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## Old Dog/New Tricks

*Teresa Gregory, Editor*

The past couple of months have been super busy for me. My son, Jack, did not come home from California this year during the holidays because he planned to be home in mid April for a buddy's wedding. It worked out well with better weather, cheaper airline fares, and more opportunity to meet up with old friends. He was home about 10 days with a trip to South Bend and then to Detroit in the middle. Time blasted by at rocket speed. It was nice to have him home.



The kittens had their first birthday while Jack was home. This was the first time he had met them. They took a shine to him. He brought his computer home so he could work during his vacation. Kittens were on his lap and the back of his chair. They slept with him. He really enjoyed them and learned their names very quickly. I had to break the news to him that the girls were in heat. It makes them very...uh...friendly. How had this happened? At five months old, I took the boys, Twinx and Jinx, to the FACE Low-Cost Spay/Neuter Clinic and had them "fixed." I had them done first because I thought it might calm them down and keep them from learning to spray. The boys were also larger than the girls. My intention was to take the three girls (Fuego, Nona, and Whisper) shortly after the boys were fully recovered and they made the minimum weight limit. In early fall, they all got colds. So no one left the house. Later in the fall, they all got some throw-up bug. And the weather got colder with a chance of really cold and/or snowy. After they were all over Jack, I thought I really needed to get that task done.

The Friday before Mother's Day, I eliminated the opportunity for them to ever celebrate motherhood. They had to be at the clinic between 7-8am. I picked them up before 5pm. They did very well. They each have a tiny bright green tattooed mark next to their incision so that anyone would know they have been spayed. I also confirmed something I had thought. While Twinx and Jinx weigh in at over 12 pounds each, the girls are much smaller, running 5, 6, and 7 pounds total.

Already this is leading to better sleep and calmer kitties.

**NEW MEETING PLACE STARTING JUNE 12!**

## LocSection

Jan Pfeil Doyle

**New Monthly Meeting Place This Month** – Starting on **June 12<sup>th</sup>**, our monthly meeting will be held at the

Quality Inn Castleton on the SW corner of Allisonville Rd and I-465 (8380 Kelly Lane, Indianapolis 46250).

We're planning to try this location at least through the end of 2015. I would like to thank **Petra Ritchie** again for providing us with a place to meet for **SIX YEARS**, first at her condo clubhouse and then at her church!! She made a huge commitment to our group—having to be at every meeting from beginning to end or finding someone else to open and close the building when she was out of town. It was a sometimes thankless and annoying job.



While I'm thanking people, another person who has made amazing contributions to our group in so many ways is **Teresa Gregory**. Right now, I'm thinking specifically about how she has brought the food to our monthly meetings for many years. Others have started bringing food, too—thanks to everyone who's doing that!—but **Teresa** always makes sure we have plenty to snack on. And then there's **Bob Zdanky** (who took over from **Greg Crawford**) who brings the drinks—thanks, **Bob**! And then there's Treasurer **Karen Zwick** (and **Alan Schmidt** before her) who is at almost every meeting to take people's entrance money. **Ann Hake** has done a wonderful job in arranging an eclectic group of topics and speakers for our meeting programs. And **Rhoda Israelov** has also been entertaining us for years with "**Rhoda's Riddle**." Finally, **George Dunn** has been presenting mini-programs after the main programs. So please thank **Petra, Teresa, Bob, Greg, Karen, Alan, Ann, Rhoda, and George** next time you see them for making our monthly meetings the entertaining and interesting events that they are.

**CultureQuest** – CIM fielded two teams for Mensa's annual quiz bowl. **George Dunn** captained a team with **Jon Applegate, Greg Crawford, Jan Greene, and Ann Hake**. **Pat Milligan** led the second team with **Steve Merchant, Teresa Gregory, Leo Doyle** and **me**. The people who write the questions come up with some VERY obscure ones. Our team had fun—we are still muttering about some of the questions and answers. The results will be announced at the AG in Louisville.

**Annual Gathering** – Remember, the Annual Gathering (U.S. Mensa's national convention) is coming up July 1-5 in Louisville, KY. We will have a good representation from CIM at the AG, including presentations by CIM members **Nan Harvey** and **Leo Doyle**. If you've never been to an AG, this is a great opportunity to try it out. You can find more information at [www.ag2015.us.mensa.org](http://www.ag2015.us.mensa.org).

## Sidebars from *Lonely Planet*:

### The Cerne Giant

*Teresa Fisher*

I began this brief series of “off the beaten track” tourist attractions with a story about a man whose life-size statue had been rendered in bronze with a bulge in his trousers so large it had become a good luck totem, and women had rubbed it shiny. I will end the series with an attraction that serves as a kind of bookend to the first story.

Southern England has a sub-strata of chalk under its green hills, and for centuries people have carved huge drawings in the hillsides so the white chalk shows through. The oldest is the Uffington White Horse, assumed to have been cut during the Iron Age. Horses are by far the most popular figure to be carved, with fourteen of them known in the Wiltshire area alone. A few have been lost over time because they require regular maintenance to keep grass from obliterating the lines. The horse in Cherhill was cut in 1780, and originally had a glass bottle pressed upside-down into the chalk to form a glittering eye. Cut in 1838, the horse in Hackpen is thought to have been created to commemorate the coronation of Queen Victoria. Aside from horses, the Long Man of Wilmington was cut in the 17<sup>th</sup> or 18<sup>th</sup> century, and advertising logos have been created in modern times. In 1764 Squire Edward Horne had a 270-foot chalk spire cut into Watlington Hill, so the parish church would appear to have a spire when viewed from his home. But my favorite chalk figure is the Cerne Giant, also known as the Rude Man of Cerne.

Cerne Abbas, barely changed by time, is exactly the kind of village you think of when you hear the term “quaint.” A postcard picture taken many decades ago shows stone buildings along the main street that look no different today. Named for the Benedictine Abbey founded there in 987, Cerne Abbas became a small market town after Henry VIII destroyed the monastery. Now tourists come to see its attractions, the most famous of which is the chalk outline frontal view of a 180-foot naked man with a 36-foot erect penis. By my rough calculations, that would equate to a fourteen-and-a-half-inch penis on a regular-sized man. *Lonely Planet* calls it, “a nudge-nudge, wink-wink tourist attraction.”

Some claim the Giant was carved during the Iron Age, but others doubt the abbey monks would have allowed such a figure to be cut or maintained. The earliest reference to it is in the 17<sup>th</sup> century. Nothing is known about its makers or their purpose, so we’re free to make up our own stories. Some think he originally had a navel and over time those maintaining the figure “accidentally” incorporated the navel as part of his penis. Of course he became a fertility symbol, and long ago young women desiring pregnancy would sleep overnight on the Giant. (That’s the end of the sentence. I didn’t leave off a word.)

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We arrived at Cerne Abbas on a Friday afternoon, and the village's only souvenir shop would be closing soon, not to open again for four days. I didn't have much time to shop. The clerk tried to show me tchotchkes depicting various local attractions, but she soon saw where my interests lay. She then went to the back room and brought out key chains, lighters, postcards, magnets, pens, and other trinkets bearing an image that probably wouldn't be allowed in the window of a Soho porn shop.

One Central Indiana Mensa member was the lucky recipient of a Cerne Giant keychain, and she handed her car keys to a mechanic without remembering until later what was depicted on it. (Remember that, Cyndi?) My daughter received a t-shirt with the Giant on it, and it had a little apron of fabric sewed to the front which you could raise to show the entire image. You just can't find souvenirs like that where I live, so I made certain everyone back home got something with the Cerne Giant on it. I like to spread culture.



From the souvenir shop we went directly to the place just outside the village where the Giant was best visible. Attractions in the British countryside are remarkably accessible, and while I wanted to get up close and personal with the Giant, the small No Trespassing sign deterred me. Bill took a picture of me with a beaming smile on my face in

front of the Giant, and I took Bill's picture in the same spot with an exaggerated sad look on his face.

I wasn't sure if Cerne Giant postcards would go through the mails, but so far every one I've sent has been delivered to its recipient. Thank you, USPS, for being so open minded about British tourist attractions.



## **OMG! What a Great Time!**

*Teresa Gregory, Chair*

May 15-17, Central Indiana Mensa members and guests invaded Versailles State Park for the annual Outdoor Mensa Gathering (OMG!). Our guests came from across the borders (Ohio, and Illinois, and Kentucky) and even farther. Former RVC4 Ken Silver came back to see us after a few years' absence.

As always, this kind of party can't be put on without help. Many thanks to LocSec Jan Pfeil Doyle for all her help from months before all the way through

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to helping me haul everything back home when it's over. Thanks also goes to Karen Steilberger, our Registrar. We didn't go hungry, thanks to Karen Zwick, who brought lunch on Saturday, then rolled up her sleeves and helped get dinner on the table that evening; the amazing Virginia Plottel who brought soups and cookies, and her wisdom and helping hands; Elise Davidson who made such wonderful cookies. Jan, Greg Crawford, and Stan Ward helped with our beverage needs. The return of liquid nitrogen ice cream was due to Mindy Grayson. Alan Schmidt led several wonderful nature hikes and led *Profound Thoughts*. Bill Kuyper and John Massura led the Sunday morning clean-up before the park ranger came to inspect.

There are others I'm forgetting. Everyone seems to pitch in and do something to help. Please consider coming next year. It's always the weekend before Memorial Day.



Mindy gets some assistance making her ice cream from Phil Plottel and Mariah.



Preparing for a 2+ mile hike.

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Into the woods which was lush and green after the rains.



Peeps roasting for Peep S'mores.



Former RVC4, Ken Silver, catching up with friends.

Thanks to Judi Gissy for providing the pictures..

## Welcome New and Returning Members!

Move In	Chrissy Yulim Arsenault	Indianapolis	IN
Move In	Loretta M Levene	Indianapolis	IN
New	Candace Breen Huels	Indianapolis	IN
New	Clifford Huels	Indianapolis	IN
Reinstating	Kaylie Lockner	Avon	IN
Reinstating	Thomas A Kotowski	Columbus	IN
Reinstating	Scott O Anderson	Mooresville	IN
Reinstating	John Schmidt	Franklin	IN
Reinstating	Tracy L Dallas	Indianapolis	IN



## New Central Indiana Mensa Bylaws Being Developed

Your representatives in developing our new bylaws are the members of the CIM Bylaws Committee. Communicating with them is your way of having some say in the new bylaws.

We will be working through the bylaws article by article as set out in the model bylaws developed by our national organization. The model bylaws and minimum requirements from national can be found on the American Mensa website. A copy of our current bylaws can be found on the Central Indiana Mensa website; if you are having trouble finding them, contact someone on the CIM Bylaws Committee.

The committee will likely be meeting once a month until we complete all eight articles of the bylaws. If you want to have an issue addressed, do talk with one of these committee members.

The committee members are:

Marcele Everest, chair ([marcele.everest@gmail.com](mailto:marcele.everest@gmail.com)),  
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Ann Hake ([amhake@yahoo.com](mailto:amhake@yahoo.com)),  
and Petra Ritchie ([petraritchie@msn.com](mailto:petraritchie@msn.com)).

## June 2015 Events

**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)

**Ham ‘n’ Eggs (Hamilton County Eggheads)** – 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday from 10:00 a.m. - 12 noon. Soho Café & Gallery, 620 South Range Line Road, Carmel, IN. Drop in any time for casual conversation, lively discussion, and good food and beverages. Contact: Alison Brown, 317-846-6798, [SIGHT@indymensa.org](mailto:SIGHT@indymensa.org).

**Bridge Club** – 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of every month, 2 p.m., Contact: Bob Van Buskirk, 317-359-6907 or [rvanbuskirk@netdirect.net](mailto:rvanbuskirk@netdirect.net). Location will change each month.

**Monthly Gathering** – 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday at 7:00 p.m.

**NOTE THE NEW LOCATION:** Quality Inn Castleton on the SW corner of Allisonville Road and I-465 (8380 Kelly Lane, Indianapolis, IN 46250). See page 22 of *MIND* for map and directions. Members: \$5.00, Non-Members: \$7.00; Children 6-12: \$3.00, under 6: free.

**6/12: Speaker:** Max Hill will address the contribution of the “brown water navy” to the Union victory in his presentation, “River Gunboats in the Civil War.”

**Mensa Test** – Saturday, June 13, Wayne Library, 198 South Girls School Road, Indianapolis, IN. Registration 10 a.m.,

Test 11 a.m. Contact Steve Merchant at: [editor32@outlook.com](mailto:editor32@outlook.com) or 317 431-8645.

**[This month’s activity list is are pretty light. If you are doing something that you think other Mensans might enjoy, let the calendar editor know and she will add it on.]**

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

## June 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
	1	2	3 Indy Lunch Bunch
7 Bridge Club	8	9	10
14	15	16 <i>MIND</i> bending/ ExCom Paducah Area Group Meeting	17 Indy Lunch Bunch
21 Mensans Dining Out	22	23	24
28	29	30	

## June 2015 (Continued)

Thursday	Friday	Saturday
4	5 <i>MIND</i> deadline	6 Ham 'n' Eggs; Calendar Deadline
11	12 Monthly Gathering* NOTE NEW LOCATION	13 Mensa Test
18	19	20
25	26 Cinder	27
28	29	30

If you lose your MIND (oh, my!) or want additional information, check [www.indymensa.org](http://www.indymensa.org) or join our Meetup group, <http://www.meetup.com/central-indiana-mensa>. Meetup is free to join and you will get reminders of upcoming events. It's a great way to stay in the loop.

## June 2015 Events (cont.)

**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 *MIND* mailing. Come help with sealing, labeling, and stamping *MIND*s.

**6/16**, 5:30 p.m. Contact: Jan Pfeil Doyle, 317-431-3500.

Pizza and soft drinks provided.

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

A Big Thank You to all the May *MIND*benders and Midwest Internet for hosting the event.



**Mensans Dining Out** – 6 p.m., June 21, Sawasdee, Thai-style restaurant, 1222 86<sup>th</sup> St. West, Indianapolis, In 46260.

**Cinder** – 4<sup>th</sup> Friday at 7 p.m. 721 E. 55<sup>th</sup> St., Indianapolis. A SIG for the Gen X and Gen Y crowd. Contact Ethan Blocker-Smith at [MensaCinder@gmail.com](mailto:MensaCinder@gmail.com).

**Book Group** – 2 p.m., Sunday, June date TBA. We will discuss *On Immunity: An Inoculation* by Eula Biss. Check the Central Indiana Mensa website for the official June date or contact Rich at [hoot.gibson.tds@gmail.com](mailto: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>

July *MIND* calendar items due 6/6/15 to: [biltmore@topdogcom.com](mailto:biltmore@topdogcom.com).

## What do YOU like about Mensa?

Ellen Voie, RVC 4

In an effort to better understand what you want from Mensa, the American Mensa membership officers sent a survey to you last year to get your feedback. Over 36,000 members were sent a link to an online survey. Fewer than 5,000 members responded, but the feedback was insightful, and probably representative of all of these 55,000 plus members of American Mensa.



When asked for three words to describe your Mensa experience, you responded with words such as, intelligence, smart, interesting, friends, fun, social” and exclusive. These descriptions should give us some insight into what you value from your relationship to Mensa.

The top reason new members gave for joining Mensa was for the intellectual stimulation. Close behind was the response, “to meet and socialize with like-minded people.” Intellectual validation was a close third, with “meet interesting people with a variety of backgrounds,” next on the list. A third of you cited a need to belong as your reason to join Mensa.

When asked to cite your top benefit, the *Mensa Bulletin* was the most important and satisfying benefit of your membership. Your local newsletter was a close second, so it is apparent that the communication sent to your national and local groups is very important and ranked high in member satisfaction.

As you can imagine, the more engaged you are as members, the happier you are with your Mensa experience. However, what types of events interest you? For Baby Boomers, you prefer speakers, museum tours and dinners out. Your younger members, the millennial generation, like museums as well, but they ranked games nights as a priority. These young people, born in the 80s and 90s, also want to volunteer as a group and enjoy more physical activities.

This means, fewer dinner nights and more outdoor events and activities focused on charitable objectives.

If you are trying to attract new members to your events, avoid hosting anything in your home. Half of new members said they would feel comfortable attending an activity in a private home. Stick to restaurants and public venues for our outings and you’ll attract more participants.

The survey asked Mensa members whether they share their membership with  
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family members, friends or co-workers. For most of you (88%), telling your family that you qualified for Mensa is easy, but when it comes to telling your co-workers, only 38 percent of you share your membership at work. Interestingly enough, more than half (54%) of you said you would list Mensa on your resume!

When asked if you are proud to be a member, 84 percent agreed with the statement, and only three percent of you said you disagreed (and will probably not be renewing!) Two thirds (64%) of you carry your membership card with you.

When asked about your leadership and officers in Mensa, most of you rated your local groups higher than the national leadership team. However, the top answer was, “I don’t know,” which could mean you aren’t too concerned about who is leading the organization as long as your experience is a positive one. For those of you who responded to the survey from the national office, thank you for giving your feedback. It is very important for your leaders to understand what you are looking for in your membership. As an association, American Mensa is here to serve you, its members.

The more we know, the better we can accomplish this very important task. Thanks for being a member of Mensa.



## **Books On the Runway**

*Margy Lancet Fletcher*

**Title:** *Quiet: The Power of Introverts in a World That Can't Stop Talking*

**Author:** Susan Cain

**Year:** 2012

**Book Description:** Hallelujah! At long last, we quiet people have a voice. *Quiet* is an articulate, impassioned, prodigiously researched handbook for understanding the introverts among us, written by an “insider” who has channeled her low-key, reflective nature into a successful career as a nationally-known author, consultant, and public speaker. The book initially explores the evolution of the Culture of Personality (versus Character), delineates the virtues of soft-spoken, thoughtful leadership over ultra-dynamic salesmanship, and

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explains why silence and solitude are more conducive to creativity than group activities. The discussion progresses to other relevant topics: the role of genetics in personality development; when and how free will should be exercised to overcome shyness; the disparate thought processes of introverts and extroverts; the contrasting cultural dispositions of Asian and Western societies; communication strategies for partners of opposing personality types; and – perhaps most importantly – how to nurture and educate an introverted child. The author concludes that “there are many different kinds of powers in this world,” and that “the trick is not to amass all the different kinds of available power, but to use well the kind you’ve been granted...” To further emphasize the value of quiet power, the book spotlights such noteworthy introverts as Theodore Geisel (a.k.a. Dr. Seuss), Steve Wozniak (co-founder of Apple Computers), Al Gore, and Warren Buffett, and the potent introvert-extrovert partnerships of Moses and Aaron, Rosa Parks and Martin Luther King, Jr., and Eleanor and Franklin Roosevelt.

**Has this book changed the way you think, your attitude toward life, or even your life itself? If so, how?** As a self-professed introvert, I found this book empowering. I now have the ammunition to defend my preference for activities far removed from noisy, crowded environments, and the assurance from an expert that it’s all right to be better at creating resumes than participating in phone interviews, or to be more adept at memorizing scripts than improvisation. I also have a much greater appreciation of my wonderful forty-plus-year marriage to an extrovert.

**Who should definitely read this book? Why?** This book is a must-read for both introverts and extroverts, as it promotes mutual understanding and acceptance. Mensans, take note: There are valid reasons why a member might feel more comfortable writing articles for publications than participating in large gatherings. Some of us are schmoozers, others are formulators.

**How long might it take to read this book?** The engaging topic and expressive writing style guarantee a rewarding reading experience. For bookish introverts in particular, absorption time should not exceed two days.

**Provide a short characteristic section, an awesome sentence, or an inspiring quote:** “We live in a value system that I call the Extrovert Ideal – the omnipresent belief that the ideal self is gregarious, alpha, and comfortable in the spotlight. The archetypal extrovert prefers action to contemplation, risk-taking to heed-taking, certainty to doubt. He favors quick decisions, even at the risk of being wrong. She works well in teams and socializes in groups. We like to think that we value individuality, but all too often we admire one type of individual – the kind who’s comfortable “putting himself out

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there”...Introversion – along with its cousins sensitivity, seriousness, and shyness – is now a second-class personality trait, somewhere between a disappointment and a pathology. Introverts living under the Extrovert Ideal are like women in a man’s world, discounted because of a trait that goes to the core of who they are... [W]e make a grave mistake to embrace the extrovert ideal so unthinkingly. Some of our greatest ideas, art and inventions... came from quiet and cerebral people who knew how to tune in to their inner worlds and the treasures to be found there. Without introverts, the world would be devoid of: the theory of gravity; the theory of relativity; Yeats’s ‘The Second Coming,’ Chopin’s Nocturnes; Proust’s *In Search of Lost Time*; Peter Pan; Orwell’s *Nineteen Eighty-Four* and *Animal Farm*; The Cat in the Hat; Charlie Brown; *Schindler’s List*, *E.T.*, and *Close Encounters of the Third Kind*; Google; Harry Potter.”

**Additional Remarks:** My only regret – shared by fellow introverts, I’m sure – is that this book was not available when I was much younger. I strongly encourage everyone who is related to or acquainted with a shy youngster to read this book and pass along its positive self-image message.



## **The Forgotten Garden**

**By Robert O. Adair**

Strolling along a country lane  
I had not visited in many years,  
past a large mansion,  
the work of a fine architect,  
fitly framed together,  
built not just for then,  
but for the coming ages!  
Still in good repair.  
Behind it, the spreading space  
where once a wondrous garden  
bloomed in awesome beauty!  
The great lady working there,  
training the roses to climb just so,  
clipping, uprooting, planting,  
she had time to talk, working away,  
or resting under a shady arbor.

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She doesn't get out much anymore.  
Now you could scarcely tell how  
her garden ran to the rippling creek  
whose unpolluted waters  
tumbled over the rocks,  
passing through the old spring house.  
The lilac bushes, rose of Sharon  
and many a rare, exotic, colorful plant,  
a blossoming myriad of loveliness,  
long gone to grasses and wildflowers.  
I think I glimpsed her through a window.  
The years draw nigh,  
passing away says the world,  
the glory of the past,  
the beauty which once was.

*[Editor's Note: Robert O. Adair recently passed away, but he left a treasure trove of poetry. I will continue to publish his work as space permits.]*



## **Central Indiana Mensa ExCom Minutes 3/17/15**

The regular monthly meeting of the Central Indiana Mensa ExCom was held at Midwest Internet on Tuesday, March 17, 2015.

LocSec Jan Pfeil Doyle called the meeting to order at 6:37 p.m. Members present were: Jan Pfeil Doyle, Jon Applegate, Ethan Blocher-Smith, Diane O'Brien, Karen Steilberger, Karen Wilczewski, Bob Zdanky, and Karen Zwick. Absent: Ann Hake. Guests: Teresa Gregory, Jud Horning, Petra Ritchie.

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

Karen Zwick presented the Treasurer's report. The ExCom agreed to her proposal to transfer the slight remainder in the Buzz Fund account to the regular account. Karen can recreate the separate account in the future if necessary. She also reported that an anonymous donor paid \$2100 for youth memberships.

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Ethan Blocher-Smith noted one correction on the report. Diane O'Brien made a motion to accept the report as corrected, Bob Zdanky seconded the motion, and the motion was carried.

The membership report shows 4 reinstating members, 1 offer of membership, and 21 prospects.

### **Old Business**

Credit card/PayPal payments: Ethan Blocher-Smith said in light of the strong demand for the ability to pay for events with credit cards or PayPal, Square might also be an option. Karen Zwick said the Dayton RG organizers said PayPal is straightforward if someone knows how to set it up. Jan Pfeil Doyle said Eventbrite is an option. They handle the processing and send the organization a check. They charge a fee that can be passed on to the payer. We will try it for the OG and absorb the cost. We will need a link on the Web site for the OG to direct people to Eventbrite.

Meeting location: Jan Pfeil Doyle signed a contract with the Quality Inn at I-465 and Allisonville Road. They want cash or a check on arrival. Directions to the site will go in MIND.

Rules and By-Laws: Jan Pfeil Doyle said she contacted Marcele Everest, who will chair the subcommittee. Karen Steilberger will forward to Jan and Marcele the names of interested participants.

AMC meeting: Jan Pfeil Doyle gave the schedule information she had for the American Mensa Committee meeting in Indianapolis on March 20-22. She and Teresa Gregory will give a presentation on Indianapolis as a site for the AG in 2018. Members volunteered to help with hospitality.

Culture Quest: Jan Pfeil Doyle said she gave George Dunn the registration form for his team. There are additional members who are interested, so Teresa Gregory may put together another team. Jan will remind David Bonner of the event if he is still interested in forming a young persons' team.

There being no other business, Karen Zwick made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Jon Applegate seconded the motion. The motion was carried, and the meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Karen Steilberger

# Treasurer's Report

Karen Zwick, Treasurer

*[Editor's Note: complications with this month's report prevented it from being included. Both reports will appear next month.]*

## Balance Sheet (as of 03/16/2015)

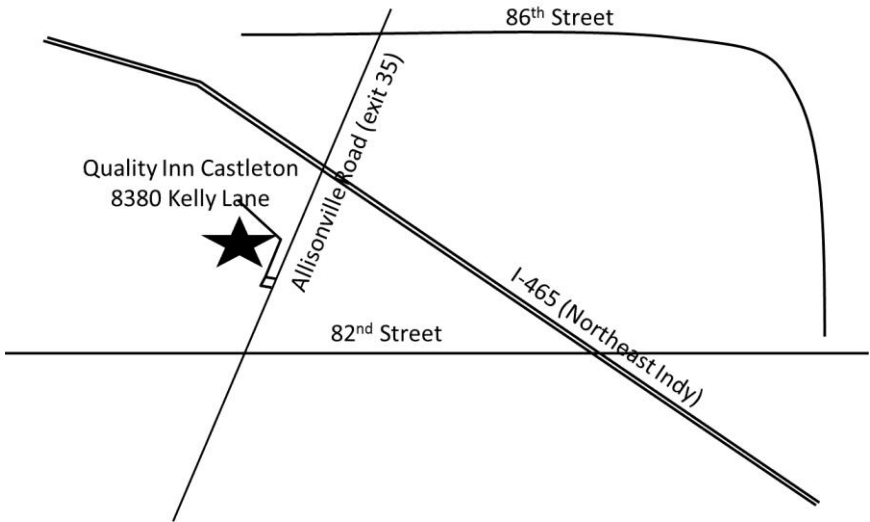
Bank Accounts	02/16/2015	03/16/2015
Checking – Regular	\$14,887.41	\$14,699.24
Checking – Scholarship	531.53	531.53
Checking – Youth Mbrship	427.34	849.00
Checking – Buzz Fund	19.87	1,237.00
Vanguard Account	3,740.18	\$3,740.18
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$19,606.33</b>	<b>\$21,056.95</b>

## Profit & Loss Statement (02/17/2015 – 03/16/2015)

Income		
	401.1 – Monthly gathering income	96.00
	401.2 – RG income from registrations	100.00
	401.3 – OG income from registrations	50.00
	402 – National Mensa Inc (February)	501.00
	403 – Donations – anonymous - youth Mensa memberships	2,100.00
	406 – 50 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration dinner reservations	555.00
	<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$3,402.00</b>
Expense		
	501.1 – Monthly Gathering Hospitality	40.48
	501.2 – Monthly Gathering room rental – All Souls Unitarian	70.00
	505 – Food for ExCom/MIND	57.35
	505.1 – MIND Printing	332.20
	505.2 – MIND Postage	58.80
	506 – 50 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration Dinner	1,772.13
	515 – Payment of CIM Youth Mensa Memberships	2,521.66
	<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$4,852.62</b>

## NEW MEETING LOCATION

**Quality Inn Castleton  
8380 Kelly Lane  
Indianapolis, IN 46250**



**Directions from I-465** From I-465 on the NE side of Indianapolis, take Exit 35, Allisonville Rd • Turn south on Allisonville Rd • Take the first right onto Kelly Lane • Follow Kelly Lane around to the Quality Inn.

**Directions back to I-465** Turn right from Kelly Lane onto Allisonville Rd • immediately get into the left turn lane • Make a U- turn at 82<sup>nd</sup> St to go north on Allisonville Rd • Entrance ramp for I- 465 E/S is on your right • Entrance ramp for I-465 W is on your left.

**Directions from Allisonville Rd from the north** • Take Allisonville Rd south toward 82<sup>nd</sup> St • After you cross over I-465, take the first right onto Kelly Lane • Follow Kelly Lane around to the Quality Inn.

**Directions back to Allisonville Rd northbound** • Turn right from Kelly Lane onto Allisonville Rd • Immediately get into left turn lane • Make a U-turn at 82<sup>nd</sup> St to go north on Allisonville Rd.

**Directions from Allisonville Rd from the south** • Take Allisonville Rd north toward 82<sup>nd</sup> St • After you cross over 82<sup>nd</sup> St, take the first left onto Kelly Lane • Follow Kelly Lane around to the Quality Inn.

**Directions back to Allisonville Rd southbound** • Turn right from Kelly Lane onto Allisonville Rd.

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