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Old Dog/New Tricks

Teresa Gregory, Editor

My New Year's Resolution for 2017? To retire! One more month! It seems like a long time off when I look at my retirement count-down calendar, but then I look at the pile of unfinished business on my desk at work and wonder when I'm going to get it all done. But I think this is one resolution I can finally keep.



My dad always said that when he retired, he would still get up at the regular time, and he'd sit in front of the picture window watching people go to work, then he'd go back to bed. He never really did this, but whenever he talked about it, he always had a wry smile.

I can't imagine what it was like for my dad to retire. He had worked 28 years in a factory where they made bicycle tires and tubes, and inner tubes for cars. (I'll bet a lot of younger people don't even know what that is.) He had started working there during WWII when they also made bullet-proof gas tanks for airplanes. He turned 65 in July, 1969. My mother and I got to go to the plant for his party. It was the first time we had ever been inside. He took us on a tour. I remember it in black and white. I don't remember any color. My most vivid memory was a woman in a room alone, concrete floor and concrete block walls, with a table and a couple of boxes. She reached into one box, withdrew an inner tube, screwed a valve stem into it, and threw it in the other box. That was her job. All day. Every day. Alone. In my mind, that had to be one of the circles of hell. I was in high school, and it made me more determined to never have a job like that. I also appreciated my dad's work ethic and sacrifice even more.

Right now I am trying to imagine that day when I leave for the last time. It won't be long until it's a memory.

January brings the Indy RG. It's the same time (weekend between the football playoffs and the Super Bowl) at the same place (the Clarion Waterfront). Come out and join us for some I-need-to-get-out-of-the-house fun. We always have a good time...and some surprises.

I hope everyone has a safe and jolly holiday season. I'll see you next year!

LocSection

Jan Pfeil Doyle

Holiday Party – I hope many of you can attend our annual holiday pitch-in dinner and gift exchange on December 9th in Indianapolis. Meat, bread, beverages and tableware will be provided; please bring a side dish, salad, or dessert to share. The gift exchange after dinner is always a hoot. We call it “Gimmee Grabbee” – when it's your turn, you may choose a gift that hasn't been selected yet or take one that someone else has already chosen. Presents remain wrapped until everyone has chosen – people choose based on the appearance of the package or what they think might be inside. Every year, there are a few imaginatively wrapped presents that are the hit of the party! Participation in the gift exchange isn't required, but you'll be missing out on some of the fun if you don't. Unfortunately, Leo and I will have to miss the party—we'll be in NY for the celebration of his parents' 50th anniversary.



CIM RG Jan. 27-29, 2017 – Mark your calendars for the weekend of January 27-29, 2017! That's the weekend of the Central Indiana Mensa Regional Gathering - our biggest event of the year. Come join us at the Clarion Hotel on the west side of Indianapolis (www.ClarionWaterfront.com) for the weekend or just one day. We'll have speakers, food and drink, special events, socializing, and did I mention food and drink? You can register online at <http://cim-rg-2017.eventbrite.com>. Full registration (\$70 through Dec. 31, 2016; \$80 after that) includes all meals from Friday night through Sunday noon. If you'd like to stay over at the Clarion Hotel; the room rate is \$72/night plus tax. Reservations at (317) 299-8400. Look for more details in the January MIND.

Thank You, Kurt Williams! – Because of unforeseeable circumstances, we found out at the last minute that our Sept. speaker would not be there. Our resourceful Program Coordinator, **Ann Hake**, looked around at who had already arrived for the meeting, saw **Kurt Williams** and asked if he would be willing to fill in. Kurt drove home to get his laptop and gave us a very interesting presentation on cosmology. Thanks, again, Kurt!

CIM Elections Wrap Up – After an official recount of our ballots by our RVC (Regional Vice Chair) Geoge Haynes, the results of both the ExCom and Bylaws elections are unchanged. The vote count for the bylaws changed from 30 yes and 0 no to 33 yes and 1 no. The first count was the result of honest human error by our (volunteer!) election committee. We appreciate their service to our group and know that all of us make mistakes from time to time.

I wish all of you a wonderful holiday season!

Letter to the Editor

I would like to respond to Alison Brown's uncalled-for tirade in her "Letter to the Editor" in the November MIND.

First of all, if there is a problem of any kind with the election, the Election Committee Chair should be the first person to be made aware of it. An error could have occurred for any number of reasons and the Chair would have had an opportunity to look into it.

If one claims to have extensive, even worldwide, experience in writing bylaws, it would make sense to offer to be on the Bylaws Committee to help one's local chapter do the best job possible. Just "doing my duty by voting" is not enough in this case.

The ballot was absolutely NOT ignored or discarded. It was not lost, either.

Voters were not EVER "disrespected" or treated "cavalierly" (definition: with an ill-considered sureness verging on arrogance), especially since no one was ever made aware of a problem until the "Letter to the Editor" was published in the MIND.

Any member of CIM has a right to be very upset by a vote not being counted, thus MISTAKENLY being announced as a UNANIMOUS acceptance of the bylaws as submitted.

The Election Committee INNOCENTLY made a mistake in counting the votes. No malice whatsoever was intended. Announcing the vote as being one shy of unanimous would have been EXTREMELY satisfying. Calling it unanimous was certainly NOT a reason to "ignore, discard or lose" a vote purposely.

I don't appreciate having my reputation as a 37-year, very actively involved, competent, conscientious participant in CIM activities questioned as to my integrity and character.

The only people who never make a mistake are those who never do anything.

Petra Ritchie, Election Committee Chair



Only Child No More...Sort Of

Dom Jervis

For those not familiar with the company, 23andme uses one's DNA to determine ethnicity & risk of certain medical conditions, and has a database so one can learn of and communicate with relatives.

A notification from them AND a message from a woman stated that I was being sought by a GRANDDAUGHTER!! For decades, when people asked if I have any kids, I only half-jokingly said, "None I know of."

I asked for her grandmother's name and in what city does/did she live? I had a job with 100% travel from June 1981 - August 1985 and could have unknowingly sired a child in one of several cities, including Indianapolis.

She asked if I had a son named Donald, my biological father's name. Once she stated that she is ~16 years younger than me, I breathed more easily. After exchanging a few more Q&As, we concluded that I have not a granddaughter (WHEW!) but a half-sister named Donna!

Mom was Dad's second wife, and Donna's (unfortunately late) Mother was Dad's fifth! Donna told me that Dad passed in 1990. Neither Mom nor I knew. From what Mom told me about his ongoing love affairs with two guys named Jim Beam and Jack Daniels, he probably would have bankrupted some London bookies by having lived ~54 years.

Learning that I'm not on the hook (at least not yet) for 18 years of back child support (plus accrued interest, Court Fees, etc.) was obviously Year-Making News!

We are now Facebook Friends. From her pics I noted family resemblance. Mom and Dad divorced when I was three and I never really knew the man. But Mom often said I definitely look more like those on Dad's side of the family than hers.

Donna came to NJ and we met in-person. And she brought her 18-month-old daughter. I'm an Uncle, too! Her husband is an Executive with a successful manufacturing company, good to know we still have some of those in the US. He and I have not met, but have exchanged emails and have become Facebook Friends. And we agree on many issues pertaining to Political Ideology.

If for no other reason, 2016 will have been a memorable year. If 2017 isn't, 2018 most certainly will be. On February 23rd, I will be 59 ½. I wish William Roth were still with us. I'd have LOVED to treat him to a filet mignon & lobster tail dinner to show my appreciation for the IRA that bears his name.

Do You Have Gifted Offspring?

Diane O'Brien

If you haven't let your children, grandchildren, or other young relatives know about our Mensa Youth program, we'd like your help in spreading the word. We are constantly on the lookout for potential new members to enjoy our expeditions, such as the alpaca farm we visited last fall, the Medical History Museum this summer, Purdue Space Day, the Exotic Feline Rescue Center and all kinds of activities each month as we meet before the regular monthly meeting.

We can test anyone 14-18 with ID and a signed consent from a parent. Usually, the kids have been tested at school and will have prior evidence. There is a partial list of acceptable tests on the Mensa website under "Join". Younger children are also welcome and can be accepted with the same criteria. **Be sure to note that there is free evaluation of prior evidence during the month of December.** There is a form to complete and send with it, also located in the "Join" section.

I have two grandchildren (ages 7 and almost 9) – one is already in gifted classes at the Merle Sidener school here in Indianapolis and the other has been accepted based on testing. (I can't take credit, since they're my step-grandchildren, but I'm proud of them anyway.) Let your family know about us so they can join the fun!



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.

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

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Or... mail a completed form and your check to the Registrar.

Name _____ Name Tag _____

Street Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Local Group _____ Amount Enclosed _____

Welcome New and Returning Members!

Move In	Eric L Killmeier	Owensboro	KY
New	Amelia Robert	Pittsboro	IN
New	Kathryn A Boomershine	Noblesville	IN
New	Alex Nelson	Fishers	IN
Reinstating	Matthew Christopher Cornwell	Big Bay	MI



Petra's Punny Page

Petra Ritchie

The next few months will consist of a BUNCH of puns Karen Steilberger was generous enough to share. Thanks, Karen!

- 1 - Venison for dinner again? Oh deer!
- 2 - How does Moses make tea? Hebrews it.
- 3 - England has no kidney bank, but it does have a Liverpool.
- 4 - I tried to catch some fog, but I mist.
- 5 - They told me I had type-A blood, but it was a typo.

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



Jan Says: "Don't Forget – Mensa scholarship applications are due Jan. 15th."

“See www.mensafoundation.org for more info. Contact Laurel Richardson (Lhabitat@aol.com, (317) 244-0000) if you'd like to volunteer to help judge the scholarship essays for our group.

December 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. DINNER STARTS AT 7:45. After dinner, 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, it's the HOLIDAY PARTY! We have a pitch-in dinner and the gift exchange afterwards. Please bring something delicious to share. Meat, bread, and drinks are provided. See last page of *MIND* for map and directions. There is no door fee if you bring a dish. Members: \$5.00, Non-Members: \$7.00; Children 6-12: \$3.00, under 6: free.

Culture Vulture: Christmas Open House

Sunday, December 4, 2016 at 1:00 PM

Maplelawn Farmstead, Inc. www.maplelawnfarmstead.org

9575 Whitestown Rd. Zionsville, IN

We will visit Maplelawn Farmstead, celebrating the rich rural heritage of the Great Depression era. The National Park Service has named this a Historic District on the National Register of Historic Places. The farm dates back to the 1830's. View the Maplelawn Barn on the Indiana Bicentennial Quilt on display in the farmhouse. Wassail and desserts will be served.

For more information, contact Alison

Brown, CIM Sight Coordinator, at 317-846-6798 or email:

SIGHT@indymensa.org.

December 2016 Events (cont.)

Mensans Dining Out – 6 p.m., Sunday, December 18, 6:00pm

Watami All You Can Eat Sushi

10625 Pendleton Pike, Indianapolis

For more information, contact Bob Zdanky at 317-219-3773.

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, December 18-- *Hillbilly Elegy*, by JD Vance

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.

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

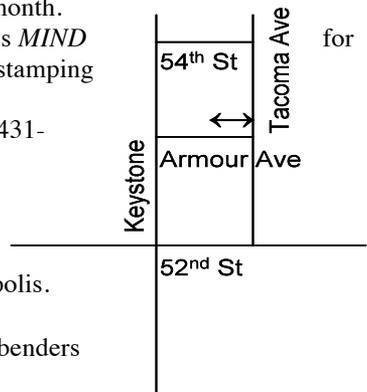
12/20, 5:30 p.m. Contact: Jan Pfeil Doyle, 317-431-3500. /Pizza and soft drinks provided.

MINDbending is held at the offices of Midwest

Internet, 5348 N. Tacoma Ave., which is 1

block east and 1 block north of 52nd St. and

Keystone Ave. on the northeast side of Indianapolis.



A Big Thank You to all the November *MINDbenders* 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.

January 2017 *MIND* calendar items due 12/2/16 to: biltmore@topdogcom.com.

December 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
4 Bridge Club; Culture Vulture Event	5	6	7 Indy Lunch Bunch
11	12	13	14
18 Mensans Dining Out; Book Club	19	20 <i>MIND</i> bending/ ExCom; Paducah Area Group Meeting	21 Indy Lunch Bunch
25	26	27	28

December 2016 (Cont.)

Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3 Ham 'n' Eggs; Cal. Deadline
8	9 Monthly Gathering	10
15	16	17
22	23 Cinder	24
29	30	31

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

This month's column is a reminder of the RVC support funds that local groups may request. This fiscal year, each RVC was provided with one thousand dollars to distribute to local groups. As detailed in a previous column, here is my process for Region 4 (your region of Mensa):



1. Talk with your local group president (LocSec) and Local Group Executive Board, first. Your LocSec and ExComm must be on board with this before I will consider funding anything for any local group.
2. Have your LocSec get in touch with me after you know things have a green light in your local group.
3. After I have spoken with your LocSec and confirmed that he/she is on board with your idea(s), I will then get in contact with you to discuss things further.
4. After I have had time to consider your plan/project, I will then let you know if I am able to provide funds for it.

At this point, the funds are halfway distributed. I already have groups desiring to double dip with worthy projects/ideas. December 31, 2016 is my cutoff for groups to request funds for the first time. Come January 2017, I will begin allowing groups to "double dip," as it were. The fiscal year ends at the end of March 2017.

So, for the 6 out of 9 groups in region 4 who haven't received any of these funds yet, get your requests and proposals lined up ASAP. Obviously, not every group will receive something. Once the funds are gone they are gone for this fiscal year.

This money was earmarked to benefit local groups. Let it benefit yours.



Books On the Runway

Margy Lancet Fletcher

Title: *100 of the Worst Ideas in History: Humanity's Thundering Brainstorms Turned Blundering Brain Farts*

Author: Michael N Smith and Eric Kasum

Year: 2014



Book Description: This delightfully entertaining volume contains a varied collection of notable lapses in judgment throughout human history. Expanding on the central question, “What were they thinking?,” journalists Smith and Kasum present numerous examples of abject stupidity covering a wide range of professions, cultures, and eras, categorized as follows: (1) Whopping Historical Foul-Ups and Faux Pas; (2) Entertainers with Stars in Their Eyes (and Rocks in Their Heads); (3) Inept Inventions, Pitiful Products, and Senseless Services; (4) Politically Incorrect Politicos; (5) Stupidity at a Major-League Level; (6) War Strategies That Bombed; (7) A Healthy Dose of Dumb, (8) In the News and Out of Their Minds; (9) Stinky Thinking from Air, Land, and Sea; and (10) Mad Scientists and the Monsters They Create. A few notable examples contained within are: Archduke Franz Ferdinand’s limo driver chauffeuring the Austro-Hungarian royal into an assassin’s sights, thereby starting WWI; Attorney General Robert Kennedy and FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover’s investigation of the “obscene” lyrics in the pop song, “Louie Louie”; and, perhaps the mother ship of all cerebral screwups - the RMS Titanic, which sailed away with five blatantly bad ideas that ultimately cost 1,700 passengers and crew members their lives.

Has this book changed the way you think, your attitude toward life, or even your life itself? If so, how? The acquisition of this book at Lehman’s Amish Country Gifts in Kidron, Ohio, during my annual Ohio Light Opera sojourn, marks the third year in the row that I unearthed a treasure among the Christian-oriented literature that the store typically offers. The book, as well as the first-rate entertainment and shopping opportunities in the Wooster area, offered a refreshing change from the past year’s acrimonious political scene. Ironically, the book has renewed my faith in humanity, as it exemplifies our ability to laugh at our follies and learn from our more serious mistakes.

Who should definitely read this book? Why? This droll and irreverent peek at past failures should appeal to readers with a passion for trivia and puns. My apologies in advance to Mensans who may accuse me of desecrating hallowed ground by including the excerpt below, which lampoons the Stanford-Binet IQ test. (As Patrick Henry said, if this be treason, make the most of it.)

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How long might it take to read this book? An easy and fun reading experience full of short and deliciously sweet anecdotes, as well as intriguing sidebars and photos, this book can be absorbed in less than a day.

Provide a short characteristic section, an awesome sentence, or an inspiring quote: “**A Dumb Way to Test How Smart You Are.** The Bad Idea: The IQ Test. The Genius Behind It: French Psychologist Alfred Binet. The Brainstorm Struck: 1911. Bring on the Blunder: While his cousin Charles Darwin theorizes on the origin of the human species, British scientist Frances Galton theorizes on the origins of human intelligence - and posits that such intelligence is measurable. With Galton’s hypothesis in hand, Alfred Binet and Stanford psychologist Lewis Terman create the Stanford-Binet Intelligence Quotient. It’s the first human intelligence test. And although widely embraced, critics nonetheless declare it to be IQ: Incomplete and Questionable. From Bad to Worse: The main complaint: the IQ test covers only reasoning, vocabulary, and problem solving. Creativity is not considered. Intuition is not evaluated. Originality, humor, verbal aptitude - many of the characteristics of intellects - are not assessed. Therefore opponents claim that IQ is a weak (if not false) indicator of true intelligence and future achievement. Dumb Luck: ‘Intelligence is a much more complex thing than what the test measures,’ reasons Dr. Morton Beiser of the University of Toronto. Furthermore, psychologist Howard Gardner of Harvard, a pioneer in the research of ‘interpersonal intelligence’ (social skills) and ‘intrapersonal intelligence’ (knowing one’s self), notes that IQ tests measure neither and therefore are not the most intelligent ways to evaluate intelligence. After Thoughts: Despite its shortcomings, the IQ test, an industrial-age relic, remains the most highly regarded indicator of intelligence today.”

Additional Remarks: I am reviewing this book specifically for the December 2016 MIND because I consider it an ideal stocking stuffer. It can be purchased for a mere \$15.00 plus shipping from www.sourcebooks.com or www.lehmans.com - well within the price range of most prospective Santas. Happy Folly Days!

[Ed.Note: I just ordered a copy of it after reading this review.]



White Christmas

Robert O. Adair

It's November in the middle of World War II,
John Jones and Mary are sitting on
the couch in their living room,
their younger daughter and younger son are there too.
A song comes over the big console radio:
"I'm dreaming of a white Christmas
just like the ones we used to know..."
Their older daughter is a nurse with the Pacific fleet,
They haven't heard from her in a year.
Their older son is Missing in Action somewhere in Europe.
"just like the ones we used to know"
is like a knife twisted in Mary's heart.
She breaks down crying, John tries to comfort her
"There, there, don't cry, Honey!"
"It hurts! It hurts! I know our son will go to Heaven
but it will be so long till we can see him again!"
John really doesn't know what to say.
When this song appeared in Holiday Inn, sung by Bing Crosby,
there wasn't a dry eye in the theater.
Six months later they heard from their daughter,
seven months later, their son came home.
When his plane was shot down over France
the French underground led him to safety.
John's family was among the lucky ones.
And today we should remember we have many
families dreaming of a white Christmas.



The “New” Mensa Qualifying Test

It’s finally here! If you took the test before and just missed it by a smidge, you have a second chance.

Mensa Test – Saturday, January 28, 2017. 9:30 Registration-10:00 Test

The location is the site of our Regional Gathering the Clarion Hotel Waterfront. See the advertisement on page 9. You do not have to attend the event to take the tests. The cost is \$40 cash, check, credit card, or voucher that you have purchased on the American Mensa website. (This is for the NEW Mensa Admission Test, NOT the Culture Fair.) If you come just for the test, you may stay and enjoy lunch and the afternoon programs at the RG.



Central Indiana Mensa ExCom Minutes 9/20/16

The regular monthly meeting of the Central Indiana Mensa ExCom was held at Midwest Internet on Tuesday, September 20, 2016.

LocSec Jan Pfeil Doyle called the meeting to order at 6:38 p.m. Members present were: Jan Pfeil Doyle, Jon Applegate, Ethan Blocher-Smith, Ann Hake, Diane O’Brien, Karen Steilberger, Karen Wilczewski, Bob Zdanky, and Karen Zwick.

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

Jan Pfeil Doyle welcomed Kurt Williams, who will join the ExCom in October, and thanked outgoing ExCom member Karen Steilberger.

The committee reviewed the minutes of the August ExCom meeting. Ann Hake moved that the minutes be accepted as presented, Karen Wilczewski seconded the motion, and it passed.

The committee reviewed the treasurer’s report presented by Karen Zwick. Karen noted that the scholarship fund has been brought up to the level required by National. Karen Steilberger moved that the Treasurer’s report be accepted as presented. Diane O’Brien seconded the motion, and the motion passed.

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The membership report shows 3 new, 2 renewing, 4 move-in, and 2 reinstating members; 21 prospects; and 523 total members.

Old Business

Testing location: Jan Pfeil Doyle said that the rate at All Souls Unitarian Church is \$35, not \$10 as previously reported. Teresa Gregory said Alison Brown set up two tests at Old National Bank. We are looking at other locations; more ideas are welcome. Tests in October are half price; after that there will be no more discounts because Mensa will not own the tests.

New and younger member initiative: Jan Pfeil Doyle verified that Bob Zdanky obtained the e-mail address he needed. He and Ethan Blocher-Smith met to discuss ideas and may ask a recent new member for input. They also plan a survey.

New Business

Gatherings committee: Jan Pfeil Doyle said the committee that will create a Gatherings committee will meet in October. Those who volunteered to meet with her include Teresa Gregory, Ann Hake, Karen Steilberger, Karen Wilczewski, and Karen Zwick.

New ExCom: Jan Pfeil Doyle solicited interest in the available roles on the new ExCom which will begin in October. Several members expressed interest in retaining their current roles on the new ExCom.

AG 2018: Jan Pfeil Doyle started a list of those interested in helping with the AG we are hosting in 2018.

Jon Applegate made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Karen Wilczewski seconded the motion. The motion was carried, and the meeting was adjourned at 7:06 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Karen Steilberger



Treasurer's Report

Karen Zwick, Treasurer

Balance Sheet (as of 10/17/2016)

Bank Accounts	09/19/2016	10/17/2016
Checking – Regular	\$7,262.86	\$6,620.27
Checking – Scholarship	727.03	727.03
Checking – Youth Membership	69.34	69.34
Checking – RG/OG Fund	9,525.15	9,525.15
Checking – Youth Activity Fund	480.40	489.40
Total Assets	\$18,064.78	\$17,431.19

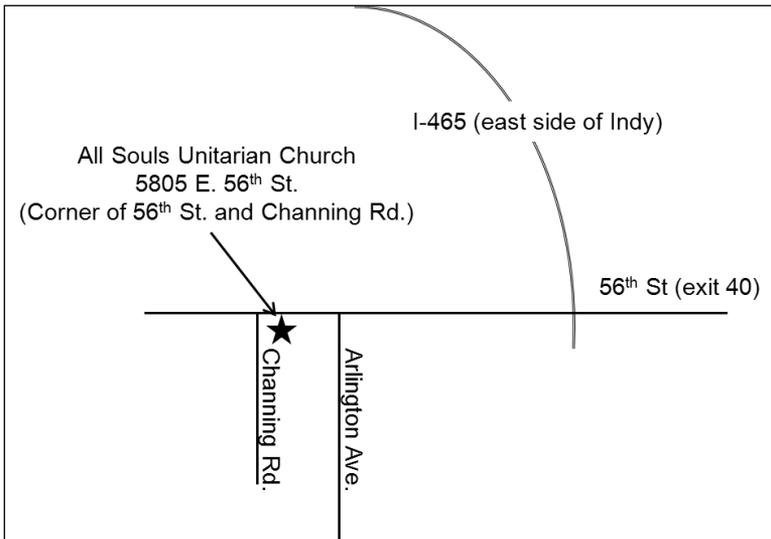
Profit & Loss Statement (09/20/2016 – 10/17/2016)

Income		
	401.1 – Monthly Gathering (Oct)	64.00
	415 – Mensa Youth Income	9.00
Total Income		\$73.00
Expense		
	501.1 – Monthly Gathering Hospitality	23.91
	505 – Food for ExCom/MIND Bending (Sep)	80.23
	505.1 – MIND Printing (Oct)	307.45
	505.2 – MIND Postage	235.00
	510.1 – New Member Dinners	60.00
Total Expenses		\$706.59

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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