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Alan Schmidt made a new friend at the Central Indiana Regional Gathering, January 23-25. Read more about this and see a happy Jon Applegate enjoying the Saturday night entertainment on page 7. [Photos courtesy John Blankenship]

Old Dog/New Tricks

Teresa Gregory, Editor

Friday, February 14 was Valentine's Day, the Central Indiana Mensa monthly gathering day, and moving day for me. Yes, I moved in October, but mostly the larger items. Last week I worked feverishly to get things that I really wanted packed and ready for the final move. The truck was to arrive at 4:00. Indianapolis was hit with 5.5 inches of snow that none of the weather people foresaw. The movers are scheduled again for this Friday. Fingers crossed!



Last week, I was talking to a friend about the challenges of downsizing. He said he had several questions that he asked himself:

- If there was a museum display of the ten things that best represented who I am, would this be one of them?
- Will my children realize the value in this?
- Will this have any value for my children?

My own questions have been:

- If there was a fire, would I save this?
- How difficult would this be to replace?
- If I keep this, will my children feel obligated to keep it even if they don't want it?
- Does this make me smile?

That reminded me of a story about my mother. My husband complimented her on a blouse that she wore to church one Sunday. She said it had been a gift from her sister, she knew it had been expensive, but she rarely wore it because she didn't like it. My husband speculated that when she died, someone might be looking through her things and think, "Dorothy must have really loved this blouse because she saved it for special occasions. Let's bury her in it." That put the fear in her. The blouse went into the rotation of her everyday clothing. She became one of the best dressed women at the grocery. We did not bury her in it.

This helped me formulate one more question:

- Is this something I would NOT want someone to think represented me?

The purging continues...

LocSection

Jan Pfeil Doyle

Renewal Time – It's that time of year: membership renewal time. If you're not a life member, your dues are due March 31st. You should have received a bill recently; you can pay online or by mail. I hope you'll all be renewing!

CultureQuest – Speaking of March 31st deadlines, that's the deadline for sending in our CultureQuest team. CultureQuest is an international Mensa quiz competition. Questions range from film to politics, from literature to geography, from music to history and farther afield. Teams of up to five people compete at the same time on April 27th. There's also a "Next Generation" quiz for teams whose members were born after April 27, 1996. For the Next Generation team, only the team captain must be a current Mensa member. If you're interested in being on a team, please contact me well before Mar. 31st at jan@mw.net or 317-431-3500 and be sure you renew by March 31st.



CIM RG – If you were at our Regional Gathering in January, you already know what a wonderful time we had! It was great to see old friends and make some new ones. RG Co-Chair Teresa Gregory put on a great spread in hospitality, arranged entertaining and interesting programs, and so much more! Our thanks to you once again, Teresa! Thanks also go to RG Co-Chair and Registrar Cyndi Kuyper; soup master Virginia Plottel; drinks “skippers” Greg Crawford, Marcia Mariacher and Jan Pfeil Doyle; Karen Zwick and her Saturday lunch team; and everyone else who contributed!

Scholarship Review – Thanks to local Scholarship Chair, Laurel Richardson, and her review committee: Marcele Everest, Nan Harvey, Jud Horning, Jan Pfeil Doyle, Lew Richardson, and Sarah Toney for reviewing applicants' essays and deciding which applications to send on to the regional level.

Central Indiana Mensa Facebook Group – Jan Greene Dollar and I are co-administering a Central Indiana Mensa Facebook group. This is a closed group—membership is limited to Mensa members. We'll be discussing local activities and other items of interest to our local group. Please join us at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/67015884487/>.

MENSA TEST???

Petra Ritchie

In early 1979 I read an article in the newspaper about an upcoming Mensa meeting. I invited my friend, Bill, to attend this meeting with me in order to learn what the group was all about.

We went to the clubhouse at the Marina apartment complex on the designated Friday night, at 7 p.m. The clubhouse was locked, and no one was around. We looked at each other – it was the second Friday, wasn't it? Check. It was the correct address, wasn't it? Check. The meeting was scheduled to begin at 7 p.m., wasn't it? Check.

We had no choice but to leave.

We found out later that the meeting had been moved to the clubhouse of a neighboring complex (I don't remember why) but THERE WAS NO NOTE on the Marina clubhouse door!!!

I tried again the following month, with another friend, and there they were – the Mensans!

The first person I saw was a blond, curly-headed guy wearing a light blue turtleneck sweater. I don't believe in love at first sight, but I do believe in extreme interest at first sight. Before the evening ended, I learned that not only was his live-in girlfriend of four years in the room, but she was also Central Indiana Mensa's LocSec. Oh, well!

I really enjoyed the evening, the people and the conversations, so I decided to take the Mensa test. I felt that if I passed, I would fit in. If not, I didn't belong in Mensa (DUH!). I passed and have been a very active member since 1979. I should have become a life member long ago!

P.S. The very attractive blond was dumped by his girlfriend shortly after our initial meeting. He asked me out, we dated for several months, it ended in a broken heart (mine), but we're still friends, now including his current wife of many years.

A Visitor at Ham 'n' Eggs

Alison Brown

While we were only half as numerous at Ham 'n Eggs in February; we enjoyed conversation on issues of health, politics and the story of our visitor, Cletus.

Cletus is in my care, visiting from Central Florida Mensa. He is one of four colorful traveling owls that have been created by the members of the CFM local group at an annual pottery-painting outing. Each year at the Sun 'n' Games RG, the owls sit on the tables at hospitality or



registration and they are adopted to go off on adventures. Owls have been, among other places closer to home, in Las Vegas and the Bahamas - their pictures can be found on the Central Florida Mensa Facebook group page (<http://facebook.com/groups/CentralFloridaMensa>), which is open to all current Mensans.

Cletus has a broken wing, not however, acquired on his trip to the Grand Canyon, but rather upon his safe return to Florida, where he took a nasty tumble



from a kitchen surface. He sports his bandage with attitude, as you may see if you look closely into his brightly painted face. You will have that opportunity at the next Ham 'n' Eggs on March 1st as well as at the Monthly Gathering and Lunch Bunch meetings in March. Then, if he is a very lucky owl, he may get to fly to Europe (because of the damaged wing, he would have to go by airplane). If he is not winging across the big pond, he will be at CIM's Outdoor Gathering in Versailles State Park in May.



In Case You Missed It...

Teresa Gregory, RG Co-Chair

...you missed quite a party the weekend of January 24-26. That was the weekend of the Central Indiana Mensa Regional Gathering. We had some weather issues here and some of our friends in Ohio had weather issues there that prevented them from coming, but those who did come had a great time.

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I informally asked people on Sunday morning what their favorite program was, and I got as many answers as the number of people I asked.

Dr Jon Eller, director of the Ray Bradbury Studies Department at IUPUI, spoke about the author who was also his friend. CIM's Jon Applegate gave a presentation based on his own experiences in the Navy during the real life Hunt for Red October. CIM's Leo Doyle gave us valuable information on cyber security issues that we might not realize we face and advice on how to protect ourselves. Carl Levinson shared his personal experiences and insights on modern China. Chicago Mensan Don Hargraves talked about publishing online through CreateSpace.

Jan Pfeil Doyle did her research and brought us some interesting and exotic hard ciders to taste. I think it was unanimous that no one liked the one with jalapenos.

Friday evening, Beverly Braden put together a stand-up comedy show for us. One of our own, Teresa Fisher, opened the show. The last performer was a former member of Cincinnati Mensa. Several of the other comedians expressed an interest in learning more about Mensa.

Saturday evening, we had a performance of "Going...Going...Gone," an improvisational auction where the audience is given play money, and gets to bid on the props and take them home. It got very lively toward the end as bidding wars broke out over a quilting hoop and a teddy bear named Albeart Einstein. There was a lot of audience participation and a lot of laughter.



Our final event of the evening on Saturday was an encore from last year's surprise performers, the Indy Pride Bag Ladies. These "gals" perform year round and all the proceeds go to charity. They always look like they are having as much fun as the audience. [CIM member Jon Applegate seems to be enjoying the show.]

The weekend wrapped up on Sunday at 11:00am with the brunch buffet. Announcements were made, people were thanked, and upcoming events were publicized. RG Co-Chair, Cyndi Kuyper, was voted Party Animal by the members of Hell's Ms in attendance. Congrats to her!

Next year's RG will be the weekend of January 23-25, and the 2014 CIM Outdoor Gathering is May 16-18 at Versailles State Park. Don't miss the fun!

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If you can't wait that long for some RG fun, The St Louis Area Mensa 2014 Regional Gathering, Around the World in a Weekend, is March 7 - 9, 2014. (Visit <http://stlouis.us.mensa.org/> for up-to-date programming information.) And don't forget our good friends over in Dayton: DAMNations 27, the Dayton Area Mensa Regional Gathering, is March 21-23, 2014 in Miamisburg, Ohio. (<http://www.dayton.us.mensa.org>)



The Life Lost in Living

Robert O. Adair

Where is the life lost in living?
Lost in the tyranny of the urgent,
lost in the busyness
of being busy,
being over scheduled
and pulled in too many directions.

Where is knowledge
lost in information/?
Lost in gathering facts,
fact after fact,
hither and yon
but not gathered,
garnered into a whole.

Where is the Wisdom
lost in knowledge?
What it's all about
when you sort it out.
Were is the calm reflection,
the meditation pursued in quiet
away from the frantic pace
and clamor of the throng?

Where are the wise ones
full of years and experience?
Seek wisdom!
Seek knowledge!
In all your getting,
get understanding.
Understand not to believe
but believe in order to understand!

Welcome New and Returning Members!

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|-------------|--------------------------|--------------|----|
| Move In | Barry Larson | Bloomington | IN |
| Move In | John P Price | Muncie | IN |
| New | Saia Leichter | Bloomington | IN |
| New | Ethan Jai | Westfield | IN |
| Reinstating | Karla Bowsher | Marion | IN |
| Reinstating | Sade Gides | Bloomington | IN |
| Reinstating | Jeffrey S Gardner | Terre Haute | IN |
| Reinstating | Brent B Kinker | Rockville | IN |
| Reinstating | D Jason Smith | Muncie | IN |
| Reinstating | Kristy Hope Faulk | Madisonville | KY |
| Reinstating | Jacinda Townsend Gides | Bloomington | IN |
| Reinstating | Mary Katherine Ellingson | Fishers | IN |



Letter to the Editor: The Mysterious Kevin

I believe the "Kevin" mentioned in Steve Merchant's article in the February MIND is Kevin Schadle. He was a very active (and friendly) member of CIM at that time and wrote a monthly column called "In Case You Missed It", reviewing various local Mensa events which he had attended. Marcele [Everest] and I were pleasantly surprised a while back when she and I went to an amateur play which featured...Kevin! The three of us spent a while after the play reminiscing. He is retired and very active in community stage presentations.

Petra Ritchie

[Editor's note: Thanks, Petra, for filling in the blank. I'm sure there are other members who have interesting stories they could share about their membership in Mensa. Please feel free to send in a story, a paragraph, a picture, and help celebrate this 50th Volume of MIND.]

March 2014 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

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

3/14 Viet Nam – It's a Country, Not a War

Teresa Fisher will tell us about the trip she took to Viet Nam, Cambodia, and Thailand in January 2012. (She stole the title of this speech from a t-shirt in Viet Nam.)



Mensans Dining Out – Sunday, 3/16, 5:30 pm. Cafe Korea, 7262 Fishers Crossing Dr, Fishers, IN 46038
Contact: Bob Zdanky, 317-503-0091 or Zdanky@gmail.com

Paducah Area Group Meeting – 3rd Tuesday of every month, 7:00 p.m.
Anyone in the area is welcome to join fellow Mensans for dinner. For location and more information on this group, contact Charles Rawlings, rawlings@siu.edu

Check out our newly updated and active Facebook page:
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/6701588448/>

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

March 2014

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday |
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| 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 Indy Lunch Bunch |
| 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 |
| 16 Mensans Dining Out | 17 | 18 Paducah Area Group Meeting | 19 Indy Lunch Bunch |
| 23 | 24 | 25 MINDbending/ ExCom | 26 |
| 30 Book Discussion | 31 | 1 April | 2 Indy Lunch Bunch |

| Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| | | 1 Ham 'n' Eggs; Muncie Meeting |
| 6 | 7 | 8 |
| 13 | 14 Monthly Gathering; MIND deadline | 15 Calendar Deadline |
| 20 | 21 Games People Play | 22 |
| 27 | 28 | 29 Esoteric SIG |
| 3 | 4 | 5 Ham 'n' Eggs; Muncie Meeting |

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

MARCH 2014 Events (cont.)

Games People Play – Friday, **3/21**, Pitch-In Dinner 6:30 pm., games begin 7 pm. Bring your favorites, or share those of others. Join Petra and other members of All Souls Unitarian Church at their monthly games night, 5805 E. 56th St. Questions: Petra 786-8665, petraritchie@msn.com

ESOTERIC SIG –Saturday, **3/29**, Indianapolis Museum of Art, We'll meet for lunch at 1:30, Subway Restaurant, 120 W. 38th St., then carpool, if you choose, to the museum (parking at IMA is free for members, \$5 for non-members) “Julianne Swartz: How Deep is Your”, a truly esoteric exhibition! Free. You may also choose to view “The Essential Robert Indiana”, free for members, \$12 for non-members. Suggest you go to www.imamuseum.org for details. Questions? Petra 786-8665, petraritchie@msn.com

Book Discussion - Sunday, **3/30** at 3:00 p.m.

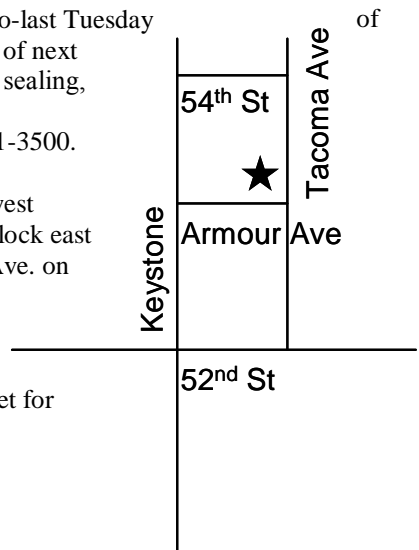
We will be discussing *The Circle* by Dave Eggers. We will be meeting at Rich and Jackie Gibson's house on the NE side of Indianapolis. Please contact Rich at hoot.gibson.tds@gmail.com or 317-735-2895 for more details.

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.

3/25, 5:30 p.m. Contact: Jan Pfeil Doyle, 431-3500. Pizza and soft drinks provided.

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



A **BigThank You** to all the February 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>

April MIND calendar items due 3/15/14 to dbculp@sbcglobal.net.

We Are Not Alone

Ellen Voie, RVC 4

Have you ever looked at the ad for Intertel in the Mensa Bulletin and wondered what that organization was about? You're already part of a VERY limited group of people who have only one thing in common...intelligence. You've scored in the top two percent on a standardized IQ test or other measurement tool.



Mensa is the largest and oldest organization devoted to serving a unique group of people who share a high IQ (Intelligence quotient, but you already knew that, right?) It includes more than 110,000 members worldwide.

Intertel calls itself, “An International Society of the Intellectually Gifted.” Wait, you are already in Mensa and you KNOW you are intellectually gifted. What’s the difference? Intertel requires a score at or above the 99th percentile on a standardized IQ test. That means that about half of our members should be eligible (no, this is NOT a statistical fact, just opinion).

Intertel was founded in 1966 and has about 1,200 members in thirty countries. Their purpose, according to their website (intertel-iq.org) is to “encourage meaningful intellectual fellowship, foster an exchange of ideas on any and all subjects, and to assist in research relating to high intelligence.

Okay, so I decided to submit my Mensa admission scores to see if I qualified. I did, which truly surprised me. (I still think I need to be retested for Mensa qualification sometimes.)

I decided to do a little more research on organizations devoted to intelligence. If you think you are pretty cool because you qualified for Mensa, there are some other IQ groups out there and some are even more restrictive (elite?)

The Sigma Society, (sigmasociety.com) is a more recent group, formed in 1999, but claims to have 200 members from forty countries. They have levels of membership; from a score in the top 97.7 percent to one is the top 99.9999999 percent, or an IQ over 196 with 100 being the average.

Another organization limiting its membership to the top one percent is called the “Top One Percent Society (toponesociety.com)” (A very descriptive name!) It was founded in 1989 and claims to, “be dedicated to the intellectual stimulation and growth of its members.” I am having a hard time understanding what “growth of its members means.”

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My search continued and I found a group called Colloquy, which is an organization for people who are in the top 99.5 percent, or above 140 IQ according to their website (colloquysociety.org). They claim to be the first high-IQ society based entirely on the Internet, “to the best of our knowledge.” (If they are truly in the top .5 percent, that is pretty good odds that they are correct.)

If you think that IQ groups couldn’t get any more elite, you are wrong. The Infinity International Society (iisiq.org) was formed in 2007 and requires an IQ of 140, or 99.63 percentile, for inclusion. Their purpose is, “to interact with each other in stimulating online forum discussions and to share in the camaraderie of our fellowship.

The Cerebrals require an even higher score, one in the 99.7th percentile! The Cerebrals (cerebrals.org) is “dedicated to the search of high intellectual giftedness among individuals, bringing highly gifted individuals together.” They don’t have a lot of information about membership on their site, but I’m sure they would welcome anyone who can pass the Cerebrals Cognitive Ability Tests!

If you want to keep raising the bar, check out the Gila Society (gilesociety.com), which calls itself the “World-wide Hyperbrain.” You must qualify in the 99.9th percentile on two separate tests. I especially appreciated their FAQ page, which states, “If one cannot qualify, one does not belong here.”

If you don’t want to join the Gila Society with an IQ in the 99.9th percentile, you can go to the International Society for Philosophical Enquiry (thethousand.com) or I.S.P.E. If you scored in the top .01 percent of the population in a standardized IQ test, you will qualify. Their charter (goals) is extensive and includes, “to extend our potentials through health and longevity.” I find this to be a very lofty goal!

There are a number of organizations that require an IQ score over 99.9 percent. The One-in-a-thousand Society (oathsociety.com), founded in 1992, is “dedicated to the friendship and communication among intellectually gifted adults.”

The Triple Nine Society (triplenine.org) requires an IQ score in the 99.9th percentile and is, “committed to friendship, communication, the adventure of intellectual exploration, and a greater realization of individual potentials.” They have members in more than twenty countries

The sPIqr Society (spiqr.society.webs.com) was founded in 2010 and limits membership to anyone scoring in the top 99.98th percentile.

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Want to be even more exclusive? Check out the Prometheus Society (prometheussociety.org) formed in 1982, “to promote fellowship among individuals with extremely high intelligence.” You must score on an accepted IQ test in the highest one thirty thousandth of the general population (I think this means 99.997th percentile). They are not accepting applications for membership until they are “done investigating some problems with selected admission tests.

If you did score in the top one thirty thousandth of the population you could check out Ultranet (megafoundation.org), a newer organization that was formed in 1999 for “extremely gifted adults with an IQ of 164 or greater.” They are associated with the Tianadara Ranch in Missouri where they hold retreats for members.

So, you thought you were in a pretty limited group of people when you joined Mensa. Me too, but maybe I'll check out some of these other groups before someone at Mensa finds out I need to be retested!



Stout Stuff—Strong Unstuff Writing

Jean Rodgers

Rex Stout fans: Rejoice! Nero Wolfe lives. Archie Goodwin lives.

Stout Stuff is "Satisfactory," Nero Wolfe would say. But the rest of us might say, "It is not only satisfactory, it is superb."

This book, an homage to mystery writer Rex Stout, contains a novella followed by two essays. In the first essay, Ouellette discusses his personal ups and downs planning, writing, and re-writing the novella, *Murder in Terms of Death*. In the second, he takes on the challenges any author faces when writing fiction.

Murder in Terms of Death features the two well-known literary characters Nero Wolfe and Archie Goodwin, a pair almost as famous as Sherlock Holmes and Dr. Watson. The corpulent genius Wolfe stays in his New York brownstone living the good life, raising orchids, eating the delectable food prepared by his personal chef, and waiting; crimes, clients, and Inspector Cramer come to his door. Archie, of course, delivers the facts to Wolfe in all their cases. This one involves Shakespearian actors, TV personalities, old theater programs, and bilingualism. Wolfe, naturally, solves the crime of what turns out to be a triple homicide.

Ouellette is a skilled writer who successfully re-creates the voices of Archie and Wolfe; the tone of this novella is perfect; it reads like a long-lost Rex Stout manuscript. Mystery lovers, especially Rex Stout fans, literature or drama students, Shakespeare buffs, or general readers who just like a good story should enjoy *Stout Stuff*.

Books On the Runway

Margy Lancet Fletcher

Title: *Founding Mothers: The Women Who Raised Our Nation*

Author: Cokie Roberts **Year:** 2004

Book Description: An absorbing social history of the women who stood beside (not behind) the Founding Fathers, and provided invaluable support to the careers and political aspirations of these iconic men. This is a practically day-by-day account of the prodigious efforts of these women to keep family households and businesses solvent, raise healthy children, fend off marauders and enemy soldiers, and provide practical suggestions to their loved ones – often accompanying them to battlefields – while the men waged war and created a new form of government. Examples of the many women highlighted are Eliza Lucas Pinckney, who managed three plantations and conducted agriculture experiments during her teen years; Deborah Read Franklin, who financially backed her husband Benjamin’s foreign assignments through real estate ventures and the management of the post office; Mercy Otis Warren, author of political pamphlets and plays, as well as a massive tome on the history of the American Revolution; Abigail Adams, outspoken promoter of women’s rights and adviser to her husband, John Adams, throughout his political career; and Elizabeth “Mumbet” Freeman, a slave whose successful suit to obtain her freedom led to the abolition of slavery in Massachusetts.

Has this book changed the way you think, your attitude toward life, or even your life itself? If so, how? Reading this book confirmed my belief that, although a man may be able to sire either a child or an idea, a woman’s rationality, resourcefulness, and dedication is vital to its continued survival. It truly appealed to the feminist in me.

Who should definitely read this book? Why? Anyone with a literary appetite for American history and a desire to learn more about the little-known contributions of women to the founding of our nation. Roberts, a renowned and award-winning television and newspaper journalist, based her narrative on personal documents, letters, and journals that were typically difficult to obtain and even harder to read. She has admirably overcome these challenges and managed to produce a colorful and richly-detailed tribute to a group of exceptional women – an admirable accomplishment in itself.

How long might it take to read this book? A maximum of one week, I would say.

Provide a short characteristic section, an awesome sentence, or an inspiring quote: “When I first started learning about the women who influenced the

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Founding Fathers, I thought they might represent a unique generation, in the way we have always been told that the men of the era were unique. After all, they lived in a time – declaring independence and fighting a war for it, crafting a constitution, forming a new government – that will never be repeated. John Quincy Adams subscribed to the thesis that his mother’s generation was unique when he complained to her that there were no modern women like her. Abigail, God love her, shot back that women might act frivolous and flighty, but only because men wanted them to...But as I got to know these women, [I] came to the conclusion that there’s nothing unique about them. They did – with great hardship, courage, pluck, prayerfulness, sadness, joy, energy, and humor – what women do. They put one foot in front of the other in remarkable circumstances. They carried on. They are truly our Founding Mothers.

Additional Remarks: Amen, sister!



Central Indiana Mensa ExCom Minutes 12/17/13

The regular monthly meeting of the Central Indiana Mensa ExCom was held at Midwest Internet on Tuesday, December 17, 2013.

Vice LocSec Jean Rodgers called the meeting to order at 5:55 p.m. Members present included: David Culp, Teresa Gregory, Ann Hake, Jean Rodgers, Karen Steilberger, Karen Wilczewski, Bob Zdanky, and Karen Zwick. Absent: Jan Pfeil Doyle. Guests: David Bonner, Michael Reed.

Jean Rodgers read the minutes of the November ExCom and one correction was made. Ann Hake moved that the minutes be accepted as corrected, Karen Zwick seconded the motion, and the motion was carried.

Karen Zwick presented the Treasurer’s report and noted that no income was reported because there was no charge for the December monthly gathering and also, this meeting is earlier in the month than usual. Ann Hake made a motion to accept the report as presented, Teresa Gregory seconded the motion, and the motion was carried.

Old Business

WFYI TV20 pledge drive: Teresa Gregory gave a recap of the evening and said it went well. She said Jan Pfeil Doyle received a note of thanks from WFYI.

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Holiday Party: There was a good turnout and good food. Attendees appeared to have had a good time.

2014 RG: Teresa Gregory said the improvisation show “Going Going Gone” is confirmed for Saturday night for a cost of \$400. We will provide props and print the play money. We have some registrations for the RG. Teresa is open to suggestions for additional programs/speakers.

Monthly programs: Ann Hake is trying to get a crossword puzzle presenter to speak at one of the monthly gatherings and asked if it would be possible to have this speaker in January and reschedule the games night to February. The committee concluded that it would be all right to bring in the speaker in January as part of the games night theme.

Communications: Jean Rodgers followed up on the previous month’s proposal to send e-mails to members to keep them informed of news and activities. The committee discussed whether weekly e-mails would be too frequent, and concluded that semi-monthly would be better. Teresa Gregory said sending the mail messages is not difficult to set up. David Bonner said there is a way to subscribe to receive updates, and said he will write an article for MIND to explain it.

New Business

New member dinner: Bob Zdanky said he would like to make the site for all of the quarterly new member dinners, after January, at the West side TGI Friday’s, as the best attendance was there. He also asked for help in determining the date for the next one after January. The committee conferred and settled on April 27.

MIND volume 50: Teresa Gregory said that the new edition of MIND starts volume 50, marking 50 years of Mensa in Central Indiana. She is looking for contributions of written memories, pictures, etc. She also would like to have some kind of event later in 2014 to celebrate the milestone. She asked David Bonner about the possibility of getting pictures from the old Web site.

Gifted children’s program: Teresa Gregory asked David Bonner about what is happening with the gifted children’s program. He said there were two events last fall, but not much since then. He has limited time now and would be interested in turning over the program to someone else. He asked for ideas for a replacement.

There being no other business, David Culp made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Karen Wilczewski seconded the motion. The motion carried, and the meeting was adjourned at 6:41 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Karen Steilberger

Treasurer's Report

Karen Zwick, Treasurer

Balance Sheet (as of 01/20/2014)

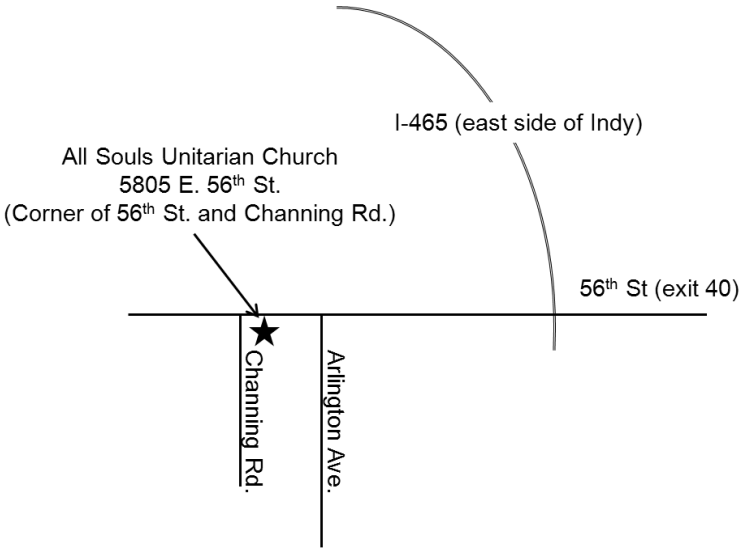
| Bank Accounts | 01/20/2014 | 12/16/2013 |
|--------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Checking – Regular | \$8,206.89 | \$7,935.69 |
| Checking - Scholarship | 374.53 | 374.53 |
| Checking – Youth Mbrship | 1,160.00 | 1,160.00 |
| Gathering Account | 7,881.83 | 7,881.83 |
| Vanguard Account | 3,739.73 | \$3,739.73 |
| Total Assets | \$21,362.98 | \$21,091.78 |

Profit & Loss Statement (12/17/2013– 01/20/2014)

| Income | |
|--|-----------------|
| 402 – National Mensa Inc. (December and January) | 912.48 |
| Total Income | \$912.48 |
| Expense | |
| 501.1 – Monthly Gathering Hospitality | 49.15 |
| 505 – Food for ExCom/MIND | 132.13 |
| 505.2 – MIND Postage | 460.00 |
| Total Expense | \$641.28 |



**Don't forget to
RENEW your membership by
March 31.**



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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