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Look at all this cool stuff!

ESOTERIC SIG visited Veteran's Antiquities last month. This company provides employment and skills development to men and women who have served in the military and are now returning to civilian life. They produce handcrafted items using discarded or repurposed materials that are upcycled into art, jewelry, and more. A retail gallery at 1160 E. 46th St showcases the products, or you can visit the website at veteransantiquities.com. Jeff Piper will be at our July Monthly Gathering to tell us more about this wonderful program.

Hope you can join us!

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Old Dog/New Tricks

Teresa Gregory, Editor

I have to tip my hat to Petra Ritchie. That gal knows how to find deals. She invited me to the summer kick-off party for Indianapolis's Trade School. It hasn't been in town long, but it's really attracting attention.

So what is it? This is from their website:

Trade School Indianapolis was born September of 2012. We are an alternative, self-organized school that operates on barter. Sign up to take or teach fun classes! In return, your instructor may ask for items for the class, a home-cooked meal or a poem. Who knows? People have very different needs, but they also have so much to offer. Anyone can teach a class, and anyone can attend.



It works like this:

- 1) Teachers propose classes and ask for barter items from students. For example, if you teach a class about making butter, you might ask students to bring heavy cream, jars, bread, music tips, clothes, vegetables, or help with something like finding an apartment.*
- 2) Students sign up for classes by agreeing to bring a barter item for the teacher.*

Most classes meet once, and are about two hours. A few go longer. This “semester” is two months long. You still have time to sign up for some July classes, or just take a look and see what's there. After a month off, they will start another “semester.”

If you go to their website, you'll see that this is an international phenomenon. It's fun to see what classes are being offered in other countries.

I signed up for three. I was interested in a few others but they were already full or the time wasn't good for me. One is Pinterest, a social medium I know nothing about. For that class, I am taking the teacher some sewing supplies. The second class is on self hypnosis. I've always been curious about that, and in trade, I am taking the teacher gallon glass jars. The third is “Sight and Write” where we are supposed to see a film then write a review. That instructor, who is a student, asked for dishes or wall art for his new apartment.

If you are at all interested in this no-cost barter/education opportunity, check out their website. If you live outside of Indianapolis, consider starting Trade School.

I haven't even gone to any classes yet, but I'm already thinking about what I could teach, and what I could ask for in return. I saw one person asking for canned tuna. Hmmm...

LocSection

Jan Pfeil Doyle

Leo and I are heading to Ft. Worth for the Mensa AG (Annual Gathering - US Mensa's national convention) in early July. This will be our 12th AG. The first one we went to was in 1985 in Milwaukee. It was celebrating the 25th anniversary of American Mensa. It was also when Leo and I began dating. The rest of that story, as they say, is history (although it's still ongoing!).



I think the most fun we've had was at the 1988 AG in Montreal; it was a joint AG with Mensa Canada. It was held in downtown Montreal at the same time as their jazz festival and there was plenty to see and do! We ran around town with Bibi Sandstrom, Eric Kollenberg, John Blankenship, and the LocSec from Juneau, whose name I've forgotten. We ate Thai food for the first time (way too hot for any of us to eat!), took a jet boat tour on the river, serenaded passers-by from an outdoor restaurant, and visited an upscale exotic dancing club/bar where the women really danced.

There are many things to love about Mensa gatherings! We always enjoy catching up with “old” friends from around the country and making new ones. Many of us think that gatherings, both regional and national, are the best thing about Mensa—they're a great combination of learning and socializing. The learning can be formal through speakers and other events or informal through conversations with fellow attendees. AGs (and some RGs) have several simultaneous tracks of speakers and events. We've heard many fascinating and memorable speakers, including several members of the Tuskegee Airmen (at a Cincinnati RG), a critique/debunking of cold fusion (Georgia Tech professor at the Atlanta AG), the navigator of the Enola Gay (at the Detroit AG—Leo got to talk with him 1:1 afterwards), and Sir Clive Sinclair, inventor of the Timex-Sinclair computer and much more (at the Milwaukee AG). Much of the socializing at an AG takes place in the hospitality suite and goes on pretty much 24/7. There are also informal group dining-out opportunities. Last year in Reno, we had a several-course Portuguese dinner with 20 or so fellow Mensans. In Detroit/Dearborn, we had a couple of wonderful Middle Eastern meals. If you haven't attended an AG or an RG yet, I hope you'll consider doing so soon! They're all listed on the national website.

Congratulations to our newly elected Region 4 RVC, Ellen Voie, from Wisconsin. Thanks to outgoing RVC Ken Silver for his many years of service to our region. We always appreciated Ken's making the effort to attend either our RG or our OG—it wasn't always easy to get from Minnesota to Indiana in January!

Remember to join our Meet Up group (www.meetup.com) for last minute changes and additions to the Central Indiana Mensa calendar. It's free!

Suggestion

Greg Crawford

At one time or another, each of us has said, “If I were in charge ...” Generally that ends the discussion. This time, not being shy about voicing my opinions and/or making a fool of myself, I will commit some similar thoughts to writing. Within the next several MINDs, please read and respond. Maybe you can add a thought or two of your own.

Okay, here we go. If I were President, dictator or king, I would immediately issue a ruling that all elevators in all buildings must be numbered with one uniform system. The stop that is at the ground level would be numbered 1. The next level above would be 2. And so on to infinity.

For those floors below ground, the nearest would be A. The next below that would be B. And so on.

Never more would there be buttons and floors designated G (ground), M (mezzanine), L (lobby), P (penthouse) or B (basement). Nor would there be any of the less common GG, LL, garage or terrace epithets.

Not only would this end confusion in favor of standardized simplicity, this uniformity would increase safety for one and all because we would never need to decipher terms in the event of an emergency. And, yes, there would be a level 13.

Next on my agenda would be the simple requirement that all vehicles have their fuel spouts on the driver’s side. Eventually, as older vehicles make their way to the Great Junkyard in the Sky, we would all be lining up on the same approach to the gas pumps. And none of us would be performing a Chinese fire drill running around the car in the hot sun or pouring rain.

This basic standardization would avoid jammed parking lots, fender benders and wet hair days. While we’re on topic (car re-fueling), I would also forbid those damned .9 cent prices we all pay. That anachronism is well past its expiration date.

As the final item on this month’s rant list, I would require every item in excess of “20 items or less” be charged double. That would teach people to count their purchases in a hurry!

So much for now. Next month, look in these same pages for thoughts on shortening the never-ending Presidential primary season and how we Hoosiers (and other states) could be heard despite straw polls in Iowa and first primaries in New Hampshire.

Poetry Page

After June Rain

Robert O. Adair

Sitting on the porch
after the rain,
my wife close by,
dripping trees and bushes
accentuating the peacefulness.
Cool air flowing across the
porch,
clean and fresh.
As the sun sets
in a display of glory,
fireflies florescent
among the trees,
filling my soul with content,
mystery and beauty



rainbows

Jean Rodgers

i am awash in rainbows
the afternoon sun
plus the breeze
and the prisms on my porch
present a panoply
of hue after hue
tone after tone
tint after tint
spinning, bobbing, weaving
whirling to make
the white walls of my humble
cottage
a paradise of nature's palette



“Wonderland” (A Documentary Review)

Teresa Fisher

The severe housing shortage after World War II brought with it experiments in planned communities called Levittowns. The first was in New York on Long Island, and there are others in New Jersey, Pennsylvania, and Puerto Rico.

William Levitt pioneered the on-site assembly line where each separate crew of workers moved from house to house. The soundly-built four-room houses with unfinished “expansion attics” were being cranked out at the rate of thirty a day, and people were lining up to buy them, sight-unseen, as fast as they could fill out the paperwork. Purchasing the \$7990 homes, often with the help of the GI Bill or the FHA, could be done in three minutes. The owners couldn’t choose much more than the color of the house, and certainly not the location within Levittown.

Paternalistic Levitt had restrictive covenants, and for some years he had a “whites only” policy. (He claimed it was simply a business decision, since white people didn’t want to live next to blacks. Once he was legally required to sell to Negroes he jumped right in with progressive programs to facilitate it, but as recently as the 1980s Levittown still had few non-whites.) For several years he owned both of the local newspapers and wasn’t above using them to influence opinions, particularly ones that affected “his” town.

With seventeen thousand nearly identical houses, Levittown, NY was the very essence of the cookie-cutter suburb. It was the inspiration for Malvina Reynolds’ song, “Little Boxes,” with the lyrics, “little boxes made of ticky-tacky, and they all look just the same.” But it was also the quintessential

1950s American neighborhood, where everyone was living the dream of home ownership. The people who first populated Levittown were almost all the same age and at the same place in life; they were young families, and they all grew up together. Predictions that Levittown would become a slum were wrong. The properties had a large lot-to-house ratio, so owners tended to stay for many years, remodeling and building on as their families grew. Nowadays it’s difficult to find a non-altered Levitt house.

I hadn’t known anything about Levittown until I happened upon a documentary titled *Wonderland*, produced by John O’Hagan in 1997. He shows us Levittown, New York, and talks to past and current Levittowners.

Levitt wanted to create the feel of small, individual communities, so he named the curvilinear streets in themes, such as birds, flowers, W words, and galaxy-related names. My one favorite piece of information is that when the first wave of owners moved in, the Levitt company assigned them their houses in

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alphabetical order. Imagine the mailman's frustration in trying to keep just the Smiths straight. I'm guessing that policy didn't last long.

The homes had modern appliances, white enamel kitchen cabinets, asphalt tile floors that rubbed black smudges onto crawling babies' knees, and an expensive 12" black and white Admiral television built into the staircase wall. One couple has now filled that spot with an aquarium.

Several people in *Wonderland* mentioned there had been wife-swapping parties, but none of them had attended any. There were legendary stories of drunken husbands going into the wrong house.

Famous Levittowners interviewed were cartoonist Bill Griffith, who draws Zippy the Pinhead, and rocker Eddie Money. Money inexplicably praises Levittown's diversity, and Griffith says it had a deep sense of absurdity. But what else would you expect from Zippy's creator?

A self-avowed super patriot in his 70s and his Egyptian wife were long-time residents. She never let him see her without makeup, and never let him know she did anything in the bathroom except put that makeup on.

For reasons that weren't clear, while the expressionless husband looked on, the wife read a lurid passage from a book of pornography, and then said, "Oh, that's lovely."

We met people who collected plates, costumes, and anything made of wood, and a woman who had been plagued by poltergeist activity. One couple sat next to a window and watched an old neighbor walk his daughter's three dogs, one at a time, three times a day. They kept track of each trip past their house, and *they* thought *he* was wasting time.

I would have preferred more discussion of early Levittown and less smirky delving into the lives of the elderly people who still live there. *New York Times* reviewer Stephen Holden said, "...instead of trying to be a serious sociological portrait, *Wonderland* concentrates on interviews with residents who seem to have been chosen for their dottiness. Or else the interviews have been edited to make the subjects look foolish. The collective picture that emerges suggests a smug city slicker's condescending view of what could be almost any American small town." I must agree, but I still enjoyed the film, and it caused me to do further research into the phenomenon of a meticulously planned 1950s suburb.

Welcome!

New Members

Joseph Will McGuinness	Franklin, IN
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Reinstating Members

Sheilah J Herendeen	Lafayette, IN
Joseph Matthew Grcic	Terre Haute, IN
Vonda Lee Heverly	Indianapolis, IN
Charles R Simons	Noblesville, IN
Kathleen C Coffee	Lafayette, IN

Renewing Members

Christopher Rall	Bloomington, IN
Sandra Roberts	Indianapolis, IN
Bruce Roberts	Indianapolis, IN
Jamsheed Choksy	Greenwood, IN

Members Moving In

Paul J Berens	McCordsville, IN
Sandra Johnson Gustin	Pendleton, IN



Saying Good-Bye For Now

On May 17, 2013, Alison Brown, Larry Marcus, and Jean Rodgers, met their old friend, Kishor Kulkarni, one last time before his permanent move to Florida.



[Editor's Note: it sounds like they have a good excuse to road-trip down to Florida sometime in the future, preferably when the weather is cold in Indiana!]

July 2013 Events - Central Indiana Mensa

Ham 'n' Eggs (Hamilton County Eggheads) 1st Saturday from 10:00 am-12:00 noon. Soho Café & Gallery, 620 South Range Line Road, Carmel, IN Drop in any time for casual conversation, lively discussion, and good food and beverages. Contact: Alison Brown, 317-846-6798, SIGHT@indymensa.org.

Muncie Area Group Meeting – 1st Saturday at 2:00 p.m. The MTCup, 1610 W. University Ave in Muncie. For those familiar with the Ball State area, it's in the Village. Contact: Jason Smith, munciemensa@gmail.com

Indy Lunch Bunch - 1st and 3rd Wednesdays at 12:00 noon, Double Eagle Café, 650 N. Meridian (at the Scottish Rite Cathedral), Indianapolis. Contact: Alan Schmidt, 317-233-5190, alan.schmidt@att.net

West Lafayette/Lafayette Lunch – 1st Wednesday, 12:00 noon. Contact: Joe Stamper, 765-474-4759, jstamper@aii.edu

Monthly Gathering – 2nd Friday at 7:00 p.m., All Souls Unitarian Church, 5805 E. 56th St. See last page of MIND for map and directions. Members: \$5.00, Non-Members: \$7.00; Children 6-12: \$3.00, under 6: free
7/12: Jeff Piper from Veteran's Antiquities. This company provides employment and skills development to men and women who have served in the military and are now returning to civilian life. They produce handcrafted items using discarded or repurposed materials that are upcycled into art, jewelry, and more. A retail gallery at 1160 E. 46th St showcases the products, or you can visit the website at veteransantiquities.com.

ESOTERIC SIG - FREE! Thurs., July 18th, 6-8 p.m., Concert on the Canal, near the Indiana History Center, 450 W. Ohio St., featuring Zanna-doo, High Energy Dance Favorites (sounds very upbeat - pun intended) free parking in the History Center lot, first-come (get there early!), free seating on the grass, bring a brown bag supper. (will move inside in case of rain). I will arrive early and save a spot. Questions? Petra 786-8665.

Family Program Summer Blast, July 19th, 3 pm to July 20th, 9 pm. Pretty Lake, 10437 Pretty Lake Trail, Plymouth, IN 46563. \$15/person. Contact: David Bonner(317) 973-0258

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

July 2013

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
	1	2	3 Indy Lunch Bunch; W. Lafayette Lunch
7	8	9	10
14	15	16 Paducah Area Group Meeting	17 Indy Lunch Bunch
21 Book Discussion; Mensan's Dining Out	22	23 Mindbending	24
28	29	30 MINDbending/ ExCom	31
4	5	6	7 Indy Lunch Bunch; W. Lafayette Lunch
11	12	13	14

Thursday	Friday	Saturday
4 Independence Day	5	6 Ham 'n' Eggs; Muncie Meeting
11	12 Monthly Gathering; MIND deadline	13 Kokomo Breakfast; Calendar Deadline
18 Esoteric SIG	19 Family Program: Summer Blast	20 Family Program: Summer Blast
25	26	27 Kokomo Breakfast;
1 (August 2013)	2	3 Ham 'n' Eggs; Muncie Meeting
8	9 Monthly Gathering	10 Kokomo Breakfast; Mensa Test
11	12	13

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

July 2013 Events (cont.)

Book Discussion

Sunday, 7/21 , 2:00 p.m.: We'll be discussing *The Righteous Mind: Why Good People Are Divided by Politics and Religion* by Jonathan Haidt.

Leo and Jan Pfeil Doyle's home on the northeast side of Indianapolis. Contact Jan Pfeil Doyle, 317-431-3500, or jan@mw.net for directions. RSVPs appreciated.

Mensans Dining Out

Contact: Bob Zdanky, 317-503-0091 or Zdanky@gmail.com

Sunday 7/21 5:30 p.m.: Bosphorus Istanbul Café, 235 S. East St.

Paducah Area Group Meeting – 3rd Tuesday of every month, 7:00 p.m.

Anyone in the area is welcome to join fellow Mensans for dinner. For location and more information on this group, contact Charles Rawlings, rawlings@siu.edu

Kokomo Breakfast – 2nd and 4th Saturdays at 10:00 a.m.

Richard's Restaurant, east of Highway 31, 2 blocks north of Center

Contact: Patricia Sottong, (765) 457-0754; leave message.

Mensa Test

Saturday, August 10: Registration: 10 am. Test: 11 am. Wayne Library, 198 South Girls School Road, Indianapolis. Contact Steve Merchant at 317-240-3077 or blazingstar32@hotmail.com for more information.

MINDBending/ExCom – Last or next-to-last Tuesday of the month.

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

7/23, 5:30 p.m. Contact: Jan Pfeil Doyle, 431-3500.

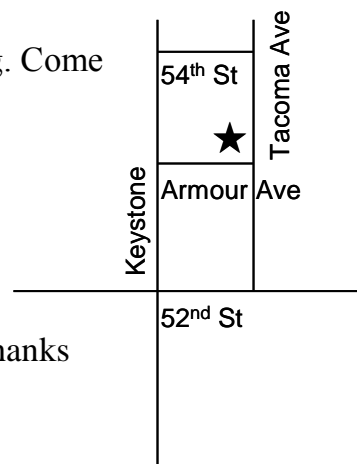
Pizza and soft drinks provided.

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

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

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

August MIND calendar items due 7/13/13 to dbculp@sbcglobal.net.



IN MEMORIAM: GREG TIMMERS (1950-2013)

It's painful for me to report the passing of another close Mensa friend. Greg Timmers, a member of Sangamon Valley Mensa, had served on the AMC as Director of Science and Education since 2003. In that post he represented the Mensa Foundation on Mensa's Board of Directors. Greg and I had a lot in common. We both graduated from the University of Minnesota-School of Business, and were both accountants.

As an accountant Greg was a consummate professional, he spent 30 years in the health care industry, the last 20 as Chief Executive Officer for a large group of cardiologists. He served that industry with the same dedication as he served Mensa. Working with Greg on Mensa's Finance Committee, I developed tremendous respect for his knowledge and his opinions. We greatly enjoyed discussing our viewpoints on various financial issues. I will miss those enlightening conversations a lot. Mensa and I have lost a true friend.

Ken Silver



Congratulations!

Election results are in and the new officers of American Mensa have been announced.

Chair – Daniel Burg
1st Vice Chair – Heather Miller Poirier
2nd Vice Chair – LaRae
Secretary – Brian Reeves
Treasurer – Nicholas Sanford

We look forward to hearing from our new RVC 4, Ellen Voie, in this spot in our next issue.

Congratulations and Good Luck!

Books on the Runway:

Julie A. Roberts

<i>Author:</i>	Brad and Sherry Hansen Steiger
<i>Title:</i>	Cat Miracles
<i>Subtitle:</i>	Inspiring True Tales of Remarkable Felines
<i>Publisher:</i>	Adams Media Corp
<i>Year:</i>	2003
<i>Pages:</i>	264
<i>Price:</i>	\$9.95
<i>ISBN-:</i>	1-58062-774-9

Book description: *Chicken Soup for the Soul* (CSftS) like book with true tales about cats who have changed their owners' lives for the better and who had their own lives changed.

Has this book changed the way you think? your attitude towards life? even your life itself? If so, how? I am a cat fanatic and love all books about them, and any book re: angels, CSftS, Inspiration, etc. I read these before bed or when I need my spirits lifted.

Who should definitely read this book? Why? Cat lovers, SCftS lovers, miracle and angel believers, anyone who needs uplifting reading.

How long might it take to read the book? As long as it needs to – some may read before bed, and/or during summer breaks/vacation, or anytime.

Provide a short characteristic section, an awesome sentence, or an inspiring quote: “As we all watched in wonder, Menu gingerly began to walk, slowly and carefully, across the area of my mother’s body that was covered in a light cast. At this point, Menu stopped and dropped the gift of a cricket on top of mother’s pajama coat.”



Do you have a favorite book you'd like to recommend to your fellow Mensans? Write a review, either in this format or free form. Send it to MIND.editor@Yahoo.com.

Central Indiana Mensa ExCom Minutes 3/26/13

The regular monthly meeting of the Central Indiana Mensa ExCom was held at Midwest Internet on Tuesday, March 26, 2013.

LocSec Jan Pfeil Doyle called the meeting to order at 7:17 p.m. Members present included: David Culp, Jan Pfeil Doyle, Teresa Gregory, Ann Hake, Jean Rodgers, Karen Steilberger, Karen Wilczewski, and Karen Zwick. Absent: Bob Zdanky. Guests: Michael Barnett, David Bonner, Leo Doyle, Petra Ritchie, and Wesley and Sarah (Young M).

The minutes of the February ExCom meeting were reviewed and corrected. David Culp moved that the corrected minutes be accepted, Ann Hake seconded the motion, and the motion was carried.

Karen Zwick presented the Treasurer's report. The balance as of 3/26/13 is \$21,121.50. Karen reported that the transfer of the duties of Treasurer is complete, and she gave kudos to Past Treasurer Alan Schmidt for leaving everything in good order. Ann Hake made a motion to accept the treasurer's report, Teresa Gregory seconded the motion, and the motion was carried.

The membership report shows 3 new members, 6 reinstating members, 0 renewing members, 1 move-in member, 3 offers of membership, and 62 prospects. The number of prospects is again higher than usual because of a recent national promotion.

Old Business

Culture Quest: Jan Pfeil Doyle reported that we have a team that will participate. Teresa Gregory is the team captain.

Outdoor Gathering: The price to attend will be the same as last year. Petra Ritchie noted that the location was listed incorrectly in one article in the recent MIND, though it was correct elsewhere.

Monthly meeting location: David Bonner said that the Todd Academy purchase is complete and the building is being made ADA-compliant. Petra Ritchie noted that we have already paid to continue our meetings at the current location through June.

New Business

Young Adults: Jan Pfeil Doyle said every LocSec has been asked to assign a Generation Y (Young Adult) Coordinator for getting members from that age group together at the AG. Ideas are welcome. Teresa said that Meetup was a good vehicle for getting the LocSecs together last year.

Sponsorship: Jan Pfeil Doyle said that we have the opportunity to sponsor Nick (Young M), who is going to Europe this summer with the Sound of America

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Honor Band, in exchange for some form of advertising. The ExCom discussed the ramifications of participating as a financial sponsor, including the precedent it would set and the fiscal responsibility we have to our members. David Culp moved that we not sponsor Nick directly, but promote him via MIND and our social media sites so that members who choose to donate on their own will be aware of the opportunity. Karen Zwick seconded the motion, and it was carried.

There being no other business, David Culp made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Jean Rodgers seconded the motion. The motion carried, and the meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Karen Steilberger



Central Indiana Mensa ExCom Minutes 4/23/13

The regular monthly meeting of the Central Indiana Mensa ExCom was held at Midwest Internet on Tuesday, April 23, 2013.

LocSec Jan Pfeil Doyle called the meeting to order at 7:48 p.m. Members present included: Jan Pfeil Doyle, Teresa Gregory, Ann Hake, Jean Rodgers, Karen Steilberger, Karen Wilczewski, Bob Zdanky, and Karen Zwick. Absent: David Culp. Guests: Jud Horning, Petra Ritchie.

The minutes of the March ExCom meeting were reviewed and corrected. Ann Hake moved that the corrected minutes be accepted, Karen Zwick seconded the motion, and the motion was carried.

Karen Zwick presented the Treasurer's report. She reported that there was a correction to the balance reported in March. The balance as of 4/22/13 is \$20,969.24. We have received a \$1000 donation for youth memberships. Jean Rodgers made a motion to accept the treasurer's report, Teresa Gregory seconded the motion, and the motion was carried.

The membership report shows 2 new members, 11 reinstating members, 0 renewing members, 3 move-in members, 2 offers of membership, and 8 prospects.

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Old Business

Bookmarks: Jan Pfeil Doyle reported that Karen Wilzewski and Teresa Gregory worked on the bookmark design and gave it to Jan. Karen is working with Leo's company on software communications. Karen Zwick made a motion that we order 2500 bookmarks, which would cost \$50. Ann Hake seconded the motion, and it was carried.

Outdoor Gathering: Teresa Gregory said she was not sure how many registrations there would be. The person who usually helps promote the event in Ohio is ill. She will use our Facebook page to help get the word out.

Sponsorship: Jean Rodgers asked how we are promoting Young M Nick's trip to Europe with the Sound of America Honor Band, based on the decision from the previous meeting to promote it but not provide direct financial support. Teresa said she is waiting on a flyer and other information from Nick and his mother.

New Business

Family Program: Jan Pfeil Doyle said that David Bonner would like ExCom input on the process for getting liability coverage for the Summer Blast event he hosts at his family's lake home.

Young Mensans: Jan Pfeil Doyle said that David Bonner would like for the Y-Com to have its own mission and vision statement, and would like ExCom input. Karen Zwick offered to facilitate their development of their own statement that they would then present to the ExCom for feedback.

New member dinner: Bob Zdanky reported that the next new member dinner will be on Sunday, June 9, at a restaurant to be determined, on the north side of Indianapolis.

Scholarship fund: Petra Ritchie mentioned an ad from Matthews Bicycle Shop for the John Matthews Scholarship Fund for Central Indiana Mensa. John Matthews was a founding member. We have information on 3 recent deaths among members. Donations will be made to the scholarship fund in memory of them.

There being no other business, Karen Zwick made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Karen Wilczewski seconded the motion. The motion carried, and the meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Karen Steilberger

The Probing Question!

Teresa Gregory

I belong to several Meet Up groups. (Remember to join our Meet Up group, www.meetup.com, for last minute changes and additions to the Central Indiana Mensa calendar. It's free!) One of my favorites is called "Standup Comedy Freebies." The organizer is part-owner of a local comedy club. Every three to four weeks, he posts a message that we are invited for a free show. We pay no admission and we have no minimum purchase requirement. These are always on Thursdays.

If you're a fan of stand-up, what's not to like about this? The only thing better than stand-up is FREE stand-up. Some of us have gotten acquainted and sit together which is nice for people like me who go alone.

Of course, some of the comedians are better than others. I've noticed several who, to my way of thinking, missed a great punch line. Yes, I know it's easy to criticize when I'm not the one up on the stage. But I keep thinking, if I *were* up there, what I would do.

A few weeks ago, we had a guy who did a combination of stand-up and improv. In other words, he interacted with the audience about half the time. He was struggling because he kept asking people what kind of work they did. This MeetUp group is kind of middle age and cheap. (Remember the freebie part?) He asked several people at random who said they were engineers. Someone else was a grocery distributor. I thought he needed to bump up his questions. I think a show could write itself if the comedian would ask:

- What do you have in your pocket, purse, or car right now that most people don't conventionally carry?
- What do you have in your pocket, purse, or car that is probably expired?
- Who has what they consider an unusual hobby?
- Who has a pet with a funny name?
- What's the most unusual thing you've ever eaten?
- Who has fallen asleep somewhere inappropriate, like a funeral, business meeting, a party, etc?

What would you answer to any of these questions? Drop me a line, a paragraph, whatever, and let me know. Or what question would YOU ask?

(And for the record, I always have a Ouija board in my car; my car license plate expired in 2011. I have a new one, I just haven't put it on; I take photographs of unusual things I see in public restrooms; I had a cat once named Herschiel Butch; I ate meat from a vending machine at a rest stop; and I've fallen asleep so many places, including the dentist's chair while he was drilling out a cavity.)

Treasurer's Report

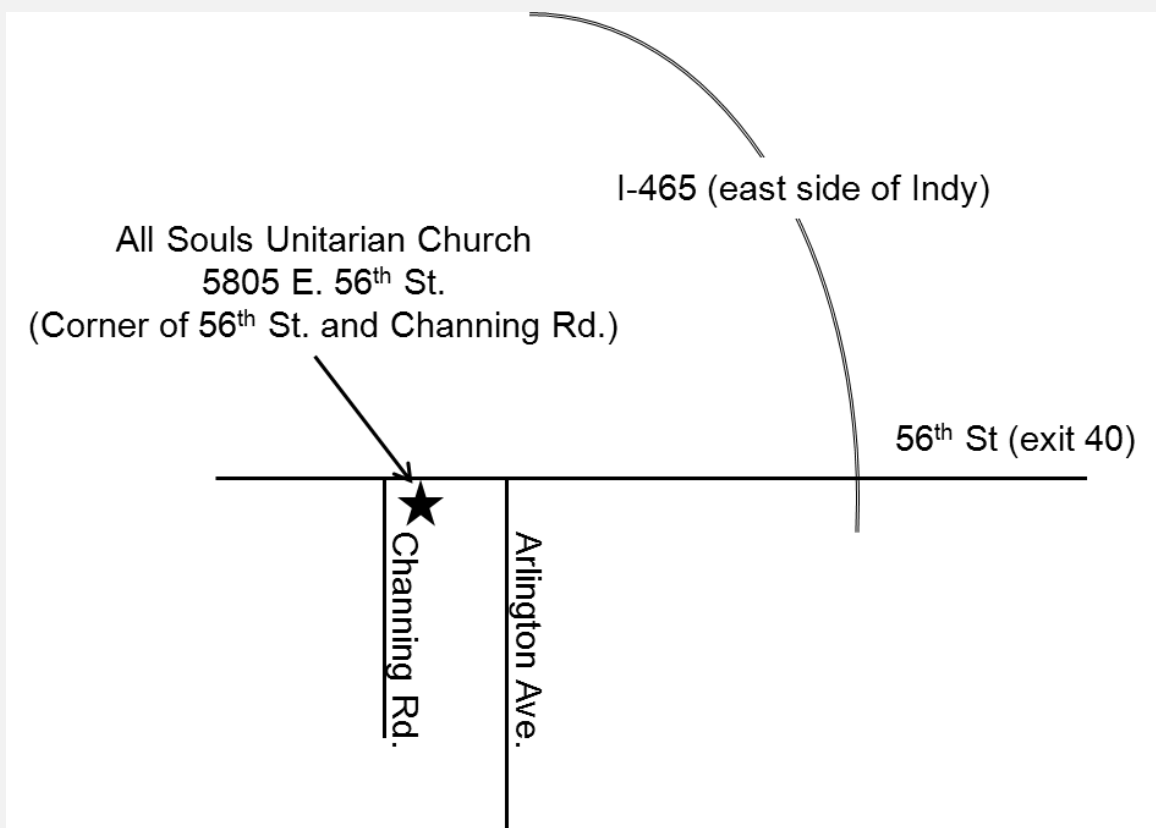
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Balance Sheet (as of 05/27/2013)

Bank Accounts	05/27/2013	04/22/2013
Checking – Regular	\$8,835.78	\$9,095.16
Checking - Scholarship	344.00	344.00
Checking – Youth Mbrship	1110.00	110.00
Gathering Account	7,881.83	7,680.89
Vanguard Account	3,739.19	\$3,739.19
Total Assets	\$21,910.80	\$20,969.24

Profit & Loss Statement (04/23/2013 – 05/27/2013)

Income	
401.1 - Monthly Gathering Inc <i>(20 Mensans @ \$5 = \$85, 6 non Ms @ \$7 = \$14, 5 food, two speaker, one new M)</i>	120.00
401.2 – Annual Gathering Income <i>(net proceeds – total income minus total expenses)</i>	200.94
402 - National Mensa Inc <i>(505 mbrs (@.82), 4 new (@1.0), 5 rein (@1.0), 1 newsletter, 4 tests (@15), 1 test site (@25))</i>	491.71
403 - Donations	1000.00
Total Income	\$1,829.69
Expense	
501.1 - Monthly Gathering Hospitality	32.60
504.1 - MIND Printing	357.50
504.2 – MIND Postage	184.00
505 - Food for ExCom/MIND	67.49
506.2 - New Member Expenses	28.60
510 – Miscellaneous Expenses <i>(plaques for outgoing officers; payment to MERF in recognition of three deceased members)</i>	217.94
Total Expense	\$888.13



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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