Jmizera@hotmail.com. The event can be posted in the Chronicle and announced at monthly dinners. It can also be listed in the newsletter of the Connecticut and Western Massachusetts Mensa chapter, the Media, if enough lead-time is available.

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To volunteer for the S.I.G.H.T. Coordinator, contact Lee Steuber at (203) 730-1634, or e-mail lee@steuber.com.

NOTED AND QUOTED

It took me seventeen years to get three thousand hits in baseball. I did it in one afternoon on the golf course. - Henry Aaron

You will become as small as your controlling desire; as great as your dominant aspiration. - James Allen

If it bends, it's funny; if it breaks, it's not funny. - Woody Allen

Use your wit as a shield, not as a dagger. - American Proverb

Science probes, it does not prove. - Gregory Bateson

A doctor can bury his mistakes but an architect can only advise his client to plant vines. - Frank Lloyd Wright

Boredom is rage spread thin. - Paul Tillich

Most investors think statistics only apply to other people. - Charlotte Taylor

What history tells us is the long, heavy, confused dream of mankind. - Arthur Schopenhauer

Abstract Art: A product of the untalented, sold by the unprincipled to the utterly bewildered. - Al Capp

In California everyone goes to a therapist, is a therapist, or is a therapist going to a therapist. - Truman Capote

A leading authority is anyone who has guessed right more than once. - Frank A. Clark

Football [soccer] is a game for gentlemen played by hooligans. Rugby is a game for hooligans played by gentlemen. - English saying

Men are not against you; they are merely for themselves. - Gene Fowler

Men heap together the mistakes of their lives, and create a monster they call Destiny. - John Oliver Hobbes

Hell is truth seen too late. - Thomas Hobbes

Shallow men believe in luck. Strong men believe in cause and effect.- Ralph Waldo Emerson

Be not simply good - be good for something. - Henry David Thoreau

We do not really feel grateful toward those who make our dreams come true; they spoil our dreams. - Eric Hoffer

General propositions do not decide concrete cases. - Oliver Wendell Holmes

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