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**It's not too late to join us at the OMG! Outdoor Mensa Gathering. The only way you could get weekend accommodations and meals any cheaper would be if you visited your relatives or spent two nights in the county jail. With those options, \$50 is a steal! (See page 17 for more info.)**

## Old Dog/New Tricks

*Teresa Gregory, Editor*

I should change my title this month. As I continue to downsize, I have upsized in a way I didn't plan. When I moved into the "new" house last October, there was a beautiful little calico cat that came to visit me regularly. The neighbor across the street said she lived a couple of doors down from me, but the people had moved and left her. She has been living with me, part-time, since then. She still goes out and visits the people across the street, and some other kind souls on the block who fed her when she had no home. I think she spends more time with me than the others. I call her Callie. (No one can say I'm not original!)



I noticed she was getting fatter, and, yes, you already know where this is heading. Last week, when I got up, she didn't meet me in the bathroom, as usual. I looked in the kitchen and her favorite window perch. Then I heard a faint meow. I found her in a box under my computer desk with four tiny fur balls and a pile of goo. By the time I left for work, the pile of goo was cleaned up and was kitten number five.



I know nothing about kittens, but, thanks to the internet, I am learning. I had no idea they would double their weight in the first week. I can almost see them growing. I have learned they are a tremendous distraction. I keep peeking at them as I write this, especially when they all start squealing.

Callie is taking good care of them, but every so often, she needs some time alone. She was in the box washing faces and behinds a while ago, but every so often, she gets up and just leaves. She lies on the floor outside the box or wanders into the kitchen. I think she needs to get away and stretch her legs. One night when she returned to the box, she lay with her back to them. But if they start squealing, she's right there.

As I downsize in one area of my life, I have abundance in others. The Outdoor Gathering is coming up, so I will have to find a babysitter to look in on them while I'm gone. I don't think I have to look far. My daughter (who lives less than two miles away) is thrilled to take on that task. Her husband is allergic to cats so she can't have one. She knows she can come visit any time.

## LocSection

Jan Pfeil Doyle

**Outdoor Gathering** – Don't forget our Outdoor Gathering, May 17-19, at Versailles (Indiana) State Park. It's a great bargain at \$50 for food and lodging for the weekend! If you can't stay for the whole time, come join us for the day on Saturday. More details elsewhere in *MIND*.

**Annual Gathering** – Speaking of gatherings, the Annual Gathering (U.S. Mensa's national convention) will be July 2-6 in Boston. Many consider the AG to be the ultimate Mensa experience—it has it all! You can find more information at [ag2014.us.mensa.org](http://ag2014.us.mensa.org).



**March Meeting** – We had four new members attend our monthly meeting—it was great to meet them/you! Our quarterly new members' dinner is May 4; see details in the calendar.

**Wonderful Donor** – Some of you may remember that we in Central Indiana Mensa have a wonderful, anonymous benefactor who has donated funds to pay the dues of our young Mensa members for several years. Not surprisingly, our youth membership has grown quite a bit! I received the following note from Lisa Van Gemert, Gifted Youth Specialist, Mensa Foundation, in our national offices in Texas and wanted to share it with the group:

*Dear Most Generous Donor,*

*If you could hear the calls I receive from people who would love to have their kids have access to Mensa's youth program yet don't feel they can swing the financial side of it, you would have a glimpse into the joy you are bringing into the lives of parents and children. Whenever I see a child in that group submit a contest entry or send something for publication in Young Mensan Magazine, I think of you. You are making the future brighter and the present more fantastic for some wonderful kids. Your donation is more appreciated than you could ever imagine, and again this year I literally cried when I opened the envelope containing the check. You inspire me to give more to our own Local Group's kids, and I thank you from the bottom of my heart for your kindness and generosity.*

*With my deepest and most sincere thanks,  
Lisa Van Gemert*

**P.S.** We still need people to help a little or a lot with our Mensa Family Program. Please let me know if you can volunteer to help the group.

# MENSA GREATLY ENHANCED MY LIFE

*Teresa Fisher*

Thirty-three years ago this month, I joined Mensa.

I first heard of Mensa in 1971, but I lived in Anderson and it would have been difficult for me to get to Indianapolis for the test. Anyway, I figured it was no more than a card to put in my wallet. Ten years later at the age of 32, after reading in the *Indy Star Magazine* what a bunch of interesting parties Mensans were, I took the test and qualified. I attended the first monthly meeting after I joined, and since it was the day after my divorce, it provided a very clear dividing line between my old life and my new life.

I had no idea what to expect, but feared being judged because my shoes didn't match my purse. Really. I swear I worried about that.

Roland Cook was the greeter, and his cheery smile quickly put me at ease. My memories are vague now, but I probably met Loc-Sec Phil DuPuis, and I remember Ned Hodson and Nancy White. I attended every monthly meeting I possibly could.

Mensa gave me a newsletter for which to write (thanks, Marcele, for suggesting that to me), introduced me to people who didn't work in a factory, helped me (and therefore my children) escape from Anderson, gave me my first social life, provided regional gatherings that I became addicted to for several years, and helped me find another husband. Most of the friends I've ever had have come from Mensa.

I knew I would always want to be a member, so one year for Christmas I requested and got a life membership. You'll not be getting rid of me now.



## **Demise of a SIG**

*Petra Ritchie*

Esoteric SIG was established in December, 2012.

“Esoteric ” is defined as being intended for or understood by only a small group, thus I did not expect more than a few participants. But when a small group consisted of one person (me, three times), the effort that went into selecting, planning, submitting to the calendar, etc. needed to be reevaluated. A few loyal Mensans attended several outings, and I thank them for their interest.

## In Case You Missed It...

Alison Brown



Ham'n Eggs had a good turnout; nine members showed up and talked about health concerns (in particular we are concerned that Jean Rodgers was not feeling well enough to attend), cars, computers, interesting lectures coming up in the Indy area... Siegmund showed Matt Brennan part of his stamp collection (right there in the SoHo Cafe and Gallery) and Matt

said he would return the favor on the next possible occasion.

Marcele Everest was a rare guest. She is part of the nominating committee but she let it be known she would not be twisting any arms. Nevertheless, a full slate of candidates is needed, so anyone reading this who might be interested in serving on the ExCom should get in touch with her and Petra Ritchie - also anyone interested in serving on the NomCom.

Cletus is off to Austria this month, so will not be around in May (missing the OMG! how sad for him) and June.



Alan Schmidt received first place at the Division C third level of Toastmasters competition April 12 for the Tall Tales competition with his story of flying with the Sandhill Cranes. He presented it to us at the Monthly Gathering on April 11. In this story, he joined the cranes and flew with them. Yes, he was really flying! But was it a Tall Tale? Alan is a Mensan...



Congratulation, Alan! We enjoyed the preview.



(Cletus also enjoyed the story. He was perched right in front of the poster that accompanied Alan's talk.)

# **Theatrical Event: *Shadowlands***

*By Margy Lancet Fletcher*

As some of you may be aware, I have been a dedicated community theater volunteer for over twenty years. Recently, I had the good fortune of being cast in two minor roles in Epilogue Players' upcoming production of *Shadowlands*, based on the true-life romance of renowned British children's author C.S. Lewis and Joy Davidman, an American poet seventeen years his junior. The drama, set in 1950's England, traces the relationship from Joy's impassioned fan letters, to her initial visit to Lewis's Oxford home, the development of their friendship, their decision to "technically" marry to ensure her British citizenship, their profession of mutual love, and finally, their union's sudden and tragic conclusion. Interspersed throughout are wry and savvy commentaries on many aspects of human existence, provided by friends and colleagues, Lewis's brother Warnie, and Lewis and Joy themselves. Joy's young son Douglas provides an additional element of magic and wonder. This intelligently written play runs the gamut of human emotions from elation to unbearable grief, and everything in between. The crux of the drama is Lewis's Christian view on suffering: "God creates us...free to be selfish, but he adds a mechanism that will penetrate our selfishness and wake us up to the presence of others in the world, and that mechanism is called suffering...The suffering in the world is not the failure of God's love for us; it is that love in action...[T]his world that seems to us so substantial is no more than the shadowlands. Real life has not begun yet." Whether or not you endorse this sentiment, you will find this production a rewarding experience on many levels.

## **INFORMATION ON THE SHOW**

Production Dates: Friday through Sunday, May 9–11

Friday through Sunday, May 16-18 (NOTE: The latter weekend would not be an option for Mensans who plan to attend the Outdoor Gathering)

Curtain Times: 7:30 PM Friday and Saturday, 2:00 PM Sunday

Ticket Prices: Adult \$13.00, Members and Seniors (age 65+) \$11, Children (12 and Under) \$9.00. Tickets can be ordered via the reservation line, 317-926-3139, or via e-mail, [epilogue.players@yahoo.com](mailto:epilogue.players@yahoo.com). Phone calls are not returned unless there is a problem with the reservation, but e-mail messages will receive responses.

Venue Location: The Epilogue Theatre is located at the intersection of 19<sup>th</sup> and Alabama Streets in Indianapolis, on the north side of the Hedback Building, which also houses Footlite Musicals. You can park along either of the two streets.

Additional Notes: The house opens 30 minutes prior to the show. Payment for tickets takes place at the door via cash or personal check (no credit or debit cards can be accepted). Seating capacity is limited and the seats are not numbered, so you will want to arrive as soon as possible after the house opens.

I thank you in advance for your support, and hope to see you there!

## **Listen to the Rain**

*Robert O. Adair*

Listen to the rain.  
The rain speaks  
a various language.  
Sometimes with mighty torrents  
swelling rivers and streams,  
terrific lightning bolts  
splinting the sky.  
Sometimes its refreshing spray  
is pleasant and invigorating.  
It often recalls old times  
when under a slanting  
bedroom roof  
its pitter patter lulled to sleep.  
Sometimes its steady beat  
cries tears of sadness  
amidst a gloomy, overcast day.  
It often falls upon  
a parched and thirsty soil  
washing a dry and dusty land  
into cleanness and new life.  
Sometimes it speaks  
peace and quietness,  
tears of joy,  
after the storm  
raindrops dripping down  
from leaf to leaf.  
Listen to the rain!

## **From the Facebook Page**

*[A member wrote]*

What are your thoughts on putting your membership in Mensa on your resume? I never finished college, so for me it's the only "certificate" I have that says I'm a pretty smart guy.. or at least that I can take a test like a boss. Discuss.

*What would your answer be? Send your reply to  
MIND.editor@yahoo.com or join  
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/67015884487/>*

# Welcome New and Returning Members!

Move In	Rex Eric Ellis	Whiteland	IN
Move In	Jessica L Lada	Lafayette	IN
Move In	Patrick Joseph Callanan	Bloomington	IN
New	Michael L Kneese	Indianapolis	IN
New	Justin Schwemmer	Bloomington	IN
New	Andrew Rader	Bloomington	IN
New	Scott R Schreiber	Indianapolis	IN
New	Jeremy S Statts	Indianapolis	IN
New	Kyle M Hamblen	Avon	IN
New	Michael Lyons	Plainfield	IN
New	Staci L Andrews	Plainfield	IN
New	Ruijie Huang	Indianapolis	IN
New	Ezra D Donner	Bloomington	IN
New	Ethan C Blocher-Smith	Indianapolis	IN
Reinstating	James J Madigan	Veedersburg	IN
Reinstating	Stephen Martin Kenney	Russellville	KY
Reinstating	Clare Eileen Skeeahan	Indianapolis	IN
Reinstating	Brian Carl Myers	Indianapolis	IN
Reinstating	John Collier Walker	Indianapolis	IN
Reinstating	Michael W Patrick	Terre Haute	IN
Reinstating	Robin R Dils	Carmel	IN
Reinstating	David R Pollock	Bloomington	IN
Reinstating	Brittany K Whitley	Evansville	IN
Reinstating	Zoe G Dollar	Indianapolis	IN
Reinstating	Craig A Wargel	Evansville	IN

## May 2014 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](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)

**Book Discussion** - Sunday, May 4, 2 pm. We will be discussing The Sixth Extinction: An Unnatural history by Elizabeth Kolbert. 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 or to RSVP.

**New Members Dinner** – Sunday, May 4, 5:30 pm. TGI Fridays, 6915 W 38th St., Indianapolis, IN 46254  
Contact: Bob Zdanky, 317-503-0091 or [Zdanky@gmail.com](mailto:Zdanky@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](mailto:alan.schmidt@att.net)

**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  
**5/9:** Pawel Fludzinski and Mickey Maurer are perfectly respectable pillars of society who harbor a dark secret: they are actually evil geniuses who concoct fiendishly mind-wrenchingly difficult puzzles that can break any brain. Come join us on May 9, if you dare, to see if they will mentor you in their devious ways, or if they simply recruit you into their legion of minions.

**Culture Vulture** – Sunday, May 11, 2 pm., “Shadowlands”, Epilogue Theatre, 19<sup>th</sup> and Alabama St. \$13, \$11 seniors 65+, \$9 children under 12.  
Contact: Alison Brown, [sight@indymensa.org](mailto:sight@indymensa.org). (See more about this on page 8)

**Check out our newly updated and active Facebook page:**  
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/6701588448/>

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

## May 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
4 Book Discussion; New Member Dinner	5	6	7 Indy Lunch Bunch
11 Culture Vulture	12	13	14
18 <b>Outdoor Gathering;</b> Mensans Dining Out	19	20 Paducah Area Group Meeting	21 Indy Lunch Bunch
25	26	27 MINDbending/ ExCom	28
1 June	2	3	4 Indy Lunch Bunch

**Social Media – Remember to sign up for Central Indiana  
Mensa’s Facebook and Meet Up groups:**

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/67015884487/>

<http://www.meetup.com/Central-Indiana-Mensa/>

## May 2014 (Continued)

Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3 Ham 'n' Eggs; Muncie Meeting
8	9 Monthly Gathering	10
15	16 <b>Outdoor Gathering;</b> Games People Play;MIND deadline	17 <b>Outdoor Gathering;</b> Calendar Deadline
22	23	24
29 May	30	31
5	6	7 Ham 'n' Eggs; Muncie Meeting

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.

## May 2014 Events (cont.)

**Games People Play** – Friday, 5/16, 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](mailto:petraritchie@msn.com)

**Outdoor Gathering - May 16-18**, Versailles State Park, See complete information elsewhere in this MIND.

**Mensans Dining Out** – Sunday, May 18, 5:30 pm. Amber Indian Restaurant, 5929 E. 82<sup>nd</sup> St., Castleton  
Contact: Bob Zdanky, 317-503-0091 or [Zdanky@gmail.com](mailto: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. 3/25, 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



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

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

June MIND calendar items due 5/17/14 to [dbculp@sbcglobal.net](mailto:dbculp@sbcglobal.net).

## **You, TOO, Could Be RVC!**

*Ellen Voie, RVC 4*

Have you ever wanted to be a fly on the wall at an American Mensa Committee (board of directors) meeting? Are you interested in knowing how your dues are calculated and how they are spent? Do you have an idea or project you'd like to present to the leadership team?



This is your chance. You can serve as a regional vice chair (RVC) for region 4 if you throw your hat in the ring for the next election. The RVC position is a two-year term to begin in 2015. Although that sounds like a long time from now, you will need to start early if you want a seat at the table.

The campaigns will begin next year, but first you'll need to learn more about the RVC's duties entail. You can find out more by looking at the RVC handbook on the American Mensa website, but basically the position was created to, "act as liaison between Local Groups ... and the American Mensa Committee (AMC), and to carry out in their respective regions the policies and programs formulated by the AMC."

Last year I ran unopposed after Ken Silver vacated the position to move on to other quests. I have made the decision to not seek a second term. This was not due to any negative reasons, but related primarily to the commitment of time. My professional life was prohibiting me from participating fully, and this region deserves more than what I can provide at this time.

So, I am asking you to consider running for the RVC4 seat in the next election. You will be expected to attend four board meetings annually, but your expenses are covered and some of the locations are pretty neat places. You can put as much time into the role as you wish, by visiting regional gatherings and serving as a leader at local, state and regional events.

There are ten regions, which means there are ten RVCs, so you will have lots of peer support from your counterparts across the country. Region four covers some or all of Minnesota, Wisconsin, Michigan, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kentucky, and Missouri. There are nine Local Groups in region four, and to be fair, they are very self-supporting and haven't needed much oversight.

Think about serving as region four's RVC. The nominating committee is comprised of Millicent Bliesener of Sagamon Valley, Cindy Ogilvie of Chicago, and Donna Potrykus of Mensa of WI/UP. Pat Coontz is the Nominating Committee chair and works hard to find the best candidates to serve.

Go ahead and download the RVC handbook for more information. You can be that "fly on the wall" and serve at the national level.

## **Would You Like to Serve on the Central Indiana Mensa Executive Committee?**

The Executive Committee (ExCom) is the governing body of our local Central Indiana Mensa, and it guides our activities, growth and overall health. The by-laws call for a nine-member ExCom. It meets monthly, usually at Midwest Internet, 5348 North Tacoma in Indianapolis, for about one to one-and-a-half hours. Certain members of the ExCom will have specific duties such as LocSec (President), Vice LocSec, Treasurer, and Recorder. The term is two years and starts on October 1, 2014. The ExCom deals with:

- Financial matters
- The Regional and the Outdoor Gatherings
- Appointment of the editor of the newsletter, MIND, and considers policy issues for same
- Appointment of members to fill Central Indiana Mensa offices such as coordinators, proctors, and gifted children volunteers
- Policy issues such as guest attendance at meetings and other functions
- Recruitment of new members and member retention
- Monthly meeting sites and programs

It is very satisfying to be a part of this group that is working together to accomplish specific goals. You will get to know and become acquainted with people outside your usual work, church or social circles. This is also a chance to use your leadership skills and learn more ways of working as a team.

If you are a member in good standing and wish to be a candidate just contact one of the Nominating Committee members and let us know no later than June 9<sup>th</sup>.

### **Nominating Committee:**

Marcele Everest, chair 765-221-9477

marcele.everest@gmail.com

Petra Ritchie

317-786-8665

petraritchie@msn.com



### **Tip From Dr. Lawlis**

Dr. Frank Lawlis, supervising psychologist for American Mensa has provided a number of “Tips for maximizing your IQ.” This one is intriguing:

*Chew gum. The chewing action helps pump blood through your memory and emotional centers keeping you calm and focused.*

## OMG! Central Indiana Mensa Outdoor Gathering

Mark your calendars for the weekend of May 16-18, 2014 and shake the mothballs out of your old sleeping bag. Central Indiana Mensa's Outdoor Gathering is next month. Once again, it's in beautiful Versailles State Park in southeastern Indiana. We have the group camp all to ourselves with dorm-style cabins and a wonderful lodge for meals and socializing.



**Plenty of food, and fun around the campfire!  
There's no escaping a good time!**

Friday evening through Sunday morning, you'll have plenty of time to unwind and have a good time with fellow Mensans. As always, it's the best bargain going. Where else can you get two night's lodging and home cooked meals for only \$50? (There is a \$5 per car entry fee to the park.) It's an unstructured weekend with hiking, a campfire, and surprises that one person described as "the things your mother wouldn't let you do in the house."

### **The Return of Liquid Nitrogen Ice Cream!**

Yes, it's back! Mindy will make her magic and bring us the bestest ice cream on earth.

You don't even have to pay in advance. Just please drop an email to [rg.registrar@yahoo.com](mailto:rg.registrar@yahoo.com) to let us know you are coming.



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## Books on the Runway

*Margy Lancet Fletcher*

[*Teresa Gregory is filling in this month*]

**Title:** *The Fault In Our Stars*

**Author:** John Green **Year:** 2012

**Book Description** This is a Young Adult (YA) novel set in Indianapolis. The protagonist is sixteen-year-old Hazel Grace Lancaster who has thyroid cancer that has gone to her lungs, forcing her to drag an oxygen tank with her at all times. At a cancer support group, she meets seventeen-year-old Augustus Waters who proclaims that he is cancer free after losing his leg to osteosarcoma. They strike up a friendship that grows into more. A trip to Amsterdam to meet a famous author is a pivotal part of the story.

I was impressed with this book for several reasons. The characters are intelligent. At sixteen, Hazel is taking college classes. Due to her medical condition, she missed a lot of school, so she took the GED test and passed. Augustus is also bright, as is their mutual friend, Isaac. The characters are also mature for their ages. They are all very aware of their eventual fates. Even so, they are still teenagers with teenage interests and thoughts.

**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.

## FROM THE ARCHIVES: DAM SIG DEMISE

MIND, May, 1977

Contrary to what the populace may believe (especially if they know me or know of me), the DAM SIG was not my idea. A visiting Mensan suggested the idea to Jim, and he got it started (3 couples the first time). The visitor said it was very successful in his area. It wasn't in ours, with only Jim, Doris, and myself at the 2<sup>nd</sup>, and the same number at the 3<sup>rd</sup> (& last).

After the first, Jim phoned and left a message asking if I would be the coordinator. Before I could tell him "no", he had published me as the coordinator – so what could I do? But due to popular disinterest, we are cancelling the May 7 (and all future) DAMSIG. (THIS IS NOT A DAM CANCELLED BY PRES. CARTER.)

(For those who may have forgotten, the DAM was Dirty Adult Movies.)

Bob Thomas

*[For some reason, I can't stop laughing at this. Editor]*



## Central Indiana Mensa ExCom Minutes 2/25/14

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

LocSec Jan Pfeil Doyle called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m. Members present included: Jan Pfeil Doyle, David Culp, Teresa Gregory, Karen Steilberger, Karen Wilczewski, Bob Zdanky, and Karen Zwick. Absent: Ann Hake, Jean Rodgers. Guests: Jan Dollar, Petra Ritchie.

The committee reviewed the minutes of the January ExCom meeting. Karen Wilczewski moved that the minutes be accepted as presented, David Culp seconded the motion, and the motion was carried.

Karen Zwick presented the Treasurer's report. David Culp made a motion to accept the report as presented, Teresa Gregory seconded the motion, and the motion was carried.

The membership report shows 2 new, 2 move-in, and 8 reinstating members; and 44 prospects. Teresa Gregory said 7 people came for the test on February 15. The committee discussed the effectiveness of recruiting efforts, identifying where those who come for the test hear about it, and offering perks for those who come; e.g., our bookmarks, or an invitation to attend a meeting for free.

## **Old Business**

2014 RG: Teresa Gregory said that 68 people attended. She did not have the financial results yet. She detailed some of the extra expenses for entertainment and for donations we made, and some of the savings for some items we got at no charge, for which we would normally have to pay. Six people are already registered for next year's RG. Teresa has us on the hotel's books for next year. The committee gave kudos to the organizers, and discussed some kind of incentive or discount for those who bring guests, as Jan Dollar did this year.

Shirts: Jan Pfeil Doyle reported that we have taken in \$420 in donations in exchange for the shirts that Carl Levinson donated to us. Most of those donations were made at the RG.

## **New Business**

Culture Quest: Jan Pfeil Doyle said that Culture Quest is coming up in April. We will need to have team members by the end of March.

2014 OG: Teresa said the OG is coming up on the weekend of May 16-18. She has registered it with the National office so it will be on their calendar. The committee will discuss it more next month.

2014 AG: Jan Pfeil Doyle said that the LocSec Summit that was a feature of past AGs is now going to be a summit for designated delegates the night before the AG starts. Local groups are asked to pay for the extra hotel night for the delegate who goes early to attend.

Elections: Jan Pfeil Doyle said that the elections are later this year. A nominating committee needs to be named before the April ExCom meeting.

Children's program: Teresa Gregory said David Bonner needs for someone to take over the children's program. The committee discussed the situation. Jan Pfeil Doyle will contact David about next steps.

There being no other business, David Culp made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Karen Zwick seconded the motion. The motion carried, and the meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Karen Steilberger

# Treasurer's Report

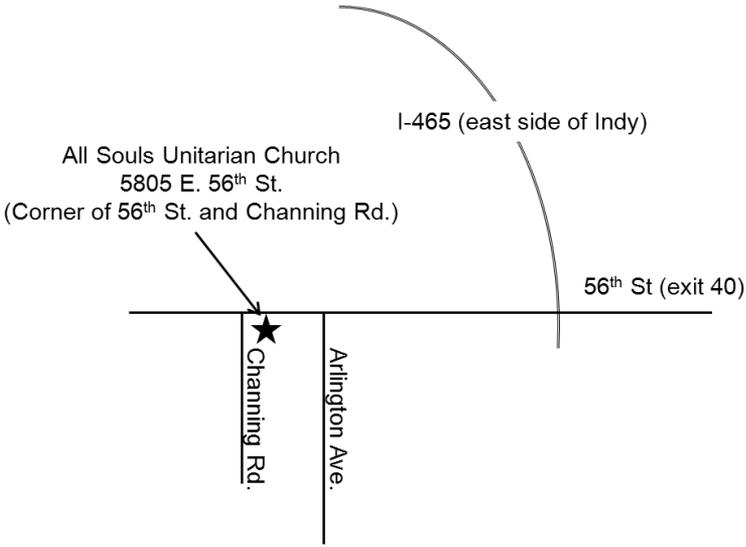
Karen Zwick, Treasurer

## Balance Sheet (as of 3/24/2014)

Bank Accounts	03/24/2014	02/24/2014
Checking – Regular	\$7,970.22	\$7,857.44
Checking - Scholarship	374.53	374.53
Checking – Youth Mbrship	849.00	1,160.00
Gathering Account	7,881.83	7,881.83
Vanguard Account	\$3,739.73	\$3,739.73
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$21,235.31</b>	<b>\$21,013.53</b>

## Profit & Loss Statement (2/24/2014 - 3/24/2014)

Income		
	401.1 – Monthly Gathering Inc – 20 Ms, 4 Non-Ms, 9 Food	113.00
	402 – National Mensa Inc. (March)	469.12
	403 – Donations to Youth Memberships	2,000.00
	406 – Income for Buzz Fund	420.00
	<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$3,002.12</b>
Expense		
	501.1 – Monthly Gathering Hospitality	153.37
	501.2 – Monthly Gathering Facility Rental	105.00
	505 – Food For ExCom/MIND	91.68
	505.2 – MIND Postage	83.33
	507.1 – Youth Mensa Membership	2,311.00
	520 - Misc Expenses – Printing bookmarks, Office Supplies for WFYI Volunteers	35.96
	<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>\$2,780.34</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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