

---

# Southern Connecticut Mensa Chronicle

## **YOUR MEMBERSHIP MAY HAVE EXPIRED!**

Mensa yearly memberships expired in APRIL. You should have received your Mensa Membership Renewal Notices in early January 2002. However, you may renew online at [www.us.mensa.org](http://www.us.mensa.org) or by calling (817) 607-0060, ext. 199, and using your MasterCard or Visa.

If you or someone you know would like to be a speaker at our monthly dinner, please contact Lee Steuber at [lee@steuber.com](mailto:lee@steuber.com). The dinner is held the third Saturday of the month at the Three Door Restaurant in Bridgeport.

## TABLE OF CONTENTS

- 1 Schedule of Southern Connecticut Mensa Events for June/July  
Danbury & Bridgeport dinners, Theatre events.
- 2 Schedule of Connecticut and Western Mass. Mensa Events for June  
Jazz SIG, Happy Hours & Get Together's
- 3 Upcoming Intertel Events
- 4 The May Dinner
- 5 NEW! Mensa 2002 Select Seal Winning Games
- 6 Puzzles
- 7 Shakespeare's As You Like It: Characters and Summary
- 10 Good Wine Cheap (and good food to go with it)
- 11 Noted and Quoted
- 12 Chapter Notes - Mensa e-mail Server List, Bethel Cinema Film Group
- 13 Member Advertisements - June Litchfield Hills Book Safari, Info for Writers
- 14 Regional Gatherings - CT & W. Mass Autumn Regional Gathering,  
Central NY Mensa August Regional
- 15 Publication Notice / Change of Address Form
- 16 List of Officers

**SCHEDULE OF CHAPTER EVENTS FOR JUNE**

**Wednesday, June 12, 7:00. Southern Connecticut and Connecticut/Western Massachusetts Joint Dinner.** This regular dinner is now being held the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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](mailto:wjm@danburylaw.com), or Rev. Bill Loring at (203) 794-1389, [frbill@mags.net](mailto:frbill@mags.net).

**Saturday, June 15, 7:00. Monthly dinner, Three Door Restaurant, 1775 Madison Ave., BRIDGEPORT.** “Love, Guilt, and the Telephone” – Come hear about people’s reactions to an unusual way of applying new technology to the age-old problem of diet and exercise. Bonnie Kaplan, PhD, is a lecturer at Yale and a nationally-known industry expert specializing in people’s responses to new technologies in health care. Socializing starts at 7:00, followed by dinner at approximately 8:00. (Directions are available at [www.threedoor.com.directions.htm](http://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, June 22, 7:30, THEATRE EVENT:** Shakespeare's romantic comedy *As You Like It* performed by Shakespeare on the Sound ([www.shakespeareonthesound.org](http://www.shakespeareonthesound.org)), Pinkney Park, Route 136, Rowayton (Norwalk), CT. This is an outdoor show so arrive early and bring your chair. Suggested donation is \$15. For info or reservations, please call Jim Mizera at (203) 522-1959 or e-mail [Jmizera@hotmail.com](mailto:Jmizera@hotmail.com).

**TENTATIVE SCHEDULE OF CHAPTER EVENTS FOR JULY**

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

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

**Saturday, August 3, 8:30. THEATRE EVENT:** Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat, Musicals at Richter, [www.MusicalsatRichter.org](http://www.MusicalsatRichter.org), Richter Park, 100 Aunt Hack Rd., Danbury, CT. This is an outdoor show so arrive early and bring your chair. \$15 adult, \$12 srs., \$10 student. For info or reservations, please call Jim Mizera at (203) 522-1959 or e-mail [Jmizera@hotmail.com](mailto:Jmizera@hotmail.com).

*Admitted in CT, NY & OR*

Sharon Oberst DeFala, Esq.  
GENERAL PRACTICE OF LAW

Law Offices  
**Gary Oberst**  
A Professional Corporation  
111 East Avenue  
Norwalk, CT 06851

Office (203) 866-4646  
Home (203) 852-9571  
Fax (203) 852-1574  
[sharon@oberstlaw.com](mailto:sharon@oberstlaw.com)

**FOUR CORNERS SIG EVENT:** Come join us Saturday, June 8, in exploring four unique antiquarian bookstores tucked away in the beautiful New England countryside. We'll meet for a quick lunch in NEW MILFORD, CT, then head north to NEW PRESTON, LITCHFIELD, and WEST CORNWALL, before ending up in KENT for a relaxing dinner. Join us for the entire trip, or meet us along the way. Book prices will range from 50¢ paperbacks to rare, antique tomes in the thousands. For more information and the itinerary, contact MERRILL at 860-355-8699 or [merrill@worldnet.att.net](mailto:merrill@worldnet.att.net).

The Four Corners SIG is a special interest group dedicated to sponsoring events in Litchfield County, CT; Fairfield County, CT; Putnam County, NY; & Dutchess County, NY.

**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](mailto:JanineB_CPA@compuserve.com) (that's Underscore \_CPA!) - Beth Collins, CT & W. Mass Calendar Editor

**JUNE**

**1** Saturday **9 AM (rain date: Sunday June 2, 9 AM)**

**Connecticut Butterfly Association** PLEASANT VALLEY, Lyme, and EAST HADDAM HOTSPOTS. Join the Connecticut Butterfly Association in a search for Dusted and Cobweb Skippers and possibly Horace's, Sleepy, and Dreamy Duskywings. Free and open to the public. Wear comfortable shoes and bring binoculars. Meet at the commuter lot in Old Lyme off I-95 exit 70 (North). The event is open to the public. For more information, call 860/526-1993 or email [barnacle@portone.com](mailto:barnacle@portone.com), **Diane Adams**. I'll wear a yellow ribbon in my hair.

**6, 13, 20, 27** 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!**

**8** Saturday **9 AM**

**Connecticut Butterfly Association** ANNUAL FIELD DAY at Kellogg Environmental Center, Derby, CT. This year's theme is Swallowtails. Speakers, plant sale, activities for kids, field trips! Admission is free, and the event is open to the public. For more information, call 860/526-1993 or email [barnacle@portone.com](mailto:barnacle@portone.com), **Diane Adams**. I'll wear a yellow ribbon in my hair.

**15** Saturday 8 p.m. and Sunday June 16th 2 p.m.

A two-part program of Short and NEAT One-Act Plays presented by the New England Academy of Theatre (NEAT). Plays range from hysterical comedies to tender dramas. \$12.50 for both performances (not each). At the Little Theatre on Lincoln Street in New Haven. Call **Pauli Gravel** at 931-0334 by Monday June 10 for reservations/directions. Pauli will meet you in the lobby carrying a yellow flower.

**19** Wednesday **6:35 PM**

**Mensa Goes to a Ballgame.** Meet in New Britain Stadium on the third base side in Section 213, unreserved seating. Be unreserved. See the Reading Phillies play the host Rock Cats. For more info, contact **Tom Thomas**, [tom.thomas@the-spa.com](mailto:tom.thomas@the-spa.com)

**19** Wednesday **8:00 PM** **Meet by 7:00 PM**

**The Metropolitan Opera** Presents a free concert performance of Puccini's **La Boheme** on the New Haven Green. Recommended we meet by the flagpole on the Green by 7 p.m. Look for the yellow balloons! Bring blanket/folding chairs and enough picnic food/beverages to share. Call **Pauli Gravel** at 931-0334 for info/directions. No rain date set yet, so call Pauli if it rains.

**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](mailto: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.



## THE MAY DINNER

**A**t the May Dinner at the Three Door Restaurant in Bridgeport, Nicholas Pasquariello, author of *Sounds of Movies, Interviews with the Creators of Feature Sound Tracks*, discussed the art of cinematic sound design. With selected film clips from the work of some of the Academy Award winners interviewed in his book, Nick gave the assembled Mensans some keen insights into this neglected art.

Nick presented clips from three films that emphasized different creative solutions crafted by sound artists: Francis Coppola's *Tucker: The Man and His Dream*, *Apocalypse Now*, and *Mosquito Coast*. Reflecting on his interview with Richard Beggs, Oscar-winning sound designer for *Tucker*, he noted that Beggs looked for an "acoustical signature" that could tie the picture together just as a musical score would. He also used special sound effects to dramatize scenes and depict characters. Even though we never see the source of many of these sounds, without them the film would lose much of its tone. By replaying the clip, Pasquariello was able to show how Mr. Beggs used a variety of subtle techniques to create different moods ranging from relaxation to tension. The sounds unobtrusively define the scene. As Beggs stated, "That's the way sound should work. It functions not in the unconscious but somewhere between the unconscious and the conscious."

Through his discussion of the scenes and answers to questions of the audience, Nick brought out how sound mixing takes place both during production and after production, and how acoustic editors have many difficult problems they must overcome and many conflicting demands they must balance to succeed aesthetically. Even with modern technology, the production of sound tracks remains a creative art.

\*\*\*\*\*

*You can read an excerpt from Nick's book *Sounds of Movies Interviews with the Creators of Feature Sound Tracks*, (236 pp, Softcover, Port Bridge Books) at [www.filmsound.org/beggs/index.htm](http://www.filmsound.org/beggs/index.htm). You can also find a link to a review of the book on this site.*

*For those of you may have missed the dinner, Nick Pasquariello will be giving a presentation at the North End Branch of the Bridgeport Public Library on Wednesday evening, June 26.*

## 2002 MENSA SELECT SEAL WINNING GAMES

One hundred and fifty Mensans gathered in Brooklyn Park, Minnesota, April 1, to play and rate 54 of the year's newest board games. This year's award winning games were:

**Curses**, by Play All Day Games - A game of "wacky rules" that players give each other. Make slip-ups and lose the game. [www.worldwiseimports.com](http://www.worldwiseimports.com).

**Muggins!** by Muggins Math - Use math skills to build runs or block opponents. Then add a few bluffs and a little luck to win this game of analytical aerobics for the mind. [www.mugginsmath.com](http://www.mugginsmath.com)

**Legend of Landlock**, by Gamewright - The mythical map strategy game. Place tiles next to each other and try to make a continuous path or stream around the landlock. [www.gamewright.com](http://www.gamewright.com).

**Dvonn**, by Rio Grande Games - In Dvonn, the players try to control as many pieces as possible by building stacks, often by jumping on their opponent's pieces. [www.riograndgames.com](http://www.riograndgames.com)

**Smart Mouth**, by Binary Arts Corp. - The quick thinking word game, played individually or in teams. Play can be modified for all vocabulary skill levels. [www.puzzles.com](http://www.puzzles.com).

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](mailto: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 15<sup>th</sup> of the month preceding publication, and the 20<sup>th</sup> of the month for e-mail submissions.

**PUZZLES**

(Answers will be in next month's Chronicle.)

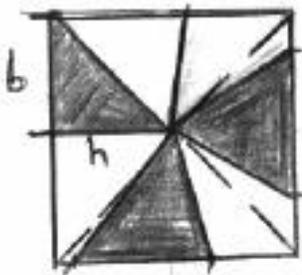
1. A family drives from Bridgeport to New York City. They drive there at a speed of 80 miles an hour, but on the way back they run into delays and only travel 40 miles per hour. If they return the same way that they went there, what is their average speed of travel for the round-trip? You don't have to know the distance from Bridgeport to New York City or the time it took for them to get there or back to solve this problem.

**ANSWERS TO LAST MONTH'S PUZZLES:**

1. In a country that allows polygamy, a man married three women. Each woman had only one husband, and each woman had a legitimate child. Yet none of these children were at all related to each other. How is this possible?

A: The man performed the marriage ceremony for the three women - he married them to different husbands.

2. A couple has guests over for dinner. Afterward, they serve a chocolate cake with frosting. The cake is square and they have seven people to divide it among. How can they cut the cake so that each person gets a piece of equal size with frosting on top?



A: You need to get the same size for each slice BUT this does not mean each piece has to have the same dimensions. You just have to get the same AREA for each slice.

To do this, you can cut the square into sections composed of triangles. The area of a triangle is  $\text{base} \times \text{height} / 2$ . You can give each section the same base by measuring the PERIMETER of the triangle, dividing it by 7, and marking off these sections of length  $b$ . If you draw lines out to the center of the square, each section will have the same height  $h$ .

Some sections will continue around corners - these sections will actually be composites of 2 triangles whose area is  $(\text{base}_1 + \text{base}_2) \times h / 2$ , which is the same as the area for the other pieces,  $b \times h / 2$ . Hence, each piece will have the same area and each will have frosting on the top.

3. If 7 maids with 7 mops sweep 7 tons of sand in 7 months, how long does it take 10 maids with 10 mops to sweep 10 tons of sand?

A: 7 months. The actual work done by each maid is  
 $7 \text{ tons of sand} / 7 \text{ mops} / 7 \text{ maids} = 1 \text{ ton of sand} / \text{mop} / \text{maid}$   
 The work rate,  $\text{rate} = \text{work} / \text{time}$ , is this value divided by 7 months.

If 10 maids with 10 mops sweep 10 tons of sand, the same amount of work is done by each maid:  
 $1 \text{ ton of sand} / \text{mop} / \text{maid}$ .  
 Therefore, the time to perform this work is the same - 7 months.

## SHAKESPEARE'S *AS YOU LIKE IT*

### Main Characters

Duke Senior - Duke Frederick's older brother and the rightful Duke of the land. Lives in exile.

Duke Frederick – younger brother of Duke Senior and usurper of his title.

Orlando – youngest son of the late Sir Rowland de Boys. Falls in love with Rosalind.

Oliver - Orlando's elder brother. He has unjustly withheld Orlando's inheritance from him.

Adam - Orlando's faithful servant.

Rosalind - Duke Senior's daughter. Falls in love with Orlando.

Celia - Duke Frederick's daughter, Celia's cousin. She is Rosalind's close friend.

Touchstone - court jester.

Jaques - one of the noblemen of Duke Senior who accompany him in exile.

Charles - a wrestler who fights Orlando.

Phebe – shepherdess.

Silvius – shepherd and love-sick admirer of Phebe.

Corin - an old shepherd and confidante of Silvius.

Audrey - a slow-witted wench, loved by Touchstone.

William - a country fellow in love with Audrey.

Shakespeare completed *As You Like It* at the end of the sixteenth century and many critics regard it as the best of his romantic/pastoral comedies. Its plot is taken from Thomas Lodge's popular romance *Rosalynde* (published in 1590), although Shakespeare added and modified some characters and themes. The story begins with the ousting of the Duke Senior, father of Rosalind, from the throne by his brother, Duke Frederick. Duke Senior flees to the Forest of Arden with some loyal servants. Rosalind, however, remains in the court for the time being because of her trusted friendship with her cousin Celia, Duke Frederick's daughter. Rosalind there falls in love with Orlando, son of the late Sir Rowland de Boys, who had been a friend of the banished Duke Senior. Orlando is equally smitten with Rosalind but is too tongue-tied to speak to her.

Duke Frederick comes to fear Rosalind's continued presence in the court and banishes her. Celia remains loyal to her cousin and friend rather than to her father. The two noble ladies disguise themselves and run away to the forest. Rosalind pretends to be a young man named Ganymede and Celia masquerades as his sister Aliena. The court jester, Touchstone, accompanies them.

Duke Frederick learns that his daughter has fled with Rosalind and Touchstone. Informed that they may be pursuing Orlando, the Duke orders Oliver to slay Orlando or else forfeit his lands. Orlando's loyal servant Adam tells Orlando that Oliver plans to kill him, and the two flee.

When Rosalind, Celia, and Touchstone reach the forest, they come across the love-

sick shepherd Silvius, who confesses his unrequited passion for the shepherdess Phebe to the old shepherd Corin. "Ganymede" tries to help Silvius, but she only complicates things.

Orlando and his servant Adam, starved and weary, also arrive in the forest, where they encounter the banished Duke Senior. The Duke, remembering his friendship with Orlando's late father, welcomes him. Together with the melancholy lord Jaques, they philosophize about their sufferings, the vicissitudes of life, and the world.

As all the characters converge on the Forest of Arden, it becomes a stage in which the motley cast of lovers, philosophers, and fools woo, philosophize, lament, and frolic.

As You Like It has more songs than any of Shakespeare's other plays, but shares many of the themes and devices of his other works: the disguised characters and mistaken identities, the contrast between court and country life, the controversies over primogeniture and inheritance, the ages and moods of man, and the wisdom and follies of jesters.

\*\*\*

All the world's a stage,  
And all the men and women merely players:  
They have their exits and their entrances;  
And one man in his time plays many parts,  
His acts being seven ages.

Jaques to Duke Senior, Act 2, Scene 7

Sweet are the uses of adversity,  
Which like the toad, ugly and venomous,  
Wears yet a precious jewel in his head;

Duke Senior to his loyal lords and attendants, Act 2, Scene 1

My pride fell with my fortunes. Rosalind to Orlando and Celia, Act 1, Scene 2

Sweep on, you fat and greasy citizens.

Jaques quoted by Lord to Duke Senior, Act 2, Scene 1

Blow, blow, thou winter wind! Thou art not so unkind as Man's ingratitude.

Loyal attendants of Duke Senior, Act 2, Scene 7

True is it that we have seen better days.

Duke Senior to Orlando, Act 2, Scene 7

A fool, a fool! I met a fool i' the forest, A motley fool; a miserable world!

Jaques to Duke Senior, Act 2, Scene 7

And so, from hour to hour, we ripe and ripe,  
And then from hour to hour, we rot and rot:

And thereby hangs a tale. Jaques to Duke Senior, Act 2, Scene 7

- I do desire we may be better strangers. Orlando to Jaques, Act 3, Scene 2
- Time travels in divers paces with divers persons. Rosalind to Orlando, Act 3, Scene 2
- Answer me in one word. Rosalind to Celia, Act 3, Scene 2
- Do you not know I am a woman? when I think, I must speak.  
Rosalind to Celia, Act 3, Scene 2
- It goes much against my stomach. Hast any philosophy in thee, shepherd?  
Touchstone, the jester, to Corin, the old shepherd, Act 3, Scene 2
- Rosalind: But are you so much in love as your rhymes speak?  
Orlando: Neither rhyme nor reason can express how much.  
Act 3, Scene 2
- Who ever loved that loved not at first sight?  
Phebe, the shepherdess, to her suitor Silvius, Act 3, Scene 5
- And your experience makes you sad: I had rather have a fool to make me merry than  
experience to make me sad. Rosalind to Jaques, Act 4, Scene 1
- Can one desire too much of a good thing? Rosalind to Orlando, Act 4, Scene 1
- Men are April when they woo, December when they wed: Maids are May when they are  
maids, but the sky changes when they are wives.  
Rosalind to Orlando, Act 4, Scene 1
- Rosalind: Now tell me how long you would have her after you have possessed her.  
Orlando: For ever and a day.  
Act 4, Scene 1
- "So so" is good, very good, very excellent good; and yet it is not; it is but so so.  
Touchstone, the jester, to William, a country fellow, Act 5, Scene 1
- I will o'errun thee with policy. I will kill thee a hundred and fifty ways.  
Touchstone to William, Act 5, Scene 1
- The fool doth think he is wise, but the wise man knows himself to be a fool.  
Touchstone to William, Act 5, Scene 1
- Pray you, no more of this; 'tis like the howling of Irish wolves against the moon.  
Rosalind to Orlando, Act 5, Scene 2
- No sooner met but they looked; no sooner looked but they loved; no sooner loved but they  
sighed; no sooner sighed but they asked one another the reason; no sooner knew the  
reason but they sought the remedy.  
Rosalind to Orlando, Act 5, Scene 2.

## Good Wine Cheap (and good food to go with it)

By John Grover

Summer is almost here, and there are a number of wines that seem to be just made for an idyllic picnic or for a warm summer evening on the lawn at Tanglewood listening to classical music and contemplating the stars above. This month's selection, Vinho Verde from Portugal, is just such a wine. Produced in the Minho province of Portugal, its name means "green wine" but Vinho Verde is actually a white wine that should be consumed "green", that is, fresh and young. It is slightly effervescent and is best served well chilled. The high acidity of this wine gives it a crisp taste and makes it a good partner for chicken and seafood, either grilled or in salads. This is a very sensible wine for those hot days ahead because it is relatively low in alcohol (around 8.5 to 10%).

Some of the good and affordable labels for Vinho Verde include Casal Garcia, Alianca and Aveleda. These brands can be found for \$5.99 to \$6.99 for a 750-ml. bottle.

This month's recipe is devoted to the summer barbecue. While you are cooking that chicken or seafood, let me suggest adding some vegetables for the grill. Not only will you be providing something healthy to your family and guests, it is so good that you will think a plague of locusts attacked the serving platter.

Marinated roasted vegetables.

Summer squash, zucchini squash, red and green peppers, tomatoes, eggplant and Vadalia onions.

Slice vegetables into large enough pieces so they don't fall through the BBQ grate, marinade (at least an hour) and cook for about 5 minutes a side.

Marinade recipe (actually "Classic French Dressing" from the original Fannie Farmer Cookbook).

\_ cup olive oil, 2 tbsp red wine vinegar, 1 tsp salt, \_ tsp garlic powder and \_ tsp fresh ground pepper.

I hope that you will contact me with your comments and about your favorite wines at [jgrover@berk.com](mailto:jgrover@berk.com). I will be happy to share them with the broader Mensa group.

*John Grover is a member of Mensa of Northeastern New York. He lives with his wife Sharon in the Hudson Valley in Kinderhook, New York.*

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](mailto: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 15<sup>th</sup> of the month preceding publication, and the 20<sup>th</sup> of the month for e-mail submissions.

**NOTED AND QUOTED**

After all, it is hard to master both life and work equally well. So if you are bound to fake one of them, it had better be life.

- 1987 Nobel Laureate in Literature, Russian exile poet Joseph Brodsky

No amount of experimentation can ever prove me right; a single experiment can prove me wrong.

- Albert Einstein

Death is the sound of distant thunder at a picnic.

- poet W.H. Auden

The one duty we have to history is to rewrite it.

- Oscar Wilde

She has friends she hasn't used yet.

- magazine writer Wilma Askinas

Suicide is much easier and more acceptable in Hollywood than growing old gracefully.

- Julie Burchill, columnist, The Guardian (U.K.)

I don't wait for moods. You accomplish nothing if you do that. Your mind must know it has got to get down to earth.

- novelist Pearl S. Buck

Being right half the time beats being half-right all the time.

- Malcolm S. Forbes

A truth that's told with bad intent beats all the lies you can invent.

- William Blake

God creates. People rearrange.

- Joseph Casey

Absence diminishes commonplace passions and increases great ones, as the wind extinguishes candles and kindles fire.

- Baron De La Rochefoucauld

All life is an experiment.

- Ralph Waldo Emerson

The improvement of ages have had but little influence on the essential laws of man's existence.

- Henry David Thoreau

The squeaky wheel doesn't always get greased; it often gets replaced.

- John Peers

You have to expect things of yourself before you can do them.

- Michael Jordan

For me, the safest place is out on a limb.

- Shirley MacLaine

It's an ill plan that cannot be changed.

- Latin proverb

To have a grievance is to have a purpose in life.

- longshoreman/philosopher Eric Hoffer

The difference between science and the fuzzy subjects is that science requires reasoning while those other subjects merely require scholarship.

- sci-fi author Robert A. Heinlein

**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](mailto:Nancyoneil@aol.com).

---

*If you would like to organize or sponsor a Mensa event, please contact Jim Mizera at [Jmizera@hotmail.com](mailto: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.*

---

**ADVERTISEMENTS**

*The Four Corners SIG Presents*

## The Litchfield Hills Book Safari

*Saturday, June 8*

Come join us in exploring four unique antiquarian bookstores tucked away in the beautiful New England countryside. We'll meet for a quick lunch in New Milford, CT, then head north to New Preston, Litchfield, and West Cornwall, before ending up in Kent for a relaxing dinner. Join us for the entire trip, or meet us along the way. Book prices will range from 50¢ paperbacks to rare, antique tomes in the thousands.

For more information and a copy of the itinerary, contact Merrill at 860-355-8699 or [merrill@worldnet.att.net](mailto:merrill@worldnet.att.net).

*The Four Corners SIG is a multi-chapter special interest group dedicated to sponsoring events in Litchfield County, CT; Fairfield County, CT; Putnam County, NY; and Dutchess County, NY.*

**Wanted:** Child who loves science as much as Willy! Our son Willy, 7 years old, loves science. There's lots of it he understands on a college level. We're looking for other kids with similar interests/abilities to hang out and pretend they're subatomic particles or invent new viruses (not the computer kind!). You can reach Willy's parents (Lisa and Steve) at: [lsawin@optonline.net](mailto:lsawin@optonline.net) or (203) 335-4389

**In Don't Forget to Write!, The 6' Ferret Writers' Group** shares more than ten years' experience on how to start a local writers' group, add members, and avoid common problems. Also included are writing exercises, events, recommended reading, and stories from a few exercises. Order through your favorite on-line or local bookstore. ISBN 0-7388-3698-2

Visit our website, too! [http://pages.cthome.net/6ft\\_ferrets/](http://pages.cthome.net/6ft_ferrets/)

**Advertising Rates.** Short classified ads free to Mensa members and subscribers, \$2.00 per month and \$20.00 per year for others. Send copy to the editor. Display ads: Full page, \$50; half page, \$30; quarter page or business card, \$15. Discounts: 10% for three issues, 20% for six issues, 30% for 12 issues. All ads must be paid in advance, checks payable to Southern Connecticut Mensa.

MENSA REGIONAL GATHERINGS

**MENSAUTUMN 2002 "Deuces are Wild", OCTOBER 11, 12, & 13 - Hosted by Connecticut and Western Massachusetts Mensa.**

**Registration Fees:** \$45 per person through June 30<sup>th</sup>.  
\$55 per person through October 1<sup>st</sup>.  
\$65 per person after October 1<sup>st</sup>.  
\$40 one day rate for Saturday only.  
Children - 1/2 adult rate.

**WHERE:** Radisson Hotel & Conference Center 860-635-2000  
100 Berlin Rd.  
Cromwell, CT (East of I-91 at exit 21).

**Mensa Room Rate:** \$84/night - 1 or 2 in room, \$94/night - 3 or 4 in room.  
**Taxes additional.**  
**Children 18 & under free in parents' room.**  
**Rates available through September 18<sup>th</sup>.**

**Name(s):** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**City, State, Zip:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**E-mail:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Number of registrations** ..... @ \$ \_\_\_\_\_ ea.

**Total Enclosed** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Make checks payable to C&WM Mensa. Mail to: Barb Holstein**  
2 Old Colony Lane  
Cromwell, CT 06416

**Questions? Contact Bill Vincent at 860-646-3007 or wpvincent@aol.com**

\*\*\*\*\*

**CENTRAL New York Mensa is joining with Mensa of the Southern Tier to hold a joint RG from August 16-18 in Ithaca New York. If you get your registration in prior to May 16 the cost is only \$35 and that includes 3 meals! Send money to the registrar, Marie Ten Brink, at 206 Church Street, North Syracuse, NY 13212. The hotel is the Best Western at 1020 Ellis Hollow Road, East Hill Plaza, Ithaca, NY 14850. Room rates are \$89 per night.**

**Chronicle is THE OFFICIAL PUBLICATION OF SOUTHERN CONNECTICUT MENSA #066. The subscription rate for members is \$3.50 and is included as part of yearly dues. Others may subscribe at a rate of \$10.00 per year.**

**(Monthly)**

The views expressed in this publication are the view of the individual submitting items for publication, and DO NOT represent the opinions of American Mensa, Ltd., the Chapter Executive Committee or the Editor unless so stated in the article. Unless otherwise noted, material is not copyrighted and may be used in other publications; please let us know by sending two copies to the Editor (one copy for the Editor, one copy for the Author).

#### **Change of Address**

Please allow four weeks for the change in MENSА Bulletin (the National Magazine) delivery, and eight weeks for the Chronicle. Remember to give your membership number to facilitate this process. (This number appears on your membership card and labels affixed to the Chronicle and MENSА Bulletin.)

Member Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Old Address: \_\_\_\_\_

New Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Please send form to: **American Mensa, Ltd.  
Membership Department  
1229 Corporate Dr. West  
Arlington, TX 76006-6103**

## LIST OF SOUTHERN CONNECTICUT MENSA OFFICERS

TITLE	NAME	PHONE	E-MAIL	ADDRESS
President	Lee Steuber	203-730-1634	<a href="mailto:Lee@steuber.com">Lee@steuber.com</a>	40 Well Ave., Danbury, CT 06810
Vice-President	Jerry Shike	203-743-9700	<a href="mailto:Shike@prodigy.net">Shike@prodigy.net</a>	16 Starr Lane, Bethel, CT 06801-2911
Treasurer	Paul Passarelli	203-846-1623	<a href="mailto:paul@44ellen.com">paul@44ellen.com</a>	44 Ellen St. Norwalk, CT 06851-2520
Secretary	Nancy O'Neil	203-791-1668	<a href="mailto:Nancyoneil@aol.com">Nancyoneil@aol.com</a>	8B Beach St., Bethel, CT 06801-2429
Member-at-Large				
Editor	Jim Mizera	203-522-1959	<a href="mailto:Jmizera@hotmail.com">Jmizera@hotmail.com</a>	PMB #181, 7365 Main St, Stratford, CT 06614-1300
Activities Coordinator	Jim Mizera	203-375-9504	<a href="mailto:Jmizera@hotmail.com">Jmizera@hotmail.com</a>	PMB #181, 7365 Main St, Stratford, CT 06614-1300
Gifted Children Coordinator	Jim Wood	203-876-0031	<a href="mailto:Shambalajim@netscape.net">Shambalajim@netscape.net</a>	17 Clinton St. Milford, CT 06460
Web Master	Thomas O'Neill	203-336-5254	<a href="mailto:Doctec@snet.net">Doctec@snet.net</a>	68 Pierce Ave, Bridgeport, CT 06604-1607
Proctor	Joseph Howells	203-775-4291	<a href="mailto:Drjoe@snet.net">Drjoe@snet.net</a>	10 Old Woods Rd, Brookfield, CT 06804-3630
Ombudsman	Gary Oberst	203-853-1810	<a href="mailto:gary@oberstlaw.com">gary@oberstlaw.com</a>	111 East Ave, Norwalk, CT 06851-5014
Membership Officer	Jim Mizera	203-522-1959	<a href="mailto:Jmizera@hotmail.com">Jmizera@hotmail.com</a>	PMB #181, 7365 Main St, Stratford, CT 06614-1300
Publisher				
Scholarship				
Reg. Vice Chairman	Betsey Burke	845-889-4588	<a href="mailto:rvcl@us.mensa.org">rvcl@us.mensa.org</a>	3 North Cross St., Staatsburg, NY 12580

## BUSINESS OFFICE AMERICAN MENSA, LTD.

1229 Corporate Drive West

Arlington, TX, 76006-6103

PHONE: (817) 607-0060

FAX: (817) 649-5232

E-MAIL: [AmericanMensa@mensa.org](mailto:AmericanMensa@mensa.org)WEBSITE: [www.us.mensa.org](http://www.us.mensa.org)