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Welcome New Members!

Rhea Ahuja, Trumbull

Alison Enters, Darien

SCM Chapter Events – July 2016

Tuesday, July 5, 6:00 pm

Post Road Dining and Discussion

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

Topic: *Self-Help and Group Help. Do they help? How do they fail? How do they complement each other?* Contact **Jim Mizera** at jmizera@hotmail.com or text or call (203) 522-1959.

Wednesday, July 13, 7:30 pm

Film: When We Were Kings

Avon Theatre, 272 Bedford St., Stamford, CT

1996 Academy Award-winning documentary film about the 1974 heavyweight boxing championship fight between Muhammad Ali and George Foreman in Zaire, Africa. Tickets are \$7–\$12. Contact **Jim Mizera** at jmizera@hotmail.com or text or call (203) 522-1959.

Thursday, July 14, 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 or **Rev. Bill Loring** at (203) 794-1389, fr.bill@comcast.net for more info on location and/or reservations.

Saturday, July 16, 6:12 pm

Baseball: The Bridgeport Bluefish Play the Sugarland (Texas) Skeeters

Harbor Yard Park, 500 Main St., Bridgeport, CT

Reserved seat tickets are \$12. Contact **Jim Mizera** at jmizera@hotmail.com or text or call (203) 522-1959.

Tuesday, July 19, 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 or text or call (203) 522-1959.

Sunday, August 7, 1:00-4:00pm

Southern CT Mensa Summer Picnic

Stamford Museum & Nature Center, 39 Scofieldtown Rd, Stamford, CT

Save the Date! Join your fellow Mensans for a summer pot-luck picnic in on the beautiful grounds of the Stamford Museum. Make sure to watch for more information in next month's newsletter, blog, and Facebook page!

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, July 3, 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.

Friday, July 8, 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, July 17, 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, so let us know you can join us. The movie details would be sent later to those who RSVP.

Thursday, July 21, 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 or (860) 392-9917 for more information or to RSVP.

Thursday, July 21, 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) 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!

Region 1 RVC Roundup

Annual Gathering:

As you read this in late June/early July, the 2016 AG (Annual Gathering) is underway in San Diego, CA. There are so many options for AG attendees that it can be challenging to fit them all into the five days—events, speakers, tours, games and tournaments; LDWs (Leadership Development Workshops) and the Leadership Summit; award ceremonies; board, business and committee meetings; meet and greets (for SIGs, regions, leadership positions and more); and of course hospitality (a place to sit and visit with friends, grab a bite to eat or a drink, and just take it all in).

BTW—there's an app for that! This year's App, which has info on all of the scheduled meetings and events, can be found by searching for "Mensa AG 2016"—it is available for both Android and iPhone.

If you are attending, I hope we had a chance to meet and chat. If you didn't make it to San Diego, check out all the things you missed here: <http://ag.us.mensa.org/> and consider attending a future AG. The 2017 AG will be held in Hollywood, Florida.

News from National:

Did you know that American Mensa has a number of committees charged with overseeing programs and developing policy at the national level? No matter what your passion, American Mensa has an outlet for your talents, passion, and energy. See the full list here: <http://www.us.mensa.org/lead/amc/committees/> Click on the committee name to learn more about its work or to contact the chair to find out how you get can get involved.

As a member of the AMC (American Mensa Committee, Mensa's national board of directors), I also participate on several committees: Finance and Audit, Communications, and (Chair) Local Group Logistics. If you have any questions, suggestions, or concerns about anything relating to American Mensa governance, please feel free to contact me. I am your representative at the national level.

Around the Region:

- Central NY Mensa toured their local library to learn more about all of the available resources, prior to their June Business Meeting. What a great way to get more members involved!
- MoNNY (Mensa of Northeastern NY) hosts a monthly Volunteer Afternoon at their Regional Food Bank. This sounds like a wonderful opportunity to give back to your local community with a friendly group of Mensans.
- Southern CT Mensans gathered for a production of Hamlet by Shakespeare on the Sound.

Want to have a similar event in your local area? Consider hosting!

Just a reminder... Upcoming Region 1 events:

- September 2–5 is MoNNY's End of Summer RechaRGe Regional Gathering in Albany NY. To register: <http://bit.ly/106RechaRGe2016>

This month's question for you:

How do you define "fun"? What do you plan for, look forward to, and thoroughly enjoy?

Lisa Maxwell

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Upcoming National and Regional Events

ReChaRGe

September 2–5, 2016

Ramada Plaza Albany, 3 Watervliet Ave Ext, Albany, New York

<https://recharge2016blog.wordpress.com/>

Join us for the best three-night RG in the northeast:

- Awesome 24-hour games room with many current and past Mind Games winners, as well as other favorites.
- Delicious hospitality snacks and beverages, and two lunches and two dinners will be catered.
- Pub crawl on Saturday night! Brandy and Cigars! Speakers! Tournaments! Fantastic hospitality!



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PUB
TRIVIA**

MID-HUDSON MENSA

Updated Info: <http://tinyurl.com/MHMEVENTS>

A roaming Pub Trivia / Dinner event is now on Mid-Hudson Mensa's calendar! In order to be accessible to more members in the region, we'll visit a different establishment every quarter. All levels of players welcome—come to play for fun or play to win. This is a great "ice breaker" for new members or for those who haven't been to an event before.

The tentative schedule is below. You must contact the host two days before the event in order to reserve a seat. Also, the host may need to contact you in case of last minute changes.

Tuesday, July 26, 2016: Max's On Main, Beacon, NY
Dinner at 6:30pm with Stump Trivia @ 7:00pm - SOCE will host (ttate@warwick.net)

Wednesday, October 26, 2016: The Derby, Poughkeepsie, NY
Dinner at 7:00pm with Hudson Valley Trivia @ 8:00pm - Dave Schwartz will host (MHMEVENT@gmail.com)

Tuesday, January TBD, 2017: Keegan Ales, Kingston, NY
Dinner at TBD with Trivia Break with Andre @ 7:00pm - Bill Zigo will host (bzigo@optonline.net)

Wed, April 26, 2017: Newburgh Brewing Co., Newburgh, NY
Dinner at 6:30pm with trivia @ 7:30pm - SOCE will host (ttate@warwick.net)

Puzzles & Questions

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

1. How are suspicion and intuition similar?
2. When did these New York musical institutions open? A) Carnegie Hall; B) Lincoln Center for the Performing Arts Philharmonic Hall; C) Radio City Music Hall; D) The Juilliard School of Music.
3. What are some ways to encourage thrift?
4. How many state capital cities or towns in the United States are not one of the 5 most populous cities in their state?
5. What are the best manufacturing companies in the U.S? In the world?
6. How many of the 118 known chemical elements are present in at least minute traces in the human body?
7. Compare sympathy, compassion, and pity.
8. Who wrote these hit songs from the 1920s? A) California, Here I Come; B) Yes! We Have No Bananas; C) I'm Looking Over a Four Leaf Clover; D) When the Red, Red Robin Comes Bob, Bob, Bobbin' Along; E) Tip Toe Through The Tulips.
9. How well do juries weigh evidence?
10. In the 2015 Major League baseball season, in what percentage of games did a relief pitcher record a save?

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. 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 June Chronicle Questions

2. What percentage of California's land is agricultural land?

A: According to the U.S. Dept. of Agriculture's Economic Research Service, about 27% of California's land is agricultural land. It is tied for 34th among states in the percentage of farmland. The national average is 40%.

4. Which 3 chemical elements are denser in liquid form than in solid form?

A: There are actually 5 elements that are denser in liquid form: antimony, bismuth, gallium, germanium, and silicon. Gallium is the only one of these that freezes at anywhere near room temperatures.

6. According to 2015 U.S. census estimates, how many cities in the U.S. have 100,000 people?

A: The 2015 estimate lists 304 U.S. cities with more than 100,000 people.

8. How long did it take to build the Eiffel Tower?

A: One year, one month, and eighteen days. Construction of the tower began on January 28, 1887, and was completed on March 15, 1889. It opened on March 31, 1889, and served as the entrance to the 1889 World's Fair, which celebrated the 100th anniversary of the storming of the Bastille and the beginning of the French Revolution.

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?

A: Only about .43 seconds. The pitcher's mound is 60.5 feet away from home plate and a 95 mile-per-hour pitch travels 139.33 feet per second, leaving the batter less than half-a-second to decide.



PANDEMIC RG!
August 19th – 21st
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Word Check

See if you can define these “com-“ words.

1. comely –
2. comestible –
3. comfit –
4. comity –
5. Commodore –
6. commutative –
7. complaisant –
8. comptometer –

Answers:

1. comely - good-looking, pleasing in appearance; attractive; fair.
2. comestible – edible.
3. comfit – a candy containing a nut or piece of fruit.
4. comity – 1. mutual courtesy. 2. social harmony. 3. a legal principle whereby a court or nation in one jurisdiction defers to or respects the laws or decisions of another jurisdiction or nation.
5. Commodore – a naval officer rank that is superior to a captain but below a rear admiral.
6. commutative - having the property that one term operating on a second is equal to the second operating on the first, such as $a + b = b + a$ or $a \times b = b \times a$; giving the same result independent of order.
7. complaisant – disposed to please or comply; obliging, agreeable.
8. comptometer – a high-speed key-driven calculating machine that was patented in 1887 and used into the 1990s.

Noted & Quoted

An onion can make people cry but there's never been a vegetable that can make people laugh.

- Will Rogers, (1879 - 1935), U.S. humorist

No matter how far a person can go the horizon is still way beyond you.

- Zora Neale Hurston, (1891 - 1960), Afro-American novelist, folklorist

No one ever died from sleeping in an unmade bed.

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

You don't write melodies. You find them. They lie there on the keys waiting for you.

- Hoagy Carmichael, (1899 – 1981), U.S. songwriter, singer, pianist

I choose a lazy person to do a hard job. Because a lazy person will find an easy way to do it.

– Bill Gates, (1955 -)

Intelligence without ambition is a bird without wings.

- Salvador Dali, (1904 - 1989), Spanish surrealist painter

If you do not hope, you will not find what is beyond your hopes.

- Clement of Alexandria, (c. 150 – c. 215), Greco-Egyptian theologian

The optimist lives on the peninsula of infinite possibilities; the pessimist is stranded on the island of perpetual indecision.

- William Arthur Ward, (1921 - 1994), U.S. motivational writer

We are all apprentices in a craft where no one ever becomes a master.

- Ernest Hemingway, (1899 - 1961)

Every child is in a way a genius; and every genius is in a way a child.

- Arthur Schopenhauer, (1788 – 1860),
The World as Will and Representation

You have a choice: you can raise kids, or you can live in a home where nothing touches the floor but the furniture.

- Robert Brault, U.S. freelance writer, blogger

Formal education will make you a living; self-education will make you a fortune.

– Jim Rohn, (1930 - 2009), U.S. motivational speaker, author

If you don't have a competitive advantage — don't compete.

– Jack Welch, (1935 -), U.S. executive

Man is a pupil, pain is his teacher.

- Alfred de Musset, (1810 - 1857), French poet

Follow effective actions with quiet reflection. From the quiet reflection will come even more effective action.

– Peter Drucker, (1919 - 2005), U.S. Economist, management consultant

- If and When were planted, and Nothing grew. - Anonymous
- Procrastination is the grave in which opportunity is buried. - Anonymous
- Don't wait for the perfect moment, take the moment and make it perfect. - Anonymous
- I desire the things that will destroy me in the end. - Sylvia Plath, (1932 - 1963), U.S. poet
- Upon the brink of the wild stream He stood, and dreamt a mighty dream.
Alexander Pushkin, (1799 – 1837),
The Bronze Horseman
- “You are an old pig,” one of them said to the other. “And that is worse than being a young one.”
- Ivan Turgenev, (1818 - 1883), Russian novelist, *Fathers and Sons* (1862)
- Patience is not waiting, it's how you act while you're waiting. - Anonymous
- In a good book the best is between the lines. – Swedish Proverb
- Some books leave us free and some books make us free. - Ralph Waldo Emerson, (1803 - 1882),
- My name is Sherlock Holmes. It is my business to know what other people don't know.'
- Arthur Conan Doyle, (1859 - 1930), “The Adventure of the Blue Carbuncle”
- The fool wanders, a wise man travels. - Thomas Fuller, (1608 - 1661), English clergyman, historian
- The one that burned the hottest is the first to die. - Marina Tsvetaeva, (1892 – 1941), Russian poet
- It doesn't seem to me that anyone has discovered much that's new since the Iliad or the Odyssey.
- Raymond Queneau, (1903 – 1976), French novelist, poet
- The best imitation in the world is not half as good as a poor original.
- Luise Rainer, (1910 – 2014), German-American film actress
- Every actor has a natural animosity toward every other actor, present or absent, living or dead
- Louise Brooks, (1906 - 1985), U.S. actress, dancer
- Life comes before literature, as the material always comes before the work. The hills are full of marble
before the world blooms with statues.
- Phillips Brooks, (1835 - 1893), U.S. clergyman, author
- Bad companies are destroyed by crisis, Good companies survive them, Great companies are
improved by them. - Andy Grove, (1936 - 2016), co-founder Intel Corp.
- Vision without action is a daydream. Action without vision is a nightmare. - Japanese Proverb
- Those who work only when the Muse strikes them make little progress.
- William V. Dunning, (1934 - 2003), professor of Art

Announcements & Notices

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- 1124 45s
- 366 LPs
- 48 78s & Acetates

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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 chance to meet lots of potential members who are smart, creative, and gathering as nerds at this one-of-the-biggest-of-the-kind events 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) 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. 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 .



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Dr. Jenna Henderson

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