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## Whew! Glad That's Over!

*Karen Zwick, Editor*

**The past six months have been one of those “roller coaster” times in my life. While real roller coasters are thrilling and exciting for many, they are NOT for me. Most roller coasters just make me sick to my stomach. But, I digress.**

The greatest challenge in my personal “roller coaster” was dealing with a surprisingly rapid onset of dementia in my father. (He'd lived by himself in a rather large home for the 12 years since my mother passed away.) I've got wonderful siblings and all pitched in to find and execute the best options for Dad. We rapidly got him moved to a beautiful assisted living apartment with a wonderful and caring staff. Here is the good news - Dad is quite happy and doing great!

As a small business owner, another huge challenge has been keeping my business afloat in these tough economic times. We've managed to hang on the past year and a half with not enough project work while increasing our sales and marketing efforts to land more new clients and projects. Slowly, we appear to be building up our volume of project work.

While dealing with my father's situation and keeping my business afloat, I was also planning my daughter's wedding. However, unlike the previous two challenges, the wedding was a great source of joy and happiness.



We planned a lovely, intimate, and joy-filled event. And – we kept everything within the planned budget! The day ranks right up there with the three other greatest days of my life – my wedding day and the births of my two children. The picture is of my husband, Jim, and I dancing at the reception.

So, what did I learn from my roller coaster life of the past six months? Three things – 1) Hang on, the ride won't last forever, 2) Lean on family and friends, and 3) Take care of yourself so you can take care of others.

## T.G.InFo

Teresa Gregory, LocSec

On September 14, Central Indiana Mensa held its election. There weren't any surprises because there were nine people running for nine offices. What is significant, for me, is that I was not running for Local Secretary. I am turning the keys over to the able hand of Jan Pfeil Doyle. She's served as LocSec in the past, and has been my right hand through the past six years. I had hoped that she would be the one to step up, and, as always, she didn't disappoint me.



These past six years have been challenging and rewarding. I have met so many wonderful people both locally and internationally. As a basically shy person, being LocSec gave me a reason to introduce myself to people and not be self-conscious about it. I have learned so much from all of you and this experience. Thank you!

I will remain a member of the Executive Committee. I also am the chair of the Regional Gathering in January. I could use some volunteers to do a few small jobs, some of which don't even require people to attend. Because we didn't have an RG last year, this one is going to be special.

We have a special promotion for Mensa Test Day this year. Bring a buddy! The testing fee is \$40. If you bring a buddy...you don't even have to like him/her very well...you can test two people for \$40. Think of the people who you know belong in Mensa and pass the word. See p. 6 for locations and times. There are several.

And now, one more "thank you." Thank you to all the members who have served on the ExCom the past six years, all the editors who have kept the active and non-active members informed, and all the people who quietly helped behind the scenes to make this group viable and vibrant. I was always up-front about my motive for being LocSec. I had heard stories about what a great group this used to be. Thank you to everyone who made this group a fun group for me.

## 2012 Mensa Admission Testing Schedule

Steve Merchant, Proctor Coordinator

Date	Location	Registration Time	Test Start Time
Oct 20, 2012	Indianapolis, IN Wayne Branch Library 198 S. Girl's School Rd. Contact: Steve Merchant	10:00 – 11:00	11:00 a.m.
Oct 20, 2012	Newburgh, IN Cady Wellness Institute, Conference Room 4727 Rosebud Lane, Ste F Contact: Daniel Nance, 270-871-9411 Map: <a href="http://cadywellness.com/contact-us">http://cadywellness.com/ contact-us</a>	1:00 p.m.	Following Registration
Oct 20, 2012	Carmel, IN Location TBD. Please check <a href="http://www.indymensa.org">www.indymensa.org</a> or contact Tony Reck, <a href="mailto:areck3000@yahoo.com">areck3000@yahoo.com</a>	9:00 a.m.	Following Registration

Registration takes only about 5 – 10 minutes. The fee of \$40 is payable by cash, check, or any major credit card. **This month only – bring a testing buddy and your \$40 fee will pay for both!**

Candidates between 14-17 years old are required to have one of their parents also sign the registration form in my presence at the testing site. I am not permitted to test candidates under 14 years old. Candidates under 14 will need to apply to the American Mensa, Ltd. national office in Arlington, Texas using approved prior testing evidence. A partial list of accepted tests and scores is available at <http://www.us.mensa.org/scores>. Further questions about prior evidence admission to Mensa may be answered by contacting Mary Spencer at 817-607-0060, Extension 5529.

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

QUESTIONS: Feel free to e-mail me at [blazingstar32@hotmail.com](mailto:blazingstar32@hotmail.com), or telephone me at 317-240-3077 at home, or 317-431-8645 on my cell phone. Good luck to all candidates.

## Community Symposi-M Events

The following is an announcement regarding the Community Symposi-M events through the end of the year. Community Symposi-Ms are coordinated and hosted by member Cregg McCullin of North Texas Mensa. Further information can be found in the the Symposi-M announcement discussion at

<http://www.community.us.mensa.org/forums/t/22042.aspx> in the online Community (<http://www.community.us.mensa.org>).

On the second Sunday of every month, American Mensa's online Community hosts Community Symposi-Ms, our virtual symposium series, and all Mensa members are welcome! Participation is easy, but the opportunity to obtain new knowledge and perspectives could be profound.

After you watch each month's video, attend the live, Mensans-only online discussion at 3 p.m., Central time, on the dates listed below, in the General Chat room of the American Mensa online Community (<http://www.community.us.mensa.org>). (Please note that, if you need login help, you will need to contact the National Office in advance during regular business hours.) Following the chat session, a dedicated online discussion thread will be created in the Events section of the "Mensa and You" forum in the Mensa Online Community to continue discussions and to allow those who are not able to attend the chat to participate.

Community Symposi-Ms through the end of the year include the following intriguing topics.

Oct. 14: "A Reality Check on Renewables" by physicist David MacKay, who uses hard math to assess our renewable energy options. He uses basic mathematics to show worrying limitations on our sustainable energy options, and he explains why we should pursue them anyway. Watch the 18-minute video at [http://www.ted.com/talks/david\\_mackay\\_a\\_reality\\_check\\_on\\_renewables.html](http://www.ted.com/talks/david_mackay_a_reality_check_on_renewables.html).

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Nov. 11: "The Game That Can Give You Ten Extra Years of Life" by game designer Jane McGonigal, who researches and employs gaming theory and design to promote improvements in our non-digital lives. She suggests that games can actually lengthen our lives by tapping into and promoting improvements in our individual mental, physical, emotional and social spheres of life. Watch the 19-minute video at [http://www.ted.com/talks/jane\\_mcgonigal\\_the\\_game\\_that\\_can\\_give\\_you\\_10\\_extra\\_years\\_of\\_life.html](http://www.ted.com/talks/jane_mcgonigal_the_game_that_can_give_you_10_extra_years_of_life.html).

Dec. 9: "A Vision of Crimes in the Future" by criminologist Marc Goodman, who researches and writes about how technology may influence future crime trends. He argues that a combination of technology and crowdsourcing may hold the key to detecting and preventing future crimes and acts of terrorism. Watch the 19-minute video at [http://www.ted.com/talks/marc\\_goodman\\_a\\_vision\\_of\\_crimes\\_in\\_the\\_future.html](http://www.ted.com/talks/marc_goodman_a_vision_of_crimes_in_the_future.html).

For more information, please visit the Symposi-M announcement discussion at <http://www.community.us.mensa.org/forums/t/22042.aspx>.

## Welcome!

### New Members

Courtney Glait	Carmel, IN
Gary Jarboe	Owensboro, KY
Samuel Mayer	Indianapolis, IN

### Reinstating Members

Patrick M Banks	Seymour, IN
Kathleen Cox	Indianapolis, IN
Dale L Dasher	Markleville, IN
Patrick J Erdner	Cadiz, KY
Kristofer J Sanchack	Indianapolis, IN

### Members Moving In

Adam Woloshuk	Peru, IN
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## A WeeM-ly LDW

**Leadership Development Workshops – or LDWs – are Mensa’s way of delivering training, instruction and other knowledge to volunteers. You don’t have to be a leader in the traditional sense, just come with a desire to learn!**

On the Sunday of this year’s HalloweeM weekend (that’s October 28<sup>th</sup>), Chicago Area Mensa will host a free LDW. The topics are varied and appeal to leaders of groups, gatherings and everything in between. Topics include:

- **Hospitality** – Interested in planning a gathering that involves food? Learn how HalloweeM’s smoothly-operated and budget-conscious hospitality runs from a behind-the-scenes perspective.
- **Volunteer Retention** – Volunteers are undeniably Mensa’s most important asset. Equally so, we need to motivate and educate our volunteers so they stay with the group, take on more / different responsibilities and inspire others. Learn tips and techniques you can apply with your volunteers.
- **Leadership Succession Planning** – Similar to moving through different phases of a career, it’s important for volunteers to evolve through various responsibilities and accomplishments. Learn how to create a plan that motivates current volunteers but also brings new volunteers into the continuous cycle.
- **Strategic Planning** – How will you reach your destination if you don’t know where you’re going? A strategic plan is absolutely essential to any group interested in attaining its goals. Whether those goals be related to growth, satisfaction, governance or anything in between, learn how to easily create an actionable plan for success.

The LDW will last all day, starting around 10am on Sunday. A detailed schedule is available on the [chicago.us.mensa.org/weem](http://chicago.us.mensa.org/weem) site. Light snacks and beverages will be served throughout the day. Lunch is not provided, but several restaurants are located in the hotel and immediate area. You’re also welcome to take advantage of WeeM-related hospitality and attractions all-day on Sunday for only \$10, although WeeM registration is not required for the LDW.

All LDW registration requests and questions should be sent to Beth Anne Demeter at [membership@us.mensa.org](mailto:membership@us.mensa.org). If you’re interested in entering WeeM for the day, Lynn Collier, registrar, should also be contacted at [weem-registrar@chicago.us.mensa.org](mailto:weem-registrar@chicago.us.mensa.org).

## Ham 'n' Eggs on the Move

**As of Oct. the first Saturday morning meetings of Mensans in Hamilton County, known as Ham 'n' Eggs (for the Hamilton County Eggheads assembled there) will be held starting at 10 am - half an hour later than previously. We will meet around a large table at SoHo Cafe & Gallery at 620 S. Range Line Road (at the rear of the Mohawk Place Shopping Center, backing up to the Monon Greenway) in Carmel.**

We, the proponents of the move, think that the space will delight the inquiring Mensa mind and palate. Jean Rodgers says: "Once you walk in, down a short hall, and pass the serving counter, you can turn to the left and enter an expansive, open room with two large tables always set up. ... The place exudes friendliness."

The walls are covered with an ever changing series of works by local artists (there is also atelier space available!). If for some reason the conversation should run out, there is a shelf of games available. Some evenings they offer live musical entertainment, but we won't be there then.

The menu offers both breakfast and lunch selections for the hungry among us, a wide variety of teas and some very nice hot chocolates. But the SoHo Cafe specializes in coffee - organic and fair trade - made with all the skill the baristas (one of whom used to work at our old haunt, the Starbucks in Barnes and Noble) can muster. The pastry selection is excellent and there are even gluten free items!

Of the 50 people who voted on the SoHo Cafe & Gallery on Urban Spoon 94% liked it; Yelp reviewers gave it 4.5 stars.

Check it out at <http://www.sohocafecarmel.com>, then drive (there is more than enough parking), bike, or run on in at 10 am the first Saturday of the month to meet your fellow Mensans.

Alison Brown  
SIGHT@indymensa.org  
CIM SIGHT Coordinator  
Carmel, Indiana

## October 2012 Events - Central Indiana Mensa

**Indy Lunch Bunch** - 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> 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](mailto:alan.schmidt@att.net)

### West Lafayette/Lafayette

**Lunch** - 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday, 12:00 noon, Toscana Italian Grill & Bar, 515 South Street, Lafayette (at the Holiday Inn Select City Centre)  
Contact: Joe Stamper, 765-474-4759, [jstamper@hicclaf.com](mailto:jstamper@hicclaf.com)

**Ham 'n' Eggs (Hamilton County Eggheads)** 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday from 10:00-11:30 a.m. Soho Café & Gallery, 620 South Range Line Road, Carmel, IN.

### NOTE: New location and starting time!

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).

**Muncie Area Group Meeting** - 1<sup>st</sup> 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](mailto:munciemensa@gmail.com)

**Bridge SIG** - 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday at 2:00 p.m.

Contacts: Grace Falvey and Bob Dill, 842-6246

**10/7:** Wanda and Bob VanBuskirk, 359-6907

**11/4:** Bill Eberbach, 888-5981

**Monthly Gathering** - 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday at 7:00 p.m. All Souls Unitarian Church, 5805 E. 56<sup>th</sup> 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

**10/12:** Our speaker for October will be Sally Irvin, PhD, Executive Director of Indiana Canine Assistant Network (ICAN). ICAN trains and places assistance dogs with children and adults with disabilities, while providing life and job skills to inmates who train the dogs for service work inside Indiana correctional facilities. For more information, check out [www.icandog.org](http://www.icandog.org).



**Kokomo Breakfast** - 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Paducah Area Group Meeting** - 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of every month, 7:00 p.m.

**10/16:** Olive Garden, 5150 Hinkleville Rd, Paducah, KY 42001 (Across from the Kentucky Oaks Mall). Anyone in the area is welcome to join fellow Mensans for dinner. For more information on this group, contact Charles Rawlings, [rawlings@siu.edu](mailto:rawlings@siu.edu)

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

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## October 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
	1	2	3 Indy Lunch Bunch; W. Lafayette Lunch
7 Bridge SIG	8	9	10
14	15	16 Paducah Area Group Meeting	17 Indy Lunch Bunch
21 Book Discussion; Mensans Dining Out 	22	23 <i>MIND</i> bending/ ExCom	24
28	29	30	31
4 Bridge SIG; New Member Dinner	5	6	7 Indy Lunch Bunch; W. Lafayette Lunch
11	12	13	14

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Thursday	Friday	Saturday
4	5	6 Ham 'n' Eggs; Muncie Meeting 
11	12 Monthly Gathering; <i>MIND</i> Deadline 	13 Kokomo Breakfast; Calendar deadline
18	19	20 National Testing Day
25	26 CIM Family Program 	27 Kokomo Breakfast
27	28	29
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1		Ham 'n' Eggs; Muncie Meeting
8	9 Monthly Gathering; <i>MIND</i> deadline	10 Kokomo Breakfast

## October 2012 Events (cont.)

### Mensa Admissions Testing – National Testing Day

**Saturday, 10/20: Tests will be given in three locations.** See p. 6 for details.

Contact: Steve Merchant, (h) 317-240-3077, (c) 317-431-8645,  
[Blazingstar32@hotmail.com](mailto:Blazingstar32@hotmail.com)

### Book Discussion

**Sunday, 10/21, 2:30 p.m.:** Leo and Jan Pfeil Doyle's home on the northeast side of Indianapolis. We'll be discussing *The Power of Habit: Why We Do What We Do in Life and Business*, by Charles Duhigg. Contact Jan Pfeil Doyle, 317-431-3500, or [jan@mw.net](mailto:jan@mw.net) for directions. RSVPs appreciated but not required.

### Mensans Dining Out

**Sunday, 10/21, 5:30 p.m.**

Yats Restaurant, 8352 E. 96th Street, Fishers.

Contact: Bob Zdanky, 317-503-0091 or [Zdanky@gmail.com](mailto:Zdanky@gmail.com)

### *MIND*Bending/ExCom – Last or next-to-last Tuesday of the month.

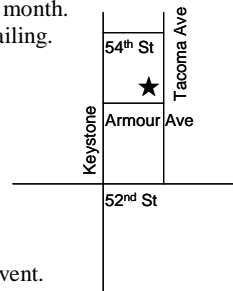
*MIND*Bending is the preparation of next month's *MIND* for mailing.

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

**10/23, 5:30 p.m.** Contact: Teresa 430-1761.

Pizza and soft drinks provided.

*MIND*Bending 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 August *MIND*benders and thanks to Midwest Internet for hosting the event.

### CIM Family Program

**Friday, 10/26, 6:45 p.m.** Smart Science: "Spooky Science" with Julie Tennell at Franklin High School. Contact: David Bonner, [gcc@kids.indymensa.org](mailto:gcc@kids.indymensa.org)



### LOOKING AHEAD

**New Members Dinner + Mensans Dining Out** – In November, this will be a combined event. Come join us for food, conversation, and the opportunity to welcome and get to know our new members.

**Sunday, 11/4, 5:30 p.m.:** 8 Lucky Buffet (Chinese), 5010 S. East Street, Indianapolis. Contact: Bob Zdanky, 317-503-0091 or [Zdanky@gmail.com](mailto:Zdanky@gmail.com)

November *MIND* calendar items due 10/13/12 to [sbeilbe@sbcglobal.net](mailto:sbeilbe@sbcglobal.net).



## Within Your Ken

*Ken Silver RVC4*

**October is a busy month! For starters it's Mind Challenge Month, aka National Testing Month. Groups will be promoting testing even more than usual this month; bigger groups will have multiple test sessions. We each know someone that we just know would qualify. So let's point them in the right direction and encourage them to take the test and join Mensa!**



The last weekend of the month October 25-28 is WeeM 37. You still have time to come the big one! Of course this is only meant for people that want to have a great time with several hundred Mensans and be spoiled by the non-stop lavish hospitality. Don't worry; you can get rid of the five pounds you gain over the weekend when you get home.

This year you can find out even more about WeeM, how to run a successful RG in general, and learn about many other topics. Sunday at WeeM will be devoted to a Leadership Development Workshop (LDW). The LDW is a great way to find out more about Mensa, and help you figure out where you might get involved. If you want to feel good about being a Mensa member, come to the LDW. You'll learn a lot, and get motivated. You don't have to register for WeeM to attend the LDW, but if you're not registered, you'll want to pay \$10 to avail yourself of the hospitality for the day.

It's not this month, but it's not too early to be thinking about going to Mind Games in St Louis April 19-21 2013. It's not often that you'll have the opportunity take part in this fun event so conveniently.

The AMC met in September just a few days after my deadline for this column, so I'll be reporting on that in November.

Ken

## Pictures from New Member Dinner

*Pictures submitted by Teresa Gregory*

The following pictures are from the July 22 new member dinner.



Gerardo Gomez & Tom DeWitt



Leo Doyle, Greg Crawford & Jean Rodgers



Linda & Alan Schmidt, Rhoda Israelov



Bob & Cindy Zdanky



Rhoda, Alan, Alison Brown, Petra Ritchie, Teresa Gregory & Bob Zdanky



Leo Doyle



## Thoughts on What We All Know

*Jud Horning*

**There are two types of virgins: There are the responsible virgins who accept their responsibilities and get chained to trees, and then toasted and chomped by fire breathing dragons.**

And then, again, there are those who say, "I don't care if it does endanger my village and lead to the extinction of an endangered species. I don't want to get chained to a tree and then toasted and chomped by a fire breathing dragon. I am going to renounce my responsibilities and run off with my liberal friends and live the liberal lifestyle."

But there are also two types of conservative: There are the true conservatives who follow common practice and chain virgins to trees with the intent of saving both their villages and the endangered fire breathing dragons.

But there are also those who give the appearance of being true conservatives, but then, after the dragon has come and done what dragons do, they track the dragon to its lair, slay the dragon, and steal its hoard. Is that what a true conservative would do?

## Oh Boy

*Jud Horning*

**From the 17 August 2012 *Science* magazine "Editors' Choice", referring to a study of the ISTEP test:**

"Maltese and Hochbein studied U. S. high schools in Indiana and found that despite school-level improvement of some schools on measures of math and literacy as reflected on a statewide standardized test used for evaluating schools (ISTEP), student level performance in those improving schools did not demonstrate improvement in literacy or math on a separate, widely-used college-entrance examination (ACT). Furthermore, school-level improvement on ISTEP math and literacy was generally associated with lower individual student-level science achievement on ACT. -- BW"

## Central Indiana Mensa Ex-Com Minutes 07/27/12

*Karen Wilczewski, Recording Secretary*

**LocSec Teresa Gregory opened the meeting at 7:15 p.m. Members present included: Jan Pfeil Doyle, Teresa Gregory, Cyndi Kuyper, Alan Schmidt, Karen Wilczewski, Bob Zdany, and Karen Zwick. Absent: David Bonner. Guests included: Alison Brown, Leo Doyle, Jud Horning, Petra Ritchie, Linda Schmidt, and Nancy White.**

The minutes of the June Ex-Com meeting were accepted with minor corrections. (Karen Zwick moved; Cyndi Kuyper seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.)

Alan Schmidt presented the Treasurer's report, which showed the balance as of 7/24/12 as \$20,528.47 (Jan Pfeil Doyle moved to accept the Treasurer's report; Karen Zwick seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.)

The membership report showed 11 new members, 3 reinstating members, 2 renewing members, 1 move-in member, 3 offers of membership, and 14 prospects.

### Old Business

New Member Dinner: Bob Zdanky reported 17 people attended the New Member dinner in July, including one new member, Gerardo Gomez. This new member plans to attend the next monthly meeting.

Upcoming CIM Election: The ballots must be postmarked August 20; however, *MIND*bending is set for August 21. The ExCom agreed to organize a separate mailing. The plan is to prepare the ballots at the August monthly meeting and mail them on August 20.

September Picnic: The picnic will be held at Shelter A, Eagle Creek Park, the same location as last year. The date for the picnic is September 9 from 1-5 p.m.

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Email Blasts: American Mensa's website can handle member tracking, meaning CIM can now pull up information on different groups, print address labels, and generate emails and print PDF reports. This feature is available to the LocSec and select leaders. Teresa can identify geographic areas and target different demographics of our members, such as those under age 40.

The July monthly meeting was well attended. The speaker drew a different crowd. One couple traveled from Anderson.

Alison Brown reported completing her role as chair of the Nominating Committee (NomCom). She acknowledged Marcele Everest and Alison thanked her committee, which included Larry Marcus and Petra Ritchie. Petra is on the Election Committee, which will count the ballots. Alison also suggested that the CIM bylaws be amended so that the *MIND* and voting ballots could be sent at the same time. Teresa Gregory said the bylaws will be reviewed to determine if they can be updated. Discussion followed indicating that the bylaws be completely rewritten before presenting them to National. Another suggestion was made to use a model set of bylaws as the basis for updating CIM's bylaws. Once the bylaws were revised, CIM would have to approve them before sending them to National, followed by publishing them in *MIND* and on our website.

The issue of Teresa Gregory and Cyndi Kuyper meeting at Old National Bank on a mutually agreeable day to sign signature cards together for the Mensa RG and OG accounts was discussed and tabled for the August ExCom meeting.

#### **New Business**

Teresa Gregory reported attending a LocSec Day at the AG. The program addressed what our group is doing well, not so well, and what CIM should be doing that it's not currently. Using MeetUp was discussed. Some groups reported having success using this tool, because the MeetUp announcements were open to members only, while other chapters posted their monthly meetings as a way to disseminate information to the public at-large. However, MeetUp is geared to younger people.

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Another challenge discussed was how to get members to participate in their local chapter. Preparing a group timeline was suggested. Teresa is also open to identifying ways to brand Mensa better.

Teresa requested that a brochure about Mensa be tailored to the GenCon audience. She has requested this for the last four years. Another challenge is qualifying kids for Mensa through the National website. LocSec Day also addressed how to handle damage control if negative news thrust Mensa into the national spotlight. The answer was to refer all media inquiries to National. Teresa asked the ExCom for ideas of how to get members excited and involved in the local chapter. What should we keep and what should we eliminate?

Mensa Testing: Teresa reported that National Testing Day has run its course. She added that National will give a \$25 stipend on behalf of the first individual to take the Mensa test.

Leo Doyle addressed the ExCom, commenting that select ExCom members should attend next year's RG for free. For example, the person organizing the RG should have his or her registration compensated, along with the *MIND* editor and LocSec. Limits can be set as to who has their registration comped. He also suggested volunteers should be recognized in some way and recommended exploring how other groups handle this.

Ultimately, this topic has been tabled till the August meeting and will be voted on then.

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m. (Karen Zwick moved to adjourn; Alan Schmidt seconded the motion. It passed unanimously)

Respectfully submitted,

Karen E. Wilczewski, Recording Secretary

## Treasurer's Report

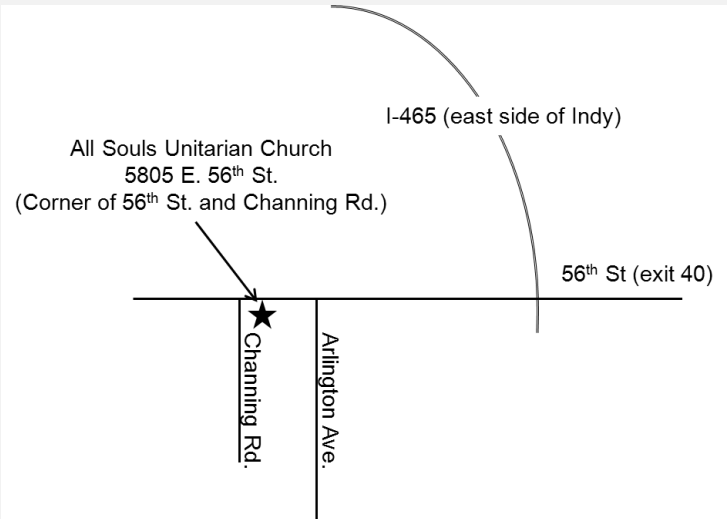
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### Balance Sheet (as of 8/28/2012)

Cash and Bank Accounts	8/28/2012	7/24/2012
Mensa – Checking	\$9,239.14	\$9,109.90
Vanguard Mensa (6/29/12, 12/29/11)	\$3,738.39	\$3,737.67
<b>Total Cash and Bank Accounts</b>	\$12,977.53	\$12,847.57
<b>Other Assets</b>		
Regional Gathering Account (7-23-12)	\$7,680.90	\$7,680.90
<b>Total Assets</b>	\$20,658.43	\$20,528.47


### Profit & Loss Statement (8/28/2012 to 7/24/2012)

Income	Date	Amount
American Mensa 519x.82 3new 0corp3reins0test	8/17/2012	\$431.58
Vanguard dividend 2012 to 6/29		\$0.72
Monthly Meeting August 10 M18,nonM6,1food, child,new,spk,25people \$3 donation	8/10/2012	\$135.00
Youth member donation \$211 Total Scholarship fund\$305.00+3=308		
<b>Total Income</b>		\$567.30
<b>Expenses</b>		
Bob Zdanky new member meal 7/22		\$20.00
All Souls Unitarian Church Aug/Sept.	7/24/2012	\$70.00
Min Press (300 MINDs for Aug1,100 flyers)	7/24/2012	\$273.25
Jan Doyle MIND food	7/24/2012	\$74.09
<b>Total Expenses</b>		\$437.34



**This Month's Meeting Location**  
**All Souls Unitarian Church, The Beattie Room,**  
**5805 E. 56<sup>th</sup> St., Indianapolis**

- From I-465 on the east side of Indianapolis, take the 56<sup>th</sup> St exit west (exit 40).
- Turn left on Channing Rd (1.2 miles from the I-465 exit).
- The church parking lot is on your left.
- Go to the Beattie Room.



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