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## No Zip Line for Karen

Karen Zwick, Editor

**The party is over. The Indianapolis Super Bowl 2012 party was a blast. I’m not a big sports or football fan, but I’m so proud of the positive image that Indianapolis and our “Hoosier Hospitality” made with the thousands of visitors who came to our fair city.**



I grew up in Indianapolis. When I was in high school, my friends and I almost NEVER went downtown. For me, there was almost nothing to do downtown, with the exception of shopping at a few nice department stores. There were very few restaurants, no sports stadiums, no Circle Center Mall, etc. Additionally, my parents considered downtown Indianapolis an unsafe place for a teen to be, especially in the evening.

I really appreciate the visionary city leaders and business people that dreamed about and then executed the development of a more interesting, vibrant, and attractive downtown Indianapolis. The selection of Indianapolis for Super Bowl 2012 seemed like a confirmation that Indy had “arrived.”

I visited Super Bowl Village three times during the week leading up to the big game. The positive energy and vibe of the large crowds visiting the village seemed “electric.” I also tried to ride the zip line each of the three times that I visited. I never arrived early enough to get a ticket – so riding a zip line is still on my “bucket list”.

I’m proud to be a native Hoosier and call Indianapolis my home town. I sincerely hope that our city submits another bid to host a future Super Bowl. If so, I’ll sign up to be one of the thousands of volunteers who made the week such a positive experience.

*Progress report: For those of you who read my article in the February issue of MIND, I’ve stuck with my New Year’s resolutions of exercise and healthier eating. I’ve exercised an hour or more for 42 out of 43 days so far in 2012. I’m a “work in progress.”*

## T.G.InFo – Life in the Twilight Zone...

Teresa Gregory, LocSec

**In a crazy turn of events, I received four emails in a cluster from Amazon one evening. They were welcoming me to Amazon's Kindle Fire registration and confirming that I had made several purchases. I thought at first it was a scam, but two of them were receipts for downloads.**



When I looked, they had been bought by Teresa Gregory in Moreland, Georgia. Along with the name and address was a phone number. I called. After quite a few rings, a woman answered. I said,

"I'm calling for Teresa Gregory."

"This is Teresa."

"MY name is Teresa Gregory, too, from Indianapolis, Indiana. Did you just buy and register a Kindle Fire?"

"Yes, I did."

"Somehow they have gotten us confused because I am getting the receipts. Your phone number is on here, too. That's how I called you. I don't know what your email address is but my email is [teresa.gregory@yahoo.com](mailto:teresa.gregory@yahoo.com)."

"That's my email. I just signed up for it today."

"Uh...I've had this email address for four...wait...over five years."

"Then why would they let me use it?"

She said she would check into it. I thought I should check in with my bank to make certain it wasn't also confused. Nothing had happened there. But I had a new announcement that I was now a subscriber of Direct TV. Then I got an email from Amazon saying they had changed my email address upon request. Georgia Teresa had just corrected the email address.

I've always said with confidence that if someone stole my identity they would beg me to take it back! I thought this was my moment in the Twilight Zone.

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I forwarded that "change of address" email to Georgia Teresa using her new email address with a note saying that she also had gotten an email from DTV. Two days later, I got a reply from her thanking me for the information, but saying that she did not have a DTV account. As I was browsing my overly-full email box, I found another DTV email confirming an equipment installation appointment. The address was in Johnson City, Tennessee. So I sent an email to Georgia Teresa to tell her that the DTV account wasn't hers after all. Then I called DTV.

Of course, there was a phone tree to go through. I really needed to talk to a person, so when I had the option of saying what my question was, I said, "This isn't me." I was switched to a person. I gave her the account number and my name, but I said I live in Indianapolis. This isn't my account. I told her the story of the Georgia Teresa and that I had just realized that the DTV account wasn't hers, either. I have neither a DTV nor an Amazon Kindle account in my Indianapolis name.

She put me on hold for a few minutes, then came back and said she needed to verify something. I heard beeping and was transferred to another person. I started from the beginning. I said that my concern was for this new customer. I could easily just delete the notices, but I didn't want this Tennessee Teresa to get into trouble with DTV and possibly get a black mark on her credit score if she didn't pay her bill because she wasn't receiving it through email. She thanked me for calling and said I was a kind person to take my time to call. I said I hope that someone would do the same for me if it occurred. This rep was going to take the information to her supervisor so that they could call Tennessee Teresa to get her correct email address. I said if I got any more emails after about a week, I'd call again.

Sure enough, over a week later, I received more emails from DTV. I called again. When a person answered the phone, I asked to speak to the supervisor. She wouldn't let me so I gave her the story. She said she would note Tennessee Teresa's account so that when she called in wondering

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where her bill was, they could tell her why. I said since she is a new customer, she might not know when she is supposed to get a bill. So I guess I will continue to receive her emails until they disconnect her for non-payment.

I've always wondered what it would be like to be in two places at the same time. Actually being in THREE places at one time isn't as much fun as I thought it would be.

On to other things... We had our first meeting in our new Indianapolis location in February. It seemed to be a hit! Be sure to check us out in the near future.

We have a chair for our Nominating Committee. Alison Brown has graciously agreed to fill that position. I know she's going to do a great job. Consider running for ExCom.



February Monthly Gathering

It's Culture Quest time again! Please gather your team information and get it to me before March 30 since it's due by the end of March. I'd love to see some teams from outside the Indy area. Come on, Kokomo! Hey, Bloomington and Lafayette, how about challenging each other? Evansville and Vincennes - get a team together. Paducah? It's a lot of fun whether you win or not.

The New Member dinner is coming up. This is something new that we are trying out. If you are new to CIM, see the information and contact Bob Zdanky. All members are invited out to meet the newbies.

### **LocSec Shout-Out**

As I mentioned last month, I am approaching the end of my term as LocSec. Recently, some of us attended a program where we heard a statement that really hit home with me. I will paraphrase here: The fact that

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volunteers are not paid doesn't mean they are worthless; in actuality, they are priceless. I see evidence of this every day that I have served in this position.

My Shout-Out this month goes to James Amato. He has served in several positions in this group since I joined. (I remember receiving a delightful welcome letter from him as Membership Chair when I joined.) Most recently, he has been our Webmaster.

Jay Meyer had taken over the position and was just starting to settle into it when he passed away suddenly. Jan Pfeil Doyle tried to get into the website to update the calendar, but it was a lot trickier than either of us thought. We didn't know what to do. Then James came to the rescue. He got us up and running. More recently, we have been successful in being one of the first groups nationally to electronically deliver our newsletter on a monthly basis via the website. He is stepping down as Webmaster, but before he does, I want to say a big Thank You to him!

## **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.

## 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 |
|--------------|----------|-------------------|-----------------|
| 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.

## Welcome!

### New Members

|                  |                  |
|------------------|------------------|
| Kathleen DeBrota | Zionsville, IN   |
| Jack Carrithers  | Indianapolis, IN |
| Rachel Wren      | Indianapolis, IN |

### Members Moving In

|                       |                  |
|-----------------------|------------------|
| Jan Gordon Cornell    | Richmond, IN     |
| William Richard Jones | Indianapolis, IN |
| Melinda Kite          | Indianapolis, IN |
| Daniel Nance          | Madisonville, KY |
| Jennifer Silver       | Carmel, IN       |

### Reinstating Members

|                   |                  |
|-------------------|------------------|
| Mary Ann Beam     | Kokomo, IN       |
| Brent Ibata       | Paducah, KY      |
| Ramaraju Indukuri | Columbus, IN     |
| Steven R Kern     | Noblesville, IN  |
| James A Lowes     | Fishers, IN      |
| George Peyton     | Indianapolis, IN |
| Hardy Roberts     | Paducah, KY      |
| Larry Tippin      | Roachdale, IN    |

## Book Group Notes

*Jan Pfeil Doyle and Teresa Gregory*

**We had a good discussion of *Outliers* at the first meeting of CIM's book group in January. Our next book is *Stuff: Compulsive Hoarding and the Meaning of Things* by Gail Steketee and Randy O. Frost. We'll meet on Sunday, March 18<sup>th</sup>; see the calendar for details.**

*From amazon.com:* Steketee and Frost were the first to study hoarding when they began their work a decade ago; they expected to find a few sufferers but ended up treating hundreds of patients. They explain the causes and outline the often ineffective treatments for the disorder. They also illuminate the pull that possessions exert on all of us . . . none of us is free of the impulses that drive hoarders to the extremes in which they live.

For the six million sufferers, their relatives and friends, and all the rest of us with complicated relationships to our things, *Stuff* answers the question of what happens when our stuff starts to own us.

## March 2012 Events - Central Indiana Mensa

**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).

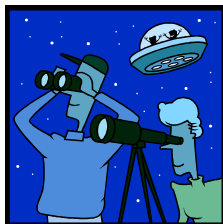
**Muncie Area Group Meeting** – 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday at 2:00 p.m.  
The MTCup, 1610 W. University Ave in Muncie. For those familiar with the Ball State area, it's in the Village.  
Contact: Jason Smith, [munciemensa@gmail.com](mailto:munciemensa@gmail.com)

**Bridge SIG** – 1st Sunday at 2:00 p.m.  
Contacts: Grace Falvey and Bob Dill, 842-6246  
**3/4:** Evelyn and Charles Eldridge, 551 Grassy Lane, 881-2718  
**4/1:** Marion Harcourt, 8140 Township Line Road #4405, 251-4436

**Indy Lunch Bunch** - 1st and 3rd Wednesdays at 12:00 noon, Double Eagle Café, 650 N. Meridian (at the Scottish Rite Cathedral), Indianapolis.  
Contact: Alan Schmidt, 317-233-5190, [alan.schmidt@att.net](mailto:alan.schmidt@att.net)

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

**Monthly Gathering** – 2nd Friday at 7:00 p.m. All Souls Unitarian Church, 5805 E. 56<sup>th</sup> St. See last page of *MIND* for map and directions.  
Members: \$5.00, Non-Members: \$7.00; Children 6-12: \$3.00, under 6: free  
**3/9:** Our speaker for March will be David Henninger from the Indiana MUFON (Mutual UFO Network) organization. MUFON is an international organization whose mission is the systematic collection and analysis of UFO data, with the ultimate goal of learning the origin and nature of the UFO phenomenon. MUFON is dedicated to the scientific study of UFOs for the benefit of humanity. For more information, go to [www.mufon.com](http://www.mufon.com) and [www.indianamufon.homestead.com/](http://www.indianamufon.homestead.com/).



**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.

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

## March 2012

| Sunday                               | Monday | Tuesday                             | Wednesday                                    |
|--------------------------------------|--------|-------------------------------------|--|
|                                      |        |                                     |  |
| 4<br>Bridge SIG                      | 5      | 6                                   | 7<br>Indy Lunch Bunch ;W.<br>Lafayette Lunch |
| 11<br>Evansville Area Mensa          | 12     | 13                                  | 14   |
| 18                                   | 19     | 20<br>Paducah Area Group Meeting    | 21<br>Indy Lunch Bunch                       |
| 25                                   | 26     | 27<br><i>MIND</i> Bending/<br>ExCom | 28   |
| <b>April 2012</b><br>1<br>Bridge SIG | 2      | 3                                   | 4<br>Indy Lunch Bunch; W.<br>Lafayette Lunch |
| 8                                    | 9      | 10                                  | 11   |

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





## March 2012 Events (cont.)

**Media Club** – 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of the month at 2:00 p.m., 4471 Bristol Lane, Carmel

**3/10:** This month's topic: Tips on saving money  
Snacks and drinks provided. Contact: Ed Chu, 317-569-8546

**Evansville Area Mensa** – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of every other month.

3/11: Presentation on music by Daniel Nance and Louis Cady.  
Contact: Louis Cady, lcady@cadywellness.com

**Mensans Dining Out** – 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of every month, 6:00 p.m.

3/17: El Sol Azteca , 5354 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)

### Book Discussion

**3/18, 3 p.m.**, Leo and Jan Pfeil Doyle's home on the NE side of Indianapolis. We will be discussing the book *Stuff: Compulsive Hoarding and the Meaning of Things* by Gail Steketee and Randy O. Frost (see p. 10 for more details). If there is interest, we'll call out for pizza or go out to supper after the meeting.

Contact Jan Pfeil Doyle, 317-431-3500, or [jan@mw.net](mailto:jan@mw.net) for directions. RSVPs appreciated but not required.



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

3/20: 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*.

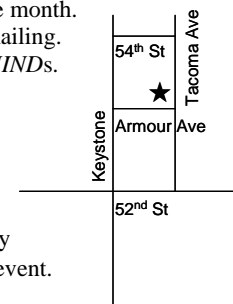
3/27, 5:30 p.m. Contact: Teresa 430-1761.


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

April *MIND* calendar items due 3/17/12 to [sbeilbe@sbcglobal.net](mailto:sbeilbe@sbcglobal.net).



| Thursday | Friday   | Saturday   |
|----------|--|--|
| 1        | 2  | 3<br>Ham 'n' Eggs;<br>Muncie Meeting   |
| 8        | 9<br>Monthly Gathering;<br><i>MIND</i> Deadline  | 10<br>Kokomo Breakfast;<br>Media Club  |
| 15       | 16   | 17<br>Mensans<br>Dining Out;<br>Calendar<br>Deadline  |
| 22       | 23   | 24<br>Kokomo Breakfast   |
| 29       | 30   | 31   |
| 5        | 6  | 7<br>Ham 'n' Eggs;<br>Muncie Meeting   |
| 12       | 13<br>Monthly Gathering;<br><i>MIND</i> deadline | 14<br>Kokomo Breakfast;<br>Media Club  |

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

**As I write this month's column I'm still in Dallas recovering from the annual budget meeting. We were at it for ten hours yesterday, reviewing the elements of income and expense that keep Mensa both moving ahead yet solvent.**



We are also optimistic that non-dues revenue will increase this year. When you become a life member your money is never spent but instead invested. Our current investment policy has been the most conservative possible to avoid any loss of principal. But interest rates have dropped so low that we're not making enough to "pay the dues" of our life members. Our investment advisors have been encouraging us to take just a little risk, to increase our returns substantially. The Finance Committee likes this idea. Hopefully we'll be able to convince the rest of the AMC.

Another area of non-dues revenue is licensing; which is getting paid by non-Mensa enterprises to use our name on their products. We sign agreements and hope for the best, but sometimes the products are slow to make it to the marketplace. This is now the case with a company that makes telephone game apps. Lots of potential there, but we're still looking forward to their success and our royalties.

On the expense side most of the money is committed to just keeping the organization going. Even though most of our budget goes for salaries, nobody's getting rich working for Mensa. A survey of salaries in the area shows that we are paying less than average, but our employees remain loyal. I think this is because of the pleasant work environment created by our Executive Director, Pam Donahoo.

We review the cost of the necessities of running the organization in great detail, but things get really exciting when people ask for something new. This is healthy, because a lot of important issues come out of the debate over these "wish list" items. Weighing the value of new expenditures also means examining current expense.

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Rest assured that your dues dollars are spent very carefully and thoughtfully.

Ken

## Lawyer Rant

Greg Crawford

As this is being written, I am reading about a military trial which ended when a Marine sergeant pled guilty to ordering his squad to "shoot first and ask questions later." All told, this order resulted in 24 civilian murders including unarmed men, women, children and even an old man confined to a wheelchair. After five years of legal wrangling, his punishment for these deaths was reduction in rank and 90 days in the brig (suspended.)

Said an Iraqi minister, "Why is American blood so precious while Iraqi blood is so cheap? Where is the justice?" Indeed, where is American justice?

Elsewhere in the news, attorneys defending Army Maj. Nidal Hasan have requested yet another delay for his trial. Accused of killing 13 American soldiers and wounding 32 more at Ft. Hood, Hasan's defense team is not yet ready ... for a confirmed event recorded on tape... though 15 months have passed. Why is our legal system so cumbersome and s-l-o-w?

Here in Indianapolis, yet another level of appeals is pending for former IMPD officer Bisard. His legal team seeks to dis-allow intoxication tests that show his on-duty blood alcohol level was 0.19 (more than double "the limit") when he killed one person and horribly crippled two others. Their reason to disregard the results: the person who inserted the needle was not certified to do so. No matter the actual results; a legal technicality matters more.

I could go. And on. So can you. We all know of bizarre law suits and of decades-long appeals of death penalties. Most everyone has an awareness of and

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has developed a skeptical distrust of the legal system. **It has become professionalized and procedural at the expense of justice and intent.** What is the point?

Perhaps the point is best illustrated by a hackneyed joke that tells of a small town whose only attorney was poor as dirt. Then, after another attorney moves in, they both became wealthy. The moral of the story is that lawyers know how to play the game.

Another story, actually two unrelated stories, comes from a single page in The Indianapolis Star from about three years past. One article detailed how a bank branch manager admitted a \$250,000 embezzlement and arsoning his own bank to cover up the crime. He received a 1 ½ year suspended sentence. No jail time.

On that same page was the story of a man who disagreed with a judge's decision by delivered a "Sieg Heil" salute. That man received a six month sentence for contempt of court. Quite likely he lost his job which would result in ruined credit, hungry children in his family, foreclosure and all the rest that goes with losing one's ability to earn a living.

So what did the \$250K theft/arson have to do with the separate case of contempt of court? Simply put, one was a crime to the public and the other involved the criminal justice system taking care of its own. Such abuse happens all too often.

Recently, I purchased a home. I paid all cash (no financing) and purchased directly from the seller. Despite the straight-forward manner of this transaction, there were over 25 pages of forms and over a dozen places requiring my signature. Why? How did such an everyday transaction get so bogged down in legalistic bureaucracy? Could it be there are lawyers lurking in the background?

Then there are the concepts of medical care and dying. We will all need health care. We will all die. Each is a commonality of the human condition. Yet each is incredibly mired in defensive legalism and near endless legal complexity. Why can't Americans get on with such business without our unseen partner; the attorney?

The simple answer is that we have courts of law; not courts of justice. Lawyers, law makers and judges all come from the same law schools. All have the same self-serving conflict of interest. We have assigned wolves to guard the sheep.

## 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 \_\_\_\_\_

Contact: Cyndi Kuyper, 2606 Henderson Street,  
West Lafayette, IN 47906-1537  
(765) 463-1393 or cyndi9352@yahoo.com

## Central Indiana Mensa Ex-Com Minutes 12/27/11

*Karen Wilczewski, Recording Secretary*

**LocSec Teresa Gregory opened the meeting at 7:10 p.m. Members present included: Gregory, Cyndi Kuyper, Jan Pfeil Doyle, Alan Schmidt, Karen Wilczewski, and Bob Zdanky. Absent: Mindy Grayson, Karen Zwick, and David Bonner. Petra Ritchie was a guest.**

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

Alan Schmidt presented the Treasurer's report. The balance as of 12/27/11 was \$21,322.00. (Jan Pfeil Doyle moved to accept the Treasurer's report; Cyndi Kuyper seconded the motion. It passed unanimously)

The membership report by Gregory showed 532 members: 7 new members, 1 renewing member, 2 move-ins, and 27 prospects.

### **Old Business**

The monthly meeting is moving to All Souls Unitarian Church in February 2012. It has not yet been determined how much CIM will be charged for the new space, but it is less than what we're currently paying at the Bradford Place clubhouse. The first meeting at the new site will be free to all members and guests. Depending on the turnout, we also have the option of moving to a larger room. Schmidt reports that we routinely have 30 to 40 people attend our monthly meetings.

The next topic of discussion was the quarterly New Member Welcome Dinner. Shapiro's on South Meridian Street was mentioned as a central location for the first dinner and a Sunday evening was chosen. Petra Ritchie mentioned that when publicizing the event, we should announce that existing members are invited; however, they'll need to pay for their dinner. The welcome dinners will be scheduled around the four quadrants of the city to make it easier for new and existing members to attend. If a new member can't make the first quarter dinner, he or she is welcome to

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attend the second quarter's dinner free of charge. Bob Zdanky will send out letters and the appropriate number of tickets for the dinner to new members. An announcement will also be posted in *MIND*.

### **New Business**

Jan Pfeil Doyle reported that she won't be attending the January ExCom meeting and the February monthly meeting. She's looking for a volunteer to handle refreshments. Bob Zdanky offered to fill in for Jan. Jan will also finalize the speaker for February's monthly meeting. Petra will approach the interim minister at All Souls and ask her to speak on the topic of same sex marriage as the first speaker at the new monthly meeting site.

CIM members have the option of requesting a paper *MIND* from either the local group or National. Due to a miscommunication, the January 2012 run of *MIND* went to twice as many subscribers as usual, 240, plus 20 to 30 prospects, instead of the usual 130 copies. There are also members who are requesting a paper *MIND* who aren't receiving it.

Because we're not holding a 2012 RG, Cyndi Kuyper suggested that perhaps a park ranger could address the group at this year's OG or there could be a scheduled lecture planned.

Teresa Gregory reported finding generic birthday cards online for less than 50 cents each and thought it would be a good idea to send them to members throughout the year.

The meeting adjourned at 8:47 p.m. (Alan Schmidt moved to adjourn; Bob Zdanky seconded the motion. It passed unanimously)

Respectfully submitted,  
Karen E. Wilczewski, Recording Secretary

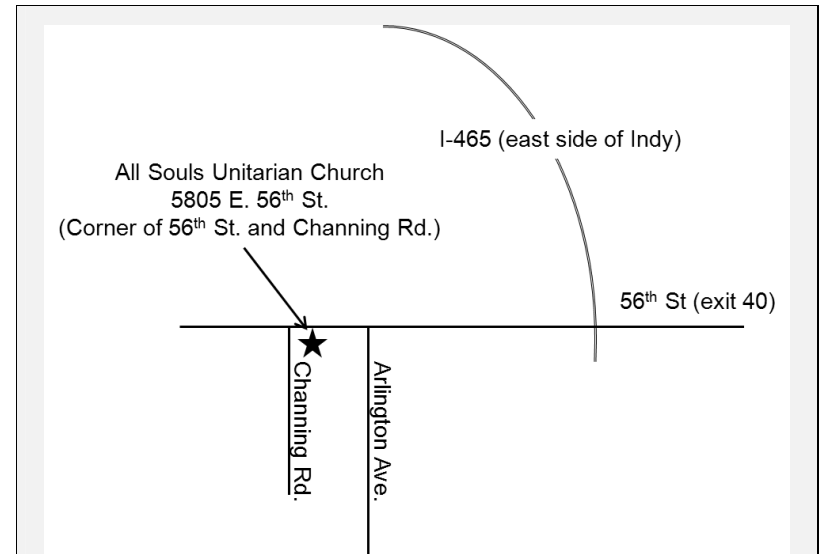
**Treasurer's Report**  
**Dr. Alan Dale Schmidt, Treasurer**

**Balance Sheet (as of 01/24/2012)**

| <b>Cash and Bank Accounts</b>                    | <b>12/27/2011</b> | <b>1/24/2012</b> |
|--|-------------------|------------------|
| Mensa – Checking                                 | \$10,193.62       | \$10,310.07      |
| Vanguard Mensa (as of 9/30/11)                   | \$3,737.42        | \$3,737.42       |
| <b>Total Cash and Bank Accounts</b>              | \$13,931.04       | \$14,047.49      |
| <b>Other Assets</b>                              |                   |                  |
| Regional Gathering Account<br>(as of 11-11-2011) | \$7,290.96        | \$7,290.96       |
| Bradford Place Deposit                           | \$100.00          | \$15.00          |
| <b>Total Assets</b>                              | \$21,322.00       | \$21,353.45      |

**Profit & Loss Statement (12/27/2011 to 1/24/2012)**

| <b>Income</b>  | <b>Date</b> | <b>Amount</b> |
|--|-------------|---------------|
| American Mensa 545x.82 \$1new 1corp2reins  | 1/20/2012   | \$450.55      |
| Dividend Income from Sept, 30, 2011  | N/A         |               |
| Monthly Meeting 18M,9nonM,4food,<br>3child,1new,35people   | 1/13/2012   | \$162.00      |
| Scholarships Dec. 9 monthly<br>Total Scholarship fund\$282.00  |             | 125.00        |
| <b>Total Income</b>  |             | \$737.55      |
| <b>Expenses</b>  |             |               |
| Jan Doyle – MindBending food<br>\$65.20,stamps \$47.52,monthly books\$105<br>Teresa Gregory monthly food<br>Oct.29.06,Nov. 38.65,Dec. 62.72,cards80.45 | 12/27/2011  | \$217.72      |
| Minuteman Press (350 MINDs for Jan.)   | 12/27/2011  | \$192.50      |
| Bradford Place for Jan. monthly meeting  |             | \$85.00       |
| <b>Total Expenses</b>  |             | \$706.10      |



**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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