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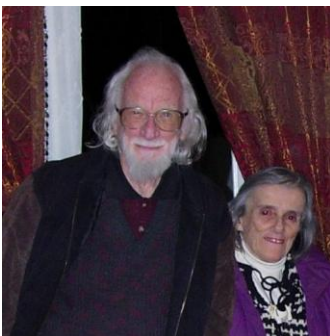
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### Note From the Editor

Long-time Mensan, Bob Thomas, missed the September 13 Monthly Gathering. He said in email: *Sorry I won't be there Friday. My daughter and I, and maybe 3 or more other relatives, will be 'celebrating' the occasion, in the absence of Doris.*

The "occasion" was the 60<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary of Bob and Doris Thomas. Regular fixtures at the MGs, Doris brought veggies and cheese for over 25 years. Doris, also a member, passed away in July of this year.

## Old Dog/New Tricks

*Teresa Gregory, Editor*

My last two columns have been about letting go and simplifying. I have to come clean. These were prompted by the fact that I have bought a new house and will have to downsize. This is going to be quite a challenge!

Buying a house is something that people think long and hard about. They do a lot of research and personal soul searching. What do I want to live by? What features are important? What would I like but don't have to have? What's a deal breaker? Serious home buyers check what's on the market. They go to open houses. They have a plan.



That's not me. I had a horrible allergy attack in June that forced me to cancel my trip to the Fort Worth Annual Gathering. I was sitting at home (instead of packing for the trip), wondering how much my neighbor had listed his house for, and surfing the net. After I found his house, I was curious what else was available. I stumbled onto the cutest little bungalow. It looked like a real bargain, too good to be true. I wasn't quite sure where it was, so I went for a short drive. It was cuter than the picture. I went back home and posted a question on our neighborhood Facebook page, asking about the square footage. It looked too high. (I worked for a real estate appraiser for eight years.)

One of my neighbors said I was right, and asked if I was interested in buying a house. I said no, but I'd call her in the morning. Long story short, we went to look at it, I fell in love, and I made an offer. That was July 1. It's a "short sale," which means the mortgage holder is willing to take less than the seller owes to help her get out from under it. That's why the price seemed so reasonable. But "short sale" doesn't mean "quick sale." My July 1 offer was just accepted the first of September. After scheduling, then rescheduling the closing, it finally happened. I was afraid to say much to anyone because I didn't want to jinx the deal.

I will be going from a five (they are small) bedroom, two-story house to a two bedroom single story home. My square footage will be halved. My challenge is where to begin! Just out of curiosity, one night I walked through my house and counted: I have seventeen bookcases. I really didn't know there were that many. Do I have to mention that they are all full?

Trying to rah-rah myself into simplifying hasn't worked before. Now I have painted myself into a corner and I have to do it. So let the purging begin!

## LocSection

Jan Pfeil Doyle

We have several new and new-ish activities on the calendar this month. A brand new event, “Games People Play,” will take place on Oct. 18<sup>th</sup>. There's an Indy metro area Southside Supper Group that's meeting in Greenwood on the third Wednesday night of each month. And Petra always has something new for Esoteric SIG—this month it's a live *auction* comedy where “winning” bidders (in the audience) take home the props at the end of the play. Please check the calendar for details.



October is National Testing Month. If you know someone who's interested in Mensa, encourage them to take the test! It will be given on Saturday, October 19<sup>th</sup>. Details in the calendar.

Remember to join our Meet Up group ([www.meetup.com/Central-Indiana-Mensa](http://www.meetup.com/Central-Indiana-Mensa)) for last minute changes and additions to the Central Indiana Mensa activities calendar. It's free and you only have to give your email address.

While you're online, check out some of Mensa's social media channels:

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/AmericanMensa>

Twitter: <https://twitter.com/americanmensa>

Google+:

<https://plus.google.com/118404950635106371385/posts>

(You can select, copy, and paste the address into your browser.)

If you're interested in helping with our local group's social media efforts, please let me know.

And continuing in the digital vein, did you know there are “Conversations with Mensa” podcasts on the MERF website? The list includes topics such as *Futurism*, *Introverted Advantages*, *Weather or Not*, and *The Art of the Bluff*. Check them out at [www.mensafoundation.org](http://www.mensafoundation.org); scroll to the bottom of the page and click on “Conversations with Mensa” under Programs.

Leo and I are heading to the HalloweeM, the Chicago Regional Gathering, Oct. 24-27. He's speaking about cyber security. Their RG is so well attended (500+) that it's like a small Annual Gathering. They have multiple speaker/activity tracks and great hospitality: [www.chicago.us.mensa.org/weem/](http://www.chicago.us.mensa.org/weem/)

## **Suggestion**

*Greg Crawford*

What would I do if I were in charge? What changes would I make if I were mayor of this town? One that would be high on my list would be dealing with Hassleton; also known as the Castleton Mall shopping complex.

The first thing changed would be designating 82<sup>nd</sup> Street (on the front, south side of the mall) as a one-way street heading east. The many signals, medians and other traffic controls would be eliminated. The outside lanes on one side would be for right turns only; the opposite outside lanes would be lefties. This would leave enough width for two to three straight-ahead, through lanes. Traffic would move along.

In the same manner, 86<sup>th</sup> Street (by the Costco and Gander Mountain) would become one-way taking travelers west. Connecting 82<sup>nd</sup> and 86<sup>th</sup> Streets, Allisonville Road and Center Run Drive would complete the traffic circle. Within the Mall's parking area, there would be another inner-loop traffic circle. Imagine two concentric, never stopping traffic circles then compare that to today's interminable stop-and-go congestion.

Though the circumference would be long, the time and fuel savings would be great. No waiting for lights or left turns. Everybody traveling in parallel equals less fender benders and less aggravation. And, as a bonus, the increased traffic on the Mall's north side would encourage higher occupancy of those ignored strip centers further diluting traffic congestion. More viable businesses would cause tax revenues to increase.

Would all this be difficult ... and expensive? Would there be engineering challenges and business compromises? Yes and yes. Would there also be a Big Picture payback? Yes! Let's hear your thoughts.



## **International Archaeology Day - October 19, 2013**

*Alison Brown*

After only three years, the National Archaeology Day, hosted by the Archaeological Institute of America (AIA) along with numerous Collaborating Societies has become International with events on at least four continents. The 2013 International Archaeology Day Scavenger Hunt will run from

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Monday, August 26, to Friday, October 18. Prizes are awarded weekly, with one grand prize winner announced after the final week. No problem that readers of the October *MIND* have missed the first month, there is still plenty of fun to have and prizes of two free (AIA) memberships are given weekly. Last year's puzzles are still on-line for your pleasure.

In 2013 International Archaeology Day is Oct. 19; however, many groups celebrate the day throughout the month of October. If you want to participate in an event in person, you could head for Valparaiso University, Ballroom C, Harre Student Union (1509 Chapel Drive Valparaiso, IN 46383) on Oct. 8, 2013 at 8 pm to hear Lanny Bell talk about "Tutankhamun: The Life and Death of a God King". More events should be coming to the calendar since the Children's Museum and the Indiana Department of Natural Resources, Division of Historic Preservation and Archaeology each held events in 2012.

You can check out all the information about the society, the day and sign up to take part in the fun at <http://www.archaeologyday.org/>



## **56 Up (Directed by Michael Apted)**

*Teresa Fisher*

In 1964 Michael Apted was a twenty-three-year-old research assistant on a television documentary about fourteen random children in England. The film's original intent was to explore the effects of the British class system. It's a good thing Apted was so young when the project started, because he has gone on to direct documentaries about those same children every seven years. They were seven in 1964, and in the latest film in the series, they are 56.

The children came from all walks of life, from working class families to boarding schools to children's homes. In 1964 they told us of their dreams, ambitions, and fears of the future. We watch them grow up, become adults, get married and have children, enter middle age, and now, we see their grandchildren. They are reflective, and realize they have a limited number of years left. There are numerous flashbacks, so you don't have to watch all of the older documentaries. The earlier films were black and white, and later ones are in color. Film technology grew and changed with the children.

For the first documentary the children were taken to an adventure playground, and while most of them played normally, the ones living in children's homes began building a house.

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At seven, Neil is a sweet child from Liverpool with the same aspirations as everyone. At 28 he has mild mental problems and is homeless, and it's sad to watch the flashbacks to his childhood interviews, knowing how difficult his life will be. He moved around from Scotland to the Shetland Islands, and then to London. He became active in local politics, but never developed a career or got married, and now lives on a stipend as a lay reader in church. He seems to feel he has failed at life.

Symon is half black, and the only non-white participant. He grew up in a children's home and became a fork-lift driver and father of six. He dropped out of *35 Up* because he was going through a divorce, but rejoined the project at 42. His second wife thinks he could have done better with some encouragement and support, and is certain he would have achieved more if she had been in his life earlier. They've been foster parents to more than 65 children and are heavily involved in children's issues.

Tony came from the tough east end of London, and wanted very much to be a jockey. He tried it for a while, but wasn't successful. He ended up being a cab driver after passing a test on The Knowledge, a group of London street routes that prevent drivers from needing maps or a GPS to find their way around the city. During one of the earlier films it was revealed that he had cheated on his wife, but she is still with him.

Only four of the children were female. Sue, Lynn, Jackie, and Suzy's lives were mostly an unremarkable series of marriages, children, and divorces. Suzy is a bereavement counselor. Jackie developed rheumatoid arthritis and lives on the government dole in Scotland. Lynn's childhood ambition was to work at Woolworth's, but she became a librarian. Sue became a University Administrator.

The most common careers for the upper-class boys were those of lawyer or educator.

During the first film the interviewer asked the boys if they had girlfriends, a question that seemed to make them uncomfortable. Andrew, in his child's accent (what is it that makes children's British accents sound so adorable?), said, "I've got one, but I don't think much of her." Anyone who is ever interviewed could take a lesson from Nick, who said, "I don't want to answer those kinds of questions."

Peter is back after dropping out of the *Up* series for a while. In *28 Up* he made a negative remark about the Thatcher government, and was criticized in the press.

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He is currently in a successful musical group called The Good Intentions that plays American-style folk and bluegrass music. Exposure for his band might be part of the reason he agreed to be in *56 Up*. Several participants missed at least one film, but only one dropped out permanently.

All of the people who have had their lives chronicled express annoyance at the Up programs, saying they are superficial and have violated their privacy. They swear they won't do another one, but when seven years roll around, most of them do it again. As adults, they and their families are taken to various fun places so we can observe them as they interact. Perhaps that influences some of them to continue participating.

Being in the Up films has caused all of the people to be recognized in public, much to their irritation. Once Tony picked up Buzz Aldrin in his cab, and someone in the crowd asked for an autograph. Tony was surprised to discover it was him they wanted the autograph from, and not the second man to walk on the moon.

I always enjoy before-and-after photos, whether they're room makeovers, wedding and 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary pictures, or plastic surgery results, so I found it interesting to see how the children aged. You watch them lose hair and develop wrinkles, bad teeth (this *is* England, after all), age spots, and paunches, but you can still see traces of the child in the face of the middle-aged adult.

I started watching this series shortly after *35 Up* came out, and as long as I'm around, I will watch all the rest that are made.

"The Up series is on my list of the ten greatest films of all time!" – Roget Ebert



## **Welcome New and Returning Members!**

<b>Move In</b>	Shelley Salrin	Greenwood	IN
<b>New</b>	Daniel D Wierings	Westfield	IN
<b>Reinstating</b>	Daniel Clark	Bloomington	IN
<b>Renewing</b>	Karen Ruth Rice	Cicero	IN
	Dale L Dasher	Markleville	IN
	Rebecca Guilkey	Indianapolis	IN

## Books On the Runway

Margy Lancet Fletcher

**Title:** *The Sweetness at the Bottom of the Pie*

**Author:** Alan Bradley **Year:** 2009

**Book Description:** A brilliant, highly original, and entertaining mystery novel with an intriguing setting: a once-grand, but now moldering, English estate - called Buckshaw - in 1950. The narrator is Flavia de Luce, a plucky, resourceful, whip-smart eleven-year-old aspiring chemist who specializes in poisons and uses this knowledge to solve murder mysteries. Her life is complicated by a toxic domestic environment inhabited by an ineffectual, stamp-collecting father, two resentful, self-obsessed older sisters, a demented groundskeeper, an incompetent cook, and a mother who disappeared in a mountaineering accident when Flavia was an infant. Nevertheless, Flavia's youthful optimism and witty observations keep the literary tone upbeat, albeit with a tinge of poignancy.

**Has this book changed the way you think, your attitude toward life, or even your life itself? If so, how?** I am amazed that author Alan Bradley, a septuagenarian Canadian, can inhabit the persona of a British preadolescent girl so effectively. It is proof positive, and reassuring to this senior citizen, that it's never too late to find one's professional niche.

**Who should definitely read this book? Why?** Any and all of my fellow mystery aficionados and Anglophiles. Please be aware that four additional novels in the series have been published, all equally beguiling: *A Red Herring without Mustard*, *The Weed that Strings the Hangman's Bag*, *I Am Half-Sick of Shadows*, and *Speaking from Among the Bones*.

**How long might it take to read this book?** Not more than a day or two. The prose is so expressive and the characters so captivating that the reader will be loath to put it down.

**Provide a short characteristic section, an awesome sentence, or an inspiring quote:** "I still shivered with joy when I thought of the rainy autumn day that Chemistry had fallen into my life...I had been scaling the bookcases in the library, pretending that I was a noted Alpinist, when my foot slipped and a heavy book was knocked to the floor. As I picked it up to straighten its creased pages, I saw that it was filled not just with words, but with dozens of drawings as well. In some of them, disembodied hands poured liquids into curiously made glass containers that looked as if they might have been musical instruments from another world."

**Additional Remarks:** This is "sweetness" that the literary palate is sure to savor.

## October 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](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)

**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](mailto:alan.schmidt@att.net)

**Southside Indianapolis Supper Meeting** - Mensa supper meeting for the third Wednesday evening of the month at Strange Brew coffee shop. It is on the north side of Smith Valley Road in Greenwood (near Smith Valley) in a strip mall just east of Morgantown Road, 4800 W. Smith Valley Road Suite G, Greenwood. They have two huge aquariums with fish. They have a variety of coffee selections, fruit smoothies, sandwiches, and pastries. Gather starting at 5 pm, may extend to 7 pm, and store closes at 8 pm. Hosts Dr. Alan Schmidt, 317 695-5741, Marian Martin

**West Lafayette/Lafayette Lunch – 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday, 12:00 noon.** Contact: Joe Stamper, 765-474-4759, [jstamper@aii.edu](mailto:jstamper@aii.edu)

**Monthly Gathering – 2nd 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  
**10/11** Mensa member David Culp will show pictures and talk about his trip to Nepal, including a 3 week trek to Basa Village, a remote village in the Himalayas.

**ESOTERIC SIG – Sun., Oct. 6<sup>th</sup>, 7 p.m., 719 East St. Clair, Basile Theatre,** “Going...Going...Gone” A live *auktion* comedy that lets the audience participate in the final sale at Ed's, an auction house filled with spontaneous stories and surprising revelations. What other show lets winning bidders (in the audience) take home the props? \$15 adults, \$12 seniors. Questions? Petra 786-8665, [petraritchie@msn.com](mailto:petraritchie@msn.com)

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

# October 2013

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
		1	2 Indy Lunch Bunch; W. Lafayette Lunch
6 Esoteric SIG	7	8	9
13	14	15 Paducah Area Group Meeting	16 Indy Lunch Bunch; Southside Supper Meeting
20	21	22 MINDbending/ ExCom	23
27	28	29	30
3	4	5	6 Indy Lunch Bunch; W. Lafayette Lunch
10	11	12	13

## October 2013 (Cont.)

Thursday	Friday	Saturday
3	4	5 Ham 'n' Eggs; Muncie Meeting
10	11 Monthly Gathering; MIND deadline	12 Calendar Deadline
17	18 Games People Play	19 Mensa Test
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31 Halloween	1 <b>November</b>	2 Ham 'n' Eggs; Muncie Meeting
7	8 Monthly Gathering	9
14	15	16

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

## October 2013 Events (cont.)

**Games People Play - New Event - Friday, October 18th, 6:30 p.m. pitch in dinner, 7 p.m.** Let the games begin! Bring your favorites, or share those of others. Social Hall, All Souls Unitarian Church, 5805 E. 56th St. Questions: Petra 786-8665, [petraritchie@msn.com](mailto:petraritchie@msn.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](mailto:rawlings@siu.edu)

**Mensa Test - Saturday, October 19: Registration: 10 am. Test: 11 am.** Eagle Library, W. 34<sup>th</sup> St. and Lowry Road, Indianapolis. Contact Steve Merchant at 317-240-3077 or [blazingstar32@hotmail.com](mailto:blazingstar32@hotmail.com) for more information.

**Smart Science: Shark Dissection Lab and More! Friday, October 25, 6:30-9:00 p.m.** Franklin Community High School, 2600 Cumberland Drive, Franklin, IN 46131. \$10 per Person (See Page 16 for details!)

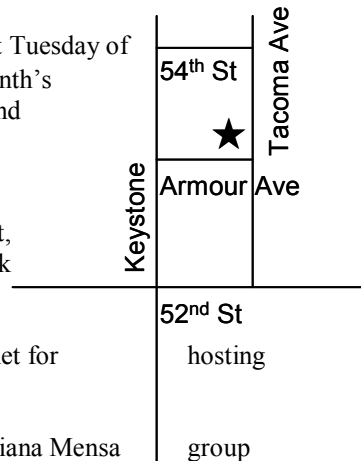
**MINDbending/ExCom** – Last or next-to-last Tuesday of the month. MINDbending is the preparation of next month's MIND for mailing. Come help with sealing, labeling, and stamping the MINDs.

**10/22, 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 52<sup>nd</sup> St. and Keystone Ave. on the northeast side of Indianapolis. A Big Thank You to all the September MINDbenders and thanks to Midwest Internet for the event.

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



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

## Why Mensa?

*Ellen Voie, RVC 4*

When you mention your membership in Mensa, do you blush when someone asks you what IS Mensa? Do you tell them it's a social group? Maybe you are up front about it and tell them it's an association for Brainiacs. What is your typical reaction?

For the most part, people expect me to start spouting the theory of relativity or explaining some math equations. Neither of these is prevalent in this brain! My background is in communication, so chemistry and physics were never my area of strength.

When I'm asked about Mensa, I might respond by just telling them it's a social group, but if I am pressed, I have to tell them it's an organization for intelligent people. Once I explain the requirements regarding a score in the top two percent of a standardized IQ test, I follow that up with, "that means one out of fifty people qualify." It's not THAT exclusive.

What I have a hard time expressing is WHY Mensa exists. It's difficult to talk about the quest for knowledge and the curiosity of a typical Mensan. If you've attended an event you'll find people who want to know more about what you do for a living or for fun.

Whether you're a truck driver or rocket scientist, you'll be probed for information about your career choice or your hobbies. HOW does it feel to jump out of a plane or glide on a wire over a ravine? HOW do you know when to sacrifice your King in Chess? HOW does a hot air balloon work?

Mensans are very inquisitive and have a thirst to know more. In John Shufeldt's book, "Ingredients of Outliers," he includes a chapter on learning, citing people like Grandma Moses who began her career after reaching her seventies and Michelangelo who, at age 88 wrote in a sketch, "I am still learning."

Shufeldt cites learning as, "what makes our journey through life richer – and keeps us young." The author calls "curiosity" the secret to being a lifelong learner. In my experience, the Mensans I meet are usually very curious and looking for something new to stick into their anticipating brains!

One of the quotes in Shufeldt's book struck me as something we don't appreciate enough about learning. I've always believed that the more we know, the more we realize we DON'T know. A message attributed to Charlie "Tremendous" Jones, CEO of Executive Books, stated this in a different way, "Don't read to just learn, read to sometimes *unlearn*."

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Wow, Jones had a thought-provoking attitude toward learning. If we read things that don't challenge us, we won't grow and we won't keep our brains sharp. The more we know, the more we appreciate how little we actually DO know.

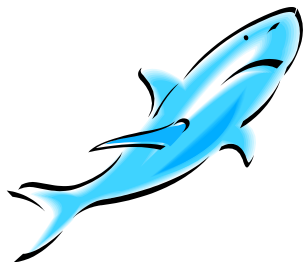
For me, that's enough of a reason to attend events and interact with bright, curious, intelligent people. Consider a Mensa event to be a learning experience, not just a social event!



## **Smart Science: Shark Dissection Lab & More!**

*David Bonner, GYC*

What's more fun than super-cool hands on science? As you ponder that question, let me tell you about a FANTASTIC opportunity that you're not going to want to miss. Julie Tennell, the Biology teacher at Franklin Community High School has a science lab with the latest high-tech gear. Best of all, she's letting *us* do some really amazing science activities in her lab.



Unless you're really lucky, you'll probably never have a chance to put on a pair of gloves and dissect a real shark. Does that sound totally gross but really cool? We think so too, and that's why it's going to be so much fun! We ordered enough sharks for everyone to have a chance to get the full experience. Do you think you're smart enough to identify all the parts? There's only one way to find out.

While one group is busy exploring the fantastic world of sharks, another group will be plugging in Lab Pro equipment to a computer. We'll be using real live computer bugs, crickets that is. Using the sensitive probes, we'll measure cricket oxygen consumption and CO2 production at various temperatures.

Don't worry; everyone will have a chance to do both labs. We'll have one group doing the sharks while the other does the crickets, and then we'll switch.

As if that weren't enough, we're bringing in a special guest speaker that you're going to truly enjoy! We can't give away all of our secrets. You have to come find out who it is yourself.

If you've ever considered a career working with animals, the medical field, or any science, you're not going to want to miss this incredible night!

Friday, October 25, 6:30-9:00 p.m. Franklin Community High School,  
2600 Cumberland Drive, Franklin, IN 46131. \$10 per Person.

Contact David Bonner for more info. (317) 973-0258 or [gcc@kids.indymensa.org](mailto:gcc@kids.indymensa.org).



## Letter To The Editor

Is there some way we can advertise this event to Mensa members?  
Petra Ritchie

COMMUNITY SPEAKERS FORUM  
ON TOPIC: Indy Connect Transit Plan

October 8, 2013, 7:00 PM - Sean Northup, Assistant Executive Director of the Indianapolis Metropolitan Planning Organization will speak on **“The Indy Connect Transit Plan for Central Indiana”**, at All Souls Unitarian Church, 5805 E. 56th St., Indianapolis. This lecture is **free to the public**.

Sean joined the Indianapolis Metropolitan Planning Organization on September 24, 2012. Prior to this, Sean was a Senior Associate with Greenstreet Ltd., an Indianapolis-based real estate development, brokerage, and consulting firm. In nearly four years with Greenstreet, Sean worked in a diverse range of planning and analysis projects including transit corridors, urban neighborhoods, main street redevelopment areas, planned communities and medical campuses.



## Dreamscape

*Robert O. Adair,*

Star filled heavens  
glittering like jewels  
set in a velvet curtain,  
white as the first flowers of spring  
blossoming on the bough,  
moonbeams flood the landscape,  
distant birdsong fills the air  
with dreamy fantasy  
while waves lap gently  
on the sandy shore  
and fragrant sea breezes  
whispering of romance,  
wonder, exotic excitement,  
sailing beyond the horizon  
to lands of wonder, beauty,  
enchantment  
and love's sweet fulfillment.



## **Central Indiana Mensa ExCom Minutes 7/30/13**

LocSec Jan Pfeil Doyle opened the meeting at 7:04 p.m. Members present included: David Culp, Jan Pfeil Doyle, Teresa Gregory, Karen Wilczewski, Bob Zdanky, and Karen Zwick. Absent: Ann Hake, Jean Rodgers, and Karen Steilberger. Guest: Petra Ritchie.

The minutes of the June ExCom meeting were accepted as written. David Culp moved; Karen Zwick seconded, and the motion was carried.

Karen Zwick presented the Treasurer's report and commented on a minor change she made after printing it out. A corrected copy of the Treasurer's report will be featured in an upcoming issue of the *MIND*. Teresa moved to accept the Treasurer's report as corrected; David Culp seconded. The motion unanimously passed.

The membership report showed 509 members, including 3 new members, 1 reinstating member, 1 renewing member, 1 move-in member, and 18 prospects.

### **Old Business**

Update printing the *MIND*. Teresa Gregory reported that the new location of Minuteman Press will match the pricing of our previous vendor AND provide free delivery each month.

Plans for CIM's annual picnic, September 22, have been finalized. The location is River Heritage Park in Carmel, two blocks north of 116<sup>th</sup> Street and River Road. The picnic starts at 1 p.m. and Mensa will provide meat, bread, beverages, condiments, and paper goods. Members are being asked to bring side dishes; however, there is no way to keep food hot. Picnic tables are on the grounds, but members might want to bring their own lawn chairs. There's also a playscape for kids and a sand volleyball court.

Jan announced CIM made a donation to the Scholarship Fund in memory of Doris Thomas, a longstanding member of the group, and a card was sent to member Grace Falvey upon the loss of her husband, Bob Dill, who wasn't a member.

Bob Zdanky announced that the next new member dinner is scheduled for January 19, 2014.

### **New Business**

While attending this year's AG, Jan went to the Loc Sec Summit. She shared

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ideas from that meeting with the ExCom. Ideas included reimbursing some expenses for parties hosted by area coordinators; using a mail service to send monthly announcements to local members; developing a strategic plan for the group, including a mission statement; and running more effective ExCom meetings by presenting new ideas in the form of reports prior to starting the meeting. Jan is exploring ways to incorporate some of these ideas into our chapter.

RG Theme: Teresa Gregory announced “The Sweet Life” as the theme for the 2014 RG. It will incorporate sweets of any kind, including chocolate. “M&M” couples of any flavor will also be invited and Teresa is considering offering special pricing for these couples or a commemorative item.

Advertising in the *MIND*: Bob Zdanky moved to charge \$50 for a half-page ad in *MIND* and \$100 for a full-page ad. David Culp seconded the motion. It unanimously passed.

With no other new business on the agenda, Karen Zwick moved and David Culp seconded to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried and the meeting was adjourned

Respectfully submitted,

Karen E. Wilczewski



## **Central Indiana Mensa ExCom Minutes 6/25/13**

The regular monthly meeting of the Central Indiana Mensa ExCom was held at Midwest Internet on Tuesday, June 25, 2013.

LocSec Jan Pfeil Doyle called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. Members present included: Jan Pfeil Doyle, David Culp, Ann Hake, Jean Rodgers, Karen Steilberger, Karen Wilczewski, Bob Zdanky, and Karen Zwick. Absent: Teresa Gregory. Guests: Jud Horning and Petra Ritchie.

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

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Karen Zwick presented the Treasurer's report. Ann Hake made a motion to accept the treasurer's report, David Culp seconded the motion, and the motion was carried.

The membership report shows 1 new member, 2 reinstating, 4 renewing, 2 move-ins, 27 prospects.

### **Old Business**

Bookmarks: The bookmarks are ready. Jan Pfeil Doyle gave some to those at the meeting who wanted them. She said Greg Crawford has received 300 as he volunteered to distribute them.

Scholarship fund: Jan Pfeil Doyle said she received thanks from MERF for our recent donations.

Meet-up membership: Karen Zwick said we have paid the fee for the next six months.

CIM Picnic: Jan Pfeil Doyle reported on the sites she checked in Carmel, and presented the details of the options and pricing. The committee decided to hold the picnic one more year and see if there is better attendance than in the past couple of years. The planned site is River Heritage Park, at 11813 River Road. Meeting location: Jan Pfeil Doyle said she wants to see how the proposed new location looks after September. We probably would not move until January.

### **New Business**

MIND printing: Jan Pfeil Doyle said that Petra Ritchie reported that the business that prints MIND will be closing on Friday, 6/28. The owner recommended another Minuteman location. Jan will work with Teresa Gregory to verify prices and other details.

Amazon affiliation: Ann Hake brought up the idea of being an Amazon affiliate. CIM would get a portion of purchases made through a link on the Web site. This money could be earmarked for the scholarship fund. It could also benefit our members who are authors. Karen Wilczewski suggested putting an article about it in MIND.

There being no other business, Karen Zwick made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ann Hake seconded the motion. The motion carried, and the meeting was adjourned at 7:33 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Karen Steilberger

# Treasurer's Report

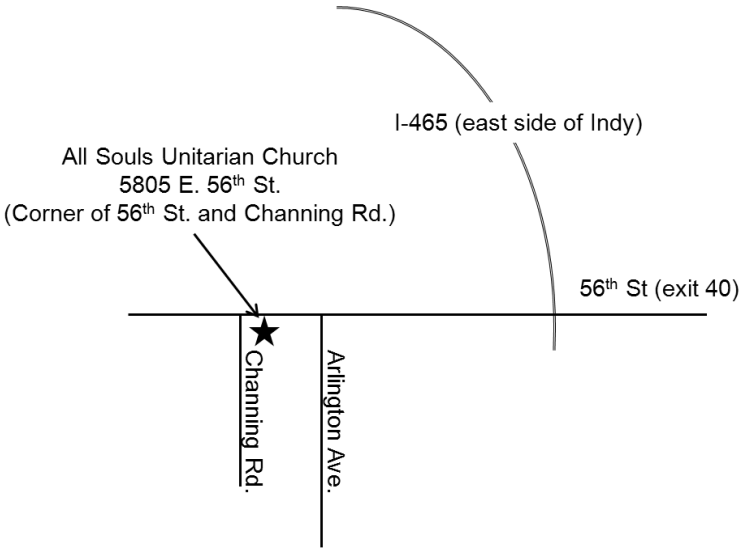
Karen Zwick, Treasurer

## Balance Sheet (as of 08/26/2013)

<b>Bank Accounts</b>	<b>08/27/2013</b>	<b>07/30/2013</b>
Checking – Regular	\$8,669.80	\$8,555.88
Checking - Scholarship	368.50	344.00
Checking – Youth Mbrship	1,110.00	1110.00
Gathering Account	7,881.83	7,881.83
Vanguard Account	\$3,739.29	3,739.29
<b>Total Assets</b>	\$21,769.42	\$21,631.00

## Profit & Loss Statement (07/31/2013 – 08/26/2013)

<b>Income</b>	
401.1 - Monthly Gathering Inc <i>(30 M's, 4 Non-Ms, 1 Speaker, 2 New)</i>	138.00
402 – National Mensa Inc <i>(522 Ms, 4 New, 4 Reinstating, 1 Newsletter)</i>	436.69
403 – Donations <i>(Sale of books at monthly meeting for scholarship fund)</i>	24.50
<b>Total Income</b>	\$599.19
<b>Expense</b>	
504.1 - MIND Printing	279.67
505 - Food for ExCom/MIND	181.10
<b>Total Expense</b>	\$460.77



## **Mensa Monthly Gathering Location All Souls Unitarian Church, The Beattie Room, 5805 E. 56<sup>th</sup> St., Indianapolis**

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



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