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Ann Hake is mesmerized by Matt Zwick's spoon balancing skills about 2:30am at the IHOP after the January Monthly Gathering.

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Old Dog / New Tricks

Teresa Gregory

I read a very interesting blog about the loss of serendipity. It made me pause and think how many times this has happened to me. The author was commenting that her 15-year-old daughter came to her to show her an interesting article she read in *Rolling Stone*. It was about Catholic nuns protesting the Church's unwillingness to update. It wasn't a topic the author thought would interest her daughter, but she saw it because she was looking at a print publication. According to the author, there's serendipity in each page. You might read about something you didn't know you wanted to read about. In turn, you might learn something you didn't realize you needed to know.



With the demise of *Newsweek* and other print publications, including newspapers, how much serendipity are we missing in our lives? The author dares her readers to read one newspaper or one magazine a month to see what they might find that they wouldn't have otherwise.

I personally subscribe to three magazines right now: *Prevention*, *Psychology Today*, and *Fast Company*. I don't make it through every page of every issue, but I make a stab. Sometimes it's the small articles that pique my interest, the three paragraphs about a topic I'm not familiar with, that prompt me to do a little more research. Even the Letters to the Editor can be informative. Book reviews can alert me to a book not on the best seller list but very worthwhile. I might find a new recipe or a vacation place I didn't know about.

I also subscribe to the *Indianapolis Star*. I share it with my coworkers at lunch. I learn about the local news and issues in more depth than television offers.

So take a look at a publication this month, see if there's some hidden jewel, a bit of serendipity, waiting for you.

LocSection

Jan Pfeil Doyle

Our holiday pitch-in and gimmee grabbee gift exchange were fun! We had a good turn out, lots of delicious food, and many creatively wrapped packages. Many thanks to Teresa Gregory, Karen Wilczewski, and Karen Zwick, who cooked and brought our meat dishes: porcupine meat balls, pot roast and turkey breasts, respectively. Thanks, too, to Alan Schmidt, who served as the Christmas Elf emceeing the gift exchange.



Our January games and conversation night was well attended. People talked, ate, and played euchre, chess, jigsaw puzzles, and several other board games. It was a nice, casual evening.

By the time you read this, our Regional Gathering will be over, but as I write, it's still in the future. I'm looking forward to my favorite activity of our local group and will report on it next month. If you missed the RG, mark your calendars for our Outdoor Gathering, May 17-19, in Versailles State Park, and stay tuned for the details!

New Program Chair, **Ann Hake**, has arranged a speaker with what sounds like an intriguing topic: the archaeology of homelessness, for our February monthly meeting. Join us!

Over a year ago, the ExCom decided to have quarterly dinners to welcome new members to our group. The next one is coming up on February 17th. If you're new to Mensa or to our group, please plan to join us. It's a nice informal way to check out Mensa and the local group and your dinner is on us! If you can't make it on the 17th, check the newsletter for the next one coming up in May or June. **Bob Zdanky** has been doing a nice job of arranging the dinners and welcoming new members—thanks, Bob!

Help Wanted: The Bridge SIG (Special Interest Group) has an opening for coordinator. You would be responsible for arranging the monthly hosts for the group. If you're interested or have questions, please let me know. Many thanks to **Grace Falvey** who is stepping down after many years of service.

Mensa Admissions Test — 2013

The first four Mensa Admissions Test sessions for 2013 will all be held at the Wayne Library, 198 South Girls School Road, Indianapolis, Indiana, as follows:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Registration</u>	<u>Test Begins</u>
February 16	10:00 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
April 13	10:00 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
June 8	10:00 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
August 10	10:00 a.m.	11:00 a.m.

The fifth and final test session will be held at the Eagle Library, West 34th Street and Lowry Road, Indianapolis, Indiana, as follows:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Registration</u>	<u>Test Begins</u>
October 19	10:00 a.m.	11:00 a.m.

Registration takes only about 5-10 minutes. The fee of \$40 is payable by cash, check, or any major credit card. Candidates between 14-17 years old are required to have one of their parents also sign the registration form in my presence at the testing site. I am not permitted to test candidates under 14 years old. Candidates under 14 will need to apply to the American Mensa, Ltd. national office in Arlington, Texas using approved prior testing evidence. A partial list of accepted tests and scores is available at <http://www.us.mensa.org/scores>. Further questions about prior evidence admission to Mensa may be answered by contacting Mary Spencer at 817-607-0060, Extension 5529.

No smoking, calculators, or scratch paper are allowed. Candidates are permitted to take each of the two tests comprising the Mensa Admissions Test battery only once in their lives. Candidates who qualify on either test will be invited to become a member. Please bring one or two #2 pencils. I also have plenty of extras.

QUESTIONS: Feel free to e-mail me at blazingstar32@hotmail.com, or telephone me at 317-240-3077 at home, or 317-431-8645 on my cell phone. Good luck to all candidates.

Steve Merchant
Proctor Coordinator
Central Indiana Mensa

Games Night, January 2013



There was some serious game-playing going on.

Meetup

Are you familiar with Meetup? Are you a Meetup member?

From the Meetup.com website:

Meetup is the world's largest network of local groups. Meetup makes it easy for anyone to organize a local group or find one of the thousands already meeting up face-to-face. More than 9,000 groups get together in local communities each day, each one with the goal of improving themselves or their communities.

Meetup's mission is to revitalize local community and help people around the world self-organize. Meetup believes that people can change their personal world, or the whole world, by organizing themselves into groups that are powerful enough to make a difference.

Why is this important to you? Because Central Indiana Mensa now has a Meetup group. This is a great way to stay in touch with the local group. It costs nothing to join, Once you have, you can select which groups you would like to participate in. Once you have joined a group, you get updates and notices about that group's events. You'll know when a new event is added or there is a change in plans for al already scheduled event. Look for our group, Central Indiana Mensa. It's the best place to stay in touch and get the latest information on events.

While you're there, check out some of the hundreds of other groups. Meetup is international, so if you don't live in the Indianapolis area, there are other events you might be interested in. It's a great way to learn something, meet people, do something new. Join Meetup. You'll be glad you did!

<http://www.meetup.com/central-indiana-mensa>

CIM Book Club

Teresa Gregory

The Central Indiana Mensa Book Club just celebrated its first anniversary. This was something that just seemed like a natural for Mensans. We have a small group and the focus has been on non-fiction works. The people who attend suggest and vote on the next book to read.

But what if you don't have time to come to a book club? What if you live too far? What if you would like some recommendations without the obligation of actually reading the books?

How about writing a book review for *MIND*? Have you read something recently that was outstanding, fiction or non-fiction? Do you have an old favorite that you return to again and again, or a book that you read years ago that has stuck with you?

I'll be honest and tell you that I cheat when it comes to reading books. For years, I didn't read anything longer than a magazine article. It was a chore and I didn't have the time. My "reading" now is audio. I enjoy it immensely. I've had people recommend some wonderful books. I would have never stumbled onto the novels *The Book Thief* (Markus Zusak) , or *Hotel on the Corner of Bitter and Sweet* (Jamie Ford) or non-fiction *The Power of Habit: Why We Do What We Do in Life and Business* (Charles Duhigg) without the recommendations of others.

Do you have a book you would like to share? All you have to do is tell us the title and the author, and give us a synopsis. Why are you recommending this one? Something old, something new...it doesn't matter as long as it's a good read.

Send ideas and recommendations to MIND.editor@yahoo.com.

Welcome!

Reinstating Members

Margaret Lance Fletcher	Noblesville, , IN
Kevin Samples	Brownsburg, IN



Upcoming Indy Mensa Family Program Events

Keep watching for updates!

Feb 15th Friday, 6:45pm
SMART ART TBD

March 15th Friday, 6:45pm
Game Night at Todd Academy

April TBD Friday
Smart Science at Franklin High School

May 17-19
CIM OUTDOOR GATHERING in Versailles State Park

Nov
NAGC MEETING



Don't miss out on fun programs like these!

February 2013 Events - Central Indiana Mensa

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

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
02/08: “The Archaeology of Homelessness” by Larry J. Zimmerman, PhD, professor of Anthropology and Museum Studies at Indiana University Purdue University - Indianapolis.

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.

Mensa Test Saturday, Feb. 16th. Registration: 10 am. Test: 11 am. Wayne Library, 198 South Girls School Road Contact Steve Merchant at 317-240-3077 or blazingstar32@hotmail.com for more information.

Indy Mensa Family Program

Feb 15th Friday, 6:45pm
SMART ART TBD
For more information, check out the amazing new website at www.kids.indymensa.org.

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

February 2013

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
3	4	5	6 Indy Lunch Bunch; W. Lafayette Lunch
10	11	12	13
17 Mensans Dining Out/New Members Dinner	18	19 Paducah Area Group Meeting	20 Indy Lunch Bunch
24 Esoteric SIG	25	26 MINDbending/ ExCom	27
3 Book Discussion Group	4	5	6 Indy Lunch Bunch; W. Lafayette Lunch
10	11	12	13

Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 Ham 'n' Eggs; Muncie Meeting
7	8 Monthly Gathering;	9 Kokomo Breakfast
14	15 MIND deadline Smart Art CIM Family Program	16 Mensa Test; Calendar Deadline
21	22	23 Kokomo Breakfast
28	March 2013 1	2 Ham 'n' Eggs; Muncie Meeting
7	8	9 Kokomo Breakfast
14	15	16

February 2013 Events (cont.)

ESOTERIC SIG, Sun. 2/24, 3 p.m. *Winter Walk*. Bundle up, we're going for a walk (2-3 miles), followed by hot chocolate, soup, or whatever else will thaw us out. Call Petra for suggestions as to location. She will decide by 2/17, so if you're interested in joining us, call or email after that date for location. 786-8665, petraritchie@msn.com.

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

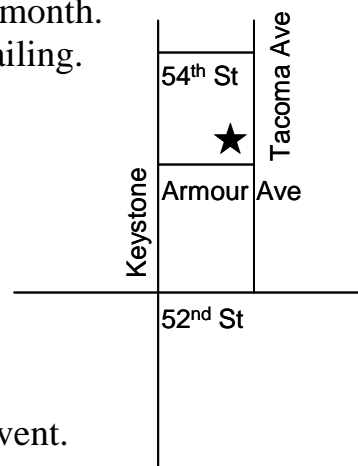
MINDBending/ExCom – Last or next-to-last Tuesday of the month. *MINDBending* is the preparation of next month's MIND for mailing. Come help with sealing, labeling, and stamping the MINDs.

2/26, 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 **Big Thank You** to all the December MINDbenders and thanks to Midwest Internet for hosting the event.



Looking Ahead...

Book Discussion

Sunday, 3/3, 2:00 p.m.: Leo and Jan Pfeil Doyle's home on the northeast side of Indianapolis. We'll be discussing *Team of Rivals: The political genius of Abraham Lincoln*, by Doris Kearns Goodwin. Contact Jan Pfeil Doyle, 317-431-3500, or jan@mw.net for directions. RSVPs appreciated.

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

March MIND calendar items due 2/16/13 to dbculp@sbcglobal.net.

Within Your Ken

Ken Silver, RVC4

There's so much going on in the region the next few months I wanted to review all of these events for you. Maybe you'll add some of them to your calendar.

I'll mention Central Indiana Mensa's "I Survived" (the end of the world) RG which may have already taken place, January 25-27, by the time you are reading this. In my case it's the RG itself I'll be trying to survive, because it's always quite a rollicking party!

There's still time for the rest of these.

Mensa of Wisconsin will be hosting its Regional Gathering 2013 in Appleton WI April 5-7. Harry Houdini was born in Appleton, so this RG should have some magic to it! The speaker lineup and the hospitality will both be first class; even the banquet is included in the registration which is only \$65 until March 15. Go to www.mensaofwisconsin.org for more information.

St Louis Mensa is hosting Mind Games the weekend of April 19-21. This is your chance to conveniently participate in this popular national event. There's a limit to number of registrations available, so make your plans soon. Go to www.us.mensa.org for details.

Minnesota Mensa is having their Spring 2013 RG the weekend of May 10-12. I understand the speaker schedule has already been completed, and there will be bountiful hospitality. Go to www.mnmensa.org for details.

I'm also going to mention one that's not quite in Region 4, but close enough. North Dakota Mensa is having an RG in Fargo (The Coen brothers did not make up this place) the weekend of June 14-16. After many RGs at the guest house of a local university, this is their first one at a hotel. With my experience as Site Selection Chair I helped them with the contract. So I have some personal commitment to this one. I'm hoping a few people from the Twin Cities will join me. Details have yet to make it to their website.

This concludes our tour. I hope to see many of you at these events.

Ken

Holiday Party, December 2012

We put the "Ho, Ho, Ho" in Holiday!



Central Indiana Mensa ExCom Minutes 11/27/12

The regular monthly meeting of the Central Indiana Mensa ExCom was held at Midwest Internet on Tuesday, Nov. 27, 2012.

LocSec Jan Pfeil Doyle called the meeting to order at 6:55 p.m.

Members present included: Dave Culp, Jan Pfeil Doyle, Teresa Gregory, Ann Hake, Jean Rodgers, Alan Schmidt, Karen Steilberger, Karen Wilczewski, Bob Zdanky. and Karen Zwick. Guest: Petra Ritchie.

The minutes of the October ExCom meeting were reviewed and corrected. The amended minutes were accepted. The motion was made by Ann Hake, seconded by Karen Wilczewski, and carried.

Alan Schmidt presented the Treasurer's report, which showed the balance as of 11/27/2012 to be \$21,425,85. Ann Hake moved that the report be accepted, Dave Culp seconded the motion, and the motion was carried.

The membership report shows 3 new members, 2 reinstating members, 1 renewing member, 1 move-in member, and 21 prospects.

Old Business

Monthly Meeting Location: Jan Pfeil Doyle reported that David Bonner said that The Todd Academy, to which the CIM monthly meetings will move at a yet-to-be-determined date, has not found a new location yet.

Officers for CIM: Jan Pfeil Doyle presented the remaining open positions of Treasurer and Publicity Coordinator and the ExCom members who missed the previous meeting and to whom the positions were offered. The ExCom elected Karen Zwick as Treasurer and Karen Wilczewski agreed to be the Publicity Coordinator. Jan reported that she got some information from the national Mensa Web site about publicity, and Teresa mentioned that there are handbooks online for some of the offices.

RG: Teresa reported on efforts to line up speakers for the RG for Jan. 25-27, 2013. Bob Zdanky offered to help Jan transport ice and drinks. Teresa is looking for someone who is going to the Cincinnati RG and can bring back their leftover nonperishables that we customarily buy from them. Jan

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noted that traffic patterns in the area of the RG location have changed, and she will work on mapping the new flow.

New Business

Testing goals: Teresa Gregory said that because CIM met the goal of increasing the number of people taking the admissions test this year, one of the benefits is that we will receive a \$25 gift certificate to the Mensa store from American Mensa. She proposed giving the award to Proctor Coordinator Steve Merchant to recognize his contributions in that role. Karen Zwick moved to accept the proposal, Ann Hake seconded the motion, and the motion was carried.

Attendance boosting: Teresa Gregory noted that attendance has been down recently. A possible reason is that people are not reading *MIND* now that it is online. She proposed sending an extra 125 paper copies of *MIND* to members in the greater Indianapolis area to see if it makes a difference. The cost would be approximately \$100 per month. Karen Zwick moved that extra copies of *MIND* be printed and sent for a period of 3 months. Jean Rodgers seconded the motion, and it was carried.

Holiday party: Jan Pfeil Doyle said that the ExCom will provide the meat and bread for the holiday party/pitch-in at the Monthly Gathering on Dec. 14. Meeting attendees volunteered to bring meat, bread, and table coverings. Members will come early to help set everything up that evening.

Meetup: Bob Zdanky reported that the cost to establish a Meetup group is \$72 for 6 months. It would allow the sending of notices; for example, to notify members of last-minute events. The group can be established as “open” or “closed”. Open groups can attract new members. To keep a particular event closed, one method is to include only a contact name and not a location. Teresa said that most groups at the AG with Meetup groups said it was beneficial. Karen Zwick moved that we try it for 6 months. Karen Wilczewski seconded the motion, and it was carried.

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Publicity: Jan brought up the idea of creating business cards for CIM. Such cards could be handed out, included with letters to new members, made available at other RGs, etc. An alternate suggestion is to create bookmarks.

Karen Wilczewski can work on the design, with the aid of the online use guide for the Mensa logo. The cost estimate for approximately 1000, through a source available through Leo Doyle, is \$30. Karen Zwick made a motion to provide \$250 annually to the Publicity Coordinator to be used

for publicity, with more to be allocated if needed. Bob Zdanky seconded the motion, and it was carried.

There being no other business, Karen Zwick made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Bob Zdanky seconded the motion. The motion carried, and the meeting was adjourned at 8:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Steilberger



Calling all CultureQuesters!

The date for CultureQuest this year is Sunday, April 28. If you aren't familiar with this yearly event, here is what the national website says:

Nearly 100 teams from the U.S. and Canada sit for this 90-minute test of cultural knowledge at exactly the same time on the same day across the nation, and the top 20 teams receive cash awards. Mensans write new questions every year specifically for Mensa's use; topics range from politics to science and from entertainment to current events.

Teams are comprised of up to five Mensa members. Let's see how many teams we can enter this year. The deadline for entry is March 31, so if you are interested, please contact Teresa Gregory (teresa.gregor@yahoo.com or 317-430-1761) by March 30.

Treasurer's Report

Dr. Alan Dale Schmidt, Treasurer

Balance Sheet (as of 12/18/2012)

Cash and Bank Accounts	12/18/2012	11/27/2012
Mensa – Checking	\$10,787.00	\$10,006.15
Vanguard Mensa (6/29/12 to 9/28/12)	\$3,738.80	\$3,738.80
Total Cash and Bank Accounts	\$14,525.80	\$13,744.95
Other Assets		
Regional Gathering Account (7-23-12)	\$7,680.90	\$7,680.90
Total Assets	\$22,206.70	\$21,425.85

Profit & Loss Statement (12/18/2012 to 11/27/2012)

Income	Date	Amount
American Mensa 546x.82 5 new0test5reins	12/21/2012	\$457.72
Vanguard dividend7/31 .14,8/31 .15,9/28 .12		
Monthly Meeting Dec. none, Nov. late admission		\$5
Youth member donation \$211+1000=\$1211 Total Scholarship fund\$344.00		1000
Total Income		\$1462.72
Gifted 4/26/2011 -\$68.30 cards, -\$31.21 Bitternut Woods, 10/24/2011 +\$260, 9/22/12 -\$100 training=230.49 gifted		
Expenses		
500 1 st class stamps	11/27/2012	225.00
Teresa \$79.76 food, gifted training \$100	11/27/2012	179.76
Minuteman Press 300 newsletter Dec.	11/27/2012	196.25
Mind bending	11/27/2012	80.86
Total Expenses		\$681.87

Renew NOW!

Mensa membership isn't just about having another card to carry in your wallet. There is so much more. You get the national publication, *Bulletin*, plus this super cool newsletter you are reading right now. You could even see a picture of yourself or a story you wrote in one of these. But there is more:

Discounts! Did you know you can save on insurance, hotels, rental cars, magazine subscriptions, investment counseling and more. How about a discount with LifeLock Identity Theft Prevention company because everyone is going to want to be YOU when they find out you're a member of Mensa. How many people do you know who get a special discount from Edmonds Scientifics? Those who don't have earned the nickname "mad" scientists for good reason.

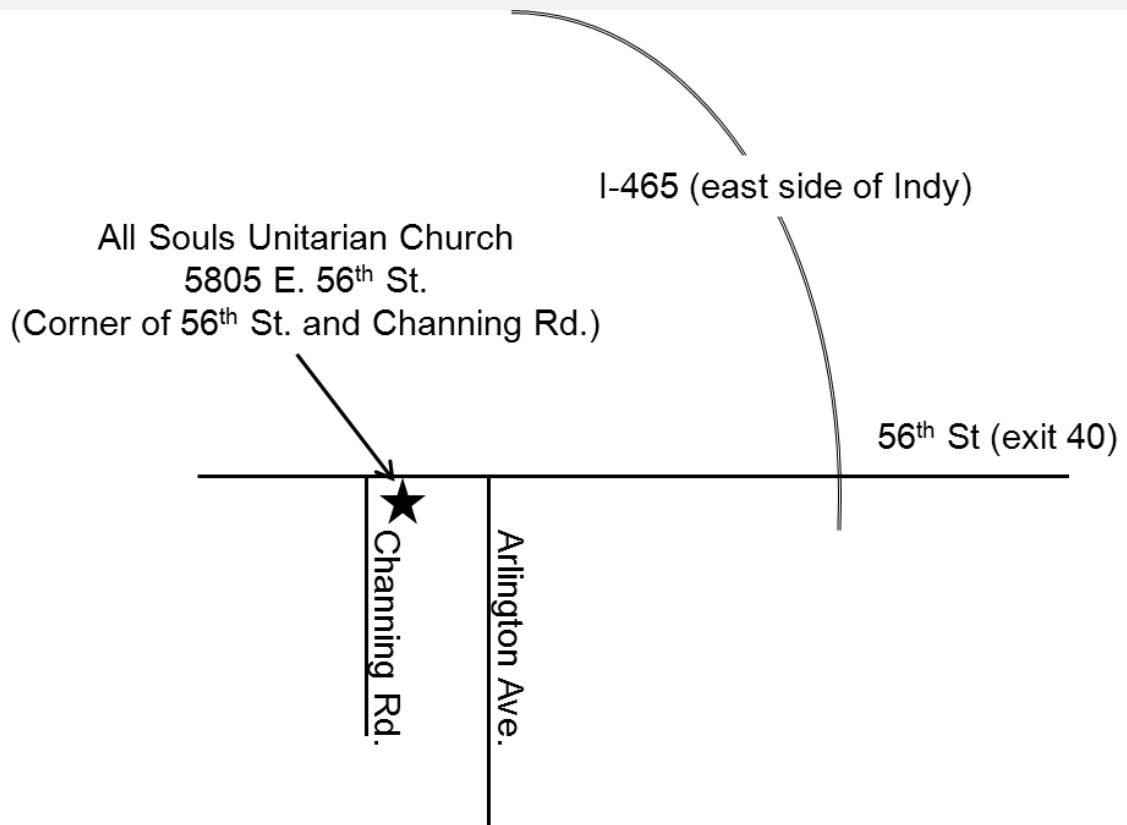
There are a lot of other opportunities that come with membership. Through Mensa International, you can have your own vanity email address. Wouldn't "(your name)@member.mensa.org" look sassy on that entry slip to get a free lunch at the local grill?

Want to travel to a place you've never been and meet interesting people once you get there? SIGHT offers anything from meeting you for coffee to putting you up for the night. Remember, Mensa is an international organization. If you find yourself being sent to the far reaches of the country...or beyond...you just might make a new friend.

You think you are the only person who is interested in.... Maybe you aren't. Mensa has around 150 Special Interest Groups (SIGs) that might fit the bill. If you don't see one you like, start your own. (Seriously, someone needs to start a cat SIG.)

There are lively discussions online, and many opportunities to meet some of the most interesting people in the world. Don't risk missing a single day of membership. That might be the day that...well...it's Mensa. Anything could happen!

Renew online or by mail. Don't wait until the last minute. Don't be left out.



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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Ken Silver

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