

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 - SEPTEMBER

Friday, September 14, 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 info on location and/or reservations.

Saturday, September 15, 6:15 pm

Monthly Dinner

TOPIC: Jerry Brooker, an author and local Mensan, will give a presentation on his trip to Mongolia. WHERE: The PUTNAM HOUSE Restaurant, 12 Depot Place, Bethel, CT 06801 (downtown - across from old railroad station), (www.theputnamhouse.com. The dinner will be held on the 2nd Floor. Dinner Menu 1 - a vegetarian option is included 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.

You can bring a donation of money or food to benefit the Connecticut Food Bank. Contact Jim Mizera at jmizera@hotmail.com or (203) 522-1959 for reservations or info. Reservations strongly encouraged but not required.

CONNECTICUT AND WESTERN MASSACHUSETTS CHAPTER UPCOMING EVENTS

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

SEPTEMBER

6, 13, 20, 27 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

7 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.polans-

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ki@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.

12 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

14 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 Joe Lynch josephlynch@comcast.net.

20 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!

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REGIONAL GATHERINGS

October 5 - 7, 2012

***Connecticut & Western Massachusetts Mensa
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MensAutumn XXXV***

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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**

By the time you read this, the Board of Directors will have most likely already had their most recent meeting. This meeting is very important, as it is one of only two before elections are held. Many of the Board members are working towards another term, some in new positions, others in the same position. I will be running for Regional Vice Chair of Region 1 again this year. This could lead to my second term as your representative and liason to American Mensa.

The meeting in September will have a motion for raising dues for Mensa. I agree that raising dues to adapt to inflation is necessary. Others would argue this point. I also agree that projecting for flat membership numbers empowers the Executive Director to improve, by not drastically lowering the budget. (Revenue is calculated at \$/member. Lower projected members, and the whole budget goes down.) Others would argue this as well. The part I do not agree with is the justification of expenses and current non-dues revenue.

Mensa spends A LOT of money. And last year I sat in on the budget meeting. The Finance Committee and staff do a lot of work to prepare for that meeting and the meeting itself is long and difficult, as it contains so many details. I believe completely that every member of that committee is trying to do his or her best for the organization. I also think that more transparent justification for expenses could be made. This is not unique to Mensa. This is not unique to volunteer organizations. But it certainly is an area that we can improve. When I say transparent, it means that I know MANY of the expenses are justified and necessary... they just needs the documentation to support them. This way, Board members can make better informed decisions.

New Revenue. Mensa is awesome! No doubt in my mind, it is the most wonderful organization I have ever connected with. But Mensa can be GREAT. There are many layers and angles that need to be covered to accomplish this - marketing, publicity, branding, licensing, and much more. I said I didn't agree with our current non-dues revenue. Correction... I expect more than the current situation. I am TOTALLY happy with the Marketing Committee and the Marketing Director John McGill and his team. I see the situation changing already. I believe this will lead to higher levels of non-dues revenue, slow dues increases, and bring Mensa to more and more people. You will see steady improvements in our branding, and I look forward to this team breaking the mould, and propelling us to GREATNESS.

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PUZZLES & QUESTIONS

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

1. Which English word that is not a proper noun has the strangest spelling?
2. How many states in the United States have as their capital their most populous city?
3. Describe "constructive pessimism".
4. About what percentage of solid waste in Connecticut is recycled?
5. What is the best training for entrepreneurs?
6. What is the depth of the deepest ocean on earth?
7. Which city is the best for the Summer Olympics?
8. How many airplane pilots are there in the United States?
9. What do financial auditors check?
10. How many M.B.A. degrees were awarded in the U.S. last year?

PUZZLES & QUESTIONS ANSWERS TO LAST MONTH'S PUZZLES:

2. Name the 10 largest cities in New England and estimate their populations.

A: The 12 largest New England cities and their city populations and metro area populations are: 1. Boston, Mass.: 617,594 (4,552,402); 2. Worcester, Mass.: 181,045 (798,552); 3. Providence, Rhode Island: 178,042 (1,600,852); 4. Springfield, Mass.: 153,060 (692,942); 5. Bridgeport, CT: 144,229 (916,829); 6. New Haven, CT: 129,779 (862,477); 7. Hartford, CT: 124,775 (1,212,381); 8. Stamford, CT: 122,643 (part of Bridgeport's metro area); 9. Waterbury, CT: 110,366 (228,984); 10. Manchester, NH: 109,565 (400,721); 11. Lowell, Mass.: 106,519 (315,158); 12. Cambridge, Mass.: 105,162 (part of Greater Boston)

4. What are the events in the triathlon? What are the events in a pentathlon? In the Olympic decathlon?

A: The most common form of the triathlon includes swimming, cycling, and running races. The distances in these competitions vary. The Olympic triathlon (also known as the Intermediate or Standard triathlon) has a 1.5 kilometres (0.93 mi) swim, a 40 kilome-

tres (25 mi) bike race, and a 10 kilometres (6.2 mi) run.

In the modern pentathlon, the events are shooting, swimming, fencing, equestrian (horse racing), and cross country running. In the Ancient Greek Olympic pentathlon, the five events were the long jump, javelin throw, discus throw, stadion (a short foot race), and wrestling. It was a one-day event.

The Olympics decathlon consists of these ten contests: long jump, shot put, high jump, 400-metre running race, 110-metre hurdles, the discus throw, the pole vault, the javelin throw, and the 1500-metre run.

In the 1912 Olympic Games, Jim Thorpe won both the pentathlon and decathlon titles.

6. What is the oldest operating nuclear plant in the world?

A: The Beznau I nuclear power plant in Beznau, Switzerland, is now the world's oldest operating nuclear power plant. It opened on September 1, 1969. It may continue until 2019.

PUZZLES & QUESTIONS *continued*

The Oldbury Nuclear Power Station near Thornbury, South Gloucester in England shut down on March 1 this year, after operating for over 44 years.

8. Who was the first British prime minister?

A: It is unclear who the first British prime minister was since the term did not become official until 1906. The term first appeared in official documents during Benjamin Disraeli's time as premier, although it was used informally, often derisively, before. The prime minister is the First Lord of the Treasury.

Robert Walpole (1676 - 1745), who was in office from 1721 - 1742, is generally considered to be the first person to hold the powers associated with the modern prime minister. Henry Campbell-Bannerman was the first person to hold the official title of prime minister. He held the office from 1905 - 1908.

10. Who are the top five wheat-exporting countries? Who are the top five wheat-importing countries?

A: In 2008-2009, the top five wheat-exporting countries were the 1) United States, 26.7 million metric tons; 2) the Russian Federation, 18.5; 3) Canada, 17.75; 4) Australia, 13.5; 5) Ukraine, 12.5. The next five top wheat exporters were 6) Argentina, 8.4; 7) Kazakhstan, 5.0; 8) Turkey, 2.0; 9) China, .75; and 10) India, .3. A total of more than 138 million metric tonnes of wheat were exported that year.

The top five wheat-importing countries were in 2008-2009 were 1) Egypt, 9.5 million metric tonnes; 2) Iran, 8.5; 3) Brazil, 6.5; 4) Algeria, 5.6; 5) Japan, 5.5. The next biggest wheat importers were 6) Indonesia, 5.3; 7) Morocco, 4.0; 8) Iraq, 3.7; 9) Nigeria, 3.5; 10) Turkey, 3.5.

The top ten wheat producing countries in 2010 were 1) People's Republic of China, 115 million metric tons; 2) India, 81 million; 3) United State, 60 million; 4) Russia, 42 million; 5) France, 38 million; 6) Germany, 24 million; 7) Pakistan, 23 million; 7) Canada, 23 million; 9) Australia, 22 million; 10) Turkey, 19 million. Collectively, these ten nations produced about 447 million metric tones of wheat, an estimated 68% of the world's total production of 651 million metric tons.

Dutch wheat farms were the most productive in 2010, producing about 8.9 tonnes per hectare, compared to the world average of about 3.1 tonnes/hectare. A New Zealand farmer set the world record that year with a yield of 15.636 tonnes/hectare (232.64 bushels/acre).

WORD CHECK

See if you can define these maritime words.

1. atoll -

2. archipelago -

3. bay -

4. bayou -

5. breakwater -

6. channel -

7. cove -

8. estuary -

9. gulf -

10. isle -

11. isthmus -

12. lagoon -

13. reef -

14. shoal -

15. strait -

1. atoll - a ring-shaped coral reef or a string of closely spaced small coral islands, enclosing or nearly enclosing a shallow lagoon.
2. archipelago - 1. a large group or chain of islands. 2. any large body of water with many islands.
3. bay - a body of water forming a recess or indentation in a shoreline; an inlet; a large cove or a small gulf.
4. bayou - a marshy arm, inlet, or outlet of a lake or river, usually sluggish or stagnant.
5. breakwater - a barrier that breaks the force of waves, as before a harbor.
6. channel - 1. the bed of a stream, river, or other waterway. 2. a navigable route between two bodies of water.
7. cove - a small indentation or recess in the shoreline of a sea, lake, or river.
8. estuary - 1. the mouth of a river. 2. that part of the mouth or lower course of a river in which the river's current meets the sea's tide.
9. gulf - 1. a portion of an ocean or sea partly enclosed by land. 2. a deep hollow; chasm or abyss. 3. any wide separation, as in position, status, or education.
10. isle - a small island.
11. isthmus - 1. a narrow strip of land connecting two large bodies of land. 2. in anatomy, a connecting part, organ, or passage, usually narrow, that joins structures or cavities larger than itself.
12. lagoon - an area of shallow water separated from the sea by low sandy dunes.
13. reef - a low rocky or sandy ridge near the water line; a sand bar; a shoal.
14. shoal - shallow water that is a hazard to navigation.
15. strait - 1. a narrow connecting passage of water. 2. a position of difficulty or need.

ANSWERS:

NOTED & QUOTED

We do not ride upon the railroad; it rides upon us.

- Henry David Thoreau, (1817 - 1862)

Our entire history is only the history of waking men.

- Georg Christoph Lichtenberg, (1742 - 1799)

Summer is drawn blinds in Louisiana, long winds in Wyoming, shade of elms and maples in New England. - Archibald MacLeish, (1892 - 1982), U.S. essayist, playwright, and poet

All children are essentially criminal.

- Denis Diderot, (1713 - 1784), French editor, philosopher

Every minute starts an hour.

- Anonymous

There is no such thing as inner peace. There is only nervousness and death.

- Fran Lebowitz, (1951 -), U.S. writer, humorist

I hate definitions!

- Benjamin Disraeli, (1804 - 1881),

What a time! What a civilization!

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

Oh, this age! How tasteless and ill-bred it is!

- Gaius Valerius Catullus, (87? - 54? B.C.E.), Roman poet

You can't measure time in days the way you can money in dollars because every day is different.

- Jorge Luis Borges, (1899 - 1986), Argentine poet, essayist, and short-story writer

One often learns more from ten days of agony than from ten years of contentment.

- Merle Shain, (1935 - 1989), Canadian journalist, editor, newscaster

Ham acting is technique in excess of emotion.

- Margaret Webster, (1905 - 1972), U.S. theatrical actress, producer, director

Temper, if ungoverned, governs the whole man.

- Lord Anthony Ashley Cooper Shaftesbury, (1671 - 1713), English philosopher

All great art is born of the metropolis.

- Ezra Pound, (1885 - 1972), U.S. poet

... the difference between town and country is mostly the view. - Nan Fairbrother, (1913 - 1971), English landscape architect, writer

As soon as the spectators and the hearers are affected by the same feelings which the artist felt - that is art. - Leo Tolstoy, (1828 - 1910)

If you write to impress it will always be bad, but if you write to express it will be good.

- Thornton Wilder, (1897-1975), U.S. playwright, novelist

Bad humor is an evasion of reality; good humor is an acceptance of it.

- Malcolm Muggeridge, (1903 - 1990), English journalist and author

Often times I have hated in self-defense; if I were stronger I would not have used such a weapon.

Kahlil Gibran, (1884 - 1931), Syrian-American writer and artist

Ö verse is for vision, prose is for ideas.

- Henrik Ibsen, (1828 - 1906), Norwegian playwright

With our short sight we affect to take a comprehensive view of eternity. Our horizon is the universe.

- Paul Laurence Dunbar, (1872 - 1906), Afro-American poet

Clouds are not spheres, mountains are not cones, coastlines are not circles, and bark is not smooth, nor does lightning travel in a straight line.

- Benoit Mandelbrot, (1924 - 2010), French-American mathematician

The best people possess a feeling for beauty, the courage to take risks, the discipline to tell the truth, the capacity for sacrifice. Ironically, their virtues make them vulnerable; they are often wounded, sometimes destroyed.

- Ernest Hemingway, (1899 - 1961)

The only guide to a man is his conscience; the only shield to his memory is the rectitude and sincerity of his actions. It is very imprudent to walk through life without this shield, because we are so often mocked by the failure of our hopes and the upsetting of our calculations; but with this shield, however the fates may play, we march always in the ranks of honor.

- Winston Churchill, (1874 - 1965)

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.

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Fiscal Year: April 1 - March 31

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INCOME

American Mensa

Local Group Support Funds: **\$648.35**

Total Income \$648.35

EXPENSES

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Chronicle Postage & Supplies: 90.00

TOTAL EXPENSES: \$217.62

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