

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 - JULY

Friday, July 13, 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@com-cast.net for more info on location and/or reservations.

Saturday, July 21 8:00 pm

Theater Event: Romeo & Juliet

at the Hudson Valley Shakespeare Festival, Boscobel, 1601 Route 9D, Garrison, NY (Hudson Valley). Check <http://hvshakespeare.org/content/2012-calendarto> to see if tickets are still available. 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 at (845) 265-9575.

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.

Friday, July 27 8:00 pm

Theater Event: Twelfth Night

performed by The Putney Players in the Sunken Garden (outside) at BOOTHE MEMORIAL PARK, Stratford, Connecticut (Exit 53 Merritt Parkway). Check the website at <http://www.theplayersatputneygardens.com/index.html>. Admission is free. Donations encouraged. Bring a blanket or low lawn chair. For info, contact Jim Mizera at jmizera@hotmail.com or (203) 522-1959.

CONNECTICUT AND WESTERN MASSACHUSETTS CHAPTER UPCOMING EVENTS

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

JULY

5, 12, 19, 26 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

6 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 Quinipiac Street, Wallingford, CT 06492, 203-949-8022, www.theolddublin.com

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

11 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

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 contact Lois Cappellano 413-567-4702

14 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 pro-

vide an email address. You can also save time at the site by paying for your testing session online at www.us.mensa.org/testingvoucher.

19 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! We hope to see you there!

23 Monday 7:05 pm

Mensa Goes to a Ball Game

Meet in Tom T. in Section 213, about four rows from the top, of the New Britain Ballpark for a minor league game between the host New Britain Rock Cats (Double-A Twins, www.rockcats.com) and the visiting Binghamton Mets (New York Mets). Parking is \$4, a general admission ticket is \$6. More info? Contact For more information, contact Tom Thomas at tom.thomas@the-spa.com.

24 Tuesday 5:00 pm

Book Discussion

We'll be discussing *The Tipping Point: How Little Things Can Make a Big Difference* by Malcolm Gladwell at Ann F's home in Old Saybrook, CT. Contact Ann Fitzgerald at 860-388-1893 or annelly@comcast.net.

Pot luck dinner will start 5:30 PM and will be followed by the discussion which concludes at 7:30 PM. There are lots of copies of the book and of unabridged audio-recordings in public libraries.

For those who want to plan ahead, next we will read *Childhood's End* by Arthur C. Clark and we will meet for the discussion and pot luck

lunch on Sunday Sept 9, 12:30 PM until 2:30 PM
at a location TBD.

27 Friday 5:00 pm

Fourth Friday Happy Hour

Playwright Pub and Restaurant, 1232 Whitney Ave., Hamden, www.playwrightirishpub.com
Even months, we'll be 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

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REGIONAL GATHERINGS

August 3 - 5, 2012

VERMONT MENSA Mini-RG, Killington, Vermont
Theme: Farm-To-Plate

Join us for Vermont Mensa's Mini-RG August 3 - 5 in Killington, Vermont at The Inn of the Six Mountains. (We think it used to be called the Inn of the Seven Mountains, but then Irene washed one of the mountains away.) This will be a great weekend with speakers on the topic of Farm-to-Plate, as well as food, games, movies, food, great folks, fun times, and probably some food.

The Inn of the Six Mountains
2617 Killington Road
Killington, VT 05751
(802) 422-4302 or (800) 228-4676 toll-free
www.sixmountains.com

Room rates:

King room for two nights: \$160. King room for one night: \$89.

Two Doubles room for two nights: \$190. Two Doubles room for one night: \$104. When you call the hotel, ask for the Vermont Mensa rate, which is only guaranteed through July 8th!

Registration Fees:

\$65 if postmarked by July 20th. \$75 after July 20th or at the door.

Saturday only: Subtract \$15 from full-weekend rates. Children under 18: \$2 x child's age (e.g., \$16 for an 8-year-old).

To register please send a check payable to Vermont Mensa to: Vermont Mensa Mini-RG, c/o Susan Misnick, 19 Upper Pound Road, Newfane, VT 05345-9401. (A \$35 penalty will be assessed for bounced checks.)

Please include Name(s), Address, Phone, Email, and Age (if under 18). Alternatively, you may visit www.vermontmensa.org and pay for your registration via PayPal.

Questions? Contact Chair Claire Natola at claire.natola@gmail.com.

Updates will be posted to www.vermontmensa.org.

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.
www.cwm.us.mensa.org

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

I enjoy Mensa more than any other organization I am involved with. I think the reason for this is the wide variety of interests and ways to be involved. Trust me, I am involved with some GREAT local organizations. Odyssey of the Mind, American Society of Non-Destructive Testing, AGATE, Public Radio Stations, 5k Running Mentoring, and more. But the focus of these organizations is narrow. And this suits them very well. Mensa does not have small range of focus. We are selective in that only the most intelligent are allowed in, but after that the interests and goals cover the entire spectrum. This is a strength and one of the greatest reasons I love Mensa.

But a largely diversified membership brings with it a similar set of expectations and this can be a weakness as well. And Mensa is not immune to this. Because our members come from all occupations, geographic areas, income brackets, and age groups, it can be very difficult to know how to be an engaging organization for all. It is quite evident that we struggle at this when we acknowledge that 50% of all first year members will not renew. There is lots of talk at the National level about building the Mensa brand and exposing the organization to a wider audience.

While this is important and critical at a National level, we should not let it overshadow where the real challenge is. Where the real potential to revolutionize Mensa exists - with the local groups.

Most members will never attend a National event. Most will never attend a Regional event either. Lots will never attend a local event. And many will not renew because they do not get the value out of their membership. So, the question I ask myself is, "How do I share my LOVE for Mensa with others?" And the answer I keep coming back to is personal connection.

The last board meeting I voted to increase local group funding. This is because the local groups are where members can most easily make the

personal connection with Mensa. The internet is great, but meeting Mensans face-to-face means having the "ah-ha" moment when you realize that there are other intelligent people in this world who understand your ideas, your jokes, your curiosity in all things amazing. If local groups can use funding to host a wider variety of events, then I expect that a wider variety of people will find connect with Mensa. The missing piece is the leadership development needed to support increased local group spending. This was the greatest objection to increased local funding by the Board in March.

Many board members insisted that local groups do not know how to effectively spend funding. I disagree. I think that with more funding the local groups could engage more members, improve retention, and finally bring an increase in membership. Something we have not had some several years.

Since joining the Board I have come to appreciate Mensa even more. There are great challenges ahead for Mensa, and it will need to adapt to the world around it. And I am excited to part of that growth. If you know of areas of leadership development that should be addressed in your local group, please share these thoughts with me. Thank you, for your support, and if I can help you in any way, please let me know. rvc1@us.mensa.org

Are you interested in making a difference in Mensa? Begin preparing for the 2013 elections today. Visit www.us.mensa.org/lead/amc/elections.

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MENSA WINNER - ESSAY CONTEST

Southern CT Mensan Jerry Brooker garnered the first prize in the Creative Urge essay contest sponsored by San Diego Mensa with his essay "The Day that Changed My Life." The prize was announced on May 25 at the Creative uRGe and Science Fair Award Presentations at the San Diego Mensa Regional Gathering

The Day That Changed My Life

Jerry Brooker

He sold newspapers and cigarettes from the kiosk at the end of the block where I lived in New York City. During the week, I had to walk past him to use the stairs, my parents' directive, up to the El train walkway which kept me safe from the morning rush hour traffic. I hated it because it made me feel so childish, yet it was the way I had to go to and from my school until I was twelve.

The only Negro I knew then was the young man at the kiosk. Sometimes, we'd exchange a few words, mostly about the Dodgers or the Yankees. I always liked him, probably because he was about my age and because he treated me with kindness, something I received little of at home or in school. I always wondered why he didn't go to school, but never asked. In fact, I didn't even know his name.

Looking back on the day that I will always regret, I realize that my father's prejudice had rubbed off on me, a young boy who thought, as most young boys, that his father was a torch-bearer for truth. Yet, he regularly used the N word, and the mosaic of his racism included many colors not white. He probably learned these things from his father whom I never knew, so I cannot say for sure.

Here's what happened on that day. It was a summer morning when I had my baseball gloves and a ball with me as I went down to the

corner to ask the Negro boy to play with me. He was walking away from the kiosk on his way somewhere, perhaps home. "Do you want to have a catch with me?" I yelled. He looked stunned that I would ask. I will always remember the tenderness in his eyes. He said No, that he had to go. I responded, "OK, little 8-Ball, go home to your mamma."

The way he looked back at me changed my life. I had never seen such hurt in anyone's eyes. It was as if they spoke of the oceans of hatred that had washed over his people for centuries. I had betrayed my overture to play with words of mockery and denigration. He looked as if he wanted to say something back, but his lips were sealed. He turned and ran. I turned inward, where the grip of prejudice, over time, released its hold on me.

After that, I avoided him, but I would peek to see if he was still there, until the day he disappeared and never came back.

I still think of him, even now a lifetime later. I sometimes wonder where he is and if he is happy. Or dead. I wish I could take back the day. To speak with him as I would now. And to call him by the name his mother gave to him.

PUZZLES & QUESTIONS

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

1. What are the elements in a well-written theatrical tragedy?
2. How many people died in automobile accidents in the U.S. last year? What is believed to be the leading cause of deaths in auto accidents?
3. How much do people forget?
4. Which states in the United States have unicameral legislatures?
5. When is leadership unnecessary in groups?
6. About how many people live in Siberia?
7. What are the worst grammatical errors?
8. How many students took the SAT scholastic test last year? How many took the ACT?
9. What useful applications on computers do people most neglect?
10. What is the difference between an epidemic and a pandemic?

PUZZLES & QUESTIONS ANSWERS TO LAST MONTH'S PUZZLES:

2. How many voyages did the Titanic make?

A: The Titanic made only one official voyage, its first. Before its first voyage, the ship engaged in sea trials in the Irish Sea on April 2, 1912. The sea trials went for about 12 hours, during which time the Titanic traveled about 92 miles (150 km.). Then the ship left Belfast and sailed to Southampton, England, a journey of 660 miles (1,060 km.), traveling for 28 hours, arriving on April 4. The Titanic left Southampton on its fateful voyage on April 10, 1912.
4. When did the word "teenager" first appear in print?

A: The adjective "teen age" first appeared in print in English in the Canadian publication the Daily Colonist, Victoria, British Columbia, on March 11, 1921. The noun "teen-agers" did not appear in any newspaper or magazine until April, 1941, when Popular Science Monthly used the term. Eventually, about 1960, the word began to lose its hyphen.
6. About how many people live in Appalachia?

A: About 23 million although estimates vary because the region has no clear boundaries. It is generally considered to cover only the central and southern portions of the Appalachian mountain range. While the Appalachian Mountains stretch from Canada to Alabama, Appalachia is recognized as covering the area from the Southern Tier of New York state to northern Alabama, Mississippi, and Georgia.

It was first denoted as a distinct region in the late 1800s, but its name traces back to 1528, when Spanish explorers found an Indian village near where Tallahassee, Florida is now. The Spaniards transcribed the name of the tribe living there as Apalchen or Apalachen, and eventually applied the name to the mountain range and the region.

In 1965, using an economic standard, the Appalachian Regional Commission defined Appalachia to include 420 counties and eight independent cities in 13 states, including all

PUZZLES & QUESTIONS *ANSWERS continued*

of West Virginia, 54 counties in Kentucky, 52 in Pennsylvania, and 52 in Tennessee, along with counties in New York, Ohio, Maryland, Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Alabama, and Mississippi. Many people consider the core Appalachian region to consist of the poorer Appalachian mountain counties of West Virginia, Kentucky, Tennessee, Virginia, North Carolina, and Georgia.

8. How long did these Roman emperors reign: Nero, Julius Caesar, Augustus Caesar, Caligula, Marcus Aurelius, Claudius, Hadrian?

A: Julius Caesar was never officially an emperor but was part of the First Triumvirate with Pompey and Crassus that dominated Roman politics from 60 to 53 B.C.E. He was voted as perpetual dictator in 48 B.C.E. and ruled until he was assassinated in 44 B.C.E. (the year after he instituted the Julian calendar). Augustus Caesar, the first Roman emperor, ruled 48 years and eight months (27 B.C.E. - 14 A.D.); Caligula, 3 years and 10 months (37 - 41 A.D.); Claudius, 13 years and 9 months (41 - 54 A.D.); Nero, 13 years and 8 months (54 - 68 A.D.); Hadrian, 21 years (117 - 138 A.D.); and Marcus Aurelius, 19 years (161 - 180 A.D.),

10. Which World Series team outscored its Series opponent by more than a 2-1 margin yet lost the Series in 7 games?

A: The New York Yankees outscored the Pittsburgh Pirates 55 - 27 in the 1960 World Series yet lost the series in 7 games, when Pirates second-baseman Bill Mazeroski hit a home run in the ninth inning to win the final

game 10 - 9. Pittsburgh won the first game 6 - 4, but then the Yankees won the next two, clobbering the Pirates 16 - 3 and 10 - 0. Pittsburgh recovered to win the next two in New York by 3 - 2 and 5 - 2 margins, but in the sixth game, the Yankees blasted the Pirates again 12 - 0, in Pittsburgh, setting the stage for the last game and Mazeroski's heroics.

The Yankees had 90 hits in the Series compared to Pirates 60, and out-homered them, 10 home runs to 4. They had a team batting average of .338 for the Series, while the Pirates hit only .256. The Yankees ace pitcher Whitey Ford shut out Pittsburgh twice and New York's second-baseman Bobby Richardson set a record with 12 hits and won the Most Valuable Player (MVP) award for the World Series. Yet the Pirates won the World Series.

The 1960 World Series featured seven players who won a league MVP award at some time in their careers -the Pirates' shortstop Dick Groat (1960) and Roberto Clemente (1966), and the Yankees' Yogi Berra (1951, 1954, 1955), pitcher Bobby Shantz (1952), Mickey Mantle (1956, 1957, 1962), Roger Maris (1960, 1961), and catcher Elston Howard (1963). The game was Casey Stengel's last as Yankees manager.

WORD CHECK

See if you can define these culinary words.

- 1. braise -
- 2. broil -
- 3. crumpet -
- 5. gluten -
- 5. herb -
- 6. lox -
- 7. mutton -
- 8. paprika -
- 9. sirloin -
- 10. surimi -

ANSWERS:

- 1. braise - to cook meat, fish, or vegetables by lightly browning in fat and then simmering in a closed pan with just a small amount of liquid.
- 2. broil - to cook by directly exposing to an open fire, as on a grill. 2. to scorch; make very hot.
- 3. crumpet - a round, soft unsweetened muffin-like bread cooked on a griddle and usually toasted before serving.
- 4. gluten - 1. a protein consisting of a mixture of the simple plant proteins gliadin and glutenin, present in cereal grains, especially wheat. 2. the tough, viscid, nitrogenous substance remaining when the flour of wheat or other grain is washed to remove the starch.
- 5. herb - an annual plant whose stem is not woody, often used for medicine or flavoring
- 6. lox - a kind of salmon that is brine-cured and then smoked,
- 7. mutton - the meat of a full-grown, two-year old sheep
- 8. paprika - 1. a mild powdered seasoning made from a red, dried, sweet pepper. 2. the plant from which this seasoning is derived.
- 9. sirloin - a prime cut of beef from the upper part of the loin of cattle.
- 10. surimi - a blend of fish ground into a paste and commonly sold as imitation crabmeat.

NOTED & QUOTED

Suffering is the sole origin of consciousness.

- *Fyodor Dostoevsky, (1821 - 1881)*

If I had the use of my body, I would throw it out the window.

- *Samuel Beckett, (1906 - 1989), Irish-born French playwright*

What should we gain by a definition, as it can only lead us to other undefined terms?

- *Ludwig Wittgenstein, (1889 - 1951), Austrian-British philosopher, *The Blue Book* (1965)*

Where God hath a temple, the Devil will have a chapel.

- *Robert Burton, (1577 - 1640), English cleric, writer*

Just breathing isn't living! - *Eleanor H. Porter, (1868 - 1920), U.S. novelist, short story writer, *Pollyanna**

I have a rendezvous with Death at some disputed barricade. - *Alan Seeger, (1888 - 1916), U.S. poet, soldier in French Foreign Legion*

To save all we must risk all. - *Friedrich Von Schiller, (1759 - 1805), German playwright, poet, novelist*

In a just cause the weak will beat the strong.

- *Sophocles, (496? 495? - 406 B.C.E.), Greek playwright*

They believe that nothing will happen because they have closed their doors. - *(Count) Maurice Maeterlinck, (1862 - 1949), Belgian poet and dramatist*

There may be more poetry than justice in poetic justice. - *George Will, (1941 -), U.S. newspaper columnist, journalist, authro*

Peace is the virtue of civilization. War is its crime.

- *Victor Hugo, (1802 - 1885)*

The method of the enterprising is to plan with audacity and execute with vigor.

- *Christian Nestell Bovee, (1820 - 1904), U.S. lawyer, editor, author*

With audacity one can undertake anything, but not do everything.

- *Napoleon Bonaparte, (1769 - 1821)*

Circumstances rule men; men do not rule circumstances. - *Herodotus, (484 - 424 B.C.E.), Greek historian, *Book 7, Ch. 49**

The lamps are going out all over Europe. We will not see them lit again in our lifetime.

- *Lord Edward Grey, (1862 - 1933), British diplomat, Foreign Secretary (1905 - 1916), ornithologist,*

Deliberate with caution, but act with decision; and yield with graciousness, or oppose with firmness."

- *Charles Caleb Colton, (1780 - 1832), English epigrammist*

Music is the space between the notes.

- *Achille-Claude Debussy, (1862 - 1918), French composer*

Everybody is friends when things are bad enough.

- *Ernest Hemingway, (1899 - 1961), *Islands in the Stream*, (1970)*

The role of art is to make a world which can be inhabited. All things lie dark in possibility.

- *William Saroyan, (1908 - 1981), U.S. novelist, playwright, Pulitzer Prize winner 1940, *Baby*, (1936)*

The worst constructed play is a Bach fugue when compared to life.

- *Helen Hayes, (1900 - 1993), U.S. movie and stage actress*

To paraphrase several sages: Nobody can think and hit someone at the same time.

- *Susan Sontag, (1933 - 2004), U.S. critic, novelist, and screenwriter, *Regarding The Pain Of Others* (2002)*

Let the future tell the truth and evaluate each one according to his work and accomplishments. The present is theirs; the future, for which I really worked, is mine. - *Nikola Tesla, (1856 - 1943), Serbian-American physicist, inventor, and electrical engineer*

Fairy tales are more than true; not because they tell us that dragons exist, but because they tell us that dragons can be beaten.

- *G.K. Chesterton, (1874 - 1936), English essayist and poet*

To say that a man is vain means merely that he is pleased with the effect he produces on other people. A conceited man is satisfied with the effect he produces on himself.

- *Max Beerbohm, (1872 - 1956), an English writer and caricaturist, *Quia Imperfectum* (1920)*

When the exceptional human being treats the mediocre more tenderly than himself and his peers, this is not mere politeness of the heart; it is simply his duty.

- *Friedrich Nietzsche, (1844 - 1900)*

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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SOUTHERN CT MENSA TREASURY

Fiscal Year: April 1 - March 31

Opening balance at 4/1/11 \$10,162.66

INCOME

American Mensa

Local Group Support Funds: \$2556.36

Ad income 126.00

Total Income **\$2682.36**

EXPENSES

Chronicle Printing Expenses: \$705.96

Chronicle Postage & Supplies: 399.00

Speaker Dinners: 160.86

Event Expenses: 629.93

TOTAL EXPENSES: **\$1895.75**

Year End Balance 3-31-12 **\$10,949.27**

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