

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 - OCTOBER

Friday, October 12, 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.

Friday, October 19, 8:00 pm

Theater Event: The Big Knife

Clifford Odet's drama "The Big Knife" at the Milford Eastbound Theatre, 40 Railroad Avenue South, Milford, CT 06460 (at the Railroad Station building), www.milfordarts.org/theatre/. For information or reservations, contact Jim Mizera at jmizera@hotmail.com or (203) 522-1959.

Saturday, October 20, 6:15 pm

Monthly Dinner

TOPIC: Southern CT Mensa President Debra Jennings will talk about the Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Awards. These awards are given out annually to organizations in six categories by the Baldrige Performance Excellence Program, part of the National Institute of Standards and Technology, an agency of the U.S. Department of Commerce.

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.

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CONNECTICUT AND WESTERN MASSACHUSETTS CHAPTER UPCOMING EVENTS

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

OCTOBER

4, 11, 18, 25 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

5 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.

10 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

12 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

13 Saturday 9:00 am - 2:00 pm

A Day At The Races!

at Lime Rock Park Racetrack, Lime Rock CT. Hosts: Mike Yost (GNYM), Tom Thomas (C&WM)

The Bruce Grohe Memorial SIG invites you to the beautiful Lime Rock Park racetrack to enjoy a day of VSCCA Vintage Sports Car racing. Join That Nice Tom Thomas and the Surprisingly Gentle Mike Yost, sit on a grass hillside watching a variety of old racers negotiate Lime Rocks challenging circuit. Feast on whatever you bring (and what you might care to buy from the not-too-bad concession stand) and enjoy autumn in New England. Dress in layers, expect anything from sunny and warm to cool and damp; the races run rain or shine. These vintage sports cars are not over-restored 'Trailer Queens', but are old racing cars actually racing, some quite aggressively. Free admission to the paddock allows you to wander around and get an up close look at some great machines, and the colorful characters who drive and maintain them.

Meet us on the Infield Spectator Area over-

looking the Esses. Look for yellow balloons. BYO lawn chairs or blankets, picnic food and drink. No pets and No Glass Bottles (track rules, not ours). Admission is reasonable, usually about 15 dollars at the gate, Children under 12 Free. (Yes, this is a Family Friendly Event.)

Lime Rock is located in northwestern Connecticut, and getting there on the scenic roads of the area is part of the fun.

For more information, including directions and how to order tickets visit their website:

<http://www.limerock.com/> or you can call them at 1-800-RACE-LRP For details about this event, or to RSVP, email mike@mikeyost.com, or call his mobile 917-603-0410, or find me on facebook.

18 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!

21 Sunday 12:30 - 2:30 pm

Book Discussion

We will discuss The Essential Adam Smith by Robert L. Heilbroner at Howie and Bev Brender's home in Cromwell. There are lots of copies of this book in public libraries. Questions? Howie Brender howiebren@gmail.com or Bev Brender bevbrender@sbcglobal.net

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28 Friday 5:30 pm

Fourth Friday Happy Hour

Playwright Pub and Restaurant, 1232 Whitney Ave., Hamden, [tp://www.playwrightirishpub.com](http://www.playwrightirishpub.com)
 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

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.
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).

WHO WANTS TO BE A MILLIONAIRE?

ABC's game show is always looking for bright, energetic people like Mensa members to become contestants!

You can attend auditions & tapings at Millionaire in Manhattan on Monday through Thursday, thru mid-November. The morning and afternoon arrival times are 9:00am and 1:00pm. The show holds contestant auditions at every taping -the only way to audition during our Tape Season is by being a member of the studio audience. An audience member could even be selected at random to play a question for the chance to win \$1,000!

The most available tape dates are listed on our website - www.millionairetv.com. You can also contact

Daniel Wolfson
 Who Wants To Be A Millionaire
 Audience Coordinator
 125 West End Avenue, 1st Floor
 New York, NY 10023

Tapings are at:
 ABC Studios
 320 West 66th Street - just past West End Avenue (11th Ave.)
 New York, NY 10023
 Ticket Hotline Number: (212) 456-1494

SEPTEMBER DINNER A VISIT TO MONGOLIA

Jerry Brooker, world traveler, author, and Southern CT Mensan, and a speaker at several of our previous dinners, returned in September to give a presentation on his latest venture, his visit to Mongolia in July. His trip to Mongolia seems to be part of a trend in Jerry's journeys, as in the last few years he has explored distant Asian and Far Eastern lands - North Korea, New Guinea, Indonesia, Tibet, Bhutan, and Nepal. As in his previous ventures, he brought back many photos of the people, culture, landscapes, and animal life and he shared with assembled Mensans his memories of an exotic land and a slideshow of its wonders.

MONGOLIA - A FIRST LOOK

One thing that interested Jerry about Mongolia is the contrast between its size and its population. He told us that it stretches about 2000 miles across, about two-thirds the width of the U.S. But with its vast open desert areas, it has fewer than 3 million people, less than one-hundredth the U.S. population, making it the most sparsely populated nation on earth. Landlocked, it is bordered by two giants - Russia on the north and China on the south, east and west. Both of these powers have played important roles in Mongolia's history. Having been to Russia and having visited China five times, Jerry said he was interested in seeing their cultural influence on their Mongolian neighbor.

China's and Russia's shadows have confused many people about Mongolia's political status. Jerry cleared up this point at the outset - Mongolia is an independent country not to be confused with the Chinese province of Mongolia, a semi-autonomous region that borders Mongolia and was once part of the Mongolian empire. To distinguish the two, Jerry said, the independent nation is sometimes called Outer Mongolia while the Chinese province is called Inner or Southern Mongolia.

China ruled both inner and outer Mongolia for several centuries, from the late 17th century until the early 20th century. But the Soviet Union helped Outer Mongolia secure its independence from China in 1921, and it became a communist

state under Russian influence. Inner Mongolia remained part of China and the majority of people living there are no longer Mongolian because so many Han Chinese moved into the province.



In the wake of the fall of the Iron Curtain, Mongolia had its own democratic revolution in 1990 and established a parliamentary republic. Jerry said that since then, Mongolia seems to be moving away from Russia. He mentioned that the Mongolian written language still retains the Cyrillic alphabet, but Mongolian urban areas are rejecting the "uninspiring" aesthetics of the old Soviet-style concrete apartment blocks and China has replaced Russia as Mongolia's main trading partner.

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THE CAPITAL - MONGOLIA'S METROPOLIS

Jerry flew into the Chinggis Khaan International Airport near Ulan Bator (sometimes spelled Ulaanbaatar), the capital of Mongolia and its largest city by far, with over a million people. The city is not only the transportation hub of Mongolia but also an important link between Russia and China. As Jerry pointed out, it is the main stop on the Trans-Mongolian Railway, which links Russia's Trans-Siberian Railway with the Chinese railway system. It is also the main



point of the nation's roadways, as it has paved roads, a rarity in Mongolia, that lead out of it to both Russia and China. Jerry commented that most of the roads in Mongolia are merely gravel or dirt,

which makes traveling the vast nation an arduous task.

MONGOLIA'S HISTORY IN MONUMENTS AND ARCHITECTURE

Accompanied by a helpful 20-year old Mongolian guide, Jerry traveled about Ulan Bator taking good shots of the capital's historic

sites, including a photo of a monument in the main square honoring Mongolia's most historic figure, the great conqueror Chinggis (Genghis) Khan (1162 - 1227) (see photo). This impressive monument sits at the top of the front steps leading into Mongolian Parliament building.

Khan began his military career as the Mongol chieftain Temujin. After uniting the Mongol tribes, he took the title Chinggis Khan in 1206, and forged his army into a mighty and ferocious conquering horde that swarmed across Asia. Jerry pointed out the vast scope of Khan's sweep - he conquered 50 countries, including much of China, to create the Mongol Empire, the largest contiguous land empire in world history.

After Chinggis Khan's death, the Mongolian empire was divided among his four sons. The Mongolians honor Khan's sons, Jerry remarked, for extending the Mongol Empire in all directions - to Poland in the west and Korea in the east, and from Siberia in the north to Vietnam in the south, ultimately covering almost one-fifth of the world's area and comprising 100 million people.

Jerry mentioned Khan's grandson Kublai Khan, whom you may remember from Marco Polo's adventures, as a particularly important figure in both Mongolian and Chinese history. In 1259, Kublai Khan became the first man to unify all of China. His dynasty lasted for more than a century, until 1368. In that year, the Chinese drove the Mongols out of power and back to their homeland.

Jerry likes to study the religions of the lands he visits and Mongolian Buddhism has an interesting history dating back far before the Khan dynasties. After being driven from China in 1368, The Mongols for the next three centuries warred with themselves and with China. But amidst the conflict, the culture was changing. In

the 16th century, Tibetan Buddhism replaced shamanism as the dominant religion of Mongolia. Many Buddhist monasteries were founded in the next two centuries, and the monasteries and temples combined Mongolian, Chinese, and Tibetan styles of architecture. Jerry showed us a good example, the Gandan, a restored Tibetan monastery in the Mongolian capital.

Despite becoming Buddhist, Mongolian life has retained traces of shamanism, and Jerry showed us one picture of a shaman in the countryside. He also took a picture of a Buddhist monk (see photo below) but he said, "I did not see many monks, certainly not nearly as many as I saw when I visited Tibet." There are fewer monks in Mongolia, he said, because the former Communist dictatorship, which was officially atheistic, discouraged religious practice and tore down many Buddhist temples.



Consequently, Buddhists make up only slightly more than half the population now.

Nonetheless, signs of the Buddha are common and Jerry captured on film the biggest one, the Gandanian Monastery's giant 30-foot tall gold Buddha statue (photo).

THE BIG FESTIVAL

Jerry arrived just before the Naadam festival, Mongolia's big three-day summer celebration that celebrates ancient Mongolia's traditions and modern Mongolia's independence. After leaving the capital, he and his guide drove three hours across the desert to take in a local Nadaam festival. The festival showcases the three traditional Mongolian sports - archery, horse racing, and wrestling, all of which hark back to Mongolia's military past. But, as Jerry explained, in Mongolia, each of these sports differs from its Western version.

Mongolian archers don't use the modern bows that Western archers do but the old crossbows (see photo). Another distinction: their archers aim not for a single bulls-eye but for hundreds of targets on a big wall. Male and female teams compete for national recognition



as marksmen. Despite the differences in their culture's archery, the Mongolian

archers participate in world competitions and several competed in the 2012 Summer Olympics.

Unlike in the West, where horse races are usually for only about one-mile, Mongolian horse racing, in keeping with its nomadic traditions, is long-distance racing over 15 - 30 kilometers (9 - 18 miles) of open country. Another distinctive part of the races: the jockeys are children -mostly pre-teen youngsters who have trained for several months for the big race.

"Mongolian wrestling is different from Western wrestling in some surprising ways," Jerry told us. "For one, it has no weight classes!" Moreover, he added, the wrestlers don't try to pin their opponent. Instead they try to spin him off and throw him or knock him down. The winner is the first wrestler to make his opponent touch the ground with his elbow and knee.

All the Naadam competitions are filled with song and ceremony and the winners are highly honored and awarded with ancient titles and big prizes.

Jerry's descriptions and photos brought out both the joy and thrills of this grand festival.



NOMADIC LIFE IN THE DESERT AND THE STEPPES

Jerry said that he was eager to explore the geography of Mongolia, particularly that of the Gobi Desert, and to observe the life of the nomads who inhabit the land. Although the nation is modernizing, about 30% of Mongolia's people still live as nomadic herders. So Jerry spent much of his tour visiting their villages, sometimes riding the camels and horses that the nomads travel on.

Mongolians have traditionally pursued the nomadic life because the country doesn't have much land fit for farming, as much of its area is covered by steppes - large treeless plains, with mountains to the north and west and the vast Gobi Desert to the south. The country's elevation is high, and the climate is mostly cold, dry, and windy, with short summers, which creates a landscape with few trees.

The word desert may conjure up images of a hot, sand-covered region, but the Gobi desert is cold most of the year and has much more bare rock than sand. This, however, Jerry explained, is an incomplete picture because the Gobi comprises a few different ecological regions and is home to semi-desert areas, desert steppes, mountainous ranges, valleys, and grasslands. To Jerry, in some areas it looked "more like an African Savannah". So the Gobi Desert is not purely a desert. The name "Gobi" reflects this fact - it is actually a Mongol word for a desert steppe, a land with sparse vegetation that can support camels but not cows, and may support small herds of horses, sheep, and goats if they move on frequently, like nomads.

While the Gobi is not the Sahara, it definitely has, as Jerry brought out, some extreme characteristics. "The sand dunes (photo below) can be 50 to 60 miles long and five miles deep," he observed. While the summer heat can be intense, the winters are long and extremely cold, with temperatures falling as low as -40% C.

Mongolian nomads live in the traditional



Mongolian dwelling known as a ger, which are portable structures covered with animal skin and sheep's wool. They are like the Russian

yurt. Jerry visited a desert nomad's ger and showed us photos of the colorfully decorated inside of the homes (photo below). He chuckled that there didn't seem to be much privacy in the desert - neighbors came into the gers right in the middle of the night just to visit and say hello.

ANIMALS

You might think that the Mongolian desert and steppes, with their arid climate and sparse vegetation, would be inhospitable to animals, but Jerry found an interesting variety of creatures in the country - most of them friendly. However, when one Mongolian villager told him that there were wolves prowling around at night, Jerry felt ill at ease walking outside after dark. His host told him "don't worry about them", but Jerry said that he didn't find those words very reassuring.

Jerry found Mongolia's bactrian (two-humped) camels more amiable and rode one in the desert. (The more familiar one-humped camels are called dromedaries). Learning to ride the bactrian camel took a little adjusting, but from Jerry's photos, it looked like he had mastered the reins and was ready to lead the nomadic life.

Mongolians ride both camels and horses. Jerry had shown us the thrilling Mongolian open-country horse racing during the Nadaam festival, but he also gave us a chance to see nomads using the horses in their daily travels. Not all of the horses have been domesticated; Jerry showed us a photo of wild horses, which he said travel in herds of 15 -20.

One of the interesting creatures in the Gobi is the ibex, a wild goat with long, curved horns. It tends to live in the mountains and higher elevations. Some people think that the ibex is the source for the unicorn of legend.

The Gobi is home to many small animals. For example, Jerry said, the south Gobi has 30 - 40

different types of butterflies, and he showed us a beautiful picture he took of one. He had several other photos of the varied life in the desert, including shots of a snake and a gecko. "You can see geckos everywhere," Jerry said, and his photo caught one of them almost picture-perfect. Another great photo was of a big Mongolian gerbil, whose large ears might frighten some pet owners.

TRADITIONS AND CHANGE



While life in the villages may seem very traditional, Jerry found the signs of change evident. In the towns of Mongolia, he observed that the

women wore colorful traditional skirts while most of the men wore western attire. This seemed to indicate a tension between the past and the future. What old customs and practices that Jerry saw among the villagers and the nomads may be a disappearing way of life. He explained that five years ago, Mongolians discovered gold, copper, and oil in their country. Since then, he said, many nomads have abandoned their life in the desert for work in these growing industries or in coalmines. As the mines and oil fields are further developed, many more of the young may give up the isolation and meager existence of the desert for the lure of a better life in new industrial areas.

The transition for Mongolia's youth may not be easy. Jerry said that the young boys seem extremely unsocial, similar to the youngsters he saw in isolated tribes in the Arctic. The struggle between tradition and change may be unsettling or alienating Mongolian young men. According to one statistic he heard, Jerry said that one in seven teenage Mongolian boys commit suicide.

Jerry continues to draw on his travels in writing his fiction. His latest book 'There's a Fortune Cookie in My Turtle Soup' is a humorous novel about cultural conflicts between Chinese and Americans. You can check it out, along with his previous novels and books of poetry at his website www.gerardbrooker.com or at other book websites.

PUZZLES & QUESTIONS

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

1. What things are inevitable?
2. How many national parks are there in the U.S.? How many state parks are there?
3. How could charities be improved?
4. How many soldiers fought in the Battle of Waterloo? How many died?
5. How can critics refine their judgment?
6. Where does Connecticut rank among the 50 states in area, population size, and population density?
7. How well do investors learn from their mistakes as they age?
8. What are the differences between bisons and buffaloes?
9. Describe the history of the conflict between Athens and Sparta in ancient Greece.
10. How many major league baseball batters have hit for the natural cycle - a single, double, triple, and homer in sequence - in a game?
11. What were the best monuments built since 2000?
12. About what percentage of the world's agricultural production does the U.S. produce (by value)?

PUZZLES & QUESTIONS ANSWERS TO LAST MONTH'S PUZZLES:

2. How many states in the United States have as their capital their most populous city?
A: Only 17 of the 50 states have their largest city in population as their state capital.
4. About what percentage of solid waste in Connecticut is recycled?
A: About one-third.
6. What is the depth of the deepest ocean on earth?
A: The Pacific Ocean has the deepest average depth - 4,000 - 4,200 meters (about 13,215 feet). The Mariana Trench in the western North Pacific is the deepest point in the world - 10,911 meters (35,797 ft).
8. How many airplane pilots are there in the United States?
A: About 90,000.
10. How many M.B.A. degrees were awarded in the U.S. last year?
A: More than 156,000, up from 21,000 in 1970. About 25% of all Master's degrees awarded are MBAs.

WORD CHECK

See if you can define these words about words and language.

- 1. ablaut -
- 2. adnoun -
- 3. anagram -
- 4. aptonym -
- 5. billingsgate -
- 6. chiasmus -
- 7. creole -
- 8. demonym -
- 9. epistrophe -
- 10. eponym -
- 11. lingua franca -
- 12. patronym -
- 13. pleonasm -
- 14. syncope -
- 15. tmesis -

- 1. ablaut - a vowel change that accompanies a change in grammatical function. Example: sing, sang, and sung.
- 2. adnoun - the use of an adjective as a noun. Example: Blessed are the merciful.
- 3. anagram - a word, phrase, or sentence formed from another by rearranging its letters.
- 4. aptonym - a name aptly suited to its owner because it fits his or her occupation or characteristics.
- 5. billingsgate - coarsely abusive language.
- 6. chiasmus - a figure of speech which inverts the words, ideas, or grammatical structure of the first of two parallel clauses in the second parallel clause. Examples: "He knowingly led and we followed blindly;" "In peace sons bury their fathers, but in war fathers bury their sons."
- 7. creole - a language that originates from two other languages and has features of both.
- 8. demonym - a name for a resident of a particular city, territory, or country. Example: A Cypriot is a person from Cyprus.
- 9. epistrophe - the repetition of a word or phrase at the end of successive clauses or sentences. Example: "of the people, by the people, for the people" - Abraham Lincoln
- 10. eponym - a person from whose name a word is derived. Example: Atlas, the Greek mythological figure, became a word meaning 'a collection of maps'.
- 11. lingua franca - any language that is widely used as a means of communication among speakers of other languages.
- 12. patronym - a name derived from the name of father or an ancestor; a surname or family name.
- 13. pleonasm - the use of more words than those necessary to denote mere sense the man he said
- 14. syncope - 1. the loss of one or more sounds, especially unstressed vowels, from the middle of a word. Example: library pronounced as library. 2. fainting; a short loss of consciousness caused by the loss of blood flow to the brain.
- 15. tmesis - inserting a word in the middle of another; separation of the parts of a compound word by one or more intervening words. Example: any-old-how.

ANSWERS:

NOTED & QUOTED

The unexamined day is not worth living.

- *Publisher's Weekly* book review

When the legends die, the dreams end. When the dreams end, there is no more greatness.

- *Korczak Ziolkowski* (1908 - 1982), U.S. sculptor, monument builder

Farming is everybody's business.

- *Ralph Waldo Emerson*, (1803 - 1882)

There are two great days in a person's life - the day we are born and the day we discover why.

- *William Barclay*, (1907 - 1978), Scottish theologian

I can't die. It would ruin my image.

- *Jack LaLanne*, (1914 - 2011), U.S. chiropractor, fitness, nutrition, and exercise promoter

I'll yell tripe whenever tripe is served.

- *Walter Kerr*, (1913 - 1996), U.S. theater critic, playwright, lyricist, and director

Deadly poisons are concealed under sweet honey.

- *Ovid*, (43 B.C.E. - 18 A.D.), Roman poet

Men change, occasionally for the better.

- *Louis Begley*, (1933 -), U.S. novelist, lawyer

I shall howl gigantic curses at mankind.

- *Karl Marx*, (1818 - 1883), *Savage Songs* poem, Jan. 1841

From such crooked wood as that which man is made of, nothing straight can be fashioned.

- *Immanuel Kant*, (1724 - 1804)

The two foes of human happiness are pain and boredom.

- *Arthur Schopenhauer*, (1788 - 1860), German philosopher

I knew that what I had felt was envy or regret, not for something lost but for something never achieved.

- *P. D. (Phyllis Dorothy) James*, (1920 -), British mystery novelist, *The Children of Men*.

Television knows no night. It is perpetual day. TV embodies our fear of the dark, of night, of the other side of things.

- *Jean Baudrillard*, (1929 - 2007), French sociologist and philosopher

If the sun shines long enough, people stop noticing clouds on the horizon.

- *William Bonner*, U.S. financial columnist, author, publisher

Remember in the darkness what you have learned in the light. - *Joseph T. Bayly*, (1920 - 1986), U.S. author, editor, publishing executive

Our expression and our words never coincide, which is why the animals don't understand us.

- *Malcolm De Chazal*, (1902 - 1981), Mauritian writer and painter

Be a hypocrite if you like, but don't talk like one!

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

Of course, there must be subtleties. Just make sure you make them obvious.

- *Billy Wilder*, (1906 - 2002), Austro-Hungarian American filmmaker, screenwriter, producer

It ain't the roads we take; it's what's inside of us that makes us turn out the way we do.

- *O. Henry*, (1862 - 1910), U.S. short story writer, "The Roads We Take"

I laugh, and my laughter is not within me; I burn, and the burning is not seen outside.

- *Niccolo Machiavelli*, (1469 - 1527)

He that buys what he does not want will soon want what he cannot buy. - *Anonymous*

There are two perfectly good men: one dead, and the other unborn. - *Chinese proverb*

Fall seven times, stand up eight. - *Japanese proverb*

Put something off for one day, and 10 days will pass. - *Korean proverb*

Charity should begin at home but it should not stay there. - *Phillips Brooks*, (1835 - 1893), U.S. clergyman, author, lyricist

Press on! A better fate awaits you.

- *Victor Hugo*, (1802 - 1885)

There is a time to let things happen and a time to make things happen. - *Hugh Prather*, (1938 - 2010). U.S. author, minister, and counselor

I claim there never has been anything accomplished by a man unless he dreamed dreams and had visions of greater things. - *Levi Edgar Young*, (1874 - 1963), U.S. professor of history

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