

Southern Connecticut Mensa Chronicle

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SCHEDULE OF CHAPTER EVENTS FOR MARCH

Wednesday, March 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, frbill@mags.net.

Saturday, March 16, 7:00. Monthly dinner, Three Door Restaurant, 1775 Madison Ave., BRIDGEPORT. Jon Blumenfeld from the New England Skeptical Society will talk about skepticism – what is it? Why do people believe such improbable things? Socializing starts at 7:00, followed by dinner at approximately 8:00. (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, March 30, 8:00, THEATRE EVENT: Shakespeare's comedy *Measure for Measure* performed by the Westport Community Theatre, Westport Town Hall, 110 Myrtle Ave., Westport, CT 06880. Values in Vienna have slid into decadence, so the Duke appoints Angelo, the most virtuous man in town, to enforce the laws. Tickets are \$14. For info or reservations, please call Jim Mizera at (203) 522-1959 or e-mail Jmizera@hotmail.com. Try to call before Mon., 3/25 to assure seats.

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE OF CHAPTER EVENTS FOR APRIL

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

Saturday, April 20, 7:00. Monthly dinner, Three Door Restaurant, 1775 Madison Ave., BRIDGEPORT.

Saturday, April 27, 8:15, THEATRE EVENT: The fast-paced thriller *Dead Man's Hand* plays at the Clockwork Repertory Theatre, 133 Main St., Oakville, CT 06779. Two couples are lured to a remote Italian villa to be murdered, one by one. Who is the murderer and what do the victims have in common? Or is it really murder? Someone knows, but no one is telling. Tickets are \$13. For info or reservations, please call Jim Mizera at (203) 522-1959 or e-mail Jmizera@hotmail.com. Try to call before Mon., 4/22 to assure seats.

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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

Side note – There is a Floating Jazz SIG that Janine Bujalski is developing. If you'd like to be on her email list, please let her know at JanineB_CPA@compuserve.com (that's Underscore _CPA!) We had a delightful night with 12 of us at Szchwan Tokyo in West Hartford on Dec. 27th. - Beth Collins, CT & W. Mass Calendar Editor

MARCH

1 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!

6,13,20,27 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 84West take exit #44(Prospect). Cross through the light right into the plaza. From 84East 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

7,14,21,28 Thursday 7:00 PM

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

15 Friday 5:00 – 8:00 PM

Third Friday Night Get Together at Jane's, 769 Maple St. in Wethersfield. BYOB and \$1.00 for the kitty to cover munchies. Call **Jane Sjoman** at (860) 563-0369 for directions and info on parking. (Reminder – Cats in residence)

16 Saturday 6:30 - 10:00 PM

St. Patty's Day Party in Cromwell, at Barb Holstein's. You know the routine – BYOB & your favorite "Paddy" dish to share. Wear green, or don't brush your teeth for a week. There will be a few non-Mensans, too. Come hungry. RSVP if the spirit moves you, 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

22 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.

27 Wednesday Noon

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

Preview for APRIL:

21 April, Sunday, 10 AM

BLUFF HEAD, Guilford, Connecticut Butterfly Association walk, but all are welcome.

For more info 860/526-1993. **Diane Adams** I'll wear a yellow ribbon in my hair. Possibility of Falcate Orangetip, Spring Azure, and elfins among the early wildflowers. Meet at the parking lot in the pines where the trail begins. Bring your kids! Directions: In North Guilford from Rt 80 take Rt 77 north approximately 4 miles to parking area on left just after Great Hill Rd.

DEALING WITH INFORMATION OVERLOAD

The spread of computers, the Internet, cell phones, and other new communication devices has added to a problem already plaguing many people - information overload, also known as "info glut" or "data smog". The problems caused by the information barrage include increased stress, anxiety, confusion, indecision, difficulty remembering things, apathy, reduced attention span, and impaired judgment. David Lewis of the International Stress Management Association has called this loose collection of symptoms "information fatigue syndrome." Whatever the precise diagnosis, the problem will not go away soon. Fortunately, some students of information management have taken readings on the malady and have insights into overcoming it.

How widespread is the problem? Apparently it affects a broad spectrum of workers. Studies show that employees of Fortune 1000 companies send and receive an average of 178 messages every day by telephone, fax, email, pager, and voice mail. 84% reported that their work is interrupted by messages at least three times per hour. David Shenk, in his book *Data Smog*, cites research that concludes that 60% of the average office worker's time is spent processing paper documents. The typical business manager reads one million words per week, the equivalent of one and a half novels per day. Things in the laboratory may be much worse. Trend-watcher John Naisbitt reports that, "Inundated with technical data, some scientists claim it takes less time to do an experiment than to find out whether or not it has been done before."

Solutions to the information predicament begin with a correct identification of the problem. According to Paul Saffo, a director with the Institute for the Future in Menlo Park, Calif., the problem is not just the quantity of information that is being generated, it's our inability to process it. "Information overload is not a function of the volume of information out there," Saffo says. "It's a gap between the volume of information and the tools we have to assimilate the information into useful knowledge." The amount of information is growing faster than our ability to digest it. Computer memory and processing speeds are increasing but human memory and thinking speeds are not. You cannot add another brain or even expand your mind significantly to handle the info. Working more hours may make a dent in the problem but it is not an efficient or appealing solution. The only hope is to manage information better.

Managing information better means selecting and organizing information more wisely. As Wayne Cascio, a professor of management at the University of Colorado, notes, selecting information is difficult because humans tend to get a false sense of security from collecting information, apparently believing that if they get a bigger haystack they will find more needles. "You can't look at everything," however, Cascio says, and you can waste a lot of time trying to. Moreover, you are more likely to feel lost and give up if you are amassing information indiscriminately. That may be what is happening to many people at work. 31% of managers in the U.S. say that they need "enormous amounts" of information to make a decision, compared with only 9% of Asian managers. All of the information gathering in the world doesn't do much good, however, unless it is stored and presented in a way that people can easily retrieve and understand it. Despite their information hoarding, two-thirds of American managers also believe information is under-utilized, while half say

they often cannot cope with the volume of information they receive. As Koniger and Janowitz point out, "information is valuable only to the extent that it is structured (*Drowning in Information, But Thirsty for Knowledge.*" *International Journal of Information Management* 15, no. 1, February 1995, pp. 5-16).

How can people select and structure their information better? Skilled information managers have several practical suggestions:

- ***Don't overestimate the value of information.*** Information isn't very valuable if you can't use it, remember it, or find it. Don't worry about losing information you might need later. This will happen occasionally, but it must be weighed against the time and energy you lose due to looking for things amidst piles of material or different electronic storage devices. If you have difficulty finding things, they are "virtually lost". Perfection is not an option, balance is.
- ***Make both short and long range information management plans.*** Think of what you want to learn for the coming year and keep reminding yourself of it. This will help you keep the big picture in mind and restrain you from collecting trivia.
- ***Separate the essential from the merely interesting.*** Since information is often intrinsically interesting, people digress from their purposes to read anything that meets their eye. But whether you are reading for leisure or for business, there will be things that are more important to you. Concentrate on those. Before you begin reading something interesting, you should first think of the reasons why you should not read it. As computer columnist John Dvorak puts it, "Just because you have a library card doesn't mean you're required to read every book in the Library of Congress."
- ***Set priorities.*** If you don't set priorities, priorities will be set by default. So devote 80% of your time to 3-5 information sources for a project. Humans have trouble keeping more than that in working memory.
- ***If you have accumulated a lot of disorganized or obsolete information, don't try to clean it all up at once.*** That would be too overwhelming and discouraging. Instead, try organizing and reducing the most recent info. This will give you the satisfaction of completing a task and make you more confident of tackling further reorganization. Then you can set aside an hour every week to streamline one section of the old information.
- ***Act on material at once.*** When you get it, use it, throw it away, or file it. Put correspondence with a due date in a separate file, or better yet, pay it, fill it out, or return it right away. Don't create a "maybe" pile. "If it's not worth dealing with now, it probably won't be later," is a good rule of thumb.
- ***Carry materials that you can read or answer quickly with you.*** You can act on them during downtimes like waiting in line, on the phone, or at a doctor's office. Don't underestimate what you can do in five minutes.

- ***Don't handle phone calls during certain times of the day.*** If possible, set aside phone-free times when people can't interrupt you. You may be able to get a colleague to answer your phone for an hour in return for you doing the same for him or her. Then deal with voice mails at a scheduled time.
- ***Take periodic info- or data-breaks for a day.*** This will get you out of the habit of continuously reacting to new information. You can spend this time weighing decisions or thinking about what information you actually need to make decisions
- ***Try ignoring some information for a while.*** If you don't miss reading a magazine after a week or a month, perhaps you really don't want to subscribe to it.
- ***Reorganize information regularly - do it at least quarterly.*** Put a date stamp on each document or data file you receive. Then you can see the last time you acted on it and decide whether it is obsolete. Discard articles or files you haven't read in a while.
- ***Do organizing and cleanup work at odd hours.*** Your mind will be clearer and more focused then. You will not be interrupted by the phone, people, or other distractions, and will be able to take a more objective and detached view of what information you can discard.
- ***Don't keep paper copies of information you can easily retrieve elsewhere.*** If you can get it off the Internet, discard the paper copy and set a bookmark on your browser or download the information to an appropriate directory. If it's not available on the Internet, decide if it's different enough to save. If so, you can scan it and file it electronically. If you only want one or two articles from a magazine, rip out that article(s), file them, and throw away the rest of the publication. That way you won't have to flip through the magazine to find it again.
- ***Group and do similar information retrieval or processing tasks together.*** Continuous task switching hinders productivity.
- ***Read different things at different speeds.*** If you are just reading for information, scan the page and skip material. If you are reading abstract material that has to be contemplated, read more deliberately. For any type of book, however, you should look at the table of contents beforehand and decide what chapters or sections are less important for your purpose and can be ignored.
- ***Read standing up.*** You will be more selective in your reading because you don't want to stand too long.
- ***Get people to send you e-mails instead of calling.*** You can skim e-mails better and faster than you can voice mails, and you avoid interruptions and phone tag. People may also be more concise in e-mails. E-mails are easier to organize as well.

- ***Don't keep Post-It Notes.*** These notes tend to proliferate and accumulate, and they are difficult to organize. It's best to type notes into a computer file as you are talking on the phone. If you write down a phone number, commit it to your computer database or phone and address book as soon as you hang up the phone. Then throw away the Post-It Note. If it's a request for action, put it on your calendar or electronic task scheduler.
- ***Organize your folders conceptually rather than alphabetically - that is how you'll probably use the information.*** Except for your phone book, you probably don't have much information that needs to be alphabetized. But don't make folders too big; you won't be able to find papers. Instead put subfolders within the folders or create separate folders.
- ***Don't spend too much time surfing the web looking for things.*** Set a time limit on how long you want to search and stick to it. Otherwise, diminishing returns set in. Don't get sidetracked in your search. If something interesting but irrelevant turns up in your search, enter the topic in a database of miscellaneous items. You can set aside a "browsing time" to review these topics later.
- ***Limit the number of software applications you use and take the time to learn and practice them.*** You don't want to learn an application under pressure. Know what your software can and cannot do so you won't be scrambling to find solutions when an urgent task comes up.
- ***Think of how you want to manage your information before you buy software.*** As with other things, people tend to accumulate software they don't use. Unnecessary software can slow your computer, cause conflicts, and distract you. It may not take up much physical space, but as Alex Neihaus, senior marketing manager at Lotus, says, "You have to spend energy to ignore it."

There probably are no experts in information management, but everyone can do better at it. Technology can help, but it's habits that must change most. By trying out a variety of tactics that have helped others select and organize information better, you can stay afloat in the sea of information instead of drowning in it.

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.

CHAPTER NOTES

Southern Connecticut Mensa has an e-mail server list on Topica where members can discuss topics with other Mensans on the list. To subscribe, just send a blank e-mail to: MensaSCT- subscribe@topica.com

BETHEL CINEMA FILM GROUP. The Bethel Cinema is an independent art house movie theater in the town of Bethel, CT, just outside Danbury. The Cinema will be running a Freudian Flicks psychological-film discussion group from now until May or June. Meetings are held on the second Saturday of the month at 11:00 am. (Bethel Cinema 778-2100). If you are interested in participating in a Mensa group to see films in this series or any of the films on the theater's regular schedule, please contact Nancy O'Neil at Nancyoneil@aol.com.

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.

NOTED AND QUOTED

- To play it safe is not to play. - Robert Altman
- The best argument is that which seems merely an explanation. - Anonymous
- If you take care of your character, your reputation will take care of itself. - Anonymous
- Science opens to us the book of nature; Comedy, the book of human nature. - Anonymous
- The difference between a prejudice and a conviction is that you can explain a conviction without getting angry. - Anonymous
- He who dies with the most toys is, nonetheless, still dead. - Anonymous
- Famous last words - "This time it's going to be different." - Anonymous
- Experience is often what you get when you were expecting something else. - Anonymous
- The difference between genius and stupidity is that genius has its limits. - Anonymous
- If you made money - you invested, if you lost money - you speculated. - Anonymous
- Two things cause a stock to move - the expected and the unexpected. - Anonymous
- More people would learn from their mistakes if they weren't so busy denying that they made them. - Anonymous
- I persuade, you educate, they manipulate. - Anonymous
- All reasoning is thinking, but not all thinking is reasoning. - Anonymous
- Some New Year's Eve hangovers last longer than some New Year's Eve resolutions. - Anonymous
- It is easy in the world to follow the world's opinions; it is easy in solitude to follow our own; but the great man is he who in the midst of the crowd keeps with perfect sweetness the independence of solitude. - Ralph Waldo Emerson
- What is commonly called friendship is only a little more honor among rogues. - Henry David Thoreau
- Any sort of pretension induces mediocrity in art and life alike. - Margot Fonteyn
- A tomb now suffices him for whom the whole world was not sufficient. - Epitaph for Alexander the Great
- Smoking means always having to say you're sorry. - Tom Ferguson

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MENSA REGIONAL GATHERINGS

**Get Ready For Snowball XXVIII!!!
The Regional Gathering of Central New Jersey Mensa
March 15 - 17, 2002**

CNJM will be the host group for the first quarter AMC meeting March 15 - 17. We've got a Snowball Chairman! We've got a hotel! We've got a weekend! We've got the AMC coming to Snowball!

Our new, exciting theme for Snowball XXVII is "That's Showbiz." It revolves around plays, movies and other forms of entertainment. In addition to the scheduled AMC quarterly meeting, there will be an AMC rap session. You'll be able to find out what's new in Mensa at the national level, express your concerns, and perhaps get a few questions answered.

Paul McKeon (last year's Hospitality Co-Chairman) will be leading the festivities for Snowball XXVIII. Most of the other committee members are the same folks who made Snowball XXVII so much fun. But there's plenty of room for you to volunteer. Drop Paul an email at paulmckeon@worldnet.att.net and let him know what you'd like to help out with.

Where? The Four Points Barcelo Sheraton Hotel in Piscataway, just off River Road and Route 287 exit 9, where we've been the past two years.

We expect a record number of Snowball attendees. The hotel is holding a block of rooms for us at the bargain rate of \$79 until February 23, or until they are used up, whichever comes first. Reserve your room early! You can visit their web site at <http://www.starwood.com/fourpoints>, but you will need to make your reservation directly with the hotel in order to get our reduced rate.

Registration rates are \$50 until 2/23/02 and \$55 thereafter. Partial weekend rates are available.

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Mind Games 2002 April 19 - 21 Minneapolis, Minnesota

American Mensa's 13th annual Mind Games competition will showcase some of the newest and best board and card games designed by game manufacturers and inventors this year. The Games will be held Friday - Sunday, April 19-21 in Brooklyn Park, Minn. The event attracts between 125 and 165 Mensans, who play and judge as many as 60 games during the weekend.

Through this event, our members - some of the country's most avid game players - judge new games on the U.S. market. The new games are judged on five criteria, and the top five point-getting games receive the Mensa Select® seal. This coveted designation has been granted to only 60 games in American Mensa's history. Past winners include Taboo™, Scattergories®, Trivial Pursuit (Genus edition), Magic-The Gathering™, Rush Hour™, Apples to Apples™, Clue/the Great Museum Caper, Inklings, thepollgame, and Brainstrain.

"This is one of the most enjoyable weekends a Mensan can have," said Don Pendley, AML development officer. "The weekend combines the best elements of being a Mensan -- mind-challenging games, food (especially chocolate), and the opportunity to use our brain power."

Registration for the event is \$55. To get registration info, check out the Mensa web site at www.us.mensa.org.

2001 MENSA SELECT SEAL WINNING GAMES**Brainstrain** by Chuckle Games Company

A unique game where players make up the words! You've got 60 seconds to ask questions fast to determine who, what, or where you are. Can't guess? We'll clue you!

Price: \$29.95

Web site: www.chucklegames.com

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The game consists of only one simple rule and four ways to win... an engaging game of strategy, yet fun for the whole family! A real challenge for players of all ages that requires an ever-changing strategy and precise balance of movement.

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Web site: www.playdao.com

Metro (Paris, 1898) by Queen/Funagain Games

Engineer the most extensive network of track in the Paris underground while attempting to cut off your opponents' tracks. Play with 2 players for a brain-busting tactical duel, 3-4 players for a balanced strategic challenge, or with 5-6 players for chaotic fun!

Price: \$29.95

Web site: www.funagain.com

Shapes Up! By Educational Insights

A game of strategy and speed! Players fit shapes together, like a tangram, to cover their boards and form multicolored squares. The player whose board is filled first and yells "Shapes Up!" is the winner.

Price: \$19.95

Web site: www.educationalinsights.com

thepolicegame by thepollgame, LLC

Choose from 750 "Yes" or "No" questions or create one. The object is to guess how many players will answer "Yes" to the question. Surprising answers and revealing stories will entertain for hours.

Price: \$34.95

Web site: www.thepollgame.com

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