

SOUTHERN CONNECTICUT MENSA CHRONICLE

If you or someone you know would like to be a speaker at our monthly dinner, please contact Jim Mizera at 203-522-1959 or Jmizera@hotmail.com. The dinner is held the third Saturday of the month.



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ATTENTION SOUTHERN CT MENSANS: *The Southern CT Mensa Executive Committee needs members to assume the open position of Secretary. We also need Proctors, who administer admissions tests to local candidates for Mensa. This is your chance to put ideas that can help our local chapter into action. Please notify one of the current board members to volunteer for these positions.*

SCHEDULE OF CHAPTER EVENTS - SEPTEMBER

Sunday, September 6, 7:00

Theater Event: Moliere's "THE IMAGINARY INVALID"

The Elm Shakespeare Company performs Moliere's "THE IMAGINARY INVALID" at Edgerton Park, 75 Cliff Street, New Haven, CT (near Hamden line). Admission free but donations encouraged. This is an outdoor theater so please arrive early and bring a chair. Contact Jim Mizera at (203) 522-1959, jmizera@hotmail.com, for info or reservations.

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Friday, September 11, 7:00

Danbury Dinner - Southern Connecticut and Connecticut/Western Massachusetts Joint Dinner

at a new venue, The Pasta Garden, 174 Federal Rd, Brookfield CT 06804 (restaurant phone: (203) 775-0426). Interested M's should contact Ward Mazzucco at 203-744-1929, ext 25, wjm@danburylaw.com or Rev. Bill Loring at 203-794-1389, fr.bill@comcast.net for more info on location and/or reservations.

Thursday, September 17, 7:30

Southern CT Mensa Billiards Event

Come and join So. CT Mensa billiard enthusiasts for an evening of billiards, conversation and food. The "Pool Party" this month will be held at ON CUE BILLIARDS, 50 W. Washington St., SOUTH NORWALK, CT.

The pool hall is in the basement at the far inner corner of the 50 Washington Street office building. Easy access via either I-95 (Exit 15) or the Merritt (via the Route 7 Extension). The parking lot costs \$2 to park in, through 10:30pm - then the rate goes to \$5. There is nearby street parking if you don't mind walking a bit. On Cue Billiards Web Site: www.uncuebilliardsandmusic.com Google Maps link:

<http://tinyurl.com/2tfunq>. Questions? Contact Tom O'Neill, doctec2@gmail.com.

Saturday, August 11, 8:00 pm

Saturday, September 19, 6:30 pm

MONTHLY DINNER. TONELLI'S RESTAURANT

41 Grassy Plain St., Bethel, CT 06801. Dress is casual. Mensan member Ingri Boe-Wiegard, L. Ac., will give a presentation on "ACUPUNCTURE." Before the presentation, we will enjoy dinner. Choose what you like from the menu; restaurant adds tip onto the bill. You can bring a donation of money or food to benefit the Connecticut Food Bank. There are plenty of

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seats. Contact Jim Mizera, jmizera@hotmail.com, 203-522-1959, for information and reservations. Reservations encouraged but not required.

Tuesday, September 22 7:00

Chess Club Meeting

Borders Book Store Café, 14 Danbury Road (Route 7), Wilton, CT, 06897 (near Norwalk line, not far from Merritt Parkway/Route 7 connector). This club is meeting for the first time and there is no leader, so please bring a chessboard or Mensa symbol to identify yourself. Members will discuss how to organize the group and where to hold future meetings. Visit the Mensan chess website <http://scm66.org/cgi-bin/scm-chess.cgi> to sign up or just show up.

OCTOBER

3 Saturday 11 am - 5 pm

Mensa Multi-Chapter Event: A Day at the Races

Lime Rock Park Racetrack, Lime Rock CT. Hosts: Mike Yost (Greater N.Y. Mensa), Tom Thomas (CT & W. Mass. Mensa). The Bruce Grohe Memorial SIG invites you to the beautiful Lime Rock Park race track to enjoy a day of SCCA Sports Car racing. Join That Nice Tom Thomas and Mike Yost, sit on a grass hillside watching a variety of sports cars negotiate Lime Rocks twisty, challenging circuit. Feast on whatever you bring (and what you might care to buy from the surprisingly good concession stands) and enjoy autumn in New England. Dress in layers, expect anything from sunny and warm to cool and damp, the races run rain or shine. Meet us on the Infield Spectator Area overlooking the Esses. Look for yellow balloons. Note: BYO lawn chairs or blankets, picnic food and drink. No pets and No Glass Bottles. Park admission is reasonable, 15 dollars at the gate, 10 dollars advance purchase from the track's website.

Lime Rock is located in northwestern Connecticut, and getting there on the scenic roads of the area is part of the fun. For directions, or to order tickets, they have a website:

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<http://www.limerock.com/> or you can call them at 1-800-RACE-LRP. For details about this event, or to RSVP, email mike@mikeyost.com, or call his mobile 917-603-0410

CONNECTICUT AND WESTERN MASSACHUSETTS CHAPTER UPCOMING EVENTS

This is not a complete listing WE - Weekly Event, ME - Monthly Event, YE - Yearly Event CT & W. Mass Calendar Editor Gisela Rodriguez, 860-888-9867, email: lilith@beadylittleskies.com.

SEPTEMBER

2, 9, 16, 23, 30 Wednesdays 6:30 - 9:00 pm

Open Mike Night

at Peaberry's Coffee Shop on Rte 10 in between Fitzgeralds Market and CVS, Simsbury, CT. This is a regular musician event. If you want to see MensaFran make a fool out of herself, this is the place. Great munchies, coffee, tea, freeziedrinks and stuff. No alcohol. Fun people. Fran Devevo 860-738-8488 leave a message, calls returned about 9 pm or weekends or email men-safran@yahoo.com

3, 10, 17 Thursdays 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).

4 Friday 5:30 pm

Happy Hour in Wallingford (ME, 1st Fridays) Ann Polanski (contact her at 203-269-4565 or ann.polanski@rfsworld.com) hosts us upstairs at George's II Restaurant, 950 Yale Avenue, Wallingford, CT 06492 Phone: 203-269-1059. Directions: Exit 66 off Wilbur Cross Parkway. Turn left (south) onto Rte 5. Take first left that's not a highway entrance onto Yale Ave. George's II is in the Yale Plaza on the right.

7 Monday (Labor Day) 11:00 am

ShoreGrass at Farm Fest

Hilltop Farm, www.fofah.com 1608 Mapleton Avenue / RT. 159, Suffield, CT. ShoreGrass will provide entertainment at this celebration of our

agricultural heritage! Enjoy farm animals, pony & horse drawn wagon rides, exhibits, demonstrations, contests, entertainment and food. Don't miss the Tractor Parade at noon. Bring your antique, modern, pedal or toy tractor and join in! Friends of the Farm at Hilltop, Inc., is a private, nonprofit corporation dedicated to preserving, promoting and enjoying Hilltop Farm as an educational resource for people of all ages where they can learn about agriculture and nature conservancy as well as New England history and culture within the context of this formerly grand farm. Info: info@fofah.com FREE admission.

9 Wednesday 5:30 pm

Happy Hour in Branford

(ME, 2nd Wed) Donovan's Reef 1212 Main Street, Branford Conn. 06405. The Donovan's Reef <http://donovans-reef.com> web site has a small map, and here are some directions with distances - from I-95 take exit 54/Cedar Street. Go south on Cedar Street crossing Rt. 1/Boston Post Road for about 0.5 mi. to Rose Street. Take a left on Rose and go 0.25 mi. to a driveway on the right which has a low sign that says "1188 - 1238" where you will enter a parking lot for a number of businesses in a complex known as Lockworks Square. Drive part way through the lot and look for Donovan's Reef on the left. Locals can also enter Lockworks Square from the Ivy Street side just off of Main Street where Shoreline Foods faces Ivy. The lounge is on the left inside. I'll see about a table reservation and will likely have an "M" sign visible. We start around 6. I'm told there is some sort of daily bar goodie along with any menu items that you may want to order. Donovan's phone number is 203-488-5573. Questions? Contact Joe Wonowski at 203-785-2998 weekdays, and 203-457-9770 evenings. Hope to see you there!

11 Friday 6:30 pm

Diner Dinner

(semimonthly, 2nd and 4th Fridays) at Olympia Diner, Rte 5, Newington, just north of the Berlin town line and North East Utilities. Menu 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. Questions? For info, contact Howard Brender at 860-635-5673 or howiebren@aol.com

Subject: Diner Dinner

12 Saturday 12:30 pm

Let's Do Lunch

at Sake's Japanese Restaurant at 1105 Silas Deane Hwy, Wethersfield, CT. Contact Pamela Guinan at (860) 563-5761 or email Pamela.cwm@hotmail.com by Thursday Aug. 6th so we can estimate headcount for the restaurant.

12 Saturday 2:30pm

Book Discussion Group

will be meeting at Pamela Guinan's home, 323 Griswold Road, Wethersfield CT to discuss *World Without End* by Ken Follett (fiction) *In 1989 Ken Follett astonished the literary world with The Pillars of the Earth, a sweeping epic novel set in 12th-century England that centered on the building of a cathedral and the men, women, and children whose lives it changed forever. Critics were overwhelmed, and readers and listeners ever since have hoped for a sequel. At last, here it is. Although the two novels may be listened to in any order, World Without End takes place in the same town of Kingsbridge, two centuries after the townspeople finished building the exquisite Gothic cathedral that was at the heart of The Pillars of the Earth. The cathedral and the priory are again at the center of a web of love and hate, greed and pride, ambition and revenge. Three years in the writing, World Without End once again shows that Ken Follett is a masterful author writing at the top of his craft.*

17 Thursday 6:30 pm

Pioneer Valley Dinner

(ME, 3rd Thursday)) at Red Fez Bar and Grill, 70 Exchange Street, Chicopee, MA, 413-594-5244 Questions? Ian Fraser ianfraser@usa.net

19 Saturday 10:00 am

NEW!!! Family Friendly Northern CT/ Western MA Hike

Come out and enjoy a 4 mile out & back hike along an older section of the Metacomet/Monadnock trail (which just received a National Scenic Trail designation). I'm the trail maintainer for this West Suffield section which

consists of rolling hills and some nice views. Wear sturdy shoes, bring water and a snack. It takes 2-3 hours to hike the whole section but we will adjust the pace and distance as needed to make this an enjoyable hike. We'll meet at my house by 10 am and carpool to the trail head 15 mins away. Call or email me for directions, questions, etc. All are welcome. Rain day is Sunday-Sept. 20 Contact Mike Roccanti at (860) 668-7251 or email at mrocket49@hotmail.com
Subject- Hike

20 Sunday 8am to 3pm

Air Show

a free air show at the Simsbury Fly-In at Simsbury Airport. 350 classic automobiles, over 200 airplanes displayed, skydiving, Life Star, music, breakfast and lunch available. This sounds like fun. The ad reads that over 10,000 people attend this family-oriented event. I have to do a Peace table in New Hartford from 10-noon, but will be available after. Please call M Fran Devevo at 860-738-8488 to set something up, or maybe meet after. Contact for the event is Joe Bellino jbellino@snet.net 860-408-0040

25 Friday 5:00 pm

Happy Hour - NEW VENUE!

at The Playwright in Hamden, web site <http://www.playwrightirishpub.com> Contact Gail Trowbridge 203-877-4472 or Gail.Trowbridge@att.net .

25 Friday 6:00 pm

Open Mike

(ME, 4th Friday) at First Church of Winsted, CT. This is a GREAT Church with Awesome Acoustics. Fran will also be taping and putting the whole deal on the local cable channel and probably elsewhere too. Jamming begins at 9 pm, amps will be there so musicians will only have to plug in. Donations in the basket, food and drinks available- very nice people. Sign up is by email to Deb Storrs info@firstchurchofwinsted.org . Other info, contact Fran Devevo at 860-738-8488 weekends and 9-10pm or email mensafran@yahoo.com

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26 Saturday 11:30 am

Lunch and Brewery Tour

South Burlington, VT

Join us in South Burlington for lunch at Uno's and a tour of Magic Hat Brewery! We'll meet at 11:30 a.m. at Uno's Chicago Grill (1330 Shelburne Road, South Burlington, VT 05403, 802-865-4000, www.unos.com), which is just a half-mile from the Magic Hat Brewery. After lunch, we'll head over to the Magic Hat Artifactory (5 Bartlett Bay Road, South Burlington, VT 05403, 802-658-2739, www.magichat.net) for the 1:00 p.m. guided tour. After the guided tour, stay with us for lively conversation in Magic Hat's Growler Bar, which houses 30 taps featuring year-round, seasonal, and experimental beers. RSVP to Claire Natola at mensabear@gmail.com or 603-279-9986 by Thursday at 9:00 p.m. so that reservations can be arranged. When you RSVP, please let me know whether you will be joining us for lunch only, the brewery tour only, or both.

27 Sunday 12:15 pm

Thimble Islands Boat Tour

Mensa takes a tour of the Thimble Islands aboard the Sea Mist. See the islands and hear their history both past and present. Meet at the boat in Stony Creek (Branford) about noon. www.thimbleislandcruise.com Let Neal Alderman know if you are coming for a head count for the boat by 23 September, 860 228 2678 or neal.alderman@uconn.edu
Directions: Get off I-95 at exit 56 and go south on Leetes Island Road. Proceed 2 miles to four way stop sign. Go straight on Thimble Island Road, under the railroad underpass, and follow road to dock.

LOOKING AHEAD

October 16-18

Mensautumn

The biggest chapter event all year, come enjoy the fun!

October 17

Mensa Testing Day

Tell your non-M friends! Contact: Testing@cwm.us.mensa.org

October 17

Late October Preview

Octoberfest at Neal & Dodie Alderman's place. Details will be provided but those who have come know it is always a good time. Those who haven't can find out for themselves.

October 31 Saturday 2:30 pm

Book Discussion

at Pam Guinan's home in Wetherfield, CT. A comedic change of pace for Halloween. This month we'll be discussing DEAD UNTIL DARK (Southern Vampire Mysteries, No. 1) by Charlaine Harris. [The basis of the HBO series Trueblood.] Sookie Stackhouse is just a small-time cocktail waitress in small-town Louisiana. Until the vampire of her dreams walks into her life--and one of her coworkers checks out. Maybe having a vampire for a boyfriend isn't such a bright idea. A fun, fast, funny, and wonderfully intriguing blend of vampire and mystery that's hard to put down, and should not be missed. Contact Pamela Guinan at (860) 563-5761 or email Pamela.cwm@hotmail.com

October 31 Saturday 5:00-10:00 pm

Halloween Party

at the Meriden home of Don & Gail Trowbridge. Our LocSec has encouraged us to open up our party to new members in particular. RSVP only, as our home will comfortably hold about 20 people. We will have soft drinks and wine and a huge pot of home made minestrone with crusty bread. Please bring something to share and a bag of candy. Last year we gave out 14 bags and we expect even more this year. Costume or not is up to you. Gail.Trowbridge@att.net or 203-877-4472

REGIONAL GATHERINGS



September 11-13

Please join us at the **Banff Regional Gathering** hosted by Mensa Calgary in one of the most beautiful parts of the world. Combine world-class scenery, a great program, the low Canadian dollar and top minds: the result is a memorable experience. Check out our RG web site at www.mensabanffrg.com for more info.

*FROM THE REGIONAL VICE CHAIRMAN**LORI NORRIS**RVCHAT*

September brings with it some exciting testing news: Free GMAT prior evidence review - tell your friends and family. For more details, see AML's web site. In addition, pre-paid vouchers for testing are now available on the web site. By purchasing pre-paid vouchers, proctors can be freed from collecting cash at testing sites.

Is your local group participating in the Mensa Foundation Scholarship program? Now is a good time to contact your local chair and volunteer to help out. If your local group is not participating in the scholarship program, now is also a good time to begin discussions with your ExComm to participate in the future. I feel that the scholarship program is one of the things that Mensa does well.

The next AMC (American Mensa Committee, or the national board of directors) meeting is being held in Arlington, TX the fourth weekend of October. The agenda should be available on the Inside AML web site in mid-September. If you have any questions or concerns that you would like to have discussed, please contact me. That weekend will include the annual planning meeting. Go to www.us.mensa.org/planning to review the planning to date and see how you can participate OR e-mail any comments directly to me.

Next month begins the northeast's RG (regional gathering) season, with Connecticut & Western Massachusetts' (CTWM's) MensAutumn being held the weekend of October 16 - 18, followed by Boston's Pilgrimage beginning on November 20th. Hope to see you at one of them.

A Leadership Development Workshop (LDW) is planned for the first weekend of October near Albany, New York. The primary focuses of this LDW will be Gen Y, Gen X participation and family events. Please contact me for additional information.

Following the 2009 Annual Gathering in Pittsburgh, Ron and I traveled to Canada and participated in the 2009 Mensa Canada AG held in Ottawa, Ontario, a beautiful city. It is amazing how quickly we make new Mensa friends whenever we travel. We look forward to seeing some of these folks at the 2010 joint American and Canadian AG to be held in Dearborn (near Detroit), Michigan. There we will be celebrating the 50th anniversary of North American Mensa.

We finished up our summer vacation with a few days in Petawawa, Ontario, and then spent some time in Quebec. While in Quebec, we found a small bed and breakfast housed on an exotic meat farm. I fed bagels to buffaloes the first morning; they were very friendly buffaloes but the young were shy. Then we continued on to Montreal to visit some Mensa friends.

In August, we were thrilled to attend a weekend open house in Ripley, Maine and meet more Maine Mensans. A great time was had by all. I look forward to hosting a Friday games night at our home in September, as well as getting back to hosting the Mystic, CT dinner.

- Lori

GOOD WINE CHEAP (AND GOOD FOOD TO GO WITH IT)**BY JOHN GROVER**

This month's wine comes from the region of Aragon in the heart of Spain. Spain has consistently proven itself to be the best source of affordable wines in times of rising prices. Matched to this excellent red wine, we have grilled lamb chops prepared in a Mediterranean style marinade. A few in our gourmet group were initially put off by lamb by the memories of rather grim stew concoctions served by their sainted mothers and grandmothers. But our extraordinary grilled meat quickly dispelled their trepidations.

The wine is a non-vintage (not all the wine is from one year) red from Bodegas Aragonases called Don Ramon. It's a blend of 75% Granacha and 25% Tempranillo grapes and is aged in oak casks for just three months. It has a smooth earthy flavor that includes ripe red berries and black pepper. Don Ramon is a good match with burgers and pizza and also with our recipe below. I've found it generally available for about \$8 a bottle

I hope that you will contact me with your comments and favorite wines at 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 of New York.

MEDITERRANEAN GRILLED LAMB CHOPS

(marinade from the "Colorado Collage Cookbook" by the Junior League of Denver).

Marinade Ingredients

1 tsp crushed garlic
 1/4-tsp. salt
 2 tbsp. Dijon mustard
 1 tbsp. soy sauce
 2 tbsp. fresh lemon juice
 2 tsp. chopped fresh rosemary
 1 tsp. chopped fresh thyme
 1/4-cup olive oil.

Combine the marinade ingredients and add to eight 1-1 1/2- inch thick loin lamb chops. The loin chops look like mini "T" bone steaks and you will need at least two per person. Marinade for at least four hours or preferably over night in the refrigerator. These chops are best served medium rare. After preheating your grill, set the heat to medium and grill the chops for four to five minutes on a side depending on thickness.



PUZZLES & QUESTIONS

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

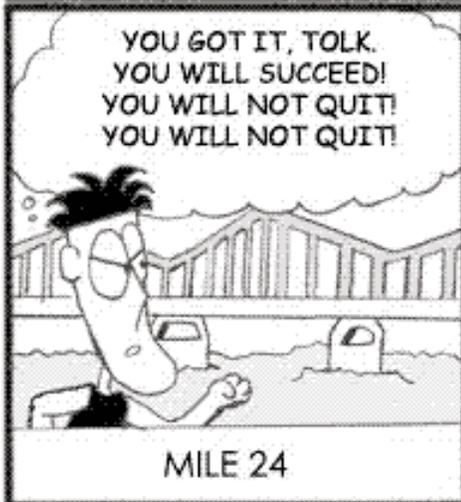
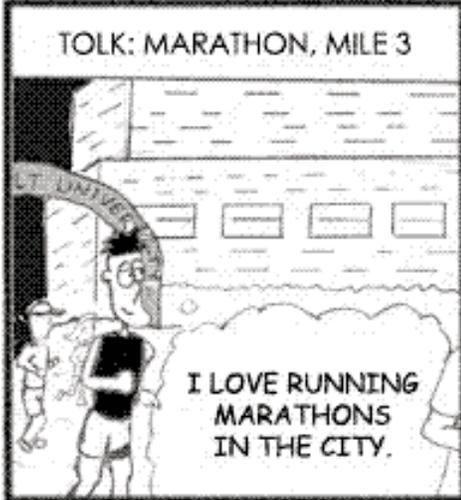
1. Who are the best speculators?
2. How many vitamins are there?
3. What is the best treatment for arthritis?
4. What percentage of his/her portfolio does the average U.S. investor hold in foreign investments?
5. What are the biggest mistakes entrepreneurs make?
6. What is the highest city on earth?

ANSWERS TO LAST MONTH'S PUZZLES:

1. What percentage of world manufacturing output does the U.S. produce?
A: About 21%.
3. What is the oldest capital city in the U.S?
A: Santa Fe, New Mexico. It was founded in 1608 and made a capital in 1610. It is the third oldest surviving municipality founded by Europeans in the U.S., behind St. Augustine, Florida (1565) and Jamestown, Virginia (1607). Santa Fe also has the highest elevation, at 7,000 feet, of any capital city in the U.S.
5. How many ways are there to make change for a dollar bill?
A: There are 293 ways to make change for a dollar.
7. What percentage of Japanese citizens smoke?
A: According to a 2005 survey by Japan Tobacco Inc., 29.2% of Japanese adults smoke, a decline from previous levels. It reported that 45.8% of Japanese males smoke (the highest percentage in the industrialized world), while 13.% of Japanese women smoke. The U.S. Center for Disease Control estimates that 21.6% of American adults smoke.
9. What percentage of Fairfield County's population resides in its four largest cities (Bridgeport, Stamford, Norwalk, Danbury)?
A: Bridgeport (1st), Stamford (4th), Norwalk (6th) and Danbury (7th) contain about 420,000 people; about 47% of the county's estimated (2008) 895,000 people.

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WORD CHECK

See if you can define these seldom-used English words. Answers are below.

1. palimpsest (pe- LIM(P)- sest)
2. panegyric (PAN- e- jir`- ik)
3. panglossian (pan- GLOS- ee- uhn, pan- GLAWS- see- uhn)
4. paregoric (PAR- e- gor`- ik)
5. peregrination (PER- e- gre- nay`- shen)
6. periphrastic (peer- uh- FRAS- tik)
7. perspicacious (PER- spe- kay- shes)
8. plangent (PLAN- jint)
9. plenary (PLEE- nuh- ree, PLEN- e- ree)
10. plenipotentiary (ple- ni- pe- TEN- chi- e- ri)
11. quiddity (KWID- ih- tee)
12. quidnunc (KWID- nungk)
13. quondam (KWON- dam)
14. quotidian (kwoh- TID- ee- un)
15. quisling (KWIZ- ling)

1. palimpsest (pe- LIM(P)- sest) - 1. A manuscript (papyrus or parchment) that has been written on more than once, with the earlier writing incompletely erased and still readable. 2. Something having diverse layers or aspects apparent beneath the surface. 3. An object, place, or area that reflects its history.
2. panegyric (PAN- e- jir`- ik) - an oration or writing of high praise; a eulogy or encomium.
3. panglossian (pan- GLOS- ee- uhn, pan- GLAWS- see- uhn) - blindly or naively optimistic.
4. paregoric (PAR- e- gor`- ik) - a medicine for relieving pain.
5. peregrination (PER- e- gre- nay`- shin) - a wandering about from place to place.
6. periphrastic (peer- uh- FRAS- tik) - 1. roundabout, circumlocutory. 2. grammatically using an auxiliary word. EX: 'son of Mr. Brown' instead of 'Mr. Brown's son,' 'did say' instead of 'said.'
7. perspicacious (PER- spe- kay- shes) - mentally acute.
8. plangent (PLAN- jint) - 1. loud and resounding, like a bell. 2. plaintive, resounding sadly.
9. plenary (PLEE- nuh- ree, PLEN- e- ree) - 1. full, complete, absolute, unqualified. 2. attended by all members.
10. plenipotentiary (plen- uh-- puh- TEN- shee- er- ee) - 1. an emissary or ambassador with full powers to act on behalf of another. 2. absolute or full in power.
11. quiddity (KWID- ih- tee) - 1. essence. 2. a hairsplitting distinction.
12. quidnunc (KWID- nungk) - a busybody, a nosy person.
13. quondam (KWON- dam, KWON- duhm) - former, in time past; onetime.
14. quotidian (kwoh- TID- ee- un) - daily.
15. quisling (KWIZ- ling) - a traitor who helps an enemy invade his country and may serve in a puppet government.

ANSWERS:

NOTED & QUOTED

A good scapegoat is hard to find.

- Anonymous

Going to Hell is easy; it's coming back that's hard. - Virgil, (70 - 19 B.C.E.), *Aeneid*, VI, 126

Men do not make history, rather it is history above all that makes men and thereby absolves them from blame. - Fernand Braudel, (1902 - 1985), French historian, *The Identity of France* (1986)

History never looks like history when you are living through it.

- John Gardner, (1912 - 2002), U.S. writer, Secretary of HEW

New York is the biggest collection of villages in the world. - Allistair Cooke, (1908 - 2004), Anglo-American broadcast journalist

A hundred times have I thought New York is a catastrophe, and fifty times: It is a beautiful catastrophe.

- Le Corbusier, (1887 - 1965), Swiss-Franco architect

When you leave New York, you are astonished at how clean the rest of the world is. Clean is not enough.

- Fran Lebowitz, (1951 -), U.S. writer, humorist

The honors of genius are eternal.

- Sextus Aurelius Propertius, (c. 50 B.C.E.), Roman (Umbrian) elegiac poet, *Elegioe III, 2, 24*

The fellow who never makes a mistake takes his orders from one who does.

- Herbert Prochnow, (1897 - 1998),

Even Napoleon had his Watergate.

- Yogi Berra, (1925 -), U.S. major league baseball Hall of Fame player, manager

There is creative reading as well as creative writing. - Ralph Waldo Emerson, (1803 - 1882),

If it's well said, I said it.

- Seneca the Younger (I), *Epistulae Morales*, XVI, 7

In practice, randomness is fundamentally incomplete information.

- Nassim Nicholas Taleb, (1960 -)

I work in whatever medium likes me at the moment.

- Marc Chagall, (1887 - 1985), Russian-French painter

My goal in life is to climb a low mountain.

- Woody Allen, (1935 -),

Before you plot revenge, dig two graves.

- Chinese Proverb

Our head is round so that our thoughts can change direction. - Anonymous

A man lives by believing something; not by debating and arguing many things. - Thomas Carlyle, (1795 - 1881), British historian and essayist

Patience is the foundation on which understanding is built. - Anonymous

The music is in the air. Take as much as you want.

- Sir Edward Elgar, (1857 - 1934), English composer

Never look at the trombones. It only encourages them.

- Richard Strauss, (1864 - 1949), German composer

A civilization is destroyed only when its gods are destroyed.

- E(mil). M. Cioran, (1911 - 1995), Romanian-born French philosopher.

Customs are generally unselfish. Habits are nearly always selfish. - G.K. Chesterton, (1874 - 1936), *Illustrated London News*, 1/11/1908

An expert problem solver must be endowed with two incompatible qualities, a restless imagination and a patient pertinacity.

- Howard W. Eves, (1911 - 2004), German-American mathematician, *In Mathematical Circles*, 1969

Mathematics is not only real, but it is the only reality. - Martin Gardner, (1914 -), U.S. mathematics writer, *Focus - The Newsletter of the Mathematical Association of America*, Vol. 14, Np. 6, 12/1994.

The line of life is a ragged diagonal between duty and desire.

- William R. Alger, (1822 - 1905), U.S. theologian

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The sea has never been friendly to man. At most it has been the accomplice of human restlessness.

- Joseph Conrad, (1857 - 1924), Polish-born English novelist

A good memory is one trained to forget the trivial. - Clifton Fadiman, (1904 - 1999), U.S. author, critic, cultural commentator

A book should be luminous not voluminous.

- Christian Nevell Bovee, (1820 - 1904), U.S. author

Never despair, but if you do, work on in despair.

- Edmund Burke, (1729 - 1797)

When you rationalize, you do just that. You make rational lies. - Anonymous

I only spout poetry when my feet hurt.

- Ennius, (239 - 169 B.C.E.), *Saturae*

Water drinkers don't write good verse.

- Horace, (65 - 8 B.C.E.), Roman lyric poet, *Epistulae*, I, 19, 2

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