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Of Central Indiana



**AND THE QUESTION IS:  
WHAT TELEVISION SHOW DEBUTED ON  
MARCH 30, 1964?  
[SEE NOTE ON PAGE 3]**

**HAPPY FIFTY!**

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**Jeopardy, the television show is not celebrating fifty years. After its debut in 1964, it ran as a daytime series until 1975. A nighttime version ran for a year in 1974-75. It was revived for less than a year in 1978-79. The current incarnation has been running since September 10, 1984. But isn't it interesting that a show like Jeopardy started about the same time as Central Indiana Mensa? Coincidence? You decide!**

## Old Dog/New Tricks

*Teresa Gregory, Editor*

The continuing saga of my move...

In our last episode, I was to make the final move on February 14, but another snow storm postponed it. I told someone at work that I was moving the next Friday, so I guaranteed there would be snow. The weather had finally warmed up, snow was melting from the sidewalks and streets. I woke to a bright, sunny Friday morning. I let the cat out at 8:00am, and she was back at the door at 8:20am. When I opened it, I did a double-take. Yes, the ground and everything else was covered with snow. It came down fast, and had the consistency of little pellets. But it was snow!



It was only to taunt me. By noon it was gone. My movers were to arrive at 2:00pm, but I suspected they might be late. They didn't disappoint me. That was all right, I had a couple of things to wrap up. This move was mostly boxes with a few small pieces of furniture and a door.

I have a hollow-core interior door that has never been drilled out for a knob or hinges. For years, we put it on saw horses and used it for a table when we hung wallpaper. When we were done, we propped it up inside the attic door. I wanted it for my basement "workroom" where I plan to set up my sewing machine. The movers brought it, no questions asked.

So I finally had almost everything that I planned to take. Since that last move, I have been back and brought home a few more things as I realized they might come in handy. Now the work has begun on the old house, preparing it for its debut on the market. My Realtor is amazing. She is orchestrating a freshening up and decorating frenzy. She brings in her own furniture to stage the house before she shows it. Every time I go over, I see something new. It's exciting, yet I do feel some twinges. It's hard to walk away from the 26 year relationship I've had with the house. My hope is that someone falls in love with it like we did and creates many happy memories there, just as I have already started doing in my new house. Crazy as it sounds, I've been living in the new house for six months now. It didn't take me that long to start calling it "home."

What I learned this month: Among some papers I found a \$100 US Savings Bond purchased for \$50 in May of 2000. The value in March, 2014? A whopping \$76! I think I would have received a better return from Forever Stamps from the post office.

## LocSection

Jan Pfeil Doyle

**Mensa Family Program** – We need adult volunteers to help with the Mensa Family Program. David Bonner has done an amazing (national award winning!) job for several years, but he needs a rest. If your child has enjoyed the activities of the program, please consider getting involved to help the program continue. David is willing to serve in an advisory role, but would like for someone or a group of someones to take over the logistics of planning and running the program. Please contact me or David if you're interested or have questions (contact info inside the back cover of *MIND*.)



**Mark Your Calendars for the Outdoor Gathering in May** – I hope to see many of you at Central Indiana Mensa's Outdoor Gathering May 16-18. It's our annual camping weekend at the Versailles (Indiana) State Park. We rent the group camp and stay in dormitory-style cabins. There's a central building where we hang out, play games, eat, etc. Outdoor activities include hiking and a campfire. It's a wonderful, fun, relaxing weekend! If you can't stay for the whole weekend, come for the day on Saturday.

**Books Needed** – Kimberly McConnell, an English teacher at an alternative school in the Evansville Vanderburgh Schools, is “embarking on a journey to create a modest library” for her school. They currently have NO library. Her father is a Mensa member and, suggested she ask us for suggestions and help. They need books that would interest students in grades 6-12; many of them do not read at grade level. You can read more about Kimberly's requests on page 16.

**T and Sweat Shirt Update** – Thanks to everyone who made donations for T-shirts and sweatshirts at the RG. We took in \$420!!! It's not too late to get yours. A rotation of more than 20 different styles will be available at most monthly meetings and *MIND* bendings. Thanks again to Carl Levinson for his generosity in donating the shirts to our group.

**Biennial Election in the Fall** – Central Indiana Mensa's biennial election will be held in September. If you're interested in running for the ExCom (Executive Committee; the board that runs the group) or serving on the Nominating or Election committees, please let me know. More details in upcoming *MIND*s.

# Contest For Young Ms

*Lisa Van Gemert, Gifted Youth Specialist*

Young Mensans were invited to submit their life stories in six words or less in our recent Six Word Biography Contest. The youth were invited to add visual interest in the form of photographs or drawings to their entries. Entries were received from nearly forty different local groups, and a video of the entries is available at <http://bit.ly/bio-vid>.

Here are details on the newest contest. We invite all Young Mensans to participate.

**WHAT:** Create your own comic and share it with us! Choose your category and create your comic!

**WHO:** All members of American Mensa under the age of 18

**WHEN:** Deadline June 15<sup>th</sup>, 2014

**CATEGORIES:** Pick your category carefully!

**Humor:** these are the comics to make us laugh!

**Adaptation:** these are the entries based on existing comic book characters. No other categories may use existing characters.

**Under 6:** These are submissions created by our youngest Mensans.

**Dramatic:** Scare us or make us sad or worried or some other dramatic emotion (except humor).

**Hand-drawn:** These entries must be hand-drawn and may not be traced or utilize stencils or other drawing helps.

## THE DETAILS:

We can take mailed-in entries, and images, but not PDFs.

Entries must include entrant's name and membership number.

One entry per person.

Entries may be hand-drawn or created digitally, with the exception of the hand-drawn category, which must be hand-drawn.

Color is optional.

Looking for places to find comic creators online? Try this list

<http://bit.ly/comic-creators>.

Winning entries will appear in Young Mensan Magazine.

Winners in each category will receive a comical prize.

## In Case You Missed It...



The March 14 Monthly Gathering featured a talk by CIM member Teresa Fisher about her 2012 trip to Viet Nam, Thailand, and Cambodia. Cletus, Alison Brown's traveling guest from Central Florida Mensa, was also in attendance.

Afterward, there were several conversations about travel. Charlie and Patricia Graff had recently avoided some of the terrible Indiana winter by taking a European cruise. Our speaker herself had just returned from a visit to Peru and the Amazon River a few weeks earlier. It was also noted that it was Pi Day, and celebrated with a sweet treat.



Alison Brown introduces Teresa Fisher to Cletus, the traveling owl.



Bob Zdanky and Leo Doyle share a laugh at the Monthly Gathering.

## Chuckhole Charley

Robert O. Adair

In the land of chuckhole heaven,  
in the Central West,  
in the berg called Indianapolis  
abides this hateful pest.  
Chuckhole dodging was a skill  
which all were forced to master  
a skill which saved their vehicles  
from cruel, impending disaster.  
Chuckhole Charley,  
champion chuckhole dodger,  
cunning, crafty and truly deft  
a really skillful codger!  
He dodged chuckholes  
with a will.  
He dodged chuckholes  
with a wit.  
He dodged chuckholes  
with an Indy hustle,  
simply for the love of it!  
Chuckhole dodging  
was his name,  
chuckhole dodging  
was his fame,  
till one sad day,  
in the month of May  
his attention distracted  
where there was no room,  
his car fatally impacted,  
as he plunged to his doom,  
over the edge of nothing other  
of all chuckholes of chuckholes,  
it was surely the mother!  
Alas, poor Charley  
he wasn't on his toes  
but in chuckhole heaven  
that's the way it goes!

*[Editor's Note: after the winter we've just had, this poem is going to be appropriate for months to come.]*



## Coming Soon: OMG! The Outdoor Gathering!

Mark your calendars for the weekend of May 16-18, 2014 and shake the mothballs out of your old sleeping bag. Central Indiana Mensa's Outdoor Gathering is next month. Once again, it's in beautiful Versailles State Park in southeastern Indiana. We have the group camp all to ourselves with dorm-style cabins and a wonderful lodge for meals and socializing.

Friday evening through Sunday morning, you'll have plenty of time to unwind and have a good time with fellow Mensans. As always, it's the best bargain going. Where else can you get two night's lodging and home cooked meals for only \$50? It's an unstructured weekend with hiking, a campfire, and surprises that one person described as "the things your mother wouldn't let you do in the house."

You don't even have to pay in advance. Just please drop an email to [rg.registrar@yahoo.com](mailto:rg.registrar@yahoo.com) to let us know you are coming.



# Welcome New and Returning Members!

New	Ronald Raymond	Bloomington	IN
New	Matthew Van Antwerp	Fishers	IN
New	Maeby Neaves	Fishers	IN
Reinstating	Thomas George	Anderson	IN
Reinstating	Curtis L Coonrod	Indianapolis	IN



## Let's Go Minimal!

*Teresa Gregory*

I've written about my struggles to downsize prompted by my move to a house half the square footage of the overstuffed one I've lived in for 26 years. Even before that, I wrote about my desire to downsize and live a more simple life. I'm not the only one. This hot trend has become a full-fledged movement. There are books and blogs and workshops. There are pictures on the internet of tiny houses not much bigger than a garden shed that people are building and moving into by choice. Rather than bragging about how much they have, people are bragging about how much they have gotten rid of, or how much they are doing without.

In Indianapolis, we have a chance to see and hear a couple of people who are committed to this lifestyle and helping other people achieve it. Joshua Fields Milburn and Ryan Nicodemus, long time friends, are The Minimalists. Successful bloggers with a large following, they are now published authors and will be coming to town on their book tour Tuesday, April 29 at 7:00pm. If you are interesting in going, it's free but you will need a ticket. Contact Petra Ritchie or Teresa Gregory for more information. (See the note on page 14 under ESOTERIC SIG.)

## **April 2014 Events - Central Indiana Mensa**

**Indy Lunch Bunch** –1st and 3rd Wednesdays at 12:00 noon, Double Eagle Café, 650 N. Meridian (at the Scottish Rite Cathedral), Indianapolis. Contact: Alan Schmidt, 317-233-5190, [alan.schmidt@att.net](mailto:alan.schmidt@att.net)

**Ham ‘n’ Eggs (Hamilton County Eggheads)** – 1st Saturday from 10:00 am-12:00 noon. Soho Café & Gallery, 620 South Range Line Road, Carmel, IN 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).

**Muncie Area Group Meeting** – 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday at 2:00 p.m. The MTCup, 1610 W. University Ave in Muncie. For those familiar with the Ball State area, it’s in the Village. Contact: Jason Smith, [munciemensa@gmail.com](mailto:munciemensa@gmail.com)

**Monthly Gathering** – 2nd Friday at 7:00 p.m., All Souls Unitarian Church, 5805 E. 56<sup>th</sup> St. See last page of MIND for map and directions. Members: \$5.00, Non-Members: \$7.00; Children 6-12: \$3.00, under 6: free  
**4/11:** Beth Kloote from Keep Indianapolis Beautiful, Inc. will speak on “Community Greening: KIB’s research-based approach to helping people and nature thrive”

**Mensa Test – Saturday, 4/12**, Registration 10 am Test 11 am. Wayne Library, 198 South Girls School Road. Contact Steve Merchant at 317-240-3077 or [blazingstar32@hotmail.com](mailto:blazingstar32@hotmail.com) for more information.

**Paducah Area Group Meeting** – 3rd Tuesday of every month, 7:00 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)

**Games People Play** – Friday, 4/18, Pitch-In Dinner 6:30 pm., games begin 7 pm. Bring your favorites, or share those of others. Join Petra and other members of All Souls Unitarian Church at their monthly games night, 5805 E. 56th St. Questions: Petra 786-8665, [petraritchie@msn.com](mailto:petraritchie@msn.com)

**Check out our newly updated and active Facebook page:**  
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/67015884487/>

(Events are continued on the other side of the calendar.)

# April 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
		1	2 Indy Lunch Bunch
6	7	8	9
13	14	15 Paducah Area Group Meeting	16 Indy Lunch Bunch
20 Mensans Dining Out	21	22 MINDbending/ ExCom	23
27	28	29 Esoteric SIG	30
4	5	6	7 Indy Lunch Bunch

**Social Media – Remember to sign up for Central Indiana  
Mensa’s Facebook and Meet Up groups:**

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/67015884487/>  
<http://www.meetup.com/Central-Indiana-Mensa/>

Thursday	Friday	Saturday
3	4	5 Ham 'n' Eggs; Muncie Meeting
10	11 Monthly Gathering; MIND deadline	12 Mensa Admission Test: Calendar Deadline
17	18 Games People Play	19
24	25	26
1 May	2	3 Ham 'n' Eggs; Muncie Meeting
8	9	10 Ham 'n' Eggs; Muncie Meeting

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 will get reminders of upcoming events. It's a great way to stay in the loop.

## April 2014 Events (cont.)

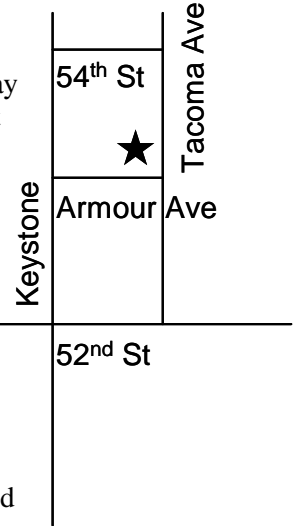
**Mensans Dining Out – Sunday, 4/20, 5:30 pm.** St Yared Ethiopian Restaurant, 11210 Fall Creek Rd. 46256, Indianapolis, IN Contact: Bob Zdanky, 317-503-0091 or [Zdanky@gmail.com](mailto:Zdanky@gmail.com)

**MINDBending/ExCom** – Last or next-to-last Tuesday of the month. MINDBending is the preparation of next month's MIND for mailing. Come help with sealing, labeling, and stamping the MINDs.

**3/25, 5:30 p.m.** Contact: Jan Pfeil Doyle, 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 **BigThank You** to all the February MINDBenders and thanks to Midwest Internet for hosting the event.

**ESOTERIC SIG – Tuesday, 4/29, 7 p.m.,** Bookmama's, 9 S. Johnson Ave. (turn South at the Irving Theatre on Washington St.) FREE. Petra will hand out the (limited) tickets at the door. Authors of new book, "*Everything That Remains*", are on an international, 100-city tour speaking about their journey into the simple life. Followed by a brief Q&A session.

Details: [theminimalists.com/tour](http://theminimalists.com/tour). **Questions? Petra 786-8665, [petraritchie@msn.com](mailto:petraritchie@msn.com)**

**Next Month: OMG! The Outdoor Gathering! May 16-18, Versailles State Park.** Grab your sleeping bag and towel, and come prepared to have a great weekend. Where else can you get two nights lodging and all meals for only \$50?! More info to come...

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

May MIND calendar items due 4/12/14 to [dbculp@sbcglobal.net](mailto:dbculp@sbcglobal.net)

# The Value of a Volunteer!

*Ellen Voie, RVC 4*

A common statistic quoted at Mensa is that eighty percent of our members never attend an event. If that's the case, then less than twenty percent are involved in some capacity, and even fewer offer their time and energy as volunteers!

You might already be aware of this, but it bears repeating; every one of your local, state and national level Mensa leaders is a volunteer. None of us are paid for our time or expertise.



There are employees at the national and international level, but most of the names you read in the bulletin belong to people who give freely of their time because they believe in the mission of the organization.

There are many definitions of volunteers, but I prefer the one from the Cambridge dictionary, "a volunteer is a person who does something, especially helping other people, willingly and without being forced or paid to do it."

Why do people volunteer? According to [Dummies.com](http://Dummies.com) there are various reasons people serve without compensation. Some people want to help their community and assist others, some help to increase their self-esteem. Some people volunteer because their friends are doing it and it sounds like a fun activity, or maybe they want to meet new friends in the process.

There are people who choose to volunteer to gain greater insight into the nonprofit sector with the goal to get a job in that area. Some want to polish their resumes and by adding volunteer work it helps show their commitment to a particular field. You can also develop new skills as a volunteer and can often learn by working with someone with expertise in that area (accounting, marketing, etc.)

Whatever the reason, being a volunteer can benefit you more than you realize. The website, [Volunteering In America.gov](http://VolunteeringInAmerica.gov) provides research that shows volunteers experience greater health benefits and mental health when they give one to two hours of their time each week. Volunteers have been found to watch 436 fewer hours of television than their neighbors. Think about what they are doing with that extra time.

Mensa isn't the only charitable organization that needs volunteers. You might already be assisting other groups that are relevant to you. If you don't currently

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volunteer, think about a skill or talent you might have that could benefit a good cause. The website [independentsector.org](http://independentsector.org) states the value of volunteer time at \$21.36 per hour! Over 63 million Americans volunteer their time and energy each year. Are you one of them?

Your state and local Mensa group can use your help. Nominations are now being accepted for regional vice chair positions and if you don't want a long term commitment, then just agree to serve on the nominating committee.

Every local group can use more help and some of the duties could be right up your alley. For example, maybe you could volunteer to greet people at an event. If you are internet savvy, maybe you could volunteer to monitor a Facebook page or a Yahoo Group. Maybe you like to write poetry or articles that your fellow Mensa members would enjoy....then submit them to the newsletter editor and see your name in print.

American Mensa has a list of volunteer positions and the "job descriptions" can be found on the AML website. From S.I.G.H.T. coordinator to archivist to LocSec or newsletter editor, there is a need for you to become more involved. Short term and long term duties are available, so come on and jump right in. We can't pay you what you're worth, which is \$21.36 per hour, but we will make sure that you have fun in the process and you'll get to meet some great folks! Think about the value of being a volunteer and the benefits to both you and the organization you serve.



## **Books and More Needed for Alternative School**

*Jan Pfeil Doyle*

Kimberly McConnell, an English teacher at an alternative school in the Evansville Vanderburgh Schools, has requested our help in creating a library for her school. Her father is a Mensa member and suggested she ask us for suggestions and help. Following are excerpts from her email messages.

"I am embarking on journey to create a modest library in the alternative school where I teach--Academy for Innovative Studies-Diamond Campus. It is a grade 6-12 school for children who have had little to no success in traditional schools.

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Many of these kids do not read at grade level and suffer some aversion for books in general, a learned attitude I am sure. We are grateful for a place to reach and teach our children, however, we do not always have the same resources as our neighboring schools.

“Why am I emailing you? We have NO library. That's right, I said we have no library. Many teachers such as myself have modest bookshelves in our rooms full of the books we could acquire here and there, but mostly we have paid for them on our own. The kids are perceptive to the outside attitudes that we "are not a real school," and that having a library is one component of being a school. We want them to succeed and to have opportunity to explore the world around them, and one authentic way to engage a young person is by allowing them freedom to search and find just the right book. I have people who promise they will clean out their closets and shelves, but I cannot guarantee that what they have to offer will be relevant to my special group of kids.

“I would like a mix of different level books. Some of the kids really geek out over Junie B Jones, Wimpy Kid, or younger fantasy genres. Also, they like books that represent real life. So the Crank books or others by Ellen Hopkins would relate. Nonfiction books—Eye Witness, Worlds Records or other books that give a glimpse of the world and are easy to read. I am trying to expand their horizons some while still appealing to their needs and wants.

“Can you help me or give me some direction? Are there particular organizations that would back me? I cannot be an English Teacher and be okay with kids not having a library. My father is a member of Mensa and has been for a very long time. He told me to seek your help and ideas. Please let me know if you can help or offer further advice.”

If you (**especially our Evansville area members**) have suggestions or advice for Kimberly, you may email her directly at [kimberly.mcconnell@evsc.k12.in.us](mailto:kimberly.mcconnell@evsc.k12.in.us). If you have books to donate and live in the greater Indianapolis area, or would like to help with the project, let me know. If we collect enough books, I'm envisioning a road trip to deliver them to Kimberly and visit their school.

*[Editor's Note: This plea comes at a very appropriate time because April 23 is World Book Day. Do you remember a book or a series of books that made an impression on you at this age? Did you read biographies? Fiction? Did you have books in your home? Did someone give you a book that you cherished? Not every child is lucky enough to grow up with books.]*

# Books On the Runway

*Margy Lancet Fletcher*

**Title:** *Founding Clear: Scientology, Hollywood, and the Prison of Belief* Year

**Author:** Lawrence Wright    **Year:** 2013

**Book Description** This riveting exposé of the inner workings of Scientology is reminiscent of sensationalist science-fiction tabloid literature. And yet, given the impressive credentials of its Pulitzer Prize-winning author and the multi-page appendix containing his sources, the reader can be assured that every word is true. The book chronicles the evolution of Scientology from the richly imaginative notions of science fiction writer Lafayette Ronald (L. Ron) Hubbard to a wealthy worldwide organization. It also describes in lurid detail the church's internal physical and mental oppression; its leaders' battles with foreign governments, psychiatric professionals, pharmaceutical manufacturers, federal agencies (most notably the IRS), the press, and each other; and finally, the ego-gratification partnership it maintains with a cadre of Hollywood celebrities. Although this saga contains a cast of characters that a film director would envy, its focus is primarily on three individuals: Hubbard, the brilliant founder whose spiritual quests are constantly at war with his gargantuan appetites; David Miscavige, Hubbard's charismatic and volatile successor; and Paul Haggis, a Hollywood screenwriter/director who ultimately leaves the "firm" after decades of relentless harassment from above and unrewarded hard work.

**Has this book changed the way you think, your attitude toward life, or even your life itself? If so, how?** I've always been curious about this cult's upper-level appeal: What type of belief system would motivate Tom Cruise to make a fool of himself on talk shows, or John Travolta to make a patently stupid and potentially career-ruining movie based on Hubbard's weird version of our galactic origins? This book provides these insights and so much more. rationality, resourcefulness, and dedication is vital to its continued survival. It truly appealed to the feminist in me.

**Who should definitely read this book? Why?** Dabblers in popular culture (one of my guilty pleasures) as well as serious students of social science. The final chapter features an enlightening discussion of the qualities that define a religion and a comparison of Scientology to the current traditional and "upstart" religions. This should appeal to intellectuals of every ilk, including both believers and non-believers.

**How long might it take to read this book?** One week at the most, in my estimation. This book is eminently fascinating – a real page-turner.

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**Provide a short characteristic section, an awesome sentence, or an inspiring quote:** : “There is no question that a belief system can have positive, transformative effects on people’s lives. Many current and former Scientologists have attested to the value of their training and the insight they derived from their study of the religion. They have the right to believe whatever they choose. But it is a different matter to use the protections afforded a religion by the First Amendment to falsify history, to propagate forgeries, and to cover up human-rights abuses.”

**Additional Remarks:** : The Church of Scientology’s eligibility for tax-exempt status is debatable; however, I believe that publicity for this religion (among others) should be required to contain a warning label: “Membership in this organization could be hazardous to your health and even fatal in large doses.” *Caveat emptor*, indeed.



## **Central Indiana Mensa ExCom Minutes 1/21/14**

The regular monthly meeting of the Central Indiana Mensa ExCom was held at Midwest Internet on Tuesday, January 21, 2014.

LocSec Jan Pfeil Doyle called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. Members present included: Jan Pfeil Doyle, David Culp, Teresa Gregory, Ann Hake, Jean Rodgers, Karen Steilberger, Bob Zdanky, and Karen Zwick. Absent: Karen Wilczewski. Guests: Leo Doyle, Jud Horning.

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

Karen Zwick presented the Treasurer’s report. Bob Zdanky made a motion to accept the report as presented, Teresa Gregory seconded the motion, and the motion was carried.

The membership report shows 1 new, 3 move-in, 1 renewing, and 3 reinstating members; and 29 prospects.

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### **Old Business**

2014 RG: Teresa Gregory said the program has been sent to the printer. She talked about the programs and entertainment events that were scheduled. On Saturday before dinner there will be a memorial event to share stories and memories of Julie Harkey, a former member who passed away recently. Fifty people have registered, including some who have not attended before.

Publicity: Jan Pfeil Doyle reported that Greg Crawford has given away all of the bookmarks that he had from the initial production run. Karen Zwick made a motion to procure 1000 more bookmarks. Teresa Gregory seconded the motion, and the motion was carried.

### **New Business**

Shirt donation: Jan Pfeil Doyle told the committee that Carl Levinson, a friend of CIM and a past RG presenter, has donated 152 T-shirts and 110 sweatshirts to CIM. They are from the shirt design and printing business of Carl's father, Buzz, who passed away recently. The shirts have various designs, and they have a retail value of \$6000. Leo Doyle said that Carl wants people to have fun with them. Leo said that the money should go to the general fund, not the scholarship fund. The committee discussed how much to suggest for donations to CIM in exchange for the shirts, and what we should do with the money. Teresa Gregory suggested that the money could be used for the upcoming 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration. After more discussion, Teresa moved that we offer the T-shirts for a minimum donation of \$10, and the sweatshirts for a minimum donation of \$20. Ann Hake seconded the motion, and it was carried. Ann moved to name the fund resulting from the donations the "Buzz Fund" in honor of Buzz Levinson, and that we show our gratitude to Carl by inviting him to attend all 2014 Monthly Gatherings as our guest. Dave Culp seconded the motion, and it was carried. Jean, Leo, and Jan will transport shirts to the RG.

There being no other business, David Culp made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ann Hake seconded the motion. The motion carried, and the meeting was adjourned at 8:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Karen Steilberger

# Treasurer's Report

Karen Zwick, Treasurer

## Balance Sheet (as of 02/24/2014)

Bank Accounts	02/24/2014	01/20/2014
Checking – Regular	\$7,857.44	\$8,206.89
Checking - Scholarship	374.53	374.53
Checking – Youth Mbrshp	1,160.00	1,160.00
Gathering Account	7,881.83	7,881.83
Vanguard Account	\$3,739.73	3,739.73
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$21,013.53</b>	<b>\$21,362.98</b>

## Profit & Loss Statement (01/21/2014-02/24/2014)

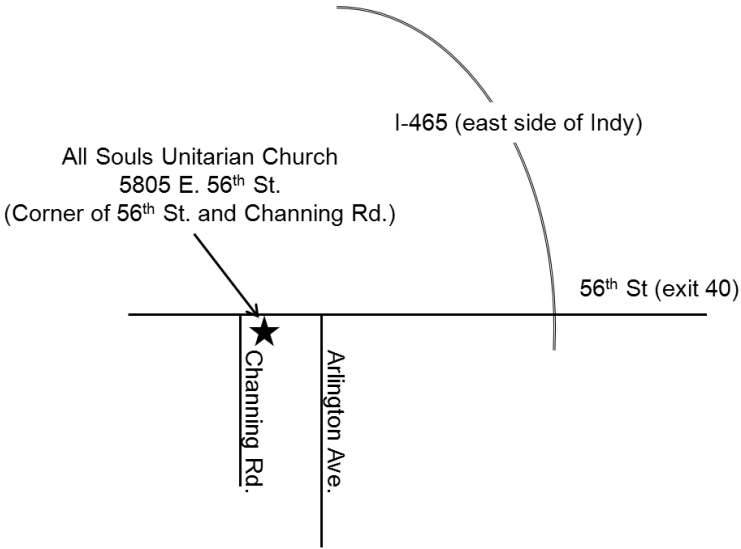
Income		
	402 – National Mensa Inc. (December and January)	912.48
	<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$912.48</b>
Expense		
	501.1 – Monthly Gathering Hospitality	18.70
	505 – Food for ExCom/MIND	62.90
	505.2 – MIND Postage	619.48
	510 – New Member Mailings	119.04
	<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>\$641.28</b>



**Social Media – Remember to sign up for Central Indiana Mensa’s Facebook and Meet Up groups:**

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/67015884487/>

<http://www.meetup.com/Central-Indiana-Mensa/>



## **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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