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Old Dog/New Trick

Teresa Gregory, Editor

Last month, I wrote an article with this title where I talked about online educational opportunities. This month, my "new trick" is transitioning from being your LocSec to being your Editor.

I used to work in a real estate office and we advertised in the neighborhood newspaper. Each week when the new issue would arrive, a couple of us would grab copies and race to see who could find a mistake first. The paper was always full of them. One day, we found one in a headline on the front page. The game was over almost before it started.

I have "guest edited" in the past for Teresa Fisher, but she had things set up and all I had to do was fill in the blanks, then Jan Pfeil Doyle cleaned up the mess I made and sent it to the printer. Karen Zwick is moving on to another position in Central Indiana Mensa, and she has left me a wonderful template to work with. She also gave me an afternoon tutorial. I can still call her for advice, but basically I'm on my own. This might become like the old neighborhood paper where you can look for the errors. I'll try to keep them to a minimum, but please be patient with me.

You might see a few changes in the coming months. One is a regular feature about our Mensa Family Program. We have an award-winning program that everyone in CIM should know about. As you will see in this issue, it's not just for kids.

I also thought it might be fun to delve into CIM's past a little. You might see some items reprinted from our archives.

Twenty years ago, there was an article about the upcoming Regional Gathering. It's that time of year again. If you'd like to be a part of it as a volunteer, please give me a call or shoot me an email. Of course, I'd like to see a lot of you at the RG, January 25-27, 2013. Read more about it in this issue.

I'd love to hear from you. Send me an article, a photo, poem, recipe, game, whatever. Help me out here! I'm new at this.

LocSection

Jan Pfeil Doyle

I hope many of you can join us for our annual holiday pitch-in dinner and gift exchange on December 14th. Meat, bread, beverages and tableware are provided; please bring a side dish, salad, or dessert to share. The gift exchange is always fun. We call it "Gimmee Grabbee"—when it's your turn to select a gift, you may choose one that hasn't been selected yet or take one that someone else has already chosen. Every year, there are two or three imaginatively-wrapped presents that are the hit of the party! Participation in the gift exchange isn't required, but you'll be missing out on some of the fun if you don't. See the calendar listing for more details.

Mark your calendars for January 25-27, 2013! That's the weekend of the Central Indiana Mensa Regional Gathering (CIM RG for short). If you haven't been to an RG, you're missing out on one of the best activities Mensa has to offer. There's something for everyone: special events, speakers, games and tournaments, around-the-clock hospitality suite with plenty of food and drink, and best of all, plenty of your fellow Mensans to hang out with. If you can't make it for the whole weekend, join us for Friday night or Saturday. If you're a little shy (or even if you aren't!), volunteer to help, either during the RG or beforehand; there are plenty of tasks large and small to be done. Contact RG Chair Teresa Gregory to get involved.

One of the newer activities in CIM is a book discussion group. We've been meeting for several months and have had some great discussions. The group decided to focus initially on reading nonfiction books. We've read quite an assortment: Outliers; Stuff: Compulsive Hoarding and the Meaning of Things; A Short History of Nearly Everything; The Emperor of All Maladies; Blue Highways – A Journey into America; and The Power of Habit: Why We Do What We Do in Life and Business. Our next book is Red Ink: Inside the High-Stakes Politics of the Federal Budget in early January and after that, we'll be discussing Team of Rivals: The Political Genius of Abraham Lincoln. We'd love to have you join us!

I wish all of you a wonderful holiday season!

CIM Family Program Highlights: A Trip to the Catacombs

Dr. Alan Schmidt

Few realize that the Indianapolis City Market is transcendentally nondimensional. That is a term from the science fiction series with Dr. Who for something that it is bigger on the inside than it is on the outside. The many Mensa Family Program children, parents, and Mensans who forged ahead past the intimidating risk waver form to enter the catacombs under the City Market were amazed to find a 22,000 square foot space beneath the plaza that few knew even existed.

There were brick barrel vaulted ceilings and columns, some that were reinforced with Bedford limestone blocks. Old timers on previous tours described the catacombs being used for vendor storage decades ago associated with the street market days. Much of the floor was dirt with some concrete portions that may have been used for cooling food or beverages with ice. The guide showed a picture with unusual lighting that had been taken at a circle of chairs where the paranormal society had noted activity. In one location the ceiling had a white, limestone coating as in a cave.

The facility is receptive to suggestions on how best to use the large catacomb area. Dr. Alan Schmidt observes it could easily be used to cultivate mushrooms to supply many restaurants in Indianapolis and having only one entrance would not be a problem for such a low people traffic use. Similarly with more lighting it could be used as a greenhouse. Other suggestions are very welcome.

Ann Bilodeau and David Bonner arranged the special tour, which will not be available again to the public until the spring. The catacombs temperature was fine during the November 16 tour, but we were told that surprisingly during some summer tours the temperature may be hotter than the outdoor temperature. It was an intriguing feature of Indianapolis.

CIM Family Program Highlights, Continued: Spooky Science

Photos by Jan Pfeil Doyle

Spooky Science was held in Franklin, Indiana, on October 26. This is always a well-attended event where kids and parents learn that science can be fun. Thanks to CIM member, Julie Tennell, Franklin High School biology teacher, who works with David Bonner and his team to make this event possible. Science IS fun!









Central Indiana Mensa Presents

THE "WE SURVIVED" REGIONAL GATHERING

Fascinating Presentations! Games! Tournaments! Talent Show! Hard Cider Tasting! Kids' Activities!

January 25, 26, 27, 2012

What to Pay	Whom to Pay	Where to Stay
\$55 until Dec 15, 2012	Cyndi Kuyper	Clarion at the Waterfront
\$65 until December 31,	2606 Henderson St.	2930 Waterfront Parkway Wes
2012	West Lafayette, IN 47906-	Indianapolis, IN 46214
\$75 from January 1, 2013	1537	(317) 299-8400
•	(765) 463-1393	www.ClarionWaterfront.com
Kids:	cyndi9352@yahoo.com	
\$25 – under 6 years old		\$69 Mensa Rate
\$40 - 6 - 12 years old	Our hotel is fully handicapped	
•	accessible.	Central Hospitality Area
Day Rates:		
\$20 Friday or Sunday	All activities on one floor	Free Parking
Only		-
\$40 Saturday Only	Game Room	
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The "We Survived" Regional Gathering

Teresa Gregory, Chair

Mark your calendars for Central Indiana's Regional Gathering. We survived 2012 with no RG due to the Super Bowl. Now if we can just survive the end of the world in December, we are going to have a great reason to party! NO registration increase, NO hotel increase. What a deal!

- Come out Saturday afternoon for a two-hour improvisational comedy workshop with the people from ComedySportz.
- See the return of the "mad" scientist who creates fireballs from balloons in the atrium, along with some other cool tricks. He was with us about five years ago.
- Dust off you old kazoo and polish up your tap shoes for the talent show on Saturday night.
- Taste some Indiana wines. And maybe some ciders. And maybe some meads.
- Find out what other Mensans are reading during Books on the Runway.
- Some other programs are close to being "official."

And there will be a hotel full of Mensans! There will be games! There will be food and drink! There will be no reason for you not to come!

If you'd like to help, please let me know. I can use you for 10 minutes or a couple of hours. Don't be shy! Volunteering is a great way to meet new people.

New SIG! (Special Interest Group!) New SIG!

Esoteric SIG, (es-o-ter'-ic) 1. Intended for or understood by only a small group.

Join me and other interested parties on a monthly "educational field trip" to events not particularly appealing to just anybody, e.g., a tattoo and piercing convention (do not have to be pierced or sport a tattoo to enjoy), a visit to the City Market catacombs, the Indiana Medical Museum, a muscle-building competition, or a plethora of other events to be suggested by anyone who cares to submit an idea. (See a description of this month's event on the calendar page.)

Call or email Petra: (317) 786-8665, petraritchie@msn.com.

Welcome!

New Members

Michael W Oakes

Joe M Bauer

Ronni Lynn Hayes

Oak Grove, KY

Indianapolis, IN

Nashville, IN

Reinstating Members

Robert Gayle Pettit, III Utica, KY

Daniel R Mallinak Indianapolis, IN

Renewing Member

Sandra Roberts Indianapolis, IN

Member Moving In

David William Gholston Paducah, KY

December 2012 Events - Central Indiana Mensa

Ham 'n' Eggs (**Ham**ilton County **Egg**heads) 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, <u>SIGHT@indymensa.org</u>.

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, <u>munciemensa@gmail.com</u>

Bridge SIG – 1st Sunday at 2:00 p.m.

Contacts: Grace Falvey and Bob Dill, 842-6246 12/2: Grace Falvey and Bob Dill, 842-6246

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

West Lafayette/Lafayette

Lunch – 1st Wednesday, 12:00 noon.

Contact: Joe Stamper, 765-474-4759, jstamper@aii.edu

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

12/14: Annual Holiday Party

Come join us for the annual Holiday Party. Meat, bread and beverages are provided, and you bring a vegetable, salad or dessert to share. If you choose to participate in the gimmeegrabbee gift exchange, bring a \$5-10 wrapped gift (creative wrapping is encouraged). If the gift is more appropriate for a certain age or gender, please mark it; i.e., Man, Woman, Child, etc.

Kokomo Breakfast – 2nd and 4th Saturdays at 10:00 a.m. Richard's Restaurant, east of Highway 31, 2 blocks north of Center Contact: Patricia Sottong, (765) 457-0754; leave message.

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

December 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
2 Bridge SIG	3	4	5 Indy Lunch
			Bunch; W. Lafayette
9 Esoteric SIG Mensans Dining Out	10	11	Lunch 12
16	17	18 Paducah Area Group Meeting MINDbending/ ExCom	19 Indy Lunch Bunch
23	24	25 Christmas Day	26
30	31	January 2013	2 Indy Lunch Bunch; W. Lafayette Lunch
6 Bridge SIG; Evansville Area Gathering; Book Discussion	7	8	9

Thursday	Friday	Saturday
-		1 Ham 'n' Eggs; Muncie Meeting
6	7	8 Kokomo Breakfast; Calendar Deadline; MIND Deadline
13	14 Monthly Gathering	15
20	21	22 Kokomo Breakfast
27	28	29
3	4	5 Ham 'n' Eggs; Muncie Meeting
10	11 Monthly Gathering; MIND deadline	12 Kokomo Breakfast Calendar Deadline

December 2012 Events (cont.)

EsotericSIG – Sun. Dec. 9th, 2 p.m., "Naked Darrow" A provocative look at our most hated and revered attorney, Clarence Darrow, as his great mind slips away. One-man show by Gary Anderson, renowned actor and portrayer of Clarence Darrow. \$10 in advance (call Petra @ 786-8665), \$15 at the door, \$20 includes special reception. All Souls Unitarian Church, community education programs, 5805 E. 56th St.

Mensans Dining Out

Sunday, **12/9**, **5:30 pm.** Granite City, 150 W. 96th St., Indianapolis, IN 46290

Contact: Jean Rodgers, jeanerodgers@yahoo.com; or Bob

Zdanky, 317-503-0091 or Zdanky@gmail.com



Paducah Area Group Meeting – 3rd Tuesday of every month, 7:00 p.m. **12/18**: Olive Garden, 5150 Hinkleville Rd, Paducah, KY 42001 (Across from the Kentucky Oaks Mall). Anyone in the area is welcome to join fellow Mensans for dinner. For more information on this group, contact Charles Rawlings, rawlings@siu.edu

Book Discussion

Sunday, 1/6, 2:00 p.m.: Leo and Jan Pfeil Doyle's home on the northeast side of Indianapolis. We'll be discussing *Red Ink: inside the high-stakes politics of the federal budget*, by David Wessel. Contact Jan Pfeil Doyle, 317-431-3500, or jan@mw.net for directions. RSVPs appreciated but not required.

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.

12/18, 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.

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of Indianapolis. A **Big Thank You** to all the October MINDbenders and thanks to Midwest Internet for hosting the event.

January MIND calendar items due 12/8/11 to dbculp@sbcglobal.net.

52nd St

Within Your Ken

Ken Silver RVC4

I recently attended the "Big One," 'WeeM; Chicago Mensa's RG that has the feel of an AG. In most cases, the term RG is a misnomer, but this celebration of "HalloWeeM" truly is a Regional Gathering. 500 people from not only around the region, but from all over the country. For me it's a great opportunity to connect with friends, without all of the distractions of the official duties I have at the Annual Gathering. Congratulations to RG Chair

JC Chupack and her huge cadre of volunteers!



On Sunday of 'WeeM, Beth Anne Demeter, who is currently America Mensa's Membership Officer and who has been a driving force behind the success of Chicago Area Mensa and 'Weem, led a Leadership Development Workshop. The topics included, Strategic Planning for Local Groups, which is one of my "hot buttons"; Hospitality Planning 'WeeM-Style; Volunteer Recruitment and Motivation; and Succession Planning for Group Officers and RG Volunteers. Really great sessions!

I feel the need to discuss a less pleasant subject. The AMC has recently approved a dues increase for 2013-2014 to \$70 from \$63. I was hoping for a smaller increase, and was one of a few who voted against going to this level. We need \$4 to just cover inflation and add a few improvements to our programs. But we also pay dues to International Mensa, to keep it going, all national Mensa groups do. Individual members pay their dues to their national groups and International asks for a percentage of these dues to pay for its existence. This percentage is going from 4% to 6%. So to net what we keep for ourselves added another \$1.50. So how do you round \$68.50? The majority felt that \$70 was a nice round number. Of course you can avoid all of this, and still enjoy all the benefits of being a Mensan by becoming a life member at today's rates. As we get older it gets cheaper; have you checked your cost of buying a life membership, lately?

Ken

Letter to the Editor

I notice that fully one third of the Ex-Com members are named Karen. How did this happen? I'm reluctant to extrapolate based on such a small sample, but I'm wondering if this proliferation of Karens extends to the entire membership. Have we been focusing too much of our recruiting on the Karen community?

I know the three Karens, and know them all to be very nice, extremely competent women. That's what scares me. Did they get together and plot a takeover? Did they think we wouldn't notice? If Karen Bauernschmidt ever moves back to Indianapolis, it will be time to sound the alarms.

We're watching you, Karens.

Teresa Fisher

P.S. And don't think I haven't noticed that an improbable 22% of the people on the Ex-Com have last names that begin with Z. Karen Zwick is looking particularly suspicious right now.

[Editor's Note: Thank you for the letter and your observations. It draws suspicion away from you and me.]







Do You Know Someone Who Should Be In Mensa?

During the months of November and December, we are offering this one-step program for people who submit their prior evidence and membership dues at the same time. Prospective members will pay only \$84, for free PE review plus their membership through 3/31/2014. This is a great way to build membership as over 80% of those who submit qualifying evidence join Mensa!

Inform your friends who have taken the LSAT or the GMAT about this opportunity or direct them to www.us.mensa.org/testscores for a list of our commonly accepted tests.

And, don't forget the kiddos. Prior evidence is the only way someone under 14 years of age can become a member of Mensa. Tell gifted youth programs in your community about the resources Mensa has for gifted youth (www.us.mensa.org/giftedyouth), as well as our unique ability to provide support from a community of people who know what it is like to be intellectually gifted.



Central Indiana Mensa Ex-Com Minutes 9/25/12

Karen Wilczewski, Recording Secretary

LocSec Teresa Gregory opened the meeting at 7:07 p.m. Members present included: David Bonner, Jan Pfeil Doyle, Teresa Gregory, Alan Schmidt, Karen Wilczewski, Bob Zdanky, and Karen Zwick. Absent: Cyndi Kuyper. Guests include: Ann Hake and Petra Ritchie.

The minutes of the August Ex-Com meeting were accepted with minor corrections. (Karen Zwick moved; Bob Zdanky seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.)

Alan Schmidt presented the Treasurer's report, which showed the balance as of 9/25/12 to be \$20,835.16 (Karen Zwick moved to accept the Treasurer's report; David Bonner seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.)

The membership report showed 519 members, including 3 new members, 5 reinstating members, 1 move-in member, and 2 prospects.

Old Business

Mensa Testing: CIM has been challenged to increase the number of people tested on National Testing Day, October 20, compared to last year. Testing sites have been set up and this year's promotional theme is "Bring a buddy," because the \$40 fee is the same for two individuals as it is for one.

CIM 2012-2014 Election Results. Incoming LocSec Jan Pfeil Doyle discussed with *MIND* Editor Karen Zwick listing the new ExCom members on the inside back cover of the *MIND*. However, no positions will be listed, since the ExCom will not meet prior to publication of the November *MIND*.

Publicity and Ombudsman: Neither of these positions needs to be filled by an ExCom member. David Bonner has agreed to continue serving as GCC, despite no longer serving on the ExCom. The only official positions that require being ExCom members are the LocSec, Treasurer, and Secretary.

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Members who served on the 2010-2012 ExCom who will be serving on the new ExCom have to be appointed to their new positions.

The new ExCom consists of: Jan Pfeil Doyle as LocSec, David Culp, Jean Rodgers, Teresa Gregory, Ann Hake, Karen Steilberger, Karen Wilczewski, Bob Zdanky, and Karen Zwick.

Monthly Meeting Location: The principal at David Bonner's school, Todd Academy, has offered CIM to conduct its monthly meetings at the school, which is located in downtown Indy. Mensa meetings would be on the ground floor and is handicapped accessible.

Jan Pfeil Doyle motioned to move the monthly meetings to Todd Academy at a future time to be determined. Alan Schmidt seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.

CIM's Annual Picnic: Fifteen people attended the picnic in September. The ExCom unanimously agreed to conduct the picnic again next year at a time and location to be determined. One hundred dollars was allocated to reserve space at the park and \$100 was spent on food for this year's event.

RG News: Teresa Gregory started a CIM RG Facebook page for the group. The fee to attend the 2013 RG will be the same as two years ago, because the hotel hasn't raised its rates. Cyndi Kuyper will be RG Registrar. Comedy Sports has agreed to offer an improv comedy session from 3 to 5 p.m. on Saturday of the RG. Members need to let Teresa know of any additional programming suggestions for the RG.

New Member Dinner: Bob Zdanky reported the new member dinner is scheduled for Sunday, November 4.

New Business

David Bonner wants to form a kids GCC committee within Mensa that would advocate activities for the group and assign a spokesperson who would act as a liaison between the group and the ExCom. The kids GCC

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committee would have its own version of an ExCom, complete with selecting a president of their group. Teresa Gregory suggested the group's president be selected by the ExCom, based on presentations made by candidates. After discussion, the consensus was that the group should choose their own leader.

The meeting adjourned at 8:29 p.m. (Alan Schmidt moved to adjourn; David Bonner seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.)

Respectfully submitted,

Karen E. Wilczewski, Recording Secretary



From the Archives

In the December, 1992, MIND, there is a calendar entry for the Philosopher's SIG meeting. It says, "Religion. Sex, Lies and Videotape are all topics discussed at Philosopher's SIG. Generally a preselected topic launches the discussion, but your 'agenda' is welcome. Everyone is a Philosopher. Everyone is welcome."

Does anyone remember this? Did anyone go? Does anyone feel that we are all Philosophers now?

How many mistakes have you found in this issue of *MIND*? It's my first, and I know there are some. And who is reading way down here? This is a test. You have been warned.

Treasurer's Report

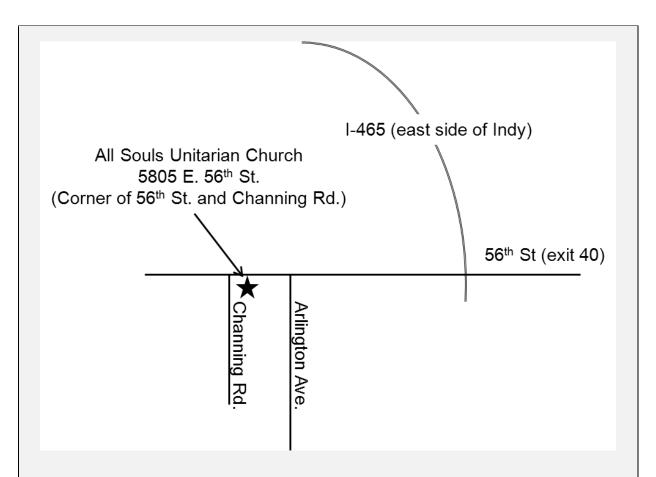
Dr. Alan Dale Schmidt, Treasurer

Balance Sheet (as of 10/23/2012)

Cash and Bank Accounts	10/23/2012	9/25/2012
Mensa – Checking	\$9,354.41	\$9,415.87
Vanguard Mensa (6/29/12, 12/29/11)	\$3,738.39	\$3,738.39
Total Cash and Bank Accounts	\$13,092.80	\$13,154.26
Other Assets		
Regional Gathering Account	\$7,680.90	\$7,680.90
(7-23-12)		
Total Assets	\$20,773.70	\$20,835.16

Profit & Loss Statement

Income	Date	Amount
American Mensa 531x.82 1new 1corp5reins	10/19/2012	\$442.07
Vanguard dividend		
Monthly Meeting 9/14M,nonM,food,	9/10/2012	\$130
child,new,spk, people \$29.50 donation		
Youth member donation \$211		29.50
Total Scholarship fund\$308+29.50=337.50	9/14/2012	
Total Income		\$601.57
Expenses		
Teresa Gregory Sept. monthly food	9/25/2012	10.87
Bob Zdanky beer wine monthly	9/25/2012	53.70
Mind Press (300 MINDs for Sept.)	8/28/2012	\$ 196.25
Jan Doyle mindfood projector July 20 Sept14	9/25/2012	100.96
Minuteman Press 300 newsletter	10/1/2012	196.25
Mind bending	8/25/2012	105.00
Total Expenses		\$663.03



Mensa Monthly Gathering Location

All Souls Unitarian Church, The Beattie Room, 5805 E. 56th St., Indianapolis

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



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