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## Welcome New Members!

Jeff Kurpiel, Westport

Ronald E Ferguson Fairfield

Tao Ning, Stamford

## SCM Chapter Events – June 2016

**Thursday, June 2, 7:30 pm**

### Chapter Business Meeting Conference Call

Contact Joan Coprio at [jcoprio@optonline.net](mailto:jcoprio@optonline.net) beforehand for the call-in number.

**Tuesday, June 7, 6:00 pm**

### Post Road Dining and Discussion

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

Topic: *The Liberal Arts in a Digital World*. Contact **Jim Mizera** at [jmizera@hotmail.com](mailto:jmizera@hotmail.com) or text or call (203) 522-1959.

**Thursday, June 9, 7:00 pm**

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

*John's Best Pizza, Shop Rite Plaza, Federal Road, Brookfield, 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.

**Wednesday, June 15**

Want to schedule a brunch, lunch, dinner, coffee break, or other Mensa get-together in your area? Let us know! We'll help get the word out and offer any guidance or tips to help make hosting an event fun and easy. Contact Jim Mizera at [jmizera@hotmail.com](mailto:jmizera@hotmail.com) or text or call (203) 522-1959.

**Saturday, June 18, 7:30 pm**

### Shakespeare on the Sound presents: *Hamlet*

*Pinkney Park, 177 Rowayton Ave., Rowayton (Norwalk), CT*

Easy access from the Metro North train station. Outdoor event, bring your own chair. Tickets are \$20 for adults, \$10 for seniors. Contact Jim Mizera at [jmizera@hotmail.com](mailto:jmizera@hotmail.com) or text or call (203) 522- 1959.

**Tuesday, June 21, 6:30 pm**

### County Corner Dining and Discussion

*Panera Bread, 2320 Black Rock Tpke., Fairfield, CT*

Topic: *Sports Corner – Looking at Baseball, Football, Basketball, Hockey, and Other Sports: Data and History*. Contact **Jim Mizera** at [jmizera@hotmail.com](mailto:jmizera@hotmail.com) or text or call (203) 522-1959.

## **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).

### **Friday, June 3, 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, June 5, 12:00 noon**

#### **Indian Lunch**

*Haveli India Restaurant, 1300 South Main Street, Rte 17, 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. Contact **Barb Holstein** for a reservation: (860) 632-7873 or [BarbCPA@att.net](mailto:BarbCPA@att.net).

### **Thursday, June 16, 6:30 pm**

#### **Shoreline Third Thursday**

*Old Saybrook area*

Come join us for dinner! Spouses and families are always welcome. RSVPs appreciated, so I can give them an accurate count for our reservation. Contact **Mike Milius** at [miliuslondon@netzero.com](mailto:miliuslondon@netzero.com) or (860) 392-9917 for more information or to RSVP.

### **Thursday, June 16, 6:30 pm**

#### **Pioneer Valley Dinner**

This is a perfect opportunity to see what a Mensa get-together is like if you've never been to one. Email **Ian Fraser** ([mensanian@ianfraser.net](mailto:mensanian@ianfraser.net)) for more information, directions, or to RSVP (very much appreciated but not required). New members and guests are encouraged to attend this always friendly and interesting event. We hope to see you there!

### **Sunday, June 19, 12:15 pm**

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

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](mailto:jeet78@hotmail.com), so let us know you can join us. The movie details would be sent later to those who RSVP.

## Region 1 RVC Roundup

As I sit in hospitality overlooking the Atlantic Ocean at Cape Cod, Boston Mensa's mini RG, I am reminded of why I love my Mensa family. Some of the attendees are folks I only see once or twice a year, but we enjoy the opportunity to catch up and spend time together.

It's a national family—we have people here from Virginia, Texas and all over the Northeast. Snippets of some conversations include:  
"And there was a guy in a dinosaur costume performing musical theatre numbers."

"Smart and stupid are not mutually exclusive."

"Is there a group in the area that meets to discuss politics?"

"He brought an extension cord to bring the blender out to the hot tub."



Hope you'll join us at an upcoming event or gathering soon, and become part of our extended family.

### News from National:

The AMC (American Mensa Committee—the national board of directors) held a teleconference meeting in May. The recording of the session is available online at: <http://www.us.mensa.org/lead/amc/meeting-reports/>

### Around the Region:

Vermont Mensa holds a monthly dinner meeting at Big Fatty's Barbecue in White River Junction followed by games at a nearby location. Great folks, food, and fun games. All are welcome.

Boston Mensa's Spring Fling on June 17th is a long-standing event not to be missed. "There will be food, music, games and quite a quantity of terrible jokes. We look forward to seeing you and sharing this happy time together at this family-friendly and convivial event."

### Upcoming Region 1 events:

We are planning to have a Region 1 Meet & Greet at the AG in San Diego. The scheduled day and time is Wednesday, June 29th, at 6:00 pm–7:15 pm—mark your calendar and stay tuned for more details. Would love to kick off the event with a gathering of all of us from Region 1 who are in San Diego. Last year, a group of us met at the poolside for snacks and beverages.

### This month's question for you...

If you are still reading at this point, and plan to attend the AG in San Diego, bring me a purple flower while there, and I will buy you a beverage.



And finally, if you are struggling to find a presidential candidate to put your support behind, consider a write-in candidate—Deb Stone for POTUS! She's getting my vote.

### Lisa Maxwell

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## News from the Chapter President

Southern CT Mensans,

I'm writing this right before Memorial Day weekend. Weather is warm enough to necessitate mowing the lawn now.

Writing this makes me wonder about the history of Memorial Day. On this website, <http://www.va.gov/opa/speceven/memday/history.asp>, you can read more about it. The holiday's purpose is to commemorate the men and women who have lost their lives in military service. There are a number of links on the page—one that I noted was <http://www.va.gov/opa/publications/celebrate/flower.pdf>, about poppies. I recollected learning about this when I attended the American Legion Auxiliary's Girls State program in high school. (I also remember some delicious ice cream made on UConn's campus at the Agriculture School, but that's a bit off-topic!)

We'll be having a business meeting via conference call later this week—we'll review the options for a summer picnic location and hopefully have good news on that front after that time.

I'm planning a vacation to California at the end of June, including a couple days at the Annual Gathering in San Diego—looking forward to it!

Have a great month!

**Joan Coprio**

*President, Southern CT Mensa*



## 2016 Chapter Business Meetings

All meetings start at 7:30pm. Contact Joan Coprio at [jcoprio@optonline.net](mailto:jcoprio@optonline.net) for the call-in number or location.

- Thursday, June 2, via teleconference
- July, TBD, via teleconference



## The April Dinner

The topic for discussion was “Big Data, Smart Data.”

People at the dinner agreed that “Big Data” is more than just a buzzword. “Haven’t we always had Big Data?” some asked. After all, the Census Bureau has been around for a long time and information analysts have been collecting and analyzing data on mainframe computers since the World War II . But with the Internet and modern sensing and recording devices, we can now gather, track, and analyze much more data, much more rapidly than ever before. Everything we do generates data and soon we may be analyzing everything we do statistically.

What about people who don’t like stats? One dinner attendee pointed out that we are not collecting numbers just for numbers’ sake; we are analyzing things quantitatively to try to gain some insight and improve quality of life. A good question for organizations might be, “What are we doing with the information we already have?” Data won’t do you any good if you don’t analyze it.

One person suggested that people might be overwhelmed by the complexity of using data for forecasting. Some prominent forecasters have said that we need big data but simple models.

The discussion touched on many other data topics: how to deal with unstructured data, how to search, filter, and analyze data, and how to run quick but effective tests and trials. Unfortunately, we didn’t have much time to discuss in detail applications of data in such fields as telematics (the use of sensors in telecommunications to collect information), oil and gas exploration, energy management, transportation, meteorology, medicine, education, language, literature, and arts. Perhaps another day we will reexamine these topics and applications.

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*Next Dinner.* The Monthly Dinner will not be held during the summer, although there will be other summer events. The next Monthly Dinner will be on Saturday, September 17, 6:30 pm. The speaker will be Eric Lehmann, who will talk about his latest book, *Homegrown Terror: Benedict Arnold and the Burning of New London*.



## Upcoming National and Regional Events

### American Mensa Annual Gathering

June 29–July 3, 2016

Town & Country Resort Hotel, 500 Hotel Cir N, San Diego, CA

<http://ag.us.mensa.org/>

## **Puzzles & Questions**

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

1. What are the best trees?
2. What percentage of California's land is agricultural land?
3. How many wars have clear winners?
4. Which 3 chemical elements are denser in liquid form than in solid form?
5. How many immigrants to the U.S. immigrate for economic reasons?
6. According to 2015 U.S. census estimates, how many cities in the U.S. have 100,000 people?
7. How much do people remember from a magazine article they read last week?
8. How long did it take to build the Eiffel Tower?
9. What would be the topics and their sequence in an ideal Music Appreciation 101 course?
10. If a major league baseball pitcher throws a pitch at 95 mph, how much time will the batter have to decide whether to swing at the pitch?

### **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.

## **Answers to Some of the May Chronicle Questions**

**2. Who was the first U.S. president to run for a third term of office?**

A: Hiram Ulysses Grant (1822–1885), who was the 18th U.S. president from 1869–1877. In 1880, some Republican delegates nominated Grant again. He led after the first ballot at the National Convention with 304 votes, but ultimately lost on the 36th ballot when many delegates for other candidates shifted their votes to Rep. James Garfield, Ohio, as a compromise candidate. Garfield won the nomination and the 1880 election.

**4. Who were the four generals who divided and ruled Alexander the Great's empire after he died?**

A: After Alexander the Great (356–323 B.C.E.) died, various members of his family and his leading generals fought for control of parts of his empire. The Battle of Ipsus (modern-day Turkey) split his empire into four parts. Cassander (350–297 B.C.E.), son of Antipater, a Macedonian general of Alexander and Alexander's regent, took over Macedonia, most of Greece, and Thrace. Lysimachus (360–281 B.C.E.), an officer, took over Lydia, Ionia, Phrygia, and other parts of what is now Turkey. Seleucus (358–281 B.C.E.) established the Seleucid Empire in Anatolia and what is now Iran, Iraq, and Syria. Ptolemy I (367–282 B.C.E.) founded a dynasty which ruled Egypt until the Romans made it a province.

**6. What are the five largest towns in Alaska by population?**

A: According to the 2010 U.S. Census, the five largest Alaskan cities are Anchorage (291,826), Fairbanks (31,535), Juneau (31,275), Sitka (8,881), and Ketchikan (8,050). Alaska had a total population of 710,231 in 2010, the fourth lowest among U.S. states.

**8. What was the highest skydive jump ever?**

A: On October 24, 2014, in Roswell, New Mexico, computer scientist and pilot Robert Alan Eustace set a new record for the highest free-fall jump with a parachute designed for high-speed vehicles—135,908 ft (25.74 mi, 41.42 km). It took him 15 minutes to reach the ground and he reached speeds exceeding 821 mph.

**10. What percentage of home runs in major league baseball made it just over the fence – clearing the fence by less than 10 feet above the top?**

A: About 27 percent.



## **Word Check**

See if you can define these “z” words.

1. zaddik or tzaddik (from Hebrew) –
2. zarzuela –
3. zastrugi or sastrugi –
4. zebrula –
5. zeitgeber –
6. zelophobia –
7. zek –
8. zendo –
9. zetetic –
10. zinfandel –
11. zingara [TSEENG – gah - rah]
12. zoanthropy –
13. zugzwang [TSOOK - tsvahng] –
14. Zwieback – (German TSVEE – bahk, ZWAYH - bak) –

### **Answers:**

1. zaddik or tzaddik – 1. a person of outstanding virtue and piety. 2. the leader of a Hasidic group.
2. zarzuela – a Spanish opera having spoken dialogue and often a satirically treated, topical theme.
3. zastrugi – sharp or irregular grooves or ridges formed in snow by the wind.
4. zebrula – the offspring of a female horse and a male zebra.
5. zeitgeber – an environmental cue, such as the length of daylight or the degree of temperature, that helps to regulate the cycles of an organism's biological clock.
6. zelophobia – a fear of jealousy.
7. zek – an inmate of a forced-labor camp (in the former U.S.S.R.).
8. zendo – the the meditation room of a Zen monastery.

9. zetetic – proceeding by inquiry; investigating.
10. zinfandel – 1. a black-skinned wine grape grown in California. 2. a dry red wine made from this grape.
11. zingara – a female Gypsy.
12. zoanthropy – a mental disorder in which one believes oneself to be an animal.
13. zugzwang - a chess situation in which a player is limited to moves that cost pieces or that damage his position.
14. Zwieback – (German TSVEE – bahk, ZWAYH - bak) – a type of hard, crisp, dry sweetened bread made with eggs and baked twice.



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## Noted & Quoted

- Be kind whenever possible. It is always possible. - Dalai Lama XIV (1935–)
- Necessity, the mother of invention. - George Farquhar (1678–1707), *The Twin Rivals*
- Lose not yourself in a far off time, seize the moment that is thine. - Friedrich Schiller (1759–1805), German poet, playwright
- Delay not to seize the hour! - Aeschylus (525–456 B.C.E.), Greek dramatist
- Begin while others are procrastinating. Work while others are wishing. - William Arthur Ward (1921–1994), U.S. motivational writer
- The past was a dream wasn't it? And who ever remembers dreams? - Ivan Turgenev (1818–1883), Russian novelist
- Never look back unless you are planning to go that way. - Henry David Thoreau (1817–1862)
- I live, I die; I am on fire and I drown. - Louise Labe (1525–1566), French poet
- Life is a business that does not cover the costs. - Arthur Schopenhauer (1788–1860), *The World as Will and Representation*
- I know death hath ten thousand several doors / For men to take their exits. - John Webster (1580–1634), *The Duchess of Malfi*
- They do not live but linger. - Robert Burton (1577–1640), *The Anatomy of Melancholy*
- I was not born to amuse the Tsars. Alexander Pushkin (1799–1837), Russian novelist, poet
- A film is difficult to explain because it is easy to understand. - Christian Metz (1931–1993), French film critic
- The problem for a critic is not making enemies but keeping them. - William Dean Howells (1837–1920), U.S. novelist
- The true writer has nothing to say. What counts is the way he says it. - Alain Robbe-Grillet (1922–2008), French novelist, filmmaker
- Nothing stinks like a pile of unpublished writing. - Sylvia Plath (1932–1963), U.S. poet

It is not every day that we are needed.

- Samuel Beckett, (1906–1989),  
*Waiting for Godot*

A story is not finished, until it has taken the worst turn.

- Friedrich Dürrenmatt (1921–1990), Swiss dramatist

Dogs don't love people, they love the place where they are fed.

- Burundian Proverb

A clear sky fears not the thunder.

- Romanian Proverb

The most despairing songs are the most beautiful, and I know some immortal ones that are pure tears.

- Alfred de Musset (1810–1857), French poet, playwright, novelist

Every man must choose his world.

- A.W. Tozer (1897–1963), U.S. clergyman

If plan “A” fails — remember you have 25 letters left.

– Chris Guillebeau (1978– ), U.S. entrepreneur, author, blogger, speaker

I feel we are all islands - in a common sea. - Anne Morrow Lindbergh (1906–2001), U.S. poet, aviator

Generally, I like all islands. There, it is easier to rule.

- Albert Camus (1913–1960), *The Fall*

It's a lot easier to be lost than found. It's the reason we're always searching and rarely discovered— so many locks, not enough keys.

- Sarah Dessen (1970– ), *Lock and Key*

Our lives are either spent in doing nothing at all, or in doing nothing to the purpose, or in doing nothing that we ought to do. We are always complaining that our days are few, and acting as though there would be no end of them.

- Lucius Seneca (3/4/5 B.C.E.–65 A.D.), Roman dramatist, poet, philosopher,

To discuss causes at all is to move from the historian's world of concrete things, statutes, treaties, battles, and mobs to the shadowy and metaphysical landscape of the philosophers.

- Laurence Lafore (1917–1985), "The Long Fuse"



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**ConnectiCon 2016** (<http://connecticon.org/>), Connecticut's pop-culture and gaming convention, will be at the Connecticut Convention Center in Hartford, CT, Thu.–Sun., July 7–10 .

CT & Western Mass. Mensa is anticipating having a table and doing some testing at this event.

Wanna come and play? It's a fun event meeting lots of potential members who are smart, creative, and gathering as nerds at this, one of the biggest events of the kind, event in CT. Over 10,000 participants will show up. Even if 2% of the 10,000 take the Mensa test, there is a potential for 200 candidates. In fact, it's much higher.

Please contact Bob Smith via e-mail ([Boborobdos@GreatAmericanBar.TV](mailto:Boborobdos@GreatAmericanBar.TV)) or phone (860-810-7370) if you have any suggestions or questions.

Thanks - Bob Smith



### ***Announcing New Baseball Website***

Young Southern Connecticut Mensan Benjamin Stransky has just launched his baseball website [www.ratatatstats.com](http://www.ratatatstats.com). It's got videos, stats, and team news. Get ready for the season and stay informed.





### **Classic Cars**

Patrick Foster, the speaker at the February 2016 Southern CT Mensa Monthly Dinner, has written 21 books about classic cars. To see a selection of Pat's books, search [www.amazon.com/patrick+foster](http://www.amazon.com/patrick+foster) .



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