

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 Jim Mizera at 203-522-1959 or Jmizera@hotmail.com. The dinner is held the third Saturday of the month.



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SCHEDULE OF CHAPTER EVENTS - JUNE

Friday, June 8, 7:00 pm

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

at 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.

UPCOMING

Saturday, July 21 8:00 pm

Theater Event: Romeo & Juliet

at the Hudson Valley Shakespeare Festival. Boscobel, 1601 Route 9D, Garrison, NY (Hudson Valley). Boscobel occupies 68 acres on the east bank of the Hudson River, opposite the U.S. Military Academy at West Point. Contact Southern CT Mensan Paul Levine at levassoc@aol.com or (203) 240-0201 for information. You can buy your tickets by phone starting on May 7 by calling the box office at (845) 265-9575. Or you can reserve your tickets online at <http://hvshakespeare.org/content/2012-calendar>. Don't wait until the last day. Reserve your tickets by June 21 to improve your chances of getting a seat.

The grounds open at 6 PM for those who want to picnic there before the show. You can bring your own food or select a freshly prepared gourmet picnic when you order your tickets. Details of the menu are available online at <http://hvshakespeare.org/picnic>. Collect your picnic dinners from the Cafe on the evening of the show.

If you eat there before the show, bring a light folding chair to bring from the parking area to

the picnic site, which is just west (right) of the theater overlooking the river. Paul Levine, his wife, and the others in his party are usually in the furthest area up to the river.

Please confirm whether you are coming and your seat numbers and whether you will be arriving by picnic time or show time. Contact Southern CT Mensan Paul Levine at levassoc@aol.com or (203) 240-0201 for info.

CONNECTICUT AND WESTERN MASSACHUSETTS CHAPTER UPCOMING EVENTS

This is not a complete listing WE - Weekly Event, ME - Monthly Event, YE - Yearly Event

JUNE

1 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 Quinpiac Street, Wallingford, CT 06492, 203-949-8022, www.theolddublin.com

From Route 15: Take exit 64 toward Wallingford/ Downtown, Sharp right at Quinpiac Street, At 0.3 miles turn left to stay on Quinpiac 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 Quinpiac Street (Wallingford center, just before the gazebo). The Old Dublin will be on your right within about two blocks.

June 2 Saturday 12-2:00 pm

Book Discussion Group

For those who want to plan ahead, we will discuss "At Home: A Short History of Private Life" by Bill Bryson at Barb Holstein's in Cromwell. The lunch will start at noon and will be followed by the discussion. There are lots of copies of the book and of unabridged audio-recordings in public libraries.

7, 14, 21, 28 Thursdays 6:30 pm

Scrabble

The word-loving Mensans (are there any other

kind?) and non-Mensans gather to play Scrabble at Panera Bread Restaurant at Bishop's Corner, 2542 Albany Ave., West Hartford. For more info contact Lois Cappellano 413-567-4702

8 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 contact Lois Cappellano 413-567-4702

9 Saturday 10:00 am

Mensa Admissions Testing - Newington

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.

12 Tuesday 6:35 pm

Mensa Goes to the Ball Game

Meet Tom Thomas in New Britain Stadium, section 213, about four rows from the top, to watch the New Britain Rock Cats, Double-A Twins, host the Akron Aeros, a minor league team for the Cleveland Indians. For more information, contact either tom.thomas@the-spa.com, or www.rockcats.com

13 Wednesday 5:30 pm

Shoreline Happy Hour

(ME, 2nd Wednesday) at Donovan's Reef 1212 Main Street, Branford Conn. 06405. The Donovan's Reef www.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 where you will enter the 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. The lounge is on the left inside. I usually have a table reservation and will likely have an "M" sign visible. We start around 5:30. There are free daily bar goodies along with any items that you may want to order from the comprehensive menu. Donovan's phone number is 203-488-5573. We have a great time talking about anything and everything. Hope to see you there! Questions? Contact Mike Wilson at 203-481-2858 or MahoutMike@aol.com

21 Thursday 6:30 pm

Pioneer Valley Dinner

(ME, 3rd Thursday) True to form, this month's Pioneer Valley Third Thursday Social Dinner will be at 6:30 pm on May 17th. Not true to form, however, the dinner this month will be a potluck instead of going to a restaurant. We will be hosted by Leslie Schaefer, who is generously sharing her lovely home in Westhampton, Mass. Barely 20 minutes west of Northampton, it boasts a huge deck and a 65-mile view to Mt. Monadnock. Email her at leslie@chmetal.com for directions, and to coordinate what you'll be bringing. You should also bring your own adult beverages, should you be so inclined. As always, new members and guests are encouraged to attend this always friendly and interesting event. We hope to see you there!

22 Friday 5:00 pm

Happy Hour

(BE, 4th Friday) Even months at the Old Gate Tavern & Steakhouse, in Milford. Come on down and join us this month, we'd love to see ya. Contact Gail Trowbridge 203-877-4472 or gail_trowbridge@yahoo.com

FROM THE REGIONAL VICE CHAIRMAN**ANDREW HEFFERNAN****RVC CHAT**

Summer is a time for BBQ, family outings and vacations across the country. Where are you heading this summer? Many Mensa members in the Region will be starting their summer with Boston Mensa's mini-RG at Cape Cod. Few formal activities are planned and the atmosphere is much like a vacation home. Or so I have been told. I look forward to attending for the first time this year.

As the summer heats up we will also be looking forward to Vermont's first Regional Gathering and some of us will be traveling to Reno, Nevada for the Annual gathering. For those who have not been, the Annual Gathering is 2000 of your fellow Mensans attending lectures, socializing and participating in Leadership Development Workshops. A fantastic place to learn new things, meet new people, or maybe meet up with some old friends. Rounding out the summer will be RecharGGe in Albany, NY on Labour Day weekend. An extra long Regional Gathering hosted by Mensa of Northeastern New York. My father will be traveling from Canada to attend this one, so it will be an extra special event for me.

Recently, the National Ombudsman published an opinion that American Mensa should abide by it's own rules and provide the same rights and privileges to every member without qualification or limitation, or change the rules to reflect the desired practice. The Ombudsman, David Cahn, was specifically referring to Special Interest Groups such as, but not limited to, Generation X and Generation Y SIGS that a member insists he was denied access to due to not being born within specific years. The article with more details is posted on the Region 1 website, as well as in the Region 1 Facebook page. I want to hear your thoughts on the matter, as I am sure it will be a topic of discussion at upcoming Board meetings.

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 Subject: Diner Dinner

23 Saturday 5-8:00 pm

Scholarship Celebration & Solstice Party

(YE) in the newly refurbished River Room at Essex Corinthian Yacht Club (11 Novelty Lane, Essex, CT 06426) Questions? RSVP to Ann Fitzgerald at 860-388-1893 or annelly@comcast.net

REGIONAL GATHERINGS

OCTOBER 5 - 7, 2012

Connecticut & Western Massachusetts Mensa 2012 Regional Gathering MensAutumn XXXV

Homewood Suites, 2 Farm Glen Boulevard, Farmington, CT (860) 321-0000
 Registration \$75 (Through September 15th). Full Refund Policy - upon request.
<http://www.cwm.us.mensa.org/>

PUZZLES & QUESTIONS

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

1. What is the difference between fate and destiny?
2. How many voyages did the Titanic make?
3. Should novels and films have subplots?
4. When did the word "teenager" first appear in print?
5. Which company offers the best technical support?
6. About how many people live in Appalachia?
7. Who was the greatest Shakespearian actor ever?
8. How long did these Roman emperors reign: Nero, Julius Caesar, Augustus Caesar, Caligula, Marcus Aurelius, Claudius, Hadrian?
9. How many electric cars will be sold in 2020?
10. Which World Series team outscored its Series opponent by more than a 2-1 margin yet lost the Series in 7 games?

PUZZLES & QUESTIONS ANSWERS TO LAST MONTH'S PUZZLES:

2. When was the first flight of a zeppelin aircraft?

A: The first Zeppelin flight occurred on July 2, 1900 over Lake Constance, Germany.

Count Ferdinand von Zeppelin invented the zeppelin aircraft. He outlined designs for it in 1874, drawing on the Union Army balloons he saw in the U.S. Civil War in 1863 and French balloons used for mailing in the early part of the Franco-Prussian War of 1870 - 1871. He detailed his plans in 1893, and patented them in March, 1899, in the U.S. Construction of the first Zeppelin began in 1899. After several false starts, Zeppelin developed the LZ3 craft, the first successful zeppelin. The LZ6, a successor model, became the first commercial transport Zeppelin. The world's first airline, DELAG, bought seven Zeppelins before World War I. The Zeppelins in operation in 1914 were up to 520 feet long and could travel up to 50 miles per hour. The German Army and Navy bought 14 Zeppelins and used them mostly for reconnaissance missions during the war.

4. How many Americans are in the Army National Guard and in the Air National Guard?

A: The Army National Guard (ARNG) has about 325,000 people and the Air National Guard has more than 106,000 people.

6. Which hotel building has the most rooms and suites?

A: The Venetian and The Palazzo hotel in Paradise, California, has the most rooms of any hotel - 8,108. The hotel has three towers with 52, 37, and 14 floors respectively.

The Izmailovo Hotel in Moscow, Russia, is second with 7,500 rooms, which are in 4 towers of 30 stories each.

The MGM Grand Las Vegas, also in Paradise, is third with 6,582 rooms, spread over 4 buildings of 30 floors each.

PUZZLES & QUESTIONS ANSWERS *continued*

8. When was the medical reference book Gray's Anatomy first published?
- A: Gray's Anatomy, written by British anatomist Henry Gray (1827 - 1861), was first published in 1858 by the J.W. Parker publishing company. It's original title was Anatomy: Descriptive and Surgical and it was 750 pages long. Gray wrote a second, revised version in 1860. He died in 1861 from smallpox he contracted while treating his nephew, but others continued publishing updated versions of his book. The most recent edition, the 40th, was published in 2008 and had 1,576 pages.
10. When was the first photograph taken?
- A: Some people credit Thomas Wedgwood (1771 - 1805) with the world's first photograph in 1802, but none of his photos appear to have survived. The oldest surviving photograph in the world is a photograph made in 1825 by the French amateur inventor Nicéphore Niépce (1765-1833). He took a picture of the yard outside his workroom window and exposed it for eight hours, then fixed with oil. It was made seven years before the better-known inventors William Henry Fox Talbot and Louis-Jacques Mandé Daguerre made a photograph using more sophisticated processes.
12. What is the biggest reservoir in the world?
- A: Lake Kariba, which is in Zambia and Zimbabwe, is the largest reservoir by volume, occupying 43 cubic miles (180 km³). Next in size are 2) Bratsk Reservoir, Russia, 40 cubic miles (169 km³) 3) Lake Nasser, Egypt and Sudan, 37 cubic miles (157 km³); 4) Lake Volta, Ghana, 36 cubic miles (150 km³); and 5) Manicouagan Reservoir, Canada, 34 cubic miles, (142 km³).
14. Estimate these averages for the 2011 major league baseball: average batting average, on-base percentage, runs per game per team, home runs per game per team, team earned runs per game, team walks per game, team strikeouts per game, and team errors per game.
- A: The major league's overall batting average in 2011 was .255 (.258 in the American League and .253 in the National League). The major league on-base percentage was .321 (.322 A.L., .319 N.L.). Runs per game were 4.28 for each team (4.46 A.L., 4.12 N.L.). Home runs per game per team were .94 (1.0 A.L., .88 N.L.). The average team gave up 3.94 earned runs per game (4.08 A.L., 3.81 N.L.). The average team walked about 3.1 times a game (3.06 A.L., 3.11 N.L.). The average team struck out about 7.1 times per game (6.9 A.L., 7.26 N.L.). The average team committed about .63 errors per game (.63 A.L., .62 N.L.).

WORD CHECK

See if you can define these p and q words.

- 1. palatine -
- 2. palisade -
- 3. parapet -
- 4. pecuniary -
- 5. perforce -
- 6. pertinacious -
- 7. piebald -
- 8. pixilated -
- 9. quartermaster -
- 10. quarto -
- 11. quaternary -
- 12. quietus -

- 1. palatine - 1. having royal privileges. 2. of or pertaining to a palace; palatial. 3. an important officer of an imperial palace.
- 2. palisade - 1. a fence of pointed stakes. 2. a line of sheer cliffs.
- 3. parapet - 1. a low wall at the end of a balcony or bridge. 2. a defensive wall or elevation, as of earth or stone, in a fortification..
- 4. pecuniary - pertaining to money.
- 5. perforce - of necessity.
- 6. pertinacious - stubbornly or tenaciously holding to an opinion or purpose; resolute. 2. extremely or objectionably persistent.
- 7. piebald - 1. having patches of black or white or other colors. 2. a piebald animal, often a horse.
- 8. pixilated - 1. slightly eccentric or mentally disordered. 2. amusingly whimsical, prankish, or silly.
- 9. quartermaster - 1. a military officer charged with providing quarters, clothing, fuel, or transportation for troops. 2. a naval petty officer having charge of signals and navigating apparatus.
- 10. quarto - a book whose pages are about 9 1/2 by 12 inches that is formed by folding printed sheets twice to form four leaves or eight pages.
- 11. quaternary - 1. consisting of or arranged in fours. 2. a group of four.
- 12. quietus - 1. a finishing stroke; anything that effectually ends or settles. 2. release from life; death. 3. a period of retirement or inactivity.

ANSWERS:

NOTED & QUOTED

If I had to choose, I'd rather have birds than airplanes. - Charles A. Lindbergh, (1902 - 1974)

I don't know why we are here, but I'm pretty sure that it is not in order to enjoy ourselves.

- Ludwig Wittgenstein (1889 -1951), Austrian-British philosopher

The goal of all life is death. - Sigmund Freud, (1856 - 1939), *New York Times Magazine*, 5/6/1956

No one ever lacks a good reason for suicide.

- Cesare Pavese, (1908 - 1950), Italian poet, novelist, literary critic and translator.

Remember in the darkness what you have learned in the light. - Joseph Bayly, (1920 - 1986), U.S. clergyman, editor, novelist, poet

I have found the world kinder than I expected, but less just. - Samuel Johnson, (1709 - 1784), English lexicographer and author

Mathematics has nothing to do with the real world. - Richard Pick, (1938 - 1994), computer scientist

The only wisdom we can hope to acquire is the wisdom of humility. Humility is endless.

- T.S. Eliot, (1888 - 1965), Anglo-American poet, dramatist, and literary critic

Is it worth the lion's while to terrify the mouse?

- Carl Jung, (1875 - 1961), Swiss psychiatrist

What governs men is the fear of truth.

- Henri Frederic Amiel, (1821 - 1881), Swiss philosopher, journal, 3/1/1869

A false enchantment can all too easily last a lifetime. - W.H. (Wystan Hugh) Auden, (1907 - 1973), English-born U.S. poet

No man sees far, the most see no farther than their noses.

- Thomas Carlyle, (1795 - 1881), British historian and essayist

Woe to the vanquished. - Titius Livius Livy, (59 B.C.E. - 17 A.D.), Roman historian, *History*, V

They change their climate, not their soul, those who rush across the sea.

- Horace, (65 - 8 B.C.E.), Roman lyric poet

New York is a catastrophe - but a magnificent catastrophe.

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

It might, it appears, be said that writers do not find subjects: subjects find them.

- Elizabeth Bowen, (1899 - 1973), British novelist

No single man makes history. History cannot be seen, just as one cannot see grass growing.

- Boris Pasternak, (1890 - 1960), Russian novelist, poet, *Doctor Zhivago* (1958)

Only the insane take themselves quite seriously.

- Max Beerbohm, (1872 -1956), English writer and caricaturist

Conscience is our unerring judge until we finally stifle it. - Honoré de Balzac (1799 - 1850), French novelist

Some will not look on suffering because it creates responsibility. - Bishop Fulton J. Sheen, (1895 - 1979), U.S. Catholic bishop, writer, and speaker

You cannot give to people what they are incapable of receiving.

- Agatha Christie, (1890 - 1976)

Experience proves that none is so cruel as the disillusioned sentimentalist.

- William R. Inge, (1860 - 1954), English theologian

A child develops individuality long before he develops taste.

- Erma Bombeck, (1927 - 1996)

It would be a good idea if children would write books for older people, now that everyone is writing for children. - G.C. Lichtenberg, (1742 - 1799),

Without tradition, art is a flock of sheep without a shepherd. Without innovation, it is a corpse.

- Winston Churchill, (1874 - 1965)

Wounded vanity knows when it is mortally hurt; and limps off the field, piteous, all disguises thrown away. But pride carries its banner to the last; and fast as it is driven from one field unfurls it in another.

- Helen Hunt Jackson, (1830 - 1885), U.S. poet

If I were asked to name the chief benefit of the house, I should say: the house shelters daydreaming, the house protects the dreamer, the house allows one to dream in peace.

- Gaston Bachelard, (1884 - 1962), French philosopher

MENSA MIND GAMES 2012 RESULTS

The 2013 Mensa Mind Games will be held April 19-21 at the St. Louis Airport Marriott in St. Louis, Missouri.

The Award-Winning Games for 2012 are:

Iota - A card game in which players take turns to find common or differing characteristics on the cards. Build your score by putting together lines of cards that have the same number of common features.

Snake Oil - A creative and unusual game in which players sell two-word products to strange customers. Invent products and then convince the buyers to buy them.

Mine Shift - A two player game in which you compete to see who can make it out of the mine first. Shift walls, place gems, and out think the other miner.

Coerceo - A game of wit and strategy with just a few simple rules. You must capture your opponents' pieces, but be careful – the board shrinks as you play.

Tetris Link - A multi-player, and non-electronic version of Tetris! Drop Tetriminoes into the grid to linking up your colored shapes to score points and block opponents' moves. But don't leave gaps in the tower grid, because points will be deducted. The game ends when the tower is full.

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INCOME

American Mensa

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Ad income 126.00

Total Income **\$2682.36**

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