

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 - AUGUST

Friday, August 10, 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.

Saturday, August 18 8:00 pm

Theater Event: Macbeth

The Elm Shakespeare Company performs Shakespeare's "Macbeth" at Edgerton Park, 75 Cliff Street, New Haven, CT (near Hamden town line). Free with a suggested donation of \$20 for adults, \$10 students and \$5 children 12 and under. This is an outdoor theater so please arrive early and bring a chair. Contact Jim Mizera at jmizera@hotline.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

AUGUST

2, 9, 16, 23, 30 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

3 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.

5 Sunday 1:30 pm

Tanglewood Concert

Boston Symphony Orchestra Concert at Tanglewood (map here) Route 183 (West St.) 1.5 miles west of the center of Lenox, MA. We'll meet at the Box Office at 1:30 for a 2:30 performance of music by Gandolfi, Saint-Saens, and Berlioz. Lawn tickets are \$19. and do not have to be purchased ahead of time. Bring blanket, chair, food, beverages (alcohol OK), etc. Contact Lyndon Moors at Lyndon213@verizon.net or cellphone (413) 244-0329 to confirm attendance. Leave contact info in case of rain. August 12 - RAIN DATE for above event. Same plan, but music of Beethoven, Mozart, and Strauss.

8 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

10 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

12 Sunday 4:30 pm

Ethnic Dine-Around, Waterbury

This month we do Dominican food at La Cazuela, 354 West Main St, Waterbury, CT. Dine on such treats as Bistec Empanizado, Chicharon de Pollo con Hueso, Cazuela de Mariscos, with equally exciting soups and sides. You can even do a sandwich or burger if so inclined. See the entire menu here: www.lacazuelarest.com/menu.html along with some great pictures of the restaurant. RSVP required by Friday 8/10 in order to reserve a room. There is parking. RSVP to Barb Holstein for a reservation, 860-632-7873 or BarbCPA@att.net. This one is special - hope you can make it!

15 Wednesday 7:05 pm

Mensa goes to a Ball Game

Meet in New Britain Stadium for a game between the host Rock Cats (Double-A Twins) and the visiting Richmond Flying Squirrels (San Francisco Giants.) Park (\$4), buy a general

admission ticket (\$6), and go to section 213, about four rows from the top for an evening of baseball, talk, and laughs. Need more info? tom.thomas@the-spa.com or www.rockcats.com

16 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!

24 Friday 5:00 pm

Fourth Friday Happy Hour in Milford

The Old Gate Tavern & Steakhouse, 290 Old Gate Lane, Milford. Come on down and join us this month, we'd love to see ya. Questions? Contact Gail Trowbridge 203-877-4472 or gail_trowbridge@yahoo.com. Odd months we'll be at Olympia Diner, 3413 Berlin Turnpike, Newington, CT 06111, 860-666-9948, just north of the Berlin town line and North East Utilities.

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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: \$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 visit www.vermontmensa.org and pay for your registration via PayPal. or contact Chair Claire Natola at claire.natola@gmail.com.

August 31 - September 2

MoNNY's second Regional Gathering
RechaRGe

Don't miss your three-night RechaRGe on Labor Day weekend in Albany, NY! This is MoNNY's second Regional Gathering, and it is looking to be a grand time! It is a terrific way to get active in Mensa, make connections, and have a mini-vacation. Registration includes: multiple program tracks, games, tournaments, 5 meals, snacks, drinks and nightly themed parties with optional costume contests (mardi gras masquerade, superhero, pajama) and coordinated adult bev-

erages.

Registration fee is \$85 (likely going up to \$95 shortly after the AG). Daily rates and child rates available upon request to registrar. Not sure if the full event is for you? If you volunteer for at least two hours during the event you can stay through the next meal on us and get a taste of what the RG is all about. Checks payable to MoNNY.

Registrar: Claire Natola, 21 Hillrise Ln., Meredith, NH 03253; 518/250-9601;
rechargeregistrar@monny.us.mensa.org

Hotel: Albany Ramada Plaza, 3 Watervliet Ave. Ext., Albany, NY 12206; 518/438-8431;
www.albanyramada.com.

Room rates (\$79 and up) guaranteed until Aug. 15. Must call and mention Mensa for the special rate. For more information:
www.nymensa.org/rg On Facebook:
[on.fb.me/AqEyHQ](https://www.facebook.com/on.fb.me/AqEyHQ)

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

Fri. - Sun., November 2 - 4, 2012

BOSTON MENSA
"Wicked Good!" Regional Gathering

at the Dedham Hilton in Dedham, Mass. Adult registration is \$75 till 10/15/12, \$85 after. Kids under 6 are free. Ages 6-20 are \$2 per year of age.

Contact co-chairs Diane and Faith at chair@bostonrg.org with questions and suggestions. Reserve your room at the Dedham Hilton now in the Mensa block (Single room/Double \$109, Triple \$119, Quad \$129).

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

Recently, I asked my local group what events they would like to see. The overwhelming response involved two common threads: outdoor activities, and volunteering. In Mensa, we eat, we listen to lectures, we debate, we ponder, we laugh, and we play. And we also go on outdoor adventures and help our communities.

Do you enjoy the outdoors? Contact your local group today and offer to share this joy with the group. We have several avid hikers in Mensa of Northeastern New York and in the last couple of months they have led several hikes. Some were organized through the group, others were impromptu and organized at dining events just a couple of days prior. Some members are starting their journey to climbing every Adirondack Peak. Others have lower aspirations, but just as noble.... to stay fit, and live a full life. Exploring at every opportunity.

Many members also enjoy running. Last summer several of us started running more and ran our first races. I started running just 5-10 second bursts. And after joining a "Couch to 5k" program I found myself returning to the program and mentoring others. Mentors and mentees alike, we ran races from 3 miles to half-marathons. Other races took us off-road, and through trails of mud, and trees, fire and mountains. One member ran a 50-kilometer race. Another completed a half-Ironman and she has her eye on a full one next year. Coming up in September, a member of Boston Mensa is hosting a yearly hike in North Conway, NH. Always an exciting time.

Mensans volunteer every day. Some volunteer for their local Mensa group and edit the newsletter, contact new members, proctor tests, cook food for gatherings, host dinner and lectures,

and much more. Many more members volunteer in their own communities. From food banks, to radio station fund drives, to after-school programs, church activities, adopt-a-highway, Make-a-Wish, Cancer Society, the Mensa Scholarship Foundation and many, many more. Locally, my favorite opportunities to volunteer include Odyssey of the Mind, a kids creativity program, and my local National Public Radio Station. And of course, all things Mensa. I look forward to finding new ways to help my local members connect with volunteering opportunities in the local community.

Speaking of volunteering... You can host similar events with your local group, too. Contact them today to offer to host a Saturday morning run, a nature tour, a food bank volunteer day, or bake sale at your local Regional Gathering to support the scholarship and Mensa Foundation. The scholarship program is always looking for people interested in reading entries each year. This year we are also looking for a new Regional Scholarship Chair. If you would like to learn more about this great opportunity to help, contact me today.

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THE MAY DINNER

A MENSA INVENTION

Many inventors are busy trying to help the world with its energy problems and at our May dinner, we got an inside look at one local Mensan's effort, an invention that he devised to help people harness wind power. Our speaker was veteran Southern Connecticut Mensa member Donald Bobowick, who in April 2011 got a U.S. patent for a vertical axis wind turbine design. Sixteen people, including some attending their first monthly dinner, were on hand to hear Don's informal but informative talk about how his invention works and we got insights into the both the technical problems he faced and the ingenuity he used to overcome them. Using just a Power Point presentation, a small model of his device, and some simple analogies, Don gave a talk that both engineers and laymen could appreciate.

"I'm not an engineer, I'm a hobbyist," Don said modestly. "But I always wanted to get a patent." When he got the idea for his wind turbine, he knew he would need one. He said he had the same fear that many inventors have - that another inventor would have the same idea. "Filing a patent gives you protection," he said, so using the Internet, he did a patent search and began his patent application. While ideas sometimes come in a flash, however, patents do not. It normally takes about three years, Don informed us. Fortunately, under new U.S. patent rules, applications in the alternative energy field get expedited review, so it took him only about one-and-a-half years to get his wind turbine reviewed and patented.

MIND OVER WIND

Don is hardly the first person to devise a vertical axis wind turbine. As he told us, there were similar designs as far back as 1870, and there have been hundreds since, most of them tall and narrow. These vertical models are not nearly as common as horizontal axis wind turbines, he added, but they do have several advantages. For one thing, they respond to lower wind speeds.

For another, they are not as vulnerable to crosswinds. Also, their long drive shafts provide more torsion. Another advantage is that the vertical axis allows the generator or pump they power to be placed at ground level, making it easier to service. In addition to these technical advantages, vertical axis wind turbines are safer for birds, catching fewer of our feathered friends in the blades.

One major disadvantage to vertical axis wind turbines is that they move in the wrong direction, into the wind, for half their rotation. This is where Don put his ingenuity to work. Starting with just simple materials to get a working model, he set up a design with a vertical shaft that could rotate and a set of vanes - a wind turbine blade on each side of the vertical shaft. On one side was a blade standing vertically, facing 90° into the wind (the green blade, "Front Blade", in Figure 1). On the other side was another blade (the right blade, "Rear Blade", in Figure 1), identical save for its starting position and the direction of its face - looking upward, flat as a table. Also attached to the vertical shaft were cables extending to the blades on each side. These were to limit the motion of the turbine blades so that they wouldn't spin 360 degrees.

To illustrate the principles behind his design for our audience, Don started with some slides of a very simple model. In a series of photos, Don demonstrated how the opposing blades moved with the wind. First, wind pushed the green blade back from 90° to 45°, then to 22°, and finally to 0°, where the wind could push no more, ending the rotation and the power that could be generated.



FIGURE 1



FIGURE 2

Obviously, something more was needed. Here Don introduced a second pair of blades, across the axis of the first set (see Figure 2). The second pair turns the vertical shaft and forces the rear blade of the first pair of blades into the wind. This causes it to tilt backward, lifting the front blade (green blade), so that it catches the wind. It is, as Don called it, a "tilt-vane" wind turbine. The wind simultaneously pushes the rear blade down (with a little help from gravity) and lifts the front blade up. Don emphasized that the long narrow blades and light materials make this step work quickly and easily.

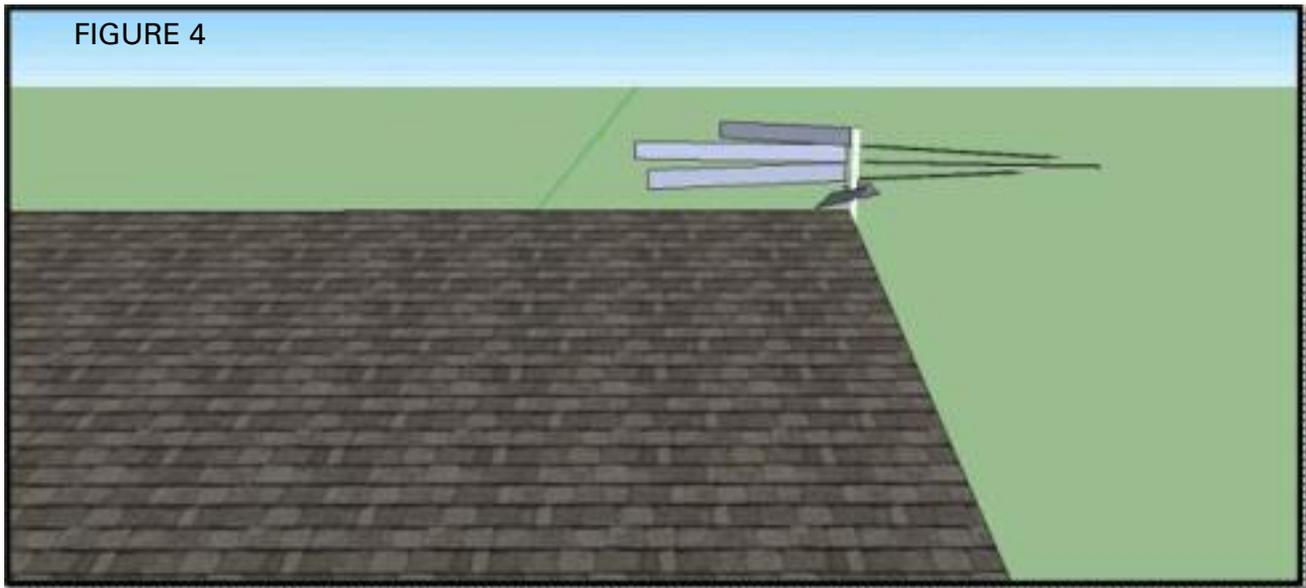


FIGURE 3

This double-pair of blades design was obviously better, but not good enough, said Don, because it rotates only with a strong wind. In a mild wind, the power generating blade will not be able to force the rear blade into the oncoming wind far enough to force it to tilt over, and the turbine will stall.

But this didn't stymie Don. He simply added two more pairs of blades. Four or more sets of blades are far more effective, he explained, because three of the blades are always forcing one blade to pivot. (See Figure 3). The blades won't stall in a mild wind; some will always face the wind and rotate to generate power. Here, Don used some moving gif slides in his presentation to show the rotation. He tested his 4-vane design at Jennings Beach in Fairfield, CT and was pleased with the results.

PUTTING IT ON A HOUSE



Don has put a 4-foot wide by 6-inch tall prototype of his invention on his home in Trumbull (See Figure). Here it takes advantage of "the roof effect", a phenomenon he discussed with us at length. If we have a ramp facing into the wind, he explained, the wind compresses and follows the path of least resistance - over the top edge of the ramp. A sloped roof of a house is precisely such a ramp. Here, Don said, the wind speed can reach about three times its rate, meaning that a moderate wind of seven

miles per hour could become a 20-mph wind at the peak of the roof. This is important, he stressed, because the power of the wind is a cube of its speed. Hence, tripling the wind speed would amplify its power 27 times.

As one of our speaker's Power-Point slides showed, his turbine's low and wide design is particularly well-suited to take advantage of the amplified wind stream over the top edge of the roof. This flow prevails for about three feet over the top (Figure 4). What's even better, Don pointed out, is moving the vertical drive shaft to the end of the roof (see Figure 5). Then the power generating vanes are right in the amplified wind while the returning vanes opposite them are not. It's very safe; the wind turbine will not harm the house and you can place the generator on the ground. At his house, Don continues to experiment with his wind turbine. He hasn't hooked it up to generator yet, but it has survived strong winds like the ones we encountered in Hurricane Irene last year. As a caution, one Mensan commented that the houses using the turbines shouldn't be too close together because they would block each other's winds. Don concurred, pointing out that his house is quite a distance from the next lot and no one has complained.



FIGURE 5

Don sees his invention as ideal for homes, farms and small businesses, but he said that it can be modified to handle larger-scale installations. He speculated that it could be applied at sea, where its low profile would allow it to be mounted on anchored rafts. Far from the shore, a large version of the turbine could take advantage of the strong unobstructed winds to provide great power. Also, out on the ocean, a big turbine would not generate complaints from homeowners like the residents on Cape Cod who have lambasted large wind-powered generators along the shore as eyesores.

Don asked for ideas from the audience and he loved the questions and feedback he got. One Mensan suggested the turbine would be good for people living off the grid and Don heartily agreed. He's going to try to find many applications for his brainchild. He doesn't anticipate his invention catapulting him onto the Forbes 500 list; he said, "If I see this pumping water in Africa, that's enough of a payoff for me." Just achieving his goal of getting his patent was great - "It was an academic adventure," he told us, and our audience certainly enjoyed vicariously sharing in his adventure.

Whatever his invention's future, Don promised to provide us with more information as the project is taken to market. If you'd like to discuss his idea with him, you can contact him at don at bobowick.com.

PUZZLES & QUESTIONS

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

1. What was Shakespeare's most philosophical play?
2. Name the 10 largest cities in New England and estimate their populations.
3. What role, large or small, good or bad, does intuition play in human judgment?
4. What are the events in the triathlon? What are the events in a pentathlon? In the Olympic decathlon?
5. How long does it take to become proficient at throwing a knuckleball pitch?
6. What is the oldest operating nuclear plant in the world?
7. What is the most technologically advanced city?
8. Who was the first British prime minister?
9. What are the most common techniques used to overcome writer's block?
10. Who are the top five wheat exporting countries? Who are the top five wheat importing countries?

PUZZLES & QUESTIONS ANSWERS TO LAST MONTH'S PUZZLES:

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?

A: The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) estimated that 32,788 people died in accidents in the U.S. in 2010. Distracted driving is called the leading cause of deaths in auto accidents. Fatigue, rubbernecking, scenery, passenger's conversation, cell phones, and stereos are some of the leading distractions.
4. Which states in the United States have unicameral legislatures?

A: Only one state in the U.S. has a one-house legislature - Nebraska.
6. About how many people live in Siberia?

A: Although Siberia comprises more than three-fourth's of Russia's area, it has only about 28% of the nation's population - about 38 million people, three people per square kilometer. Approximately 70% of Siberia's population lives in cities, the largest being Novosibirsk, which has about 1.5 million people, making it the third largest city in Russia.

Siberia is usually defined as the central and eastern part of the Russian Federation. It bordered on the east by Mongolia and China, in the west by the Ural Mountains of Russia, on the south by the Arctic Ocean, and on the North by Kazakhstan.
8. How many students took the SAT scholastic test last year? How many took the ACT?

A: About 1.5 million students took each test last year.
10. What is the difference between an epidemic and a pandemic?

A: An epidemic is an outbreak of a contagious disease that is confined to a particular location or region while a pandemic is more widespread.

WORD CHECK

See if you can define these mathematical words.

- 1. algorithm -
- 2. axiom -
- 3. convex -
- 4. kurtosis -
- 5. postulate -
- 6. skewness -
- 7. theorem -
- 8. topology -

- 1. algorithm - a set of rules for solving a problem in a finite number of steps,
- 2. axiom - 1. a self-evident or universally recognized truth. 2. in logic, a proposition that is not susceptible of proof or disproof and whose truth is assumed to be self-evident
- 3. convex - curved like the outside surface of a sphere.
- 4. kurtosis - in statistics, a measure of the concentration of a distribution around its mean.
- 5. postulate - 1. in mathematics, an unproved and indemonstrable statement that is accepted as an initial premise or underlying hypothesis in a process of reasoning; an axiom. 2. to assume, assert the truth, reality, or necessity of, especially as a basis of an argument.
- 6. skew - in statistics, a measure of the symmetry of a distribution around its mean.
- 7. theorem - 1. in mathematics, a theoretical proposition, statement, or formula embodying something to be proved from other propositions or formulas. 2. a rule or law, especially one expressed by an equation or formula. 3. in logic, a proposition that can be deduced from the premises or assumptions of a system.
- 8. topology - the study of the properties of geometric figures or solids that are not changed by changes such as stretching, bending, or knotting.

ANSWERS:

NOTED & QUOTED

Custom looks to things that are past, and fashion to things that are present, but both are somewhat blind as to things that are to come.

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

To those who can dream there is no such place as faraway. - Anonymous

Fear has many eyes and sees things underground. - Miguel De Cervantes, (1547 - 1616)

Cultivate only the habits that you are willing should master you. - Elbert Hubbard, (1856 - 1915), U.S. editor, author, lecturer, and moralist

To promise does not impoverish - to give is what annihilates. - Spanish saying

Whither goest thou, America, in thy shiny car in the night?

- Jack Kerouac, (1923 - 1969), U.S. Beat Generation novelist

As soon as there is life there is danger.

- Ralph Waldo Emerson, (1803 - 1882)

Though a tree grows so high, the falling leaves return to the root. - Malay proverb

God loved the birds and invented trees. Man loved the birds and invented cages.

- Jacques Deval, (1895 - 1972), French playwright, director

When I want to read a novel, I write one.

- Benjamin Disraeli, (1804 - 1881)

It's not the actor's job to be emotional - it is the actor's job to be direct. - David Mamet, (1947 -), U.S. playwright, screenwriter, essayist., *On Directing Film* (1990)

The mother art is architecture. Without an architecture of our own we have no soul of our own civilization. - Frank Lloyd Wright, (1869 - 1959)

Civilization consists in the multiplication and refinement of wants. - Robert A. Millikan, (1868 - 1953), U.S. physicist, Nobel prize winner 1923

Cities, like cats, will reveal themselves at night.

- Rupert Brooke, (1887 - 1915), English poet

Silence is as deep as Eternity.

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

Correct thinkers think that "baseball trivia" is an oxymoron. Nothing about baseball is trivial.

- George Will, (1941 -), U.S. newspaper columnist, journalist, author

The trouble is that the market may look mechanistic, but it is not. - William Bonner, U.S. financial columnist, author, publisher. *Financial Reckoning Day* (2003)

A serious reviewer should have an axe to grind. If you don't, your judgements will appear ephemeral, casual, even indifferent. But when you have an axe to grind, it is essential that you should not know what it is, and neither should anyone else.

- Anatole Broyard, (1920 - 1990), U.S. writer, editor, literary critic

The essence of optimism is that it takes no account of the present, but it is a source of inspiration, of vitality and hope where others have resigned; it enables a man to hold his head high, to claim the future for himself and not to abandon it to his enemy

- Dietrich Bonhoeffer, (1906 - 1945), German theologian

Without ambition one starts nothing. Without work one finishes nothing. The prize will not be sent to you. You have to win it. The man who knows how will always have a job. The man who also knows why will always be his boss.

- Ralph Waldo Emerson, (1803 - 1882)

Nothing can be more idle than the opposition of theory to practice. What is theory, if it be not a knowledge of the laws which connect effects with their causes, facts with facts? And who can be better acquainted with facts than the theorist who surveys them under all their aspects, and comprehends their relation to each other? And what is practice without theory, but the employment of means without knowing how or why they act?

- Jean-Baptiste Say (1767 - 1832), French economist, businessman, *A Treatise On Political Economy* (1832)

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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