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SCM Chapter Events – November 2014

Thursday, November 13, 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 more info on location and/or reservations.

Saturday, November 15, 6:30 pm Southern CT Mensa Monthly Dinner (free to members attending for first time)

Elizabeth DiSalvo, Principal, Registered Architect, Trillium Architects LLC, Ridgefield, CT, will speak on "**Green Architecture**." She will talk about how we can make houses that are beautiful, healthy, and economical. Ms. DiSalvo is a residential architect with over 25 years of experience and is on the Board of Directors of the Connecticut Green Builders Council (CTGBC).

Location: The PUTNAM HOUSE Restaurant 12 Depot Place, Bethel, CT 06801 (downtown - across from the old railroad station). There is parking in the rear of the restaurant and in the nearby Old Railroad Station lot. Dress is casual. Before the presentation, we will enjoy dinner. 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 food to benefit the Connecticut Food Bank.**

Saturday, November 22, 4:00pm to 10:00pm Games Night

Joan Coprio is hosting this month's Chapter Games Night. Email her at jcoprio@rocketmail.com to RSVP, and for directions.

CT & Western MA Mensa Chapter - Upcoming Events

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

Friday, November 7, 5:30 pm

First Friday Happy Hour (ME, 1st Friday) at the **Brother's Restaurant**, 33 North Cherry Street, Wallingford, (203) 641-2408. Contact **Ann Polanski** home (203) 269-4565 or cell (860) 817-9910.

Sunday, November 9, 12:15 pm

Indian Lunch. The food is enticing, the staff is friendly, and the company is the best to be had anywhere! Join us at **Haveli India Restaurant** for an all-you-can-eat \$9.95 buffet. The food is fabulous and the restaurant is conveniently located at 1300 South Main St., Rte 17 in South Middletown. To read about the restaurant, or get directions, check <http://www.haveliindia.com>. RSVP required. Call **Barb Holstein** for a reservation, 860-632-7873 or BarbCPA@att.net.

Saturday, November 15, 9:15 am

TAKE A HIKE: Saturday, November 15 (rain date November 22), 9:15 am. Get a sample of three preserves on a recently verified course. Meet at the Hartman Park parking lot in Lyme, CT. The 3 1/2 mile hike will start in Hartman Park, and include two new abutting preserves (Walbridge Woodlands and Young Preserve). Experience the better views with the leaves down. Moderately hilly terrain (only one steep), moderate pace, outhouse available. **Directions:** from Route 11's last exit ramp in Salem on Route 82 go diag. across, veer left on Darling Road. Stay on Darling for 1.2 mile straight through at the stop sign (center road); turn left on Gungy Road just before the next stop sign. Travel on Gungy 1.8 mile to Hartman parking on left. From I-95 southbound exit 70, start at corner of Lyme St. and Route 1, travel north 2.5 miles to just after Rogers Lake. Turn left on Grassy Hill Road and go 3.8 miles to a 4-way stop (Beaver Brook Road). Go straight onto Gungy Road for 1.0 more mile to Hartman parking on right. After the hike, you may join us for lunch at the Hideaway Restaurant in Old Lyme. If you need more information or want to let me know you're coming, email **Nicole Michaud** at nirimi@snet.net.

Sunday, November, 16, 12:15 pm

Indian Lunch & Movie (ME, 3rd Sunday) Join us for a lunch buffet at Naatiya Indian Restaurant, followed by an authentic Bollywood movie at the theater next door! The restaurant is located at 8 Mountain Ave in Bloomfield, CT. Directions at their website <http://www.naatiyarestaurant.com>. The event is being arranged by our resident Indian experts, **Jeet & Melissa Chattaraj**, jeet78@hotmail.com, so let us know you can join us. The movie details would be sent later to those who RSVP.

Thursday, November 20, 6:30 pm

Pioneer Valley Dinner (ME, 3rd Thursday) This month, the Pioneer Valley Third Thursday Social Dinner will bid farewell to the Apollo Grill, at Eastworks, in Easthampton, Mass., at 6:30pm on November 20th. The restaurant is closing (due in no part to our patronage). The food is always great, and the decor is the epitome of eclectic, with a remarkable collection of salt and pepper shakers on display and in use. We always have fun when we go there. There's plenty of room, so if you haven't been to one of these dinners before, this is an excellent opportunity. Email **Ian Fraser** (mensanian@ianfraser.net) for more information, directions, or to RSVP (very much appreciated but not required). This is a perfect opportunity to see what a Mensa get-together is like if you've never been to one. New members and guests are encouraged to attend this always friendly and interesting event. We hope to see you there!

Thursday, November 20, 6:30 pm

Shoreline Third Thursday (ME, 3rd Thursday) Dinner at the Parthenon Diner, 809 Boston Post Road (Route 1) in Old Saybrook. Decent food, good company, and I'm running out of creative things to say about this event, so just come and join us OR WE'LL SHOOT THIS DOG. Spouses and families are always welcome. RSVPs to **Mike Milius** this time, please, at miliuslondon@netzero.com, or 860.392.9917 for info or to RSVP, or just get to the Parthenon on the 20th and look for the table with the little yellow scuba tank.

Friday, November 28, 5:00 pm

Happy Hour (BE, 4th Friday) at The Playwright, 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.

RVC Chat

Andrew Heffernan
Region 1 Vice Chairman

Are you interested in getting involved with Mensa? There are many ways to enjoy membership in Mensa. Local and National publications and internet forums too. For others, it's a sense of pride and knowing that a portion of their dues goes to scholarships or events that support intelligence for our youth. But, perhaps you interested in getting more involved. If so, this article is for you.

There are countless ways to share your time and experience with Mensa. From small, one-time events... to serving on National Committees. And everywhere in between. Your Local Secretary or President is your best resource for local opportunities. Email or call them and let them know you are available to help. And, as with all volunteer opportunities, be clear on the amount of time you are interested in sharing, and the amount of responsibility you are comfortable with. Sharing clear expectations ensures you are getting the experience you are looking for.

The Mensa experience is different for every Member. One way I share Mensa is to volunteer my time and energy to other organizations that support intelligence and creativity. A couple times a year I join the other organizations and donate my time. But not as an individual, as a member of Mensa. Advocacy for Gifted and Talented Education, Local Public Radio, Odyssey of the Mind, and others. My local group, Mensa of Northeastern New York (MoNNY) even has a regular event to volunteer at the local Food Bank. Events like this are rewarding to every participant, and when you share your time and energy as a group you can make a bigger difference in the world. Kathy Moon, the organizer of the event shared this wonderful chance to get involved in the community to MoNNY.

Andrew Heffernan
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SCM President's Column – November 2014

Hard to believe it's already November! Earlier in the week, I visited Stop & Shop to pick up more Halloween candy, and found they'd already cleared that aisle to make room for Christmas decorations.

I enjoyed the RG in Mystic – my experience ranged from a talk by a member who surmounted disability from a serious accident when a teenager, to a game of Jenga with a tower that was made with pieces about 4 times the size of normal. I also attended a “meet the candidates” forum, with some candidates for various positions in the next Mensa election. But mostly I spent time in the games room, getting to learn new games and play old favorites (including a late night Cards against Humanity).

I returned to the site of the AG, but this time it was to visit my daughter for college parents' weekend in Boston. We got to three museums in three days – the Museum of Fine Arts, the Museum of Science, and the Peabody/Essex in Salem. The latter was having an exhibit of Alexander Calder's mobiles and stabiles, and included some photographs from his studio that had been in Roxbury CT. He evidently lived there for a number of years. I was interested to learn of his connection to our state. You could find more information at <http://www.calder.org> if you're interested.

We had a board meeting in October as well; our main task is to review our by-laws to ensure they're in line with American Mensa's minimum standard by-laws. October was testing month, and our proctor had a number of testing sessions, which is a great way to grow our membership.

Have a great month, and Happy Thanksgiving!

Joan Coprio
President, Southern Connecticut Mensa

The September Dinner – KOSOVO: WAR AND PEACE

Southern CT Mensa resumed its monthly dinners in September after a three-month summer break. Our speaker was member Jerry Brooker, a novelist, poet, essayist, and world traveler. Jerry has spoken at our monthly dinners many times about his visits to various places around the globe, including some nations that have been zones of war or conflict, such as North Korea, Iran, Cuba, Israel, and Egypt. In September, he told about his recent trip to the new nation of Kosovo, a Balkan country rising from the ashes of the brutal 1999 war against Serbia. Jerry had many photos and stories that recalled the tragedies of Kosovo's past and gave us glimpses of the new nation as it tries to build a peaceful future.

Jerry visited Kosovo in July on a 10-day trip where he met with prominent Albanian Kosovar writers, spoke at the University of Pristina and at the Kosovo Military Academy, and met with national leader Agim Ceku, the Minister of Defense and former Prime Minister who led the new country into independence in 2008. But most of his time was spent just seeing the nation – its people, its streets, and its monuments and memorials, many of which are landmarks of the terrible 1999 war.

A HISTORY OF CONFLICT

Kosovo is a small nation born from large and long conflicts. Jerry reviewed some Balkan history with us, a subject which many people find confusing because of the many ethnic groups and changing borders. For four-and-a-half centuries, he reminded us, Kosovo was part of the Ottoman Empire until the Balkan War of 1912 liberated the remaining Balkan territories that were under Turkish rule. Serbia was one of the nations that won its independence and Kosovo was part of it. But when a Serbian gunman assassinated Austrian Archduke Franz Ferdinand in July 1914, the Austrian-Hungarian empire invaded Serbia, and it triggered a chain reaction that started World War I. With Germany's aid, Austria took possession of Serbia. But after the Allies defeated the Germans and Austrians, they manufactured the new multi-ethnic nation of Yugoslavia out of Serbia and other Balkan territories. The new nation was inhabited by a mixture of Slavic peoples – Serbians, Albanians, Croatians, Bosnians, Macedonians, and Kosovars. After being freed from German occupation in World War II, Yugoslavia emerged as a communist but non-aligned nation under leader Marshall Tito. Tito kept the various fractious ethnic groups together until his death in 1980. Then ethnic tensions mounted and, after the fall of the Berlin Wall, Yugoslavia began to fragment, despite the crackdown on separatists by a new leader, the Serbian nationalist Slobodan Milosevic.

Yugoslavia began to dissolve when Slovenia, a homogenous Catholic province, declared independence in 1991. When Croatia and Bosnia, provinces with significant Serb minorities, followed suit within a year, the Serbian-dominated Yugoslav government declared war. This began four years of bloody Balkan wars, marked by an ethnic-cleansing campaign against Bosnians by militant Serbs and a long siege of the Bosnian city of Sarajevo. United Nations forces bombed Serbian positions and

eventually brought an end to the war, with the warring parties signing the Dayton peace agreement in 1995. But as war was ending in Bosnia, fighting began in Kosovo, where Albanian nationalists formed the Kosovar Liberation Army (KLA), and escalated a campaign against the Yugoslav-Serbian government. War broke out in 1998 and raged for a year. In 1999, the United States led a NATO coalition that stepped in to halt the fighting. The U.N. placed Kosovo under an interim government in 1999, and a NATO force went there to keep peace.

INDEPENDENCE

Kosovo declared independence in 1998, and although Serbia has not recognized it, 108 nations have. The new nation has about 2 million people, about 90% of them Albanian Muslims. Although many Serbs fled to Serbia during the Kosovar War, some still live in the north of Kosovo. Under a recent agreement, the Serbs, while not giving up their claim to Kosovo, have conceded autonomy to Kosovars while retaining some authority in the Serbian areas.

The fact of Kosovo's independence greets visitors when they arrive in the airport outside of the capital city of Pristina. Jerry noted that the airport is now officially known as Pristina International Airport Adem Jashari, named after a leader of the Kosovo Liberation Army. After landing, Jerry visited Pristina and gave a talk at the University of Pristina to Albanian writers, and met with the National Book Award winners. A generation ago, Albanian students, faculty, and writers were under pressure. It was at the University of Pristina, Jerry told us, that the Kosovar Albanian protests against Serbian leader Slobodan Milosevic's policies first flared up. Reforms to the Yugoslav Constitution in the 1970s had granted both Kosovo and the University of Pristina a good deal of autonomy. The university fostered Albanian culture and language but also a separatist movement. When Milosevic became President of Yugoslavia in 1989, he had the Constitution changed to rescind much of Kosovo's self-government. He also had laws passed to ban the Albanian language from being used in courses at the University of Pristina and to remove Albanians from the faculty. In addition, he removed Albanians from government posts and restricted the Albanian press. Jerry explained that the Albanian Kosovars reacted by setting up their own school system and a shadow government.

Jerry also lectured at the Kosovo Military Academy, and met with several important Kosovo leaders, including several who had fought against the Serbian invasion. One officer he spoke with was former KLA leader and Prime Minister Agim Ceku, who led the struggle against the Serbs and is now the Minister of Defense. Jerry showed us a picture of Ceku's office, which has bullets on the wall from the conflict.

Ceku, Jerry told us, asked him to write an English version of his biography, but Jerry said that it put him in a "difficult spot" because, although Ceku was a hero in the Kosovar resistance, there were claims of war crimes against him stemming from his role in the Croatian war against ethnic Serbs who were seeking to break away from the new nation of Croatia in the 1990s. Jerry said that he questioned Ceku about this and Ceku told him he was "only doing what generals do during war". But after researching the evidence, Jerry thought differently.

Jerry spoke more positively about a leader who is remembered in monuments in Kosovo, the late Ibrahim Rugova. He was President of Kosovo when it was an unrecognized nation from 1992 to 2006. Jerry said, "Rugova had been both popular and unpopular with Kosovars because he had advocated non-violent resistance against Serbia in the 1990s." Although this angered the KLA, Jerry said, "Rugova's pacifist position bought Kosovo time." After the United Nations brought an end to Serbia's invasion, Rugova won the Presidency in U.N. supervised elections.

One American that Kosovars honor and thank for helping them achieve independence is former President Bill Clinton, who authorized the U.S. to lead NATO forces against Serbia in 1999 to force it to withdraw its troops from Kosovo. NATO's air forces launched an 88-day bombing campaign against Serbia that finally forced the Serbs to leave and come to the peace table. Mainly because of this, Jerry said, "Kosovars love Americans." He showed us a photo of a statue of Clinton that stands in the center of Pristina on a street named Bill Clinton Boulevard.

SITES OF THE WAR

Jerry told us that he made it a point to ask his guide to take him to see massacre sites of the war, and he showed us slides of several memorials he visited. One was a National shrine with the graves of Kosovar soldiers, members of the KLA. Jerry visited many monuments to Kosovar war heroes, although he told us he had many misgivings about doing so. "I hate war," he said. "All of my brothers were in wars - two in WWII, one in Korea." He had no illusions about the innocence of the Kosovar Liberation Army either, because he knew that they had committed terrorist killings. Speaking of the combatants in the Yugoslav wars of the 1990s and the history of Balkan ethnic wars, Jerry said, "They were all bad guys. They have a tradition of killing."

Other slides also showed us the great tragedy of that war, particularly one showing many photos of faces hanging on a wall. These were the faces of some of the many people still missing and unaccounted for. There are many such walls in the city, Jerry said, because the bodies of about 9,500 Kosovars are still missing from the war, some buried in Serbia.

Yet another painful photo Jerry took showed him with the widow of a man killed in the war. Her husband was just one of over 10,000 Kosovars killed. The Serbs' bombing also drove many Albanians from their homes, displacing tens of thousands of people, and destroying entire villages. Many Serbs took homes from fleeing Kosovars.

Jerry showed us a picture of a mosque and mentioned that most of the Muslims in Kosovo are Sunni Muslims. Many lost not only their homes in the Serbian bombing, he told us, but also their places of worship, as the Serbs blew up hundreds of mosques. The Turks have come to their fellow Muslims' aid, he said, and helped them rebuild many of these mosques, some of which date back to Ottoman rule.

WORKING TOWARD THE FUTURE

Kosovo also has a monument to peace, the Bridge of the Garden of Peace, which expresses its hope for the future. Ironically, Jerry noted, it is right across the street from Serbian flags flying in Kosovo's Serbian section. But the official state flag of Kosovo, a blue flag which has six stars for the six ethnic groups that live in the nation, shows the nation's desire for unity in diversity. "The flag is controversial to many Kosovars," Jerry said, "because it includes a star for the Serbians." An alternate Kosovar flag which he showed us, the national flag, is strikingly different - a blood-red flag with a two-headed eagle.

Kosovo's President now is Atifete Jahjaga, who became the country's first female President when she was elected 2011. She is, Jerry told us, a Western-educated Muslim, who is multi-lingual, speaking Albanian, Serbian, and English. She, like most Kosovars, is pro-American, and is seeking European Union membership for her country. She would like to expand trade with Europe and the U.S. to help Kosovo's economy, which has many unemployed people, particularly younger people.

On his next trip, Jerry says he plans to go to an entirely different area, French Polynesia. He recently released a new novel, "Waiting for the Red Cow", the third book in a trilogy. He also has a new book of essays, "Pieces of Me", which will be published soon.



Jerry has a new book of essays, **Pieces of Me**, coming out soon.

You can obtain a copy of Jerry's latest novel, the third book in a trilogy, **Waiting for the Red Cow: What Will Happen When the Red Cow Comes to Jerusalem?**, in either paper or e-book format at <https://www.tatepublishing.com/bookstore>. It is also available through <http://www.barnesandnoble.com> and <http://www.amazon.com>. You can also visit those sites to get the first two novels in the trilogy: **The Illustrator**, and **Oh, Israel, My Heart Yearns for Thee**.

Puzzles & Questions

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

- 1. What are some things which it is difficult to keep simple?**
- 2. About what percentage of Fairfield County's (CT) land area is forest?**
- 3. What is the relationship between memory and creativity?**
- 4. What percentage of sunlight does snow reflect? Sand? Water?**
- 5. Who were/are the five greatest chess players of all time?**
- 6. How much did the plane the Wright brothers flew at Kitty Hawk weigh?**
- 7. What are the most famous soliloquies from Shakespeare's plays?**
- 8. What were the highest scoring and lowest scoring seasons in the NFL (National Football League), as measured by points per game, since 1960?**

Answers to the July/August 2014 Chronicle Questions:

2. What percentage of Connecticut's area is farmland?

Answer: About 9%, according to the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA).

4. About what percentage of U.S. centenarians are female?

Answer: In 2010, about 82.8% of U.S. centenarians were female. In Japan, nearly 90% of the centenarians are female.

6. What are the 5 U.S. cities with the largest area?

Answer: The three largest municipalities by land area are 1) Sitka, Alaska - 2,870 sq. mi. (7,434 sq. km.), population 10,323; 2) Juneau, Alaska - 2,702 sq. Mi. (6,998 sq. Km.), pop. 31,275; 3) Wrangell, Alaska - 2,542 sq. Mi. (6,582 sq. Km.), pop. 2,545; 4) Anchorage, Alaska - 1,704 sq. Mi. (4,415 sq. Km.), pop. 291,826; 5) Jacksonville, Florida - 747 sq. Mi. (1,934 sq. Km.), pop. 821, 784.

Two Montana cities, Ananconda and Butte, occupy the sixth and seventh positions. They are followed by six "name" cities: 9) Houston, TX; 10) Phoenix, AZ; 11) Nashville, TN; 12) Los Angeles, CA; and 13) San Antonio, TX.

8. What animal has the longest term of pregnancy?

Answer: Elephants have the longest term of pregnancy of any mammals. African elephants have a gestation period of about 640 days (91 weeks). Asian elephants, which are smaller, have an average gestation period of about 645 days, although in 2011, an elephant at a British zoo gestated for 700 days before giving birth. Female elephants have only about four offspring in their 60 - 70 years of life. Their children weigh about 230 lbs. (105 kg.) when born.

A Virginia opossum, on the other hand, takes only about 12 - 13 days to bear children and a mouse takes only 19 - 21 days.

10. By what percentage does water expand when it freezes?

Answer: 10%.

12. What is the average distance between train stations on the MetroNorth Railroads' New Haven to New York line (include all stations)?

Answer: The distance from the New Haven State St. Station to Grand Central Terminal in New York is 72 miles. There are 32 stations on the New Haven line (11 of which are in New York state), although many trains, especially express trains, do not make every stop. So the average distance between stations is 2.32 miles.

The longest distance between any two stops is the 6 miles between the West Haven stop, a new station, and the New Haven stop. The shortest distance between any two stops is the distance between the Riverside and Cos Cob stations in Greenwich - less than one mile. 5 stops have only 1 mile between them.

The Danbury branch line runs 24 miles to South Norwalk, where it joins the main line track, and runs another 41 miles to Grand Central Terminal. The New Canaan branch line runs 8 miles to Stamford, which is 33 miles from Grand Central.

14. For the 2013 major league baseball season, what percentage of batted balls in play were ground balls? Fly balls? Line drives?

Answer: In 2013, 44.5% of batted balls in play were ground balls, 34.3% were fly balls, and 21.2% were line drives. For balls in play, batters had a batting average of .297, meaning that 29.7% of batted balls in play were base hits.

Word Check

See if you can define these words dealing with nature.

- 1. brackish -**
- 2. carabao -**
- 3. caribou -**
- 4. everglade -**
- 5. floe -**
- 6. immortelle -**
- 7. laudanum -**
- 8. pupa -**
- 9. sargasso (sargassum) -**
- 10. thistle -**

(Answers are on the following page.)

ANSWERS:

1. **brackish** - having a salty, briny, stale taste; containing a mixture of seawater and fresh water; distasteful, unpleasant.
2. **carabao** - an Asian water buffalo; a large animal of the ox family;.
3. **caribou** - a large North American reindeer. It is also the name of a town in Maine which is called the northeastern-most town in the United States and is the 125th largest town by area in the U.S.
4. **everglade** - a tract of swampy marshland, usually under water, covered with tall grass, and having branching waterways.
5. **floe** - a sheet of floating ice on the sea.
6. **immortelle** - a plant or flower that retains its form and color when it is dried.
7. **laudanum** - a tincture (about 10%) of opium, once used as a medicinal drug.
8. **pupa** - the early life stage of insect that goes through a four-stage metamorphosis is in a cocoon or hardened case, isn't feeding, and is developing adult structures.
9. **sargasso (sargassum)** - a floating brown seaweed that is in warm seas and has ribbon-like leaflike structures with air sacs; gulfweed.
10. **thistle** - a group of flowering plants having prickly stems and leaves.

Synonym Sense

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

1. blatant -

2. confess -

3. funny -

4. jaded -

5. mournful -

6. perplexing -

7. troublesome -

8. wild -

(Answers are on the following page.)

Synonym Sense – Some Answers:

1. **blatant** - Synonyms: outright, flagrant, glaring, barefaced, bald, baldfaced, shameless, overt, noisy, offensive. Antonyms: concealed, covert, hidden, secret, silent, quiet, subtle, inconspicuous.
2. **confess** - Synonyms: admit, confide, divulge, disclose, reveal, tell, acknowledge, profess. Antonyms: deny, hide, conceal, suppress, withhold, mask, disavow.
3. **funny** - Synonyms: comic, comical, amusing, mirthful, hilarious, hysterical, joking, droll, whimsical, odd, strange. Antonyms: serious, unfunny, unamusing, sad, melancholy, gloomy, tragic, grave, logical, normal, reasonable.
4. **jaded** - Synonyms: weary, wearied, worn, blase, dulled, tired, fatigued, spent. Antonyms: fresh, animated, full of life, rejuvenated, reborn, invigorated, reinvigorated, renewed, revitalized.
5. **mournful** - Synonyms: grieving, grief-stricken, somber, sorrowful, bereft, doleful, disconsolate. Antonyms: joyful, joyous, overjoyed, jubilant, happy, pleased, gleeful.
6. **perplexing** - Synonyms: puzzling, baffling, inexplicable, incomprehensible. Antonyms: obvious, plain, certain, clear, straightforward.
7. **troublesome** - Synonyms: difficult, disturbing, vexing, irritating, annoying, painful, irksome, taxing, intractable, tricky, worrisome, burdensome, onerous, nagging, pesty, messy. Antonyms: easy, trouble-free, pleasant, pleasing, agreeable, uncomplicated, clean, manageable.
8. **wild** - Synonyms: untamed, savage, uncivilized, barbaric, barbarous, ferocious, fierce, feral, undomesticated, unbroken, vicious, rash, reckless, uncontrolled. Antonyms: domesticated, tamed, civilized, cultured, refined, polished, controlled, calm, orderly, ordered, errant, off-target.

MENSA Mind Games® 2015

Mind Games® 2015 will be held **April 30th through May 3rd 2015** at the **Town and Country Resort & Conference Center**, 500 Hotel Circle North, San Diego, Calif. 92108

Located on the edge of Mission Valley, the Town and Country Resort is conveniently situated near both the light rail and Old Town trolleys and just a short drive from San Diego International. Family-owned and renowned for their friendly service and hospitality, the resort boasts four on-site restaurants, lively lounges and a full-service fitness center.

Easily reserve your room online, or call 888/231-4352 and ask for the Mensa Mind Games room rate of \$115 S/D, \$125 T, or \$135 Q. You'll want to request the Regency Tower, which is closest to the Regency Ballroom where MindGames will be held. This room rate will be available for your stay April 28-May 6, 2015. Mind Games room blocks fill fast, so make your reservations today! (For hotel assistance, please contact the event's hotel liaison.)

More information:

<http://www.mindgames.us.mensa.org>

Town & Country Resort & Conference Center:

<http://www.towncountry.com>

Noted & Quoted

I'm a man of the past And I'm living in the present And walking in the future.

- Peter Tosh, (1944 - 1987), Jamaican reggae musician, singer-songwriter

The past is a work of art, free of irrelevancies and loose ends.

- Max Beerbohm, (1872 - 1959), British author and wit

For everything in life you must pay, sooner or later.

- Slavic saying

Time is making fools of us again.

- J.K. Rowling, (1965 -), British novelist

Everything is only a dream.

- Emile Zola, (1840 - 1902), French novelist, activist, *The Dream* (1888)

It is as easy to dream a book as it is hard to write one.

- Honore de Balzac, (1799 - 1850), French novelist

Every great dream begins with a dreamer.

- Harriet Tubman, (1820 - 1913), U.S. abolitionist

Clouds are the sky's imagination.

- Terri Guillemets, (1973 -), U.S. quotation anthologist

It is usually the imagination that is wounded first, rather than the heart; it being much more sensitive.

- Henry David Thoreau, (1817 - 1862)

Understanding replaces imaginary fears with real ones.

- Mason Cooley, (1927 - 2002),

War is like a wild elephant. It carries the rider where it wants, not where he wants to go.

- Randolph Bourne, (1886 - 1918), U.S. essayist, intellectual

Never invest in any idea you can't illustrate with a crayon.

- Peter Lynch, (1944 -), U.S. investor, author

We are too busy mopping the floor to turn off the faucet.

- Anonymous

He attacked everything in life with a mix of extraordinary genius and naive incompetence, and it was often difficult to tell which was which.

- Douglas Adams (1952 - 2001), English humorist, science fiction novelist

Poetry is thoughts that breathe, and words that burn.

- Thomas Gray, (1716 - 1771), English poet, professor

Money is everywhere but so is poetry. What we lack are the poets.

- Federico Fellini, (1920 - 1993), Italian film director

The practice of "reviewing"... in general has nothing in common with the art of criticism.

- Henry James, (1843 - 1916), *Criticism* (1893), U.S. and British novelist

A good traveler has no fixed plans, and is not intent on arriving.

- Lao-Tzu, (c. 600 B.C.E.), Chinese philosopher, founder of Taoism

An umbrella is of no avail against a Scotch mist.

- James Russell Lowell (1819 – 1891), U.S. Romantic poet, critic, satirist, writer, diplomat, and abolitionist, *On a Certain Condescension in Foreigners, Literary Essays, vol. III* (1870 - 1890)

The best talent is bringing out talent in others.

- Bruce Kasanoff, U.S. entrepreneur, writer, speaker

Youth condemns; maturity condones.

- Amy Lowell, (1874 - 1925), U.S. poet

Good-bye, proud world! I'm going home; Thou art not my friend; I am not Thine.

- Ralph Waldo Emerson, (1803 - 1882), *Goodbye Proud World*

The world is a fairy tale; we are its guardians.

- Dejan Stojanovic, (1959 -), Serbian poet, essayist, *The Sun Watches the Sun*

The world, dear Agnes, is a strange affair.

- Moliere, (1622 - 1673), French playwright, *The School for Wives*

There's no need to build a labyrinth when the entire universe is one.

- Jorge Luis Borges, (1899 - 1986), *The Aleph* (1949)

The visitor to museums of modern art sees paintings and sculptures made in derision and hatred of men, gallery upon gallery filled with a fierce, intoxicated calligraphy designed to remind men of their helplessness.

- Robert Payne, (1911 - 1983), U.S. novelist, biographer, translator, art critic, *The World of Art* (1972)

Southern Connecticut Mensa – Treasury Report

Fiscal Year: April 1, 2014 - March 31, 2015

Opening Treasury Balance at April 1, 2014 **\$12,146.57**

INFLOWS:

American Mensa Member Support – March to August 2014:

Current Members @ \$0.82	(Mar: 300)	246.00
Current Members @ \$0.82	(Apr: 254)	208.28
Current Members @ \$0.82	(May: 261)	214.02
Current Members @ \$0.82	(Jun: 271)	222.22
Current Members @ \$0.82	(Jul: 277)	227.14
Current Members @ \$0.82	(Aug: 281)	230.42
New Members @ \$1		10.00
Reinstated members @1 each		9.00
Testing bonus		80.00
Testing Rate @\$15		210.00
Testing stipend @\$25		75.00

TOTAL INFLOWS **\$1,732.08**

OUTFLOWS:

Dues: CultureQuest	40.00
Membership expenses	150.00
Speaker dinner expenses	255.33
Web Address charge	113.97
Bank fees	6.00

TOTAL OUTFLOWS **\$565.30**

Second Quarter Treasury Balance at 9/30/2014 **\$13,313.35**

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Local Boy Makes Good

Southern Connecticut Mensa member **Donald Bobowick** has been issued a United States Patent. The patent is for a vertical axis wind turbine design.

Vertical axis wind turbines have some advantages over the horizontal axis style we see most often. A few of those advantages are:

- Vertical axis wind turbines are bird friendly;
- Respond to lower wind speeds;
- Have the torsional benefits of a long drive shaft;
- The generator or pump they are powering can be placed at ground level for easy servicing.

The one major disadvantage to vertical axis wind turbines is that they move in the wrong direction (into the wind) for half their rotation. This newly patented design handles this disadvantage.

While scalable to large installations, this wind turbine will be ideal for homes, farms and small businesses.



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

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by Gerard Brooker

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