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## Change, Change, Change

*Karen Zwick, Editor*

**Fifteen days and counting – that is the number of consecutive days that I’ve exercised 45 minutes or more. Yes, I’m attempting a New Year’s Resolution to improve my health by increasing my exercise and the healthiness of the food I eat. (And, I was doing really well on the food thing until the monthly Mensa gathering on Friday, January 13. There were too many goodies and I was weak.)**



There is also an underlying motivation to all of this – vanity. My daughter is getting married in August. I want to improve my appearance for these family photos that will be around for the rest of my life.

My daughter and I found her wedding dress the week before Christmas. We were back at the bridal shop on a recent Saturday for the first fitting session. Note: my daughter inherited her father’s family’s genes. She is petite, a size 6, and never fluctuates in weight by more than 1 – 2 pounds.

The bridal shop was a total madhouse. I think every young lady who got engaged over Christmas was there shopping for “the dress”. At this shop, when you say “yes to the dress” the bride rings a bell. There were dozens of future brides trying on dresses, bridesmaids trying on their dresses, hundreds of friends and family members giving their opinions, little kids running around, and this bell ringing about every five minutes – a total madhouse.

While my daughter was getting her dress fitted, the alteration guru kept getting interrupted for his opinion on the correct size or fit of a dress on another future bride. To a person, regardless of her size, each future bride said, “I’m going to lose weight before the wedding.” I know that some will succeed and some will not.

Besides wanting to look my best for my daughter’s wedding, I also have a great exercise buddy, my friend Jacque. Our local YMCA really encourages you to have a buddy to achieve the greatest success. I believe this approach to change has a higher probability of success.

## T.G.InFo

Teresa Gregory, LocSec

**February prompts thoughts of Valentine's Day in the minds and aisles of retailers. Go into any store and you will see some display that promotes this holiday. Hearts are everywhere. I'd like to share a story I call A Tale of Two Hearts. Even though it is a Christmas story, I think it's appropriate for this season.**



As I mentioned in my December column, my kids and I don't exchange Christmas gifts. That's one less stressor in a busy month. But I do get something for my four-year-old grandson. This year, my daughter felt that Sam needed to understand that Christmas was not just about gifts for him. She took him shopping and let him pick out some gifts for other people. He picked out a sweatshirt for his dad, a Batman action figure for his 29-year-old Uncle Jack, and something for me. After dinner, Sam wanted to open gifts. When Heather asked Sam who should open something first (we have always taken turns opening gifts), he said Mimi, and came over to me to watch. When I opened the small package he had given me, I saw a gold heart locket. I was awestruck. I thanked him and got a hug and a kiss. I told him I loved it. He scampered off to someone else. Interestingly, he wanted everyone else to open their gifts first.

Later Heather said that she had taken him shopping and he wanted to get me a necklace. She told him I had some necklaces and maybe he would think of something else. He insisted so she took him to the jewelry department. He chose one, but then saw the gold locket. She said he was insistent that Mimi needed a golden heart. It was the only one like it. She told me if I wanted to exchange it, she had the receipt. I said I wanted to keep it.

I came home that night and looked in my jewelry box. I found the gold heart locket that my then-boyfriend gave to me for Christmas before he went into the Navy. I compared them. As you can see, they are identical in

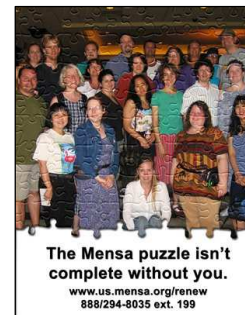
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size and very similar in design. Sam had never seen this locket and my daughter didn't remember it. The one on the left was given to me by David Gregory on Christmas Eve, 1971. The one on the right was given to me by his grandson, Samuel David Wilcox, exactly 40 years later. I'll be wearing hearts on Valentine's Day.

For all of you who are not life members, it might be time for you to renew your membership. You have until the end of March, so don't wait until the last minute and let it lapse. So many renewals are due by December 31 that it's easy to forget about the one that doesn't.

Remember, if you are in the Indianapolis area, our Monthly Gathering site has moved. Check this issue of *MIND* for the new location. We left the old clubhouse with some sadness, briefly looking around one last time and thinking of all the good times we had had there. Let's make some new memories in the new location. Remember, there will be no door charge for this meeting so we can all check it out.



The Culture Quest date has been announced. It's April 29, a little later this year. We must register by the end of March. Calling out to the Evansville group, the Kokomo folks, the people in Paducah... anyone can field a team. There is a maximum of five members with up to two alternate and all team members must belong to American Mensa. Call your Mensa buddies and plan a CQ party. If you are interested, contact me for info on registering your team. In 2011, CIM had a team that placed 20<sup>th</sup>. In 2010, we had a team that placed first. In 2009, CIM had a team that placed 9<sup>th</sup>. No matter how well you do, it's a lot of fun and a great excuse to get together for an afternoon of trivia, Mensa style.

### LocSec Shout-Out

I am in my last year as LocSec, and I'd like to take the opportunity to recognize some accomplishments each month. In the January issue of the Mensa Bulletin, there is an article about the Mensa Brilliant Testing Drive

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last October. (See page 17 of the January *MIND*.) CIM is recognized as one of the Diamond-level groups because we had three test sites and completed four promotional activities. (CIM ranks 34<sup>th</sup> in size among all chapters. Only three of the ten largest groups qualified for Diamond status.) There is also a list of activities that groups did to promote testing. “Central Indiana Mensa worked with a local AT&T vendor to provide a QR code regarding Brilliant Month as a method to show how the reader app works on smartphones...”

It was nice for CIM to be recognized for these accomplishments. However, the person who really deserves to be recognized is Steve Merchant, Proctor Coordinator and AT&T customer. Steve was my introduction to Mensa when he tested me in October, 2004. He mentored me so that I could become a proctor.

Steve’s been a joy to work with from a LocSec standpoint. I read on the LocSec forum about groups who have no proctor or can’t get testing scheduled. I have never worried about that. CIM is lucky to have Steve Merchant, the 2007 national Proctor of the Year, as our Proctor. Check out his schedule of test dates for 2012 at [IndyMensa.org](http://IndyMensa.org). Thank you, Steve, for all you do.

## Welcome!

### New Members

Larry Hesson Plainfield, KY

### Members Moving In

Frank E Casuso Evansville, IN  
Ralph L Frasca Hymera, IN  
Nicholas G McNeely West Lafayette, IN

### Reinstating Members

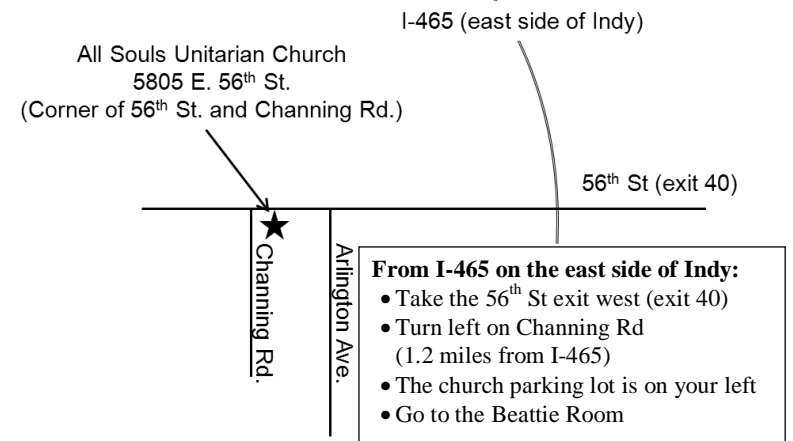
Christopher Michael Gaughan Carmel, IN  
Luella Beth Hillen Noblesville, IN

## The Monthly Gathering is Moving in February!!!

Starting in **February**, our second-Friday-of-the-month Gathering will be in a new location. We will be meeting at:

All Souls Unitarian Church  
The Beattie Room  
5805 E 56th Street  
Indianapolis, IN 46226

This location has handicapped access, plenty of free parking, and is a short distance from I-465. There will be no door fee for the February meeting at the new location. Please plan to come out and see this great new place.



## 2012 Mensa Admission Testing Schedule

Steve Merchant, Proctor Coordinator

The Mensa Admissions Test sessions for 2012 will all be held at the Wayne Library, 198 South Girls School Road, Indianapolis, Indiana, on the following dates and times.

Date	Location	Registration Time	Test Start Time
Feb 11, 2012	Wayne Branch Library 198 S. Girl's School Rd. Indianapolis, IN	10:00 – 11:00	11:00 a.m.
Apr 21, 2012	(same)	10:00 – 11:00	11:00 a.m.
Jun 16, 2012	(same)	10:00 – 11:00	11:00 a.m.
Aug 18, 2012	(same)	10:00 – 11:00	11:00 a.m.
Oct 13, 2012	(same)	1:00 – 2:00	2:00 p.m.

The test will take about two hours to complete. Test takers are required to show a photo ID. Session limited to 30 candidates. Overflow will be rescheduled to the near future.

The fee of \$40 is payable by cash, check, or any major credit card. Candidates between 14-17 years old are required to have one of their parents also sign the registration form in my presence at the testing site. I am not permitted to test candidates under 14 years old. Candidates under 14 will need to apply to the American Mensa, Ltd. national office in Arlington, Texas using approved prior testing evidence. A partial list of accepted tests and scores is available at <http://www.us.mensa.org/scores>. Further questions about prior evidence admission to Mensa may be answered by contacting Mary Spencer at 817-607-0060, Extension 5529.

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

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

## Calling all CultureQuestors!

Teresa Gregory, LocSec

The date for CultureQuest® this year is Sunday, April 29. If you aren't familiar with this yearly event, here is what the national website says:

Nearly 100 teams from the U.S. and Canada sit for this 90-minute test of cultural knowledge at exactly the same time on the same day across the nation, and the top 20 teams receive cash awards. Mensans write new questions every year specifically for Mensa's use; topics range from politics to science and from entertainment to current events.

Teams are comprised of up to five Mensa members. Let's see how many teams we can enter this year. The deadline for entry is March 31, so if you are interested, please contact Teresa Gregory ([teresa.gregory@yahoo.com](mailto:teresa.gregory@yahoo.com) or 317-430-1761) by March 30.

Attention Evansville Mensa Members! Get some fellow Mensans together and enter a team...or two...or more! This really is a fun event. Contact Teresa for registration information.

## Monthly Meeting Program Notes

Jan Pfeil Doyle, Program Chair

Can you figure out what the following people have in common?

Abigail Adams	Charles Dickens	Beatrix Potter
John Adams	Ralph Waldo Emerson	Christopher Reeve
John Quincy Adams	Buckminster Fuller	Paul Revere
Louisa May Alcott	Thomas Jefferson	Pete Seeger
Susan B. Anthony	Ashley Montagu	Rod Serling
P T Barnum	Paul Newman	Mary Shelley
Clara Barton	Keith Olbermann	William Howard Taft
Tim Berners-Lee	Linus Pauling	Kurt Vonnegut
Ray Bradbury	Lydia Pinkham	Frank Lloyd Wright
ee cummings	Sylvia Plath	

Come find out at the February monthly meeting (NEW LOCATION) or in the March *MIND*.



## February 2012 Events - Central Indiana Mensa

### 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)

**Ham 'n' Eggs (Hamilton County Eggheads)** 1st Saturday from 9:30-11:30 a.m. Shapiro's, 918 South Range Line Road, Carmel, IN. Drop in any time for casual conversation, lively discussion, and a hearty breakfast in the cafeteria.  
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)

**Monthly Gathering** – 2nd Friday at 7:00 p.m. NEW LOCATION! All Souls Unitarian Church, 5805 E. 56<sup>th</sup> St. See last page of *MIND* for map and directions.

No charge this month!

**2/10:** Our speaker for February is Dr. Gretchen Woods, interim minister of All Souls Unitarian Church in Indianapolis. She will welcome us to our new meeting place and give us an overview of Unitarian Universalism—who Unitarian Universalists are, and what they do—and don't—believe. Petra Ritchie (our host and member of Mensa and All Souls) has observed that Mensans and Unitarians have several traits in common: open minds, acceptance of everyone and above average intelligence. Come learn about UU and check out our "new digs!"



**Kokomo Breakfast** – 2nd and 4th Saturdays at 10:00 a.m.  
Richard's Restaurant, east of Highway 31, 2 blocks north of Center  
Contact: Patricia Sottong, (765) 457-0754; leave message.

### Mensa Admissions Testing

**Saturday, 2/11:** Registration 10:00-11:00 a.m., test begins 11:00 a.m.  
Wayne Branch Library, 198 S. Girls School Rd., Indianapolis  
Contact: Steve Merchant, (h) 317-240-3077, (c) 317-431-8645,  
[Blazingstar32@hotmail.com](mailto:Blazingstar32@hotmail.com)

**Bridge SIG** – 1st Sunday at 2:00 p.m. (NOTE: 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in February)  
Contacts: Grace Falvey and Bob Dill, 842-6246  
**2/12:** Carol Gould, 8026 Lieber Road, 251-9623  
**3/4:** Evelyn and Charles Eldridge, 551 Grassy Lane, 881-2718

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

## February 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
			1 W. Lafayette Lunch
5	6	7	8
12 Bridge SIG	13	14 	15 Indy Lunch Bunch
19	20	21 MINDbending/ ExCom; Paducah Area Group Meeting	22
26	27	28	29
4 Bridge SIG	5	6	7 Indy Lunch Bunch; W. Lafayette Lunch
11 Evansville Area Mensa	12	13	14

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[indymensa-subscribe@yahoo.com](mailto:indymensa-subscribe@yahoo.com)

## February 2012 Events (cont.)

**Indy Lunch Bunch** - 1st and 3rd Wednesdays at 12:00 noon, Double Eagle Café, 650 N. Meridian (at the Scottish Rite Cathedral), Indianapolis.  
NOTE: No Lunch Bunch on 2/1.  
Contact: Alan Schmidt, 317-233-5190, [alan.schmidt@att.net](mailto:alan.schmidt@att.net)

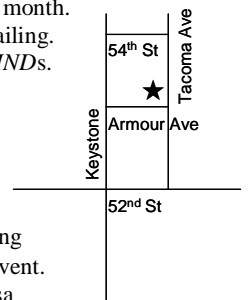
**Media Club** – 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of the month at 2:00 p.m. (NOTE: 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday in February), 4471 Bristol Lane, Carmel  
2/18: This month the topic is imaging software. Examples include: PaintShop, Photoshop, Celestia, Jmol  
Snacks and drinks provided. Contact: Ed Chu, 317-569-8546

**Mensans Dining Out** – 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of every month, 6:00 p.m.  
2/18: Saigon (Vietnamese cuisine), 4760 W. 38<sup>th</sup> Street, Indianapolis. Contact: Jean Rodgers, [jeanerodgers@yahoo.com](mailto:jeanerodgers@yahoo.com); or Bob Zdanky, 317-503-0091 or [Zdanky@gmail.com](mailto:Zdanky@gmail.com)

**Paducah Area Group Meeting** – 3rd Tuesday of every month, 7:00 p.m.  
2/21: Olive Garden, 5150 Hinkleville Rd, Paducah, KY 42001 (Across from the Kentucky Oaks Mall). Anyone in the area is welcome to join fellow Mensans for dinner. For more information on this group, contact Charles Rawlings, [rawlings@siu.edu](mailto:rawlings@siu.edu)

**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 folding, sealing, labeling, and stamping the *MINDS*.  
2/21, 5:30 p.m. Contact: Teresa 430-1761.

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. **Big Thank You** to all the following *MIND*benders and thanks to Midwest Internet for hosting the event.  
Oct - Betty Ann Countryman, Jan Pfeil Doyle, Eric Ellis, Teresa Gregory, Jud Horning, Cyndi Kuyper, Pat Milligan, Alan Schmidt, Bob Zdanky and Karen Zwick.  
Nov - David Bonner, Jan Pfeil Doyle, Teresa Gregory, Alan Schmidt, Karen Wilczewski and Karen Zwick.  
Dec - Alison Brown, Jan Pfeil Doyle, Teresa Gregory, Siegmund Haider, Jud Horning, Cyndi Kuyper, Pat Milligan, Petra Ritchie, Alan Schmidt, Karen Steilberger, Karen Wilczewski, Bob Zdanky and Karen Zwick.



March *MIND* calendar items due 2/11/12 to [sbeilbe@sbcglobal.net](mailto:sbeilbe@sbcglobal.net).

Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2	3	4 Ham 'n' Eggs; Muncie Meeting
9	10 Monthly Gathering; <i>MIND</i> Deadline	11 Kokomo Breakfast; Admissions testing
16	17	18 Media Club; Mensans Dining Out
23	24	25 Kokomo Breakfast
<b>March 2012</b>		
1	2	3 Ham 'n' Eggs; Muncie Meeting
8	9 Monthly Gathering; <i>MIND</i> deadline	10 Kokomo Breakfast; Media Club
15	16	17 Mensans Dining Out

If you lose your *MIND* (oh, my!) or want additional information, you may call the MensaPhone (317) 539-1740. You will hear a recorded message of events that is updated weekly. Feel free to leave a message and you will receive a call back.

## Within Your Ken

Ken Silver RVC4

Let's face it. After four and a half years of writing columns, you're going to get some recurring themes from me. Nothing new this month, except that recently a couple of things hit close to home.



My wife, who is also a long-time Mensan, is a teacher. During her winter break, which miraculously was off by one week from our children's break, she decided to have a little lunch for a few of her Mensan girlfriends. This wasn't a scheduled calendar event. We certainly open our home for enough of those, but smaller party. The question came up in my mind about socializing with Mensan friends outside of Mensa. If you take the opportunity to do just that, I think it adds a lot of value to your membership, and to that of your friends.

There often aren't that many social events on a group's calendar, especially the smaller groups. People in a group may be geographically dispersed, or people who want to socialize may not have the space to accommodate a large group in their home. Don't let that stop you from socializing with your friends from Mensa. Find the people in your area or neighborhood and enjoy their company. Not all "Mensa events" have to be on the calendar.

The same day as the party, I got an e-mail from the Nominating Committee Chair for Minnesota Mensa's upcoming election. He couldn't find anyone willing to run for Treasurer. I told him that's how my Mensa political career started. I was Nom Comm Chair and I couldn't find anyone for Treasurer. So I resigned as committee chair and ran for Treasurer myself. Sure I'll do it. No big deal for me. It might take me 20 minutes a month. But we have 1300 members; somebody else must be interested in doing this. Even the biggest groups are short of volunteers. Come on, get involved. That's something you've heard from me before. Recently I believe.

If you haven't renewed your membership yet, I hope you do so soon. I'm going to do that for my wife and daughter right now.

St Louis Mensa will be having their RG at the end of the month. It's always a good time, with very friendly and talented people. You'll be well fed and well entertained. So be there if you can. Find your way there now, so you can make it back for Mind Games next year.

Ken

## Science Museum Recommendations

David Bonner, Gifted Children's Coordinator

In the summer of 1988 when I was eleven years old, my family took a vacation to California. While we were there, we spent a day at the most fantastic place a budding science geek would ever want to go. If I had my way as an eleven year old boy, I would have found a way to establish permanent residence at the Exploratorium Museum in San Francisco (<http://www.exploratorium.edu>).

I felt like a kitten that had discovered an entire ocean made of creamy milk or a puppy who had discovered a lawn densely packed with fluffy squirrels that wanted to play. My brain went into an entirely new turbo learning mode and my body literally shook with excitement. I was so engrossed in the exhibits that all of the security guards came looking for me because I didn't hear my name being paged over the intercom. I remember details of that day better than what I did even this morning. For me, this is the standard of bliss to which all other experiences fall short.

Over the years I've visited some pretty good science museums. The Children's Museum in Indianapolis does a pretty good job. I think I'd give them an 8/10 on my logarithmic scale of awesomeness. Epcot Center in Florida ranks 9/10. I visited the science museum in Portland, Oregon this summer. They have a few great exhibits, but not enough to score higher than a 7/10. The Smithsonian National Air and Space museum in Washing D.C. gets a 10/10 because you get to see the real deal such as an original CRAY computer, the first transistor, and the original Wright Flyer.

Because I'm not a math teacher (anymore), I'm going to rank the Exploratorium with a score of 11/10. My level of excitement went beyond all reason and so does my rating. There are some wonderful things about childhood that we lose touch with as adults. As a teacher, I get to experience the joy of discovery again as I watch my students learn things for the first time. Until this week, I didn't think it was possible to have an 11/10 experience at a science museum for myself as an adult. By now I'm sure you've already figured out where this is going.

The Museum of Science and Industry in Chicago is only a three hour drive from Indy. I have visited many times over the years and would have to say they've consistently earned a 10/10 on my scale. The last time I was there was quite a few years ago. They've made some remarkable improvements since then. So remarkable in fact that I felt like an eleven year old boy visiting the Exploratorium once again. The new Science Storms exhibit (pictured below) alone gets a solid 11/10. When you first step into the Science Storms wing, the first thing you see is a 3 story high indoor tornado.

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You get to set about a dozen variables to control the wind speeds of the vortex at various altitudes. As incredible as this feature is, it's only an appetizer for what's to come in the rest of the exhibit. 99% of it is interactive. Think high powered lasers, massive fireballs, a giant Tesla coil as big as the ceiling, a solar collector twice as big as a city bus, mag-lev trains, a giant wall of fiber optic imaging, hot air balloons with infrared cameras, and an interactive digital chemistry lab using smart surface technology.

Another great exhibit at the Museum of Science and Industry is called *You! The Experience*. Once again I could spend all day telling you about it, but my words would fall short. Like Science Storms, if this one exhibit were its own museum, I'd buy a ticket to see it without a moment's hesitation. They have real human bodies on display ranging from cross sections of a leg, entire body systems such as the nervous system, to an entire body that has been expanded to show how all of the systems fit together. That's only the start. They have a room with a collection of human embryos in various stages of gestation from the first week to full term. They have exhibits to teach about the aging process, reaction to stress, medical technology, movement, nutrition, and how the mind works. They even have a game where you have two players attach probes to their heads (using a special head band) and use brain waves to move a ball into your opponent's goal.

There is a *Smart Home* exhibit that costs a bit extra, but is well worth it. On the museum campus is an actual house built with the latest "green" technology. The house itself provides 95% of its own energy for heating/cooling/electricity, and only 5% from the grid. There are computer touch panels in every room that control lighting, heating/cooling, music, and even track how much energy the house is making and using. The roof has solar panels and a hydroponic garden. Most of the building material is recycled, durable, and energy efficient. It's definitely worth seeing. I've already begun modifications to my own home to make it smarter and much more energy efficient.

As a science teacher, I highly recommend this museum. If you haven't been there with your family, this would be a great day trip. We spent an entire day there and maybe saw 20% of the museum. There is a new Mythbusters exhibit coming this spring, so I'd love to go back to see just that!

The Shedd Aquarium in Chicago is also fantastic. They have a new jellyfish exhibit that is stunning.

## OMG! Outdoor Mensa Gathering!

May 18, 19, 20, 2012

Versailles State Park, Indiana



Please join us for a laid-back weekend in the woods. If you're thinking that you aren't the "out-doorsy" type, think again! You get food, lodging, scenery, and more for only **\$50** per person! Saturday only is \$30. Kids up to age 6 are \$20, and ages 6-12 are \$35. There is also a per-car park entry fee. So grab your sleeping bags and towels, and join us at Versailles State Park.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Name Tag \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Local Group \_\_\_\_\_ Amount Enclosed \_\_\_\_\_

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West Lafayette, IN 47906-1537  
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## Central Indiana Mensa Ex-Com Minutes 11/22/11

*Karen Wilczewski, Recording Secretary*

**LocSec Teresa Gregory opened the meeting at 7:14 p.m. Members present included Gregory, David Bonner, Jan Pfeil Doyle, Alan Schmidt, Karen Wilczewski, and Karen Zwick. Absent: Mindy Grayson, Cyndi Kuyper, and Bob Zdanky.**

The minutes of the October Ex-Com meeting were accepted with minor corrections. (Alan Schmidt moved; Jan Pfeil Doyle seconded the motion. It passed unanimously)

Alan Schmidt presented the Treasurer's report. The balance as of 11/21/11 was \$21,009.83.

A \$1,100 Youth Mensa membership line item has been added to the Treasurer's Report to reflect the generosity of an anonymous benefactor who agreed to cover one-year memberships in 2012. A letter needs to be drafted to these qualifying kids informing them that their 2012 memberships have been paid. These children and their parents will also be invited to this year's Holiday Party. The letter will request that the parents confirm receipt of this benefit.

### Old Business

The All Souls Unitarian Church will be the new monthly meeting site starting in February 2012. The church's board approved CIM conducting its monthly meetings there. The charge to hold meetings there will be \$35/month versus the current \$65/month charge that would increase to \$85/month at the Bradford Place clubhouse in January 2012. To kick off the new meeting site, the February monthly meeting at All Souls will be free to Ms who attend. And the February meeting will feature a speaker and a tour of the new facility.

### New Business

Discussion ensued around conducting a quarterly dinner where new and move-in members attend free of charge. The first dinner would be scheduled for March 2012. Those who qualify would be invited personally via a phone call. This would be a way to attract new members, considering some existing members don't renew their membership in the first quarter of the year. The ExCom expects to invite around 15 new members and move-ins who qualify, anticipating 4-5 would attend.

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Regular Ms are welcome to attend as well. These new member dinners could also be conducted on different sides of town. Restaurants willing to provide a private room would be selected for this event. Bob Zdanky will be asked to draft the letter that goes to new members inviting them to this event. And if Bob Zdanky can't organize this event, Karen Zwick would be willing to arrange the first one in March. (Karen Zwick moved; Jan Pfeil Doyle seconded the motion. It passed unanimously)

To help devise a better system of sharing responsibility for bringing snacks/food to the monthly meeting, Teresa Gregory suggested having members check off on a preprinted business card what food items they'll bring to next month's meeting and sign it. When the member brings the food item to the next meeting, along with the business card, he or she would sign the card and turn it in as admission to the meeting. The food items would be in the \$3 to \$5 range. There would be a separate member responsible for bringing drinks to the meeting. Karen Zwick agreed to be responsible for bringing drinks to the January through March 2012 meetings.

David Bonner will be getting married on June 23, 2012, and he's looking for someone to take over the Gifted Children program. David said a retired principal has offered to help with the program but isn't interested in serving as its chair. Karen Zwick inquired whether any parents would be willing to serve on a steering committee and handle program planning, while Mensa maintains ownership of this program. David is looking for a Mensa member who's interested in serving as a leader-in-training who will take over when appropriate. David also said he needs a business manager to help him grow the program and looks for this person to eventually serve as its director.

Karen Zwick recommends that David develop a job description and she has offered to assist David with implementing this. David will develop a business plan and mission statement related to how he envisions Mensa fitting into the overall picture and share it with the ExCom in the coming months. He will make sure that parents have a vested interest in this program.

The meeting adjourned at 8:29 p.m. (Alan Schmidt moved; Jan Pfeil Doyle seconded the motion. It passed unanimously)

Respectfully submitted,  
Karen E. Wilczewski, Recording Secretary

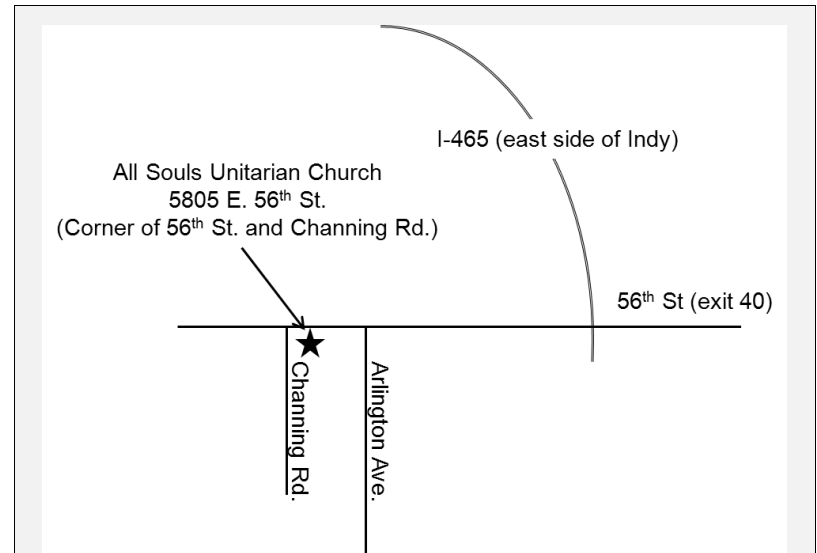
**Treasurer's Report**  
**Dr. Alan Dale Schmidt, Treasurer**

**Balance Sheet (as of 12/27/2011)**

<b>Cash and Bank Accounts</b>	<b>12/27/2011</b>	<b>11/21/2011</b>
Mensa – Checking	\$10,193.62	\$9,881.45
Vanguard Mensa (as of 9/30/11)	\$3,737.42	\$3,737.42
<b>Total Cash and Bank Accounts</b>	<b>\$13,931.04</b>	<b>\$13,618.87</b>
<b>Other Assets</b>		
Regional Gathering Account (as of 11-11-2011)	\$7,290.96	\$7,290.96
Bradford Place Deposit	\$100.00	\$100.00
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$21,322.00</b>	<b>\$21,009.83</b>

**Profit & Loss Statement (09/26/2011 to 10/25/2011)**

<b>Income</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Amount</b>
American Mensa 541x.82 \$3new 0corp3reins	12/16/2011	\$449.62
Dividend Income from Sept, 30, 2011	N/A	
Monthly Meeting food, people		\$
Scholarships Total Scholarship fund\$157.00		
<b>Total Income</b>		<b>\$449.62</b>
<b>Expenses</b>		
Jan Doyle – MindBending food	11/22/2011	\$63.20
Teresa Gregory monthly food		
Minuteman Press (150 MINDs for Dec.)	11/22/2011	\$74.25
Bradford Place for Jan. monthly meeting		
<b>Total Expenses</b>		<b>\$137.45</b>



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

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



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