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Old Dog/New Tricks

Teresa Gregory, Editor

As Jan says in her column (I already read it!), the AG has come and gone. I cannot say enough about our wonderful committee. They truly made us look good. One of my most memorable experiences of the AG was Wednesday night, July Fourth. We were in the Presidential Suite on the top floor of the JW Marriott. We planned a firework viewing party for our committee, kind of a fun get-together before things got too hectic. We had a picnic supper, then everyone grabbed a chair and we stared out the window. I



have lived in Indy my whole life, yet I had never seen a view like that. It was so gorgeous. The city firework show was great, but from that vantage point, everywhere you looked in every direction as far as the eye could see, there were fireworks. It was magical to share the child-like wonder of it with this group of adults. It was a similar view to the one I had last year in Florida...only w-a-y better.

We had another party on Saturday night in our suite. It was for CIM members who were attending the AG. We met some new people (new to us, anyway) and hopefully made some new friends.

So many people gave so much of themselves to make the AG great. Out-of-towners were really surprised at all Indy had to offer. We hope people went home with great memories of their visit.

So now it's back to business. We have an election coming up. In fact, it's here! The candidate statements and the ballot are in this issue. Our new bylaws are less restrictive, so we are trying them out for the first time. Please read the instructions.

We are also looking ahead to more activities in CIM. We are investigating possible RG locations (our old hotel has changed hands and raised the rates). But we will be having an Outdoor Gathering May 17-19, 2019, at our favorite place, Versailles State Park.

I've also included a couple of fun events from the east. Alan Baltis has organized a Brain Freeze event following the Ohio Ice Cream Trail. Check out this event by following his link on Facebook or you can contact him. Also, the Labor Day Weekend RG in Pennsylvania is coming up. Think about some fun things we can do here locally. Let me know. Let's keep this party going!

LocSection

Jan Pfeil Doyle

The Annual Gathering – So the AG has come and gone... I'm personally elated with how well everything went, but also exhausted, and am still recovering, LOL. By nearly every report I heard or read, people felt it was a very successful gathering. We had over 350 separate events, so I think there truly was something (well actually several somethings) for everyone who was there. The final figures aren't in yet, but attendance should be close to 1700. Central Indiana Mensa had over 80 members there; many brought guests. My co-chair



Teresa Gregory and I put countless hours into thinking about, planning, and orchestrating the AG over a span of three+ years. Of course, we couldn't have done it alone. She and I truly feel we had the best AG team ever! Many thanks to local members **Nan Harvey** (Program Co-Chair), **Ann Hake** (Tours), and **Kurt Williams** (Games Wrangler) who served on the AG committee. Many thanks also go to **Karen Zwick** and **Matt Zwick** who managed/hosted/catered several private receptions we hosted in our suite during the AG. Thanks, too, to a number of CIM members who presented one or more programs at the AG and to those who volunteered in other ways at the AG. And finally, I'd like to thank my husband **Leo Doyle** for his unlimited counsel and support. I'm sure he felt like an "AG widower" way too often. In addition to the many, many volunteers who helped the AG run smoothly, we are very grateful for the support of Mensa's national board, the AMC, and the staff in U.S. Mensa's national office who are instrumental in producing Mensa's biggest event of the year. We couldn't have done it without them.

CIM Family Program 9th Annual Summer Blast RESCHEDULED –

The Summer Blast has been postponed (because of weather) until Aug. 3-4, 2018. More details and registration at kids.indymensa.org

Please Vote! – Central Indiana Mensa's bi-annual elections are here. We'll elect a Local Secretary and six additional board members to serve on ExCom for the next two years (ExCom aka Executive Committee, the board that conducts the day-to-day business of running CIM). Candidates' campaign statements and the ballot are in this August MIND. You can send in your ballot or deliver it in person to the September monthly meeting.

Sapphire Award – Central Indiana Mensa once again earned a Sapphire Award at the AG. The awards are based on more than 25 criteria. All CIM members who help organize and put on events and all those who attend those events can share the credit for our earning this award - congratulations to us all!

CIM Candidate Statements

Karen Wilczewski - A vote for moi won't assure hope and change or a chicken in every pot, but I have a sincere interest in serving on the ExCom for a fourth consecutive term. As I stated the last time elections came around, I'm the tortoise, not the hare, who likes to work quietly behind the scenes to help make sure CIM runs smoothly. I've served as Secretary and more recently Calendar Editor. It would be my pleasure to serve CIM for another two years and contribute to both CIM and the ExCom being better and better. I implore your vote.

Ann Hake - I joined Mensa when I was a teenager, but I really became a member only after I joined the Central Indiana Mensa group. That's when Mensa became more than just a monthly bulletin and a cool bumper sticker! It's been my privilege to serve on the ExCom the past few years, most recently as Secretary; and as the "speaker seeker" for the monthly gathering. I appreciate the opportunity to give back to the group, and I thank you for considering me for another term on the ExCom.

Jan Pfeil Doyle - I'm Jan Pfeil Doyle. I live in NE Indianapolis with my fellow Mensan husband, Leo Doyle. I first joined Mensa over 30 years ago and was quite active for several years, serving as Loc Sec, RG Chair, and more. I started my "second Mensa career" 10+ years ago and have been on ExCom since then, serving as Program Chair, on the RG Committee, hosting and attending *MIND*bending regularly, and, for the last six years, as LocSec. I've enjoyed doing my part to help lead our group and, if I'm elected, look forward to working with the new ExCom to continue to improve Central Indiana Mensa.

Kurt Williams - For the past 2 years I have been honored to serve on Central Indiana Mensa's Executive Committee. As a newer member to Mensa, it has been a wonderful experience to learn about Mensa and meet the amazing people of our local group. During this time, our local group was chosen to host American Mensa's largest event, the Annual Gathering, and I was honored to be chosen to participate on the planning committee for the 2018 AG.

As we look at what has transpired in our local group over the past two years, I cannot say that there have been any substantive changes that we made (which I think is also part of the appeal to many of the members). One of the items we have started to explore is ways to improve the membership experience. This could be done in a number of ways, and we have focused on increasing the membership and awareness of the group. We have increased the number of testing proctors, increased the number of testing dates, and are exploring ways to increase the awareness of the group through marketing and advertising.

We have started the process and I would be honored to be elected to continue to serve on the Central Indiana Mensa ExCom for another term to help bring these projects to fruition. I would appreciate your vote.

Bob Zdanky - Have been the membership chair for a while. Will continue to try new stuff to attract new members. For example, use handwritten notes to new members and prospects. Over the last year we are attracting younger members. If re-elected will continue to try new stuff to involve members and attract new ones.

Jaе Kim - I would like to start off by thanking Central Indiana Mensans for giving me a sense of belonging at every gatherings and events. Ever since I joined CIM, I laughed a lot and also received a lot of helpful and pertinent information from a lot of you. Since I have gotten so much from the CIM community, I would like to contribute back to CIM by working with ExComm. Asians are known for our motor skills and doing origami with the newsletter and posting stamps seems like a way to use my natural gift instead of wasting it. When I am away due to work, I will remain involved with CIM and conference in as long as the circumstances allow me to. Maybe I can also create targeted ads in Korean and Chinese since I am already fluent. I could also do some legwork and put up flyers for the Bloomington area to try and recruit more student population. Aside all that, I want to thank you all again for giving me a sense of belonging, I really meant and still means a lot to me. Last thing, my full name is Hyun Joon Kim but since I am a 10 I just go by J :)

Jon Applegate – No Statement

Teresa Gregory (LocSec Candidate) – I was approached by someone on the NomCom with this sales pitch: “You won’t have anything to do after the AG is over.” And I fell for it. For those who are new to the group, I was LocSec 2006-2012. I have been MIND editor for the past several years. I have also chaired or co-chaired CIM RGs and OGs. I would like to carry on the leadership legacy that Jan Pfeil Doyle has given to CIM the past six years.

Ethan Blocher-Smith - I love being a part of Mensa and helping out CIM in leadership. I have now served two terms on ExCom with great results. We have worked to improve our sustainable budget, effectively provide programming for our members, and put on a highly successful AG under the leadership of Jan and Teresa. Ask any of our ExCom members and they will tell you that I am an active participant and lively contributor, even as I am finishing my time in medical school. I would love to serve CIM in a third term on the ExCom, and I hope to have your vote in our upcoming election.

Matt Brennan – No Statement

Pat Milligan - Oh no! That dreaded interview question: "Tell me about yourself."

I am a native of Indianapolis, and lived here through high-school. For college, I majored in computer science--at an engineering school. I love to tinker, and wanted to know how computers worked, and not just how to program, so I chose Rose over Purdue and moved to Terre Haute. While in Terre Haute, I had my first encounter with a known Mensan in the early '80s. There weren't any CIM events in town, so it wasn't until the late '80s I went on a date to my first monthly gathering in Indianapolis. Wow! Here were people I could converse

with on many topics without needing to explain or translate what I was saying. It was like running after taking off leg weights that I didn't realize I had on. After attending a couple of CIM monthly gatherings, I moved to New Jersey where I finally joined American Mensa. After nine years of battling east-coast traffic, I returned to Indianapolis and transferred my membership to CIM in '96.

Next interview question: "Why should you be elected for the Central Indiana Mensa Executive Committee?"

I am on the Board of Directors <<http://www.cinlug.org/about/BOD>> for the local Central Indiana Linux User Group (CINLUG). For the past decade we've held monthly user meetings and submitted the necessary government paperwork as a not-for-profit organization. A couple of years we participated in Linux conferences. While CIM has more activities and challenges than CINLUG, I believe my experience on the CINLUG board shows I am capable of working on the ExCom to keep the CIM lights on. While I haven't served in CIM leadership, I have helped with MIND bending as well as fixing problems with our web site.

Voting Instructions

Remove, copy or print out (for online readers) this ballot.*

2. After you have marked your ballot, put it in a smaller envelope and seal it. Do not put any marks on this envelope. Small envelopes with any identifying marks will be discarded.
3. Put this smaller envelope in a larger envelope and seal it.
4. On the reverse side (or flap side) of the larger envelope put your name and membership number (see your MIND or Bulletin mailing label). If you can't find your membership number, you may contact LocSec Jan Pfeil Doyle; she can look it up for you. Any envelope received without a name and membership number will be discarded.
5. Options for delivering your ballot:

A. Put a stamp on this larger envelope and mail it to

Election Committee Chair Marcele Everest, 242 S East St, Pendleton, IN 46064.
It must arrive on or before September 14th, 2018 to be counted;

OR

B. Bring the larger envelope containing your ballot in a smaller sealed envelope to the September 2018 monthly meeting and give it to a member of the election committee: Marcele Everest (Chair), Alison Brown, or Leo Doyle.

*Blank ballots and envelopes will be available for voting at the Sept. 14th monthly meeting .

Central Indiana Mensa 2018-2020

Executive Committee Election Ballot

The Nominating Committee announces the final slate of candidates for the Executive Committee of Central Indiana Mensa for the 2018-2020 term. The candidate running for Local Secretary (i.e., President) is shown in bold print below. There were no petition candidates. Only members of Central Indiana Mensa may vote in the election. One of your votes is your vote for Local Secretary. Mark (X, check or blacken) Teresa Gregory's space in front of her name if you choose to vote for her for LocSec. She is the only slated candidate for LocSec. Next, choose up to six additional candidates to complete the Executive Committee by putting a mark on the space in front of the candidate's name. Candidates are listed in a random order. Vote for 0-7 candidate(s):

- _____ Karen Wilczewski
- _____ Ann Hake
- _____ Jan Pfeil Doyle
- _____ Kurt Williams
- _____ Bob Zdanky
- _____ Jae Kim
- _____ Jon Applegate
- _____ **Teresa Gregory** (LocSec Candidate)
- _____ Ethan Blocher-Smith
- _____ Matt Brennan
- _____ Pat Milligan



New Members

William Byrd	Brownsburg	IN	Joined
Jesse Cole	Clayton	IN	Joined
Zoe Edwards	Carmel	IN	Joined
Joan Falvey	Linden	IN	Joined
David Johnson	Fort Campbell	KY	MoveIn
Denver Johnson	Calvert City	KY	MoveIn
Lisa Macha	Westfield	IN	MoveIn
Mary Shell	Greensburg	IN	MoveIn



2018-19 Book Group Reading List

Rich Gibson

Here is the list of books to read for the CIM Book Group. It meets in Sunday afternoons once a month. Check the calendar for exact dates. Call or email Rich Gibson if you have any question or for directions.

Aug 19: Lewis and Clark. Read one of these (or another book on the topic) and come prepared to discuss it!

- *From Sea to Shining Sea*, by James Alexander Thom
- *Undaunted Courage* by Stephen Ambrose
- *The Journals of Lewis and Clark*

Sep 23: *Without You There Is No Us* by Suki Kim

Oct 28: *Reality is Not What It Seems* by Carlo Rovelli

Nov 18: *Venomous* by Christie Wilcox

Dec 16: *Dialogues: Conversations on the Nature of the Universe* by Clifford Johnson

Jan 20, 2019: *Hidden Life of Trees* by Hans Wohlleben

Feb 17: *I Was Told to Come Alone* by Souad Mekhennet

Mar 17: *The Year of Lear* by James Shapiro

Apr 21: *Why Zebras Don't Get Ulcers* by Robert Sapolsky

August 2018 Events

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.

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.

Monthly Gathering - 2nd Friday, 7 p.m. – 11 p.m. **All Souls Unitarian Church, 5805 E. 56th Street, Indianapolis, IN 46226.** See last page of *MIND* for map and directions. NOTE NEW FEE: **Members: \$7.00, Non-Members: \$10.00; Children 6-18: \$5.00, under 6: free.**

8/10 – Campaign Statements and Games

STEM Time with George Dunn following the speakers.

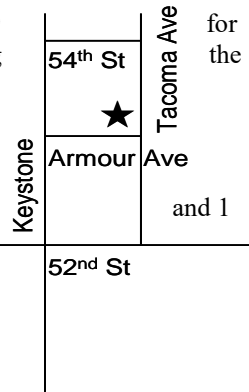
8/10 – Statistics and Coincidence

***MIND*Bending/ExCom** – 3rd Tuesday of the month.

*MIND*Bending is the preparation of next month’s *MIND* mailing. Come help with sealing, labeling, and stamping *MIND*s.

8/21, 5:30 p.m. Contact: Jan Pfeil Doyle, 317-431-3500. Pizza and soft drinks provided.

*MIND*Bending is held at the offices of Midwest Internet, 5348 N. Tacoma Ave., which is 1 block east block north of 52nd St. and Keystone Ave. on the northeast side of Indianapolis.



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

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

August 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
			1 Indy Lunch Bunch
5	6	7	8
12	13	14	15 Indy Lunch Bunch
19 Book Club; Mensans Dining Out	20	21 <i>MIND</i> bending/ ExCom; Paducah Area Group Meeting	22
26	27	28	29

Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2	3	4 Cal. Deadline; Ham 'n' Eggs
9	10 Monthly Gathering	11
16	17	18
23	24	25 Ohio Brain Freeze!
30	31 WPAM-RG	

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.

August 2018 Events (cont.)

Mensans Dining Out - 3rd Sunday, 6 p.m., **8/19**. Tequila Sunrise Mexican Cuisine, 11653 Fishers Station Drive, Fishers, IN 46038. For more information, contact Bob Zdanky at 317-219-3773.

Book Group – 2 p.m., Sunday, **8/19**. Come prepared to discuss Lewis and Clark. Read one of the following books on the subject (*From Sea to Shining Sea* by James Alexander Thom, *Undaunted Courage* by Stephen Ambrose, or *The Journals of Lewis and Clark*) or another book on the topic. The group will meet 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.

Ohio Brain Freeze!

8/25 - Region 3 Mensans are doing the Ohio Ice Cream Trail. There are 15 locations all over the state. Open hours range from 7 AM to midnight. Here's the map: <http://trails.ohio.org/ice-cream/>

Here's the Facebook Event to enable all to keep current as new info becomes available. Please invite friends to the event.

https://www.facebook.com/events/506343176470703/?notif_t=plan_user_joined¬if_id=1531690431815529

Questions? Contact alanbaltis@thesmartlife.com

Will you have fun? It's a sherbet!

WPAM RG, Mars PA (Pittsburgh area)

August 31 – September 3, 2018

Registration \$110 until 8/15

Hotel \$119 + tax until 8/17

Details at <https://wpamregistrar.wordpress.com/>

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

September 2018 *MIND* calendar items due 8/6/18 to:
biltmore@topdogcom.com.

Jon's Journal – News for Region 4

Help Spend My Money, Please!

By Jon Gruebele, RVC4

It doesn't get nearly enough attention, but American Mensa has a 501(c)(3) charitable arm. It's been known variously as the Mensa Education and Research Foundation, MERF, or simply the Mensa Foundation (see mensafoundation.org).



The Foundation:

- Provides resources for gifted children, including mensaforkids.org
- Awards over \$130,000 in scholarships annually
- Awards another half dozen prizes, including a distinguished teacher award and the \$10,000 Mensa Foundation Prize for discoveries in intelligence and creativity
- Publishes the prestigious Mensa Research Journal, highlighting scholarly articles and research related to intelligence
- Hosts an annual Colloquium featuring top experts on various topics of interest

These services further two of Mensa's goals as defined in our International Constitution:

- To identify and foster human intelligence for the benefit of humanity
- To encourage research into the nature, characteristics, and uses of intelligence

A small part of your annual membership dues goes to the Foundation. Our Board of directors (AMC) typically votes to provide around \$50,000 from our budget every year. That's about \$1 per member. This unfortunately isn't enough to fund everything they do – or could do with more resources.

The Foundation's other resources come from investments and tax-deductible donations. This is where the "spend my money" challenge comes in. I've already given the Foundation the same amount I gave last fiscal year. I'm willing to donate more if you are.

If any member in Region 4 donates more to the Foundation than they did last fiscal year, I'll match the increase dollar for dollar – up to a cap of \$1,000 across all donations. To qualify for the match, you must make your donation after April 1, 2018 and before September 1, 2018. Then before October 1, 2018, simply [e-mail me](#) a copy of the Foundation's acknowledgement of your donation. If you

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also donated last fiscal year, please include that acknowledgement too. It's that easy.

Even if you aren't interested in donating money, you can help the Foundation in other ways. One example is by volunteering as a scholarship judge. Each Local Group can decide who from their area will be granted a local scholarship award and be eligible for bigger national awards. You can also attend the Colloquium or subscribe to the Mensa Research Journal (only \$9 per issue).

The Mensa Foundation is our organization, does great work, and deserves our support. While there are many terrific causes competing for our donations, intelligence – properly applied – can ultimately help alleviate many of the world's ills. The Foundation's education, scholarships, prizes, and Mensa Research Journal all make a difference. Please join me in helping them to succeed!

As always, I welcome your feedback. Please contact me at rvc4@us.mensa.org, via phone or text at +1 309 693 1359. Region 4's Facebook group is: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/695847670490858>.



Books On The Runway

Margy Lancet Fletcher

Title: *Our Native Bees: North America's Endangered Pollinators and the Fight to Save Them*

Author: Paige Embry

Year: 2018

Book Description: To the majority of the human race, the proverb "good things come in small packages" does not evoke images of bees, which are generally considered dangerous creatures, particularly by folks with severe allergies (a past acquaintance of mine never left home without his emergency antidote kit). But scientific journalist Paige Embry makes a compelling case for bee appreciation and preservation in *Our Native Bees*, a vivid account of her personal fact-finding mission that commenced with the discovery that - surprise! - her home-grown tomatoes were *not* pollinated by honey bees, but by wild, native bees, of which there are 4,000 species in the U.S. and Canada alone. Much as a bee gathers pollen, Embry collected her data through explorations of several bee management sites and perusals of countless pages of scientific literature. The result is a delectable cornucopia of bee lore, featuring in-depth profiles of fascinating bee species, including the legendary

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(and, please note, *non-native*) honey bee; *Osmia Lignaria* (the blue orchard bee whose specialty is orchard pollination); *Ceratina* (the “Cinderella” carpenter bee whose queen overworks and under-rewards the eldest daughter); *Neolarra* (a cleptoparasite whose *modus operandi* is thievery and murder of other bee species); and the very rare - possibly extinct - Franklin’s bumble bee. The reader also encounters several exceptional and passionate bee advocates, such as Robbin Thorp, an octogenarian professor emeritus of entomology at the University of California Davis and avid bee hunter; Mark Hoban, superintendent of Rivermont Golf Club in Johns Creek, Georgia, who has helped create an organic, pollinator-friendly golf course; and Gretchen LeBuhn of San Francisco State University, who formulated the Great Sunflower Project, which enables ordinary people to amass data on native bee populations. Also featured are short histories of beekeeping, pesticides, twentieth-century American agriculture, and residential lawns; possible causes of decreases in species quantities (e.g., interstate and international movement of bees, lack of plant diversity, widespread use of pesticides and herbicides); and workable solutions (e.g., developing bee-compatible farms, lawns, and other land tracts by mixing lawn grass with wildflowers and setting aside space for pollinator plants and old-growth nesting materials). Additionally, this eye-pleasing volume features sidebars with information on unique bee species and behaviors, and vibrant, larger-than-life color photographs. Assuredly far from *hum-drum*!

Has this book changed the way you think, your attitude toward life, or even your life itself? If so, how? The long-awaited arrival of the spring season piqued my interest in my natural environment, especially after a wildflower walk through the woods of Noblesville’s Teter Organic Farms, which has begun raising honey bees to boost their crop yields (Central Indiana Mensan Alison Brown is also doing some small-scale beekeeping in her Carmel woods). A visit to the Tipton County Library, where this lovely volume was proudly displayed, provided additional motivation to increase my apian awareness (which heretofore had been scant). Good things can often be found in small *towns*, too, it seems.

Who should definitely read this book? Why? *Our Native Bees* is intellectual nectar for amateur and professional entomologists, as well as environmentalists and all types of nature lovers.

How long might it take to read this book? To properly absorb and digest the content therein, I strongly suggest allowing at least three to five days.

Provide a short characteristic section, an awesome sentence, or an inspiring quote: “Bees have power. They have the obvious power of pollination and supplying us with many of our favorite foods. They also have an unexpected superpower - the ability to form connections and build community among
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people... People come together to volunteer at bee labs or help with bee surveys. Some use vacation time to take bee classes and hunt for bees. I have been astounded, again and again, by the people I've met. They've shared their time, their knowledge, and their passion with a complete stranger who sends them an email, asking to talk or come spend a day in their life... Bees are resilient. We may think the world is falling apart and an individual can do little to stop it. That is not true for bees. If we just stop kicking the bees quite so hard, we can help them - and see the results almost immediately. Renounce pesticides. Plant flowers that bees in your area like. Be a little slovenly in the garden; leave some old broken stems and let a little bare dirt show. The bees will come... Bees are diverse. It's probably this vast diversity that has struck me the most in all the research that I've done on bees. Most people think of honey bees when they hear the word *bee* or, even worse, they envision a yellow jacket or some other kind of wasp. Twenty thousand species rife with differences being reduced to either a very unusual outlier of the group or something that is not a member of the group at all... When you think of bees, think instead of those males guarding their territories, sleeping together, hanging out at the bee bar waiting for females, and getting into battles and biting each other on the legs. Think of the females that excavate deep mines to make homes for their babes or build turret entrances to their nests out of dirt and regurgitated nectar, with bee poop crenellations. Think of the little cleptoparasite larvae taking down their gigantic foes and the Cinderella *Ceratina* bees out gathering for their siblings with no hope of a future home of their own. These are our bees."

Additional Remarks: Supplementary grains of knowledge worth collecting are contained in the appendices: a metrics conversion table, selected references, and lists of books and websites for further reading. Also, please note that this review was actually written in early May, in anticipation of a planned trans-continental road trip with my husband in June and July.



Please Vote!
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Petra's Funny Page

Petra Ritchie



SIGNS OF THE TIMES

IN A SHOE REPAIR STORE:

We will heel you
We will save your sole
We will even dye for you.

ON A BLINDS AND CURTAIN TRUCK:

Blind man driving.

OVER A GYNECOLOGIST'S OFFICE:

Dr. Jones, at your cervix.

IN A PODIATRIST'S OFFICE:

Time wounds all heels.

ON A SEPTIC TANK TRUCK

Yesterday's Meals on Wheels

Have some clever puns to contribute? Email: petraritchie@msn.com



Central Indiana Mensa ExCom 5/15/18

The regular monthly meeting of the Central Indiana Mensa ExCom was held at Midwest Internet on Tuesday, May 15, 2018.

LocSec Jan Pfeil Doyle called the meeting to order at 6:53 pm. Members present were Jon Applegate, Ethan Blocher-Smith, Jan Pfeil Doyle, Ann Hake, Diane O'Brien, Karen Wilczewski, Kurt Williams, Bob Zdanky, and Karen Zwick.

Absent: none.

Guests: Dick Albright, Teresa Gregory, Petra Ritchie.

The committee reviewed the minutes of the April 2018 ExCom meeting. Karen Zwick moved that the minutes be accepted. Karen Wilczewski seconded the motion, and the motion was carried.

The committee reviewed the Treasurer's report. Ann Hake moved that the Treasurer's report be accepted as presented. Kurt Williams seconded the motion, and the motion was carried.

A membership report was compiled by Jan Pfeil Doyle based upon the information available as of 4/30/2018 from American Mensa: 467 members, 3 new, 2 rejoins, 1 movein, and 2 prospects.

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Old Business

2018 Annual Gathering: Planning continues steadily – the countdown clock shows 49 days until July 4th. There are over 342 separate events scheduled; National is in the process of finalizing the program.

The annual lease with All Souls has been renewed with the updated times of 7pm to 11pm, with a total savings for the year of \$609 (\$1044 this year vs. \$1653 last year). The church will continue to allow us to use Harrison Hall instead of the Beatty Room until the HVAC issues are resolved in the Beatty Room.

The slate for the ExCom elections has been finalized and has been published in the June MIND, along with the relevant Bylaws regarding the election. Petition candidates may be submitted to the election committee by July 1, 2018. The final ballot will be published in the August MIND.

New Business

Discussion was held regarding contacting lapsed members and the most effective ways to do this, especially given that the AG will be local this year. It was decided that emails would be sent.

There being no other business, Karen Zwick made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ann Hake seconded the motion. The motion was carried and the meeting was adjourned at 7:36 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Ann Hake, Secretary



Treasurer's Reports

Karen Zwick, Treasurer

[Please note that there are two months of Treasurer's Reports in this issue.]

Balance Sheet (as of 05/14/2018)

Bank Accounts	04/16/2018	05/14/2018
Checking – Regular	\$4,023.58	\$2,777.96
Checking – Scholarship	386.50	386.50
Checking – Youth Membership	69.34	69.34
Checking – RG/OG Fund	9,575.23	9,575.23
Checking – Youth Activity Fund	464.40	464.40
Total Assets	\$14,519.05	\$13,273.43

Profit & Loss Statement (04/17/2018 – 05/14/2018)

Income		
	401.1 – Monthly Gathering Inc. (May)	160.00
	402 – National Mensa Inc.	462.90
Total Income		622.90
Expense		
	501.1– MG Hospitality	37.54
	501.2 – MG Facility (rental of room May 2018 – Apr 2019)	1,044.00
	505 – Food for ExCom/MINDbending – 2 months	160.63
	505.1 – MIND Printing	263.36
	505.2 – MIND Postage	300.00
	510.2 – New Member Mailing Supplies	62.99
Total Expenses		\$1,868.52

Balance Sheet (as of 06/18/2018)

Bank Accounts	05/14/2018	06/18/2018
Checking – Regular	\$2,777.96	\$3,382.67
Checking – Scholarship	386.50	386.50
Checking – Youth Membership	69.34	69.34
Checking – RG/OG Fund	9,575.23	9,575.23
Checking – Youth Activity Fund	464.40	464.40
Total Assets	\$13,273.43	\$13,878.14

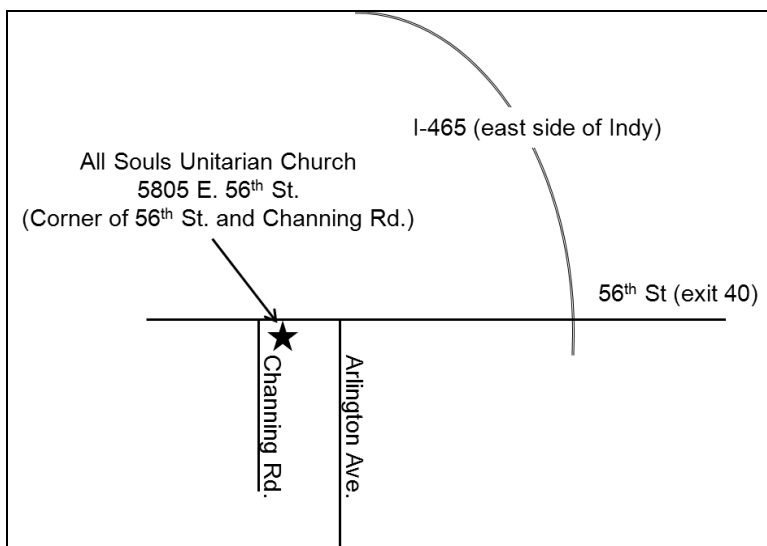
Profit & Loss Statement (05/15/2018 – 06/18/2018)

Income		
	401.1 – Monthly Gathering Inc. (June)	114.00
	402 – National Mensa Inc. (May & June)	990.15
Total Income		1,104.15
Expense		
	501.1– MG Hospitality	138.12
	505 – Food for ExCom/MINDbending	94.03
	505.1 – MIND Printing	266.33
	520 – Miscellaneous – Postage for mailing tests	5.50
Total Expenses		\$503.98

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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