

# SOUTHERN CONNECTICUT MENSA CHRONICLE

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

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**SCHEDULE OF CHAPTER EVENTS FOR JANUARY**

Wednesday, February 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, February 15, 7:00

**Monthly dinner, Three Door Restaurant**

1775 Madison Ave., BRIDGEPORT

**“Crisis Management for Businesses”** - What can companies do when they are faced with falling sales, rising costs, or radical market changes? Often, hasty solutions deepen the crisis Local Mensan Paul Levine of Paul M Levine & Associates, specialists in corporate turnarounds and crisis management, will discuss how companies can avoid panicking, come up with long-lasting solutions, and regain financial soundness.

Socializing starts at 7:00, followed by dinner at approximately 8:00 Please contact Nancy O'Neil at nancyoneil@aol.com or 203-791-1668 for information and reservations Dinner includes everything but the cash bar Dress is casual and guests are welcome

**TENTATIVE SCHEDULE OF EVENTS FOR MARCH**

Wednesday, March 12, 7:00

**Southern Connecticut and Connecticut/Western Massachusetts Joint Dinner**

See above listing for details.

Saturday, March 15, 7:00

**Monthly Dinner, Three Door Restaurant**

1775 Madison Ave., BRIDGEPORT

Saturday, March 29, 8:00

**THEATRE EVENT: Shakespeare's A Winter's Tale**

at the New Britain Repertory Theatre, 10 Harvard Street, New Britain, CT 06052 A kingdom is torn by conflict in the royal family

Princes, maidens, clowns, rogues, and even a wild beast or two explore a dreamlike landscape of love, madness, and finally, wisdom in Shakespeare's oft-neglected romance Suggested donation is \$12.00 or more For info or reservations, please call Jim Mizera at (203) 522-1959 or e-mail Jmizera@hotmail.com.

**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!) - Beth Collins, CT & W Mass Calendar Editor

**FEBRUARY**

6, 13, 20, 27 Thursday 7:00 PM

**Scrabble (WE) at Emmanuel Synagogue**

160 Mohegan Drive, West Hartford Ellen

Leonard, (860) 667-1966 (Please call first to make sure this is happening today).

3, 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

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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!

15, Saturday 7:30

### 8th Annual Happy Heart's Party

at Beth & Charlie's. This is our 8th annual celebration of our healthy hearts (there was this scary period, about 8 years ago... But that's a story for another time). Please join us, BYOB and an appetizer or desert to share, but no dinner served this time. We'll chat, maybe make a jigsaw puzzle or pump the player piano. RSVP to 203-294-0503, or email [player.piano@juno.com](mailto:player.piano@juno.com). Hope to see you here!

21 Friday 6:00 - 8:00 PM or so

### Diner Dinner

(ME) Third Friday of the month, at Olympia Diner, Rte 5, Newington, just north of the Berlin town line and North East Utilities. Meet at 6 PM or thereabouts. Diner Dinner ranges from toasted cheese sandwich to steak and fish dinners. Basic bar menu available, no happy hour prices, but the food is good and very reasonable. Please contact Nicole Michaud at (860) 434-7329 or email [nirimi@snet.net](mailto:nirimi@snet.net), subject "diner dinner."

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.

### MENSA REGIONAL GATHERINGS



February 14-16

### Region 1 RG, New Hampshire RG Granite Gathering Aught Three

Danvers, Mass. Sheraton Ferncroft Resort, 50 Ferncroft Rd., Danvers, MA 01923; 800/325-3535 or 978/777-2500. SR/DR \$85; TR \$97; QR \$112 + tax. Room rates guaranteed to 11/6 5:00 PM. Checks payable to Boston Mensa. S CD 5 & 21 H RP to 11/8 DT CP H/AS \$33 one way. Registrar: Keep your brain warm this winter! Games galore, private pool party, movies, kids' room, book sale, new member welcome, generous hospitality, mind-blowing beer selection, 2-track speaker program (climate symphony, war gaffes, tarot, astronomy, etc.)!

Reg \$45 to 11/15; \$50 to 12/31; \$55 to 2/13; \$60 walk-in. MP (2) \$38. Radisson Hotel & Conference Center, 4 Executive Park Dr., Merrimack, NH 03054; 603/424-8000. SR/DR/TR/QR \$75 + tax. Room rates guaranteed to 1/21. Checks payable to NH Mensa RG. S CD 7, 17 H RP to 1/31 DT SA (local) CP CC (V MC). Contact: Deb Stone, POB 7998, Nashua, NH 03060-7998.

April 25 - 27, 2003

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July 2 - 6, 2003

**2003 ANNUAL GATHERING MINNESOTA MENSA and MENSA CANADA** present LIGHT UP THE NORTH St Paul, Minnesota. Register online at [www.ag2003.com](http://www.ag2003.com).

The AG will have a full slate of speakers and activities to keep you occupied for the entire five days, along with nonpareil hospitality

REGISTRATION: \$70.00 until 3/31/03 1/2 price for ages 6-12, free for 5 and under HOTEL: Radisson Hotel Riverfront, located on a bluff overlooking the Mississippi in downtown St Paul 1-800-333-3333 \$84.00/night (+tax), S/D/T/Q Meal Package: \$59.00 includes Friday Awards Luncheon, Saturday Night Banquet, Sunday Brunch Special Added Attraction: Friday July 4th Riverboat Dinner Cruise on the Mississippi (\$35.00)

REGISTRAR: Jane Gmur E-mail: [registrar@ag2003.com](mailto:registrar@ag2003.com) Make checks payable to: 2003 Mensa Annual Gathering Mail to: P.O. Box 2087, Minneapolis, MN 554002-0087

NOTED AND QUOTED

Let blockheads read what blockheads wrote  
 - Lord Chesterfield, (1694 - 1773)

Genius is eternal patience.  
 - Michelangelo, (1475 - 1564)

May you live every day of your life  
 - Jonathan Swift, (1667 - 1745)

Life is just one damn thing after another  
 - Elbert Hubbard, author, moralist, (1856-1915)

It is not true that life is one damn thing after another It is the same damn thing over and over.  
 - Edna St Vincent Millay, American poet, (1892-1950)

Tolerance applies only to persons, but never to truth Intolerance applies only to truth, but never to persons Tolerance applies to the erring; intolerance to the error  
 - Bishop Fulton Sheen, (1895 - 1979)

Life is a pure flame, and we live by an invisible sun within us -Sir Thomas Browne, English author & physician (1605-1682), *Hydriotaphia (ch V)*

An unbreakable toy is good for breaking other toys. - Jason's Law

A poor excuse is better than no excuse at all.  
 - Nancy's Maxim

You don't get harmony when everybody sings the same note - Doug Floyd.

One man's ceiling is another man's floor.  
 - Anonymous

I saw Eternity the other night, Like a great ring of pure and endless light - Henry Vaughan, Welsh physician and poet, (1622?-1695), *The World*

Everywhere I go I'm asked if I think the university stifles writers My opinion is that they don't stifle enough of them  
 - Flannery O'Connor, American author, (1925 - 1964)

I like the word 'indolence' It makes my laziness seem classy - Bern Williams

Reality is wrong Dreams are for real  
 - Tupac Shakur, celebrity singer, (1971 - 1996)

I read about eight newspapers in a day When I'm in a town with only one newspaper, I read it eight times  
 - Will Rogers, American humorist, (1879 - 1935)

**PAUSE FOR REFLECTION**

Regional Vice-Chairman Betsy Burke

Are you feeling snowed in, snowed under or just plain snowed? Somehow I think this weather does this to us. However, I've made some observations about snow and life.

Don't complain about the amount of snow. You don't get any sympathy and most people will remind you that we need the water. People who live out of the region relish laughing at us. I made the mistake of sending a message to various Mensans who don't live in the area asking them to STOP singing, humming, or even thinking of songs such as White Christmas, Frosty the Snowman and especially Winter Wonderland. Did I get sympathy (or even offers of help to dig me out)? NO, what I received was weather reports from Nevada, Texas and Florida. People actually admitted they went swimming while I was attempting to shovel 15 inches of snow.

Another observation: the person you hired to plow your driveway will go away just before a major snowstorm. He'll hire someone to be on alert but that doesn't mean the person will actually plow you out. OK. So you bite the bullet, grab the shovel, and start to dig yourself out. Take it slow, as you keep hearing from all the medical reports. Finally reach the major obstacle left at the edge of your driveway by the highway department plows, shovel that, stand back proudly and breathe a sigh of relief. You know what comes next. I'm sure. Either the highway department plow comes by again or the person you've paid finally shows up.

Casper and Snowball love the snow. Casper acts as a snowplow and breaks a path for Snowbie. What a friend! Reminds me of some Mensans who try to make life easier for all of us.

Plan to break the winter doldrums and get away if you can. I'm going south the first weekend in February to attend the finance committee meeting, although if I could I'd much rather be in Martinique with the Club Med Sig.

February 14-16th will find me at Granite Gathering Aught in Merrimack, New Hampshire. This RG is at the Radisson Hotel and Conference Center in Merrimack. Later this month I'll be at

Snowball XXIX in Piscataway, New Jersey. Plan to get away in April to a New York State of Mind held in Staten Island the weekend of April 11th - 13th. Hopefully, I'll see some of you at these gatherings. Stay warm.

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THE JANUARY DINNER

**OVERCOMING OBSTACLES****BY LEIGH ST JOHN**

At the January dinner, Mensans enjoyed a friendly visitor from the land down under - fellow Mensan Leigh St. John, a professional speaker, writer, and trainer, and Managing Director of About Achievement Pty Ltd, Queensland, Australia. Ms. St. John's theme was "Overcoming Obstacles" and there was no doubt of her qualifications on the subject. Forced to drop out of high school before exams when she lost her home, Leigh went through several occupations, recovered from catastrophic illness, and became owner of a successful international management training company that works with major corporations such as Toyota. Along the way, she gave away everything she owned three times - and enjoyed it all.

Ms. St. John's message was her motto, taken from Charles Swindoll: "Life is ten percent what happens to you and ninety percent how you react to it." Leigh recounted some of her experiences, good and bad, but emphasized that she learned from even her worst setbacks. By regarding misfortunes and failures as lessons rather than losses, she progressed. To learn, she counseled that one should ask, "Have I been the best I can be today?" If not, you should realize that you don't have the opportunity to live today again and ask, "What would I have done differently?"

What can we do differently to deal with difficult people? Leigh's advice: "There is no such thing as a difficult person. There is only difficult behavior." Our problem is our reaction to this behavior. Do we let it overwhelm us, or do we remember that our antagonist is a human, with a positive as well as a negative side - a person whose company is probably enjoyed by others? If others can find a good side, we can do so as well.

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**OVERCOMING OBSTACLES CONT.**

A major influence on Ms St John's view towards dealing with difficulties was Victor Frankl, a Holocaust survivor and author of *Man's Search for Meaning*. Dr Frankl's profound insight was that those who survived the camps were those who had something to work for. Surely if a man could hold on to life under such conditions, Leigh noted, we can rise above our own problems. "Every conscious action is a choice", she reminded us. How we respond to the good, the bad, and the ugly is a choice, not a given. The biggest obstacle is in the mind, not in circumstances.

On a lighter note, Ms St John had many observations about her tour of America and Canada, and what she learned from it. She also had some facts about Australia to clear up the misconceptions of Americans who know only of its kangaroos and koalas.

Before parting, our speaker responded to some of the difficult questions raised by her philosophy - questions about blind optimism versus reasoned optimism, and about human character and responsibility. It concluded a fitting kickoff dinner for the new year, a year that surely will provide opportunities for the audience to apply Leigh St John's philosophy. Hopefully, she can return and exchange insights again.

Readers who would like to learn more about Leigh St John and her business About Achievement Ltd can visit her website [www.aboutachievement.com.au](http://www.aboutachievement.com.au). Ms St John is the author of several hundred articles, twelve manuals and three books: *Non-Profit*

*Profitability, Mentoring - the Guide's Guide, and Discovering Your Passion*. Her company publishes *Achievers Magazine*, the monthly magazine to keep you inspired and motivated. It is available on the web.

**NEXT MONTH'S SPEAKER:** Mensan Paul Levine of Paul M Levine & Associates, Inc., Ridgefield, CT., will speak on "Crisis Management for Businesses". Socializing starts at 7:00, followed by dinner at approximately 8:00.



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## GOOD WINE CHEAP (AND GOOD FOOD TO GO WITH IT)

By John Grover

If you haven't noticed, the price of wine seems to be going up steadily. A good \$6 bottle of wine is rare. That's why this month's choice is such a pleasant surprise.

Marques de la Billa 2000 is a Spanish white wine produced by Bodegas Covitoro, located in Zamora, a town in Northwest Spain bordering Portugal. It is made from the Malvasia grape, often found in sweeter wines such as Madiera. As with many Spanish white wines, the first taste calls out for seafood, garlic and fresh lemon. It's like biting into a fresh fruity table grape right off the vine. But after the initial sip, it becomes a distinctly dry wine with the nice hint of acidity. The nose is slightly aromatic, adding to the sensory delight.

Finding a wine with this much character at this low a price was a pure pleasure for this Scotsman. The Boss happened to make Crab Cakes the night that we had this wine and it was a very good match indeed.

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## POETRY CORNER

### A DREAM

by Edgar Allan Poe

In visions of the dark night  
I have dreamed of joy departed-  
But a waking dream of life and light  
Hath left me broken-hearted.

Ah! what is not a dream by day  
To him whose eyes are cast  
On things around him with a ray  
Turned back upon the past?

That holy dream- that holy dream,  
While all the world were chiding,  
Hath cheered me as a lovely beam  
A lonely spirit guiding.

What though that light, thro' storm and night,  
So trembled from afar-  
What could there be more purely bright  
In Truth's day-star?

## MARYLAND CRAB CAKES

8 oz Lump Crab Meat (fresh or canned); 1 egg; 1 tsp Worcestershire; 1/8 tsp dry mustard; 1 tbs mayonnaise; 1/2 tsp lemon juice; 1 1/2 tsp Dijon mustard; 1 1/2 tsp melted butter; 1/2 tsp parsley flakes; 1/2 tsp Phillips or Old Bay Seafood Seasoning; 1/4 cup bread crumbs

Combine all ingredients except crabmeat. Mix in crabmeat. Shape into cakes (probably six). Pan fry. Serve with fresh lemon wedges and Tartar sauce,

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.

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### THE SNOW-STORM

By Ralph Waldo Emerson (1803-1882)

Announced by all the trumpets of the sky,  
Arrives the snow, and, driving o'er the fields,  
Seems nowhere to alight: the whited air  
Hides hills and woods, the river, and the heaven,  
And veils the farm-house at the garden's end  
The sled and traveller stopped, the courier's feet  
Delayed, all friends shut out, the housemates sit  
Around the radiant fireplace, enclosed In a  
tumultuous privacy of storm.

Come see the north wind's masonry  
Out of an unseen quarry evermore  
Furnished with tile, the fierce artificer  
Curves his white bastions with projected roof  
Round every windward stake, or tree, or door  
Speeding, the myriad-handed, his wild work  
So fanciful, so savage, nought cares he  
For number or proportion  
Mockingly, On coop or kennel he hangs Parian  
wreaths;

A swan-like form invests the hidden thorn;  
Fills up the farmer's lane from wall to wall,  
Maugre the farmer's sighs; and, at the gate,  
A tapering turret overtops the work  
And when his hours are numbered, and the  
world is all his own, retiring, as he were not,  
Leaves, when the sun appears, astonished  
Art To mimic in slow structures, stone by stone,  
Built in an age, the mad wind's night-work,  
The frolic architecture of the snow.

**PUZZLES & QUESTIONS**

1. List seven basic plots of stories.
2. Without looking at a timepiece, try to estimate when five minutes has passed. How close were you in your estimate?
3. Draw the shape of the town you live in and the neighboring towns.
4. A painting contractor contracts to paint 3 houses. Mr. Veryfast can paint a house in 6 days. Mr. Fast can paint a house in 8 days. Mr. Slow can paint a house in 12 days. Mr. Veryfast starts off painting by himself and works 8 days before going on vacation. Mr. Fast takes over and works for 6 days before leaving. Mr. Slow replaces him. How many more days does it take Mr. Slow to finish the job?

How long would it have taken the painters to do the job if they all worked together?

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

5. If a one-foot ruler is broken into 3 random lengths, what are the chances that the 3 pieces can be placed end-to-end to form a triangle?  
  
A. The probability is 25%. To solve this problem, you must realize that the length of any side of a triangle must be less than the sum of the lengths of the other two sides. So you could not have a triangle with one side 10 inches long and the other two sides 1 inch each - the sides simply wouldn't meet.

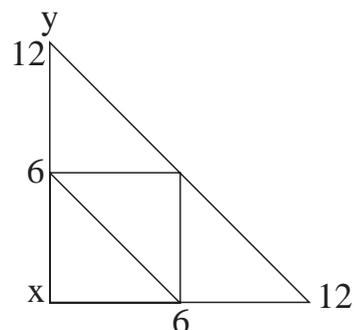
In this problem, we can label the sides as  $x$ ,  $y$ , and  $12 - x - y$  inches in length, since we know the total length of the sides is 12 inches. We know that

SIDE 1:  $x < (12 - x - y) + y$   
 $2x < 12$   
 $x < 6$

SIDE 2:  $y < (12 - x - y) + x$   
 $2y < 12$   
 $y < 6$

SIDE 3:  $12 - x - y < x + y$   
 $12 < 2x + 2y$   
 $6 < x + y$

The area of the big triangle represents the total range of possible sides. The area of the small triangle represents the sides that will form a triangle. The area of the smaller section is  $1/2$  times  $6 \times 6 = 18$  sq. in. The area of the bigger section is  $1/2$  times  $12 \times 12 = 72$  sq. in. Therefore the probability that the broken pieces will form a triangle is  $(18/72) \times 100\% = 25\%$ .



**THE READING EDGE - WHAT'S YOUR READING SPEED?**

Do you know what your reading speed is? There is an online test that can give you a quick estimate. The Reading Edge, a Wallingford, CT company, has a test at their website [www.the-reading-edge.com](http://www.the-reading-edge.com). The tests take only a minute and calculate your reading speed instantly. For a more comprehensive test, the company offers a free demo that you can download that will test not only your speed but also your comprehension. The software can be set for different grade levels to test children as well as adults.

The company reports that the average person reads at a speed of between 200- 300 words a minute but that people who enjoy reading can read more than 400 words per minute, and that some people can even read well at more than 800 words a minute.

The Reading Edge also offers books, tapes, tele-classes, and personal lessons to help people read faster and more efficiently. For more information, visit their website at [www.the-reading-edge.com](http://www.the-reading-edge.com) or contact them at [info@the-reading-edge.com](mailto:info@the-reading-edge.com)

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**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.

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