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These beauties (Roxie, Nona, Twinx, Gin, and Fuego) are five weeks old now. Just look at those little faces! Read more about them in the Editor's Column on page 4.

Old Dog/New Tricks

Teresa Gregory, Editor

As you will see when you look through this issue, CIM lost Jean Miller Rodgers this past month. She was a current ExCom member and our Vice LocSec. She will be missed. (See Alison Brown's collection of members' memories on pages 6-8.)



I can't think of Jean without seeing her wonderful smile. I can't think of her without thinking how much she loved children and valued education. She was a school librarian many years. Just a few years ago, she went by bus with a group of school children to Washington D.C. for the inauguration of Barack Obama. I always remember a story she told me once. She said her best girlfriend throughout her elementary and high school years was the smartest girl in the class. Jean saw this as a challenge, and the two were friendly rivals. Jean said she always felt a sense of accomplishment if she could best her friend. Jean graduated high school as Salutatorian while her friend was Valedictorian. Jean said she never would have accomplished that without her friend. I think there is a lesson to be taken from that.

The Outdoor Gathering (OMG!) was a lot of fun for the hardy souls who came out. We had some first-timers and a family from Michigan. The parents had attended a few years ago and had a good time. This time they brought others. One of the young adults with them said, "I kept asking, 'We are driving five hours for *what?*' I'm glad I came!" Many thanks to those who jumped in and helped.

Be sure to check out the notice about our newest SIG, Cinder. (Page 10) Ethan Blocher-Smith wants to get the younger Ms (Gen x and Y) together. If you know anyone in this age group, member or not, let them know.

My kittens are five weeks old now. I have two boys and three girls. They went from a box under my desk, to a confined area under my desk, to free run of the entire spare bedroom. And run they do! In the basement, I can hear them stampeding across the room. They are transitioning to kitten food. They are mostly using the litter box. They have learned to jump and pounce

This month, I will start the re-homing process which will be a challenge. If you read this column regularly, you know I have a hard time downsizing, but one of them has stolen my heart and already found her forever home with me.

LocSection

Jan Pfeil Doyle

Remembering Jean Rodgers – We lost a dear member of Central Indiana Mensa in May, Jean Rodgers. Jean was one of the most positive people I’ve known. She was kind, generous, and always interested in everything and everybody. She had been serving on ExCom as Vice LocSec. A recent memory I have of her was at the RG in January. She cajoled me into “modeling” some of the T-shirts we were offering for donations and made sure we had fun doing it.



A couple of members suggested it would be nice to purchase a brick in Jean’s memory on the “Walk of Minds” at Mensa’s national office in Arlington, TX. If you would like to contribute, you may send a check made out to *Central Indiana Mensa* to our treasurer, Karen Zwick. Her address is listed inside the back cover. Another way you may remember Jean is to contribute to our local John S Matthews scholarship fund. Those checks should also be sent to Karen Zwick. Please note on your check where you would like the contribution to go.

Outdoor Gathering – We had a great time at the gathering in Versailles State Park in May! Thirty or so Mensans from around the region made the trek to SE Indiana. It was good to see old friends and to make new ones. Teresa Gregory planned, procured, and cooked delicious meals as she has done for several years. Greg Crawford brought the drinks. Cyndi Kuyper was registrar. Alan Schmidt led several hikes and a profound thoughts discussion and built the campfire. Ethan Blocher-Smith helped keep the fire going. David Bonner brought his soda bottle rocket launcher to the delight of the children (and adults!). Bill Kuyper and John Massura led the clean up on Sunday. Many thanks to all of them and to everyone else who pitched in to help cook, wash dishes, clean up, etc, etc, etc.



50th Anniversary Celebration – In case you haven’t noticed (it’s been on the cover of *MIND* since January,) 2014 is the 50th year of Central Indiana Mensa. We’d like to do something fun to celebrate. If you have any suggestions, please let me know.

In Case You Missed It... Remembering Jean Rodgers

Alison Brown

[Thoughts collected by Alison]

Jean regularly volunteered for *MIND*bending, and we had wonderful conversations as we bent the *MIND*s. She was one of those present when I showed up at Russ and Shirley's after crushing my wrist, and was concerned with what I had done. She often thought I got too close to the improper in the things I wrote, but she defended my freedom of speech.



She loved cooking to a theme, and was an excellent cook. She loved dinner parties and loved to share what she had discovered. She will be missed.

Judson Horning

Jean is always excited about things - that's such a wonderful trait. She loves plays and wordsmithing and puzzles and ideas. I think of her as a very rich personality.

Rhoda Israelov

I discovered that she had been in school at Kent State during the shooting and she forwarded a copy of an article she wrote about the experience. It was very moving and meant a lot to me since I was in college at the time. I mentioned one evening that I had always wanted to be a librarian and was trying to chair the church library at All Souls. She shared a lot about her career as a librarian – helpful and interesting as well. And I often think about a remark she made one time about her children worrying about her traveling by herself. She just laughed about it and it kind of gave me permission to not worry about traveling alone myself should I decide to do so, as a newly single person. It's very difficult to think we won't be seeing her again.

Diane O'Brien

I didn't know Jean well or for very long, but I always enjoyed her company at the Ham 'n' Eggs sessions that we both attended. She was the quintessential ray of sunshine; she always greeted everyone with a smile, and was enthusiastic about everyone and everything. I never heard her express a negative thought. Indy Mensa will miss this warm and generous soul.

Margaret Lancet Fletcher

I let my Mensa membership lapse for about 10 years, when, out of the blue, Jean Rodgers called me to say I had to rejoin. I didn't even realize she still had my

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phone number! Then, there was the Friday night when Jean and I were going to drive to the south side monthly meeting together. She stopped by my place to call Petra Ritchie just to confirm the directions, because we usually rode with Larry Marcus. That's when Jean discovered we had the wrong Friday.

And, when Larry Marcus taxied Jean and me to the south side monthly meetings, I recall Jean sitting in the back seat having the most interesting over-my-head conversations with Larry about topics that was so foreign to me, like ancient history. Yet, I so much enjoyed spending a Saturday in March 2013 at Jean's home doing a "practice run" preparing whoopee pies for her annual luncheon that she hosted at her home. Jean started this tradition—preparing a themed meal—shortly after taking a cooking class at Maggiano's Italian restaurant a few years back. She then treated a group of Ms to an Italian feast that year. Jean had so much fun coming up with the theme for each year's meal, then researching the ingredients to make sure they were authentic, right down to the fiddlehead ferns she acquired from Maine that were part of last year's meal.

We even spoke a few weeks ago about postponing this year's annual luncheon, because she wasn't feeling well. I was to prepare an authentic black forest cake for the occasion and was researching it on the Internet when Jean called. I will miss her cheery disposition and lovely smile, along with the trips to her cozy home. I would like to think she's now reunited with the love of her life, Bill Rodgers.

Karen Wilczewski

Jean was enthusiastic and endlessly creative. She took part in the Veggie Art contests in the early years of the Carmel Farmer's Market. Each year her ideas were amusing and the creation, using only produce purchased at stands the



morning of the contest and assembled within an hour rightly won first place. I found the prizes appropriate because of the cleverness and construction, but then she said "well I don't really deserve them because I am the only one who enters as an adult!" Josie Kulkarni and I promised her we would both enter the following year so that she had some competition to beat (which I never doubted she would), but the Market moved and the competition was never held again.

My husband and I attended three of the themed meals: a Julia Child event with food from the famous cookbooks, *Coque au vin*, and the movie *Julie and Julia* for dessert; a Colonial Williamsburg meal with Brunswick Stew, wonderful fiddlehead ferns and a "shut the box" game from the history park – which she later gave to my husband, because he had enjoyed it so much; an Acadian meal with more ferns and Chicken and Dumplings. Karen W. always

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collaborated on the desserts, which made one less thing for Jean to worry about. The dinner that was in planning when Jean fell ill was a German one, with Königsberger Klopse. That meal may still take place in honor of Jean.

Jean was a very integrative person and I was very happy when she joined the ExCom, which profited from her energy and experience as well as even temper.

She gave friends little gifts all the time; I recently got a red scarf that members can see on my profile portrait on the forums at the national Mensa website. I wear it in remembrance of her.

Alison Brown

The following was collected at Ham'n Eggs, an event she founded with Larry Marcus for members in Hamilton County. In attendance were Larry Marcus, Jud Horning, Greg Crawford, Bob Zdanky, Rich and Jackie Gibson, Joanna Krause, Dick Albright, Ed Chu and Alison Brown. (We were later joined by Maureen, who is looking into Mensa for herself and possibly her gifted daughter.)

The list of attendees is included here in honor of Jean who always kept a list of who was around the table at the north side breakfast meetings. It is all in a little notebook and when she missed the April meeting, Alison sent the attendance list to her by e-mail for her records...

The Gibsons, who host the Book Discussions, remember her recommending a Nero Wolfe redux written by a friend of hers, that was fun and how the last time she was at their house for a book group, her last words to the newly minted Hoosiers were “Indiana winters are really not this bad.” causing smiles all around. The Gibsons said there was a warmth and lovingness about her – a lovely soul, the one Jackie most wanted to get to know better.

Joanna Krause remembers her talking about her new marriage (Jean had married twice): “Once I stopped telling my husband what he was doing wrong, we got along fine.” Joanna found this both true and inspirational. Jean’s themed meals also inspired Joanna to host Mensa friends with luncheons as well.



Dick Albright remembers Jean coming as a flapper to Ed Chu's Halloween party – full of life. She thought of it, put it all together and went through with it – what an imagination! She shared magazines with articles she thought Dick would find interesting – the most recent he still has: *Time* on how medical costs are killing US.

Ed Chu appreciated the dinners she hosted and enjoyed going over to her house to help out with things like her computer. She was just a very nicer person and great to be around.

Cosmo, The Philosopher Cat

Robert O. Adair

Cosmo the philosopher cat
looks at the Universe:
God created dogs,
realizing His mistake.
He went on to create cats.
Being excessively kind,
He allowed dogs
to continue to exist.
In my view,
that's why they put
erasers on pencils!
Then He went on
to create humans,
a somewhat mixed blessing
Not all of them believe
they are here to take care of cats.
Some actually prefer dogs!
Humans are great,
when they realize
they are here to care for
and pamper cats.
We cats are often unduly sentimental
and form deep attachments
to our human servants,
but there it is!
Humans definitely have their value,
building barns and houses to shelter us,
inventing new, delicious forms of cat food!
Humans are definitely alright!
When they know their place.

It's Not Too Late – Central Indiana Mensa Needs You.

The Nominating Committee is still at work finding those of you who want to be candidates for the Executive Committee which is the governing body of our Mensa. If we have not talked with you about being a candidate and you would like to run, call a member of the Nominating Committee soon. The final Nominating Committee slate is due by June 10th. The Nominating Committee members are:

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Welcome New and Returning Members!

Move In	Elfriede Stonitsch	Fishers	IN
New	Scott Rosenfeld	Indianapolis	IN
New	Quincy McCutchan	New Ross	IN
New	Albert H Church	Greenfield	IN
Reinstating	Robert A Kitch	Franklin	IN
Reinstating	Andrew M Thompson	Indianapolis	IN
Reinstating	Andrea L Chapman	Fishers	IN
Reinstating	Robert W Van Buskirk	Indianapolis	IN
Reinstating	T Jason Wright	Greenwood	IN
Reinstating	David Moulton	Greenwood	IN
Reinstating	Connie S Egan	Pendleton	IN



Lighting a Fire - Cinder

Ethan Charles Blocher-Smith

As a result of discussions with our LocSec, Jan Pfeil Doyle, along with other members of our ExCom, I have decided to start a new SIG for our younger Mensans. If you are a member of Generation X or one of those upstart Millenials (Gen Y), and are over the age of eighteen, you are welcome to come and join us. Not only is Cinder affiliated with both the national GenX-Ms and GenY-Ms SIGs, but we intend to develop a number of fun relationships with both younger Mensans and those considering testing/membership.

We will be meeting on the fourth Friday of each month at 7PM, starting on June 27th, 2014. For our first meeting, we will be convening at 2768 Woodwind Way, Indianapolis, 46268. Admission to Mensans is always free, and if you want to bring a non-Mensan friend it will be \$1 if they bring a snack item to share, and \$5 if they do not. Feel free to check out our Facebook page, follow our Twitter @M_Cinder for interesting stories, and direct any questions to our official email MensaCinder@gmail.com. Our first meeting's discussion will focus on transhumanism through biomechanical technologies. Relevant articles, videos, and other info will be published through our Facebook, Twitter, and email for all those who join. I hope to see you there.

June 2014 Events - Central Indiana Mensa

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

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

Book Discussion - Sunday, June 8, 3 pm. "Book Reports" Bring a book you have read and want to spread the word about - good or bad. We may find some books we will want to read and discuss together later in the year. 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.

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

6/13: . By popular demand, Dr. Rob Pyatt will return for the June monthly program to dazzle, amaze, and enlighten us with weird science. What secrets will be revealed? The mechanism of ice cream headaches? Bathroom stall preferences? Stethoscope handedness? Not only must you be present to find out, but your presence may influence the result.

Mensa Test – Saturday, March 14, 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.

Mensans Dining Out – Sunday, June 15, 5:30 pm. Havana Café, 3839 Moller Rd, Indianapolis Contact: Bob Zdanky, 317-503-0091 or Zdanky@gmail.com

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

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

June 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
1	2	3	4 Indy Lunch Bunch
8 Book Discussion	9	10	11
15 Mensans Dining Out	16	17 Paducah Area Group Meeting	18 Indy Lunch Bunch
22	23	24 MINDbending/ ExCom	25
29	30	1 July	2 Indy Lunch Bunch
6	7	8	9

**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/>

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Thursday	Friday	Saturday
5	6	7 Ham 'n' Eggs; Muncie Meeting
12	13 Monthly Gathering; MIND deadline	14 Mensa Test; Calendar Deadline
19	20 Games People Play	21
26	27 NEW! Cinder	28
3	4	5 Ham 'n' Eggs; Muncie Meeting
10	11	12

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.

June 2014 Events (cont.)

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

Games People Play – Friday, 6/20/, Pitch-In Dinner 6:30 pm., games begin 7 pm. Bring your favorites, or share those of others. Join Petra and other members of All Souls Unitarian Church at their monthly games night, 5805 E. 56th St. Questions: Petra 786-8665, petraritchie@msn.com

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. 6/24, 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 and 1 block north of 52nd St. and Keystone Ave. on the northeast side of Indianapolis.



A **BigThank You** to all the February MINDBenders thanks to Midwest Internet for hosting the event.

***NEW SIG* Cinder**-Fourth Friday of the month. 7:00p.m. at 2768 Woodwind Way, Indianapolis, 46268. A SIG for the Gen X – Gen Y crowd. (See page 10 for more details.) Contact Ethan Blocher-Smith, MensaCinder@gmail.com

Watch this space for upcoming events! Better yet, schedule one yourself. Just contact David Culp and your event could be on our calendar.

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

July MIND calendar items due 6//14 to dbculp@sbcglobal.net.

What to Expect at the Annual Gathering

Ellen Voie, RVC 4

Each year Mensa holds its Annual Gathering (AG) during the first week in July. If you've attended one, you know how many things there are to do at this event. If you're like most Mensa members, however, you have probably never attended the American Mensa AG.



This year's conference will take place in Boston. The location is important, because groups must bid for this privilege to host the annual event. The very first AG was held in New York City in 1963 and only 160 members attended. The list has grown considerably and you can expect to see more than 1,200 fellow Mensa members in Boston this year.

If you haven't registered yet, you can still attend but the rates increase as it gets closer to July. On site registration is available for \$185 or if you want to stay one or two days, it will cost you \$50 per day. Children ages three and under are free, but you'll pay \$50 to \$65 for your older children who attend. You must be a Mensa member to register, but you can bring guests and family members.

Some people come to the annual gathering and never leave the hospitality room. There is always plenty of food and snacks and beverages, including wine and beer. You can find old friends or make new ones. There are always people milling about or wandering through the area.

If you prefer to attend the sessions, then you are in for a treat. You can learn so much from the presenters. From Richard Lederer, a favorite speaker who also writes for the Bulletin, to thought provoking speakers presenting ideas or opinions that you may or may not agree with, you WILL find some common ground at one or more sessions.

A quick glance at this year's program listing shows everything from debates from population growth to Japanese drumming to handwriting analysis to movie screenings and more. You can learn, be entertained or interact.

Each group has a meet and greet with their RVC, and your region four event is Friday, July 4th at 1:30 pm. (Please forgive me for not being able to attend this session, as I will be returning home that day, however, you will be with Region 2 Vice Chair, Cam Smart.)

As your RVC, my biggest commitment is for the board meeting on July 3rd. It

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will last most of the day and you are certainly welcome to attend and listen to the AMC debate issues, present reports and vote on YOUR organization. The meeting takes place in the Fairfax room.

If your mission in Boston is to see the city and take in the sights, you are in luck as well. Skip the presentations and board meetings and take one of the many tour. Ride a Duck (amphibious vehicle, not the animal) or visit the site where the Battle of Lexington took place and see the Old North Bridge where the “shot heard around the world,” was made. It’s too late to visit Fenway Park, as that tour is sold out, but you can still check out a New England Brewery or see the Nubble Lighthouse in York, Maine. There is something for everyone and Boston and the surrounding area have many tourist attractions you will enjoy.

The Annual Gathering is as unique to each person as you make it. Pick and choose the tours, the meals, the sessions and the focus of your experience. There is still time to make your plans to travel to Boston for the once a year Mensa national event.

I hope to see you there!



Ann Hake stuns our May Monthly Gathering guests, Pawel Fludzinski and Mickey Maurer, with her puzzling prowess.

Books on the Runway

Margy Lancet Fletcher

Title: The Annotated Northanger Abbey

Author: Jane Austen, annotated and edited by David M. Shapard

Year: 2013

Book Description: Jane Austen is arguably the queen of romantic fiction, as she was instrumental in originating and refining the literary genre. In this novel, her first completed work, she intricately weaves a tale of the coming of age of a naïve but strong-willed upper-class lady. The author uses Bath, the renowned spa in western England, as the original setting, where Catherine Moreland vacations with her neighbors, the Allens, and becomes acquainted with two sets of siblings: Isabella and John Thorpe, and Eleanor and Henry Tilney (the latter of whom becomes Catherine’s “love interest”). The conflicts throughout the story are emotional rather than physical, and the ending somewhat predictable, but the characterizations are skillfully crafted, the geographical and cultural landmarks are colorfully described, and the sly witticisms and gentle satires on aristocratic mores and Gothic literature are exquisitely entertaining. This annotated volume has an added bonus for those of us that are not familiar with the unique language and customs of early nineteenth-century England - notes on alternate pages that include (per the book jacket): explanations of historical context; citations from Austen’s life, letters, and other writings; definitions and clarifications; literary comments and analyses; maps of places in the novel; an introduction, bibliography, and detailed chronology of events; and 225 informative illustrations.

Has this book changed the way you think, your attitude toward life, or even your life itself? If so, how? I had previously read very little of Austen’s works, and scarcely understood a lot of what I had read. This edition was a marvelous means of re-introducing myself to the rarefied world of the British landed gentry, with prodigiously researched notes to guide me along the way. This book simultaneously entertains and educates the reader – an immeasurably rewarding experience.

Who should definitely read this book? Why? This book will delight fans of “chick-lit,” historians, and Anglophiles in equal measure. The author effectively transports those of us who are fed up with the modern world and its economic instability, health care crises, warfare, etc., to a world where the most daunting challenges are maintaining good personal relationships and making advantageous marriages.

How long might it take to read this book? No more than two or three days, even with a busy schedule.

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Provide a short characteristic section, an awesome sentence, or an inspiring quote: [Henry Tilney, to Catherine Moreland] "...My dear Madam, I am not so ignorant of young ladies' ways as you wish to believe me; it is this delightful habit of journalizing that largely contributes to form the *easy* (NOTE: fluid; free from awkwardness or stiffness) style of writing for which ladies are so generally celebrated. Every body allows that the talent of writing agreeable letters is *peculiarly* (NOTE: particularly) female. Nature may have done something, but I am sure it must be essentially assisted by the practice of keeping a *journal* (NOTE: Women are depicted at various points of Austen's novels as especially fond of writing letters, and of filling their letters with copious detail... Women were also noted for keeping diaries or journals. The epistolary novels of the time, which were especially favored by female novelists, tended to center around a heroine who would, in a letter or journal, record her experiences in minute detail.)."

Additional Remarks: David M. Shapard has also produced annotated versions of *Pride and Prejudice*, *Persuasion*, *Sense and Sensibility*, and *Emma* – definite future additions to my personal library. May they also enhance your reading pleasure.

Has this book changed the way you think, your attitude toward life, or even your life itself? If so, how? I was impressed with the quality of the writing, the character development, and the realistic plot. There are no vampires or science fiction warriors in this. It's not a multi-volume saga. It's a small story about three young people facing a fate that just seems so unfair, but they do it with

grace and honesty. The fact that this book is a huge best seller tells me there is hope for the reading future of the next generation. The author took some artistic license when it came to some of the treatments the characters had. For the most part, it was very accurate. The Indianapolis locations were extremely accurate, too. A few names were changed (Hazel's college, the hospitals), but many locations are easily identified. The author lives in Indianapolis, and he spent two months in Amsterdam researching locations there. Setting the location here contributes to the intimacy of this story. It would have had a different "feel" if it had been in New York or Los Angeles.

Who should definitely read this book? Why? I would recommend it to any young reader. It's intelligent and thoughtful. The emotions are real. I would also recommend it to adults who want to know the inner workings of the teenage mind.

How long might it take to read this book? On audio, it is just over seven hours.

The Minimalists

Teresa Gregory

The last official Esoteric SIG event was to see two authors, Joshua Fields Millburn and Ryan Nicodemus. They stopped in Indianapolis while on their book promotion tour. These two long-time friends had been living “the good life.” While still in their twenties, they were working at the same company in Cincinnati making six figure incomes, driving expensive cars and living in beautiful homes. But, no matter how much money they made, there was still something missing. When their marriages failed, they realized that their busy lives were empty. That’s when they joined the minimalist movement. Now, they actually *live* the good life.

As a commentary on this movement, their talk was scheduled to be in the basement of a small book store. The first 60 attendees were allowed in. The authors gave their presentation. Afterwards, they moved to a theater next door and spoke to 220 people. They commented that only four people had shown up at their first appearance on the tour.

They spoke individually of their journeys. The message seemed to be that you can be on top and hit rock bottom at the same time.

This program had been announced back in early November. Admission was free but a ticket was required, so Petra Ritchie and I ordered extra tickets in case they ran out. The day of the program, I posted on Facebook that if anyone wanted to attend but didn’t have a ticket, I had extras. A Chicago Facebook asked if he was the only one who saw the humor in me having extra tickets to a talk about Minimalism.

Central Indiana Mensa ExCom Minutes 3/25/14

The regular monthly meeting of the Central Indiana Mensa ExCom was held at Midwest Internet on Tuesday, March 25, 2014.

LocSec Jan Pfeil Doyle called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Members present included: Jan Pfeil Doyle, David Culp, Teresa Gregory, Ann Hake, Karen Steilberger, Bob Zdanky, and Karen Zwick. Absent: Jean Rodgers and Karen Wilczewski. Guest: Petra Ritchie.

The committee reviewed the minutes of the February ExCom meeting. Karen Zwick moved that the minutes be accepted as presented, Ann Hake seconded the motion, and the motion was carried.

Karen Zwick presented the Treasurer’s report. She also reported that she will

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integrate the Gathering account with her accounting system so the separate bank account can be closed. Ann Hake made a motion to accept the report as presented, David Culp seconded the motion, and the motion was carried.

The membership report shows 3 new members, 2 reinstating members, and 27 prospects.

Old Business

Culture Quest: It now appears that we will have enough for a team.

2014 OG: Teresa Gregory said that she can take care of some of the meals, but she will not be there on Saturday night. She can get everything in order in advance, but others will need to pitch in to get it ready.

Elections: Marcelle Everest will chair the nominating committee and will recruit others to join her.

Children's program: Jan Pfeil Doyle's column in the April MIND includes an appeal for new leaders.

Shirts: Jan Pfeil Doyle reported that we got donations in exchange for 4 T-shirts at the monthly meeting.

New Business

Monthly Gathering announcements: Jan Pfeil Doyle has received comments regarding the length of the announcement segment at the monthly meetings. The committee discussed the concern and agreed that those making announcements should try to limit them to 30 seconds. They should refer people to the MIND if the information is in there.

Books for Evansville school: Jan Pfeil Doyle said that a teacher, daughter of a Mensa member, at an alternative school in Evansville has asked for assistance with creating a library there. Jan asked the committee to think of ideas. She also addressed the request in her column and a separate MIND article.

RG 2015: Teresa Gregory has received the contract from the Clarion Hotel for the next RG. She asked for ideas for the theme, and also asked for volunteers to chair the committee or help in other ways.

There being no other business, David Culp made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Teresa Gregory seconded the motion. The motion carried, and the meeting was adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Karen Steilberger

Treasurer's Report

Karen Zwick, Treasurer

Balance Sheet (as of 04/21/2014)

Bank Accounts	04/21/2014	03/24/2014
Checking – Regular	\$7,968.66	\$7,970.22
Checking – Scholarship	374.53	374.53
Checking – Youth Mbrship	849.00	849.00
Check – Buzz Fund	420.00	420.00
Gathering Account	7,645.98	7,881.83
Vanguard Account	\$3,739.73	3,739.73
Total Assets	\$20,997.90	\$21,235.31

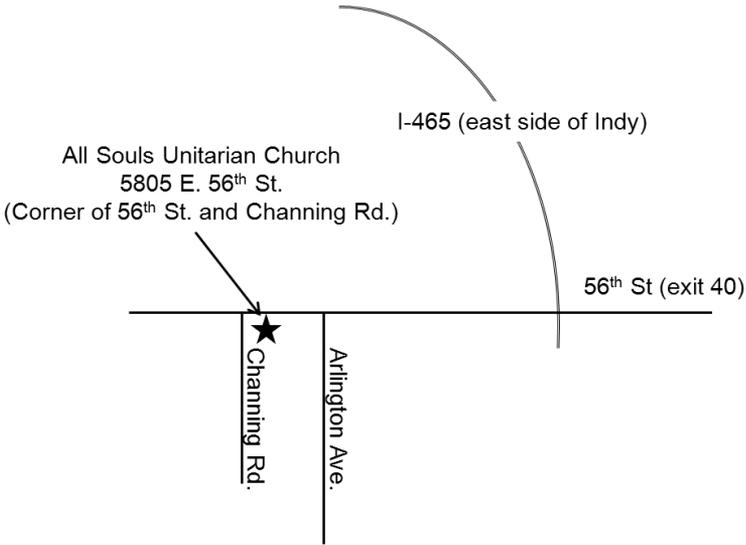
Profit & Loss Statement (03/25/2014 – 04/21/2014)

Income		
	401.2 – RG Income (January, February 2014)	3,605.00
	401.3 – OG Income (May, June 2013)	1,330.00
	402 – National Mensa Inc. (April)	731.62
	Total Income	\$5,666.62
Expense		
	502.1 – RG Hospitality	1,858.24
	502.2 – RG Facility	1,656.58
	502.3 – RG Presenters	950.00
	502.4 – RG Program Printing	137.51
	503 – OG Expenses	568.52
	505 – Food for ExCom/MIND	78.40
	505.1 – MIND Printing	654.78
	Total Expense	\$5,904.03



Where's Cletus?

If you missed Cletus this month, he is vacationing in Austria and will fill us in on his adventures when he returns.



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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