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*The Sweet Life, With Special Recognition to  
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**Central Indiana Mensa Regional Gathering  
January 24-26, 2014**

Clarion at the Waterfront  
2930 Waterfront Parkway West  
Indianapolis, IN 46214

**(See [indymensa.org](http://indymensa.org) for registration form!)**

## Old Dog/New Tricks

*Teresa Gregory, Editor*

What's the fuss about fifty? This month, as I opened the new template for January, I saw that I was also opening the first issue of Volume 50. I would like to celebrate this milestone volume with a year of memories. I need your help. My memories don't go back very far, but I know there are members here who can fill in the gap. Please share your memories with the group. What was your first meeting like? Where did you test? Did you



already know someone in Mensa or did you just join cold? Who was the first person you met? Who was the most memorable? Write a few sentences, a paragraph, or more. You are one-in-fifty, so share your experiences. Anyone have some old pictures to share?

Also does anyone have any suggestions on how to celebrate this 50<sup>th</sup> year Mensa-style? You can start off the year by coming to the Central Indiana Regional Gathering, January 24-26. It's always a good time seeing old friends, playing games, enjoying interesting programs, and eating, eating, eating! For more information, see pages 9, 10, and 17.

Update on my move: I've been living in my "new" house since October, but I'm far from moved. I have really learned some things about myself during this time. I've learned how "stuff" has weighed me down. I've learned it's hard to part with the "stuff" even though I want to. My rational self and my emotional self have been at odds. They both make strong arguments. Only one can win. My son is coming home for the holidays and he's going to help me. I am ready for this tug-of-war to be over.

A few months ago I wrote that I had decided to bury my wedding dress. It's in the bag, ready to go. The first attempt I made was at night and it was too dark. The ground was also too hard. The second attempt was postponed due to rain. It rained the third time I scheduled it. The temperature dropped and now it's too cold and there is too much snow. I never got the 40 tulip bulbs I bought planted, either. It has become a spring project.

Has anyone made any resolutions this year? Has anyone ever kept one for more than a month? I think mine is to set my "stuff" and myself free this year.

## LocSection

Jan Pfeil Doyle

CIM's (Central Indiana Mensa's) biggest event of the year is coming up this month! Our RG (Regional Gathering) is January 24-26 at the Clarion Hotel on the west side of Indianapolis. You can come for all or part of the weekend. A registration form and other information about the RG can be found elsewhere in *MIND*. We'll have Mensans from Indiana and most of the surrounding states in attendance. The theme this year is "The Sweet Life." Teresa Gregory is chairing the event and has been working hard to put together an interesting set of programs and events. Don't miss this chance to learn something new and have some fun socializing with your fellow Mensans! I hope to see all of you there!



Eight of us volunteered to staff the phones for the WFYI public TV pledge drive in early December. We had fun answering the phones and taking pledges. The Trans Siberian Orchestra was the featured program that evening and we were busy taking calls from people who wanted tickets for the TSO concert in Indy. Thanks to Sandy Althouse,

John Blankenship, David Culp, Teresa Gregory, Jud Horning, Laurel Richardson, and Karen Wilczewski for helping out.

Petra Ritchie, Teresa Gregory, and I went to the December Esoteric SIG event, "Going....Going....Gone" at the Basile Theater. It was fun! We're hoping to have them perform at an upcoming Mensa event, so stay tuned.

As I write this in mid-December, I'm sitting in the Baltimore Airport (BWI) on my way to Long Island. Leo and I are going there to visit his parents and attend a cousin's wedding. (Of course, I could have planned ahead and written my column before I left, but I think I'm almost constitutionally incapable of writing without the "deadline was yesterday" pressure.) The good thing about the trip is we'll get to catch up with family. The bad thing about the trip is that we're missing the CIM holiday party. It's the first one we've missed in several years. I trust that all who attended had a great time and want to hear stories about the most sought after present this year. Thanks to Jean Rodgers, Vice LocSec, for filling in for me and to all of those who helped put the party on!

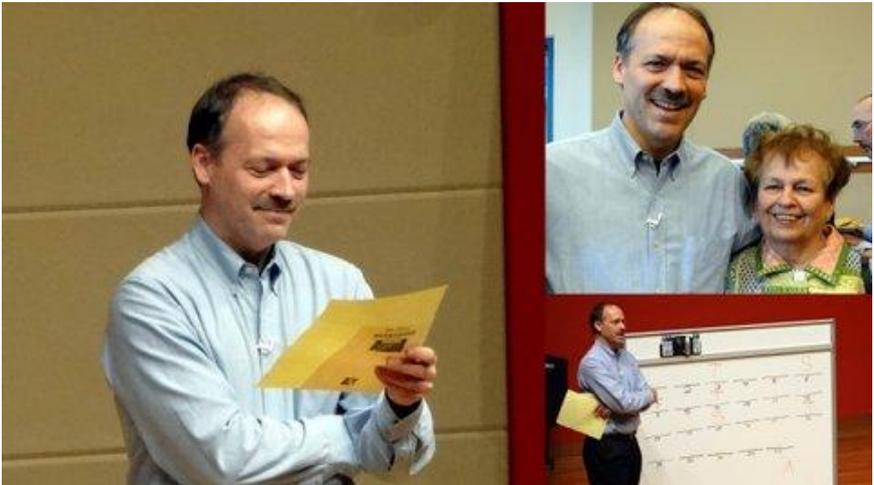
# Will Shortz and *Wordplay*

Jean Rodgers

I know you all love Will Shortz\* and crosswords in general. I had not seen (nor heard of, actually) the film *Wordplay* until the program November 3, 2013, at the Indianapolis Marion County Public Library, part of the Spirit and Place Festival. I decided to order it from Netflix. I just watched it yesterday and really enjoyed it. I think you would, too.

It is a 2005 documentary that lasts one hour and 25 minutes. It takes an intimate look at a national tournament and its competitors, plus puzzle makers and puzzle editors. You will see several famous faces: Ken Burns, Jon Stewart, Bill Clinton, *e.g.*

\*Will Shortz is an American puzzle creator and editor, and currently the crossword puzzle editor for The New York Times. He has been the puzzle master for NPR's Weekend Edition Sunday since the program's start in 1987. This crossword guru and Indiana native (Crawfordsville), entertained a standing-room-only crowd at the November 3 event presented by this year's Spirit and Place Festival. Mensans attending were Petra Ritchie, Dick Albright, Teresa Gregory, and Jean Rodgers.



*[Editor's note: Will Shortz gave a very interesting talk, answered some audience questions, and then had the audience play a game. Before that, WFYI hosted a reception where Petra Ritchie got some one-on-one time with him.]*

*During his talk, we also learned that he is passionate about table tennis, so much so that he vowed to play every day this year. He has had a few near-misses, but so far had been able to keep his resolution.]*

## **Sync Up With IndyMensa.org**

*David Bonner, Webmaster*

I love the website LifeHacker.com. It's full of clever tips and tricks to make life easier. It's real-life MacGyver stuff that you'll wish you had thought of yourself. Clever uses for pool noodles, finding cheaper prices on eBay through misspelled words, where to get free stuff, what to do with your Windows XP computer when Microsoft discontinues support on April 8th, 2014, how to deal with frustratingly dumb coworkers, and many other fun to read articles will entertain and equip you. Be warned; this site is addicting, and you may find that the time you saved from the tips and tricks will be squandered by reading "just one more article" on LifeHacker.com. I have no regrets!

Last night at the ExCom meeting we were discussing ways to keep members informed about upcoming Mensa events. A very simple and powerful solution has existed ever since the new website was launched nearly two years ago. I spent a lot of time adding a feature, but as silly as it sounds, I forgot to tell people about it. Hopefully this article will fix all that.

According to several websites\*, it seems that around half of adults in the United States own some form of mobile tablet or smartphone. This is typically a device running iOS (iPad, iPhone), or running Android (most non-iOS smartphones and tablets). Even if you're not in this 50%, chances are good that you check your email on Outlook or other email client that supports a calendar, or you have some form of Google account (Gmail, Google+, and branded Gmail systems). If I've described you, then this LifeHacker-style tip can make your life easier. Let me walk you through a hypothetical example:

It's Friday, January 24th, 2014 and you're in your car driving to the Regional Gathering. You know it's somewhere on the West side of Indy, but you aren't quite sure where. No problem. As a responsible driver you either find a safe place to park or hand your smartphone to a passenger. If your phone is set up like mine, the home screen displays time, temperature, and a list view of upcoming events. You'll notice that the "Life is Sweet RG" is at the top of the list since it's chronologically relevant at the time. You click on the event and an information card pops up with details such as time, costs, location, who to contact, and other details. The location, "Clarion at the Waterfront", is provided as a link. You click on it, and your GPS app automatically loads the address and finds the best route from your current location.

You're likely thinking that this sounds awesome, but you're not a computer genius and this would be too hard to set up. The good news is that I am a computer genius\*\*, and I designed the website to be as simple as possible for anyone to use. Go to [www.indymensa.org](http://www.indymensa.org) and note that there is an "Upcoming

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Events" column loaded with all sorts of CIM events. Scroll down to the very bottom of that column, and you'll see two little buttons labeled "+Add" and "g+ Add". If you're an Android, Google+, or Gmail user, click on the "g+ Add" button. If you're iOS, Outlook, or anything else, click on the "+Add" button. It will simply ask you to confirm that you want to add the Mensa calendar to your device, or it'll ask you which application (such as Outlook) you want to add it to. It's literally two clicks and you're done!

Having a digital calendar is something I'd recommend anyway. I personally use Gmail and an Android tablet. My wife uses an iPhone and Hotmail. We both share a Google calendar accessible to all of our devices to keep track of our busy schedules. The best part is seeing where we both have free time so we can schedule dates together. :) Her events show up in pink, mine are in blue, Mensa events are in green, work is in orange, holidays are in yellow, and so on. I can easily customize how much or how little each calendar shows, and I can even do it based on which device I'm using. I can subscribe or unsubscribe to any calendar very easily. It's very helpful to have all of these schedules consolidated in one place.

Even if you never use the fancy GPS-linked features, it's handy to know what's going on with Central Indiana Mensa, and that's the entire point of this article. As I type, I'm seeing both in the corner of my Gmail screen and Android screen that Indy Lunch Bunch is meeting at Noon at the Scottish Rite. It would show up on my iPad as well if I hadn't let the battery run out. I'm not able to go, but at least I'm aware of it just in case I change my mind or want to invite a friend.

If you're not ready to explore the wonderful world of subscribing to calendars, simply going to the [www.indymensa.org](http://www.indymensa.org) website provides most of the functionality I described above. Simply click on the event you're interested in. Your web browser will load an information card with tons of features. You can print a map of where you are going, email or call the host, find times, read details, and you can even add just this one event to your online calendar without the need to subscribe to everything. Subscribing to the entire calendar or just one event will keep you synced to the very latest information. If we make a change on the website, it will be immediately propagated to online devices subscribed to it.

If you're a nerd, geek, hacker, tweaker, webmaster, or equivalent, this link will make you happy: <http://indymensa.org/wp/calendar/feed/>

\* Sources include [pewinternet.org](http://pewinternet.org), [computerworld.com](http://computerworld.com), [usatoday.com](http://usatoday.com), and others.

\*\* According to an informal survey of 1 person.

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**Central Indiana Mensa Regional Gathering  
January 24-26, 2014**

Food! Fun! Programs! Games!

Come join the fun! Indoor pool! All activities on one floor!

**What to Pay**

Adults: \$75 from January 1, 2014

Kids:\$25 – under 6 years old,\$40 – 6 – 12 years old

Day Rates:\$20 Friday or Sunday Only, \$40 Saturday Only

**Whom to Pay**

Cyndi Kuyper

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**Where to Stay**

Clarion at the Waterfront

2930 Waterfront Parkway West

Indianapolis, IN 46214

(317) 299-8400

[www.ClarionWaterfront.com](http://www.ClarionWaterfront.com)

\$69 Mensa Rate

Free Parking

*Our hotel is fully handicapped accessible.*

**See page 10 for information on one of our special  
RG programs this year.**

**See page 17 for a map and directions.**

## Welcome New and Returning Members!

New	Donald Bradley	Franklin	IN
New	Avinash Vaidheeswaran	West Lafayette	IN
New	Erick Smith	Wabash	IN
Reinstating	Jeffrey C Hoots	Greenwood	IN
Reinstating	Jeff Loff	Carmel	IN
Reinstating	J D Freeman	Carmel	IN



## Saturday Night Featured Program at the Central Indiana Mensa Regional Gathering

[Description from the website for Indy Fringe]

### *Going...Going...Gone*

Company: Two First Names Productions

The one-of-a-kind Indy Fringe hit returns. A live auction comedy with a new cast of terrific actors at every performance, "Going...Going...Gone" lets the audience participate in the final sale at Ed's, an auction house filled with spontaneous stories and surprising revelations. What other show lets winning bidders take home the props?

#### **How "Going...Going...Gone" works:**

- When entering the theatre, you are given play money –useful for bidding on the objects.
- Not everyone starts with the same amount of money. Yep: Just like in the real world. Deal with it.
- Don't be shy. You are a part of the show.
- Don't be obnoxious. You're not the whole show.
- Even if you don't really want something, consider bidding anyway to force the people who do want it to bid higher. (It's fun to be annoying.)
- If you are the winning bidder, you will take your item home ... and tell all your friends you got it at "Going...Going...Gone."

**Don't miss this great show! See registration information on page 9.**

## January 2014 Events - Central Indiana Mensa

### West Lafayette/Lafayette Lunch –NO MEETING JANUARY 1!

1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday, 12:00 noon. Contact: Joe Stamper, 765-474-4759,  
[jstamper@aii.edu](mailto:jstamper@aii.edu)

### Indy Lunch Bunch – NO MEETING JANUARY 1!

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

**1/10:** Annual games and conversation night! Bring your favorite board or card game(s) to share and play with your fellow Mensans.

### Games People Play – Friday, January 17, Pitch-In Dinner 6:30 pm., games

begin 7 pm. If you didn't get enough game playing at the monthly meeting, here's your chance for more. 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)

**Esoteric SIG** – Sat., Jan. 18<sup>th</sup>, 2 p.m., Kurt Vonnegut Memorial Library, The Emelie Bldg., 340 N. Senate Ave., *Guided Tour*, FREE (donations appreciated) “Kurt Vonnegut once told biographer Robert Caro, ‘You stand outside a society and a culture and realize that it is an invention and that you can improve it.’ In 2014, we're out to create dialogue in an effort to improve society in ways Kurt would have applauded.” (Quote from *The Vonnegut Library Times*) Questions? Petra 786-8665, [petraritchie@msn.com](mailto:petraritchie@msn.com)

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

# January 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
			1 Happy New Year!
5	6	7	8
12	13	14	15 Indy Lunch Bunch
19 New Members Dinner	20	21 Paducah Area Group Meeting; MINDbending/ ExCom	22
26 CIM RG ends ☺	27	28	29
2	3	4	5 Indy Lunch Bunch; W. Lafayette Lunch

Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2	3	4 Ham 'n' Eggs; Muncie Meeting
9	10 Monthly Gathering; MIND deadline	11 Calendar Deadline
16	17 Games People Play	18 Esoteric SIG
23	24 CIM RG begins ☺	25 CIM RG continues!!!
30	31	1 February Ham 'n' Eggs; Muncie Meeting
6	7	8

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.

## January 2014 Events (cont.)

**New Members Dinner/Mensans Dining Out** – Sunday, January 19, 5:30 pm. Jonathan Byrd’s Cafeteria, 100 Byrd Way, Greenwood. New members eat free, up to \$20. Must contact Bob Zdanky ahead of time for meal ticket. Contact: Bob Zdanky, 317-503-0091 or Zdanky@gmail.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](mailto: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.

1/21, 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 **Big**

**Thank You** to all the December MINDBenders and thanks to Midwest Internet for hosting the event.

**Central Indiana Mensa Regional Gathering** – Friday, 3 pm to Sunday 1 pm, 1/24-1/26. Join us for our annual get-together. Details elsewhere in MIND.

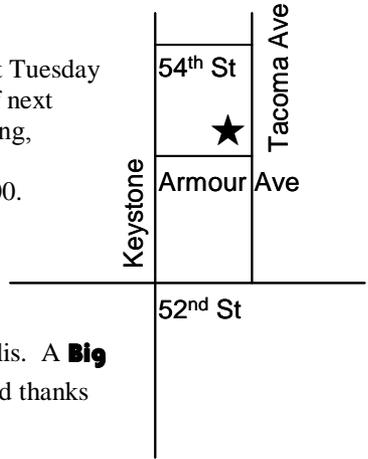
### Looking ahead

**Book Discussion** - Sunday, 2/9 at 2:00 p.m.

We will be discussing *The Shallows: What the Internet is Doing to Our Brains* by Nicholas Carr. We will be meeting at Rich and Jackie Gibson's house on the NE side of Indianapolis. Please contact Rich at [hoot.gibson.tds@gmail.com](mailto:hoot.gibson.tds@gmail.com) or 317-735-2895 for more details.

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

February MIND calendar items due 1/11/14 to [dbculp@sbcglobal.net](mailto:dbculp@sbcglobal.net).



## **ASIEs, AGs, RGs, RVCs, AMCs....**

### **Alphabet Soup in Mensa**

*Ellen Voie, RVC 4*

When you are new to Mensa, the abbreviations can be overwhelming. Once you've been a member for a while, you start to understand the reason behind many of these strange terms. Some of these words are used because of the European origin of the organization.

Mensa was the brainchild of Roland Berrill and Lancelot Lionel Ware. These two men met on a train, which led to a series of correspondence and ultimately, the decision to form a "club." In 1946, Ware gave an IQ test to Berrill, who then began the process of including members.



American Mensa was founded in 1960 when four members of Mensa met at the home of Peter and Ines Sturgeon in Brooklyn, New York. The group grew quickly and by 1963 had grown to 1,000 members. American Mensa is the first group to be recognized as being formed under the original Mensa.

So, when you hear "AMC" it relates to the "American Mensa Committee" or what we would call the Board of Directors. Recently the AMC decided to use the terms interchangeably so those outside of the organization have a better understanding of the title.

At your local level, your leader is called the "Local Secretary" or (since we like to shorten our terms,) the LocSec. When someone asks me to tell them what my role is at Mensa and I say I am the LocSec, they make assumptions about the duties. If you were to look at the terms in the way they are used in the United States, we do refer to our top leaders as the "Secretary" (Transportation, State, Health & Human Services, etc.) However, by adding the title "Local" to the role of "Secretary" it sounds as if there are others who are higher in the group, so we might just say we're the President of the local organization. In Wisconsin, this is acceptable and is now included in our by-laws.

One of the most confusing names I have encountered is the ASIE's, or the "Actions Still in Effect." What? I thought these documents were included in the by-laws, but again, these are European ways of governing our organization. The difference between ASIEs and by-laws are that by-laws are rarely modified and not often reviewed because they are written to be vague and for oversight. ASIEs are often more direct and related to specific areas of management, such

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as finance, employees, governance and membership. If you're ever interested in what your AMC (Board of Directors) is discussing, check out the ASIEs on the American Mensa website.

For those of you who are still trying to get a grasp on Mensa terminology, here are some definitions from the American Mensa website.

AG: Annual Gathering, the official name of American Mensa's national convention.

EG: Eternal Gathering, a phrase used to refer to Mensans who have passed away.

ExComm: Executive Committee, the governing body of your local group.

Local Group: A geographically defined local chapter of Mensa.

LocSec: President of the Local Group.

M: Mensan (male or female) M & M refers to two Mensans who "connect."

MERF: Mensa Education & Research Foundation (a place to donate!)

RG: Regional Gathering

RVC: Regional Vice Chair (10 officers who serve regions)

SIGS: Special Interest Groups

SIGHT: Service of Information, Guidance and hospitality to travelers (volunteers who assist visitors in their areas).

You'll probably encounter more abbreviations as a Mensan, but these are the ones used most often.

## **From the MIND Mailbox**

**From:** Yahoo Security Service

**To:** MIND

**Subject:** Update Mail!

Dear Valid! Customer,

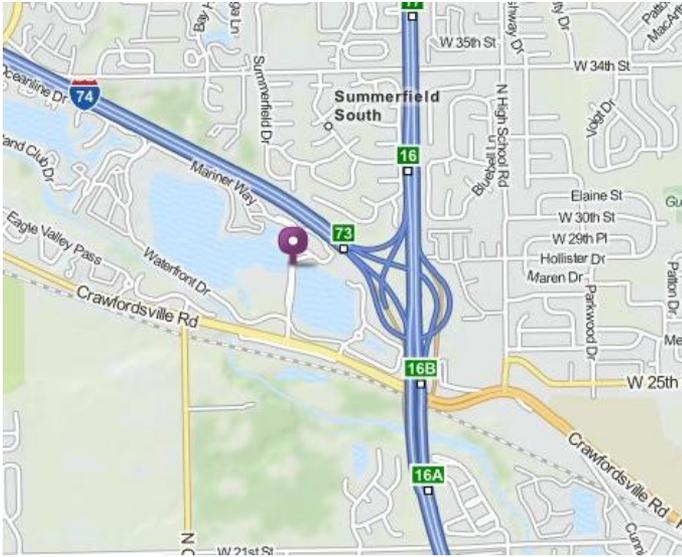
Your account has some security Issues and need to be fixed at once In order to avoid suspension.

[Click Here](#) and Log in To fix the issues.

Regards,

*[Wow! There must be some serious issues at Yahoo! these days . This warning was sent from [DanZawatski@AOL.com](mailto:DanZawatski@AOL.com). Who knew that Yahoo! security had email accounts at AOL? Who knew that AOL was even still around? Who is Dan Zawatski and why didn't he sign the urgent letter? I'm starting to think this might not be legit...Editor]*

## Directions to the Regional Gathering Hotel



### Clarion Hotel

2930 Waterfront Parkway, West Drive

Indianapolis, IN, US, 46214

Phone: (317) 299-8400

Fax: (317) 299-9257

### From I-74 eastbound on the west side of Indianapolis

Take EXIT 73, US-136 W/Crawfordsville Rd.

Turn right onto Crawfordsville Rd/US-136 W.

Take the 2nd right onto Waterfront Parkway West Dr.

Hotel will be ahead on your left.

### From I-465 southbound on the west side of Indianapolis

Take EXIT 16, US-136 W/Crawfordsville Rd.

At the bottom of the ramp, turn right onto Crawfordsville Rd/US-136 W.

Turn right at the 2nd light onto Waterfront Parkway West Dr.

Hotel will be ahead on your left.

### From I-465 northbound on the west side of Indianapolis

Take EXIT 16A, US-136 W/Crawfordsville Rd.

At the bottom of the ramp, turn left onto Crawfordsville Rd/US-136 W.

Turn right at the 3rd light onto Waterfront Parkway West Dr.

Hotel will be ahead on your left.

# Books On the Runway

Margy Lancet Fletcher

**Title:** *Still Foolin' 'Em: Where I've Been, Where I'm Going, and Where The Hell Are My Keys?*

**Author:** Billy Crystal    **Year:** 2013

**Book Description:** Crystal summarizes his life and long, multifaceted career – with commentaries on humanity in general and the aging process interspersed throughout – in this warm, witty, and candid memoir. He is unflinchingly honest – without a hint of bitterness, derision, or egotism – about the celebrities he's known and encountered over the years, as well as his own successes and failures.

**Has this book changed the way you think, your attitude toward life, or even your life itself? If so, how?** I thoroughly enjoyed making the acquaintance of a renowned entertainer who has also been a devoted husband – married to Janice since 1970 – and father of two daughters, who are now also happily married with offspring. Crystal has kept his priorities straight and maintained the right balance between his professional and personal lives, an achievement rarely found in the Hollywood entertainment culture – or anywhere, for that matter. That is what I call a real success story!

**Who should definitely read this book? Why?** Anyone who is as huge a fan of Crystal's impressive body of work as I am, and is in the same rapidly-aging baby-boomer demographic as he and I are, will find this an entertaining read. That is, unless he/she is offended by the frequently salty language and occasional f-bomb – in which case, this book should be avoided like the f@#\$%&\* plague!

**How long might it take to read this book?** One to two days at the most.

**Provide a short characteristic section, an awesome sentence, or an inspiring quote:** “At sixty-five, you're always a little cold. Even the new thicket of hair on your back doesn't help. You start to think, *Global warming isn't such a bad thing*. Global warming isn't the only inconvenient truth. The real inconvenient truth is that I now pee in Morse code. Am I painting a pretty picture? ... Which gets me to the most important point, the one I want you to take from this book, because it can change your life. It's this: that if you're feeling what I'm feeling, don't worry because...wait, I forgot what I was going to say, what I was talking about...give me a minute. S—t! Damn it. I hate when this happens. Oh well, I'll remember sometime before the book is done...Hey, where are my keys?

**Additional Remarks:** Happily for all of us, he's still makin' 'em laugh.

## **Simple Dreams**

*Judson Horning*

Once upon a time, there was a beautiful woman, with a beautiful voice which had tremendous range, who sang a variety of songs using several styles in a couple of different languages.

This woman, Linda Ronstadt, has written a modestly sized book with an attractive cover, *Simple Dreams / A Musical Memoir*. This book is mostly about the music she has sung all her life. It is about her family and the musicians who shared her life. It is a nice book by a nice person, put together with a wide variety of pictures. While you may know that Linda Ronstadt has been diagnosed with Parkinson's disease and no longer performs in public, the book is primarily inspirational and focused on the music. She officially retired in 2011, but music is the most important thing in her life, as important as her love of family.

I heartily recommend this book.

## **Central Indiana Mensa ExCom Minutes 10/22/13**

The regular monthly meeting of the Central Indiana Mensa ExCom was held at Midwest Internet on Tuesday, October 22, 2013.

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.** Absent: **Jean Rodgers.** Guest: **Petra Ritchie.**

The minutes of the September ExCom meeting were reviewed and corrected. Karen Zwick moved that the minutes be accepted as corrected, Karen Wilczewski seconded the motion, and the motion was carried.

Karen Zwick presented the Treasurer's report and made one correction. Ann Hake made a motion to accept the corrected report, Bob Zdanky seconded the motion, and the motion was carried.

The membership report shows 4 new members, 2 renewing, and 34 prospects.

## **Old Business**

WFYI TV20 pledge drive: Jan Pfeil Doyle reported that she heard back from Channel 20. According to the staff member she spoke with, wearing hats is not the best idea. Teresa Gregory has found out that we can get Mensa logo patches

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for \$3 each. The committee discussed possibly using such patches for the fund drive or for other uses. Bob Zdanky moved that we buy 12 patches. David Culp seconded the motion, and the motion was carried. Jan said she can buy the patches.

Meetup site online: Bob Zdanky said that we will need to pay if we want to renew the site for another 6 months, and he made a motion that we allocate the money for this use. Ann Hake seconded the motion, and it was carried.

2015 Mind Games: Jan Pfeil Doyle said has not received the packet yet from National regarding bidding to host the 2015 Mind Games. She hasn't mentioned the possibility in her MIND column yet, but she will.

2014 RG: Teresa Gregory said the RG is now listed in the Mensa Bulletin. The committee discussed the process for registering. People can procure the form online and mail it in with their payments. Bob Zdanky will put a link to it on the Meetup site. Ann Hake will put it on the CIM Web site. Teresa talked about the possibility of including the improvisational theater production "Going...Going...Gone!" a recent Esoteric SIG event, in the RG. Petra will talk with the head of the production.

## **New Business**

Admissions testing: Karen Wilczewski sent e-mail messages to the Indianapolis-area prospects. Ten people showed up for the most recent test.

**Daniel Nance**, a volunteer from Kentucky, has traveled to some remote sites to administer the test, only to have no one show up. He would like help with promotion. Teresa Gregory advised that it's preferable to promote the organization rather than testing. Bob Zdanky said he can put the test information on the Meetup site. Karen Wilczewski will contact **Steve Merchant** about ideas.

Holiday party: Jan Pfeil Doyle said arrangements for the annual holiday party, scheduled for Dec. 13, need to be done before the next ExCom meeting. She will probably not be able to attend the event itself. ExCom meeting attendees volunteered to bring or arrange for the meat, bread, plates and utensils, wine, drinks, ice, and decorations.

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 7:46 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Karen Steilberger

## Treasurer's Report

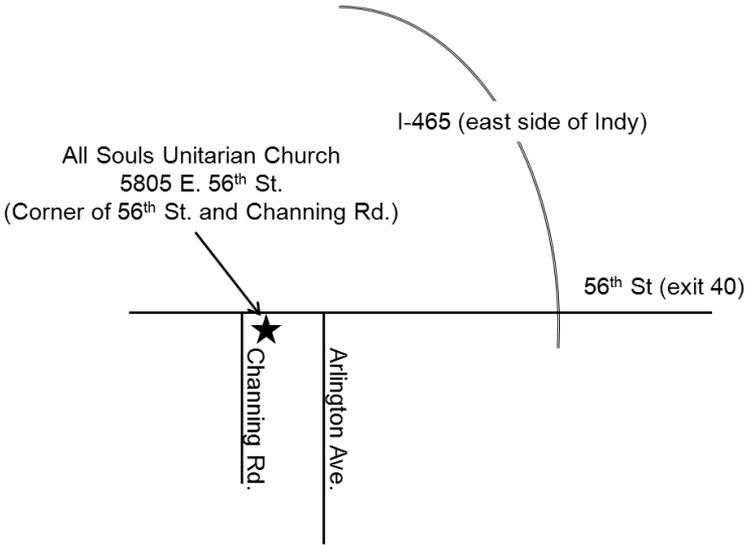
Karen Zwick, Treasurer

### Balance Sheet (as of 11/25/2013)

Bank Accounts	11/25/2013	10/21/2013
Checking – Regular	\$8,696.97	\$9,206.59
Checking - Scholarship	374.53	368.50
Checking – Youth Mbrship	1160.00	1,110.00
Gathering Account	7,881.83	7,881.83
Vanguard Account	3,739.29	\$3,739.73
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$21,853.06</b>	<b>\$22,306.65</b>

### Profit & Loss Statement (10/22/2013 – 11/25/2013)

Income	
401.1 – Monthly Gathering – Nov <i>(18 Ms, 9 Food, 6 Non-Ms)</i>	131.00
401. – Family Activities Income	50.00
402 – National Mensa Inc <i>(542 M, 3 New, 2 Rein, 10 Tests, 1 Test Site)</i>	624.44
403 – Book sales	6.03
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$811.47</b>
Expense	
501.1 – Monthly Gathering Hospitality	193.34
504.1 – MIND Printing – October and November	629.22
504.2 – MIND Postage	230.00
506.1 – New Member Dinners	20.00
506.2 – New Member Mailings	140.50
510 – Miscellaneous (Meetup fees for six months)	72.00
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>\$1265.06</b>



**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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