

Let's see how you 'measure up!' - The After-Dinner Trivia Quiz



- 1) The encrusted needle was a major find in this Cliffwalk Property.

- 2) This Academy Award® winning actress and humanitarian lived a storied life on the red carpet, but her home in Bel Air was all about family - so much so that several elements inside and out were designed by them.

- 3) Double good fortune for you - especially when playing this instrument.

- 4) While one could say they're delicious on their own, Twinkies may be partly responsible for funding the purchase of this Holmby Hills legendary compound.

- 5) Jimmy Durante raved so much about her parties as the "most" wonderful at her Spring Valley residence in Washington, DC, before a VP turned President occupied her home.

- 6) Name three of the seven most notable and exclusive private clubs in the United States.

- 7) "She's at the beach house at Stinson - Seadrift 1402." Answer in the form of a question.

- 8) These two men combined have either pledged or given 131 exceptionally significant paintings to the Metropolitan Museum of Art.

- 9) The first woman to run a major Hollywood studio, her notoriously "metallic" persona was softened by the studio's watery name.

- 10) This contest was a boon to the oenological egos of Americans.

- 11) While this number can actually be lucky after dinner in the drawing room, its less-flashy cousin is the true celebrity.

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- 1) **Clarendon Court** in Newport, Rhode Island - a former residence of Claus and Sunny von Bülow. The encrusted needle was a piece of evidence used by the State of Rhode Island to convict and subsequently reverse the verdict of guilty for Claus' attempted murder of Sunny by injection of insulin.
- 2) **Elizabeth Taylor's** residence at 700 Nimes Rd. included sculpted bronze horses by her daughter Liza Todd Tivey while nephew Christopher Taylor tiled the pool and designed the shell-shaped fountain next to it.
- 3) A standard-sized **piano** has **88 keys**. In Chinese culture the number "8" is associated with fortune and prosperity.
- 4) Purchased by Daren Metropolous whose father Dean co-owned Hostess Brands (makers of Twinkies) for \$100 million in 2016, the **Playboy Mansion** has undergone a major transformation. In 2018, he entered into a permanent protection covenant for the home with the City of Los Angeles.
- 5) **Perle Mesta**, nicknamed "The Hostess with the Mostess" by Durante, occupied The Elms prior to Lyndon B. and Lady Bird Johnson purchasing the mansion. For a short time, the mansion became the de facto White House after the assassination of JFK until Jackie moved out of the White House on December 6, 1963. The official Vice President's Home at One Observatory Circle did not exist until 1974.
- 6) One thing is certain - members of the following clubs are exceptionally private people. Their memberships are typically only known to each other, and they are not festooned in club logowear outside their cloistered environments of mystique. Clubs of this stature have limited reciprocity; little or no online presence; strict rules about photos, social posting, phone and member etiquette, and shun publicity; exceptionally rigorous membership review processes including financial, criminal and personal reference background checks and numerous personal references; and, unrivaled peer/cohort experiences that are member-inspired.
 - a) Knickerbocker Club, New York City
 - b) Colony Club, New York City
 - c) Bohemian Club, San Francisco
 - d) California Club, Los Angeles
 - e) Pacific-Union Club, San Francisco
 - f) Everglades Club, Palm Beach
 - g) Los Angeles Country Club
- 7) *She really wasn't . . .* **Sharon Stone's character Catherine Tramell** in the 1992 movie *Basic Instinct* was actually at 157 Spindrift in Carmel-by-the-Sea. In 2019, it hit the market for \$52.375 million.
- 8) 78 Cubist pledged by **Leonard Lauder** and 53 Impressionist and Post-Impressionist by **Ambassador Walter Annenberg**.
- 9) **Dawn Steel** (1946-1997) was president of Columbia Pictures. Her 1998 film *City of Angels* starring Nicholas Cage and Meg Ryan was dedicated to her memory.
- 10) **The Judgment of Paris** in 1976 was a blind tasting where California wines rated best over French entries in each category - the most notable being the 1973 Stag's Leap Wine Cellars Cabernet Sauvignon.
- 11) While Rémy Martin Louis XIII is the elixir of those who have 'arrived,' **Richard Hennessy** is the standard bearer of truly exceptional taste.