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Happy campers caught on a hike  
during the OMG!**

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**The cover photo was taken at this year's OMG! at Versailles State Park.  
What a great picture! Come be a part of it next year!**

## Old Dog/New Tricks

*Teresa Gregory, Editor*

I have my plane tickets. I have my hotel reservation. I have my Dramamine. I'm ready for the Annual Gathering in San Diego. This is doubly exciting for me because I've never been to California...ever...and it's an AG. After the AG, I am going to go to Los Angeles for a few days to visit my son. He has lived out there for five years and this is my first trip. He told me to make a list of places I want to see, but I said I mostly just want to see where he lives and where he hangs out.



I am very much looking forward to going to the AG. I haven't traveled much, and every AG (except Louisville last year, and Detroit a few years back) have been in places I've never been. One of my favorite things about Mensa is the opportunity to see new places and meet new people. If the location isn't my favorite, at least I know I'm going to have a good time. The folks out in CA seem to have put together a stellar program. WooHoo!

Speaking of good times, we had a lot of fun at the OMG! Outdoor Mensa Gathering this year. The weather could have been nicer, but it could have been worse, too. We had a lot of rain on Friday that left some pretty soggy trails. Our intrepid hikers were undaunted. I am NOT one of them.

Mindy Grayson brought her stuff and made us several batches of liquid nitrogen ice cream. This is always a high point of the Saturday. I had been in the kitchen when she started, so it was already underway when I went out to watch. I noticed a number of unfamiliar faces, mostly teenage girls. "Who are our guests?" I asked. I was told that the hikers, led by Alan Schmidt, had gotten lost and happened to run into this group of Girl Scout who led them back to safety. They had been invited for ice cream as a thank you for their rescue efforts. Poor Alan! Not true! Mindy told me later that the Mensa hikers had encountered the Girl Scouts on the trail and warned them of the terrible conditions ahead due to all the rain. That was their whole afternoon plan, so they were invited for ice cream as an alternative. I wondered what kinds of stories they told when they went home. "We ran into these Mensans who invited us back to their camp and you won't believe what they did!"

We have elections in September. Look for candidate profiles in the next issue of MIND. We also have a vote coming up on those new bylaws. They have been reviewed, revised, and approved by the National Bylaws Committee. Now it's up to YOU to say yes or no. So watch for next month's exciting issue!

## LocSection

Jan Pfeil Doyle

**Annual Gathering** – Leo and I are headed to San Diego for the Mensa AG (ie, national convention) the first part of July. It's one of our favorite Mensa events—we look forward to many interesting programs and interesting fellow Mensans to hang out with! Several members of CIM are planning to attend.



### **CIM Family Program 7th Annual**

**Summer Blast** - Back by popular demand, and better than ever, it's Summer Blast! Join us on a private family beach in Plymouth, IN as we camp in tents on the scenic bank of Pretty Lake. (Yes, that's the real name of the lake!) More details and registration at [kids.indymenas.org](http://kids.indymenas.org)

**Outdoor Gathering** – We had a great time at the gathering in Versailles State Park in May! Thirty or so Mensans from around the country (including Colorado, Arkansas, and Michigan) made the trek to SE Indiana. It was good to see old friends and to make new ones.

**Karen Steilberger** did her usual great job as registrar.

**Teresa Gregory** planned, procured, and supervised the prep of delicious meals as she has done for several years. **Virginia**

**Plottel** brought scrumptious

chocolate chip cookies and soups. **Mindy Grayson** reprised her ever popular liquid nitrogen ice cream in several flavors. **Alan Schmidt** led several hikes and a profound thoughts discussion. He also brought the drinks. First-timer **James Odom** built the campfire and kept it going. **Bill Kuyper** and **John Massura** led the clean up on Sunday morning. Many, many thanks to all of them, to everyone else who pitched in to help cook, wash dishes, clean up, etc., etc., and to everyone who attended! See you again next year!



## **Proposed New Bylaws**

*Marcele Everest, Bylaws Committee Chair*

In the May issue of MIND the proposed new bylaws were presented to the Central Indiana Mensa (CIM) members for their review. There will be a ballot this fall, at the same time as our fall elections for ExCom members, where you will be asked to vote for or against these proposed bylaws for CIM.

These proposed bylaws were developed by your local bylaws committee following the requirements of the national bylaws committee. In order for these **proposed** bylaws to become our **new** bylaws the CIM membership must approve them with a 2/3 majority and then the national committee will set an 'effective date' when they will become official.

The CIM website has these proposed bylaws for your viewing or if you need to be supplied with a printed copy, contact me, Marcele Everest, CIM Bylaws Committee chair at 765-221-9477 (marcele.everest@gmail.com). Questions and concerns may be directed to anyone on the local bylaws committee. The other members of the CIM Bylaws Committee are: Jon Applegate, Ethan Blocher-Smith, Leo Doyle (wa2pqs@gmail.com), Teresa Gregory, Ann Hake, and Petra Ritchie (petraritchie@msn.com). Contact information for most of the committee can be found on the inside back cover of MIND.

Voting will begin when you receive your ballots in August and will be counted at our Mensa meeting in September. Your vote is very important and will count.



## **Fiction: Saving Jack**

*Dom Jervis*

It was December 21, 2002. But I had seen the future, and it was just not acceptable.

On December 25th, Jack Whittaker would have won the \$314.9 million Powerball drawing. Even though he was a successful businessman and a multi-millionaire before doing so, that windfall would have had tragic consequences. His daughter, granddaughter and granddaughter's boyfriend would have died, at least the last two allegedly from drug overdoses funded by him. The money would have caused enough problems to make his wife say, "Had I known what would happen, I would have torn the ticket up!"

Winning this will make his jackpot much less, hopefully to the point where it won't mess up his life, if he even decides to play it. Maybe it's the fact that I'm an Accountant with an ultra-simplistic lifestyle by choice and design. But I just

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can't see this causing trouble for me. I'll just pretend I'm Percy Ross, to an extent anyway.

This drawing will be for a "measly" \$215 million, meaning I will probably see ~\$50 million after the cash option discount and all taxes. Too bad I don't have any friends, I'd split it with one or more of them.

So here I am at the Marsh on the corner of Thompson and Emerson on the Southeast side of Indianapolis, where I'd bought lottery tickets for years. Hopefully, Paula is working today. She is SO beautiful, thus asking her out on a date has never even been thinkable. I've wanted to do so more times than I could possibly remember, but the words stuck in my throat like fish bones every time. I'm convinced there are Seminarians who have better skills with women than I do. And of course, I noticed a long time ago that she doesn't wear any rings! But like too many young women, she probably only likes "Bad Boys." To have ANY chance of being one of her suitors, a guy would probably need a passel of tattoos, a Harley and a rap sheet that made Kenneth Allen McDuff look like Christopher Robin's Nanny. My criminal career consists of pen and paper theft from numerous hotels. And if I were to tell her my occupation, she would probably yawn in my face.

She's here! Oh, what's the use? I'd strike out before I could even pick up a bat in the on-deck circle. What could I POSSIBLY offer her?  
Hmm...

I handed her my play slip with 5, 22, 34, 39 and 52, with 30 as the Powerball. She's smiling at me!

"Um...Paula?" First time I ever called her by name.

"Yes?" She's still smiling!

"Uhh...I want to ask you something."

"I'm listening." STILL SMILING!!

"This is difficult for me. I don't know how you'll react."

"I've noticed you here before, many times. You seem like a kind and sweet guy. I can tell by your eyes, which I've always thought are very nice."

To quote Bill the Cat...AACK!! Glad I didn't say that out loud, though those very eyes to which she referred might have ratted me out. Don't ask me why, but now I feel even WORSE! Keep it together...breathe...

She continued, "I don't believe you'd ask me anything rude, crude or otherwise upsetting. Go ahead. I promise I won't get mad."

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Deep breath..."Um...Paula?" There was no one behind me. Good, no witnesses.

"Just say it...please!"

"Okay...here goes. Paula, if I win the jackpot, will you marry me?"



## **Young Mensans' On The Road**

*Diane O'Brien, Assistant GYC*

The trip to the Exotic Feline Rescue Center on April 16<sup>th</sup> turned out to be a day with perfect weather. We had a total of 14 people take the tour, beginning with breakfast at the Sunrise Family Restaurant in Brazil. It's good food and worth the drive if you're in the area. We then traveled to the EFRC which is the home of over 200 big cats representing nine species. We got to see one cat coming back from a dentist appointment and we got to watch the cats eat their lunch – which consists of 4,000 pounds of meat per day in total. Seeing the cats in this setting was quite an experience since we were able to see them in a much different environment than in a zoo. Everyone learned something new about big cats that day.

On Saturday, June 4, Mensa Youth visited the Medical History Museum on the west side of Indianapolis. Although there were only seven of us, we thoroughly

enjoyed touring the old Pathology Building located on the grounds of the old Central State Hospital. It was built in 1896 and last used in the 60's. It has been restored to be as close as possible to the way it was when psychiatric patients at the hospital were studied to gain insight into neurological trauma and diseases. From the auditorium where lectures were conducted to the various testing labs, we had a guided tour of the instruments and facilities used at the time. A master gardener then gave a tour of the botanical garden located next the building and identified various plants used in medicine and alternative medicine, both then and now. If you haven't visited the museum, you can call to arrange a guided tour – it's a fascinating place.

## **Golda, the Rescue Mutt – A Story of Survival: Epilogue**

*Petra Ritchie*

She went to doggy heaven peacefully on May 21<sup>st</sup>. Sadly, old age caught up with her.

## OMG! Outdoor Mensa Gathering Memories

Dr. Alan Schmidt enjoyed leading Mensans on hiking trails to discover Ordovician fossils at Versailles State Park, May 21, 2016.

Mindy made tasty ice cream in seconds with liquid nitrogen.



OG photos courtesy Dr Alan Schmidt

# Welcome New and Returning Members!

Move In	Amanda C Balcerzak	Paducah	KY
New	William A Dummett	Indianapolis	IN
New	Edmund Ackerman	Bloomington	IN
New	Bridget Collins	Indianapolis	IN
New	Christopher B Huehls	Indianapolis	IN
New	Mikayla Tuano	Newburgh	IN
Reinstating	Andrew P Burris	Indianapolis	IN
Renewing	Charles R Eastus	Mccordsville	IN
Renewing	Dennis M Herricks	Paducah	KY
Renewing	Charles V Graft III	Indianapolis	IN
Renewing	Leigh Lindsey	Indianapolis	IN
Renewing	Gerardo Gomez	Carmel	IN
Renewing	Stephen Fairbairn	Carmel	IN
Renewing	Jeffrey Robert Batson	Shelbyville	IN
Renewing	Jason S Owens	Owensboro	KY
Renewing	Suresh K Chengalva	Carmel	IN



## Petra's Punny Page

*Petra Ritchie*

Thanks for sharing, Karen Steilberger.

Are people that live in both the Arctic and Antarctica called pollsters? Or maybe bi-polar?

They tried to save him with an I.V. but it was all in vein.

If you plan to sail from Alaska to Russia, you must first get your Bering Strait!

Life isn't fair for a baby. They always get a bum wrap!

A sleeping steer is also a bulldozer.

*Have a really clever pun to contribute? Email: [petraritchie@msn.com](mailto:petraritchie@msn.com)*

## July 2016 Events

**Mensa Annual Gathering, San Diego** – June 29-July 3. Town & Country Resort in Mission Valley.

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

**Ham 'n' Eggs (Hamilton County Eggheads)** – 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday from 9:45 a.m. - 12 noon. Atrio, 11700 Illinois St. (Meridian & 116<sup>th</sup> 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. **WE WILL MEET ON THE HOLIDAY WEEKEND.** Drop in any time for casual conversation, lively discussion, and good food and beverages. Contact: Alison Brown, 317-846-6798, [SIGHT@indymensa.org](mailto:SIGHT@indymensa.org).

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

**Monthly Gathering** – 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday at 6:30 p.m. -12 Midnight. **This month, we're returning to 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. July's speaker is Diane K. Tolliver, who will enlighten us on the science of forensic document examination. A graduate of Indianapolis' Arlington High School, Ms. Tolliver earned her Bachelor of Science in Criminology from Indiana State University and her Master of Public Administration from Indiana University before joining the Indiana State Police, where she served as the Forensic Document Unit Supervisor until 2011. She continues to perform forensic document examination in private practice in central Indiana. Ms. Tolliver is a Diplomate of the American Board of Forensic Document Examiners and Past President of The American Society of Questioned Document Examiners.

**Mensans Dining Out** – 5 p.m., July 17, Mississippi Belle, 2170 E. 54<sup>th</sup> St., Indianapolis, IN 46220. For more information, contact Bob Zdanky at 317-219-3773. **PLEASE NOTE WE'RE MEETING ONE HOUR EARLIER THAN USUAL—5 PM, INSTEAD OF 6 PM.**

## July 2016 Events (cont.)

**Mensa Admission Test** –Sunday, July 17, 2016, 1:00 Registration-1:30 Test  
The location is a business near 54<sup>th</sup> and Keystone in Indianapolis that is closed on Sunday. Please email for the address and directions.

([teresa.gregory@yahoo.com](mailto:teresa.gregory@yahoo.com)) Please put "Testing" in the subject line. (This is for the Mensa Admission Test, NOT the Culture Fair.)

**The National Office has authorized us to offer a half-price discount for July.**  
The fee will be \$20 payable by cash, check, or credit card.

**Book Group** – 3 p.m., Sunday, July 17. We will discuss *Shakespeare Saved My Life: Ten Years in Solitary with the Bard* by Laura Bates. 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](mailto:hoot.gibson.tds@gmail.com) or 317-735-2895 for more details or to RSVP.

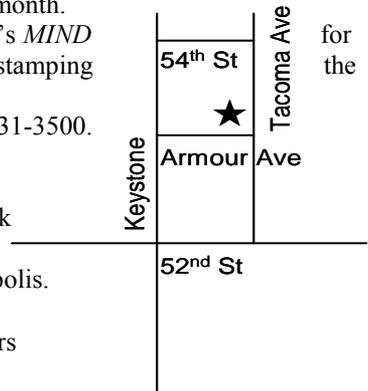
**Paducah Area Group Meeting** – 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of every month, 7 p.m.  
Anyone in the area is welcome to join fellow Mensans for dinner. For location and more information on this group, contact Charles Rawlings, [rawlings@siu.edu](mailto:rawlings@siu.edu)

**MINDBending/ExCom** – 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month.

*MINDBending* is the preparation of next month's *MIND* mailing. Come help with sealing, labeling, and stamping *MINDs*.

**7/19**, 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 52<sup>nd</sup> St. and Keystone Ave. on the northeast side of Indianapolis.



**A Big Thank You** to all the June *MINDbenders* and Midwest Internet for hosting the event.

**Cinder** – 4<sup>th</sup> Friday at 7 p.m. at 721 E. 55<sup>th</sup> St., Indianapolis. A SIG for the Gen X and Gen Y crowd. Contact Ethan Blocker-Smith at

[MensaCinder@gmail.com](mailto:MensaCinder@gmail.com).

August 2016 *MIND* calendar items due 8/2/16 to: [biltmore@topdogcom.com](mailto:biltmore@topdogcom.com).

# July 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
3 Bridge Club AG, San Diego, CA	4 Independence Day	5	6 Indy Lunch Bunch
10	11	12	13
17 Book Club; Mensans' Dining Out; Mensa Admission Test	18	19 <i>MIND</i> bending/ ExCom; Paducah Area Group Meeting	20 Indy Lunch Bunch
24	25	26	27
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## July 2016 (Cont.)

Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 <i>MIND</i> deadline AG, San Diego, CA	2 Ham 'n' Eggs; Cal. Deadline; AG, San Diego, CA
7	8 Monthly Gathering	9
14	15	16
21	22 Cinder	23
28	29	30

If you lose your *MIND* (oh, my!) or want additional information, check [www.indymensa.org](http://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.

## Four To The Fore

*George Haynes, RVC4*

The budget for this fiscal year provides an exciting opportunity for local groups and the RVC. There are discretionary monies set aside for the RVC to designate toward special projects/initiatives within local groups. In other words, if you have something you would like your local group to undertake, which provides value to members and benefits the organization, you have the opportunity to get some funding. This isn't the lottery, mind you. I only have a thousand dollars to work with. However, that money can be put to significant work if we put our Mensa brains to the task.



Below is the process I am implementing:

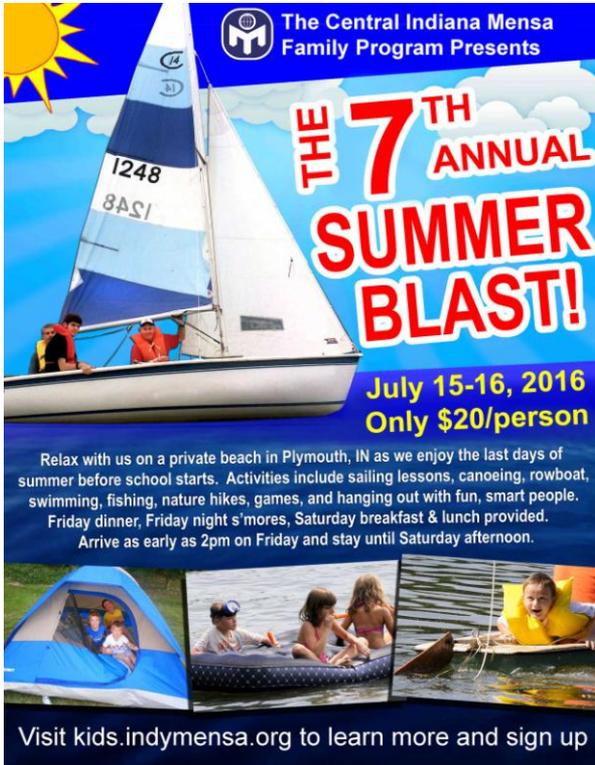
1. Talk with your local group president (LocSec) and Local Group Executive Board, first. Your LocSec and ExComm must be on board with this before I will consider funding anything for any local group.
2. Have your LocSec get in touch with me after you know things have a green light in your local group.
3. After I have spoken with your LocSec and confirmed that he/she is on board with your idea(s), I will then get in contact with you to discuss things further.
4. After I have had time to consider your plan/project, I will then let you know if I am able to provide funds for it.

There are nine local groups in Region 4. These discretionary funds (\$1000 total) will be distributed on a first come, first served basis.

I look forward to seeing how these funds benefit our region and your local group, especially.

P.S. On a different note... Several of you have reached out to encourage and thank me for some of my recent columns where I tried to write in a more creative fashion. Your encouragement is very much appreciated. I intend to continue in that style of writing come August. From time to time the column requires a more sterile and business-like tone; I'll try to keep those to a necessary minimum.

## Mensa Family Program



The Central Indiana Mensa Family Program Presents

# THE 7<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL SUMMER BLAST!

July 15-16, 2016  
Only \$20/person

Relax with us on a private beach in Plymouth, IN as we enjoy the last days of summer before school starts. Activities include sailing lessons, canoeing, rowboat, swimming, fishing, nature hikes, games, and hanging out with fun, smart people. Friday dinner, Friday night s'mores, Saturday breakfast & lunch provided. Arrive as early as 2pm on Friday and stay until Saturday afternoon.

Visit [kids.indymensa.org](http://kids.indymensa.org) to learn more and sign up

Back by popular demand, and better than ever, it's Summer Blast! School is about to start, but you want one last blast of FUN in a seriously smart way. We have the perfect getaway for your bright friends and family! Join us on a private family beach in Plymouth, IN as we camp in tents on the scenic bank of Pretty Lake (Yes, that's the real name of the lake!)

Activities include: Sailing lessons, canoeing, rowboat, swimming, tubing, fishing (bring your own gear and bait), smores and drama improv at the beach campfire on Friday night, nature hikes, outdoor games, outdoor science experiments, and PLENTY of hang-out time with fun, smart people!

Bring your own tent, tarp, sleeping bag, pillow, swimming gear, towel, lawn chairs, camera, fishing gear (optional – if you want to do catch and release fishing), change of clothes, snacks (if you want), and sunscreen. Cost is only \$20 per person to cover food.

## Books On the Runway

Margy Lancet Fletcher

**Title:** *The Professor and the Madman: A Tale of Murder, Insanity, and the Making of the Oxford English Dictionary*

**Author:** Simon Winchester

**Year:** 1998



**Book Description:** As any competent writer will assert, fact and fiction are symbiotic in that the best fiction is based on fact, and the truth is often much more bizarre than anything conceived by the most fertile literary imagination. This writing principle is vividly epitomized in *The Professor and the Madman*, a lively and fascinating recounting of the little-known story behind the creation of the Oxford English Dictionary. The two major contributors - the story's two protagonists, Dr. James Murray and Dr. William Minor - are introduced in the prologue via the mythical meeting of these two philological minds at Dr. Minor's residence, which happened to be two cells in the Broadmoor Asylum for the Criminally Insane in London (an excerpt is quoted below). The backgrounds of both men are then explored: James Murray's working-class background, sketchy formal education, and passion for learning that ultimately propelled him to membership in the London Philological Society and a position on the Oxford dictionary team; and William Minor's "old money" status, his upbringing in Ceylon as the son of Congregationalist missionaries, his medical training at Yale University, his horrific experiences as a Civil War medical officer, his subsequent licentious and irrational behavior during tours of duty in New York and Florida, his mandatory retirement from the Army due to a diagnosis of "monomania," his emigration to London for "recuperation," and the crime of passion that resulted in his incarceration in the Asylum. The convoluted plot continues with the Philological Society's decision to compile a complete English language reference for the sake of the Empire; the establishment of the requirements for each word; the advertisement in various publications for volunteer readers and word definers; William Minor's enlistment on the team; the actual meeting of Drs. Murray and Minor, and their decades-long friendship and professional collaboration; and finally, Dr. Minor's tragically anti-climactic mental decline (in more ways than one - please read the book for the lurid details). After briefly alluding to the demise of Drs. Murray and Minor, the author ends the book with a tribute to Dr. Minor's homicide victim, George Merrett (to whom he has also dedicated his book), "without whose untimely death these events would never have unfolded, and this tale could never have been told." The book's atmospheric, ghost-story tone is enhanced by intricately engraved illustrations, and each chapter is headed by the O. E. D. definition of a word that is germane to the primary topic of the chapter. Example: **Mysterious** (mistīə-rīəs), *a.* [f. L.

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mysterium Mystery<sup>1</sup> + ous. Cf F. *mysterieux*.] 1. Full of or fraught with mystery; wrapt in mystery; hidden from human knowledge or understanding; impossible or difficult to explain, solve, or discover; of obscure origin, nature. or purpose.

**Has this book changed the way you think, your attitude toward life, or even your life itself? If so, how?** Although I have long been aware of the status of the Oxford English Dictionary as the foremost authority on the English language, I possessed no knowledge of the nature of its origin, or even the number of volumes that comprise the work in its entirety, prior to perusing *The Professor and the Madman*. I am in awe of what the team of nineteenth-century lexicographers - Drs. Murray and Minor in particular - managed to accomplish without the benefit of the types of efficient communication that we take for granted, the seven-decade completion time of the project notwithstanding. This fascinating account of their undoubtedly remarkable achievement has revived my faith in humanity that had recently been savaged by several self-acclaimed worldwide political leaders. Long live the O.E.D.!

**Who should definitely read this book? Why?** I highly recommend this book to everyone with a modicum of intellectual curiosity, particularly linguists, historians, sociologists, scientists, and psychologists - as well as Anglophiles, artists, and mystery lovers. In fact, I cannot imagine a single Mensan who would not enjoy this intimate journey into the academic world of Victorian England. It is truly - pardon the pun - spellbinding.

**How long might it take to read this book?** The modest size of the volume - a mere 242 pages counting the author's appended note, acknowledgments, and suggestions for further reading - and the captivatingly colorful narrative should ensure that the reader will breeze through this book in just two or three days.

**Provide a short characteristic section, an awesome sentence, or an inspiring quote:** "...At the railway station a polished landau and a liveried coachman were waiting, and with James Murray aboard they clip-clopped back through the lanes of rural Berkshire. After twenty minutes or so the carriage turned up a long drive lined with tall poplars, drawing up eventually outside a huge and rather forbidding red-brick mansion. A solemn servant showed the lexicographer upstairs, and into a book-lined study, where behind an immense mahogany desk stood a man of undoubted importance. Dr. Murray bowed gravely, and launched into the brief speech of greeting that he had so long rehearsed: 'A very good afternoon to you, sir. I am Dr. James Murray of the London Philological Society, editor of the *Oxford English Dictionary*. It is indeed an honour and a pleasure to at long last make your acquaintance - for you must be, kind sir, my most assiduous helpmeet, Dr. W. C. Minor?' There was a brief pause, a momentary air of mutual embarrassment. A clock ticked loudly. There were muffled footsteps in the hall. A distant clank of keys. And then the man behind the desk cleared his throat, and he spoke: 'I regret, kind sir, that I am not. It is not at all as you suppose. I am in fact the Governor of the Broadmoor Criminal

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Lunatic Asylum. Dr. Minor is most certainly here. But he is an inmate. He has been a patient here for more than twenty years. He is our longest-staying resident.””

**Additional Remarks:** If you are weary of the oppressive, blast-furnace mid-summer swelter and the campaign rhetoric that has generated much more heat than light, find a shady spot, prepare the thirst-quencher of your choice, settle into a hammock or chaise longue with a copy of *The Professor and the Madman*, and refresh your body, mind, and spirit. Just what the Doctors would have ordered.



## **Central Indiana Mensa ExCom Minutes 4/19/16**

The regular monthly meeting of the Central Indiana Mensa ExCom was held at Midwest Internet on Tuesday, April 19, 2016.

LocSec Jan Pfeil Doyle called the meeting to order at 6:50 p.m. Members present were: Jan Pfeil Doyle, Jon Applegate, Ethan Blocher-Smith, Ann Hake, Diane O'Brien, Karen Steilberger, Karen Wilczewski, Bob Zdanky, and Karen Zwick.

Guests: Ed Chu, Teresa Gregory, Larry Marcus, and Petra Ritchie.

The committee reviewed the minutes of the March ExCom meeting. Karen Zwick moved that the minutes be accepted as presented, Karen Wilczewski seconded the motion, and the motion was carried.

The committee reviewed the Treasurer's report. Treasurer Karen Zwick reported that we have paid for a meeting room for a full year at All Souls Unitarian Church so that we could get a discount. Jan Pfeil Doyle said that Ted Harkey gave \$500 for the scholarship fund. 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 shows 1 new, 10 reinstating, and 2 move-in members, 13 prospects, and 575 total members.

National updates: Jan Pfeil Doyle said that the Annual Gathering, along with the Colloquium and a Leadership Summit are coming up in late June and early July. All printed materials other than labels will end in June.

### **Old Business**

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Gatherings committee: A committee consisting of Jan Pfeil Doyle, Teresa Gregory, Karen Steilberger, Karen Wilczewski, and Karen Zwick will meet to work on the gatherings.

Outdoor Gathering: Jan Pfeil Doyle asked Teresa Gregory if she needs help with anything before the next ExCom meeting. Teresa would welcome help with promoting the OG on social media. Petra Ritchie said she would ask Alan Schmidt to bring beverages.

Proctors and tests: Teresa Gregory said we will need a new testing location after May. She also reported that Karen Zwick is an official proctor now. Petra Ritchie suggested All Souls Unitarian Church as a testing site. She will find out if there would be a charge for it. Other members suggested banks, apartment clubhouses, and mortuary centers.

### **New Business**

Nominating committee: Jan Pfeil Doyle reported that we have a proposed nominating committee, consisting of Larry Marcus (chair), Alan Schmidt, and Teresa Gregory. Jon Applegate moved to accept this committee, Ann Hake seconded the motion, and the motion was carried. Jan said we will need an election committee by June.

Membership Survey: Jan Pfeil Doyle led a discussion of the results from the recent national membership survey. Of offerings that survey respondents said they like, and that CIM offers, are: guest speakers, museum trips, and dinners out. Movies were another popular activity, and this is not a usual CIM offering. Another survey finding was that members said they don't know how to volunteer. Teresa Gregory pointed out that this is subject to interpretation; were respondents addressing volunteer opportunities within the club, or opportunities to volunteer with the club in the community. Suggestions from the members and guests at the meeting were to have a "Help Wanted" spot in MIND, and have a party at the end of the year for volunteers.

Ann Hake said the games night has been rescheduled for August.

There being no other business, Karen Wilczewski made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Diane O'Brien seconded the motion. The motion was carried, and the meeting was adjourned at 7:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Karen Steilberger

# Treasurer's Report

Karen Zwick, Treasurer

## Balance Sheet (as of 04/18/2016)

Bank Accounts	03/14/2016	04/18/2016
Checking – Regular	\$8,760.36	\$7,883.74
Checking – Scholarship	1,164.03	\$1,614.03
Checking – Youth Membership	\$69.34	\$69.34
Checking – RG/OG Fund	9,633.64	\$9,633.64
Checking – Youth Activity Fund	480.40	\$480.40
<b>Total Assets</b>	\$20,107.77	\$19,231.15

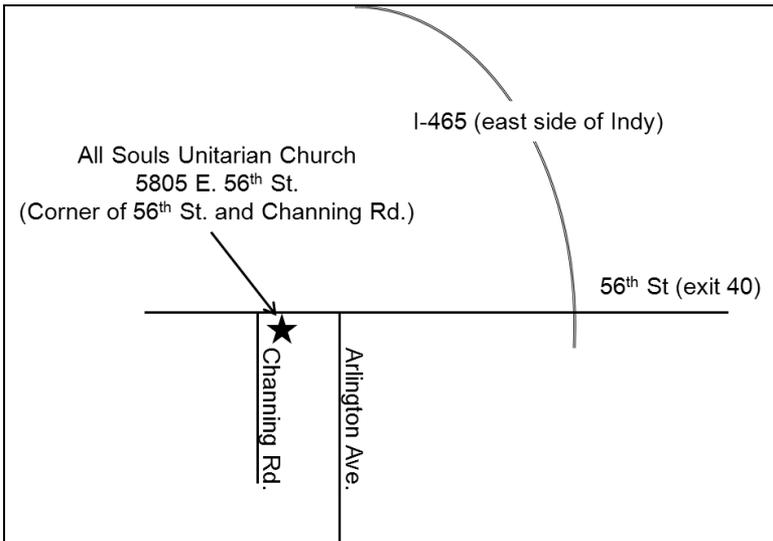
## Profit & Loss Statement (03/15/2016 – 04/18/2016)

Income		
	401.1 – Monthly Gathering (April)	120.00
	402 – National Mensa (March & April)	1,079.05
	<b>Total Income</b>	\$1,199.05
Expense		
	501.1 – Monthly Gathering Hospitality	2.99
	501.2 – Monthly Gathering Facility (May 2016 – Apr 2017 room rental at All Souls Unitarian Church)	1,653.00
	505 – Food for ExCom/MINDBending	71.35
	505.1 – MIND Printing	328.33
	510.1 – New Member Dinner	20.00
	<b>Total Expenses</b>	\$2,075.67

## Mensa Monthly Gathering Location

### All Souls Unitarian Church, The Beattie Room, 5805 E. 56<sup>th</sup> St., Indianapolis

- From I-465 on the east side of Indianapolis, take the 56<sup>th</sup> 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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