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Don't forget to bring your used books, CDs, videos, etc, to donate to the scholarship fund. Don't forget to check out the stuff people have donated. You might find something you didn't know you needed!

**NEW NIGHT FOR MINDbending!
Always Third Tuesday!**

Old Dog/New Tricks

Teresa Gregory, Editor

I am writing this while waiting for a plane to arrive at the Indianapolis International Airport. Some years back, John Blankenship was recruiting volunteers to greet people at the airport for Heartland Film Festival. Most of the people who have entries in the program aren't "celebrities." Our job is to make them feel welcome and special. I've been doing it long enough that I'm at my second airport terminal and with my third Airport Committee Chair. Most of the participants are here by now. This is Sunday



and I only had three to greet, but I had a four-hour wait between the second and third. I could have gone home, but I don't mind being here. I find airports very interesting places. I like watching people. It's heartwarming to see the hugs and tears when people come through the door. (I love to see the kids holding signs.) I was here from about 8:00am until after 5:30pm on Saturday, too. [My duties are completed and I'm at home now.]

My last guest came from Albuquerque by way of Atlanta. She was so happy to see me holding the card with her name on it. She said she had been a last-minute addition and had not received a confirmation from the film committee. She was afraid no one knew she was coming and she wasn't quite sure what she was going to do once she arrived. .

That took me back to July 1, 1976. I left Indianapolis with my 4-month-old daughter and flew to Germany to be with my husband. I had not seen him since he left in August. He had never seen his child. After landing and going through Customs, I was carrying my baby and our 90 pound allotment of luggage. I walked out into this huge (to my eyes) terminal filled with people. I looked all around and didn't see anyone familiar. I was starting to panic. What was I going to do if he wasn't there? Then I heard my name. I didn't recognize the caller, but I went anyway. When I got closer, I saw it was my husband. He was out of uniform, his hair was cut differently, and he had started wearing glasses. I was so happy to see him! And I never did tell him that I didn't recognize him that day. Seeing joyful reunions at the airport always makes me smile.

November is a month associated with giving thanks. I am always so grateful that we get that hour back that was taken away from us in March when we started Daylight Saving Time. I'm still curious where they keep it all summer when we aren't using it. I guess that's one of life's eternal mysteries. I think I'll sleep on it...an extra hour!

LocSection

Jan Pfeil Doyle

Good Turnout for National Testing Day – Central Indiana Mensa offered the Mensa test at two locations on US Mensa’s national testing day Oct. 18th. Proctor Coordinator and Proctor **Steve Merchant** arranged and administered the test to 12 people in Indianapolis. Proctor **Teresa Gregory** made the arrangements and Proctor **Daniel Nance** gave the test to seven people in Evansville. That’s the biggest testing day for our group that I can remember! Thank you to Steve, Teresa, and Daniel for volunteering their time once again!



2018 AG (*AG = Annual Gathering = US Mensa’s national convention*) – Why would I talk about the 2018 AG when it’s only 2014? Because there’s a very good chance the AG will be in Indianapolis in 2018!! Here’s a quote from the minutes of the Sept. 30, 2014 AMC meeting (*AMC = American Mensa Committee = US Mensa’s national governing board*):

“Selected Indianapolis as the site of the 2018 Annual Gathering, subject to the receipt of a final hotel contract acceptable to AML’s legal counsel and the AML Executive Committee.”

Some AMC members are already saying online that the 2018 AG WILL BE in Indianapolis. Stay tuned for further developments and announcements. (Note to those familiar with the previous AG site-selection process: The 2018 AG will be the second one awarded under the new process adopted in October 2013, in which the site is selected separately from the AG Committee.)

Central Indiana Mensa’s 50th Anniversary Party, aka the Buzz Party

You may have noticed that the covers of MIND in 2014 have all been variations on the theme of celebrating a 50th anniversary, thanks to CIM’s ever-creative editor and chief cheerleader, **Teresa Gregory**. Yes, 2014 is Central Indiana Mensa’s 50th year. In true Mensa-procrastinator style, however, we’ll be celebrating the anniversary in 2015, most likely on March 7, so mark that date on your calendars. A committee comprising the **Karens (Steilberger, Wilczewski, and Zwick)** and **Teresa Gregory** are planning a memorable event for us. Again, stay tuned for further details. (See my Feb ’14 column or ask me about the “Buzz” reference.)

Don’t Forget – Scholarship applications are due Jan. 15th. Applicants aren’t required to be Mensa members. Apply online by going to www.mensafoundation.org/what-we-do/scholarships/.

**Central Indiana Mensa Presents
A Regional Gathering**



W.T.F.



(Winter Time Fun)

**Bring a Buddy!
Free Mensa Test for non-members
included with a full paid
weekend admission.**

January 23-25, 2015

What to Pay

\$55 until Nov 30, 2014
\$65 until Dec 31, 2014
\$75 from January 1, 2015

Kids:

\$25 – under 6 years old
\$40 – 6 – 12 years old

Day Rates:

\$20 Friday or Sunday Only
\$40 Saturday Only

Whom to Contact

rg.registrar@yahoo.com

**Please let us know if you
have a guest who will be
taking the test.**

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Where to Stay

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2930 Waterfront Parkway West
Indianapolis, IN 46214
(317) 299-8400
www.ClarionWaterfront.com

\$69 Mensa Rate

Central Hospitality Area

Free Parking

Game Room

More Information Coming Next Month!

In Case You Missed Him

Our visitor from Florida, Cletus, has been traveling this month. He's having such a good time that he hasn't had time to send us even a post card. We look forward to reading about his next adventure.



Good Night, Soldier

Robert O. Adair

I remember World War II,
I remember a dumb, little eight year old kid
who went to sleep
after hearing Judy Canova
end her radio show with:
"Goodnight soldier,
wherever you may be!"
This dumb little kid wondered
where all this was going!
Would we be invaded?
I remember my brother in law
scrambling for his plane
at Pearl Harbor,
so filled with shrapnel
he spent the war in a military hospital.
I remember Doolittle's raid on Tokyo,
guys reaching out of troop train windows
to kiss their sweethearts goodbye,
raising the flag on Iwo Jima,
the crowd in Times Square
when victory came!
Thank you!
All you who served
our country:
on land,
on the sea
and in the air,
Thank you!

NOVEMBER NERD NIGHT FOR THE JOHN S. MATTHEWS SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Bibi Sandstrom, Editor

[From the November, 1989 MIND]

Since our friends accuse us of being nerds, let's show them what we can really do. For our November meeting, we are encouraging you to dress like a nerd (or nerdette, as the case may be) as a John S. Matthews Scholarship Fund raising activity.

The proper attire might include: Clean plain white canvas shoes (deck shoes). White or argyle socks, high water pants (show plenty of sock), pants 3 inches above the waist, patterned (loud) short sleeve shirt, patterned sweater vest, white round-neck T-shirt, slicked back hair, black glasses (broken and taped), ink on hands, face and/or shirt and whatever else you can remember.

You might want to consider some (or all) of the following nerd accessories: boxes of computer disks, carrying technical books or magazines and read whenever introduced to someone, nerd pack (pocket protector), lots of pens and pencils, calculator and/or slide ruler (on belt), or a satchel type briefcase.

For the first 50 nerd through the door, we'll provide black plastic glass frames or nerd packs. Everyone else will receive cooked spinach leaves to be applied to their front teeth.

We'll have prizes for the Best Member Nerd, Best ExCom Nerd, Best Guest Nerd (we'll have to make sure the Guest Nerd really wants to be considered), Best Accessory and Best Nerd Laugh/Snort. We will have a special Who-Gets-To-Toss-The-Pie auction with a very special recipient.

Special Nerd Food: Twinkies, Ding-Dongs, Jolt Cola, flavored popcorn, Cheese-Whiz and other (more appealing) snacks. Of course, the "meeting after" will be at White Castle.

Come Dressed as a nerd or don't. Either way, bring plenty of "donate-able" change and your best friend. We want to show everyone what a bunch of Nerds we really are.

[Editor's Note: this sounds like fun! I'm not quite sure where the "fund raising" part came in, though.]

Mensa Scholarships Information

MERF

There are two requirements for applicants:

- The applicant must be enrolled in a degree program in an accredited U.S. institution of higher learning during the academic year following the application date.
- The applicant must submit an application and essay explaining his or her career, academic and/or vocational goals.

The scholarship application process opens Sept. 15 and closes Jan. 15. No application forms are available at any other time. Between September and January, interested individuals can visit the [scholarship application](#) area of this site to determine eligibility and, if eligible, [enter the program](#).

Applicants have until Jan. 15 to write an essay of not more than 550 words explaining their career, academic and/or vocational goals and how they plan to achieve those goals. For more information, read the scholarship [FAQ](#).

Local judging

American Mensa's local chapters assemble judging teams of at least three members to review the applications. The essays are judged on content and also grammar, organization and craftsmanship. The Local Scholarship Chair refers the best local essays to the Regional Scholarship Chair for review.

Regional judging

At the regional level, the process is repeated. The regional chair arranges for all of the essays referred from local chapters to be judged a second time. Regional judges rank the local winners and nominate the best essays for regional and national awards. These essays are then forwarded to the National Scholarship Chairs.

National judging

Finally, the National Scholarship Chairs conduct additional rounds of judging to select the regional and national winners. Each applicant can receive only one Mensa Foundation scholarship per year; therefore, the winners are chosen beginning at the highest dollar amounts. The next highest scores receive awards of the next lower amounts, and so on until all the winners are chosen based on the judges' scores.

The final list of scholarship winners is presented to the Mensa Foundation Board of Trustees, who certify the winners. **Winners are notified by mail and given instructions for claiming their award.** They are required to submit proof of registration in a degree program during the following academic year as well as proof of U.S. citizenship. After the verification is received, the checks are written and students receive the funds to help them pursue their education.

Welcome New and Returning Members!

Move In	John P Price	Indianapolis	IN
Move In	Nathan Alan Fernow	Paducah	KY
New	Christopher Robinson	Zionsville	IN
New	Parker Adams	Indianapolis	IN
Reinstating	Stephanie Caraway	Greenwood	IN
Renewing	Richard Bruce Bakemeier	Indianapolis	IN



Recruiting Readers!

Jane Gmur, Region 4 Scholarship Chair

I'm looking for a few good readers – Mensa members who can spend some time, a few hours in late February or early March, to score scholarship essays.

The Mensa Foundation scholarship program is an essay contest that is open to all students living in the U.S. who are enrolled in a U.S. college or university in the academic year following the award. Applicants write 550-word essays that describe their educational and/or career goals. Winning essays are judged by members using Foundation criteria. Please consider being one of those judges.

As Region 4 Scholarship chair, I'm recruiting members from all local groups in this region. We're looking for members who are confident in their knowledge of writing and reading skills. Of course English teachers and professional writers are welcome, but so are members from all walks of life.

Essays will be emailed to you in late February. You'll have a few weeks to read and score them in your home, though we hope it will only take an afternoon or two. You email the scores back and you're done!

If you're already judging essays for your local group then you're not allowed to do so at the regional level as well. And I don't want to steal current judges from

Local Groups. However, for those members who love reading essays and want to spend an additional few hours reading more, contact me about reading for the Nonparticipating Groups!

Please send an email to volunteers@mensafoundation.org for any questions and to get involved in this worthwhile program.

[Ed. Note: If you want to help on the local level, contact Laurel Richardson, (Lhabbitat@aol.com) who would be more than happy to have readers for CIM-area applicants.]

November 2014 Events - Central Indiana Mensa

Bridge Club – 1st Sunday of every month, 2 pm

Contact: Bob Van Buskirk, 317-359-6907 or rvanbuskirk@netdirect.net.

Location will change each month.

Indy Lunch Bunch –1st and 3rd Wednesdays at 12:00 noon, Double Eagle Café, 650 N. Meridian (at the Scottish Rite Cathedral), Indianapolis. Contact: Karen Steilberger steilkr@sbcglobal.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

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

11/14: International traveler, Dr. Ann Hake, is going to tell us everything we need to know about Ebola. Hazmat suits are optional at this meeting.

Book Sale – Please donate your good used books, videos, music, etc, to raise money for the scholarship fund. Bring them to the monthly meeting where they will be sold. Anything that doesn’t sell can be taken home or left for our host church’s library or rummage sale. The book sale is at every monthly meeting.

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

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.)

November 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
2 Bridge Club	3	4	5 Indy Lunch Bunch
9	10	11	12
16 Mensans Dining Out	17	18 MINDbending/ ExCom Paducah Area Group Meeting	19 Indy Lunch Bunch
23 Book Group	24	25	26
30	1 December	2	3 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/>

November 2014 (Continued)

Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Ham 'n' Eggs; Muncie Meeting
6	7 MIND deadline	8 Calendar Deadline
13	14 Monthly Gathering;	15
20	21	22
27	28 Cinder	29
4	5	6 Ham 'n' Eggs; Muncie Meeting

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.

November 2014 Events (cont.)

Mensans Dining Out –Third Sunday at 6:00pm.

11/16 – Arni’s 4705 East 96th Street (96th and Gray), Indianapolis, 46240.

Please let Bob know if you are coming so he can reserve enough space. contact: Bob Zdanky, 317-503-0091 or Zdanky@gmail.com

Book Discussion – Sunday 11/23, at 2:00 p.m. (New Time)

We will discuss *The Ghost Map: A Street, an Epidemic and the Hidden Power of Urban Networks* by Steven Johnson. 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.

NEW DAY

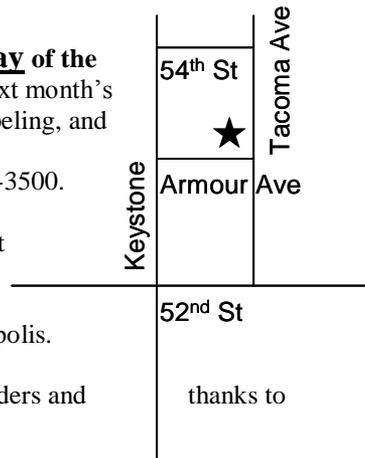
MINDBending/ExCom – THIRD Tuesday of the Month. MINDBending is the preparation of next month’s MIND for mailing. Come help with sealing, labeling, and stamping the MINDs.

11/18, 5:30 p.m. Contact: Jan Pfeil Doyle, 431-3500.

Pizza and soft drinks provided.

MINDBending is held at the offices of Midwest Internet, 5348 N. Tacoma Ave., which is 1 block east and 1 block north of 52nd St. and Keystone Ave. on the northeast side of Indianapolis.

A **BigThank You** to all the October MINDbenders and Midwest Internet for hosting the event.



***NEW SIG* Cinder-Fourth Friday of the month.** 7:00p.m. at 721 E. 55th Street, Indianapolis, IN. A SIG for the Gen X – Gen Y crowd. Contact Ethan Blocher-Smith, MensaCinder@gmail.com

December Book Discussion: 12/14 at 2:00p.m.

December will be another session to suggest a book list for 2015 (not too long and non-fiction). Come ready to tell the group about a book you have read and recommend.

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

NEW MIND Deadline is the first Friday of the month. Please send your information to Karen Wilczewski, biltmore@topdogcom.com .

There's an association for that!

Ellen Voie, RVC 4

American Mensa is an association whose only qualification for membership is a score in the top two percent of the general population on a standardized intelligence test.

Dictionary.com defines an association as “an organization of people with a common purpose and having a formal structure” or “a connection of ideas...correlation of elements of perception, reasoning, or the like.”



Associations are formed to promote a common interest. For Mensa, that common interest is to foster human intelligence, encourage research and provide a stimulating intellectual and social environment.

Although Mensa has a unique membership requirement, many other organizations are less stringent in their entrance threshold. For some, the goal is to promote a common interest.

These include organizations such as The Society for Creative Anachronism, (sca.org) which is “dedicated to researching and recreating the arts and skills of pre-17th century Europe.” The group holds festivals, workshops, and more to encourage the common interest of the Middle Ages. The only requirement to join (and pay dues) is to waive any liability regarding safety at an event and send them a check.

You might be involved in an organization that promotes a sport or hobby, such as the National Rifle Association or the Soccer Association, or even The Knitting Guild Association.

If you like food, you can join the Association of Chinese Cooking Teachers, the Snack Food Association of the American Chuck Wagon Association, whose mission is to “preserve the heritage of the chuck wagon.” The only requirement to join is to support the mission, and pay dues.

Many people join an association because it relates to their job. If you are a court reporter, you’ll join the National Court Reporters Association, and if you’re a Funeral Director, you’ll want to join the National Funeral Directors Association.

If you don’t think global warming will clear your streets of snow this winter,

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you can join the Snow and Ice Management Association or the Accredited Snow Contractors Association, which will even certify your company as being “reliable, professional and trustworthy!”

If you live in the southern states you might be more comfortable with joining the Lawn and Landscape Professionals or the Nezperce Prairie Grass Growers Association for Kentucky bluegrass growers or the Turfgrass Producers of Texas who grow grass sod.

The health care community has more associations that you could imagine. There’s an organization for almost any disease you can name. You may have heard of the Ice Bucket Challenge that was initiated by the ALS Association, which is focused on finding a cure for amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS) commonly called Lou Gehrig’s disease.

Whether you suffer from heart disease (American Heart Association), diabetes (American Diabetes Association), HIV or AIDS (International AIDS Society or HIV Medicine Association) you can find a group committed to addressing the disease and supporting the victims. Some groups address a small part of the problem, like the “Association of Toll-like receptor polymorphisms with HIV status in North Americans.”

When there is an issue affecting some of us, there will be an association to bring those concerned about it together to fight the battle.

For the professionals who look for shared information to address some of these health issues, you can find groups such as the American Dental Association, the American Medical Association, the American Chiropractic Association and the American Holistic Medical Association.

If your focus is on transportation, you can find groups that support highways (American Association of State Highway and Transportation) or railroads, (Association of American Railroads), freight forwarding (International Air & Shipping Association), airlines (Airlines for America) or even cruise ships, (Cruise Lines International Association).

Truly, you can find an association for almost anything. You can join the Gender Education and Advocacy, (gender.org) which focuses on the needs, issues and concerns of gender variant people in human society.

If you struggle with losing weight, you might want to join the “National Association for Advance Fat Acceptance (NAAFA).” Their goal is to improve

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the quality of life for the obese. You can also support the National Eating Disorders Association, which focuses on bulimia, or the National Association of Anorexia Nervosa and Associated Disorders (ANAD).

Seriously, there is an association for just about anything you can image... even for associations. The America Society for Association Executives supports the association executives who head all of these organizations. An annual convention offers insight into everything from software to board member recruitment.

Where there is an issue, there's an association. Not all of them are as difficult to join as Mensa, but they all have a focus and are supported by the dues paid by their members.

So, whatever thought enters your mind, there probably *is* an organization for that!



Books On the Runway

Margy Lancet Fletcher

Title: *The Cockroaches of Stay More*

Author: Donald Harington



Book Description: This wonderfully inventive, lighthearted novel is a bugs-eye view of life in the Deep South – specifically, the Ozark Mountain villages in Arkansas. The town of Stainmoor, or Stay More, where the story is set, is a derelict rural outpost populated by a sizable community of cockroaches, a variety of other creatures, and just two humans: Sharon, a genteel Southern lady sequestered in the Parthenon, her ancestral home, and Larry, her onetime lover, a struggling alcoholic writer who lives in a dilapidated house nearby. The true paragons of Southern civility are the “roosterroaches” (the more polite term for their species), whose “Crustian” theology revolves around Man, the Lord of Holy House (thus named because His frequent drunken rages impel Him to shoot holes in the walls with His gun), and His alleged roosterroach Son, Joshua Crust, who was impaled by a pin. Stay More’s two young-adult protagonists are Squire Sam Ingledew, a member of an elite family residing in the Parthenon, and afflicted by deafness and bashfulness toward women; and Letitia (Tish) Dingletoon, reputedly a distant cousin of Sam’s, who dwells in an old log with her parents and forty-two siblings. Ultimately, it is the combined intelligence, resourcefulness, and compassion of Sam and Tish, rather than the proselytizing

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of the duplicitous Reverend Chid Tichborne, that saves the day for all of the denizens of Stay More

Has this book changed the way you think, your attitude toward life, or even your life itself? If so, how? I first read this delightful book in the early nineties, when it was newly published, and the experience was so memorable that I thought it deserved a second look – and I was not disappointed. It is a delicious Southern stew comprised of a variety of contrasting ingredients: poignancy and satire, poetry and sensuality, lucidity and whimsy. I look forward to sampling Harington’s other books in the Stay More series, and hope that these “morsels” are just as appetizing.

Who should definitely read this book? Why? Readers who are experts, or just dabble, in linguistics, entomology, and American Southern culture – or are merely overdue for some spiritual elevation – will enjoy this comedy classic. The titles of the book’s sections mirror the stages of insect development: Instar the First through Instar the Sixth, and Imago (epilogue). And like all accomplished fantasy authors, Harington has created an identifiable parallel universe with its own terminology – e.g., sniffwhips (antennae), gitalongs (legs), east (birth), west (death), and morsel (greetings).

How long might it take to read this book? One or two days, at the most. This book is so drop-dead hilarious that the reader will be reluctant to return to the “real world,” which will seem starkly depressing in comparison.

Provide a short characteristic section, an awesome sentence, or an inspiring quote: “We take our names from Man, who is our rock and our salvation, although His wrath is great and unceasing. Man had a habit of routinely taking up and firing a revolver at the roosterroaches who dwelt in His house, with westerly accuracy depending on how much He had had to drink. Other ministers before Brother Tichborne had determined that this shooting and westering of chosen roosterroaches was both a form of punishment and an expression of Man’s love, and therefore the shooting, or the act of being shot, was called not a westering but a Rapture... There are two forms of Rapture, good Crustians believe: there is the instant Rapture of the bullet from Man, which is a guarantee that one will live upon the right hand of Man in the sweet heaven of the hereafter; but there is also the promise of the Rapture after The Bomb, when Man will lift the righteous off the floor and give them eternal life. The good Crustians will be raptured, but the faithless will perish in that holocaust and go to Hell. Hell, as everyone knows and fears, is a place of work. Unless we are righteous and obey the Lord’s commandments, we will find ourselves in Hell, the dominion of the Mockroach, hard at work.”

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Additional Remarks: I have had the misfortune of living in roach-infested residences and, remembering my frequent and futile attempts to eradicate these scrappy arthropods, I do not consider the concept of roaches with superior intelligence a terrific stretch of the imagination. Although reading this book did not arouse any nostalgia for those “bad old (buggy) days,” it did reinforce my ongoing fascination with the insect world, and my appreciation of the Deep South, where I resided for several years as a Marine spouse. May this book similarly broaden your horizons and tickle your funny bone.



Central Indiana Mensa ExCom Minutes 8/19/14

LocSec Jan Pfeil Doyle opened the regular monthly meeting of the Central Indiana Mensa ExCom at 7:02 p.m. at Midwest Internet. Members present included: David Culp, Jan Pfeil Doyle, Teresa Gregory, Karen Wilczewski, Bob Zdanky, and Karen Zwick. Absent: Ann Hake and Karen Steilberger. Guests: Petra Ritchie, Leo Doyle, Ed Chu, Alison Brown, Siegmund Haider, and Jon Applegate.

The minutes of the July ExCom meeting were accepted as written. David Culp moved; Teresa Gregory seconded, and the motion was carried.

Karen Zwick presented, as part of the Treasurer’s report, sending \$150 to National to keep the MERF balance at \$5,000. The Scholarship Committee will meet to add funds to the Scholarship Fund prior to awarding scholarships in 2015. Teresa moved to accept the Treasurer’s report; David Culp seconded. The motion unanimously passed.

The membership report showed 525 members, including 3 new members, 2 reinstating members, 3 renewing members, 1 move-in member, and 23 prospects.

Old Business

Karen Zwick provided an update on the status of the Buzz Fund. The Buzz Fund Committee met in August and brainstormed many good ideas for celebrating CIM’s 50th Anniversary. The committee recommended an anniversary party to be held on March 7, 2015, provided there are no conflicts with that date. Teresa Gregory suggested calling the event the 50th anniversary homecoming a reunion and making the event a costume party circa 1960s. Different venues were discussed, possibly a facility where guests could stay overnight, including our current RG facility. Another idea was contacting past CIM LocSecs and Editors and inviting them. Another possibility was piggybacking on the AMC coming to Indy March 20-22, 2015. The Marriott at 21st Street and Shadeland Avenue was

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also discussed. The goal for the Buzz Fund Committee is to lock in a date by the next ExCom meeting.

The demand for Mensa T-shirts has petered out. Jan Doyle asked for ways we could solicit donations for the T-shirts. Another goal is to post the T-shirts availability on the CIM website.

The New Member Dinner will be held at George's Neighborhood Grill on SR 37 and 71st Street on September 14.

To date, a total of \$164 has been collected for a brick in memory of Ex Com member Jean Rodgers. The brick will be placed in the Walk of Minds in front of the MERF building in Arlington, Texas. A brick costs \$200. Six lines of copy are permitted on the brick. Alison is open to ideas for verbiage on the brick. Also, \$71 has been collected in Jean's memory, which will go to the Scholarship Fund.

CIM Website: two Ms will serve as administrators of the CIM website. Ann Hake has volunteered, along with Bob Zdanky. The CIM website will be moved to David Bonner's servers and David will be rebuilding the site from scratch in an effort to prevent future hacking.

Mensa Testing : With October being National Testing Month, CIM will be conducting its testing on October 18 at the reduced rate of \$20, instead of the usual \$40. This will be promoted in prospect letters.

New Business

Cinder: Ethan Blocher-Smith will be hosting the upcoming Cinder meeting (for members of Generation X or Y) at his home. The meeting is open to both Ms and non-Ms.

For those interested in hosting Mensa events in their homes, Teresa Gregory suggested CIM should offer hosts a stipend to help defray the cost of refreshments. Karen Zwick will look into the policy related to offering a stipend.

Bob Beatty, Fort Wayne's LocSec, has requested the boundaries for CIM be changed so that members living in Wabash County, Indiana, could fall under Fort Wayne's jurisdiction. Jan posed this to the ExCom to learn of any objections. There were none.

With no other new business, David Culp moved and Karen Zwick seconded to adjourn. The motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Karen E. Wilczewski

Treasurer's Report

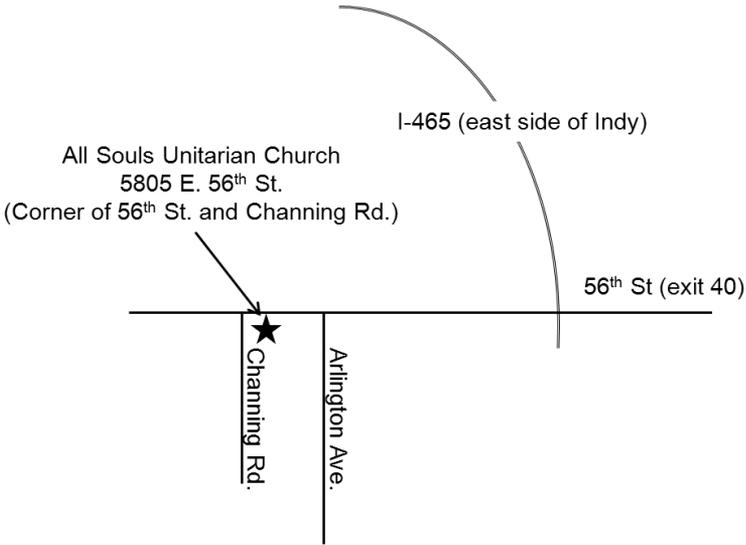
Karen Zwick, Treasurer

Balance Sheet (as of 09/22/2014)

Bank Accounts	09/22/2014	08/18/2014
Checking – Regular	\$15,003.80	\$15,373.33
Checking – Scholarship	295.53	295.53
Checking – Youth Mbrship	849.00	849.00
Checking – Buzz Fund	540.00	540.00
Vanguard Account	3,740.00	\$3,740.00
Total Assets	\$20,428.33	\$20,797.86

Profit & Loss Statement (08/18/2014– 09/22/2014)

Income		
	401.1 – Monthly Gathering Income (September)	154.00
	402 – National Mensa Inc.	512.46
Total Income		666.46
Expense		
	501.1 – Monthly Gathering Hospitality	129.90
	501.2 – Monthly Gathering Facility	105.00
	503.1 – OG Hospitality	14.99
	505 – Food for ExCom/MIND	113.26
	505.1 – MIND Printing	339.96
	505.2 – MIND Postage	245.00
	510.2 – New Member Mailings – Postage	70.00
	520 – Miscellaneous Expenses – envelopes for mailing ballots for CIM election	17.88
Total Expenses		\$1,035.99



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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