

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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going back to 2000 are available on the Internet at <http://scm66.org>. You can download the latest e-mail version of the Chronicle there, as well as previous issues.

SCM CHAPTER EVENTS - NOVEMBER

Monday, November 4, 6:30 pm

Lecture

Tsar Nicholas II: The Road to Ekaterinburg, presented by Dr. Garcia. Series on the kings who presided over the European empires during World War I. Held at the Fairfield Woods Branch Library, 1147 Fairfield Woods Road, Fairfield, CT 06825. Contact Jim Mizera at jmizera@hotmail.com or call or text (203) 522-1959 for reservations or info.

Friday, November 8, 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.

Friday, November 8, TBA

Testing

The next monthly testing session will be held Saturday, November 16th. We are also organizing two weekday test dates. Please contact locsec@rocketmail.com if you know someone who is interested.

Saturday, November 16, 6:30 pm

Monthly Dinner

Discussion: "The Word Gap." We will watch some videos about the weak vocabulary many children bring to school and how this problem might be remedied.

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.

Contact Jim Mizera at jmizera@hotmail.com or text or call (203) 522-1959 for reservations or info. Reservations strongly encouraged but not required. You can bring a donation of money or

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food to benefit the Connecticut Food Bank.

Saturday, November 16 4:00-10:00 pm

Game Night

November's Game Night will be held in Stamford. Please contact Joan (jcoprio@optonline.net) so she can provide you with directions. We already have a good group of RSVPs :) so try coming if you've been meaning to get to an event! AND by the way, you do not need to be a gamer to attend; feel free to hang out by the game tables if you'd like.

December's Game Night will be in New Canaan, and January will be in Westport.

CONNECTICUT AND WESTERN MASSACHUSETTS CHAPTER EVENTS

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

NOVEMBER

1 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 Quinpiac Street, Wallingford, CT 06492, 203-949-8022, www.theolddublin.com

From Route 15: Take exit 64 toward Wallingford/ Downtown, Sharp right at Quinpiac Street, At 0.3 miles turn left to stay on Quinpiac 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 Quinpiac Street

(Wallingford center, just before the gazebo). The Old Dublin will be on your right within about two blocks.

7, 14, 21, 28 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

13 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

21 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!

22 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 EVENTS

Friday, December 27 7:00 - 12:00 pm

Holiday Party for CT & Western MA

Join us for a sit down dinner featuring music, a candy buffet, dance floor and music, airbrush tattoos, and an array of casino table (funny money only, of course) featuring poker, blackjack, roulette, and craps. Folks are encouraged to dress up for the party. When we say dress up, feel free to dress up in whatever way makes you feel you look best: fancy dress, steampunk, renaissance wear or whatever seems appropriate. We welcome all.

Hospitality Room opens at 5 pm

Vegetarian and Gluten Free meals available (with advance request)

The Party is Friday, December 27th from 7-12 at the Marriott in Springfield. Tickets are \$10 for members and \$25 for guests if you prepay before December 1st, or \$15 for members and \$30 for guests after that. Parking is only \$5. Don't want to drive home after the party? We've arranged a special room rate of only \$79!

Awards for:

Best Dressed*

Best Candid Camera Phone Picture*

Funniest Camera Phone Picture*

High Roller Charity of Choice - 1st Place*

High Roller Charity of Choice - 2nd Place*

Gaming Room (Hospitality Room after the shindig begins) for Board Games, etc and rumors of an after-party

Attendees can sign up at [sign up at cwm-holidayparty2013.brownpapertickets.com](http://signup.cwm-holidayparty2013.brownpapertickets.com)

REGIONAL GATHERINGS

April 18-20, 2014

MENSA MIND GAMES 2014

Austin is the host with the most!

Game on! Mind Games™ 2014 will be held April 18-20 in the Texas capital.

Lots of fun awaits you deep in the heart of Texas. Austin's considerable charms include outdoor activities, great entertainment venues and an exciting nightlife.

When you're not playing games, tour the Capitol, take in the bluebonnets or the Hike and Bike Trail, hear the racing roar at Circuit of the Americas or enjoy downtown's shopping, dining and entertainment. There's a lot to do, so you might want to arrive early or stay after to discover all that Austin has to offer.

Mind Games™ will take place at the Hilton Austin Airport, just two minutes from Austin Bergstrom International Airport. Head downtown, just 7 miles away, on the \$1 Airport Flyer service.

Average daily temperatures in Austin for the Mind Games time frame range from a low of 59 to a high of 81.

REGISTER online at
<http://www.mindgames.us.mensa.org/register/>.

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NEW MEMBERS PROMOTIONAL OFFER Free Prior Test Score Review

THIS is a great offer. Candidates interested in joining Mensa can submit your qualifying scores from accepted intelligence tests (MUST BE prior to 12.31.13) and American Mensa will waive the review fee. More than 200 qualifying tests are accepted, including the LSAT, the GMAT and the Stanford Binet. (Refer to www.us.mensa.org/testscores) American Mensa does not test children under the age of 14, so submitting prior test scores is a great way to get your child qualified for Mensa. Many children may have taken these tests as part of standardized testing in school. Download the application at us.mensa.org/application, enter code FPE2013, and follow the instructions to receive free test score review prior to Dec. 31, 2013

FROM THE LOCSEC

When was the last time you stopped by American Mensa's national site? (www.us.mensa.org) Here is just some of the content that awaits:-

CONNECT >> MEMBER DIRECTORY

Did you know that you can search for members throughout the country? Aside from name and location, you can search based on other attributes such as interests or occupation. Some Mensans use the search when they are traveling, to meet members in the area. Mensans can choose to display more or less information, as they choose. (Access to this database is generally limited to other members to facilitate personal, non-commercial communication with other members and for the benefit of their Local and Regional Mensa groups, a Special Interest Group or American Mensa, Ltd.)

LEAD >> BOARD OF DIRECTORS >> SUGGESTIONS

The site contains information about American Mensa's Board of Directors and National Office Staff. As a member of American Mensa, you can contribute to the organization by sharing your suggestions. Your local chapter volunteers are more than happy to receive suggestions, or you can send your ideas straight to the top.

ATTEND >> EVENTS CALENDAR

A couple of larger-scale events are currently highlighted: Next year's (AG) Annual Gathering, Brilliance in Beantown, July 2-6 in Boston; the next Colloquium, which will be held right before the AG, is on Crime Scene Intelligence; Mind

Games in Austin next April; CultureQuest (it's not too early to form a team – kids included); and various (RGs) Regional Gatherings. Attendees from any region are welcome, and November's include well-attended RGs in San Francisco, Phoenix, and our own region's Wicked Good! In Dedham, MA. The Events Calendar is frequently updated throughout the year.

READ >> MENSA BULLETIN, ONLINE COMMUNITY

Members can access the Mensa Bulletins (including past issues going back more than 5 years). The extensive library of online materials includes Newsletters and Journals as well. There are also many discussion boards: So far, "15,939 users have contributed to 201,588 threads and 515,447 posts."

LEARN >> CONVERSATIONS WITH MENSA

A varied collection of podcasts featuring 'new ideas and fresh insights' on a variety of topics ranging from the Advantages of Being Introverted and Reinventing Yourself, to The Gaming Evolution and Gifted Education.

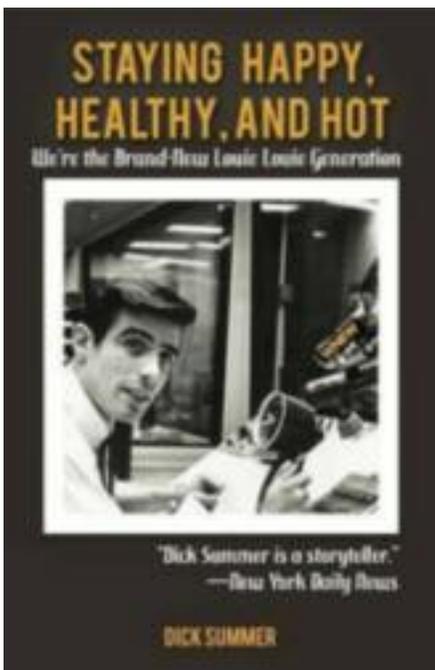
JOIN >> REFER A FRIEND

If you know someone who might be interested in joining (or just enjoy taking the tests), you can just provide American Mensa with their contact information and they will send them all of the information they need to get started.

Have a great month!
Deb Jennings

BOOK REVIEW

by Rick D'Amico



Staying Happy, Healthy, and Hot
We're the Brand-New Louie Louie Generation

by Dick Summer

As a young man, I remember listening to Dick Summer on the radio on several New York stations. Besides being a DJ, he is also a pilot, a hypnotist, a member of the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame, as well as the voice-over man for several TV and radio commercials.

STAYING HEALTHY, HAPPY, AND HOT is a collection of 58 short (generally 2-to-4 pages) anecdotes, accounts, and perspectives. In these pieces, Mr. Summer sort of groups people into three categories: The Louie Louie Generation, the Pimple People, and the Dreary Drones. The groups are not based on age, but on state of mind. Another important and ongoing theme throughout the book is his enduring romance and appreciation for his wife of 40-plus years, Barbara, whom he affectionately nicknamed "Lady Wonder Wench."

The "Louie Louie" category, as some of you may have guessed, relates to the 1963 hit song "Louie Louie" by the Kingsmen. The song was chock full of attitude and typifies the Louie Louie people, regardless of age. "Pimple people" may sound like a reference to teenagers, but it refers to folks who are uncomfortable and clueless about everything. "Dreary drones" are people who are burned out.

Summer also talks about his experiences with other DJs during his career, including Bruce "Cousin Brucie" Morrow and Allison "Night Bird" Steele. Of all of the characters that he describes, perhaps the one he spends the most time discussing (aside from "Lady Wonder Wench") is a bartender from Jamaica named "Big Louie, his own "bad self," whom he dubs the "chief mustard-cutter for the Louie Louie Generation." Big Louie seems to be a never-ending source of wit and wisdom.

Once in a rare while I read something where the author is saying, "I'm talking to YOU." This is such a book. I could relate to it on so many levels that it was tough to keep track of them. Perhaps this qualifies me as a "Louie Louie lad." I realize that the title of the book may appear a little cryptic. However, as Mr. Summers explains, it begins with the "'tudes," gratitude and attitude. These give happiness, which brings healthiness, which brings sexiness (or hotness). If you read the book, you'll find out how it all adds up.

JOINING PATCH ADAMS IN JORDAN

by Jerry Brooker

I recently spent 10 days in Jordan where I was invited by Patch Adams, the clown doctor, to clown at the Syrian refugee camps. Patch Adam (see the Robin Williams' movie of the same name) believes that joy is the key to good health. He also believes that America is the most active terrorist nation in the world, and never hesitates to say it, no matter the context, small or large. He sometimes reads my anti-war poetry in his talks, I am told.

I was also invited to give a talk at the Transgenerational Trauma Conference in Amman, Jordan, during the same period, to many young doctors who are developing a structure of healthcare in the camps. My talk, geared to Sunni Muslims, was called "The Journey from Change to Transformation." Or, in less formal language, "... from Ordinary to Extraordinary."

The young medical professionals in Jordan, MD's, psychiatrists, psychologists, and nurses, are mostly Sunni Muslims. I was deeply impressed with their commitment, their warmth and generosity. Some of them came to the refugee camps with us to clown and interpret. In my rides to and from the camps in the cities of Mafrak and Irbid, I had time to ask many questions about Islam. It really is a religion of compassion, but has been greatly distorted by the American media since 9/11, and only now, years later, are we receiving in the popular media the truth, mostly good.

The larger camps are a mess. Although we had previous clearance, via passport and photos, to enter the Zaatari Refugee Camp of about

200,000 Syrian refugees (see "Zaatari Camp Images" on your browser), the Jordanian police would not let us in. They said that they could not guarantee our safety. The camp is not a safe place. There are roaming gangs of teen-age toughs, theft, rape. As we left one of the satellite "schools," the kids threw rocks at our bus, breaking a few windows! Some of the children have little discipline and the adult guidance they were used to in Syria is now weak. Some of the men have lost their identity, as they had a cultural and economic signature in Syria, and now live in tents provided by UNHCR. Wife batterings are happening. Many women are unaccompanied. Many told me that their husbands have been murdered via what seems like the favorite way of Assad's men to kill, cutting throats.

There is an undercurrent of strong resentment in Jordan about King Abdullah's liberal policy re the entry of Syrian refugees into the country. They are using Jordan's resources, pay no taxes, and in some cases they take jobs from Jordanians, e.g. taxi drivers, salesmen at kiosks, etc. It is a small country of three million people, and so refugees cannot be absorbed easily. Zaatari is now the 3rd largest city in the country. I was told by Jordanians that the king is normally a loved and respected figure, but that his popularity is fading. There is also an abiding fear that the civil war in Syria will leak over the border into Jordan. One of the doctors who lives in Irbid, three miles from the Syrian border, told me that his window panes shake from the bombings across the border. I saw myself one day the thick black smoke billowing up to the sky in the near distance.

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

1. What time-savers are actually time-wasters?
2. What is the population of the Australian state Tasmania, which includes the island of Tasmania and 334 surrounding islands?
3. What are the most mundane jobs?
4. In the U.S., what is the approximate ratio of male alcoholics to female alcoholics?
5. What disasters are you prepared for and what ones are you unprepared for?
6. How many elements are there in the periodic table?
7. What equations do you use the most?
8. What was the first state fair held in the U.S.? How many states hold state fairs?
9. At what price would you buy an electric car?
10. What percentage of the earth's surface water is in the oceans? What percentage of the fresh water on earth is ice?
11. Which is more difficult - writing a play or writing a novel?
12. In National Football League games (NFL), what percentage of field goal kicks from the 52-yard line are successful when the temperature is moderate? What percentage are successful when the temperature is at or below 30 degrees Fahrenheit?

PUZZLES & QUESTIONS ANSWERS TO LAST MONTH'S PUZZLES:

2. What percentage of the world's population lives on islands?
A: About 11%.
4. How much does a gallon of water weigh?
A: One gallon (3.785 liters) of water weighs about 8.35 lbs. or 3.785 kg.
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.
A: Alexander (III) the Great - 32 years (356 - 323 B.C.E.), Hannibal - about 64 years (247 - 183 or 182 B.C.E.), Julius Caesar - 55 years (100 - 44 B.C.E.), Atilla the Hun - maybe 47 years (406 ? - 453, Genghis Khan - about 65 years (1162 ? - 1227).
8. About how much of the U.S. corn crop is used to produce ethanol?
A: 40%.
10. What words in the English language have three consecutive double letters (e.g., aab-bcc)?
A: "Bookkeeper" and "bookkeeping".
12. How many men sailed on Christopher Columbus' first voyage to the New World?
A: 90. On this first trip (1492 - 1493), Columbus (1451 - 1506) had three ships. The Santa Maria had 40 men aboard, the Pinta had 26, and the Nina, 24. On his second voyage to the Americas (1493 - 1496), Columbus had 17 ships and over 1,200 men. On his third (1498 - 1500), Columbus had six ships. On his fourth voyage (1502 - 1504), Columbus took four ships.
14. What percentage of base hits in major league baseball this year were singles? Doubles? Triples? Home Runs?
A: Singles: 67.62%, Doubles: 19.53%, Triples: 1.85%, Home Runs: 11.0%

WORD CHECK

See if you can define these military words.

1. ack-ack -
2. artillery -
3. biplane -
4. enfilade -
5. garrison -
6. infantry -
7. kepi -
8. pickelhaube -
9. shrapnel -
10. strafe -

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. burning (adjective) -
2. busy -
3. emerge -
4. fragile -
5. freeze -
6. gentle -
7. impasse -
8. slight (adjective) -

ANSWERS ON NEXT PAGE

WORD CHECK ANSWERS:

1. ack-ack - an anti-aircraft gun.
2. artillery - 1. heavy, mounted firearms; cannons. 2. a unit of the army that uses heavy, cannon-like weapons.
3. biplane - an aircraft with two sets of wings, one above the other in double-decker fashion.
4. enfilade - 1. a military formation whose columns are subject to fire. 2. a suite of rooms formally aligned with each other.
5. garrison - troops stationed in a fortress or fortified town to defend it.
6. infantry - section of an army comprised of soldiers who advance by foot; foot soldiers.
7. kepi - a French military cap with a flat circular top and a nearly horizontal visor.
8. pickelhaube - a spiked helmet worn by Prussian, German and other soldiers in the 19th century .
9. shrapnel - 1. artillery shells designed to explode in the air and shower the enemy with deadly fragments. 2. artillery shell fragments.
10. strafe - to fire at ground troops from a low-flying airplane.

SYNONYM SENSE ANSWERS:

1. burning - blazing, flaming, seething, smoldering, foaming, fiery, boiling, broiling, hot, red-hot, heated, scathing, scorching, searing, sizzling, smoking, torrid, raging, intense, inflammatory.
Antonyms: cold, cool, chilling, calm, placid, dormant, quiet.
2. busy - occupied, preoccupied, engaged, employed, engrossed, active, working, swamped, inundated.
Antonyms: idle, dormant, inactive, slow, relaxed, unemployed, unengaged.
3. emerge - appear, arise, rise, come, come forth, dawn, issue, spring, form, arrive, materialize, surface.
Antonyms: retreat, withdraw, exit, end, finish, fade, dissolve, disappear, disintegrate, die, hide.
4. fragile - breakable, vulnerable, shaky, weak, brittle, frail, flimsy, delicate, decrepit, unsound.
Antonyms: durable, firm, sturdy, solid, strong, tough, hardy, resilient, invulnerable, unbreakable.
5. freeze - ice, refrigerate, chill, frost, stop, cease, arrest, suspend, halt, immobilize, paralyze, stiffen, numb, inactivate, deactivate.
Antonyms: warm, thaw, heat, boil, expand, encourage, expedite, add, augment, continue, go, go ahead, restart, activate.
6. gentle - mild, soft, soothing, tender, mild, calm, considerate, courteous, genial.
Antonyms: rough, abrasive, irritating, crude, harsh, violent, sharp, strong, biting, burning, rude, clumsy.
7. impasse - dead end, cul-de-sac, blind alley, roadblock, deadlock, stone wall, stalemate, standoff, standstill, gridlock, corner, quandary.
Antonyms: solution, resolution, agreement, breakthrough, path, pass, opening, opportunity.
8. slight - small, slim, slender, meager, insignificant, modest, trifling, trivial. Antonyms: large, big, great, fat, significant, thick, overwhelming.

NOTED & QUOTED

Humility is the ability to give up your pride and still retain your dignity.

- *Vanna Bonta, (1958 -), novelist, poet and actress*

When you have completed 95 percent of your journey, you are only halfway there.

- *Japanese Proverb*

I will show you fear in a handful of dust.

- *T.S. Eliot, (1888 - 1965), Anglo-American poet, dramatist, and literary critic, *The Waste Land* (1922)*

Irony dissolves sentiment, but occasionally a sentiment is strong enough to dissolve irony.

- *Mason Cooley (1927 - 2002), U.S. aphorist, *City Aphorisms, Fifth Selection, New York* (1988)*

Time is but the shadow of the world upon the background of Eternity.

- *Jerome K. Jerome, (1859 - 1927), English humorist*

While some companies succeed by changing the world, far more succeed by anticipating the needs of a changing world.

- *Jim Oberweis, (1946 -), U.S. businessman, investment manager, *Forbes* "Small Stocks" columnist, "Stocks be Nimble Stocks be Cheap", *Forbes*, 9/2/13*

When there is an elephant in the room, introduce him.

- *Anonymous*

In God we trust, everybody else bring data to the table.

- *Narayana Murthy, (1946 -), Indian entrepreneur, founder of Infosys*

Eternity is a mere moment, just long enough for a joke.

- *Hermann Hesse, (1877 - 1962), German novelist*

Someday is not a day of the week.

- *Anonymous*

Mind moves matter.

- *Virgil, (70 - 19 B.C.E.), Roman poet*

While there's life, there's hope.

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

Life remains ambiguous as long as there is life.

- *Paul Tillich, (1886 - 1965), German-American theologian, Existentialist philosopher*

Look back over the past, with its changing empires that rose and fell, and you can foresee the future, too.

- *Marcus Aurelius, (121 - 180), Roman Stoic philosopher, author, and Emperor*

If a man neglects education, he walks lame to the end of his life.

- *Plato, (428 - 347 B.C.E.)*

Death and life have their determined appointments; riches and honors depend upon heaven.

- *Confucius, (551 - 479 B.C.E.)*

If a lion could talk, we could not understand him.

- *Ludwig Wittgenstein, (1889 - 1951), Austrian-British philosopher*

Compared to what we ought to be, we are half awake.

- *William James, (1842 - 1910), U.S. philosopher, psychologist*

Suspensions amongst thoughts are like bats amongst birds, they ever fly by twilight.

- *Francis Bacon, (1561 - 1626), English philosopher, essayist, statesman*

Sadness is a vice.

- *Gustave Flaubert, (1821 - 1880), French novelist*

As the evening twilight fades away, the sky is filled with stars invisible by day.

- *Henry Wadsworth Longfellow, (1807 - 1882), U.S. poet*

The artist must bow to the monster of his own imagination.

- *Richard Wright, (1908 - 1960), Afro-American novelist*

Nobody reads a mystery to get to the middle.

They read it to get to the end. If it's a letdown, they won't buy anymore. The first page sells that book. The last page sells your next book.

- *Mickey Spillane, (1918 - 2006), U.S. detective novelist*

We can never know what to want, because, living only one life, we can neither compare it with our previous lives nor perfect it in our lives to come.

- *Milan Kundera, (1929 -), Czechoslovakian novelist*

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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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Fiscal Year:
April 1, 2012 - March 31, 2013

Opening balance at 4/1/12	\$10,949.27
INCOME	
American Mensa	
Local Group Support Funds:	\$1,328.86
Total Income	\$1,328.86

EXPENSES	
Chronicle Printing Expenses:	\$456.24
Chronicle Postage & Supplies:	288.05
Chronicle Postage & Supplies:	<u>365.06</u>
TOTAL EXPENSES:	\$1,109.35

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