

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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SCM CHAPTER EVENTS - OCTOBER

Tuesday, October 8, 7:00 pm

Art Exhibit

at Fairfield University, Regina A. Quick Center for the Arts, Thomas J. Walsh Art Gallery, Fairfield, CT. "Lewis Hine: The Rise of a Landmark" This is the opening reception for the show featuring 51 photos by Lewis Hine (1874 - 1940) documenting the construction of the Empire State Building. Contact Jim Mizera at jmizera@hotmail.com or call or text (203) 522-1959 for reservations or info.

Friday, October 11, 7:00 pm

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

at John's Best Pizza, Shop Rite Plaza, Federal Road, Danbury. 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 info on location and/or reservations.

Wednesday, October 16, 6:30 pm

Post Road Dinner

Coffee House. Whole Foods Market Cafe, 399 Post Road West, Westport, CT (I-95 Exit 17). Hear local artists while you sip on a cup of coffee or enjoy some dinner. Contact Jim Mizera at jmizera@hotmail.com or e-mail or text (203) 522-1959 for reservations or info.

Saturday, October 19, 6:30 pm

Monthly Dinner

Discussion: The topic for discussion will be "Griping about Computers - How Can We Get Along Better With Our Machines?" Mensans will discuss their pet peeves about their computing devices and offer suggestions on how to use them better.

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. 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 EVENTS

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

OCTOBER

3, 10, 17, 24, 31 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

4 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.

9 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

17 Thursday 6:30 pm

Pioneer Valley Dinner, West Springfield, MA

(ME, 3rd Thursday) Email Ian Fraser (ianfraser@usa.net) for more information, directions, or to RSVP. As always, new members and guests are encouraged to attend this always friendly and interesting event. We hope to see you there!

25 Friday 5:00 pm

Fourth Friday Happy Hour

Happy Hour (ME, 4th Friday) at The Playwright in Hamden, <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

UPCOMING EVENT

Saturday November 16th

Monthly Games Event

in Stamford (contact Joan Coprio jcoprio@optonline.net for details). Bring your own games, or play games from the chapter's collection. It's a good opportunity to try some Mind Games winners, or learn some new games.

REGIONAL GATHERINGS

Fri. - Sun., October 11 - 13, 2013

CT & WESTERN MASSACHUSETTS REGIONAL GATHERING

MensAutumn XXXVI
CampConnWeMa. The Summer Camp You Never Went To

Location: Quality Inn, 9 Whitehall Ave Mystic, CT 06355 (near Mystic Aquarium and Mystic Seaport Museum).

Price: \$65 per person through Aug. 31. Full refunds available until Sept. 15, 2013

Take advantage of the extended early bird rate and register now!

Keep checking our website for updated information: www.cwm.us.mensa.org

NEWSLETTER DISTRIBUTION VOLUNTEER NEEDED

Do you have 2 hours per month to help with the distribution of this Newsletter? Less than about 25% of our members are not able to receive digitized versions. We are looking for someone to have copies printed, and then stamp and mail copies of the Chronicle. There is some flexibility in the timing, it can be done at your home at your convenience, and some receiving members would be very grateful for your time. Please contact our Local Secretary on locsec@rocketmail.com.

FROM THE LOCSEC

Hello Southern CT Mensa! You know what? We have a great chapter with a lot going on! Here are the top 5 News Items for this month:-

1. Connecticut's Regional Gathering

Join up to 100 other Mensans in our own state. Our 2013 RG will be held at the Quality Inn in Mystic, on October 11–13, 2013. Refer to cwm.us.mensa.org for registration and other information. This year promises to be a great year with the games room organized by our chapter. Come for the weekend, or just Saturday to meet other local Mensans, listen to speakers on a wide range of topics, share a meal, or try some new games.

2. Monthly Games Events

You are likely familiar with the monthly dinner speaker series in Bethel. We will also be kicking off a monthly games meet up in October. After Saturday games in Mystic on 10/12, the next games day will be 11/16 in Stamford (contact Joan jcoprio@optonline.net for Nov. details). Bring your own games, or play games from the chapter's collection. It's a good opportunity to try some Mind Games winners, or learn some new games.

3. Southern CT Mensa Sponsors Scholarships

Our chapter participates in the Mensa Foundation's college scholarship program. We do this by soliciting applicants, and having a panel of judges from the chapter review submissions and nominate finalists. The Foundation awards about \$90,000 to all of the winners every year, which last year included an applicant from our area. Our chapter will also select and award 3 additional winners. The awards are based only on the applicants' written essays.

4. Lots of Opportunities to Get Involved

We are looking for Scholarship Judges, a Testing Coordinator, Gifted Youth Coordinator, Membership Services, Database Coordinator, Newsletter Dispatch, and a Member at Large for the Executive Committee. We would also like to begin posting our events on MeetUp and are looking for someone to manage the posts. Most of these roles can be handled from home either mainly or exclusively. locsec@rocketmail.com Members are always invited to participate and comment on Mensa related matters.

5. October is Mensa's Membership Month

During October American Mensa's national site will be sharing historical tales, membership myths and other facts about this quirky, quizzical and quintessential organization for the intelligent. Mensa was founded in England on Oct. 1, 1946 for the purpose of sharing intelligent conversation and ideas in an open and accepting environment. This spirit lives on today throughout all 50 international chapters. Did you know that American Mensa was established in the United States in 1960 in Brooklyn, N.Y.? See more at us.mensa.org

Have a great month!

Deb Jennings

Have Extra Games?

Do you have some extra games or jigsaw puzzles around, or just looking to create some extra space? You could donate them to our chapter's collection of games. We are especially looking for a few extra games in advance of the RG, where we will be hosting the games room. (We also need a few jigsaw puzzles.) Contact Deb locsec@rocketmail.com

THE SEPTEMBER DINNER

THE FUNNIEST MOVIES

The Oscar awards given out annually by the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences (AMPAS) do not include an award for best comedy, but this has not stopped many organizations and web pundits from compiling rankings of the best comedy films of all time. Southern CT Mensan Joan Coprio, a film lover, recently investigated these rankings to try and find out if there is a consensus on the funniest films ever. At our September dinner, she presented her findings and showed highlights from several of the comic films that critics loved best.

Joan facetiously titled her talk "The Funniest Movie? A Highly Unscientific Analysis of Funniest Movie Lists." Although she has degrees in statistics and management science and has worked professionally analyzing statistical data, this project was simply a hobby of hers. As she told us, she has never worked in cinema but her interest in all types of films goes far back. She recalled that when she took a college course on the history of cinema back in her undergraduate years, it piqued her interest about the art form and motivated her to look more deeply into film classics. Since she loves investigating all types of questions on the Internet, her curiosity about the funniest films of all time naturally led her to Google the question and to do a meta-survey of film ranking sites on the web.

To find what critics and the public considered the funniest movies, Joan gathered data from the rankings found on five polls found on these websites: collegehumor.com, the American Film Institute's (AFI) web site, Bravo.com (Bravo TV), Timeout London, and boston.com. As you can see, this was a diverse sampling of demographic groups. Joan also used one other factor in rating the comedies - Forbes magazine laugh meter ratings, a listing which tracks the laughs per minute that movies generate.

Before she began her talk, Joan asked people to list their choices for the funniest movies. Some in our audience voted for lesser known films such as *It's a Mad, Mad World* (1963) and *The Lavender Hill Mob* (1951), the British comedy starring Alec Guinness. These didn't rank highly on the some of the sample sites that have a younger audience, but *The American Film Institute's* list included many older films like these, films such as *A Night at the Opera* (1935) and *The Odd Couple* (1968).

As she noted, Joan's unofficial composite list contained low brow, highbrow, slapstick, witty, and simply clever comedies. Using her notebook computer and her 24-inch Vizio LED monitor and drawing liberally from YouTube, she showed us some clips of various comedic styles from movies that showed up on multiple lists - for example, the Marx Brothers' *Duck Soup* (1933), the British comedy *Monty Python and the Holy Grail* (1975), the Cold War black humor comedy *Dr. Strangelove* (1964), and Carl Reiner's *The Jerk* (1979), which starred Steve Martin.

The winner for the funniest film of all?

According to Joan's sampling of surveys, it was *Airplane* (1980). It made all five lists Joan consulted and scored a high of three laughs per minute on Forbes' laugh meter.

Several Mensans offered their comments on the overall selection. One said he thought most of the films voted for were rather low-brow. Another commented that many were not uproarious but merely clever. Someone said that the British did not consider the *Monty Python* films, which won many votes on the all-time comedy lists, the same way that Americans did; they did not find it funny intellectually, he said, but considered them funny because of their timing and pauses.

Afterward, some people speculated about the cinematic and sociological features of great comedies. Joan recommended Rowan Atkinson's lecture on comedy on YouTube for people who wanted to dig into the psychology of humor. Atkinson is a veteran British radio, television, theater, and film actor, comedian, and screenwriter who was voted one of the top 50 comedians ever in a poll of fellow comedians.

Before her presentation, Joan mentioned an opportunity for Southern CT Mensans to serve as judges in Southern CT Mensa's annual Scholarship contest. Last year, Joan re-launched our chapter's Scholarship Essay contest, serving as SCM Scholarship Chair. We received submissions from 35 candidates and awarded a scholarship in the spring of 2013. This year, Joan returns to lead the effort and is again looking for members to judge essays for our contest. If you are interested, contact: jcoprio@optonline.net.

THE OCTOBER DINNER: Next month's dinner will be on Saturday, October 19. The topic for discussion will be "Griping about Computers - How Can We Get Along Better With Our Machines?"

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

1. How long does it take immigrants who speak a different language to assimilate? What factors speed or slow assimilation?
2. What percentage of the world's population lives on islands?
3. What were the funniest lines in Shakespeare's plays?
4. How much does a gallon of water weigh?
5. What playwrights have written both great tragedies and comedies?
6. Estimate how long each of these military conquerors lived: Alexander the Great, Hannibal of Carthage, Julius Caesar, Atilla the Hun, Genghis Khan, and Napoleon Bonaparte.
7. What are the most innovative companies in the world?
8. About how much of the U.S. corn crop is used to produce ethanol?
9. What is the most relaxing holiday?
10. What words in the English language have three consecutive double letters (e.g., aab-bcc)?
11. Name five to ten Impressionist painters.
12. How many men sailed on Christopher Columbus' first voyage to the New World?
13. When should a team punt in football?
14. What percentage of base hits in major league baseball this year were singles? Doubles? Triples? Home Runs?

PUZZLES & QUESTIONS ANSWERS TO LAST MONTH'S PUZZLES:

2. Who was the last signer of the Declaration of Independence to die?

A: Charles Carroll III, (1737 - 1832) a delegate from Maryland, was the last living signer of the Declaration of Independence. He died on November 14, 1832. When both Thomas Jefferson and John Adams died on July 4, 1776, Carroll became the last surviving signer of the Declaration.

Carroll was elected to the Continental Congress on July 4, 1776, and was a delegate there until 1778. He arrived too late to vote on the Declaration of Independence but signed the official document. He was elected to the Maryland State Senate in 1781 and served there until 1800. He became the first U.S. Senator from Maryland but had to resign the office in 1792 when Maryland passed a law prohibiting anyone from serving in both the Maryland legislature and the national legislature at the same time.

4. What are the five longest canals in the world?

A: Unofficially, the five longest transportation canals are: 1) China's Grand Canal, 1,776 Km./1,100 miles from Beijing to Hangzhou. Begun about 500 B.C.E.; 2) the Qaraqum Canal of Russia, 1,375 Km from Amu Darya to the Karukum Desert; 3) the Saimaa Canal of Russia, 814 Km from Saima to the Gulf of Finland; 4) the Eurasia Canal of Russia, 700 Km. from the Black Sea to the Kuma Maynch Depression 5) the Manych Ship Canal of Russia, 700 Km. from the Black Sea to the Caspian Sea. The sixth longest canal is the Erie Canal, 584 Km. or 350 miles between Buffalo and Troy, New York. The Suez Canal of Egypt is the 11th longest canal, stretching 190 Km. or miles from the Mediteranean to the Red Sea. It opened in 1825.

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WORD CHECK

See if you can define these words and phrases borrowed from foreign languages.

1. a capella (Latin) -
2. al fresco (Italian) -
3. atelier (French) -
4. bel canto (Italian) -
5. chateau (French) -
6. demi tasse or demitasse (French) -
7. de rigueur (French) -
8. ex post facto (Latin) -
9. in situ (Latin) -
10. meshuga (Hebrew) -
11. mestizo (Spanish) -
12. métier (French) -
13. pari passu (Latin) -
14. pro tempore (Latin) -
15. Weltanschauung (German) -

SYNONYM SENSE

See if you can come up with at least three synonyms or near synonyms for each word. Then see if you can give some antonyms.

1. attack (verb) -
2. applaud -
3. central -
4. converge -
5. exciting -
6. include -
7. radiate -
8. sane -

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PUZZLES & QUESTIONS *continued*

6. Name some adverbs that have two adverbial forms, such as 'loud' and 'loudly'.

A: Cheap and cheaply, close and closely, deep and deeply, direct and directly, free and freely, last and lastly, quick and quickly, right and rightly, sharp and sharply, slow and slowly, sure and surely, tight and tightly, wide and widely, and wrong and wrongly are all adverbs that have two forms with the same meaning.

8. About what percentage of the soldiers who fought for the Union in the U.S. Civil War were new immigrants to the country?

A: About 25 percent of the white soldiers fighting for the Union were immigrants (foreign born Americans). In about 19 percent of the regiments of the Union Army, half or more of the soldiers were born outside of the U.S.

10. How many U.S. cities had major league baseball teams in 1950?

A: There were 16 teams - 8 in the National League (NL) and 8 in the American League (AL), but New York City had 3 teams: NY Yankees (AL), NY Giants (NL), Brooklyn Dodgers (NL), and 4 cities had 2 teams. Boston had the Red Sox (AL) and the Braves (NL), Philadelphia had the Phillies (NL) and the Athletics (the A's) (AL), St. Louis had the Browns (AL) and the Cardinals (NL), and Chicago had the White Sox (AL) and the Cubs (NL). The other American League teams were the Detroit Tigers, the Cleveland Indians, and the Washington Senators. The other National League Teams were the Pittsburgh Pirates and the Cincinnati Reds. The major leagues expanded to 20 teams after the 1960 season by adding 2 new teams in each league, and to 24 teams by doing this again.

WORD CHECK ANSWERS:

1. a capella - without accompaniment by musical instruments
2. al fresco - in the fresh air; outdoors (usually used in dining).
3. atelier - an artist's studio.
4. bel canto - beautiful singing (used in opera).
5. chateau - 1. an elaborate country house; a manor house. 2. a French castle.
6. demi tasse - a half-cup or small cup, usually of coffee. Usually used to serve espresso or Turkish coffee.
7. de rigueur - required; necessary according to etiquette, protocol, or fashion.
8. ex post facto - after the fact; retroactive (often used in law).
9. in situ - in place, in position.
10. meshuga - senseless, crazy.
11. mestizo - racially mixed. Usually used to refer to a person of mixed European and South American Indian descent.
12. métier - 1. an activity to which a person is particularly suited. 2. an activity pursued as a trade or profession; a calling.
13. pari passu - 1. at an equal pace. 2. On an equal footing, with equal force., without partiality.
14. pro tempore - for the time being (used to describe a person, especially in government, acting in the absence of a superior).
15. Weltanschauung - world view; a comprehensive view or personal philosophy of human life and the universe (used in philosophy).

SYNONYM SENSE ANSWERS:

1. attack - assault, assail, agres, blitz, blitzkrieg, besiege, invade, bombard, strike, storm.
Antonyms: defend, protect, shield, guard, repel, flee, run, retreat, surrender, ward off.
2. applaud - acclaim, cheer, honor, lionize, praise.
Antonyms: boo, jeer, condemn, hoot, hector, vilify, disparage, malign.
3. central - middle, focal, main, core, cardinal, prime, primary, paramount, pivotal, essential, vital.
Antonyms: peripheral, tangential, trivial, tertiary, unimportant.
4. converge - meet, join, approach, concentrate, collide.
Antonyms: diverge, branch off, fork deviate, detach, veer, radiate, separate, split, spread out.
5. exciting - thrilling, excitation, stimulating, stirring, enthralling, dramatic.
Antonyms: dull, uninteresting, boring, insipid, soporific, tedious, vapid, wearisome, dry, dead, deadening, sluggish, lethargic, listless, monotonous, humdrum, ho-hum, uninspiring.
6. include - comprise, contain, encompass, incorporate, allow, admit, permit.
Antonyms: exclude, preclude, leave out, omit, bar, prohibit, disallow, ban, forbid, ostracize, banish.
7. radiate - shine, glow, glare, beam, emit, exude, diffuse, spread, scatter, expand.
Antonyms: darken, dim, obscure, cloud, eclipse, pale, blur, block, fog.
8. sane - ensible, sound, rational, level-headed.
Antonyms: insane, mad, crazy, crazed, lunatic, deranged.

NOTED & QUOTED

I live in my dreams... Other people live in dreams, but not in their own. That's the difference.

- Hermann Hesse, (1877 - 1962), German novelist, *Demian: The Story of Emil Sinclair's Youth* (1919)

There is a thin line that separates laughter and pain, comedy and tragedy, humor and hurt.

- Erma Bombeck, (1927 - 1996), U.S. humorist, syndicated columnist

There's more truth in comedy than in tragedy.

- Vanna Bonta, (1958 -), U.S. novelist, poet, film actress

Everyone needs a mentor.

- Emeril Lagasse, (1959 -), U.S. celebrity chef, TV host, author

However, one cannot put a quart in a pint cup.

- Charlotte Perkins Gilman, (1860 - 1935), U.S. lecturer

You should be ashamed to die until you've made some contribution to mankind.

- Vernon Johns, (1892 - 1965), U.S. clergyman, civil rights leader

You are not responsible for anyone who stubbornly chooses to ruin his own life.

- Vernon Howard, (1918 - 1992), U.S. writer and spiritual teacher, *1500 Ways to Escape the Human Jungle*

Melancholy: when we have sorrows without a name.

- Joseph Joubert (1754 - 1824), French moralist and essayist

Every dog, we are told, has his day, unless there are more dogs than days.

- William Barclay "Bat" Masterson, (1853 - 1921), U.S. buffalo hunter, Marshal and Army scout, gambler, frontier lawman, and sports editor and columnist

Sleep is an acquired habit. Cells don't sleep. Fish swim in the water all night. Even a horse doesn't sleep. A man doesn't need any sleep.

- Thomas Edison, (1847 - 1931)

Sleep is better than medicine. - English Proverb

Man is an essentially, basically, constitutionally and radically a loafer.

- Miguel de Unamuno, (1864 - 1936), Spanish philosopher, poet, and novelist

No object is mysterious. The mystery is in your eye.

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

Life is a journey that must be traveled no matter how bad the roads and accommodations.

- Oliver Goldsmith, (1728 - 1774), English poet, novelist, and dramatist

Time. The best way to fill it is to waste it.

- Marguerite Duras, (1924 -), French author and moviemaker, *"Wasting Time", Practicalities* (1990)

Pleasure disappoints, possibility never. And what wine is so sparkling, who so fragrant, what so intoxicating as possibility.

- Soren Kierkegaard, (1813 - 1855), Danish theologian

Vanity and pride are different things, though the words are often used synonymously. A person may be proud without being vain. Pride relates more to our opinion of ourselves; vanity, to what we would have others think of us.

- Jane Austen, (1775 - 1817), English novelist

Landscape photography is the supreme test of the photographer - and often the supreme disappointment.

- Ansel Adams, (1902 - 1984), U.S. photographer

Anybody can direct a picture once they know the fundamentals. Directing is not a mystery, it's not an art. The main thing about directing is: photograph the people's eyes.

- John Ford, (1894 - 1973), U.S. film director

It takes a lot to wound a man without illusions.

- Ellis Peters (Edith Mary Pargeter), (1913-1995), British mystery writer, translator

The challenge of modernity is to live without illusions and without becoming disillusioned.

- Antonio Gramsci, (1895 - 1937), Italian philosopher, writer, political theorist

Anyone who lives within his means suffers from a lack of imagination.

- Pearl S. Buck, (1892 - 1973), U.S. novelist

I would rather wake up in the middle of nowhere than in any city on earth.

- Steve McQueen, (1930 - 1980), U.S. film actor

It is not good to see people who have been pretending strength all their lives lose it even for a minute.

- Lillian Hellman, (1905 - 1984), U.S. playwright

Because I remember, I despair. Because I remember, I have the duty to reject despair.

- Elie Wiesel, (1928 -)

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MIND GAMES 2013 WINNERS:

Kulami. A tactical marble placement game for 2, where players take turns placing marbles on a configurable board of tiles. The placement of one player’s marble dictates the row or column into which the next marble may be placed. Winning requires domination of the most tiles. It is another simple but clever and well-made game from Fox Mind.

Suburbia. Suburbia is a Euro-style tile laying game for up to 4 players who try to build up a suburb that is both sustainable and supportive of growth. Building parks encourages population growth, but factories generate income. By how best to acquire and place tiles, players may develop the most successful infrastructure.

Kerflip. There are already so many word games that you might think it could be difficult to come up with a new one. But Damon Tabb did it with Kerflip, and it proved to be a winner. A handful of tiles are tossed onto the board, and the sooner a player uses as many letters as possible, the more they win. More fun than you might think!

Ghoost. This is basically a crazy 8 type game but with a more sophisticated mechanic and well-designed cards.

Forbidden Desert. This game is related to a prior-year winner, Forbidden Island. It is a cooperative game, meaning 2 to 5 players work together and try and beat the game.

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"Bridgeport - Tales from the Park City" by Eric Lehman, is available at www.history-press.net or www.amazon.com. Paperback.

Holistic Kidney

Check out the Holistic Kidney website online. <http://www.holistic-kidney.com/articles.html> My first article is an interview with the author of How I Avoided Dialysis and You Can Too! Dr. Jenna Henderson Holistic Kidney A Safe, Natural Approach for all stages of Kidney Disease

Ben Behind His Voices

One Family's Journey from the Chaos of Schizophrenia to Hope by Randy Kaye The gripping story of one family's experience when its firstborn, a brilliant young man named Ben, is gradually struck down by schizophrenia – and the lessons that help the family participate lovingly in Ben's eventual steps to recovery. Rowman & Littlefield, Publishers. <http://books.randyekaye.com/writing.php> or www.amazon.com.

Scavenger Hunt for Charity

Check ScavengerRace.com for details of a scavenger race in Stamford on October 5th. A current Groupon offers a 50% discount for this event for teams of 2, 3 or 4 people. If you're interested in participating, contact Deb (locsec@rocketmail.com) and we can try to hook you up with other Mensans -- or you can form your own team.

National Testing Day

October 19th is Mensa's national Testing day! We will be giving tests in our chapter. Friends, family members, and others can become a member of American Mensa in one of two ways:

- + Candidates aged 14 or older can take a supervised, standardized test given by a proctor in our area; or
- + Anyone can submit evidence of prior testing in the form of scores from a supervised, standardized test such as the Stanford Binet, the Miller Analogies Test or the GMAT.

In either case, a score in the top 2 percent qualifies for membership in American Mensa.

Testing Sites Needed

We are looking for sites for Mensa membership testing. Testing usually occurs Saturday mornings. If you know of a conference room or other suitable site that might be available, please let me know. Deb locsec@rocketmail.com

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