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Old Dog/New Tricks

Teresa Gregory, Editor

What happens at the RG stays at the RG! We had a small but fun-loving group. We saw some people we haven't seen in a long time, and people we have never seen before. One first-timer, a young man from Iowa, scheduled a trip so that he could stop in for some WTF fun. We had East Coasters from New Jersey and Maryland, and our wonderful friends and neighbors from the surrounding states.



Our next gathering will be the OMG! May 19-21 down at Versailles State Park. You can register for that through EventBrite. The price doesn't change, so if you want to wait to pay when you get there, please drop me a note to let me know you are coming. It makes it easier to plan. This is a fairly remote place and I don't want to have to send out a hunting party to acquire more food once we are there. We hope to have a good turn-out for this because it will probably be our last event until the Annual Gathering in July 2018.

As you may recall, last month I fried my computer keyboard with a spilled Pepsi and lost my cell phone in a matter of minutes. It was 2:30am, and I contacted Verizon online to call me so I could find my phone that had fallen into the trash. So a month has gone by.

I now own a TracFone. I got it at Kroger for \$9.99 on sale. There aren't a lot of people who want a flip phone these days. I also bought 60 minutes of cell time to be used within 90 days. My bargain phone doubles the time, so I actually have 120 minutes. All together I spent about \$30 so that I can call myself. I tested it. It works.

I have not replaced my keyboard yet. I have one, but I've been busy. When I assemble MIND, I lay it out in MS Word, then copy and paste the pages into an MS Publisher template in printers' spread. That's where the pages are not consecutive but when they print it, it magically goes together in the correct order. The Publisher template is on the dead computer, so I thought, "How hard can this be?" (Last month, I asked the printer to do it.)

I do the pasting in order, page 1, page 2, until I get to the calendar, then I turn around and go back. I was perking along, kind of proud of myself, until I got to the calendar page. The Calendar was backwards. How could this happen? Welllllll, it seems I was laying out the entire issue backwards. I pulled out an old MIND and took it apart so I could see each page. So if anything is askew, that's why. Have I mentioned recently that I'm Dyslexic?

LocSection

Jan Pfeil Doyle

Central Indiana Mensa Regional Gathering –

If you were at our Regional Gathering in late January, you already know what a wonderful time we had! It was great to see old friends and make new ones. RG Chair **Teresa Gregory** and RG committee members **Diane O'Brien, Karen Steilberger, Karen Wilczewski, Karen Zwick** and yours truly put on a great spread in hospitality, arranged entertaining and captivating programs, games contests, and much more!



Others who pitched in to help were **David Bonner, Alison Brown, Elyse Davidson, Barbara George, J Kim, Bill Kuyper, Virginia Plottel, Alan Schmidt, Matt Zwick**, and everyone else who contributed! Thanks, too, to our speakers **Leo Doyle, Ann Hake, Nan Harvey, Alan Schmidt, Kurt Williams, and Karen Zwick**. Additional entertainment included **Beverly Braden** and the other Friday night comedians, **Dom Jervis'** (not) Golf Tournament, and the Indy Bag Ladies. And finally, hearty congratulations to Leo Doyle for being voted the Hells Ms Party Animal.

Please Renew – It's that time of year – membership renewal time. If you're not a life member, your payment is due March 31st. You should have received a bill last month; you can pay online or by mail. A couple of reasons to renew on time: (1) You can be on a CultureQuest® team; (2) you can vote in Mensa's national election in April/May. I hope you'll all be renewing!

CultureQuest® – Speaking of March 31st deadlines, that's the deadline for sending in our CultureQuest® team or teams. CultureQuest® is an international Mensa quiz competition. Questions range from film to politics, from literature to geography, from music to history and farther afield. Teams of up to five people compete at the same time on Sunday, April 30th at 4 pm. There's also a "Next Generation" quiz for teams whose members were born on or after May 1, 1999. For the Next Generation team, only the team captain must be a current Mensa member. If you're interested in being on a team, please contact me well before March 31st and be sure to renew by March 31st!

Help Support the St. Baldrick's Foundation – St. Baldrick's raises funding for childhood cancer research. CIM member **Alison Brown** will be having her head shaved at a fundraising event on March 10th. You can join me and others who are supporting Alison by donating at

<https://www.stbaldricks.org/donate/participant/882657/2017>

She has raised over \$100 so far and would like to get closer to her goal. If you have questions, you can contact Alison at SIGHT@indymensa.org.



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central indiana mensa gifted family program



Dr. Jean Peterson, PhD, was State Teacher of the Year in her first career. In her second, she studied bullying of and by gifted children, authored over 100 articles, chapters, and books, and received 12 Purdue and 9 national awards.



Christine Turo-Shields, ACSW, LCSW, owner of Kenosis Counseling Center. Turo-Shields has many years of counseling experience dealing with the unique issues of highly and profoundly gifted individuals.



David Bonner, Founding Director of Apogee School for the Gifted and American Mensa Gifted Youth Coordinator of the Year. Bonner has been an educator and advocate of gifted youth for many years.

Gifted students are vulnerable to being bullied in ways unique to them, and it often isn't reported. Bullying is a dangerous form of peer abuse that has devastating long-term consequences for all involved. Learn the facts from the experts, and what you can do to be an advocate.

Tuesday, March 14th, 2017 (pi day!) @6pm
Apogee Center for the Gifted
RSVP: ApogeeCenter.com

This event is FREE and open to the public. Please RSVP so we know how many people to expect. Please also share this event with your child's teachers, school, and friends. Bullying among the gifted is a very important topic for all gifted children, so we hope you can come!

Living Better with Less

Part 2: What is the right amount of stuff?

Hi, I'm Karen Zwick and in the past years, I've gotten rid of at least 75% of my possessions. The decluttering process has brought me so many benefits. I love helping others seeking help in this area.

In last month's article, I covered some of the symptoms that indicate you have too much stuff. To recap, you might have a problem of too much stuff if:

Your home is messy most of the time.

Your closets are filled from top to bottom.

Your kitchen countertops are not mostly clear when you are not preparing a meal.

Your dining room or kitchen tables are not mostly clear when not eating or if you can't eat at the tables.

You can't park your car(s) in the garage.

You rent offsite storage.

According to the LA Times, there are 300,000 items in the average American home. For most, that is just too much stuff.

If you realize that you have too much stuff, the next question to consider is, "What is the right amount of stuff?"

The right amount of stuff = the amount that you can fully and regularly use.

Here are some examples of how you might apply that statement to your possessions.

Category of stuff	Applying the right amount guideline
Clothing	I wear every single item during its appropriate season. Anything that I haven't worn during the appropriate season is excess.
Dishes	You've used most of the dishes over a 2 to 3 day period.
Pots & pans	None sits long enough to gather dust.

Decluttering Hint: Here are some relatively easy things to pitch. Start your decluttering process by removing these items from your home:

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- Old/expired food in the fridge
- Old spices
- Duplicates of kitchen gadgets
- Cookbooks/recipes that you haven't used in the past 3 years
- Expired medicine (take to a Tox Drop/pharmacy that accepts medicines)
- Old makeup

Next month, we'll dig in to more strategies for decluttering.



Letter From the Scholarship Chair to Her Committee

Lady and Gentlemen,

I cannot begin to thank you for all your hard work on scoring the essays.

This year, the 72 were narrowed to a batch of 54 to read, about the max for one person. Of the 54, over a dozen names were sent on to region. At least one person will win the local John Matthews award, and at least one person will win a regional/national. Our group has had up to three winners as for some of the national awards, more than one certificate is issued.

Although the amounts might not seem that high, the reinforcement for the applicant and being able to put it on a resume is invaluable.

Blessings,
Laurel

Thanks to the following members for all their efforts in reviewing and judging 54 qualified essays for Central Indiana Mensa. The local scholarship program would not happen without you!

*Laurel Richardson
Charles Rawlings
Thomas Miller
Marcele Everest
Lewis Richardson*

DAMNATIONS 30:THE 3D RG

Dayton Area Mensa

DAMNations 30, the 3D RG, is March 31 – April 2. You should be there—it’s the biggest event of the year for Dayton Area Mensa. It’s got something for everyone—you’re sure to have a great time.

Programs

Tamara Werno is our program chair again and she has some fascinating programs lined up, including on this summer’s total eclipse of the sun. (Is there anyone who can hear that line without hearing it to music?) **Phonic Uproar** is performing again—complete with our own Garrett Woods (RG Treasurer). Comic books. Laura Engle Wilder. Woodcarving. Super couponing.

Games and Tournaments

The Region 3 Game Collection will be attending the RG—that means there will be your “familiar favorites” and “new friends waiting to be played”. Drake Schneider is organizing tournaments again. I’m particularly looking forward to Duchre ☺, but there are lots of other tournaments planned!

Meals, Snacks, and Bevers

Lauren Woods and I are the Hospitality co-chairs this year and we’re planning a ton of food and drink. All snacks, meals, and beverages are included. Friday night dinner is from 7:00 – 8:30 pm so be sure to arrive Friday night before dinner to enjoy the salad bar, quinoa bean salad, and Jet’s Pizza. Be sure to leave some room for Cassie’s amazing pies!

We’ll have a wide range of liquid refreshment—sodas, coffee, tea, beer, wine, and alcopops. We’ll put the first batch of snacks out about 3:00 Friday afternoon. Nobody will go thirsty and nobody will go hungry.

The Hotel Dayton

Call and make your reservations (937)278-4871. Rate is \$68. We have the atrium for our Hospitality and Games space, several rooms for serving, and program space. There’s a pool, so bring your swimsuit!

What now?

Check out our Facebook page for updates: tinyurl.com/DAMNations30
Register online at dayton.us.mensa.org

Welcome New and Returning Members!

Due to upgrading the computer system at the National Office, we did not receive any information on new members this month. We hope to have a lot to list in our April issue.



Petra’s Punny Page

Petra Ritchie

Note: February’s puns (from AARP) were submitted by Alison Brown. Karen Steilberger’s submission of a “BUNCH of PUNS” will begin with this issue.

- 1 - Why were the Indians here first? They had reservations.
- 2 - I didn't like my beard at first. Then it grew on me.
- 3 - Did you hear about the cross-eyed teacher who lost her job because she couldn't control her pupils?
- 4 - When you get a bladder infection, urine trouble.
- 5 - Broken pencils are pointless.

Thanks Karen Steilberger.

Have a really clever pun to contribute? Email: petraritchie@msn.com



Last Call for CultureQuest

Teams wishing to compete in CultureQuest on April 30 must register by March 31. If you don’t belong to a team and would like to sign up, please contact LocSec Jan Pfeil Doyle <jan@mw.net> before March 31, and also make sure that, if you need to renew your membership, you have already done so.

March 2017 Events

Indy Lunch Bunch – 1st and 3rd Wednesday at 12:00 noon, Double Eagle Café, 650 N. Meridian (at the Scottish Rite Cathedral), Indianapolis. Contact: Karen Steilberger, steilkr@sbcglobal.net

Ham ‘n’ Eggs (Hamilton County Eggheads) – 1st Saturday from 9:45 a.m. - 12 noon. Atrio, 11700 Illinois St. (Meridian & 116th St., Carmel, IN, located at IU Health North). Located just off the atrium on the first floor on the left as you enter the building from the north entrance. Breakfast served till 10 a.m., then lunch starts at 11 a.m. Drop in any time for casual conversation, lively discussion, and good food and beverages. Contact: Alison Brown, 317-846-6798, SIGHT@indymensa.org.

Bridge Club – Join Bob Van Buskirk for casual, friendly bridge on the 1st Sunday of every month, 2 p.m., Contact: Bob Van Buskirk, 317-359-6907 or vnbuskirk@yahoo.com. Location will change each month. Call ahead.

Monthly Gathering – 2nd Friday at 6:00 p.m. – 12 Midnight. **All Souls Unitarian Church, 5805 E. 56th Street, Indianapolis, IN 46226.** See last page of *MIND* for map and directions. Members: \$5.00, Non-Members: \$7.00; Children 6-12: \$3.00, under 6: free. Our speaker for March will be Rahil Thanawala, who will discuss TheSnapLink, which is a suite of mobile apps designed to improve cognition and interaction in individuals with dementia. Rahil was inspired by his grandmother, who has Alzheimer's disease; he helps care for her at home while keeping up the busy schedule of a not-for-profit organization founder and high school student.

Mensa Admission Test – 3/12. 1:00 p.m. registration. Testing begins at 1:30 p.m. Location is in the area of 116th Street and Rangeline Road in Carmel. (Registrants will receive exact location information.) **Contact:** Alison Brown, (317) 846-6798, SIGHT@indymensa.org

Additional Information: There are 12 spaces available for Mensa candidates. We will fill out forms starting at 1 pm and testing will begin by 1:30 pm. If only the usual battery of tests are given (Wonderlic and RAIT), we should be done by 3:30 pm. If some candidates wish to take the Culture Fair test instead of the RAIT, it will be given after the RAIT and Wonderlic have been given. Be sure to bring #2 pencils with erasers, a photo ID and your testing fee in the form of a voucher, check, credit/debit card or cash.

March 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
			1 Indy Lunch Bunch
5 Bridge Club	6	7	8
12 Mensa Admissions Test	13	14 GYC Bullying	15 Indy Lunch Bunch
19 Mensans' Dining Out	20 Vernal Equinox	21 <i>MIND</i> bending/ ExCom Paducah Area Group Meeting	22
26 Book Club	27	28	29

Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2	3 <i>MIND</i> deadline	4 Ham 'n' Eggs, Cal. Deadline
9	10 Monthly Gathering	11
16	17 St. Patrick's Day	18
23	24 Cinder	25
30	31	

If you lose your *MIND* (oh, my!) or want additional information, check www.indymensa.org or join our Meetup group, <http://www.meetup.com/central-indiana-mensa>. Meetup is free to join and you'll get reminders of upcoming events. It's a great way to stay in the loop.

March 2017 Events (cont.)

GYC Program on Bullying – 6 p.m., March 14 (See page 6 for details.)

Mensans Dining Out – 6 p.m., March 19, Saigon Restaurant, 4760 West 38th Street, Indianapolis, IN 46254. For more information, contact Bob Zdanky at 317-219-3773.

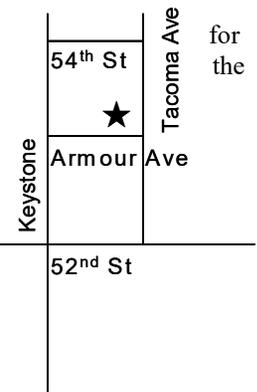
Paducah Area Group Meeting – 3rd Tuesday of every month, 7 p.m. Anyone in the area is welcome to join fellow Mensans for dinner. For location and more information on this group, contact Charles Rawlings, rawlings@siu.edu

Book Group – 2 p.m., Sunday, March 26. We will discuss *Hoosier School Heist* by Doug Martin. We will be meeting at Rich and Jackie Gibson's house on the NE side of Indianapolis. Please contact Rich at hoot.gibson.tds@gmail.com or 317-735-2895 for more details or to RSVP.

MINDBending/ExCom – 3rd Tuesday of the month. *MINDBending* is the preparation of next month's *MIND* mailing. Come help with sealing, labeling, and stamping *MINDS*.

3/21, 5:30 p.m. Contact: Jan Pfeil Doyle, 317-431-3500. Pizza and soft drinks provided.

MINDBending is held at the offices of Midwest Internet, 5348 N. Tacoma Ave., which is 1 block east and 1 block north of 52nd St. and Keystone Ave. on the northeast side of Indianapolis.



A Big Thank You to all the February *MIND*benders and Midwest Internet for hosting the event.

For last minute changes to events check the Central Indiana Mensa group on Meetup.com. <http://www.meetup.com/central-indiana-mensa>

April 2017 *MIND* calendar items due 3/3/17 to: biltmore@topdogcom.com.

Four To The Fore

George Haynes, RVC4

There are 10 Regional Vice Chairs (RVCs) on the AMC. The American Mensa Committee is Mensa's official name for its national board of directors. Most RVCs choose to appoint an assistant RVC. This month's "Four to the Fore" column is a feature article highlighting Region Four's Assistant RVC, Jeudi Juetten



Jeudi Juetten was initially one of my opponents in the last Mensa election. She then dropped out of the election and graciously volunteered to be the Assistant RVC4 for whichever remaining candidate won. After I was declared elected, I was very happy to accept her generous offer to be the Assistant RVC4.

Jeudi is passionate about Mensa. That passion manifests in many ways. I have been particularly impressed with her desire to promote and publicize Mensa at fan and game conventions. She was instrumental in helping me understand the awesome opportunity Mensa has in Indianapolis to get the Mensa name promoted and known at a convention called GenCon. GenCon has over 60,000 attendees.

Thank you, Jeudi, for being a Mensan who works tirelessly for the organization. Just look at her impressive Mensa bio, below:

Jeudi Juetten is a thirteen-year member of Chicago Area Mensa. She is currently the National SIGHT Coordinator, serving in that role since 2013. She has assisted many travelers from the US and around the world with their travel plans, and has given her SIGHT presentation at various gatherings. She has also served as Assistant RVC4 under two RVCs. She recently stepped down as Public Relations Office of Chicago Area Mensa after serving several years in that role. Accomplishments included promoting and recruiting for the group at large and small fan and game conventions, such as WindyCon and AnimeCentral, with attendance ranging from 2000 to 28,000. She served as Chair of the Marketing Committee in 2013 which worked with a professional PR firm to publicly promote CAM. She was one of the 2014 LEAP Ambassadors who gave presentations at the Boston AG and the Zurich EMAG. Her topic was Marketing Mensa to the Perfect Demographic: A Strategy for Membership Growth, where she described her PR activities which have been utilized in other Regions to promote membership. She has served in several other capacities, including General Representative, Treasurer, Halloween On-site Registrar, ChiTheatre event leader, has attended various leadership workshops, and is

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currently South Chicago Suburban Events Coordinator, which she hopes to pursue more actively once she has relinquished other duties.

If I am fortunate enough to be reelected in the upcoming Mensa election, I will happily ask Jeudi to be reappointed as Assistant RVC4. If you know, Jeudi, thank her for all her hard work for Mensa.



Books On the Runway

Margy Lancet Fletcher

Title: *The Field Guide to Sports Metaphors: A Compendium of Competitive Words and Idioms*

Author: Josh Chetwynd

Year: 2016



Book Description: "In the Spring, a young man's fancy lightly turns to thoughts of love," opined the eminent nineteenth-century British poet, Alfred, Lord Tennyson. To which twenty-first-century journalist Josh Chetwynd might retort, "Hey, *time out!* With all due respect, sir, you are way *off base*. A much more compelling human force than romance, and one that is not merely seasonal, is *competition*." In addition to the two examples cited in the previous sentence, Chetwynd's *The Field Guide to Sports Metaphors* pays tribute to our passion for victory over our opponents by presenting plenty of evidence that the English language is teeming - er, teeming with athletic imagery. The linguistic "performance enhancers" contained in this little volume originate from a variety of sources, both historic and modern, and are categorized as follows: Team Sports - baseball, basketball, football, hockey, soccer; Individual Sports - auto racing, billiards (pool), bowling, boxing, golf, horse racing, tennis, track and field (running), wrestling; and Free Agents - unattached sports idioms and words. Also included are common words and phrases not usually associated with the world of sports. As an illustration thereof, I challenge you to match each of these three colloquialisms with the sport from which it evolved: 1. jazz, 2. dead ringer, 3. there's the rub; a. bowling, b. baseball, c. horse racing. The solution can be found in the Additional Remarks section at the end of this article.

Has this book changed the way you think, your attitude toward life, or even your life itself? If so, how? I am always amazed at the treasures that I discover while following an unrelated game plan. On this occasion, I was participating in

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the Carmel, Indiana, monthly gallery walk - specifically, the treasure hunt, which entails matching photographs of artistic objects with the stores that sell them. While browsing for the targeted item in Silver in the City, a charming little shop that features exquisitely crafted jewelry and unique gifts, I spotted this intriguing, bright-green book, and thought, what a marvelous stocking stuffer for my husband, an incorrigible sports nut. A lucky break for me: Chetwynd's amusing and informative opus has been a delightful reading experience for both of us - a veritable slam-dunk.

Who should definitely read this book? Why? Although this particular field guide may not score highly with scientists or mathematicians (it's more anecdotal than theoretical), avid sports fans will be bowled over by the wealth of athletic trivia that this book offers, as will language and history aficionados by its vivid accounts of word and phrase derivations.

How long might it take to read this book? The reader who prefers domestic tranquility to the clamorous atmosphere of a gymnasium or stadium can finish this book in a time interval equivalent to, say, a football game. On the other hand, this modest-sized hardback can easily be stashed in a pocket or purse for perusal during periods of non-activity at a sporting event. No harm, no foul.

Provide a short characteristic section, an awesome sentence, or an inspiring quote: "GO TO THE MAT. Wrestlers who would *go to the mat* in the first half of the twentieth century faced two adversaries - the opposing grappler and the mat itself. Original mats were unhealthy inventions of canvas with straw or horsehair crammed inside. They were often lumpy, too hard to cushion a big fall, and difficult to keep clean... Mat burns were common, and with sweat- and blood-soaked mats, there was always the chance you'd catch an infection. High-end clubs, like the New York Athletic Club, would set up two mats and overlay a carpet on each. The carpet covering would be frequently changed, solving the hygiene issue but presumably not the burns. In the 1950s, foam-based alternatives were being installed in gyms across the United States, vastly improving a wrestler's safety (at least when it came to the mat)... Saying *go to the mat* to express a wrestler's plan to tussle appeared in newspapers by the late 1890s. (An early example: An article in an 1897 Indianapolis paper read, 'Burns will go to the mat weighing 142 pounds and Hale 147.') With wrestling's popularity growing at the beginning of the twentieth century, the idea of *going to the mat* being a metaphorical willingness to battle hard was ingrained by the 1920s."

Additional Remarks: The solution to the quiz presented in the Book Description is: 1-b, 2-c, 3-a. If all of your responses are correct, you're batting a

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thousand. And if you can spot all of the sports metaphors scattered throughout this article, you're really in the big leagues. In any case, acquiring and reading this diverting collection of language lessons is, indeed, a good call.



Elections Matter – Yes, Even Mensa Elections

Jon Gruebele, Chicago Area Mensa and Candidate for Regional Vice Chair (RVC4)

Mensa election season is upon us. Starting April 15th, we will vote for our next AMC, American Mensa's Board of Directors. Among other powers, AMC members set dues, establish the budget, and hire the Executive Director of our National Office in Arlington Texas.



In our last election, less than 10% of members voted. That's sad, because the AMC's decisions really do matter to individual members.

One example comes from the December AMC meeting. There, the AMC voted to increase dues yet again. To put this in perspective, dues were \$63 in 2012, raised to \$70 for 2013, and may now be \$79 this year. That's a 25% increase in just a few short years! If Mensa were 25% better, or if our personal incomes rose 25%, maybe that would be OK. I'm thinking it isn't. While another vote must still be held to confirm the increase, it shouldn't have passed the first time. Meanwhile, next year's budget is being prepared assuming we can spend those additional dues revenues.

To vote in this election:

Renew your membership. Only members in good standing as of April 1st can vote. Fortunately, the proposed dues increase isn't in effect yet. While the rates are still lower, it might be the time to consider a multi-year or life membership.

Make sure you can log on to the web site, us.mensa.org. With the new computer system, your logon ID was changed to your e-mail address and you will need to reset your password if you haven't already done so. If you have any trouble, just call the number on the website and they can help you.

Ensure your election preferences are set the way you want. Go to My Mensa → My Membership Profile → My Communication Preferences. Among other settings, you can opt to receive election materials electronically, helping to save money.

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Carefully consider each volunteer wanting to serve on the AMC. In April, biographical and campaign statements along with answers to 10 standard candidate questions will be published with the election materials. If you have questions, reach out to the candidates and ask about their positions. Candidates often attend various gatherings, so that's another great opportunity to get to know them better.

Vote starting April 15th! Select your favorite candidates and decide if the proposed bylaws amendments should be enacted.

Mensa is led by a lot of unpaid volunteers who contribute a tremendous amount of time and energy. I certainly appreciate everything they do, whether it's someone helping to refresh hospitality food at a gathering, a Proctor testing new prospects, a newsletter editor, a local officer, or any one of many other important roles. Next time you see a volunteer, take a moment to say thanks. For all of us running for office, we'd also appreciate you taking the time to vote.



Central Indiana Mensa ExCom Minutes 12/20/16

The regular monthly meeting of the Central Indiana Mensa ExCom was held at Midwest Internet on Tuesday, December 20, 2016.

LocSec Jan Pfeil Doyle called the meeting to order at 6:54 pm. Members present were Jan Pfeil Doyle, Ethan Blocher-Smith, Ann Hake, Diane O'Brien, Karen Wilczewski, Kurt Williams, Bob Zdanky, and Karen Zwick.

Absent: Jon Applegate.

Guests: Teresa Gregory, Petra Ritchie.

The committee reviewed the minutes of the November ExCom meeting. Ethan Blocher-Smith moved that the minutes be accepted as amended. Kurt Williams seconded the motion, and the motion was carried.

The committee reviewed the Treasurer's report. Ann Hake moved that the Treasurer's report be accepted as presented. Karen Wilczewski seconded the motion, and the motion was carried.

The membership report is not available while the National computers are being revamped.

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Old Business

Regional Gathering: Teresa Gregory, Jan Pfeil Doyle, Diane O'Brien, Karen Steilberger, Karen Zwick and Karen Wilczewski met to discuss plans. There is still a need for a few more programs. Meeting notes are forthcoming.

AG: There is a contest to name the 2018 AG. The contest winner will get a free registration and a T-shirt. The deadline is February 28, 2017.

New Business

Karen Zwick received information from Alison Brown that a local small radio station in Zionsville, WITT, is running a promotional offer for advertising. The ExCom would like to have additional information on this.

Ethan Blocher-Smith reports that Pat Milligan has indicated that he is interested in helping out with the online calendar.

Sad news: Marc Lederman, chair of the 2017 AG, passed away unexpectedly of a heart attack on December 11. He was a great mentor and friend and he will be sorely missed.

There being no other business, Karen Zwick made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Diane O'Brien seconded the motion. The motion was carried and the meeting was adjourned at 7:56 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Ann Hake, Secretary

Treasurer's Report

Karen Zwick, Treasurer

Balance Sheet (as of 1/16/2017)

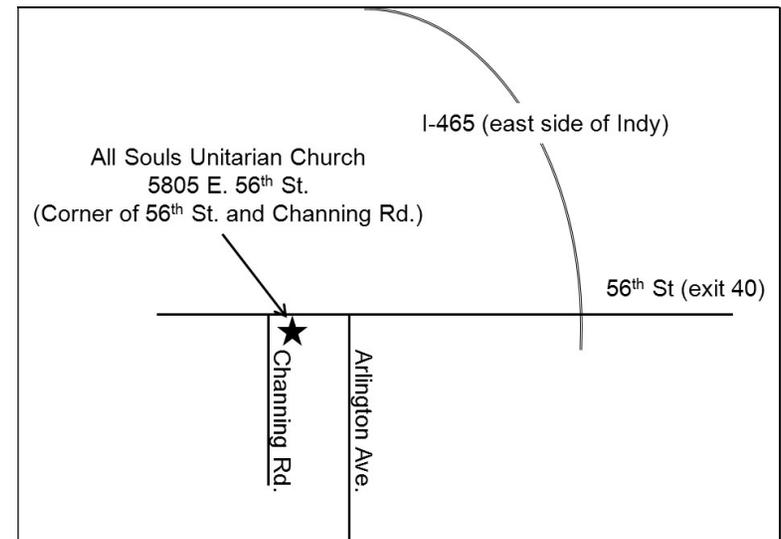
Bank Accounts	12/19/2016	01/16/2017
Checking – Regular	\$6,554.78	\$6,280.48
Checking – Scholarship	749.50	749.50
Checking – Youth Membership	69.34	69.34
Checking – RG/OG Fund	9,525.15	9,735.16
Checking – Youth Activity Fund	489.40	489.40
Total Assets	\$17,388.17	\$17,323.87

Profit & Loss Statement (12/20/2016 – 01/16/2017)

Income		
401.1 – Monthly Gathering (Dec)		75.00
201.2 – RG Income		210.00
402 – National Mensa, Inc.		470.20
	Total Income	\$755.20
Expense		
501.1 – Monthly Gathering Hospitality		21.86
505 – Food for ExCom/MIND Bending (Dec)		65.33
505.1 – MIND Printing (Jan)		317.17
505.2 – MIND Postage		282.00
507 – Promotional Expenses – Meetup		89.94
510.1 – New Member Dinners		43.20
	Total Expenses	\$819.50

Mensa Monthly Gathering Location All Souls Unitarian Church, The Beattie Room, 5805 E. 56th St., Indianapolis

- From I-465 on the east side of Indianapolis, take the 56th St exit west (exit 40).
- Turn left on Channing Rd (1.2 miles from the I-465 exit).
- The church parking lot is on your left.
- Go to the Beattie Room.



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