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**Decorating pumpkins
at the October Monthly
Gathering.**

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Old Dog/New Tricks

Teresa Gregory, Editor

This is a picture of the calendar in my office at work. (My manager gave it to me last year.) Please note the Post-It note on the lower left of the picture. It changes daily as my retirement date draws near. The upper number is the actual calendar days until my last day. The lower number is the actual days I have left at the office. The target date is December 30. I love celebrating New Year's and this year is going to be super sweet!



People ask me what I'm going to do with my time, and I say that I really don't have time to work now. One thing I would like to do is spend some time with my sister. Last month I wrote about entering the last demographic. When I do that, it will be the first time that my sister, my only sibling, has ever shared a demographic. She turned 80 on September 11. She has more energy than I do and is probably in better health.



On the other end of the scale, I have a 9 year old grandson. He can outrun me, too.

Jan Pfeil Doyle and I are meeting weekly working on AG18 that will be here in Indy. We are also on committees for AG17 in Florida.

January 1st can't come soon enough for me!

Please note that our resident book reviewer is back on the stage this month. A dinner and trip to the playhouse are on the calendar under Culture Vulture. It sounds like a fun night.

On a serious note, when I saw the Letter to the Editor in the MIND email box, I contacted LocSec Jan. We discussed what the appropriate action was, and that seemed to be to contact RVC4, George Haynes. This matter was taken seriously from the beginning, and ignoring it/squelching it was never suggested as an option.

Having said that, if anyone ever has an issue, please let someone know. Your elected ExCom is there to serve you and make CIM the best it can be.

LocSection

Jan Pfeil Doyle

Indiana in 200 Objects: A Bicentennial Celebration

– Our October speaker was from the Indiana State Museum. She told us about their eclectic exhibit of objects from Indiana history, ranging from a saber-toothed tiger skeleton, to a uniform from the South Bend Blue Sox women's baseball team, to Indiana's electric chair (built of wood from the hanging gallows that preceded it), to a guitar from Guns n Roses. If you're reading this before October 23rd and are interested, join us for a tour of the exhibit organized by **Bob Zdanky**. We're meeting at the exhibit entrance on Level 3 of the museum at 1 pm on Sunday, Oct 23rd.



Holiday Party – I hope some of you who don't live close to Indianapolis will be able to attend our annual holiday party on December 9th. You could come for the party and stay over to do some shopping the next day (or visit the Indiana in 200 Objects exhibit). The party is a pitch-in dinner and "Gimmee Grabbee" gift exchange (more details in the December *MIND*).

Mensa Scholarships – Mensa scholarship applications are due Jan. 15th. Applicants don't need to be Mensa members. Applications are online only at www.mensafoundation.org/what-we-do/scholarships/. Also, if you would like to help judge the applications for CIM, please contact our Scholarship Chair, **Laurel Richardson**, Lhabitat@aol.com. **Diane O'Brien** and **Karen Wilczewski** will be assisting Laurel this year.

Election Results, Continued – It has been brought to our attention that there may have been an unintended miscount of the ballots for the bylaws election in September. The possible miscount should not affect the outcome of the election – the new bylaws passed and are in effect – but the election may not have been unanimous as we announced previously. Our Regional Vice Chair, George Haynes, will be coming to Indianapolis in November to conduct a recount of the ballots. More information may be found elsewhere in this *MIND*. Feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Cincinnati Regional Gathering Dec. 2-4 – More info at www.cincymensa.org

Mensa is 70! – Mensa was founded 70 years ago in Britain. You can read the story here: www.us.mensa.org/featured-content/it-began-with-a-train-ride/

Letters to the Editor

Dear Central Indiana Mensa,

I have been an active member of our group as long and often as I was in the state. As soon as I got the September MIND I filled out my ballot according to the directions, wrote on the envelopes only as instructed. I handed my envelopes with the ballot to the chair of the Election Committee at the Sept. Monthly Gathering and felt I had done my duty by CIM.

Imagine my shock to read in the October MIND, that MY ballot had NOT been counted in the election, but had been ignored, discarded or lost in that brief space of time between handing it to the chair and the actual count. We do not have such a large number of people voting in our elections (I know, I was head of the Election Committee last go around) that we can treat voters so cavalierly.

How do I know my ballot was disregarded? Because I voted against the new By-Laws which I, who have had a hand in writing by-laws and organizational constitutions on local, national and international levels on two sides of the Atlantic, found disorganized, sometimes illogical, and, despite blessings from the National Office, in need of editorial work. However, in the LocSec column Jan wrote that they had passed "unanimously". Unanimous means that no "no" vote was registered. I knew that when I cast the ballot I would not be on the winning side, but I wanted my disagreement to be registered. I have been disrespected. It was enough back in the day when AML denied me the opportunity to vote in Mensa elections for me to leave AML for Austrian Mensa. As a life member of American Mensa, I will not be leaving the organization, but my activity level in CIM can be dialed back considerably.

Sincerely,

Alison Brown

CIM SIGHT Coordinator, Convenor of Ham'n'Eggs, Minder of Meetup



Hello Central Indiana Mensa.

Recently, I was contacted to help resolve a situation involving the vote on your Central Indiana Mensa (CIM) bylaws. Rest assured, I and your CIM board take issues like this very seriously. I am planning to visit Indy in November to personally recount the ballots and authenticate the recounted vote, along with your CIM election chair. Your board is to be highly commended for such speedy action in contacting me and working together with me to develop a plan to resolve this important matter.

Regards....

George Haynes

Regional Vice Chair, Region 4 (RVC4).

Bridge SIG on My Mind

Charlie Eldridge

Do you enjoy playing bridge? If you do, we would love to have you join our SIG. The Bridge SIG was started by Grace Falvey with other Mensans and has been active since the late 1970's. The first group had three or four tables each month and we have dwindled through the years to only having two tables today (Sunday, October 2) and we had some subs. We play basic bridge with a minimum of conventions just to enjoy each other's company and to graze on the munchies. We generally play on the first Sunday afternoon at 2:00 in one of our homes on a rotating basis. You would not be asked to host until finding that you did indeed like us and would like to permanently join. If you are interested, please call me at (317) 370-3444, e-mail celdridge11@comcast.net or Bob VanBuskirk, (317) 359-6907, vnbuskirk@yahoo.com.

Thanks,

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Book Group Selections - 2016-2017

As always, be sure to check the calendar in MIND monthly to make sure that no dates or times have changed.

Nov 20--Seven Brief Lessons on Physics, by Carlo Rovelli
Dec 18--Hillbilly Elegy, by JD Vance
Jan 22, 2017--Weapons of Math Destruction, by Cathy O'Neil
Feb 26--1599, A Year in the Life of William Shakespeare, by James Shapiro
Mar 26--Hoosier School Heist, by Doug Martin
Apr 23--Hissing Cousins, by Mark Peyser and Timothy Dwyer
May 20--The Science of Liberty, by Timothy Ferris
Jun 25--The Design of Everyday Things, by Don Norman
Jul 23--The Organized Mind, by Daniel Levitin
Aug 27--The Edge of the World, by Michael Pye
Sep 24--The Curse of Cash, by Kenneth Rogoff
Oct 22--The Red Web, by Irina Borogan and Andrei Soldatov
Nov 19--When Breath Becomes Air, by Paul Kalanithi
Dec 31--Dark Matter and the Dinosaurs, by Lisa Randall

Pun-kin Contest

Photos by David Bonner, GYC



The young Mensans decorated pumpkins at the October meeting. The theme was Pun-kin.

← First place winner was Pumpkin Pi. Adult members attending the meeting voted with quarters. The money raised goes to the scholarship fund.



Second prize winner was a double pun. The main title was “Squashed,” but there is also a “crossing gourd” in the display.

Our young Mensan group (under age 18) membership has passed 50, largely due to the continued efforts of David Bonner. If you know any kiddoes who have what it takes, American Mensa is offering free examination of prior evidence during the months of November and December. If you have questions about this, go to us.mensa.org and click on JOIN. Mensa accepts results from over 200 standardized and private tests.

November Holidays to Remember

Alison Brown

The inspiration for this came from a 2015 newsletter I found at the Hearth at Tudor Gardens.

The first holiday one thinks of in November is Thanksgiving and then probably Veterans' Day (or the other way around, depending on your background.) However the month is littered with Days. The very 1st of November is either Samhain, or All Saints' Day, which the Christian Church instituted to displace the former. If one was raised Catholic, Nov. 2nd is then All Souls' Day (picking up any saints that may not have made it into the official calendar).

Then we get to a fun one: Nov. 3rd is "Cliché Day". Was there a better candidate for a Day of the Year than Cliché Day? After all, it comes up over and over again, just like its namesake! If you're someone who tries to avoid clichés for fear of sounding stupid, this is the day to get them all out of your system in one fell swoop and then not think about them again until this day next year. Did you know that the word "cliché" comes from French. It was originally an onomatopoeia describing the sound a printing plate of movable type made when it was inked and used. A printing plate is used repeatedly to produce the same text. Because of this, the word's meaning slowly evolved to mean a ready-made phrase for which no thought is necessary to put it into one's writing. That definition has stuck, and the word "cliché" is now used both as an adjective and a noun.

A more Mensan commemorative Day is November 8th, the wonderful Aid and Abet Puns Day. This would be a day to send Petra every pun you know for her column in MIND. For example: "Did you hear that the police were called to the daycare center? They were called in to deal with a toddler resisting a rest." or "I used to be a banker, but then I lost interest." While I consider a pun the highest form of humor, despite the groans it usually elicits, Dr. James H. Austin sought to prove otherwise. Using an MRI, he tried out various kinds of wit on his subjects. He discovered that a pun activates the left posterior *inferior* gyrus and the left *inferior* frontal gyrus, whereas a "really funny joke" lights up the medial prefrontal cortex!

Welcome New and Returning Members!

Move In	Eleanor Snopek	Carmel	IN
Move In	Dean Snopek	Carmel	IN
New	Roma Sriram	Columbus	IN
New	Noelle Mauer	Fishers	IN
New	Michael Hole	Crawfordsville	IN
New	Emily Boomersshine	Noblesville	IN
Reinstating	Veronica A Smith	Muncie	IN
Reinstating	David Honig	Carmel	IN
Reinstating	Victoria Rutt	Indianapolis	IN
Reinstating	Anthony P Ostrom	Zionsville	IN
Reinstating	Sarah E Hetrick	Indianapolis	IN



Petra's Punny Page

Petra Ritchie

Thank you Karen Steilberger!

- 1 - A hen is an egg spurt at what she does.
- 2 - In the air duct installers union they have lots of opportunity to vent.
- 3 - A sheep dog puppy who likes cantaloupe is a melon collie baby.

I don't usually include riddles on this page, but when Alison Brown sent this one to me, I couldn't resist!

"You have 30 cows, and 28 chickens. How many didn't?"

If you know the answer, email it to me - no prize - only the realization that everyone has heard this one before except me!

Have a really clever pun to contribute? Email: petraritchie@msn.com

November 2016 Events

Indy Lunch Bunch – 1st and 3rd Wednesday at 12:00 noon, Double Eagle Café, 650 N. Meridian (at the Scottish Rite Cathedral), Indianapolis. Contact: Karen Steilberger, steilkr@sbcglobal.net

Ham ‘n’ Eggs (Hamilton County Eggheads) – 1st Saturday from 9:45 a.m. - 12 noon. Atrio, 11700 Illinois St. (Meridian & 116th St., Carmel, IN, located at IU Health North). Located just off the atrium on the first floor on the left as you enter the building from the north entrance. Breakfast served till 10 a.m., then lunch starts at 11 a.m. Drop in any time for casual conversation, lively discussion, and good food and beverages. Contact: Alison Brown, 317-846-6798, SIGHT@indymensa.org.

Bridge Club – Join Bob Van Buskirk for casual, friendly bridge on the 1st Sunday of every month, 2 p.m., Contact: Bob Van Buskirk, 317-359-6907 or vnbuskirk@yahoo.com. Location will change each month. Call ahead.

Monthly Gathering – 2nd Friday at 7 p.m. -12 Midnight. After the presentation, there will be 10 minutes of Math and Science hosted by George Dunn. All Souls Unitarian Church, 5805 E. 56th Street, Indianapolis, IN 46226). This month’s guest speaker will be Rob Pyatt. Really! See last page of *MIND* for map and directions. Members: \$5.00, Non-Members: \$7.00; Children 6-12: \$3.00, under 6: free.

Culture Vulture –meet for dinner at 5:30 p.m., Friday, November 18, at “Watami Sushi All You Can Eat,”10625 Pendleton Pike, A6-A7, Indianapolis, IN 46236-2881. They serve more than sushi. Many vegetarian options available. All you can eat is \$19.99. Individual items may be purchased for small appetites. Then join fellow Mensans at “Vintage Hitchcock: A Live Radio Play” by Joe Landry (see article elsewhere in the *MIND*) at the Oaklandon Civic Theatre, 6450 Oaklandon Rd., Indianapolis. Tickets are \$12 - reservations may be made at oaklandoncivictheatre.org or by calling 317-823-4761, ext. 4. For more information, contact Alison Brown, CIM Sight Coordinator, at 317-846-6798 or email: SIGHT@indymensa.org.

Mensans Dining Out – 6 p.m., Sunday, November 20 at St. Yared Ethiopian Cuisine, 11210 Fall Creek Rd., Indianapolis, IN 46256. For more information, contact Bob Zdanky at 317-219-3773.

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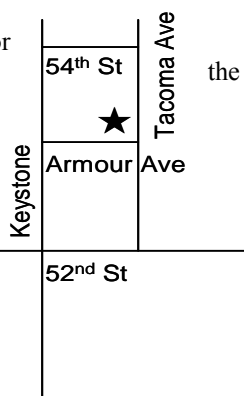
Paducah Area Group Meeting – 3rd Tuesday of every month, 7 p.m.
Anyone in the area is welcome to join fellow Mensans for dinner. For location and more information on this group, contact Charles Rawlings, rawlings@siu.edu

Book Group – 2 p.m., Sunday, October Nov 20--*Seven Brief Lessons on Physics*, by Carlo Rovelli
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 or to RSVP.

MINDbending/ExCom – 3rd Tuesday of the month.
*MIND*bending is the preparation of next month's *MIND* for mailing. Come help with sealing, labeling, and stamping *MIND*s.

11/15, 5:30 p.m. Contact: Jan Pfeil Doyle, 317-431-3500. /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 52nd St. and Keystone Ave. on the northeast side of Indianapolis.



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

Cinder – 4th Friday at 7 p.m. at 721 E. 55th St., Indianapolis. A SIG for the Gen X and Gen Y crowd. Contact Ethan Blocker-Smith at MensaCinder@gmail.com.

December 2016 *MIND* calendar items due 11/5/16 to: biltmore@topdogcom.com.

November 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
		1	2 Indy Lunch Bunch
6 Bridge Club	7	8	9
13	14	15 <i>MIND</i> bending/ ExCom; Paducah Area Group Meeting	16 Indy Lunch Bunch
20 Mensans Dining Out; Book Club	21	22	23
27	28	29	30

November 2016 (Cont.)

Thursday	Friday	Saturday
3	4	5 Ham 'n' Eggs; Cal. Deadline
10	11 Monthly Gathering	12
17	18 Culture Vulture Event	19
24	25 Cinder	26
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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'll get reminders of upcoming events. It's a great way to stay in the loop.

Four To The Fore

George Haynes, RVC4

Last month I presented a list which laid out ten defining characteristics of what it takes to identify as a true nerd (aka an "Old Nerd") and not actually be a poseur in the process. With no promises of regularity or consistency, I'm planning to elaborate on those bullet points with either an editorial or a story from the past to highlight why I chose those ten. I encourage you to read last month's *Four to the Fore* column for background.

I'll begin with number 5 on last month's list: ***"I was/am bad at competitive team sports."*** Below is a true

historical event from my past. Creative liberties abound, but the events truly occurred.



THE MACADAM

He always felt like sports were a world he would never gain a golden ticket to enter. Ever since first-grade gym class, Buddy knew that athletics and sports in general were not his home. He may have had the work visa, but not the citizenship. His status as "registered public school student" imputed to him legal access to sit in the squads of gym class as Darwinian team selection occurred. But, sports were not his home. He knew it. Everyone who had known him for more than a few days knew it. It was only a matter of time now..... (long protracted sigh)

The August heat radiated up from *The Macadam* (a.k.a. black asphalt playground) as recess began. Gouged into the epidermis of this unforgiving black monolith were the rocket bars, the swings, and the basketball hoops. The ringing of the recess bell would cause the doors to vomit out hordes of pre-pubescent seeking to earn or maintain their caste position as they walked upon the skin of this breathing bituminous beast. Boys would run to the hoops or the upper backstop. Girls would assemble at the swings or the rainbow bars on the more hospitable soil at the periphery of *The Macadam*.

Buddy knew that recess was upon him. How long could he prolong the inevitable? *The Macadam* chuckled smugly outside waiting for him. It had a way of sensing new meat to devour; it longed to plunge students into the pit of permanent caste placement and let out a hearty belch afterwards.

Up to this point in the school day, Buddy had been a welcome novelty to the congregation of his sixth grade class. His southern accent and his smiling demure ways had somewhat intrigued and engendered good feelings to most around him his first day at Turner Elementary. New England rarely saw
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southerners, it seemed. Mr. Purnell had asked Todd Robeson to shadow Buddy and show him around. The ipecac of the recess bell caused the spewing of exiting children to drag Buddy and Todd out to do business with the chuckling behemoth. The Macadam felt the footsteps of this new *Kentucky Kid* walking on its pock-marked hide.

Todd had already been placed in his somewhat movable caste. He was a nerd who aspired to be more, and had a marginal chance of accomplishing his goals. Sometimes his successful athletic efforts gave him those fleeting moments of being like one of the gods and demi-gods of sixth grade public school culture. Sometimes these "deities", Scott Trunk and John Lankford, gave him a pat on the back and selected him as one of the top three of their kickball teams.

Indeed, a kickball game was percolating at the upper backstop.

Boys seeking admittance into the fraternity of Scott and John gathered for team selection at the upper backstop. After giving Buddy the nickel tour of the playground, Todd brought Buddy and himself into the arena for selection. Scott and John struck their gazes over the huddled masses waiting to be chosen. So it began. *"My first choice is Steve."* *"OK, I'll take Jerry."* *"Vince, you're next."* *"Rick you're with me."* *"Todd, get up here."*

The momentum stops.

Scott magnanimously gazes over the crowd waiting to make his next benevolent selection. Boys bounce back and forth on the balls of their feet waiting to hear their names called. Girls frolic on the rainbow bars in the distance. The Macadam waits expectantly....

Scott speaks... *"OK, I'll have this new kid."* His eyes don't look confident in his choice as he scans Buddy's overweight frame, bowl cut, and skin tight t-shirt.

Buddy had been watching what was happening. If Scott or John chose you, you lined up behind your captain and leered menacingly at the other team. So, he gathered behind with Scott's small band of kickball marauders and attempted his best scowl, arms crossed for effect. Kickball foreplay.

Buddy was up to kick first. What?!! "The Big M" was only a few feet away, but its power infected even this part of the dirt diamond. Some might say Buddy was given the courtesy to kick first because he was the new kid and it was a sixth grade cultural way of being polite among kickball warriors. No. Most definitely no. The black beast only a few yards away had infected the minds of all those present. Many had felt its bite all too well and wanted to see someone

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else bleed too. They wanted carnage. They wanted to see someone fall and fall hard. What they were about to experience more than met their expectations. Soon and very soon they would have an *Untouchable* scarred by the bite of The Macadam and forever thrust into his caste. No possibility of upward mobility. No redemption.

A hush fell over the playground. Only the quiet squeak of the swings in the hot August breeze could be heard a few yards away. The kickball pitcher assumed his position at the mound. Buddy stood quietly and undefiantly at his impending social execution on home plate. Perhaps at that moment was when he realized what was happening. Sports were giving him another *"Screw you!" "You don't belong here with us, fat kid!!"* It was gonna be just like church league softball a couple years ago in Kentucky...no sympathy or mercy for those who had not been baptized into a sports culture since birth.

The red kickball, ubiquitous at all elementary schools of the era, bounced mockingly toward Buddy saying *"Watcha gonna do tubby?"* Wham!! A solid left foot kick by Buddy. As the ball quickly bounced back toward the pitcher, the eager first base fielder waited to tag Buddy out. *"Wait....wait....wait???" "Where was this dumb hick running to?" "Oh my gosh. He's running after the ball TOWARD the pitcher."* Scott and John like *"Deus ex machina"* stop the game and run up to Buddy and explain that he needs to run toward first base...first base!! With each bounce of the next pitch the ball is screaming under the influence of The Macadam *"You're goin' down loser!!"* Another solid left foot kick by Buddy. The first base fielder readies himself. *"Unbelievable!! This kid is too much. He's running toward THIRD base!!"* Several of the other boys playing have the same stance...hands on hips, heads down and shaking back and forth while walking in semi circles...they can't believe what they've just seen. Girls swoon in disbelief. Boys smirk and thank the Black Beast under their breath that it wasn't them this time. Scott and John run up one more time with a resigned air and patronizing tone. *"See...over there, Buddy....that's first base. Go that way."* The third pitch is released. The ball says nothing this time. The damage is done. As Buddy attempts to make it to first base, he is quickly tagged out and sent to the back of the lineup.

The Macadam was sated for now. It feasted on the blood of this newcomer's social status dripping on its black skin while Buddy walked back toward the doors of the school. The basketball hoops, jabbed into the skin of the Black Beast mocked him. *"Why didn't you learn how to worship my hoops you freak!!"* The swings, firmly clutching the creature's hide with all fours, spat out disloyal rancor. *"We know you prefer us most of all on the playground...but if you sit on us too long we'll gladly tell everyone you're a pansy and a sissy."* The third tier of the rocket bars screamed like a wraith. *"You'll never climb up here like the other boys."* Buddy stood in line with his classmates

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waiting to go inside. Todd Robeson was nowhere to be found.

A lone kickball remained on the vacant playground now in the mid-afternoon sun....rolling languidly to nowhere. An aging recess aide with plucked eyebrows ignored the stray ball and quietly closed the double doors to allow The Macadam to sleep.



Theatrical Event:

Vintage Hitchcock: A Live Radio Play

Margy Lancet Fletcher

Once again, I am appearing onstage at Oaklandon Civic Theatre, as one of a dozen cast members simulating a 1940s radio broadcast of two Alfred Hitchcock thrillers: *The Lodger* and *The 39 Steps*. Each of us plays one or two main characters and several smaller parts, my own major role being an anxiety-prone landlady who may have unwittingly leased a room to a serial killer (*The Lodger*). This delightfully over-the-top production abounds with stock film noir characters - a variety of heroes, villains, potential victims, and partners in crime - as well as sound effects energetically delivered by live actors. *Vintage Hitchcock* offers humor and suspense in equal doses, stimulating both the imagination and the funny bone. As an added bonus, Bonnie's Cafe in the church basement offers coffee, tea, and homemade desserts during intermission for a nominal price.

INFORMATION ON THE SHOW

Production Dates: Friday and Saturday, November 4 and 5, 2016

Saturday and Sunday, November 12 and 13, 2016

Friday and Saturday, November 18* and 19, 2016

*PLEASE NOTE that an Indy Mensa Culture Vulture event is planned for this date. See the related article elsewhere in the MIND.

Curtain Times: 8:00 PM Friday and Saturday, 2:00 PM Sunday

Ticket Prices: All tickets \$12.00. Tickets can be ordered via the reservation line, 317-823-4761 Ext 4, or online at oaklandoncivictheatre.org.

Venue Location: Oaklandon Civic Theatre is located in the historic Oaklandon Unitarian Universalist Church at 6450 Oaklandon Road, Indianapolis, Indiana. It is about 1 mile northeast of 56th Street off Pendleton Pike. Turn left on Oaklandon Road from Pendleton Pike, proceed a few blocks, turn left on Church Street, and park in the parking lot behind the church.

Additional Notes: The house opens 30 minutes prior to the show. Payment for
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tickets takes place at the door via cash or personal check (no credit or debit cards can be accepted). Seating capacity is limited and the seats are not numbered, so you will want to arrive as soon as possible after the house opens.

I thank you in advance for your support, and hope to see you there!



Culture Vulture, November 18, 2016

Alison Brown

"Vintage Hitchcock: A Live Radio Play" by Joe Landry (see article elsewhere in the MIND) at the Oaklandon Civic Theatre 6450 Oaklandon Rd. Indianapolis. Tickets are \$12 - reservations may be made at oaklandoncivictheatre.org or by calling 317-823-4761 ext. 4

Meet at 5:30 pm for dinner before the show at "Watami sushi all you can eat," 10625 Pendleton Pike, A6-A7, Indianapolis, IN 46236-2881. They serve more than sushi and many vegetarian options are available. RSVP a week in advance required: SIGHT@indymensa.org or 317-846-6798

Margy Fletcher is in the show. (Reviewers in Atlanta have said: "Vintage Hitchcock: A Live Radio Play is not the usual stage show – it's better! It causes you to use your imagination instead of having every nuance of the performance laid out for you. What's more it's fun!" "...transforms the stage into a well-oiled machine of actors reaching for noise-making props while portraying a nerve-shattering array of characters in varying states of fear, anxiety, panic and murder."). The Hitchcock films used are: The Lodger and The 39 Steps

Bob suggested the restaurant to the delight of many in the Ham'n Eggs group. It has good reviews on culinary websites. All you can eat is \$19.99 but I've read that individual items may be purchased for small appetites. We are starting early for the all-you-can-eat folks.



Central Indiana Mensa ExCom Minutes 8/16/16

The regular monthly meeting of the Central Indiana Mensa ExCom was held at Midwest Internet on Tuesday, August 16, 2016.

LocSec Jan Pfeil Doyle called the meeting to order at 6:50 p.m. Members present were: Jan Pfeil Doyle, Jon Applegate, Ann Hake (via Skype), Karen Steilberger, Bob Zdanky, and Karen Zwick. Absent: Ethan Blocher-Smith, Diane O'Brien, and Karen Wilczewski.

Guests: Dave Appel, Teresa Gregory, and Petra Ritchie.

The committee reviewed the minutes of the July ExCom meeting. Karen Zwick

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moved that the minutes be accepted as presented, Bob Zdanky seconded the motion, and it passed.

The committee reviewed the treasurer's report presented by Karen Zwick. Ann Hake moved that the Treasurer's report be accepted as presented. Karen Steilberger seconded the motion, and the motion was carried.

The membership report shows 1 new, 1 renewing, and 1 reinstating; 15 prospects; and 516 total members.

Old Business

GenCon: Jan Pfeil Doyle said 16 people came to the party when RVC George Haynes was in town for GenCon. Teresa Gregory said George has done a lot for the groups in his region.

Testing location and proctors: Teresa Gregory said Alison Brown has set up testing dates at her bank for September and October. She will observe one and give the other to complete her training. Karen Zwick and Ann Hake are fully qualified, as is a recent move-in member. We just need locations. Petra Ritchie said All Souls Unitarian Church will provide a room for \$10. Jan Pfeil Doyle will call them. Teresa said proctors had to take a Webinar on the new test. Two of our proctors have not taken it.

New and younger member initiative: Bob Zdanky said he needs an e-mail address for the new account he wants to set up. Jan Pfeil Doyle and Ann Hake discussed the availability of addresses.

New Business

New and younger member initiative, additional discussion: Dave Appel brought up the idea of offering monetary incentives/rebates for new members, especially to help increase the number of younger members. The committee discussed the idea. If those who take the test pass it, they usually join, though they may not stay or be very active. The committee discussed asking new members why they joined and what their expectations are. Some felt that younger members have many demands on their time, but like opportunities to provide service to others. Bob Zdanky made a motion to do a survey. Karen Zwick, Ann Hake, Dave Appel, and Jon Applegate are interested in helping. Karen Zwick suggested engaging some of the active younger members. Bob will take the lead in the efforts.

Karen Zwick made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Jon Applegate seconded the motion. The motion was carried, and the meeting was adjourned at 7:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Steilberger

Treasurer's Report

Karen Zwick, Treasurer

Balance Sheet (as of 08/15/2016)

Bank Accounts	07/25/2016	08/15/2016
Checking – Regular	\$7,190.77	\$7,141.33
Checking – Scholarship	1,167.03	1167.03
Checking – Youth Membership	69.34	69.34
Checking – RG/OG Fund	9,596.84	9,525.15
Checking – Youth Activity Fund	480.40	480.40
Total Assets	\$18,504.38	\$18,383.25

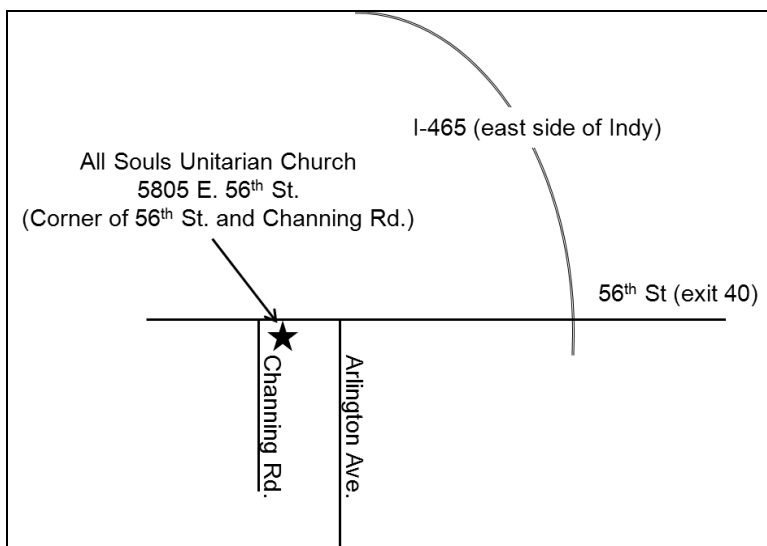
Profit & Loss Statement (07/26/2016 – 08/15/2016)

Income		
	401.1 – Monthly Gathering (Aug)	100.00
	Total Income	\$100.00
Expense		
	501.1 – Monthly Gathering Hospitality	45.71
	503.1 – OG Hospitality	71.69
	520 – Miscellaneous Expenses (Gift Card for RVC)	103.73
	Total Expenses	\$221.13

Mensa Monthly Gathering Location

All Souls Unitarian Church, The Beattie Room, 5805 E. 56th St., Indianapolis

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



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