

SOUTHERN CONNECTICUT MENSA CHRONICLE

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ATTENTION SOUTHERN CT MENSANS: *The Southern CT Mensa Executive Committee needs a member 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 - NOVEMBER

Friday, November 13, 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.

Tuesday, November 17, 7:30

Fairfield Dinner
The King & I restaurant, 260 Post Rd., Fairfield,

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Saturday, November 21, 6:30 pm
MONTHLY DINNER. TONELLI'S RESTAURANT
41 Grassy Plain St., Bethel, CT 06801. "The Underground Railroad in New Milford." Deborah Calhoun, director of the Afrikan-American Cultural Awareness Association, will talk about New Milford sites that were part of the Underground Railroad trail for escaped slaves on their flight to freedom. Ms. Calhoun leads walking tours of the homes in New Milford that served as refuges for the slaves and she works to document authentic sites in New Milford and artifacts for inclusion in the National Parks Services Underground Railroad Network. Come hear this important talk about the historic role that New Milford played in the struggle for freedom. Dress is casual. Speaker to be announced. Before the presentation, we will enjoy dinner. Choose what you like from the menu. You can bring a donation of money or food to benefit the Connecticut Food Bank. There are plenty of seats. Contact Jim Mizera, jmizera@hotmail.com, 203-522-1959, for information and reservations. Reservations encouraged but not required.

November ?

CHESSE

The Chess Club Meeting has not been scheduled as of yet. Contact jmizera@hotmail.com if you are interested in setting up a meeting place and date.

November ?

OTHER EVENTS of INTEREST.

Contact Jim Mizera at jmizera@hotmail.com, (203) 522-1959, to notify us of events you think fellow Mensans might like to attend.

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.

NOVEMBER

Calling all Crafters!

Gail Trowbridge, New Haven Area Co-ordinator, is looking for family friendly crafters and others who would like to participate in a Mensa Marketplace at the 2010 Mensautumn. She thinks even 5 or 6 people would make it worth while. There may or may not be a charge for a table. We would probably run it for 3-4 hours on Saturday only. Please contact Gail by email if you are interested Gail.Trowbridge@att.net

1 Sunday 12 noon

Lunch NEW!!

Join Barb Holstein at Haveli's Indian Restaurant for a \$9.95 all you can eat Buffet. Haveli's is in South Middletown (1300 So. Main St. - Rte 17). You can view a sample of the menu here http://www.haveliindia.com/haveli_photos.htm This is something of a trial run, and will become a regular event if we decide we like it. Please RSVP to Barb at BarbCPA@att.net or 860-632-7873 so she can reserve with the restaurant.

4, 11, 18, 25 Wednesdays 6:30 - 9:00 pm

Open Mike Night

(WE) 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,

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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 mensafran@yahoo.com

5, 12, 19 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).

6 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.

11 Saturday 5:00 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!

13 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

19 Thursday 6:30 pm

Pioneer Valley Dinner

(ME, 3rd Thursday)) at the Sierra Grill on Strong Avenue in Northampton, Mass. Questions? Ian Fraser ianfraser@usa.net

27 Friday 5:00 pm

Happy Hour

(ME, 4th Friday) at The Playwright in Hamden, web site <http://www.playwrightirishpub.com>
Another venue will be considered at the next get together. Contact Gail Trowbridge 203-877-4472 or Gail.Trowbridge@att.net

27 Friday 6:00 pm

Open Mike Night

at First Church of Winsted, CT.
You have to pre-sign up for at info@firstchurchofwinsted.org with Deb Storrs. Fran usually does not play at this one as she's busy filming. Food and drinks available. Starts at 6:30 pm (ish time) and ends about 10. Usually not churchy music, but some great rock, blues and even some jazz. The money raised goes to help people in Mexico that live in a dump, and special needs kids at an orphanage. Call Fran at 860-738-8488 9-10pm, or on the weekends, or email at mensafran@yahoo.com

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LOOKING AHEAD

December 11 Friday 6-10 pm

C&WM Mensa Holiday Party

at the Pitkin Community Center, 30 Greenfield Street, Wethersfield, CT 06109 (860) 721-2950
<http://wethersfieldct.com/rec/directions.html#pitkin>

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

Well, November is here and we're celebrating by turning on the furnace and closing most of the windows.

October was a busy month in my Mensa life. There was the Leadership Development Workshop (LDW), Connecticut and Western Massachusetts (C&WM's) MensAutumn, the American Mensa Committee (AMC) meeting (board of directors), and a half-dozen local group events.

The LDW attracted over 20 members representing 9 of the 13 local groups in Region 1. We discussed a number of timely topics including: "Hosting a National Event," "Getting People Involved," and "Family Events." Some of the presentations have been placed on the Region 1 website, as well as some pictures. See www.region1.us.mensa.org. Much discussion revolved around using technology to enhance the Mensa experience. By the time you read this, the Mensa Region 1 Facebook group should be operational. I hope that we can use this group to share information about local group events that would appeal to members from nearby groups. We are fortunate in this region that many members live within easy traveling distance from neighboring groups. I also hope that by using this Facebook group we can become acquainted with members from around the region so that when we meet, we'll already be friends. My husband has often said that Mensans are just friends we haven't met yet. Also, the Region 1 e-list, geared toward officers and other interested members, is coming back to life. I don't think we, the members of Region 1, have been utilizing this list but I will now be monitoring it and contributing. Hopefully, we will have some interesting Mensa discussions. To join, go to the Inside AML website, click on communications and then e-lists. If you're an officer, check out some of the other e-lists that you may be eligible to join.

I'm writing this column prior to MensAutumn being held so I can't tell you what a good time we had, but I am looking forward to a fun filled weekend. In next month's column, I'll fill you in on some of the happenings from the AMC meeting as well.

At a local group dinner, we had the pleasure of meeting a member who had recently moved to the area to attend a local college. She hadn't been able to attend other events because of transportation issues (no car and not much of a public transportation system). Upon hearing that, several people offered her a ride home. The host of another event was present and told her to contact him if she was interested in attending that event and he'd see if one of the other guests could provide transportation. About half of the attendees volunteered to help out in the future. Since then I've heard of another college student in a different local group with the same dilemma and I'm trying to put her in touch with the right people to help her out. This makes me wonder if there are more college students in our area who we should be trying to reach. I'd like to hear your thoughts on this issue.

Maybe I'll see you this month at Boston's RG - Pilgrimage. Have a good Thanksgiving.

- Lori

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

This month's column is for the reader who has just gotten home from working all day and then has to face preparing dinner for a room full of unappreciative twits (or appreciative ones if you are lucky). You know that those blank stares aimed toward you from the dining room are quietly saying, "How soon do we eat? How soon do we eat?" The Boss absolutely swears by "Twenty Minute Chicken Dishes" by Karen A. Levin (published by Contemporary Books, 1991, available used over the internet). Every dish (such as the one below) starts with boneless chicken breast or thighs and then takes that basic ingredient into many very tasty directions. AND, these are truly 20-minute recipes, as opposed to those from certain currently popular cooks that require a prep cook first.

The wine this month is a fruity white from the Finger Lakes region of New York State. This is the 2006 dry Riesling by Anthony Road Winery on the West side of Seneca Lake. It has a floral nose and citrus and apple character that fills the mouth. Delightfully crisp. It's a good match and will stand up to the spicier elements of the recipe below. I paid \$13 a bottle for this wine. If you cannot find this particular wine, I would say to look beyond to other New York State Rieslings and dry Rieslings and try Fox Run, Glenora, Lakewood and Hunt Country. They will not only complement this recipe, but also will match well with your turkey and gravy this Thanksgiving.

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.

CHICKEN GUMBO**Ingredients:**

1 lb boneless, skinless chicken thighs, cut into 1 1/2- inch pieces
 4 pieces bacon, diced
 1 large onion, coarsely chopped
 2 tbsp flour
 1 large green pepper, coarsely chopped
 1 14 to 16 oz can of stewed or Cajun stewed tomatoes
 1 cup chicken broth
 2 bay leaves
 2 to 3 tsp. of Cajun or Creole seasoning
 1 tsp. gumbo file' powder
 around 2 tbsp. chopped fresh parsley (optional)

Cook bacon and onion in a large skillet over medium-high heat for 3 minutes (I would spray pan with Pam first). Sprinkle evenly with flour; cook and stir 1 minute. Add chicken and green pepper; cook 1 minute stirring constantly. Add remaining ingredients except file' and parsley; cover and simmer 8 minutes or until chicken is cooked through and sauce is thickened. Remove bay leaves. Stir in file' powder; then remove from heat. Ladle into bowls and sprinkle with parsley. Serve with rice. Makes 4 servings.

Both file' and Cajun seasonings are generally available in most supermarkets. Prepared Cajun/Creole blends vary, but most contain a mixture of thyme, oregano, garlic powder, onion powder, cayenne pepper, and ground white and black pepper. File' powder will give the dish an authentic flavor, but if it is unavailable, it may be omitted.

THE OCTOBER DINNER

AN AMERICAN MENSAN IN ENGLAND

Merry old England was the topic for our October dinner. The United Kingdom is the birthplace of Mensa, so it was fitting to hear about the mother country from Debra Jennings, a Mensan who lived there for a decade and who will draw on her experience with British Mensa in her new role as Southern CT Mensa President.

Debra assumed the presidency of Southern CT Mensa on October 1, succeeding Rick D'Amico, who retired after leading SCM for six years. She has been a Mensan for two decades, first in England and then here in Connecticut. Born in Chicago, she moved to England after college. Over there, she worked in accounting, finance, and information technology, and took an IT degree at Oxford. As a member of London Mensa, she worked in their gifted children program. After returning to the states several years ago, Deb joined Southern CT Mensa. Now she looks forward to working with officers and members of our chapter as President.

ENGLAND AND THE ENGLISH

Debra surprised us with some facts about the United Kingdom, one being its size. In spite of its history as the world's largest empire, it is a rather small country, only one-third the size of Japan. But Deb appreciated its great variety - the densely populated cities, the quaint villages, and the scenic countryside. She recommended taking in the whole country, including the semi-autonomous regions like Wales and Scotland, which have their own independent and rich history.

About one-seventh of the U.K.'s population lives in Metropolitan London, the capital. It is an incredibly diverse city. Indeed, with over 300 languages spoken in the city, London seemed like several cities. The world lives in London and London reaches out to the world as the home to the world's busiest airport and one of the world's largest financial centers.

"The most interesting thing about England," Deb said, "was its people." They combine organiza-

tion with creativity. She cited author George Mike's humorous quotation that aptly describes the English penchant for neatness: "An Englishman, even if he is alone, forms an orderly queue of one." But order is not a dreary routine for them. Deb was surprised at how adults gave kids just simple materials as gifts and then the kids would find ways to create ingenious games and inventions from them. She also remarked on the English talent for invention, citing many great English inventors living today, people who are often overlooked by Americans because the Brits usually don't turn their ideas into businesses.

MENSA'S BEGINNINGS IN ENGLAND

Deb talked a little about Mensa's founding in England. Officially, two men, Roland Berrill, an Australian-British barrister, and Lancelot Ware, PhD, a biochemist and barrister, are listed as co-founders. Some people, though, give one or the other primary credit for the idea. Regardless, we know that the two met on train in 1946 and struck up a conversation about their mutual interest in intelligence. Both were interested in forming a society based solely on intelligence, not on inheritance or fame. In October 1946, they launched Mensa.

Berrill and Ware had high hopes for Mensa but by the mid-1950's it had stagnated. It had only about 100 members and very few of them were active. Fortunately, one member, Victor Serebriakoff, saw something worth saving. He was appointed Secretary and revived Mensa by diligently promoting it through brochures, television appearances, and visits to universities. He also instituted supervised testing for admission. Soon Mensa was growing again.

Victor Serebriakoff would be a leading light for Mensa for the next 50 years. After reinvigorating Mensa in its homeland, he came to the U.S. in 1961 to set up a U.S. Mensa. Thanks to his help and the hard work of the first U.S. Mensans, American Mensa grew exponentially in the early 1960s, and now is the largest Mensa national chapter, with 56,000 of Mensa's 110,000 members.

Victor Serebriakoff was in London Mensa in the 1990s when Debra joined and became active in the chapter. She, like many others, remembers Victor as a remarkable and tireless intellect, reflected in the dozen books he wrote on the brain, intelligence, and puzzles, and the work he did on behalf of gifted children. When he died on New Year's Day, 2000, he was International President of Mensa. Many knowledgeable Mensans recognize him as the person most responsible for Mensa's survival and growth.

A VILLAGE IN LONDON

Debra lived in Blackheath, a village-like section in southeast London. No one knows for sure how it got its name. Some people say the name dates back to the Black Plague, when dead bodies were piled up on the heath, the open public grassland near the center of the borough. but this story is probably untrue. Whatever the truth, however, Blackheath truly belies its name, for as Deb stated, it is one of the greenest areas in London. Oddly enough, the heath owes its greenery to the digging for gravel and chalk, and the bombing of World War II, both of which left pits where plants grew.

Most of the residents of Blackheath lived in flats (apartments) or blocks of flats. All the homes were close together. But pristine countryside was not that far away. "You can go a couple of miles and find yourself in nowhere," Deb said. Many of the British don't travel very far on their vacations, preferring to enjoy these tranquil landscapes or seashores that may be only two hours away.

Although Deb sees British Mensa as a bit more formal than the U.S version, the London Mensans seem to have the same fondness for games, a trait shared by many Brits. They love to relax and socialize by playing games, which Deb, as an avid gamer, found appealing. She said they think nothing of whiling away a Sunday just eating, chatting, and playing.

BUSINESS IN ENGLAND

Debra said that she found that British businesses do several things differently than companies here in the States do. In some ways, their meth-

ods are simpler while in others they may be more complicated. Debra, who is a certified CPA, found the British income tax much shorter and simpler than U.S. system, with just two rates. The English also don't deal with paying for visits to the doctor or hospital, as it is paid for through the tax system. Citizens do have the option, though, of paying out of their own pocket to see private physicians, which some do to avoid waiting or to get extra service.

U.K. companies are often run by financial and accounting people, and, as Deb discovered, financial people often oversee the IT departments. That may be a good idea, since many of the British companies are organized as holding companies with headquarters set up in countries with lower corporate taxes, such as Ireland or the Netherlands.

The workday is a bit different in England, but like in many American cities, it often starts with a long commute. Debra estimated that most people working in London travel about an hour into the city. The British usually start work later than we do, usually about 9:30, but they finish later as well, about 6:30. Someone asked how long they take for lunch, and Deb told us that, unlike some Europeans, they don't take an extended lunch. Generally they don't eat out, they just go out for food and bring it back to their desk. But they enjoy eating dinner late at the many popular taverns and restaurants.

Work assignments and promotions also differ in the British workplace ^ in Deb's opinion, for the better. She stated, "Compared to their American counterparts, I think that English companies assign work and promote more on merit than on credentials." At the places where she worked, many people lacked degrees but were given important assignments because they had shown what they could do or to show what they could do. She liked the Brits' "White Paper approach", whereby managers assigned unsolved problem to staffers and asked them to research it, figure out the best solutions, and write a paper on their findings. This gave people good opportunities to learn and prove themselves. This approach, she said, is used in lots of companies and government agencies.

EDUCATON: WHAT IS PURPLE?

Debra found the U.K. educational system interesting. There, kids tend to specialize earlier," she noted. "They know earlier whether they are going to college. They also seem to take harder topics earlier." They finish earlier as well, although that is changing somewhat. Schooling has long been mandatory until age 16, but recently the age requirement was raised to 18.

If students are going to college, they must attend school for two years beyond age 16 and take A-level exams to qualify. Many kids take a year off after they finish school to travel. College Bachelor's degree requires three years of study.

As for pedagogy, Debra found that the British tend to ask more theoretical questions, even in information technology programs like the one she enrolled in at Oxford. As an example, she cited exam questions such as "What is purple?" It seemed to be part of the speculative curiosity she found in the culture at large, whether in gaming, invention, or business.

The audience had a lot of questions for Deb throughout the presentation. Several who had visited England shared their own observations on British ways.

It was great hearing a U.S. Mensan's perspective on England, and everyone thoroughly enjoyed the evening. President Jennings will probably give some presentations again at future Mensa dinners, and she would like to meet and talk with Southern CT Mensans to hear about their ideas on the chapter.

NEXT MONTH'S DINNER: Don't miss the November 21st dinner. The topic will be "The Underground Railroad in New Milford." Deborah Calhoun, director of the Afrikan-American Cultural Awareness Association, will talk about New Milford sites that were part of the Underground Railroad trail for escaped slaves.

**SOUTHERN CONNECTICUT MENSA
TREASURY**

Fiscal Year:
April 1, 2009 - March 31, 2010

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\$9013.70

INCOME
American Mensa Local Group Support
Funds: \$1261.38

TOTAL INCOME: \$1261.38

EXPENSES
Chronicle Printing Expenses: \$426.12
Chronicle Postage: \$318.88
Speakers' Dinners: \$73.37

TOTAL EXPENSES: \$818.37

PUZZLES & QUESTIONS

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

1. What is the best treatment for back problems?
2. How many private investigators are there in the United States?
3. What are the most important practices for reporters doing interviews?
4. In the National Football League, what percentage of plays run from scrimmage last year (2008 - 2009 season) were passing plays? What percentage of the passes were completed? What was the average gain per completion?
5. Who is the greatest inventor in the world?
6. Describe the Taylor Rule used in monetary policy.
7. What were Shakespeare's flaw as a playwright?
8. What is the flattest continent?
9. What was the best World's Fair?
10. What countries border Mexico?

ANSWERS TO LAST MONTH'S PUZZLES:

2. What is the average percentage tip given to cab drivers in the U.S.
 A: Based on studies in various cities, the average tip is 16%.
4. How many baby-boomers (persons born from 1946 - 1964) are there in the U.S.
 A: There were 76 million births in the United States from 1946 to 1964. Over four million baby-boomer have died and about 7 million immigrants born in those years live here, so recent estimates have placed the living U.S. baby-boomer population at 78 - 79 million, about 27% of the U.S. population.
8. About what percentage of U.S. citizens move to a different state each year? What percentage move within a state each year?
 A: About 2.5% of the U.S. population moves to a different state each year. About 12.5 - 13% moves within a state each year.

The peak year of the Baby Boom was 1957, when 4.3 million babies were born in the U.S., a historic high. The most popular names given to Baby Boomers were James and Mary.

WORD CHECK

See if you can define these difficult 's' words.

Answers are below.

1. salubrious (se- LOO- bree- uhs) -
2. sanguinary (SANG- gwi- ner'- ee) -
3. sanguine (SANG- gwin) -
4. saturnine (SAT- er- nyn') -
5. scud -
6. sedulous (SEJ- uh- lus) -
7. serrated (SER- ay- tid, SUH- rey'- tid)
8. slake
9. stipple -
10. stochastic (STUH- kas- tik) -
11. striated (STRY- ayt- ed) -
12. stygian (STIJ- ee- en) -
13. suborn (suh- BAWRN) -
14. sumptuous (SUMP- choo- es) -
15. supervene (SOO- per- veen) -
16. supine (soo- PYN) -

1. salubrious (se- LOO- bree- uhs) - healthful.
2. sanguinary (SANG- gwi- ner'- ee) - 1. bloody. 2. bloodthirsty.
3. sanguine (SANG- gwin) - 1. cheerful, confident, optimistic. 2. reddish, ruddy.
4. saturnine (SAT- er- nyn') - 4. saturnine, melancholy, sullen, morose.
5. scud - 1. to move quickly or hurriedly; 2. to run before a gale with little or no sail set. 3. to cleanse skin or hide of remaining hairs or dirt.
6. sedulous (SEJ- uh- lus) - 6. sedulous (SEJ- uh- lus) - persevering, diligent; industrious, assiduous.
7. serrated (SER- ay- tid, SUH- rey'- tid) - having a toothed or saw-like edge
8. slake 8. slake 1. to satisfy, quench; allay; to assuage. 2. to lessen, moderate. 3. to cool or refresh.
9. stipple - 9. stipple - to paint, draw, or engrave with dots or a grained pattern.
10. stochastic (STUH- kas- tik) - 10. stochastic (STUH- kas- tik) - determined by a process's predictable actions and a random element.
11. striated (STRY- ayt- ed) - 11. striated (STRY- ayt- ed) - striped, streaked, grooved, or banded.
12. stygian (STIJ- ee- en) - 12. stygian (STIJ- ee- en) - 1. dark, gloomy. 2. infernal, hellish.
13. suborn (suh- BAWRN) - 13. suborn (suh- BAWRN) - to induce or bribe to commit an illegal act, especially perjury.
14. sumptuous (SUMP- choo- es) - 14. sumptuous (SUMP- choo- es) - magnificent, grand; lavish, luxurious.
15. supervene (SOO- per- veen) - 15. supervene (SOO- per- veen) - 1. to occur as something additional, extraneous, or unexpected. 2. to ensue, follow immediately after.
16. supine (soo- PYN) - 16. supine (soo- PYN) - lying on the back; slow to act, passive.

ANSWERS:

NOTED & QUOTED

Those who create are rare: those who cannot are numerous. Therefore, the latter are stronger. - *Gabrielle "Coco" Chanel, (1883 - 1971), French fashion designer, perfumer*

A vacation is what you take when you can no longer take what you've been taking. - *Earl Wilson, (1907 - 1987), U.S. syndicated columnist*

We often give our enemies the means for our own destruction. - *Aesop, (620? - 560? B.C.E.)*

To succeed it is necessary to accept the world as it is and rise above it. - *Michael Korda, (1933 -), British-American novelist, editor*

My country is the world. My countrymen are all mankind. - *William Lloyd Garrison, (1805 - 1879), U.S. editor and abolitionist*

The poetry of earth is never dead. - *John Keats, (1795 - 1821), English Romantic poet*

Looking back, my life seems like one long obstacle race, with me as its chief obstacle. - *Jack Parr, (1918 - 2004), U.S. comedian, host of "The Tonight Show", 1957 - 1962*

The problem with real life, is that there's no Reset button. - *Donald E. Westlake, (1933 -), U.S. mystery novelist, "Drowned Hopes", 1990*

Man's burden is himself. - *Maurice Freehill, U.S. author*

It is in the ability to deceive oneself that the greatest talent is shown. - *Anatole France, (1844 - 1924), French novelist and critic*

We haven't the time to take our time. - *Eugene Ionesco, (1909 - 1994), French Absurdist playwright*

Time is nothing; timing is all. - *Anonymous*

Time is what we want most, but alas, what we use worst. - *William Penn, (1644 - 1718), Quaker leader and founder of Pennsylvania*

There are no gains without pains. - *Benjamin Franklin, (1706 - 1790)*

Wounds heal and become scars. But scars grow with us. - *King Stanislaus I (Leszczyński) of Poland, (1677 - 1766)*

Boredom is the midwife of creativity. - *Talia Shire, (1946 -), U.S. film actress*

Nature never breaks her own laws. - *Leonardo Da Vinci, (1452 - 1519)*

Money is round. It rolls away. - *Sholom Aleichem, (1857 - 1916), Russian-Jewish author of Yiddish literature*

Only misers love money. The rest of us love what it will buy. - *Anonymous*

And after all, why should I go to bed every night? Sleep is only a habit. - *Cornelius Van Horne, (1843 - 1915), Canadian railroad pioneer*

Everyone has a game plan, until they get punched in the mouth. - *Mike Tyson, (1966 -), U.S. heavyweight boxer*

It is not so important to be serious as it is to be serious about important things. - *Robert M. Hutchins, (1899 - 1977), U.S. educator; president of University of Chicago 1929 - 1945*

The principal function of every artist is to make us see the world that was always there but which we were unaware of until he opened our eyes. - *Garrett Hardin, (1915 - 2003), U.S. ecologist*

Seeing consists of the grasping of structural features rather than the indiscriminate recording of detail. - *Rudolf Arnheim, (1904 - 2007), German-American art and film theorist, perceptual psychologist,*

The computer is no better than its program. - *Elting Elmore Morison, (1909 - 1985), U.S. technology historian*

There's an old story about the person who wished his computer were as easy to use as his telephone. That wish has come true, since I no longer know how to use my telephone. - *Bjarne Stroustrup, (1950 -), Danish-American computer scientist*

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Pessimists have already begun to worry about what is going to replace automation.

- John Tudor

It is not bigness we seek, it is greatness. Bigness is imposing. Greatness is enduring.

- Al Williams, (1911 - 1982), president of IBM, 1961 - 1966

You may have to be at the top of the mountain to see the easiest way up. -Edward de Bono, (1933 -), British physician, author, and inventor

There would be no society if living together depended upon understanding each other.

-Eric Hoffer, (1902-1983), philosopher and author

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- Emily Post, (1872 - 1960), US authority on etiquette, "Etiquette"

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- Stuart Chase, (1888 - 1985), U.S. author, economist

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