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Fireflies

Robert O. Adair

Fireflies flashing in the night,
swarming above the lawn,
lighting the spreading branches
of a tree across the way
like a Christmas tree,
painting an electric tapestry
upon the heavy canvas of the dark!



Old Dog/New Tricks

Teresa Gregory, Editor

Is it just me or has this summer gone by fast? I think part of it is that the winter seemed to last so long.

Please read the very interesting and insightful campaign posts that our Executive Committee candidates have sent to us. It reminds us what wonderful people we have in this organization. The election is next month, so give some thought to which candidates will get your vote. And your vote does count. In years past, we have had people lose by one vote.



I posted this picture a few weeks ago on Facebook, but I've received comments on it, so I'm posting it here. I called this the Crazy Cat Lady Started Kit. They are three months old now and have very distinct personalities. They make me laugh every day, even when they are getting into trouble. Every time I go near the front door, they all run to see if they can get out. I haven't lost one yet, but they are persistent. The sound of the microwave used to clear the kitchen, but that's not effective any more.

These are now limited edition kittens. Over the July Fourth week, I took their Mama to the low-cost spay/neuter clinic. I told her she was going for a spa day with a tummy tuck and a bikini wax. She did great.

This has probably been my least active summer in a long time. I've been doing some small home improvement projects. This past weekend, a friend helped me replace the wax ring on my leaky toilet. I had studied several YouTube videos. (I've done this job before but it's been a number of years.) I also now know which hardware stores are open until 10 P.M. on Saturday nights. That's important when you mess up the new wax ring in the only bathroom in the house. Our second attempt was a success.

If you need something to do that's more interesting than household plumbing, see the calendar. We have a couple of one-time events that might tickle your fancy. You won't know until you look.

LocSection

Jan Pfeil Doyle

Mensa's Annual Gathering – We just got back from the Mensa AG (national convention) in Boston. It was a joint AG with Mensa Canada. As usual, we had a great time reconnecting with old friends and making new ones. The area of Boston where the AG was held (Back Bay) was quite nice. The hotel looked out over the Charles River; we had a great view of the fireworks over the river. There were many restaurants within easy walking distance; we ate well - seafood, Italian, seafood, and more seafood. Leo and I went on a Duck (amphibious vehicle) tour. Next year's AG is in Louisville July 1-5, 2015. It will be a great opportunity to attend an AG that's within easy driving distance for us. You can find more info at <http://ag2015.us.mensa.org>.



Sapphire Award – Central Indiana Mensa earned a Sapphire Award at the AG. We are one of the top four local groups for our size (400-899 members)! The



awards recognize participation in Mensa activities and accomplishments; they are based on 25 criteria—points are given for each category. All CIM members who help organize and put on events and all those who attend those events can share the credit for our earning this award - congratulations to us all! I'd be remiss if I didn't recognize again the many contributions Teresa Gregory has made (and continues to make!) to our

group over the past several years. CIM would not have received this award without her inspirational leadership - and - hard work! You can see all the 2014 awards at www.us.mensa.org/featured-content/2014-awards.

Thanks – Thanks to Leo Doyle, who filled in at the last minute as speaker at the July monthly meeting. His presentation was “Public Domain for Fun and Profit.” Based on the number of questions, people really seemed to enjoy his talk. Here's a corrected URL for his website where you can download free movies: www.publicdomaintorrents.com. (The speaker originally scheduled will speak to us in the fall.)

Don't forget –

To check out the Gen X/Y Cinder SIG

To vote in our election in September

That we still need people to help with our Mensa Family Program

To join the Central Indiana Mensa Facebook group

To sign up for the Central Indiana Mensa Meet Up

To volunteer to help with our Regional Gathering

Slate of Executive Committee Candidates

CIM Nominating Committee

The Nominating Committee received no petition candidates therefore the following members make up the final slate of candidates for the Executive Committee (ExCom). Nine candidates will be elected to the ExCom in the September election with one of the nine candidates to be elected as the Local Secretary (LocSec). For this election there is just one LocSec candidate who, therefore, is running unopposed. The term length is two years and will begin on October 1, 2014.

Richard Albright
Sandra Althouse
Jon Applegate
Ethan Blocher-Smith
Edward Chu
David Culp
Ann Hake

Diane O'Brien
Janice Pfeil Doyle*
Karen Steilberger
Karen Wilczewski
Robert Zdanky
Karen Zwick
* (LocSec candidate)

An opportunity will be provided for the candidates to speak briefly at the August monthly meeting.



Dick Albright I am flattered, honored, and surprised to be asked to be a candidate for the ExCom of this chapter. I have been a Mensan for about eight years. I am a Civil Engineer and Concrete Consultant, and I now work for myself as my clients request. I have been active in professional and technical societies. I have held offices at the local, state, and national levels in the American Society of Civil Engineers. I have held local and state offices in Reserve Officers Association. I am a Korean War Veteran. I initiated the Indiana Chapter of the American Concrete

Institute and served as its secretary for about eight years., and I chaired a national committee for six years, I have been through chairs in the Lions Club of Indianapolis. I served on the Carmel Plan Commission for eight years, with two years as its president. I have served my church as Elder, Trustee, Treasurer, and Clerk of Sessions.



Sandy Althouse Hi, my name is Sandy Althouse. I have been a Mensan for more than 30 years. I was active in Indianapolis back in the 1980s, even service as Chair for one of our RGs.

I took a break from Mensa activities to raise my adopted Chinese daughter. Sara is a sophomore at Purdue now, and I am retired from a job in state government, thus I

have some time to devote to other activities. I currently enjoy volunteering at Community Hospital South on the Auxiliary Board and as a Medicare counselor for the Indiana Dept of Insurance.

I would also like to spend some spare time with my favorite people in Mensa. I believe I would bring energy and enthusiasm to our local group and I would be excited to serve.



Jon Applegate I have been a member since 1981. Central Indiana Mensa was my first home group until my transfer to Lansing, MI in 1985.

During the twenty five years I lived in Lansing I served one term as Vice LocSec and was Chair of the Mid Michigan RG for one year. (We realized an \$1800 profit that year). I also served for twenty-one years as Proctor and testing coordinator. After my retirement from the Federal Aviation Administration

I returned to southern Indiana and currently reside in Solsberry, eight miles southwest of Bloomington.

I hope to bring to the Executive Committee the additional perspective of an out of townner. I also wish to explore avenues by which we could expand the Mensa experience. I believe that we, as a group, have a broad range of talents and skills which could be brought to bear for the betterment of our communities.



Ethan Blocher-Smith I am Ethan Blocher-Smith, M.S. Biochemistry, B.S. Chemistry Pre-med, and proud Mensan. Though I recently joined Mensa, I have prized intelligence throughout my life. I strive to learn new ideas and develop new plans on a daily basis. I have been a pilot, an outdoorsman, a video-gamer, board-gamer, and all around student of science. Most importantly, though, I am in tune with the future of technology. Many describe Generation Y as the children of the internet. It is ironic to note that despite the ubiquity of the internet in modern industry, it is still poorly accepted to its full potential in the older generations.

With the blessing of Jan and several national SIGs, I started Cinder as a Gen X/Gen Y SIG to reach out to the younger Mensans on issues we will face in the near future.

In joining ExCom, I want to keep our younger members active in Mensa activities, and help to feed the minds of potential future members. For too long Mensa has held the stereotype of old exclusionist elitists; I have seen the members of our group and it is not so. We must reach the younger generation to secure the future of our group, and I will work to this goal on ExCom.



David Culp I am David Culp and I am a candidate for the Ex-Com. I am currently finishing my first 2 year term. I have also been the MIND Calendar Editor for 2 years. I have enjoyed working with the current Ex-Com as the group has been very positive and cordial. My main roles seem to be finding errors in the Treasurer's report and making the motion to adjourn the meeting. Both are very important functions. Anyway, I will be happy to serve for another 2 years if I am elected. Thanks.



Ann Hake Ann Hake joined Mensa as a teenager, mainly for the bumper stickers. The local Central Indiana and Beyond Group has been great fun and has encouraged her to remain active and to continue to refer to herself in the third person. She has served on the ExCom for the past two years and would be pleased and honored to continue to do so. Priority areas continue to be recruiting educational and stimulating presenters for the Indy monthly gatherings and to assist with the website.



Diane O'Brien I've been a member of Mensa since 1977, where I met my husband, Bob. My background includes degrees in music education and business, and I've been a music teacher and human resources manager, as well as assistant to the Indiana Secretary of State. I've always wanted to be a librarian and am the chair of the library committee at All Souls Unitarian Church. I've lived in Indianapolis since 1976 and have many connections in the community. My belief that education is the best way to cure society's ills makes me believe that help with the scholarship program would be a way I could contribute. I also believe that our Mensa group needs more younger members and want to participate in making that happen. My participation in ExCom would satisfy a desire to give back to the organization that had provided me with so many fond memories.



Jan Pfeil Doyle I'm Jan Pfeil Doyle. I live in NE Indianapolis with my fellow Mensan husband, Leo Doyle. I first joined Mensa over 25 years ago and was quite active for several years, serving as Loc Sec, Vice Loc Sec, RG chair, RG Hospitality Chair and several terms on ExCom. I started my "second Mensa career" almost eight years ago and have been on ExCom since then, serving as Program Chair, on the RG Committee, hosting and attending MINDbending regularly, and, for the last two years, as LocSec. I've enjoyed doing my bit to help guide

our group and look forward to working with the new ExCom to continue to improve Central Indiana Mensa if I'm elected.



Karen Steilberger My name is Karen Steilberger, and I live on the northwest side of Indianapolis. I've been a member of Mensa since 2003. For the last 2 years I've been an ExCom member (recording secretary), and I was the MIND calendar editor for 6 years before that. I have been an active participant at many of the CIM activities, including the monthly meetings, Indy Lunch Bunch, book discussions, RGs, and MINDbending. When I'm not at a CIM activity or working at my job as a data systems

analyst, I'm keeping busy with my church music group, Spanish lessons, or other groups. Through my various involvements, I've observed or participated in many leadership teams over the years. I think the CIM ExCom functions very well and I am happy to be a part of it. As a member of the next iteration of the ExCom I would continue to use my abilities to help keep the group growing and functioning well.



Karen Wilczewski During the last ExCom election cycle, I said that a vote for me couldn't promise a chicken in every pot. However, I failed to mention a car in every garage. This election cycle, I can't promise patriotism, protection, and prosperity (thank you, President William McKinley for this one), but I can assure you that a vote for me would help to keep the "Karen Conspiracy" alive and well. Not sure if you knew that there are three Karens on the current ExCom, and each one of us is running again: Karen Steilberger, Karen Zwick, and myself, Karen

Wilczewski. We're also serving on the committee that's planning CIM's 50th anniversary. None of us is conspiring in a negative way; we just work quietly in the background to make sure our local group keeps on keeping on. So, if you would like to keep the "Karen Conspiracy" alive and well for another two years serving the ExCom, I would appreciate your vote.



Bob Zdanky Have been on the ExCom for three years as the new member chair. We have more prospects taking the entrance exam and qualifying but very few become active in the group. If I get elected for another two year term would like to try new ideas in order to encourage more people to join the group.

We have tried new ideas such as MeetUp, new member dinners, a Gen Y group etc. Heard about some interesting ideas as at the AG. Would like to try these ideas during the next two years.



Karen Zwick I've been an actively participating member of Central Indiana Mensa for more than eight years. I have served on the Ex-Com for the past four years. I served as the *MIND* newsletter editor for two years and have been the CIM Treasurer for the past two years. I also enjoy providing a meal at the Regional Gathering.

I've owned and operated a Workplace Learning and Talent Development business, 1st Class Solutions, for the past 19 years. Managing and operating a business has helped me develop skills that I apply when fulfilling my Mensa responsibilities. These skills include leadership, planning, collaboration, problem solving, dealing with difficult people, and "cat herding."

I've personally benefited greatly from Mensa and it is an important part of my life. I would love an opportunity to serve for two more years on the Ex-Com to continue building a strong, vibrant, and energized CIM.



Welcome New and Returning Members!

New	Lucian Goins	Carmel	IN
New	Anthony Morgan	Whitesville	KY
New	Claire Donley	Indianapolis	IN
New	Aravon B McCalla	Indianapolis	IN
Reinstating	Eric Hoogland	Indianapolis	IN
Renewing	Francis Pianki	Anderson	IN
Renewing	Thomas Ryan Showman	New Palestine	IN
Renewing	Tony Ray Showman	New Palestine	IN



Practice Test Special During August

Take the online Mensa Practice Test for just \$9. This limited offer is good for the month of August. The practice test provides a peek into the types of questions one may expect from the official Admission Test. Shake off the summer brain drain and put your mind to the test! To access the test visit us.mensa.org/mht today.

August 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: Karen Steilberger steilkr@sbcglobal.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.

Muncie Area Group Meeting – 1st 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

Mensa Meetup at the Monon Mixer – Thursday 8/7, 7:30 – 10:30 pm

Meet at the Monon Community Center Waterpark, 1235 Central Park Drive East, Carmel, IN 46032 for swimming, floating on the lazy river, surfing the FlowRider, scaling the Aquaclimb; listening to live music from the Tides Trio; drinking beer from Upland, wine from Mallow Run and Harmony. Admission free for "Escape Pass" holders, otherwise \$10. You must be 21 to participate. More details at <http://carmelclayparks.com/events/monon-mixer/> rsvp to Alison Brown SIGHT@indymensa.org

Monthly Gathering – 2nd Friday at 7:00 p.m., All Souls Unitarian Church, 5805 E. 56th 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

8/8: It's election year for Central Indiana Mensa. Come out and hear the campaign speeches that our candidates have prepared to WOW us out of our votes. These are time-limited so no filibustering allowed.

Mensa Test - Saturday, 8/9, Wayne Library, 198 South Girls School Road, Indianapolis, Indiana. Registration 10 am Test 11am.

Contact: Steve Merchant blazingstar32@hotmail.com or 317-431- 8645

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

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.)

August 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
3	4	5	6 Indy Lunch Bunch
10	11	12	13
17 Mensans Dining Out	18	19 Paducah Area Group Meeting; MINDbending/ ExCom	20 Indy Lunch Bunch
24 Book Discussion	25	26	27
31	1 September	2	3 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/>

August 2014 (Continued)

Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 Ham 'n' Eggs; Muncie Meeting
7 Mensa Meetup at the Monon Mixer	8 Monthly Gathering; MIND deadline	9 Mensa Test; Calendar Deadline;48 Hour Films
14	15	16
21	22 Cinder	23
28	29	30
4	5	6 Ham 'n' Eggs; Muncie Meeting

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

August 2014 Events (cont.)

48 Film Project – Saturday, 8/9, Times TBA, Indianapolis Museum of Art, 4000 Michigan Road, Indianapolis 46208. If you like films...a LOT of them...and you appreciate creativity, this is the place to be. Teams sign up to make a short film in one weekend. They are given a character name and occupation, a prop, a line of dialogue, and a genre on Friday evening, and the films are turned in Sunday morning. We will be going to see the results the next weekend. This is part of an international competition. For more information, check the website (<http://www.48hourfilm.com/en/indianapolis>) or contact Teresa Gregory, mind.editor@yahoo.com.

Mensans Dining Out –Third Sunday at 6:00pm.

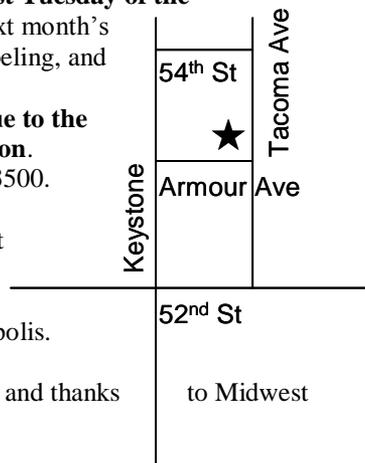
8/17 – Machu Pichu, 5356 W 38th Street, Indianapolis 46254. Please let Bob know if you are coming so he can reserve enough space. contact: Bob Zdanky, 317-503-0091 or Zdanky@gmail.com

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.

NOTE: MINDbending is early this month due to the bylaw requirements for the September election.

8/19, 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 52nd St. and Keystone Ave. on the northeast side of Indianapolis.



A **BigThank You** to all the July MINDbenders and thanks Internet for hosting the event.

***NEW SIG* Cinder-Fourth Friday of the month.** 7:00p.m. at 721 E. 55th Street, Indianapolis, IN. A SIG for the Gen X – Gen Y crowd. Contact Ethan Blocher-Smith, MensaCinder@gmail.com (See the column on page 18.)

Book Discussion – Sunday 8/24, at 3:00 p.m.

We will discuss *My Stroke of Insight* by Jill Bolte Taylor. 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.

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

How Do You Define Yourself?

Ellen Voie, RVC 4

Recently I noticed a minivan sporting a license plate, “CEO MOM.” Immediately I knew the woman who owned that vehicle had one or more children and a professional career. That’s a lot to glean from a twelve inch piece of metal tacked to a bumper, but it was evident this was how she defined herself, as both a CEO and a Mom.



If you had to limit your identity to a few letters on a license plate, what would it be? How would you define yourself?

There’s a poem called “The Dash,” by Linda Ellis that asks the reader to think about “how you spend your dash?” The dash is the short line between the year of your birth and your death that appears on your tombstone. What happens during your life is condensed into one short line, or a “dash between the years.” (The poem is well worth the time to find and read.)*

When you respond to a stranger’s introduction, what terms do you use to describe yourself, both personally and professionally? The way we define ourselves gives others a glimpse into our self-esteem and attitude toward our own achievements. Trying to explain who you are in only a few words is very revealing. Do you describe yourself in positive terms or are they words that diminish your identity?

As the woman in the mini-van defines herself as CEO MOM, each of us must think about who we are and how we identify ourselves to others. What are you doing with your time within the dash?

During my childhood, one of my brothers had a paper route. When someone asked him about himself, he responded (with all seriousness) that he was a “news transfer agent.” He placed a great deal of importance in delivering the newspaper to his customers each day and this pride in his efforts was evident.

When your family and friends gather at your funeral to recall the things you have done and the legacy you have left behind, will they describe your life with words that reflect the importance of your personal or professional accomplishments? Think about “The Dash Poem” where Linda Ellis asks, “Will you be proud of the things they say about how you spent your dash?”

*<http://www.linda-ellis.com/the-dash-the-dash-poem-by-linda-ellis-.html>

Books on the Runway

Margy Lancet Fletcher

Title: The Private Lives of Birds: A Scientist Reveals the Intricacies of Avian Social Life

Author: Bridget Stutchbury

Year: 2010

Book Description: This is a fascinating account of the unorthodox research projects undertaken by biologist Stutchbury and her teams of “bird detectives,” and the intriguing insights into bird behavior gained through these experiments (graphs and tables are included for scientifically-oriented readers). The author provides explicit and lucid answers to such questions as: Why are some species of birds monogamous while others are habitual philanderers? What physical qualities do female birds prefer in a mate, and why? How does the slaying of a chick by its sibling help ensure the survival of a species? In what ways do birds use their singing as a means of communication (more numerous than is commonly believed)? What are the comparative advantages and disadvantages of nuclear versus colonial avian lifestyles?

Has this book changed the way you think, your attitude toward life, or even your life itself? If so, how? The book reveals many behavioral similarities between birds and humans that I had not previously suspected. Apparently, birds often conduct themselves in ways that we humans might consider morally questionable, but for reasons much more compelling than mere gratuitous pleasure. It also confirms my conviction that crowding and overpopulation are major causes of resource depletion and environmental deterioration.

Who should definitely read this book? Why? This book is a must-read for nature enthusiasts – particularly, amateur and professional biologists, ornithologists, and environmental scientists.

How long might it take to read this book? The clear, concise writing style should enable the reader to finish in just one to two days.

Provide a short characteristic section, an awesome sentence, or an inspiring quote: “The natural forces that have shaped bird behaviour* for thousands of years have shifted as seasons change, food supplies crash, and habitats disappear. Behaviours* that once paid high dividends may today doom an individual, and a species, to failure. Birds are linked together, and to us, by the challenges of living in the drastically remodelled* environment that has come with explosive human population growth. Birds connect people with nature because they are beautiful, have fascinating lives, and in many ways remind us of ourselves.” *NOTE: Alternate spellings reflect the author’s Canadian origins.

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Additional Remarks: Although the book's epilogue grimly delineates the devastating effects of recent human intervention on the earth's environment (e.g., the real reason for the passenger pigeon's extinction), it ends on a positive note, to wit: "[H]uman attitudes and knowledge about the environment and our dependence on functioning ecosystems have evolved rapidly in the past century. There is hope, because humans are the ultimate example of behavioural flexibility and cultural change." Thus, high motivation and willingness to learn from past mistakes may be our ultimate salvation, as well as that of our avian comrades.

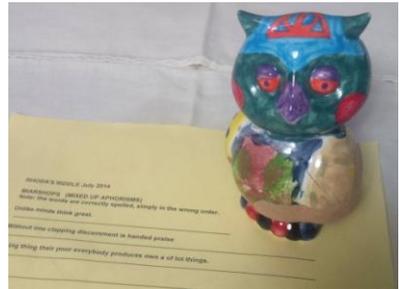


In Case You Missed It

Alison Brown



←Our friend, Cletus, is back from his vacation overseas. Cletus greets a first timer, Corey P., at Lunch Bunch in the Double Eagle at the Scottish Rite Cathedral in Indianapolis.



Cletus puzzles over Rhoda's Riddle at → the July Central Indiana Mensa Monthly Gathering



←Cletus was present when Alan Schmidt hosted his last Mensa Lunch Bunch meeting and passed the torch, or possibly fork, to his successor Karen Steilberger.

[Ed. Note: many congratulations to Alan Schmidt on his upcoming retirement and nuptials. We will be seeing a lot less of him, and that's CIM's loss, but we are very happy for him.]

Cinder

Ethan Blocher-Smith

First off, a big thank you to everyone who will have joined us in July. I have to write these prior to the event actually happening, so I have to make an educated guess on how it went. All members take note that since I will be moving on August 1st, starting this month we will be meeting at a new address until further notice. The new location is more central to Indianapolis, located at 721 E. 55th Street, Indianapolis, IN, right by the intersection of 55th and College in the Broad Ripple area. Remember, if you have a friend, child, or someone interested in Mensa who is a member of Generation X or Y (18+), tell them about our event. As always, any Mensan is free, with non-members paying \$5, or \$1 if they bring a snack to share. Assorted snacks and drinks will be provided.

This month we will transition from the more biochemical side of our future into a more relevant topic in what is happening today. Our topic will be privacy in the digital age. What does the fourth amendment mean in the digital age? Is metadata truly just ancillary datapoints? Should we, as general and presumably innocent citizens, even care? What about spying on other nations? How can you ever truly have a private thought? All salient questions, and all of these and more are open for discussion in this next month's meeting. Come ready to talk, and full of opinions. I'll see you there.



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Central Indiana Mensa ExCom Minutes 5/27/14

The regular monthly meeting of the Central Indiana Mensa ExCom was held at Midwest Internet on Tuesday, May 27, 2014.

LocSec Jan Pfeil Doyle called the meeting to order at 6:55 p.m. Members present included: Jan Pfeil Doyle, David Culp, Teresa Gregory, Ann Hake, Karen Steilberger, Karen Wilczewski, Bob Zdanky, and Karen Zwick. Guests: Alison Brown and Jud Horning.

The committee reviewed the minutes of the April ExCom meeting. Ann Hake 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. She reported that the separate Gathering bank account has been closed and is now incorporated with the regular account and integrated into her accounting system. This will make the reports she sends to National much easier to produce. She asked if there is a need to keep the amount from this account separate on the balance sheet. The ExCom said there is not. David Culp made a motion to accept the report, Ann Hake seconded the motion, and the motion was carried.

The membership report shows 3 new, 1 move-in, and 7 reinstating members, and 21 prospects.

Old Business

2014 OG: Jan Pfeil Doyle gave a recap of the OG. There were over 30 attendees, including some from Michigan, Ohio, and Illinois. Teresa Gregory said that Cyndi Kuyper usually calls the park the day after the OG to reserve the same site for next year. Teresa will verify that she did that.

Elections: Jan Pfeil Doyle said that there are 14 nominees on the slate at this time.

New Business

Member initiatives: Jan Pfeil Doyle said she had received two memos from George Dunn: one stating that he is putting together a Culture Quest team for next year; and the other saying that he and Rhoda Israelov are proposing a formal group activity to be held at the conclusion of the monthly gatherings. The committee discussed the proposal and agreed that it would be all right if it is 1) optional; 2) held after the speaker's presentation is complete; and 3) in a designated part of the meeting room so that those who do not wish to participate may stay and socialize.

Buzz Fund event: Jan Pfeil Doyle said there has been a suggestion that a
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committee be formed to decide on the event for which the Buzz Fund money will be spent. She suggested that Carl Levinson, the donor of the shirts from which the funds are coming, be invited to participate. Karen Zwick, Karen Wilczewski, Karen Steilberger, and Teresa Gregory will assist, and other members are welcome as well.

Picnic: Jan Pfeil Doyle asked if we want to have a picnic this year. The committee discussed the question. Teresa said perhaps it has run its course and we should put our energies into the 50th anniversary event we want to have later this year.

AMC Meeting: Jan Pfeil Doyle said that our bid to host the March 2015 American Mensa Committee meeting was accepted. We do not need to do hotel arrangements, but we will be the host group. Teresa Gregory said that the last time we did this, two years ago, National provided a budget for hospitality.

Jean Rodgers: Jan Pfeil Doyle said that Jean Rodgers passed away on May 2. Karen Zwick will send a donation from Central Indiana Mensa. A collection is in progress for a memorial brick in the “Walk of Minds” in front of the Mensa Education and Research Foundation building in Texas. Funds collected above the \$200 amount for the brick will be donated to the John Matthews scholarship fund.

Things to think about: Jan Pfeil Doyle asked the committee to think about 1) ways to get more of the shirts out to those who might like them; and 2) an opportunity we have to move the RG from late January to June or August. Teresa Gregory asked the committee to think about ways to promote Mensa to non-members, including consideration of Jan Greene’s idea of giving a discount on the RG to members who bring guests, or Teresa’s alternate idea of offering guests who pay for a full weekend a free admissions test.

There being no other business, David Culp made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Karen Zwick seconded the motion. The motion was carried, and the meeting was adjourned at 7:46 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Karen Steilberger

Treasurer's Report

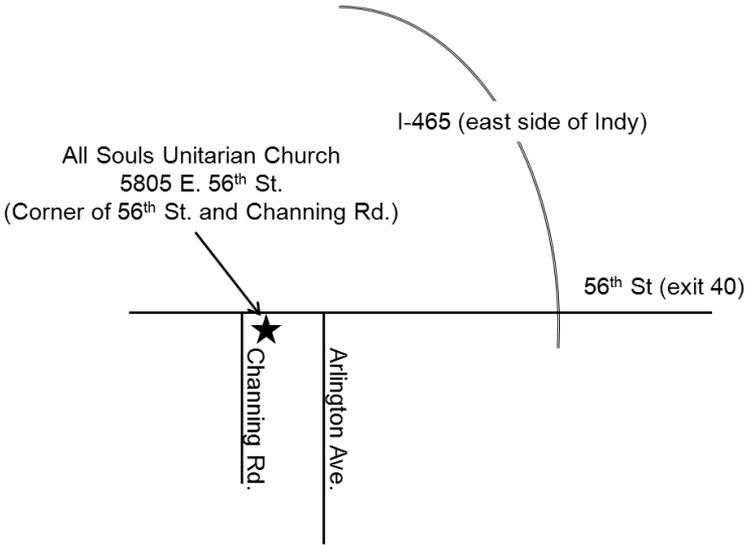
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Balance Sheet (as of 06/23/2014)

Bank Accounts	06/23/2014	05/26/2014
Checking – Regular	\$15,482.94	\$16,555.57
Checking – Scholarship	445.53	374.53
Checking – Youth Mbrship	849.00	849.00
Checking – Buzz Fund	520.00	450.00
Vanguard Account	\$3,739.73	3,739.73
Total Assets	\$21,037.20	\$21,968.83

Profit & Loss Statement (05/27/2014 – 06/23/2014)

Income		
	401.1 – Monthly Gathering Income (June)	141.00
	402 – National Mensa Inc.	440.70
	403 – Donations (<i>Donations for Brick Fund in memory of Jean Rodgers \$99; donations for scholarship in memory of Jean Rodgers \$71</i>)	170.00
	406 – Income for Buzz Fund	70.00
Total Income		821.70
Expense		
	501.1 – Monthly Gathering Hospitality	93.49
	501.2 – Monthly Gathering Facility (July, Aug, Sept)	105.00
	503.1 – OG Hospitality (expenses from 2013 OG)	513.30
	505 – Food for ExCom/MIND	77.07
	505.1 – MIND Printing	295.83
	505.2 – MIND Postage	392.00
	510.1 – New Member Dinners	20.00
	510.2 – New Member Mailings	111.47
	520 – Miscellaneous (flowers for Jean Rodgers funeral, six months renewal fees for Meetup)	145.17
Total Expenses		\$1,753.33



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.
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