

# 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](mailto:Jmizera@hotmail.com). The dinner is held the third Saturday of the month.



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## **SCHEDULE OF CHAPTER EVENTS - MARCH**

Friday, March 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.

Tuesday, March 15, 7:00 pm

### **Post Road Dinner**

Chuck's Steak House, 1340 Boston Post Rd. Darien, CT 06820. Restaurant closes at 9:30 on Tue. Contact Jim Mizera: jmizera@hotmail.com or (203) 522-1959 for reservations or info.

Saturday, March 19, 6:15 pm

### **Monthly Dinner**

TOPIC: "Making it Simpler". What can we do to simplify home management, technology, business, instructions, and life? Do we benefit from simplifying? Can we keep things simple? Bring your ideas and observations. Members old and new are invited to attend. The Putnam House Restaurant, The Seelye Room, 12 Depot Place, Bethel (downtown - across from old railroad station), CT 06801 (www.theputnamhouse.com - Dinner Menu 1 - a vegetarian option is on the menu.). Dress is casual. Before the presentation, we will enjoy dinner. There is parking in the rear of the restaurant and in the nearby Old Railroad Station lot. Contact Jim Mizera at jmizera@hotmail.com or (203) 522-1959 for reservations or info. Reservations are encouraged but not required. In case of severe weather, please call to confirm that the event is going on as scheduled.

Friday, March 25, 8:00 pm

### **Theater Event: Twelve Angry Men**

performed at the Center Stage Theatre, 405 Bridgeport Ave., (not far from downtown) Shelton, CT, 06484. What seems like an open and shut murder case becomes a twisted puzzle of prejudice and intrigue. Faced with playing the hangmen, the jury must first face themselves. Tickets \$20. Contact Jim Mizera at jmizera@hotmail.com or (203) 522-1959 for reservations or info.

## **APRIL**

Saturday, April 16, 6:15 pm

### **Monthly Dinner**

SPEAKER: Margaret Maunder will speak about her new book "Those Darn Lawyers A Law Client's Bottom-Up Report on the U.S. Civil Justice System." Ms. Maunder, a CT & Western Mass. Mensa member, has reported on events for two St. Louis dailies, covered events as a stringer in Europe and the Soviet Union, and dealt with legal problems as a business owner. She will talk about her experiences in achieving a landmark win against a major law firm; her fight with town hall over a building problem; her appearance before the state appellate court, and other struggles she has had with lawyers and the legal system. The Putnam House Restaurant, Bethel, CT 06801 (downtown - across from old railroad station).

## **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.

## **MARCH**

3, 10, 17, 24, 31 Thursdays 6:30 pm

### **Scrabble**

(WE) at the Fellowship Housing clubhouse, 24 Starkel Road, West Hartford (it's the small building right where the road bends). For more info contact Lois Cappellano 413-567-4702

4 Friday 5:30 pm

**Happy Hour in Wallingford**

(ME, 1st Fridays) Ann Polanski (contact her at 203-269-4565 or cell 860-817-9910 or ann.polanski@comcast.net) at The Old Dublin, 171 Quinnipiac Street, Wallingford, CT 06492, 203-949-8022, www.theolddublin.com From Route 15: Take exit 64 toward Wallingford/ Downtown, Sharp right at Quinnipiac Street, At 0.3 miles turn left to stay on Quinnipiac Street. The Old Dublin will be on the left about 0.3 miles from where you turned left  
From I-91: Take I-91 to exit 13 Turn right at end of exit onto South Colony Road. At about 0.2 miles, turn left onto Quinnipiac Street (Wallingford center, just before the gazebo). The Old Dublin will be on your right within about two blocks.

6 Sunday 2:00 pm

**Theater Event: Play It Again Sam**

Join us for Woody Allen's hilarious romp at the Repertory Theatre of New Britain, 23 Norden St., The play is about character Allan Felix' fascination with Humphrey Bogart, and includes "a fantastic bevy of beauties played out in hilarious fantasy sequences." Tickets are \$20 regular, \$15 seniors. Reservations can be made by calling the theatre directly at 860-223-3147, www.nbrep.org Contact Barb Holstein to let us know you're coming and to join us for lunch before the performance: BarbCPA@att.net or 860-632-7873.

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

11 Friday Evening

**Theater Event: Moon Over Buffalo**

After Diner Dinner, join us for Ken Ludwig's comedy Moon Over Buffalo, at the nearby Connecticut Cabaret in Berlin, CT. You can read

all about it at www.ctcabaret.com. Tickets are \$30 and can be obtained by calling the theatre directly at 860-829-1248. We have season tickets to Table 3, so do request to be seated at our table or nearby. Contact Barb H. [check Media] for more info, or just meet us at the Diner. You are allowed to bring your own beverages and snacks to the theatre, or buy some of their enticing desserts while there.

12 Saturday Time TBA

**Mensa Admissions Testing**

C&WM Mensa now holds regular testing in Newington, CT on the second Saturday of every month. Please preregister to attend by contacting the testing Proctor Coordinator, David B. Collier at Testing@CWM.US.Mensa.org for more details, including directions. In addition to the regular testing, additional tests will be made available around the region as candidate interest requires. To register for testing updates, go to <http://www.us.mensa.org/directtesting> and provide an email address. You can also save time at the site by paying for your testing session online at [www.us.mensa.org/testingvoucher](http://www.us.mensa.org/testingvoucher).

19 Saturday 2:30 pm

**Book Discussion**

Book Discussion at the home of Bonnie Kaplan, 33 Ingram St, Hamden, CT, (203) 288 5799, [bonnie.kaplan@yale.edu](mailto:bonnie.kaplan@yale.edu) where we'll discuss *The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo* by Steig Larsson.

From Publishers Weekly: Starred Review. Cases rarely come much colder than the decades-old disappearance of teen heiress Harriet Vanger from her family's remote island retreat north of Stockholm, nor do fiction debuts hotter than this European bestseller by muckraking Swedish journalist Larsson. At once a strikingly original thriller and a vivisection of Sweden's dirty not-so-little secrets (as suggested by its original title, *Men Who Hate Women*), this first of a trilogy introduces a provocatively odd couple: disgraced financial journalist Mikael Blomkvist, freshly sentenced to jail for libeling a shady businessman, and the multipierced and tattooed Lisbeth Salander, a feral but vulnerable superhacker. Hired by octogenarian industrialist Henrik Vanger, who wants to find out what happened to his beloved great-niece before he dies, the duo gradually uncover a festering morass of familial corruption-at the same time, Larsson

skillfully bares some of the similar horrors that have left Salander such a marked woman. Larsson died in 2004, shortly after handing in the manuscripts for what will be his legacy. 100,000 first printing. (Sept.)

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See last page for RG flyer.



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

It's March, is the snow is all gone? As I write this in the beginning of February, I haven't seen my yard in six weeks and it looks like I won't for a couple of more weeks - the Northeast is buried. Don't get me wrong, I like snow but once it has a thick coating of freezing rain I've had enough. It's tough when you have a Mensa games night planned and nowhere to put the cars. Ron is a teacher and, with so many snow days, his last day of school is scheduled for our 2nd day of vacation in the Pacific Northwest - who knows what will happen next weather-wise. Are you lucky enough to have reserved a spot for Mind Games? It may be too late to grab one! As of press time, Mind Games is within a dozen or so slots of being filled to capacity; it may be full by March 1. The MG committee is considering whether the capacity can (somehow) be extended, but current enrollment is the highest ever, and there are two months to go! If you're still interested but haven't gotten around to it you can visit the Mensa web site, click on the Mind Games link, and follow the "Register now" link. Once the event is full, the web site will not allow registration - and that's how you'll know!

For those who don't already know, Mind Games is a national event in which game manufacturers enter new board games to compete for one (of five) coveted Mensa Select Seals. And who are the judges for this distinction? Me for one, my husband for another, and all other Mensans who attend and play their assigned games. This is a game-intensive weekend of hard work and lots of fun. We attended one a few years ago and I am looking forward to the weekend of April 15-17. Hope to see many of you there!

Mensans and non-Mensans have inquired as to what we discuss at our events. So, for the past month or so I've made an effort to listen to as many conversations at Mensa events as possible (my ears hurt). In addition to discussing what is going on in our lives, Mensans have

been discussing Mensa politics (that might be because I'm present and am running for national office), regular politics (but we remain friends anyway), and current events. We have discussed the weather extensively. Yes, there has been some talk of rocket science, physics, astronomy (and astrology) and almost every kind of science imaginable. We've talked about games, food, upcoming Mensa events, jobs and work, travel plans, hobbies, our bucket lists, real estate, fishing, gardening, snow, cars, computers, wii, phones, e-readers and all other kinds of technology. We're Mensans, so we talk about fixing things: computers, appliances, leaky roofs, the economy, the educational system, the justice system, media, etc. We have favorite TV shows (The Big Bang Theory) and movies (I finally saw Avatar) to discuss and laugh at other shows. And there is even talk of sports; I try not to listen then. Sometimes we exchange puns and jokes (family-friendly and off-color too, and math jokes that I usually don't get). We talk about health issues. And we're always ready to offer advice; sometimes we even wait until the advice is solicited.

Come on out and join us for some conversation. I've learned some things and, hopefully, shared some information with others. Our conversations happen wherever we happen to be: at dinner, house parties, breakfast gatherings, book clubs (where we almost always end up discussing a topic unrelated to the book being discussed). Warning: March 31 is the end of the membership year. Don't forget to renew your membership. Save a tree (okay a very small tree) and renew online.

Lori J. Norris  
RVC - 1

## FEbruary DINNER

### INDEPENDENT LEARNING

How much can you learn outside of school? Can a person be self-educated? These were the questions Mensans discussed at the February dinner, a roundtable discussion of learning on your own. Our members had a good time discussing how they learned, how well school prepared them to learn independently, and how the Web has helped them educate themselves. It seemed that all the Mensans on hand were independent learners. Formal education is important, several said, but it is always very incomplete. It can give you the basics and a solid foundation in a field, but applying that knowledge requires dealing with a variety of problems and people that you don't experience in the classroom. People need to refine their knowledge and learn more.

People today usually look to the Internet to learn more. Everyone in our discussion felt that the Web is a great library, a fountain of fact - and opinion. One Mensan said he researched everything on the Web. Some others mentioned that they checked things out in several places, making sure to gather not only second opinions but several opinions.

One computer worker in our group said that he learned a lot from the web but he needed to discuss ideas to absorb them better. While people more and more discuss ideas on the web, he said that he preferred talking things over face to face. Our roundtable liked his adage, "Research things online, discuss them in person." He added that he not only learned from talking to his teachers, but strengthened and sharpened his understanding by explaining ideas to novices, noting that you really don't know something until you can teach it to others, a point several others echoed.

Summarizing what one can gain from discussing ideas, he said that in college he learned as much or more from talking to fellow students and from guides and mentors as from classes and books.

Another person drawing on his experience seconded the idea of mentors but took it a little further by suggesting that more Americans serve

apprenticeships, arguing that this is a better way to learn. One Mensan responded that many students work as interns, sometimes unpaid, and this gives them some of the same benefits as an apprenticeship. Working at something unpaid can certainly help you decide whether a job is intrinsically motivating.

Several people stressed that it takes motivation to learn on your own. We didn't really discuss how people can motivate themselves, but some people said that schools can de-motivate people with their mass education, rules, and restrictions.

Another thing independent learners need is the ability to manage their time. While schools teach us how to tell time, they don't teach us how to manage time. This is a problem everyone faces and everyone has to learn mostly on their own, although one Mensan said he never had problems managing time because he's always had a flexible schedule. A couple of Mensans suggested that they learned how to judge priorities simply by juggling priorities. They learned the hard way but perhaps the best way - from experience.

If we learn from experience, one person reasoned, perhaps only older adults should be teachers. No, another Mensan replied, that's probably not a good idea because veterans forget how it is for a young person to learn things. As a compromise, someone else suggested that "teachers should have at least five years in their field before they begin teaching." In that way, they would have the benefits of experience yet still remember the difficulties of being a student.

*The roundtable discussion was a change from the usual Monthly Dinner format of having a guest speaker deliver a presentation, but everyone seemed to like the experiment. Everyone's opinions elicited comments and questions, so it was a lively conversation. Three people were attending the dinner for the first time, and it was only the second Mensa dinner for a couple of others, but these newcomers contributed a lot to the discussion and made it an interesting evening.*

NEXT DINNER: Saturday, March 19, 6:15 p.m. TOPIC: "Making it Simpler".

**PUZZLES & QUESTIONS**

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

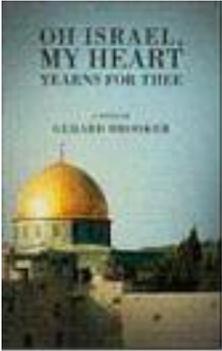
1. Name some car models that should be revived.
2. What percentage of the world's fresh water is in glaciers?
3. How accurate is the U.S. Census?
4. Who was the first Little League baseball player to make it to the major leagues?
5. How much time does the average person waste online?
6. What percentage of money on gift cards goes unused?

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

2. What percentage of freight in the United States is shipped by rail?  
A: 43%.
4. Estimate the average annual snowfall in these cities: Minneapolis, MN; Bridgeport, CT; Hartford, CT; Montreal, Canada; Calgary, Canada; Flagstaff, AZ; Syracuse, NY; Anchorage, AK; Salt Lake City, UT; Moscow, Russia; Boston, MA  
A: Minneapolis, 49.9 in.; Bridgeport, 26.2; Hartford, 48.9; Montreal, 86; Calgary, 49.88; Flagstaff, 100.3; Syracuse, 115.6; Anchorage, 114; Salt Lake City, 58.5; Moscow, 18; Boston, 42.3.
6. How many patents are issued annually in the U.S? About how many patents are in effect in the world?  
A: In 2009, 191,927 patents were granted in the U.S. There are about 2.5 million active patents in the U.S. 482,871 patent applications were filed in 2009 and there are over 1.2 million waiting for examination. About 2,700 patent infringement lawsuits are filed annually.  
About 500,000 patents are filed annually in the rest of the world. There are about 6.1 million active patents worldwide.
8. What was the average score of the Super Bowl games from Jan. 1967, the first one, to 2010?  
A: 31 - 15.

**BOOK REVIEW**

By Rick D'Amico

**OH ISRAEL, MY HEART  
YEARNS FOR THEE**

By Gerard Brooker

In 2008, Gerard Brooker authored *The Illustrator*, a novel that depicts the lives of a young couple caught up in the Nazi occupation of Poland during WWII. This book is its sequel.

In *Oh Israel*, WWII is over but the joy that the people of Poland should feel has been undermined by the presence of Russian troops, who prove to be not that much of an improvement over the German forces. Tyzska and Sarah (Cecylia in "*The Illustrator*") decide that their future is not to be in Poland.

Israel is being formed, and Sarah, who is Jewish, convinces Tyzska that it would be better for them to make their future there. However, it is not that simple. The immigration procedure is rigorous; they face not only bureaucratic restrictions but also physical hardships. Israel is not yet accepted by the western nations, and even "friendly" military forces can restrict their passage.

Once they make it to Israel, they join a kibbutz, and have to adjust to a different lifestyle. Like so many newlyweds in their late teens or early twenties, there are personal as well as external challenges. Unlike in Auschwitz and Birkenau, where good and evil were clearly defined, here they live in a world where there are shades of gray.

*OH ISRAEL, MY HEART YEARNS FOR THEE* successfully portrays the ambitions, trials and tribulations that face the young couple as they flee oppression and start a new life. It also depicts the hard life that the Jews who pioneered modern Israel encountered. It's an excellent book, one you'll enjoy even more if you've already read *The Illustrator*.

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*(<http://gerardbrooker.com/2011/01/17/oh-israel-my-heart-yearns-for-thee/>)*

## CAMPAIGN STATEMENT

*Jared Levine, Candidate for AMC Secretary*

As the American Mensa Committee (AMC) Secretary, I will provide swift mini-minutes less than one week after AMC meetings so that the membership can keep abreast of the results of issues that were considered by the AMC. I will draft and make available Annual Business Meeting (ABM) minutes less than one month after the ABM is conducted. This will enable attendees to have a fresh recollection of what occurred and who said what, for attendees to provide any relevant suggestions for changes they might choose to submit well in advance of the subsequent year's ABM at which the minutes are voted on. Not only does the incumbent frequently take several weeks or longer to provide mini-minutes, she has also continued the practice of not providing draft ABM minutes until approximately a month before the meeting where they need to be approved, i.e., 11 months after the meeting they are recounting, when memories are hazy.

Not only do I differ from the current Secretary in the ways mentioned above, but we are also quite different in our views on some major policies. I have advocated ways to replace the Regional Vice Chairman (RVC) that would provide the full Regional membership a say; not only would electing an alternate simultaneously provide the membership that say, so would allowing a Special Election of the full Regional membership once a vacancy occurs.

The incumbent, however, voted in favor of allowing only Local Secretaries that vote when the measure was before the AMC - a measure

which, to many, does not comply with NY state law. I have supported bylaw amendments that would give the AMC the ability, and even require them, to review the decisions of the National Hearings Committee when there is any sanction recommended, rather than just the mandatory review when expulsion or suspension is recommended. The incumbent has voted against such measures. I authored and championed the bylaws amendment approved by the membership in 2009, which set the National Ombudsman's term of office at six years and revamped the procedure by which he is chosen. The incumbent favored changing that procedure before the inaugural election of the National Ombudsman was even finished.

Look at my blog:

<http://boxmasterscorner.blogspot.com>

to see my views on other matters that have come before the AMC and even on local Metropolitan Washington Mensa matters. Also feel free to write me with your questions.

Sincerely,

Jared Levine

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## NOTED & QUOTED

One recognizes one's course by discovering the paths that stray from it. - *Albert Camus, (1913 - 1969)*

The obstacle is the path.

- *Zen Buddhist Saying*

On every summit you are on the brink of an abyss.

- *Stanislaw Lec, (1909 - 1966), Polish science fiction writer*

You can't win unless you learn how to lose.

- *Kareem Abdul-Jabbar, (1947 - ), N.B.A. Hall of Fame basketball player*

If a person can't handle success, it was because they couldn't handle failure either. - *John Maxwell, (1947 - ), U.S. clergyman, author on leadership*

Success is counted sweetest By those who ne'er succeed.

- *Emily Dickinson, (1830 - 1866)*

I am a better investor because I am a businessman, and I am a better businessman because I am an investor. - *Warren Buffett, (1930 - )*

One isn't necessarily born with courage, but one is born with potential.

- *Maya Angelou, (1928 - ), Afro-American poet*

Man forgives women anything save the wit to outwit him.

- *Minna Antrim, (1861 - 1950), U.S. writer*

We must be willing to get rid of the life we've planned, so as to have the life that is waiting for us.

- *Joseph Campbell, (1904 - 1987), U.S. mythologist, writer*

If you have accomplished all that you have planned for yourself, you have not planned enough. - *Edward Everett Hale, (1822 - 1909), U.S. clergyman and writer*

You must find your dream, then the way becomes easy. But there is no dream that lasts forever, each dream is followed by another, and one should not cling to any particular one.

- *Herman Hesse, (1877 - 1962), German novelist*

Life is the art of drawing without an eraser.

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

If we knew what we were getting into we'd never get into anything.

- *Arthur Bloch (1948 - ), U.S. humorist, writer*

We begin to live when we have conceived life as a tragedy.

- *William Butler Yeats, (1865 - 1939), W.B. \*\*\* Irish poet and dramatist*

*Middle age is youth without its levity, And age without decay.* - *Daniel Defoe, (1660 - 1731), English novelist, journalist*

I like to think of my behavior in the sixties as a learning experience. Then again, I like to think of anything stupid I've done as a learning experience. It makes me feel less stupid.

- *P. J. O'Rourke, (1947 - ), U.S. journalist, humorist*

Old Age is like everything else. To make a success of it, you've got to start young.

- *Fred Astaire, (1899 - 1987)*

I am a child who is getting on.

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

Success, n. More achievement than expectation. Failure, n. More expectation than achievement. - *Leonard Roy Frank, (1932 - ), U.S. writer, editor*

In order to succeed, your desire for success should be greater than your fear of failure.

- *Bill Cosby, (1937 - )*

The road to failure is paved with success.

- *Drayton Bird, (1936 - ), British marketing executive, writer*

By our errors we see deeper into life.

- *Olive Schreiner, (1855 - ), South African author, pacifist and political activist*

Opening night: the night before the play is ready to open. - *George Jean Nathan, (1882 - 1948), U.S. drama critic, editor*

Never answer an anonymous letter.

- *Yogi Berra, (1925 - )*

I know that's a secret, for it's whispered everywhere.

- William Congreve, (1670 - 1729), English playwright

A writer can make a fortune in America, but he can't make a living.

- James Michener, (1907 - 1997), U.S. novelist

The paradoxical--and tragic--situation of man is that his conscience is weakest when he needs it most. - Erich Fromm, (1900 - 1980), German-American psychologist and author

There is always a right and a wrong way, and the wrong way always seems the more reasonable. - George Moore, (1852 - 1933), Irish novelist, playwright, poet, critic

Good can exist without evil, whereas evil cannot exist without good.

- Thomas Aquinas, (c. 1225 - 1274)

Half of the harm that is done in this world is due to people who want to feel important. They don't mean to do harm - but the harm does not interest them.

- T.S. Eliot, (1888 - 1965), U.S. poet

Remember, you are just an extra in everyone else's play.

- Franklin Delano Roosevelt, (1882 - 1945)

The world is governed by love - self-love.

- Antoine de Rivarol, (1753 - 1801), French critic, satirist, and translator

Most people work just hard enough not to get fired and get paid just enough money not to quit.

- George Carlin, (1937 - 2008), U.S. comedian, talk show host

Suffering is also one of the ways of knowing you're alive.

- Jessamyn West, (1902 - 1984), U.S. novelist, short story writer

Depression is the inability to construct a future.

- Rollo May, (1909 - 1994), U.S. psychotherapist; pioneer of humanistic psychology

Ill habits gather by unseen degrees--As brooks make rivers, rivers run to seas.

- John Dryden, (1631 - 1700), English poet, dramatist, critic

Kindness is in our power, even when fondness is not. - Dr. Samuel Johnson, (1709 - 1784)

Kindness gives birth to kindness.

- Sophocles, (496 - 406 B.C.E.), Greek tragic playwright

It is almost a definition of a gentleman to say he is one who never inflicts pain." - John Henry Newman, (1801 - 1890), English theologian and author

Radio is the theater of the mind; television is the theater of the mindless.

- Steve Allen, (1921 - 2000), U.S. talk show host

The world of education is like an island where people, cut off from the world, are prepared for life by exclusion from it.

- Maria Montessori, (1870 - 1952), Italian physician, educator

Friendship was given by nature to be an assistant to virtue, not a companion to vice.

- Cicero, (106 - 43 B.C.E.), Roman writer, orator, statesman, philosopher

Home wasn't built in a day. - Jane Sherwood Ace, (1897 - 1974), U.S. radio comedy actress

Fire is a natural symbol of life and passion, though it is the one element in which nothing can actually live. - Suzanne Langer, (1895 - 1985), U.S. educator and philosopher

Motivation is a fire from within. If someone else tries to light that fire under you, chances are it will burn very briefly. - Stephen Covey, (1932 - ), U.S. writer on success and leadership

Without inspiration the best powers of the mind remain dormant; there is a fuel in us which needs to be ignited with sparks.

- Johann Gottfried von Herder, (1744 - 1803), German poet, critic, and philosopher of history

The most beautiful adventures are not those we go to seek.

- Robert Louis Stevenson, (1850 - 1894), U.S. novelist

History is a gallery of pictures in which there are few originals and many copies.

- Alexis de Tocqueville, (1805 - 1859), French politician, historian, writer

Meditation is therefore the art of suspending verbal and symbolic thinking for a time, somewhat as a courteous audience will stop talking when a concert is about to begin.

- Alan Watts, (1915 - 1973), Anglo-American Zen philosopher

**WORD CHECK**

Define these words. Check your answers at right.

- 1. accouterments (e- KOO- ter- ments) -
- 2. apiary -
- 3. apotheosis -
- 4. cadge -
- 5. contralto -
- 6. contretemps (KON- truh- tahn) -
- 7. hapless -
- 8. heller -
- 9. hexagon -
- 10. meretricious -

- 10. meretricious - deceitfully alluring; tawdry.
- 9. hexagon - a figure with six sides in a plane.
- 8. heller - a wild or dissipated person.
- 7. hapless - unlucky, unfortunate.
- 6. contretemps - 1. an embarrassing occurrence; an awkward or difficult situation or mishap. 2. a small but embarrassing disagreement.
- 5. contralto - the lowest female voice.
- 4. cadge - to peddle or beg ?
- 3. apotheosis - glorified personification of a principle or idea.
- 2. apiary - a place where bees are kept.
- 1. accouterments - personal clothing; equipment?

ANSWERS:

**Noted & Quoted continued**

In preparing for battle, I have always found that plans are useless, but planning is indispensable.  
- Dwight D. Eisenhower, (1890 - 1969)

You cannot recover from what you do not understand.  
- Lillian Hellman, (1905 - 1984), U.S. playwright

Power intoxicates men. When a man is intoxicated by alcohol, he can recover, but when intoxicated by power, he seldom recovers.  
- James F. Byrnes, (1882 - 1972), U.S. Congressman, Senator, Supreme Court Justice, Secretary of State, governor

The real adventure in 'Moby Dick' is the one that happens inside Captain Ahab. The rest is a fishing trip.  
- Salman Rushdie, (1947 - ), British novelist

I believe in looking reality straight in the eye and denying it.  
- Garrison Keillor, (1942 - ), U.S. humorist, radio performer

Don't try to solve serious matters in the middle of the night.  
- Philip K. Dick, (1928 - 1982), U.S. science fiction novelist

Serious difficulties don't vanish by themselves, they are standing around your bed when you open the eyes the next morning.  
- Vicki Baum, (1888 - 1960), Austrian-born U.S. novelist

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