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Subscription information: [ruthdanielle@hotmail.com](mailto:ruthdanielle@hotmail.com).

## Old Dog/New Tricks

*Teresa Gregory, Editor*

My old nemesis, Daylight Saving Time, is back, rearing its ugly head and taunting me. It came in the night and kidnapped an hour of my time. My revenge is to wait it out and live until November when I can claim it back again.

With all the AG planning, I can't really afford to lose an hour.

In this issue our RVC, Jon Gruebele, talks about the decrease in things Mensan that are printed on paper. I'm curious how people feel about that. Does the increased reliance on computers for record keeping and data collection seem appropriate for a group that boasts high IQs? As an individual, do you feel like you are being left behind? I applaud Jon for addressing this hot topic. I hope you will tell him what you think. Grumbling to the dog won't help anyone, especially the dog.

I hope everyone who needed to has renewed. If not, this will be your last issue of MIND. I just renewed my own membership.

We have a couple of "do-overs" in April. Our February speaker Greg Wright, had to cancel at the last minute because of the flu. Our own Ann Hake jumped in and did a program for us on...the flu! Greg will be doing that February presentation for us at the April 13th Monthly Meeting.

The other "do-over" is the Indianapolis Catacombs tour. They tried to go in November but were blocked by the Monumental Marathon runners They rescheduled for March. They were blocked by St Patrick's Day revelers. They are going to try April 7 at 10:00am. For more info, read the article on page 9 in this issue. Please consider going.

Also, please consider running. No, not the kind of running that causes a sweat. Please consider running for ExCom. When we rewrote and updated the bylaws, one provision allows ExCom members to attend the meetings via electronic presence. We know this works because we have a couple of current ExCom members who have attended via Skype/Facetime, etc. It's your group. You should have a say in how it's run. Now you can do that without leaving your own home.

Enjoy the lovely spring that I'm trying my best to make happen via mind control. Nothing else has worked so far.



## LocSection

Jan Pfeil Doyle

**It's Election Time** – Central Indiana Mensa's biennial election will be held in September. If you're interested in running for LocSec (President) or the ExCom (Executive Committee; the board that runs the group), please contact me and I'll put you in touch with the Nominating Committee Chair (not appointed as of the MIND deadline). If you have questions about serving, feel free to contact any member of the ExCom. Our bylaws have been updated to allow for remote electronic attendance at the board meetings (which are typically held in Indianapolis). We'd love to have some members from outside central Indiana run for the board! The nominating committee's slate will be published in the June MIND, so you'll need to get in touch with the nominating committee by early May to be slated. Alternatively, you may run as a petition candidate with the signatures of 10 members. Petitions are due to the Election Committee Chair by July 1st. The final ballot will be published in the August MIND. Ballots must be delivered to the Election Committee Chair by Sept. 14th. More details in upcoming MINDs.



**Annual Gathering 2018 Updates** – Continuing the countdown of “Top Ten Reasons to Come to the AG in Indy” - Reason #2: Explore Indy! If you want to take a break from the AG (or you arrive early) and you don't want to take a formal tour, go out on your own. Looking out the hotel windows you can see the Eiteljorg Museum (Western art), Victory Field (home of our Indianapolis Indians), White River State Park and the Indianapolis Zoo, Indiana State Museum, NCAA Headquarters, and so much more. Register at [ag.us.mensa.org](http://ag.us.mensa.org) or call the national office at 1-800-66-MENSA (\$229 until June 15th). 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. . . . online sign up for volunteering will go live soon.

**Sad News** – Former Central Indiana Mensa member **Grace Falvey** passed away on March 9th. Grace was the coordinator of the Bridge SIG for many, many years. She also served as LocSec and on ExCom a number of times.

**Don't Forget To Renew** – If you're reading this before March 31st, you still have time to get your dues in on time. There's also time to join or form a

**CultureQuest**® team; the deadline for that is also March 31st (see my February or March columns or contact me for more info).

# **The Red and The Blue**

*Greg Crawford*

It's no secret the U S of A is divided. And then some. So, let's suppose we settled things once and forever. Let us suppose that we could divide ourselves into two separate countries; conservative Red Staters on one side and liberal Blue Staters on the other.

America could be split horizontally (North vs South), diagonally or some other way. In this scenario, let's divide ourselves into two camps; this side of the Mississippi and that side of the Mississippi. One side would enact laws, taxes, and social policies which encompass every Progressive's dreams. The other would have a society that would be 100% in harmony with Conservative values.

Very polarized from the outset, East and West America give each current American four years to choose where to live. Then the borders would be permanently closed. If you choose Blue, you live blue 24/7. If you opt for Red, you live with all that entails.

The differences would have quite the contrast.

On the Blue side, there would be no death penalties. The Blue penal system would prioritize rehabilitation. Drug laws would be drastically relaxed. The Red states would enforce the opposite. The death penalty would be generously allotted. Swift and sure, two maybe three appeals then it's time. Red state penal theory would be harsh. "Lock 'em up and throw away the key." Drug laws would be strictly enforced.

Gun ownership would also differ greatly. The laws of the Blue states would require 100% registration and would regulate ownership by quantity and type. Certainly, there would be no legal ownership of "assault style weapons" and/or large capacity magazines. Over on the Red side, anything goes. No registration at all with little or no product restrictions. Everyone would be packing.

Social programs are next to be considered. Public benefits would be allocated to all who have need in Blue-land. Expanded food stamp, housing, and cash-based welfare would be the standard. Even telephone service, computer access, and transportation would be provided as modern-day needs.

On the Red side, social benefits would also be quite generous ... but only for those who had act-of-God or similar by-chance limitations. Drug addiction, alcoholism, out-of-marriage parenting, and just plain idleness would get no sympathy, let alone public support.

Medical care? Blue state health systems would be fully government paid for all. No deductibles, no maximum usage, no required personal contributions. Healthcare would be a vested right with no limits. Red states could enact a Medicare style health plan. The key difference is that it would be voluntary with

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the obvious severe consequences for those who did not participate in this plan or an alternative.

One of the new countries would have a much higher minimum wage. Even the laziest, stupidest, least-qualified employee would be guaranteed a living wage. The other side would also have a minimum wage, but it would be truly minimum. Guess which would be Blue and which would be Red. The Blue side, of course, would decidedly cut back on military spending; way, way back. The Red states would be ready (no pun intended) for one and all. Laws about discrimination, environmental issues, immigration, and lawsuits would also be enacted along Progressive vs Conservative values.

Obviously, taxes and government intervention would be proportionate.

So what do you suppose would happen then? With only a few years to make a forever decision, which side would Americans select? Which way would wage earners relocate? Which way would welfare recipients migrate? Which direction would industry move? Who would make the soap and who would grow the corn? Who would have a viable economy? Which side would be sustainable



## **Petra's Funny Page**

*Petra Ritchie*

*I sent ten puns to friends in hope that at least  
one of the puns would make them laugh.  
No pun in ten did.*

1. Two fish swim into a concrete wall. One turns to the other and says "Dam!"
2. A sign on the lawn at a drug rehab center said: "Keep off the Grass."
3. I wondered why the baseball kept getting bigger. Then it hit me.
4. A backward poet writes inverse.
5. A midget fortune-teller who escapes from prison is a small medium at large.

Have some clever puns to contribute? Email: [petraritchie@msn.com](mailto:petraritchie@msn.com)

## 2018-19 Book Group Reading List

Rich Gibson

Here is the list of books to read for the CIM Book Group. It meets in Sunday afternoons once a month. Check the calendar for exact dates. Call or email Rich Gibson if you have any question or for directions.

Apr 15: *Half Earth* by E O Wilson

- Will also include an article from The Atlantic refuting Kolbert's Sixth Extinction

May 20: *Time Detectives* by Brian Fagan

Jun 17: *Why We Sleep* by Matthew Walker

Jul 22: *Evolution of Beauty* by Richard Prum

Aug 19: Lewis and Clark. Read one of these (or another book on the topic) and come prepared to discuss it!

- *From Sea to Shining Sea*, by James Alexander Thom
- *Undaunted Courage* by Stephen Ambrose
- *The Journals of Lewis and Clark*

Sep 23: *Without You There Is No Us* by Suki Kim

Oct 28: *Reality is Not What It Seems* by Carlo Rovelli

Nov 18: *Venomous* by Christie Wilcox

Dec 16: *Dialogues: Conversations on the Nature of the Universe* by Clifford Johnson

Jan 20, 2019: *Hidden Life of Trees* by Hans Wohlleben Feb 17: *I Was Told to Come Alone* by Souad Mekhennet

Mar 17: *The Year of Lear* by James Shapiro

Apr 21: *Why Zebras Don't Get Ulcers* by Robert Sapolsky



## May Book Group Preview

Alison Brown

**Title:** *Time Detectives : How Archaeologists use Technology to Recapture the Past*

**Author:** Brian Fagan

The CIM book discussion group has chosen this fascinating look into the development of archaeology from wild digging to high-tech scans and analysis for its gathering on May 20<sup>th</sup>.

The author leads us to scenes of humanity's past in North and South America, Africa and Europe. We also go under the sea to virtually explore the contents of a rich cargo vessel lost in the Mediterranean some 3000 years ago. He refers in his text, not only to the struggles and triumphs of past peoples, but connects

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them to issues that are relevant today, such as the stresses of climate change.

I found the revelation of life in a Wadi in pre-dynastic Egypt most surprising and am amazed at what could be discovered at the site of 9000 years [sic] of buffalo drives in Canada to tell us of the lives and survival measures used by first nations. He also describes Tiwanaku, a vanished city on Lake Titicaca's Bolivian shore (A.D. 5th-11th centuries), where Andean farmers used crop cultivation methods that are now being copied by modern villagers to increase yields! Much ink has been spilled over the changes wrought by the domestication of plants and animals, and previously I considered it a very gradual process, but Fagan introduces us to researchers who showed that a wild grain could be domesticated in as little as 2 or 3 decades.

*Time Detectives* is divided into 13 chapters which take us from the Stone Age to colonial Annapolis.

Read the whole book or just the bits about your favorite eras and cultures and come discuss your thoughts with us on Sunday May 20<sup>th</sup> at Rich and Jackie's home on Indianapolis' northeast side. While the Carmel Library has a copy of this book, IMPL unfortunately has not a single one. However, *Time Detectives* is so delightful, it would make a good addition to one's personal library.



## **Second 2<sup>nd</sup> Chance Catacombs Tour!**

Diane O'Brien

Discover the Secrets of the City Market on a Tour of the Catacombs

~~March 17, 2018 at 10:00 a.m.~~ April 7, 2018 at 10:00am.

UPDATE 3/18/2018: This is the second 2nd chance to see the City Market Catacombs. The last two times the streets were blocked by races, so hopefully the third time is a charm!

A vast expanse of brick barrel arches, the catacombs are all that remain of Tomlinson Hall, which burned in 1958 and was torn down by the city. Visitors will see the huge limestone pillars that supported the hall, explore the network of arches, and learn the history of the underground labyrinth, which includes its use as a storage facility during the flood of 1913, and a refuge for the city's homeless during the bitterest winters.

This tour was originally scheduled for Mensa Youth in November, but so many streets were blocked by the Monumental Marathon, that many of those who had signed up were not able to attend (including me!). Since we have additional space available in the tour group, you are invited to join us. Cost is \$10.00 for ages 12 and older and \$5.00 for ages 6-11. Please let me know if you would like to join us – e-mail is [robrien25@comcast.net](mailto:robrien25@comcast.net).



## New Members

Christa Ferdarko	Alexandria	IN	MoveIn
John Perkins	Terre Haute	IN	MoveIn
Tami Radney	Indianapolis	IN	MoveIn



## SIGHT At Work (And Play)

*Alison Brown, CIM SIGHT Coordinator*

SIGHT is the way to enjoy the company of Mensans from all over, and people are the fun of Mensa.?? In May, Victor from Cluj, Romania is looking for Mensa contacts during his stay in Indianapolis to attend the Indy 500 mile race. He is a 27 year-old software engineer with interest in travel, motorsport, technology, history.

CIM SIGHT is looking for people to host him on sightseeing trips on May 24th, 25th and 28th.?? With his interests, a visit to the Indiana Historical Society and the Rolls-Royce Allison Heritage Trust Museum would be a good fit.?? Is someone available to do the White River State Park attractions with him, Newfields, Children's Museum??? Can some of the younger generation of our group get together with him evenings, to show off some of Indy's night life? Who might like to host a gathering (cookout?) for him and other CIMensans on Saturday?

Finally, are any Indy Mensans going to the race on Sunday and would be interested in transporting or carpooling with him so he gets there without too much stress.?? His ticket is in the SW Vista stand, section 16, row QQ, but you could also meet up with him on Carb Day. If you have time and interest, please contact me at [SIGHT@indymensa.org](mailto:SIGHT@indymensa.org) as soon as you read this and I will put you in touch with Victor.

## April 2018 Events

**Ham ‘n’ Eggs (Hamilton County Eggheads)** – 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday from 9:45 a.m. - 12 noon. Atrio, 11700 Illinois St. (Meridian & 116<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:SIGHT@indymensa.org).

**Indy Lunch Bunch** – 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday at 12:00 noon, Double Eagle Café, 650 N. Meridian (at the Scottish Rite Cathedral), Indianapolis. Contact: Karen Steilberger, [steilkr@sbcglobal.net](mailto:steilkr@sbcglobal.net).

**Monthly Gathering** - 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday, 7p.m. – 12 Midnight. **All Souls Unitarian Church, 5805 E. 56<sup>th</sup> Street, Indianapolis, IN 46226.** See last page of *MIND* for map and directions. NOTE NEW FEE: **Members: \$7.00, Non-Members: \$10.00; Children 6-18: \$5.00, under 6: free.**

**4/13** - Our April Monthly Gathering will feature Greg Wright, who will speak on “Protecting Yourself Against Identity Theft and Fraud”. Mr. Wright, a Certified Fraud Examiner, Certified Financial Planner, and fellow Mensan, will present case studies and provide practical measures that can help you avoid becoming the victim of identity theft. [This is a reschedule.]

**STEM Time with George Dunn** (formerly 10 Minutes of Math and Science) following the speaker.

**Mensa Admissions Test** - Saturday, 4/5, 12 noon registration. Testing will be conducted on the south side of Indianapolis. Contact: Karen Zwick at: [karen.zwick@outlook.com](mailto:karen.zwick@outlook.com) to reserve a space. The exact location will be provided when a candidate reserves a space.

**Additional Information:** The \$60 testing fee is payable by cash, check, or any major credit card. You can purchase a voucher for the fee ahead of time at [www.mensa.org/join/testing/testingvoucher/](http://www.mensa.org/join/testing/testingvoucher/). Candidates between 14 and 17 years of age are required to have one of their parents also sign the registration form in the presence of the testing coordinator at the testing site. We are not permitted to test candidates under age 14. Candidates under 14 will need to apply to the American Mensa Ltd. national office in Arlington, Texas, using approved prior testing evidence. A partial list of accepted tests and scores is available at: [www.u.s.mensa.org/join/testscores/qualifyingscores/](http://www.u.s.mensa.org/join/testscores/qualifyingscores/). Further questions about prior evidence admission to Mensa may be answered by calling Mensa’s national office at 817-607-0060.

No smoking, calculators, or scratch paper are allowed. Candidates are permitted to take each of the two tests comprising the Mensa Admissions Test battery only once in their lives. Candidates who qualify on either test will be invited to become a member. Please bring photo ID and one or two #2 pencils.

# April 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
1 April Fool's Day; Easter	2	3	4 Indy Lunch Bunch
8	9	10	11
15 Mensans' Dining Out; Book Club	16	17 <i>MIND</i> bending/ ExCom; Paducah Area Group Meeting	18 Indy Lunch Bunch
22 Earth Day	23	24	25
29	30		

# April 2018 (cont.)

Thursday	Friday	Saturday
5	6	7 Ham 'n' Eggs; Cal. Deadline; Catacomb Tour
12	13 Monthly Gathering	14
19	20	21
26	27	28

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

## April 2018 Events (cont.)

**Book Group** – 2 p.m., Sunday, 4/15. We will discuss *Half Earth* by E.O. Wilson. Discussion will include an article from *The Atlantic* refuting Kolbert's Sixth Extinction. The group will meet 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.

**Mensans Dining Out** - 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday, 6 p.m., 4/15. St. Yared Ethiopian Cuisine & Coffeehaus, 11210 Fall Creek Rd, Indianapolis, IN.  
For more information, contact Bob Zdanky at 317-219-3773.

**Paducah Area Group Meeting** – 3<sup>rd</sup> 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](mailto:rawlings@siu.edu)

**MINDBending/ExCom** – 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month.

*MINDBending* is the preparation of next month's for mailing. Come help with sealing, labeling, and stamping the *MINDs*.

4/17, 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 52<sup>nd</sup> St. and Keystone northeast side of Indianapolis.



**A Big Thank You** to all the March *MINDbenders* and 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>

May 2018 *MIND* calendar items due 4/7/18 to: [biltmore@topdogcom.com](mailto:biltmore@topdogcom.com).

## Jon's Journal – News for Region 4

By Jon Gruebele, RVC4

### The War on Paper

There are few topics in Mensa that generate as much emotion as the trend away from paper-based systems in favor of electronic alternatives. One member stated he could never support anyone who sent him something by postal mail, since doing that is ecologically unsound. I've had another member very upset that AG registrations and information were only available via the website or by calling the National Office. Failing to print all that in the Bulletin was described as "insensitive or downright passive-aggressive mean."



There are reasons behind the trend toward electronic transactions and communications. Cost and speed are big drivers, but quality plays a role too. I'm much less likely to misspell my name than is someone else keying it in from a form. Conversely, some people don't have reliable internet access and others may find reading computer screens challenging.

Clearly our membership is divided. Today, 56% of members in Region 4 request print newsletters; the remaining 44% have their preference set to receive them electronically. The cost for Local Groups to deliver print newsletters is one of their largest expenses. Bulk mailing rates and an affordable printer can help, yet for example Chicago still spends \$0.76 per member to mail newsletters. Contrast that to the \$0.85 per member National remits to Local Groups to support all their operations. Other groups' costs vary depending on how many pages they print; use of first class mail rates; or if volunteers fold, label, and stamp their newsletters.

Interestingly, new members' default preferences are set to electronic newsletter delivery. Yet within a year or two, many of these members have changed that preference to print. You can set your own preference by going to the [us.mensa.org](http://us.mensa.org) website, logging on, and navigating to My Mensa -> My Membership Profile -> My Communications Preferences.

American Mensa's Minimum Standard Bylaws require Local Groups to send print newsletters at least quarterly to anyone who requests them. The print newsletters must have announcements of upcoming events including business meetings, financial reports, and anything the Ombudsman submits marked "for publication". Groups may, however, produce both electronic and print newsletters, and they don't have to be the same. Some groups have gone to a bare-bones quarterly print newsletter, with lengthier and more frequent electronic newsletters. Getting those longer, full color newsletters more quickly is why many members prefer electronic.

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There's not much appetite to change the requirement for print newsletters any time soon, but people may also not like a quarterly print newsletter with little content. I would expect the Board of Directors (AMC) will eventually make print newsletters optional for Local Groups, perhaps making it effective sometime in the future – perhaps 8 or 10 years?

What would you think about that idea? Contact me at [rv4@us.mensa.org](mailto:rv4@us.mensa.org), via phone or text at +1 309 693 1359, or join us in our Region 4 Facebook group: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/695847670490858>.

## **P.S.**

Hello everyone,

FYI -- We have several upcoming RGs in the area you might want to mention in your next newsletter. Saint Louis is having one on Saturday April 7th, with associated activities on Friday and Sunday (see <http://stlouisareamensa.weebly.com/regional-gathering.html>). Wisconsin is having theirs April 27-29 in Delevan (see <http://wi.us.mensa.org/rg.htm>). Mary Lee Kemper also asked me to forward along some information about their upcoming Regional Gathering in Blue Ash (Cincinnati), also the weekend of April 6-8.

I hope you find this useful.

Best regards,

Jon Gruebele  
American Mensa Regional Vice Chair 4



## **Books On The Runway**

*Margy Lancet Fletcher*

**Title:** *Noah's Boys in the City of Mother Earth*

**Author:** Gregory Horning

**Year:** 2017

**Book Description:** This richly imagined Biblical fantasy starts simply enough: with an ornamental brick acquired by the author from a college bookstore in Beirut. When the brick is *Continued on next page*





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collection of metal sheets that comprise a journal kept by Japheth, the oldest son of Noah, the preeminent ark builder from the Book of Genesis. What follows is the story of Japheth and his younger brothers, Shem and Ham, and several generations of extended family who inhabit Enoch's Valley, a lush, paradisiacal community of devout, industrious, charitable individuals. Sadly, this Heaven-on-Earth is in constant threat of invasion by a host of godless neighbors, most notably from the City of Mother Earth, who resent the prosperity of Enoch's Valley and covet its natural and monetary wealth. *Noah's boys*, their families, and other allies engage in many battles with enemies (both human and beast), not-so-natural disasters, and their own temptations in this engaging adventure tale presented from an authentically youthful perspective. *Noah's Boys* is a satisfying work of fiction with expertly-drawn characters and a happy, hopeful ending.

**Has this book changed the way you think, your attitude toward life, or even your life itself? If so, how?** The author of *Noah's Boys*, Gregory Horning, is the brother of Judson (Jud) Horning, a lifetime member of Mensa whom many Central Indiana members recognize as a formerly active participant in the life of CIM. Jud and his mother, Libby, currently reside in ManorCare at Summer Trace in Carmel, IN; Alison Brown, who is Jud's caregiver and health care agent, was kind enough to loan me Libby's copy of *Noah's Boys*, as I found the title intriguing and was eager to read it. While I am not entirely in agreement with the worldview that the author presents in his Biblical parable, I am impressed with his literary talent, his breadth of historic and cultural knowledge (most chapters include informative "editorial" footnotes), and his dedication to his craft (I am told that this project was many years in the making).

**Who should definitely read this book? Why?** Conservative Christians will definitely want to add *Noah's Boys* to their personal libraries, as the alternate universe the author has created (exemplified in the passage cited below) espouses a free-market economy, a patriarchal society, personal (not collective) responsibility, the Creator as the final authority on all issues, ardent resistance to the appetites of the flesh, and altruism (voluntary, rather than through taxation). Nevertheless, readers lacking some or all of these Pence-esque persuasions should not dismiss this book out of hand, as the reasoning behind his various stances is well-presented, and I say unto all readers that informing oneself on opposing convictions can only strengthen one's own. This is something that too many so-called liberal colleges and universities all too easily forget, alas!

**How long might it take to read this book?** I urge all potential readers not to be daunted by the size of the volume (438 pages). The lively yet straightforward prose and the large print (nice and easy on these senior eyes) ensure as effortless

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and pleasant a task as, say, a cruise down the Hiddekel River. This journey should last no longer than two or three days.

**Provide a short characteristic section, an awesome sentence, or an inspiring quote:** “Great Uncle Seth raised his hand. ‘Patriarch, I hesitate to tell you this, but I fear some of our own elders are becoming worse than beggars. One of them has even adopted the worldview of a thief! Lamech, tell Father what cousin Achbor said.’ ‘Very well, my brother,’ Grandpa Lamech said, frowning. ‘But he will not like it. A few days ago, Achbor announced a grand proposal to cure poverty. Enoch’s Valley could become a paradise again, he said, just like the Garden of Eden, if each of us simply gave up all the property we had accumulated - all the gold, land, food, that kind of thing - and then redistributed the property to give everyone exactly the same amount. He graciously volunteered to undertake the redistribution himself! Instantly, he said, our society would achieve equity, harmony, and contentment. And we could keep it that way, he said, by simply not allowing anyone to sell things for more than they actually cost. That was his plan! He was serious, too, although even a donkey could see that his plan would remove any incentive to work and produce things of value in the first place!’ ‘But the most ironic thing,’ Great Uncle Seth added, ‘is that we all know Cousin Achbor! He is lazy, selfish, and covetous, and he never personally gives to the poor. Oh, he enjoys his role as an elder in the council! He blithely votes to spend the hard earned money taxed from other people, and then claims credit as though he were spending money from his own purse!’ ”

**Additional Remarks:** This book is not widely distributed - I doubt that it can be found in many libraries - but can be acquired through Amazon or the publishing company, BookLocker.com. I assure you that your efforts will be rewarded - and appreciated by the author’s family. P.S. You can write to Jud or Libby c/o ManorCare at Summer Trace, 12999 N. Pennsylvania, Carmel IN 46032.





## **Central Indiana Mensa ExCom 12/19/17**

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

LocSec Jan Pfeil Doyle called the meeting to order at 6:49 pm. Members present were Jan Pfeil Doyle, Ann Hake, Diane O'Brien, Karen Wilczewski, Kurt Williams, Bob Zdanky, and Karen Zwick.

Absent: Jon Applegate, Ethan Blocher-Smith.

Guests: Petra Ritchie, Alan Schmidt.

The committee reviewed the minutes of the November ExCom meeting. Karen Zwick moved that the minutes be accepted. Diane O'Brien seconded the motion, and the motion was carried.

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

A membership report was compiled by Jan Pfeil Doyle based upon the information available as of 11/30/2017 from American Mensa: 518 members, 1 move-in, 1 rejoin, and 8 prospects.

### **Old Business**

2018 Annual Gathering: Planning continues steadily. The speaker for the Gala Banquet has been announced as astronaut David Wolf. Proposals for speakers continue to be solicited through March 15, 2018.

### **New Business**

The Gifted Family program is planning another trip to the downtown catacombs in February since attendance was limited to the last trip by the Monumental Marathon that occurred at the same time.

There being no other business, Karen Wilczewski made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ann Hake seconded the motion. The motion was carried, and the meeting was adjourned at 7:04 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Ann Hake, Secretary



## **Treasurer's Reports**

*Karen Zwick, Treasurer*

**Due to the cancellation of the January ExCom meeting, this month there are two Treasurer's Reports.**

### **Balance Sheet (as of 01/15/2018)**

<b>Bank Accounts</b>	<b>12/18/2017</b>	<b>01/15/2018</b>
Checking – Regular	\$4,715.01	\$4,082.84
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	464.40	464.40
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$15,210.48</b>	<b>\$14,578.31</b>

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**Profit & Loss Statement (12/19/2017 – 01/15/2018)**

<b>Income</b>		
	401.1 – Monthly Gathering Inc.	0.00
<b>Total Income</b>		0.00
<b>Expense</b>		
	501.1– MG Hospitality	61.08
	505 – Food for ExCom/MINDBending (multiple months)	159.00
	505.1 – MIND Printing	305.80
	507 – Promotional Expenses (Meetup)	89.94
	520 – Miscellaneous – postage for mailing tests	16.35
<b>Total Expenses</b>		\$632.17

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**Balance Sheet (as of 02/19/2018)**

<b>Bank Accounts</b>	<b>01/15/2018</b>	<b>02/19/2018</b>
Checking – Regular	\$4,082.84	\$4,224.81
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	464.40	464.40
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$14,578.31</b>	<b>\$14,720.28</b>

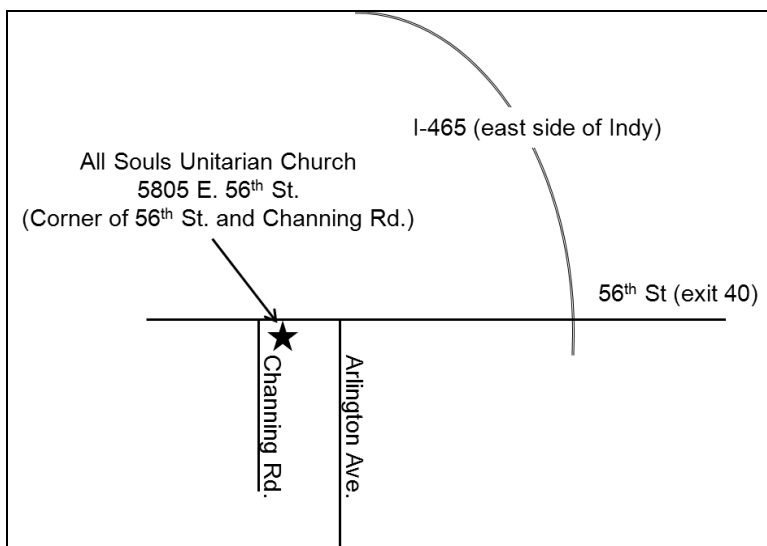
**Profit & Loss Statement (01/16/2018 – 02/19/2018)**

<b>Income</b>		
	401.1 – Monthly Gathering Inc.	52.00
	402 – National Mensa Income (Jan & Feb)	921.10
<b>Total Income</b>		973.10
<b>Expense</b>		
	501.1– MG Hospitality	84.38
	505.1 – MIND Printing	398.88
	505.2 – MIND Postage	343.00
	520 – Miscellaneous – postage for mailing tests	4.87
<b>Total Expenses</b>		\$831.13

## **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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