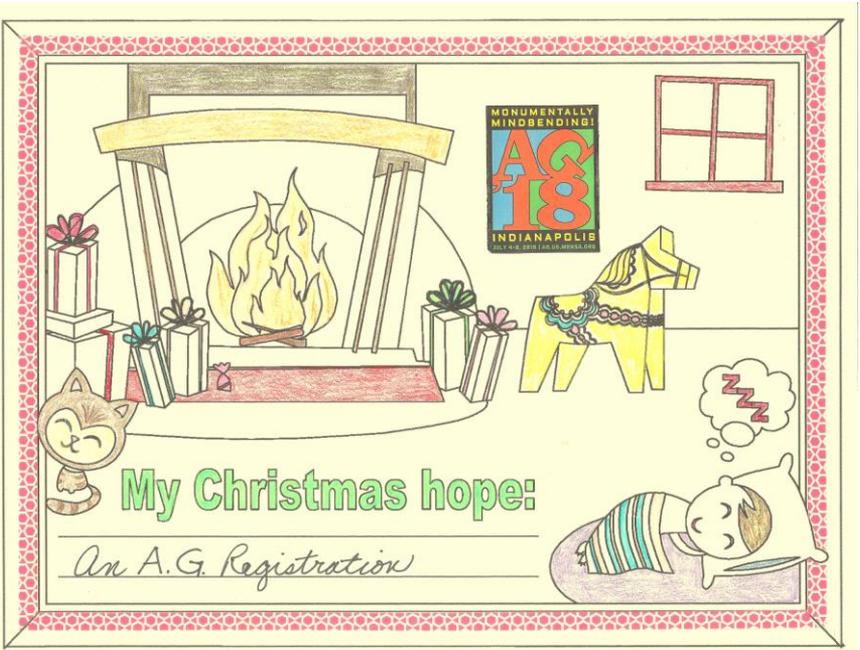




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Old Dog/New Tricks

Teresa Gregory, Editor

A year ago I was planning my retirement. Like a five-year-old awaiting Christmas, I thought it would never come. Time seemed to be slowing down, and I feared it would stop before December 31. I've always loved New Year's Eve, and last year I just couldn't wait for it to arrive. A year later, I have to say that I've never regretted my decision and I've never missed my job.



Having said that, retirement has not been what I thought it would be. I thought I would have so much free time that I would be looking for things to do. Boy, was I wrong! I was busy before retirement, but it has ramped up since then.

My new job is the Annual Gathering. Some weeks it feels like a full-time job. Jan Pfeil Doyle and I have spent a lot of time together this year. One thing we have in common is that we are both night owls. It would be challenging to be working with someone who went to bed at 10:00pm. More times than I can count, we have been emailing or texting each other at 3:00am. If I wanted to get up early, I'd still be working.

I also got to do a little traveling. I went to both Hollywoods: Florida for the Annual Gathering, and California to visit my son. I got to take that train trip that I had dreamed of since I went to New Orleans in 2005.

So, what about the coming year? You all know I have plans! I will be visiting my son again in January for a couple of nights. Southwest Airlines had a killer three-day sale to Los Angeles, and I couldn't say no. I will be at the Annual Gathering in beautiful downtown Indianapolis, of course. I'm still excited about that. I'm also looking forward to life after the AG. Maybe another train trip in the fall. Hopefully I can get some painting done in my house. Perhaps I will do some of those things I thought I would be doing in retirement. I'm open to whatever opportunities come my way. Okay, 2018, bring it on!

You all have received a code that you can pass on to someone for free Mensa testing or free prior evidence examination. That code is worth \$60. We will be testing almost every month in the coming year. If you don't have anyone to give it to, consider sharing it with another Mensan who might have more than one smart friend or relative. Don't let it go to waste.

Happy New Year to everyone!

LocSection

Jan Pfeil Doyle

Holiday Party – I hope many of you can attend our annual holiday pitch-in dinner and gift exchange on December 8th in Indianapolis (map in the back of *MIND*). Meat, bread, beverages and tableware will be provided; please bring a side dish, salad, or dessert to share. The gift exchange after dinner is always a hoot. We call it “Gimmee Grabbee” – when it's your turn, you may choose a gift that hasn't been selected yet or take one that someone else has already chosen. Presents remain wrapped until everyone has chosen – people choose based on the appearance of the package or what they think might be inside. Every year, there are a few imaginatively wrapped presents that are the hit of the party! Participation in the gift exchange isn't required, but you'll be missing out on some of the fun if you don't.



Annual Gathering 2018 Update – Continuing the countdown of “Top Ten Reasons to Come to the AG in Indy” - Reason #5: Literary & Cultural History! Indianapolis gets culture. The monumental painting of local boy, Kurt Vonnegut, (with Teresa at his feet) is testament to that. His library and museum are here. We have one of the oldest Sherlock

Holmes Scions, a CS Lewis Society, and a Victorian Society among others. The foremost authority on Ray Bradbury (and Mr Bradbury's complete study) are just west of downtown. Our AG 2018 logo is an homage to Robert Indiana and his famous LOVE painting and sculpture at the Indianapolis Museum of Art. Registration (\$199 until Feb. 28th) is open at ag.us.mensa.org or call the national office at 1-800-66-MENSA. Hotel reservations (\$134 to \$154+tax) are through the AG website link or by calling 866-704-6162; reference American Mensa Annual Gathering. If you're interested in speaking at the AG, click on the “Submit a Proposal” button. If you'd like to volunteer, shoot Teresa Gregory or me an email.



Don't Forget – To give your testing voucher to someone you'd like to have as fellow member. Vouchers expire Mar. 31, 2018. Upcoming test dates are on our website – www.indymensa.org. * Mensa scholarship applications are due Jan. 15th - www.mensafoundation.org/what-we-do/scholarships/. Contact Scholarship Chair, **Laurel Richardson**, Lhabitat@aol.com, if you'd like to help judge applications.

A Christmas to Remember

Fiction by Dom Jervis

The pounding was real, someone seemingly trying to shatter my door. It was neither a dream nor a symptom of the delirium tremens that had become my Life Rattle.

Guests were so few and far between, I didn't even mind being awakened. So, I moved as quickly as my hobbled, pain-wracked body would cross my tenement studio here in the city's under-belly, after taking my morning six-dose "eye-opener," without which I could not get out of bed. His face sparked no recollection, but seemed innocuous enough. Besides, I had nothing worth stealing.

"Come in."

"I don't know how to thank you, sir," he said, tears welling up in his eyes, as if he were in the presence of an icon. Hardly.

"For what?"

"Thirty-five years ago today, you drove through a blizzard, picked a woman up from the side of the road, and took her to the hospital."

"If you say so. I don't remember."

"Oh, it was you, no doubt. It was the only time Mom ever rode in a Mercedes."

My Mercedes! It all returned in a torrent at the mention of the symbol that I had finally made it, that I had risen from my hardscrabble upbringing on the wrong side of the tracks to be the first in my family to make something of himself. I was the first to see a college from the inside, to have his own office, his own administrative assistant and technical staff. Unfortunately, one bad decision can unravel a lifetime of hard work. No one ever said Life was fair, and I was living proof of that. I lost my job, my wife left me, my kids disowned me, my investment portfolio went "Poof!" and all my possessions that could not be saved by the bankruptcy court went bye-bye in a blink. It had all been safely ensconced away in some crevice, sleeping peacefully, until he uttered the M word.

That morning, somehow the milk ran out. My then-wife insisted that I get some to go with the kids' Christmas cookies. Along the way, a woman trudging along the side of the road fell. I thought she had merely slipped, and I stopped to offer her a ride through this weather into which I wouldn't have sent a Siberian husky. As it turned out, she was "boil some water" in the Family Way. After convincing an ER nurse and orderly that I had a situation more urgent than their card game, I helped the poor woman in. For good measure, I lied and told them I was a malpractice attorney, and if she or her child had any complications, I

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would either see them in court, or just call a “hit man” I knew. I’d forgotten about this incident shortly thereafter.

I snapped back to the present and said, “Now I remember helping her. So?”

“You mean helping us. In her time of greatest need, her family and so-called friends abandoned her. No ambulance would come to our neighborhood in that weather, so she set out on foot. When she went down, she prayed for a miracle, but was certain we would die. At first, she thought you were a mirage.”

“So how did you find me?”

“Mom had the presence of mind to take one of your business cards from your console. Even if she hadn’t, she remembered your license plate number. She was an excellent bookkeeper before the recession took her job. She always had a head for numbers.”

“I like her already. How is she?”

His sudden silence and downward glance made me wish I could have retracted my words from the air. “She’s gone, eleven months now. She made me promise I would find you and thank you for both of us.”

After condolences and a pause that seemed like decades, I couldn’t help myself. “So, did you inherit her aptitude?”

“No way. I ruled out any profession with numbers VERY early in Life.”

“Then, what do you do for a living?”

“I’m a thoracic surgeon, specializing in heart/lung transplants. I’ve performed more than 200 of them, mostly for children.”

Not a bad second choice, I thought, though it was too bad he didn’t do livers. But I figured that wouldn’t do me any good at this point, anyway.”

He continued “I don’t know what to say. It’s only because of you that I was born. I just wish I could help you somehow.”

“You can’t, but I appreciate the thought anyway.”

“If nothing else, please accept this token of my appreciation.”

The two shopping bags he handed me contained twelve large bottles of Jack Daniels, enough to last me almost two weeks, maybe. How he knew this was my beverage of choice (though usually beyond my limited means) I did not know, nor did I particularly care.

“Thanks, this will save me a lot until I get my next Social Security check.”

“If I can EVER be of assistance, here’s my card. I...play golf with a hepatologist.”

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“Thank you, but don’t wait by your phone.”

“No...thank YOU, Sir! And may God bless you.”

That was nice of him. It was comforting to know that, next time I sneeze, I’ve got one in the bank.

“Oh, and Merry Christmas, Sir. Please know that you will be in my thoughts and prayers every year on this, my birthday, and always.”

Christmas? Today?? Oh well, having no family with which to share it, I guess it had lost its significance, until now. I waited until he left to open one of the bottles. Half of it was gone in seconds. Yes, good ol’ Jack, the only friend I had left.

As I looked out my window and watched him drive away, to leave my darkness and rejoin his light, I thought “Heart/lung transplants, eh? Well God bless you too, and thanks for proving that it mattered that I was.”

As I raised the bottle again to toast his long, healthy and successful Life, I thought, “Maybe this is going to be a (rare) Good Day, after all.”

Merry Christmas, everyone!



Gifted School Seeking LA Instructor

Apogee School for the Gifted, a small private school in Indianapolis providing a well-rounded education to gifted students with a focus on the whole child, is currently seeking a part-time Language Arts instructor for grades 4-8. Excellent opportunity for someone passionate about gifted education and interested in growing with a new school.

The ideal candidate will be highly knowledgeable in the content area and have a strong belief in our mission, as well as the capability to develop and implement engaging lessons. Flexibility, patience, and a desire to meet the unique needs of each gifted child, some of which are twice exceptional, is essential. Must be able to provide the necessary scaffolding for each child to produce his or her best work. Familiarity with differing levels of giftedness, asynchronous development and various gifted teaching philosophies and educational resources highly desired.

To apply, please send a current résumé to: DBonner@ApogeeSchool.com

Winter Images

Robert O. Adair

The Old Caboose in Winter

Sitting on blocks
underneath the stars,
and the snow-covered pines,
Old Number 114, from the now abandoned
Chestnut Ridge Railway.
The cupola a sleeping loft,
and a old pot bellied stove for heat.
Icicles hand from the edge of the roof,
a fence and a gate
help root it to the ground
where it rests.
And the whistle of a train
sounds in the distance.
O cabin car, come home
So we may end our days
after many an adventurous journey
over many weary miles,
with peace and usefulness
to the last.

Falling Snow

The falling snow
floats past my windowpane,
the falling snow
so light and feathery!
Bright sunlight shines across
this clean white scene.
Cheering dour winter's
drear, cold days.
How I miss not having you
to share this with,
to kiss your cheek
and hold you close!
Ah! For the sound
of a voice
forever still.



New Members and Move-Ins

Robert Anderson	Fishers	IN	MoveIn
Bethany Stoller	Bloomington	IN	Joined
June Tschoy	Bloomington	IN	Joined



Petra's Funny Page

Petra Ritchie

1. A dog gave birth to puppies near the road and was cited for littering.
2. Two silk worms had a race. They ended up in a tie.
3. A hole has been found in the nudist camp wall. The police are looking into it.
4. Atheism is a non-prophet organization.
5. Two hats were hanging on a hat rack in the hallway. One hat said to the other: "You stay here; I'll go on a head."

If you want to be spared these groaners, email: petraritchie@msn.com

December 2017 Events

Indy Lunch Bunch – 1st and 3rd Wednesday 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 9:45 a.m. - 12 noon. Atrio, 11700 Illinois St. (Meridian & 116th St., Carmel, IN, located at IU Health North). Located just off the atrium on the first floor on the left as you enter the building from the north entrance. Breakfast served till 10 a.m., then lunch starts at 11 a.m. Drop in any time for casual conversation, lively discussion, and good food and beverages. Contact: Alison Brown, 317-846-6798, SIGHT@indymensa.org.

Bridge Club – 1st Sunday, 2 p.m. Join Bob Van Buskirk for casual, friendly bridge. Contact Bob at 317-359-6907 or vnbuskirk@yahoo.com. Location will change each month. Call ahead.

Monthly Gathering - 2nd Friday, 7:00 p.m. – 12 Midnight. **All Souls Unitarian Church, 5805 E. 56th Street, Indianapolis, IN 46226**. See last page of *MIND* for map and directions. Members: \$5.00, Non-Members: \$7.00; Children 6-12: \$3.00, under 6: free. This month, it's the HOLIDAY PARTY pitch-in dinner, followed by the Gimme Grabby Gift Exchange. Please bring something delicious to share. Meat, bread, and drinks are provided. There is no door fee if you bring a dish.

Mensa Admissions Test - 12/13, 4 p.m. registration. Testing begins at 4:30 p.m. Location is in the area of 116th St. and Rangeline Road in Carmel. (Registrants will receive exact location information). Contact: Alison Brown (317) 846-6798, SIGHT@indymensa.org.

Additional Information: We will fill out forms starting at 4 p.m. and testing will begin at 4:30 p.m. Be sure to bring #2 pencils with erasers, a photo ID, and your testing fee in the form of a voucher, check, credit/debit card, or cash.

December 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
3 Bridge Club	4	5	6 Indy Lunch Bunch
10	11	12 Channukkah	13 Mensa Admission Test
17 Mensans' Dining Out	18	19 <i>MIND</i> bending/ ExCom; Paducah Area Group Meeting	20 Indy Lunch Bunch
24 _____ 31 Book Club New Year's Eve	25 Christmas	26 Kwanzaa Begins	27

December 2017 (cont.)

Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 Ham 'n' Eggs; Cal. Deadline
7	8 Monthly Gathering	9
14	15	16
21 Winter Solstice	22 Cinder	23
28	29	30

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'll get reminders of upcoming events. It's a great way to stay in the loop.

December 2017 Events (cont.)

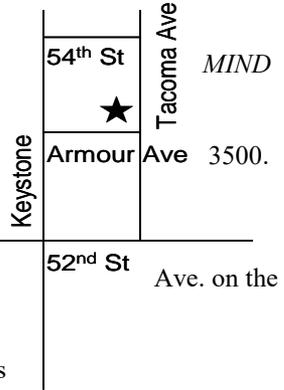
Mensans Dining Out - 3rd Sunday, 6 p.m., December 17, Local Eatery & Pub, 14655 N. Gray Road, Westfield, IN 46062. For more information, contact Bob Zdanky at 317-219-3773.

Paducah Area Group Meeting – 3rd Tuesday of every month, 7 p.m. Anyone in the area is welcome to join fellow Mensans for dinner. For location and more information on this group, contact Charles Rawlings, rawlings@siu.edu

MINDBending/ExCom – 3rd Tuesday of the month. *MINDBending* is the preparation of next month's for mailing. Come help with sealing, labeling, and stamping the *MINDs*.

12/19, 5:30 p.m. Contact: Jan Pfeil Doyle, 317-431-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 northeast side of Indianapolis.



A Big Thank You to all the November *MINDbenders* and Midwest Internet for hosting the event.

Cinder– 4th Friday, 7 p.m., 721 East 55th Street, Indianapolis. A SIG for the Gen X and Gen Y crowd. Contact Ethan Blocker-Smith at MensaCinder@gmail.com.

Book Group – 2 p.m., Sunday, 12/31. We will discuss *Dark Matter and the Dinosaurs* by Lisa Randall. 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.

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

January 2018 *MIND* calendar items due 12/31/17 to: biltmore@topdogcom.com.

Jon's Journal – News for Region 4

By Jon Gruebele, RVC4

My next several articles will discuss how American Mensa works and what our finances look like. Today's topic is governance. We have probably all questioned why things in Mensa are done the way they are. In order, this is the hierarchy of the rules we follow:

- U.S. federal laws
- New York state laws (where American Mensa is incorporated)
- Mensa's international constitution
- American Mensa's bylaws
- Actions Still in Effect (ASIEs)
- Local Group bylaws



If we want to do something differently, often we can just go ahead and change – if it doesn't conflict with something within this hierarchy. If it does, then things get a bit more complicated. Changing our bylaws, for example, requires a vote of the membership. One way to get on the ballot is for someone to submit a proposed amendment with 250 member signatures. It will go into effect if approved by a 2/3 majority.

American Mensa's Board of Directors (AMC) generally operates at the ASIE level. A board member can make a motion to adopt a change, and this will be approved if seconded and approved by a majority of voting AMC members. These include the Chair, 1st Vice Chair, 2nd Vice Chair, Secretary, Treasurer, and 10 Regional Vice Chairs. We have national elections for these positions every two years. All American Mensa's existing bylaws and ASIEs are available online.

If you have ideas about how we can improve by doing things differently, please let us know. It may not be quick or easy to change, but change is indeed possible.

One of the AMC's responsibilities is to hire the National Office's Executive Director who manages our professional staff in Arlington, TX. Our long time Director Pam Donahoo elected to resign effective mid-November to pursue a new opportunity. I would hope you could join us in thanking Pam for her 20 plus years of service to American Mensa and wishing her well in her future endeavors. As I'm writing this, the AMC is starting the process to select an interim leader and determining what we will do for the longer term.

Books On the Runway

Margy Lancet Fletcher

Title: *When Breath Becomes Air*

Author: Paul Kalanithi

Year: 2016



Book Description: Paul Kalanithi was a brilliant and dedicated neurosurgeon, nearing the end of his residency and reaping the rewards of years of intense effort through the upward trajectory of his career and professional reputation. Tragically, this soaring vehicle of promise would soon crash and burn with the diagnosis of terminal lung cancer. Fortunately for his loved ones and the world at large, Kalanithi - who had previously sought to bridge the gap between empiricism and empathy - marshalled his remaining resources toward living his remaining days meaningfully and passing along the wisdom gained through his experience to his loved ones and the reading public. *When Breath Becomes Air* is, in a sense, the culmination of the author's quest to determine the significance of his existence in the world at large, even as he faced the abrupt end of that existence. In the process, he takes the reader on a captivating intellectual and spiritual journey, beginning with his initial shock in the reversal of the doctor-patient roles. He then turns back the clock and reviews his childhood determination not to follow his perennially absent physician father's footsteps, and his escape into the literary world, which eventually - and ironically - sparks his interest in the scientific aspects of the human brain. He explains his decision to enter medical school and to ultimately specialize in neurosurgery (see excerpt below), and vividly recounts his exhausting schedules and regimens as an intern and resident at Stanford, where he met his wife, Lucy, and where he learned the importance of both technical excellence and the ability to counsel patients and families. The remainder of his account represents what he considers his backward progression through the five stages of grief: acceptance (collaboration with a competent and sympathetic oncologist on a series of treatments to combat the cancer and minimize the pain), depression (going into remission but still unable to make future plans), bargaining (exploring the Christian aspect of his illness - i.e., testing his faith), anger (the return of the cancer on the eve of his residency graduation and just prior to the birth of his daughter), and denial (his determination not to let his disease limit or define him). The epilogue, written by the author's wife, relates the events leading up to her husband's death and the publication of his book, and includes a poignant personal tribute to a gifted writer and courageous individual who faced death "with integrity."

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Has this book changed the way you think, your attitude toward life, or even your life itself? If so, how? As a senior citizen on the cusp of retirement, I appreciate Dr. Kalanithi's fresh perspective on life and death, and the imperative to treasure every minute that I'm allotted.

Who should definitely read this book? Why? This book is essential reading for both scientists and philosophers, and especially for members of the medical profession, who will benefit from the insights it imparts.

How long might it take to read this book? This modest-sized, evocative memoir can be completed in a day or two, although the more sensitive among us may need frequent "tissue breaks."

Provide a short characteristic section, an awesome sentence, or an inspiring quote: "While all doctors treat diseases, neurosurgeons work in the crucible of identity: every operation on the brain is, by necessity, a manipulation of the substance of our selves, and every conversation with a patient undergoing brain surgery cannot help but confront this fact. In addition, to the patient and family, the brain surgery is usually the most dramatic event they have ever faced and, as such, has the impact of any major life event. At those critical junctures, the question is not simply whether to live or die but what kind of life is worth living. Would you trade your ability - or your mother's - to talk for a few extra months of mute life? The expansion of your visual blind spot in exchange for eliminating the small possibility of a fatal brain hemorrhage? Your right hand's function to stop seizures? How much neurologic suffering would you let your child endure before saying that death is preferable? Because the brain mediates our experience of the world, any neurosurgical problem forces a patient and family, ideally with a doctor as a guide, to answer this question: What makes life meaningful enough to go on living?"

Additional Remarks: Those of us who feel like Ebenezer Scrooge this Holiday Season because of the prevalence of divisive partisan politics, wanton violence, and the commercialism of Christmas in this country, can harken to the voice of Dr. Kalanithi, a true angel from the realms of glory, who urges us to cherish life and live it purposefully and with compassion. This message rings true throughout the ages. Hallelujah!

[Ed. Note: Margy does an amazing job putting together thoughtful and interesting reviews, but I'm sure that she isn't the only Mensan who reads. Anyone can submit a review The form she uses is not necessary unless you choose to use it. (In other words, don't let that prevent you from submitting something.) Let's see what other people are reading. Send a review to MIND.editor@yahoo.com. Any subject or length will do.]

Theatrical Event: *Steel Magnolias*

Margy Lancet Fletcher

Tipton Community Theatre, Tipton, Indiana, is celebrating its twenty-fifth season as an organization by reprising some of its more memorable past productions. One of these classic plays, which I am co-directing, is the popular and endearing Southern ensemble comedy, *Steel Magnolias*. Set in 1980's Louisiana, in the convivial atmosphere of the local beauty shop, it features six unique women who experience personal highs and lows, and exchange witty repartee and occasional hilarious barbs: Truvy, the wise-cracking, gossipy salon owner; Annelle, Truvy's shy, insecure assistant; Clairee, the wealthy, eccentric widow of the town's former mayor; Shelby, a pretty bride-to-be with serious health issues; M'Lynn, Shelby's overprotective, socially prominent mother; and Ouiser, an irreverent, acerbic curmudgeon. *Steel Magnolias* is an exhilarating emotional roller-coaster ride guaranteed to provide audience members with warm Southern hospitality during its mid-winter run.

INFORMATION ON THE SHOW

Production Dates: Friday through Sunday, January 26-28, 2018

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

Ticket Prices: Adults \$10, Seniors (Age 62+) and Students (Age 13-College) \$8, Children (Ages 2-12) \$5.

Venue Location: The show will be performed at the Tipton High School auditorium, which is located at 619 South Main Street (Highway 19) in Tipton. If you are traveling north on Highway 31, turn right onto Highway 28, go about 5 miles into the town of Tipton, follow the sign to Highway 19 South, and turn right onto Highway 19. Go about a half mile over the bridge. The high school is on the left side of the road across from the park. You can also take Highway 19 north from Noblesville.

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). The auditorium provides ample seating for a large audience (800+); however, as there is no reserved seating and parking options are limited, you will want to arrive as soon as possible after the house opens. If you have any additional questions, please contact the theater at 765-675-1682, or me (Margy Lancet Fletcher) at 317-385-0681.

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

CIM Marketing Committee

Kurt Williams

CIM Executive committee has asked that I start up a marketing subcommittee to explore ways to improve our club's experience. The overall goals of the subcommittee as I understand them is to identify and implement strategies to:

- o Increase awareness of CIM
- o Drive participation in proctored testing
- o Raise awareness of CIM activities and participation from non-CIM Mensans (AG, RG, OG, etc.)
- o Encourage greater participation in CIM by members

If there are any other goals that you feel we should be considering, please let me know. These are lofty goals for any organization, and with the smartest people on the planet to help us, I believe we can achieve them.

There are many different types of marketing (with many different associated costs) that can be used to achieve the stated goals. There are also many different methods that can be used to implement those marketing ideas resulting in almost infinite possibilities about how we could direct our energies. The challenge facing any organization is how we achieve our goals as quickly and cost-effectively as possible.

The committee is comprised of Karen Zwick, Bob Zdanky, Karen Wilczewski, Ann Hake and myself. We will meet and develop a recommendation for the Executive Committee over the next couple of months. We also welcome input from any Mensans that might have experience or outstanding ideas on how to best achieve our goals. In the end, it is you, the members, who benefit as we strive to make CIM the best it can be, and your input can be one of the most effective tools in achieving our goals.

For more info, contact Kurt Williams Williams.kurt@sbcglobal.net

Central Indiana Mensa ExCom 9/19/17

The regular monthly meeting of the Central Indiana Mensa ExCom was held at Midwest Internet on Tuesday, September 19, 2017.

LocSec Jan Pfeil Doyle called the meeting to order at 7:20 pm. Members present were Jon Applegate, Jan Pfeil Doyle, Ann Hake, Ethan Blocher-Smith, Diane O'Brien, Kurt Williams, Bob Zdanky, and Karen Zwick.

Member absent: Karen Wilczewski

The committee reviewed the minutes of the August ExCom meeting. Kurt Williams moved that the minutes be accepted. Diane O'Brien seconded the motion, and the motion was carried.

The committee reviewed the Treasurer's report. Kurt Williams moved that the Treasurer's report be accepted as presented. Ann Hake seconded the motion, and the motion was carried.

A membership report was compiled by Jan Pfeil Doyle based upon the information available as of 8/31/2017 from American Mensa: 504 members, 1 new, 2 move-ins, 0 rejoins, and 45 prospects. It should be noted that the National office has begun importing a backlog of new prospects since the conversion to the new system last November, so the number of current new prospects remains unknown.

Old Business

2018 Annual Gathering: Planning continues steadily. A site visit took place on September 8-9 with key AG committee members and National office staff to tour the JW Marriott.

Further discussion ensued regarding the publicity / public relations / social media / outreach committee, which will be called the marketing committee for now. Kurt Williams will chair; and Ann Hake, Karen Wilczewski, Bob Zdanky, and Karen Zwick will serve on the committee.

New Business

The question was raised as to whether we are interested in bidding for Mind Games; it was decided that we will not pursue it at this time.

There being no other business, Karen Zwick made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Bob Zdanky seconded the motion. The motion was carried and the meeting was adjourned at 7:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Ann Hake, Secretary

Treasurer's Report

Karen Zwick, Treasurer

Balance Sheet (as of 10/16/2017)

Bank Accounts	09/18/2017	10/16/2017
Checking – Regular	\$5,067.00	\$4,411.43
Checking – Scholarship	386.50	386.50
Checking – Youth Membership	69.34	69.34
Checking – RG/OG Fund	9,575.23	9,575.23
Checking – Youth Activity Fund	489.40	489.40
Total Assets	\$15,587.47	\$14,906.90

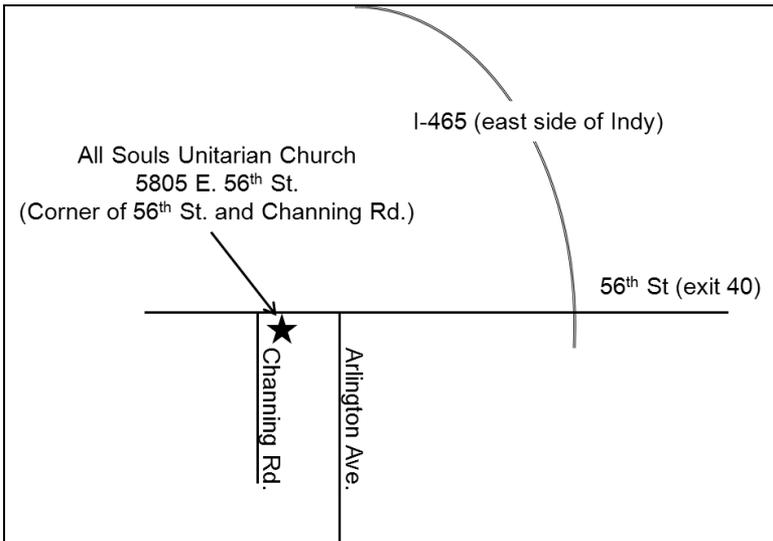
Profit & Loss Statement (09/19/2017 – 10/16/2017)

Income	
401.1 – Monthly Gathering Inc.	90.00
Total Income	\$90.00
Expense	
501.1 – MG Hospitality	100.21
505.1 – MIND Printing	351.36
505.2 – MIND Postage	294.00
515.2 – Family Program Expenses	25.00
Total Expenses	\$770.57

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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