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## Welcome New Members!

Paul Kachevsky

Ryder Stahl

Ellis Shaw

## SCM Chapter Events - August 2015

**Tuesday, August 4, 6:45 pm**

### Post Road Dining and Discussion

*Barnes & Noble Cafe, Post Plaza Shopping Center, 1076 Post Road East, Westport, CT*

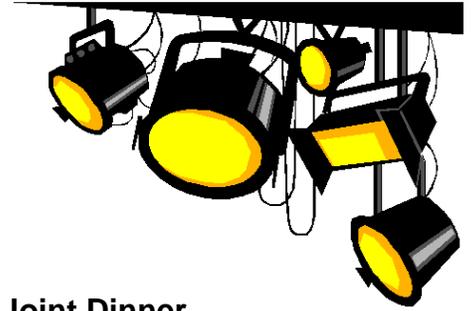
Topic: *The Strange Case of a Pair of Columbian Identical Twins Mixed Up at Birth*. Reported in the NY Times, Sun., 7/12/15. Contact **Jim Mizera** at [jmizera@hotmail.com](mailto:jmizera@hotmail.com) or text or call (203) 522-1959.

**Saturday, August 8, 6:00 pm**

### Connecticut Free Shakespeare performs *Mornings of April and May*, by Pedro Calderon de la Barca

*Beardsley Zoo, 1875 Noble Ave., Bridgeport, CT*

Contact **Jim Mizera** at [jmizera@hotmail.com](mailto:jmizera@hotmail.com) or text or call (203) 522-1959.



**Thursday, August 13, 7:00 pm**

### Southern Connecticut and Connecticut/Western Massachusetts Joint Dinner

*John's Best Pizza, Shop Rite Plaza, Federal Road, Danbury, CT*

Interested M's should contact **Ward Mazzucco** at 203-744-1929, ext 25, [wjm@danburylaw.com](mailto:wjm@danburylaw.com) or **Rev. Bill Loring** at 203-794-1389, [fr.bill@comcast.net](mailto:fr.bill@comcast.net) for more info on location and/or reservations.

**Tuesday, August 18, 6:45 pm**

### County Corner Dining and Discussion

*Blue Sky Diner, 273 Ferry Blvd., Stratford, CT (approx. 1 mile from Milford)*

Topic: *Making a Novel into a Film*. Contact **Jim Mizera** at [jmizera@hotmail.com](mailto:jmizera@hotmail.com) or text or call (203) 522-1959.



**Saturday, August 29, 8:00 pm**

### The Elm Shakespeare Company performs Shakespeare's *Twelfth Night*

*Edgerton Park, 75 Cliff Street, New Haven, CT (near Hamden town line)*

Free with a suggested donation of \$20 for adults, \$10 for students, and \$5 for children 12 and under. This is an outdoor theater, so please arrive early and bring a chair. Contact **Jim Mizera** at [jmizera@hotmail.com](mailto:jmizera@hotmail.com) or text or call (203) 522-1959.

### To Be Determined

#### Games Night

Email **Joan Coprio** at [jcoprio@optonline.net](mailto:jcoprio@optonline.net) to RSVP and for final location and directions.

### Looking Ahead

**Saturday, September 19, 6:30pm**

#### Southern CT Mensa Monthly Dinner

*The Putnam House Restaurant, 12 Depot Place, Bethel, CT*

After dinner, Marc Moorash, one of the directors of the Bethel Historical Society, will give a talk about the political cartoonist Art Young (1866 - 1943), who was a resident of Bethel for many years. For more about Art Young, check out <http://www.artyounggallery.org/about.html>

## **CT & Western MA Mensa Chapter - Upcoming Events**

This is not a complete listing. Details regarding these and other C&WM events can be found at: <http://www.cwm.us.mensa.org/members/member-page.htm> (Mensa ID and Password required).

### **Sunday, August 2, 12:00 noon**

#### **Indian Lunch**

*Haveli India Restaurant, 1300 South Main St., Rte 17 in South Middletown*  
(<http://www.haveliindia.com/>)

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. RSVP required. Call **Barb Holstein** for a reservation: 860-632-7873 or [BarbCPA@att.net](mailto:BarbCPA@att.net).

### **Friday, August 7, 5:30 pm**

#### **First Friday Happy Hour**

*Brother's Restaurant, 33 North Cherry Street, Wallingford, (203) 641-2408.*  
Contact **Ann Polanski**: home (203) 269-4565 or cell (860) 817-9910.

### **Sunday, August 16, 12:15 pm**

#### **Indian Lunch & Movie**

*Naatiya Indian Restaurant, 8 Mountain Ave., Bloomfield* (<http://www.naatiyarestaurant.com>)

Join us for a lunch buffet, followed by an authentic Bollywood movie at the theater next door! Directions on the restaurant website. The event is being arranged by our resident Indian experts, **Jeet & Melissa Chattaraj** ([jeet78@hotmail.com](mailto:jeet78@hotmail.com)), so let us know if you can join us. The movie details will be sent later to those who RSVP.

### **Thursday, August 20, 6:30 pm**

#### **Shoreline Third Thursday**

*Parthenon Diner, 809 Boston Post Rd. (Route 1 in Old Saybrook).*

Come join us for dinner. Spouses and families are always welcome. RSVPs appreciated, so I can give them an accurate count for our reservation, or just get there and look for the table with the little yellow scuba tank. We'll probably be in the lower pub; go left inside the front door and then up, around, and down to the left of the bar. Contact **Mike Milius**, [miliuslondon@netzero.com](mailto:miliuslondon@netzero.com), or (860) 392-9917 for more information or to RSVP.

### **Thursday, August 20, 6:30 pm**

#### **Pioneer Valley Dinner**

Email **Ian Fraser** ([mensanian@ianfraser.net](mailto: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!

### **Friday, August 28, 5:00 pm**

#### **Happy Hour**

*The Playwright, 1232 Whitney Ave, Hamden* (<http://www.playwrightirishpub.com>)

Come on down and join us this month; we'd love to see ya. Contact **Gail Trowbridge** at 203-877-4472 or [gail\\_trowbridge@yahoo.com](mailto:gail_trowbridge@yahoo.com).

## News From the Chapter President

First, I'm sorry I didn't get my column completed last month in time for the newsletter publication deadline. The reason was a 3-month-old "Teddy Bear" puppy named Sundae.

For the fellow fact collectors out there, "Teddy Bears" are also called Shichons or Zuchons – they are half Bichon Frise (<http://www.akc.org/dog-breeds/bichon-frise/>) and half Shih Tzu (<http://www.akc.org/dog-breeds/shih-tzu/>). To see them, Google images of Zuchon puppies.

Anything that cute and fluffy has a way of taking up all your free time! I'm also a first-time dog owner, so learning as I go – some great resources I've found for learning about dogs, in addition to the American Kennel Club's (AKC) website, are: <http://www.cesarsway.com/> Cesar Millan's ("The Dog Whisperer") website; and <http://www.asPCA.org/pet-care> (ASPCA's website)



In Mensa happenings, I'm sure you've seen the results of the national election – a number of the newly elected officers are from our region, Region 1, including Chair Deb Stone, Treasurer Rob Salkin, and Secretary Lori Norris. Our new Region 1 Vice Chair (RVC) is Lisa Maxwell. I've had the pleasure of meeting all of them at regional gatherings (RGs) in the past year – they are all active in Mensa and care about providing value to its members, so I'm expecting good things. For the rest of the election winners, visit <http://www.us.mensa.org/featured-content/2015-aml-election-results-announced/>.

Enjoy the rest of your summer!

**Joan Coprio**

President, Southern CT Mensa

### Two Ways to Reach Out to Your Fellow SC Mensans

The Southern Connecticut Mensa Blog <https://scm66.wordpress.com/>  
and the Southern Connecticut Facebook Page <https://www.facebook.com/groups/SCM066/>

If you would like to post any last-minute events or information on the blog, email Merrill at [SCMensa66@gmail.com](mailto:SCMensa66@gmail.com). Anything posted on the blog will be mirrored on the Facebook page unless otherwise requested.

If you hit the Follow button on the blog, and add your email address, you will be automatically notified of all new updates.

## Region 1 RVC Roundup

As I write this it is Sunday morning, day five of the Annual Gathering (AG) in Louisville. There has been so much to do and see that sleep was an afterthought. Feeling utterly exhausted and completely fulfilled, I must pack and say goodbye to many good friends until next year. If you have never experienced an AG, you are missing out on one of Mensa's greatest benefits.

During the AG, the newly elected and appointed officers of the national board of directors, known as the American Mensa Committee or AMC, met for the first time. Several issues and items of business were discussed. Here are the highlights:

- Assistant Regional Vice Chair (RVC) Region 1 - Bill Zigo of Mid-Hudson Mensa was appointed Assistant RVC for our region; the two of us will be working together to support all of our Region 1 local groups.
- Editors - please note that a motion was passed affecting local group mailings:
  - *For mailings, all groups must use the membership data provided by the National Office to ensure that they are using the most up-to-date information for our members. Effective no later than 10/1/2015, Local Groups may use a local address for their return address, but must stop requesting the change notification if they use the National Office's return address.*
- The Weapons Policy was changed. The motion as passed reads as follows:
  - *Effective 7/6/2015, at all national events sponsored by American Mensa Ltd., deference to the rules of the venue itself and all applicable laws of the local municipality, state, and federal government will be controlling on the question of any firearms or other weapons to be brought onto the property.*
- Phoenix, Arizona has been selected as the site of the 2019 Annual Gathering, subject to the receipt of an acceptable final hotel contract.

The Mensa Education and Research Foundation (MERF) offers a college scholarship program with awards based on essays written by the applicants. This year's program will begin on September 15th with scholarships given at the Local Group, Regional, National, and International levels. Contact your local group's Scholarship Chair if you would like to get involved in this wonderful program. Don't have a local scholarship chair? Speak with your group's president to find out how you can help!

For more info: <http://www.mensafoundation.org/what-we-do/scholarships/>.

Here is a question for each of you... please email me your thoughts and I will share your answers in future publications: *Why did you join Mensa?*

### **Lisa Maxwell**

newly elected Regional Vice Chair, Region 1 - American Mensa

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## **Puzzles & Questions**

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

1. What is the best size for a grocery or supermarket?
2. What was the first grocery product sold with trans-fats in it?
3. What is Shakespeare's most underestimated play?
4. a) How many new cars were sold in the U.S. in 2014?  
b) How many of them were electric cars?  
c) How many used cars were sold in the U.S. in 2014?
5. What are the best watches—digital, analog, or digital-analog?
6. How many U.S. cities that had a population of 100,000 or more in 1950 lost 20% or more of their population between the 1950 and 2010 censuses?
7. What are some of the leading controversies in nutrition?
8. According to *Ethnologue*, how many of the world's 7,105 living languages have a written form?
9. When should companies use consultants?
10. What are the approximate average times taken to complete a game in these sports leagues:  
a) U.S. Major League Baseball (MLB)?  
b) the National Football League (NFL)?  
c) the National Basketball Association (NBA)?



## **Upcoming National and Regional Events**

### **RechaRGe – MONNY RG**

**September 4–7, 2015**

*Albany Ramada Plaza, 3 Watervliet Ave Ext, Albany, NY*

<https://www.facebook.com/events/1647000585533222/>

### **Wicked Good – Boston Mensa RG**

**October 30–November 1, 2015**

*Great Wolf Lodge, 150 Great Wolf Dr, Fitchburg, MA*

[http://bostonmensa.org/?page\\_id=618](http://bostonmensa.org/?page_id=618)

**Note:** C&WM's Regional Gathering has been canceled.

## Answers to Some of the July 2015 Chronicle Questions

### 2. What is the oldest U.S. Fortune 500 company?

A: Bank of New York Mellon, founded as Bank of New York by Alexander Hamilton in 1784, is the oldest company on the list. There are thirteen Fortune 500 companies that are over 150 years old.

### 4. According to a poll conducted by the Western Writers of America, what were the best 5 Western songs of all time?

A: The Western Writers of America surveyed its members, asking them for the top 100 Western songs of all time. The top 5 were:

- 1) Ghost Riders in the Sky
- 2) El Paso
- 3) Cool Water
- 4) Streets of Laredo/Cowboy's Lament
- 5) Back in the Saddle Again

(Songs 6–15 on the list: 6) High Noon/Do Not Forsake Me; 7) Oh Shenandoah/Across the Wide Missouri; 8) Tumbling Tumbleweeds; 9) Home on the Range; 10) Red River Valley; 11) Big Iron; 12) Don't Fence Me In; 13) Bury Me Not in the Lone Prairie; 14) Desperado; 15) Wildfire)

### 6. About what percentage of the earth's land surface is covered by mountains? What percentage of the world's population live in mountains?

A: If you use the highest U.N. Environmental Program's definition of a mountain (8,200 ft. or 2,500 m. high, then only 7% of the earth's land is mountainous and only 2% of the global population live there. If you use a broader U.N.E.P. definition that incorporates other characteristics (e.g., 980 ft. high with a 300 m. elevation range), then 24% of the earth's land is mountainous and about 12% of the world's people live in mountains.

### 8. What are the top 5 crops in the world by weight (metric tons)?

A:

- 1) Sugar cane: 1.74 billion
- 2) Maize: 822.7 billion
- 3) Wheat: 689 billion
- 4) Rice: 685 billion
- 5) Potatoes: 314 billion

### 10. For the 2014 major league baseball season, estimate these stats:

- a) Runs per game
- b) Hits per Run
- c) (Hits + Walks)/Run
- d) Strikeouts per Game (both teams)
- e) Success Pct. For Stealing Bases.

A:

- a) Runs per game: 8.13
- b) Hits per run: 2.1
- c) (Hits + Walks)/Run: 2.8
- d) Strikeouts per game (both teams): 15.4
- e) Success Rate on Steals: 72.7

## **Word Check**

See if you can define these odd words.

1. dandle –
2. jape –
3. katzenjammer –
4. nebbish –
5. nudnik –
6. oddments –
7. quacksalver –
8. tarnation –
9. viridian –
10. yob –

### **Answers:**

1. dandle – 1. to pet affectionately. 2. to move a small child up and down with your knees or arms in a playful way.
2. jape – 1. to trick, deceive, or cheat. 2. a device to trick, deceive, or cheat.
3. katzenjammer – 1. a racket; a loud or discordant noise, sometimes from many sources. 2. a hangover from alcohol or drugs.
4. nebbish – a pitiful, ineffectual, luckless, and timid person.
5. nudnik – 1. a pestering, nagging, or irritating person. 2. a bore.
6. oddments – 1. an item belonging to a broken or incomplete set. 2. something remaining, left over. 3. an odd thing or job.
7. quacksalver – a quack; a person who falsely claims medical skill or peddles false cures.
8. tarnation – an exclamation fusing the words “eternal” and “damnation.”
9. viridian – a bluish-green pigment.
10. yob – an uncouth person; a thug.

## Noted & Quoted

When it was over, it was not really over, and that was the trouble.

- Frank Yerby (1916–1991), Afro-American novelist, poet, and short story writer

Growing up isn't worth it.

- Anonymous

He who is devoid of kindness is devoid of grace.

- Arabian Proverb

The best wine is the oldest, the best water the newest.

- William Blake (1757–1827), English poet

A perfect summer day is when the sun is shining, the breeze is blowing, the birds are singing, and the lawn mower is broken.

- James Dent (1953– ), U.S. author, sportswriter

Do what we can, summer will have its flies.

- Ralph Waldo Emerson (1803–1882)

There is nothing in a caterpillar that tells you it's going to be a butterfly.

- Buckminster Fuller (1895–1983)

Knowing trees, I understand the meaning of patience. Knowing grass, I can appreciate persistence.

- Hal Borland (1900–1978), U.S. novelist, journalist

Life is a pure flame, and we live by an invisible sun within us.

- Thomas Browne (1605–1682), English author and physician

I am always more interested in what I am about to do than what I have already done.

- Rachel Carson (1907–1964), U.S. biologist and writer

I never learned anything from a match that I won.

- Bobby Jones (1902–1971), U.S. golf champion, lawyer

Only that day dawns to which we are awake.

- Henry David Thoreau (1817–1862)

You don't have to be great to start, but you have to start to be great.

- Zig Ziglar (1936–2012), U.S. motivational speaker

It is not your obligation to complete your work, but you are not at liberty to quit.

- the Talmud

When I was young, I observed that nine out of ten things I did were failures. So I did ten times more work.

- George Bernard Shaw (1856–1950)

Pity makes suffering contagious.

- Friedrich Nietzsche (1844–1900), *The Antichrist*

Pity is for living, envy is for dead.

- Maximilien Robespierre (1758–1794), French lawyer, politician, revolutionary

Without craftsmanship, inspiration is a mere reed shaken in the wind.

- Johannes Brahms (1833–1897), German composer, pianist

Each day is a little bit of history.

- Jose Saramago (1922–2010), *Baltasar and Blimunda*

Why should we look to the past to prepare for the future? Because there is nowhere else to look.

- James Burke (1936– ), British broadcaster, science journalist, author, television producer

The trouble with the future is that it usually arrives before we are ready for it.

- Arnold Glasow (1905–1998), U.S. businessman

Later never exists.

- Anonymous

It is through symbols that man consciously or unconsciously lives, works, and has his being.

-Thomas Carlyle (1795–1881), British historian and essayist

If you could say it in words there would be no reason to paint.

- Edward Hopper (1882–1967), U.S. painter, printmaker

Pray hardest when it is hardest to pray.

- Anonymous

If we could but paint with the hand what we see with the eye.

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

An author who self-righteously proclaims that there is no real boundary between fact and fiction is not someone you should trust regarding either.

- Wendy Lesser (1952– ), *Why I Read*

Having learned the rules of tens of thousands of people, I can tell you that the rules you express as “I should not” you will break. The rules you express as “I must never” you will rarely if ever break.

- Anthony Robbins (1960– ), *Giant Steps*

## Announcements & Notices

### Larsen Toy Labs

(Westport, CT) visit <http://larsentoylab.com> to see educational and creative gifts.

You can get a 25% discount when you make a donation of blocks to a nursery, an elementary school, or a children's charity.

For ideas, go to <http://www.Adoptaclassroom.org>

or: <http://www.schooldigger.com/go/CT/schoolrank.aspx>.

Then use code **DONATE25** at the Larsen Toy Labs checkout to get your 25% discount.



### 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;
- They respond to lower wind speeds;
- They 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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