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studious young man?**

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We're Not Dead Yet

Columbus Mensa is celebrating the return of our RG: We're Not Dead Yet! We will be having 2 speaker tracks-including Astronomy, How to Solve a Rubik's Cube, AED Training, and The Grateful Dead- along with famous Region 3 Hospitality and lots of games. There's a special appearance of local celebrity Toby the Tortoise and look for the return of Mystery Snack Theater. We will be gathering on September 28-30, 2018 at The Worthington Doubletree. For questions contact James Nelli at RG@Columbus.us.mensa.org, the Facebook Event <https://tinyurl.com/CAMRG2018>, or our webpage <http://www.columbus.us.mensa.org/regional.html>.

Old Dog/New Tricks

Teresa Gregory, Editor

The Chairman's Service Award was one of three awards added in March 1988 outside of the formal Awards Committee structure. It is awarded by the Chairman in recognition of superior service to the organization. The award consists of a personalized certificate and a gold lapel pen. The Chairman may decide the number of awards given that year as well as the recipients.



Congratulations to Jan Pfeil Doyle for winning this award at the recent Indianapolis AG. (Oh, and I won one, too!) We always attend the awards and were slouched in the back as usual when our names were called. What a surprise! Also, Central Indiana Mensa won yet another Sapphire award in our size category as Jan mentioned last month.

If you noticed that this issue is a little thinner than usual, the July ExCom meeting was canceled, so there is no Treasurer's Report or ExCom Meeting Minutes. Look for the return of those next month.

There is a notice on the Table of Contents page about the Columbus, Ohio, RG. They have not had one in a few years and asked if MIND could mention it. It sounds like they are ready for guests!

Registration for the Phoenix AG is open now. The hotel block will open for reservations later. Check at ag.us.mensa.org.

Don't forget to vote in our CIM election. You must get your ballot to Marcele Everest by September 14th, either by mail or by hand delivery at the September 14th Monthly Gathering. (See instructions on page 17.)

As you probably know, I am running for LocSec. Mensa rules state that the LocSec and Editor cannot be the same person. I will be giving up this position in the near future. Jan mentions in her column that we are taking applications for Editor. One thing she did not mention is that the Editor does not have to be a member of the ExCom. (I am not.) Also, the Editor does not have to live in Indianapolis. Teresa Fisher was our Editor for several years while living in Jeffersonville. What you must have is good internet access and emailing ability. You must be able to produce a PDF to send to the printer. You must adhere to deadlines. For the past ten years, we have used Word as our template. I would be more than happy to work with whomever is interested in taking it over. The time requirement is dependent upon how easily you are distracted. A Normal month might run three to six hours which includes checking email throughout the month. Prior experience is not required. Please drop a line to MIND.editor@yahoo.com if you are interested or have any questions at all.

LocSection

Jan Pfeil Doyle

Please Vote! – Central Indiana Mensa’s bi-annual elections are here. We’re electing a Local Secretary (President) and six additional board members to serve on ExCom for the next two years (ExCom aka Executive Committee, the board that conducts the month-to-month business of running CIM). Candidates’ campaign statements and the ballot with instructions were in the August *MIND*; ballots must be received by Sept.14th.



Accepting Applications for *MIND* Editor –

Our current newsletter editor, **Teresa Gregory**, is the only candidate for LocSec, which means she will be elected and will take office with the rest of the new ExCom on October 1st. It also means that we need to appoint a new newsletter editor. The minimum technical qualifications are a computer with email, Internet access, and the ability to create a PDF file to email to the printer in Word or another program. You must also be willing to meet the monthly deadlines. We have templates in Microsoft Word, which the last few editors have used. Teresa and I are willing to help train you and provide assistance while you’re learning the ropes. Email questions or your application with qualifications to Teresa Gregory, MIND.editor@yahoo.com.

If You Liked the AG . . . you might want to check out some of the Regional Gatherings in the Midwest (or around the country or world!). As you know, the Annual Gathering is huge, lasts 5 days, with 1,000+ in attendance. Many local groups also have an annual “gathering” of their own called a Regional Gathering or RG. RGs are similar to an AG – just smaller – with speakers, a hospitality room with snacks and drinks, games and tournaments, special events, some meals included, etc.; they’re just smaller. Attendance ranges from ~75 to 500+. They typically start on Friday afternoon and go until Sunday noon or so, although a few start on Thursday or go until Monday. Members and their guests are welcome to attend any gathering. Groups in our area that have RGs include Columbus, OH (end of September), Chicago (end of October), Cincinnati (beginning of December), St Louis (early April), Detroit/SE Michigan (late April). Details are listed in the *Bulletin* and the online calendar: www.us.mensa.org/attend/calendar/. Central Indiana Mensa has its RG at the end of January. We didn’t have one this year because we were hosting the AG, but we will very likely have one next year. We’ll also have our Outdoor Gathering at Versailles State Park group cabins on May 17-19, 2019. Stay tuned for the details.

Sad News – Long time Central Indiana Mensa member Joanne Ortman passed away on August 7th. She and her partner Don Hargraves frequently attended our regional gathering. There are remembrances of her in this *MIND*.

Remembering Joanne Ortman

Teresa Fisher

On August 7 Joanne Ortman passed on to whatever is next. Due to a stroke in 1997 she was no stranger to disabilities, but she spent the last three years of her life with a condition called Locked-in syndrome, wherein her vision, hearing, and mental faculties were as good as ever, but she couldn't talk or move at all. Eventually she was able to slightly move one finger and one ankle, but the computer-aided equipment someone got her sat unused. After numerous attempts, she simply wasn't capable of enough movement to operate it.

Joanne had a curiosity about life, and a well-developed sense of humor that not everyone got to see. I used to get a phone call from her almost every day, and after I said, "hello," her rapid-fire delivery filled all of the space for a while. Once I timed it, and after answering the phone I didn't speak again for four minutes. I usually had a hard time getting a word in edgewise, so it was ironic that since October 2015 all of the communicating flowed in the opposite direction. I wrote her a letter every month and made up for the times I didn't get to talk.

Whenever I used to see Joanne she had gifts for me. She gave me fabric and crafting books left over from her sewing days (she once designed and sewed a Santa suit for a hamster), French novels during my failed attempt to learn that language (Joanne almost had a doctorate in French and German), and all sorts of odd newspaper clippings, with the emphasis on odd. I would often wonder, "Why did she think of me when she saw this?" But her instincts were spot on, and I was always glad to read what she had saved for me. One of my favorites was *Broom, Brush, and Mop Magazine*, a monthly trade publication devoted to news of broom, brush, and mop manufacturers and allied industries. Somehow she knew it would appeal to my sense of... um, I'm not sure why she thought I would like it, but I did.

Joanne was proud of her Scandinavian ancestry, and was a member of Vasa Order of America, a Swedish-American Fraternal Organization. At her lodge's next meeting they will Drape the Charter of the Lodge in her Honor.

Joanne's companion, Don Hargraves, will arrange for services in both Munster, Indiana, where she lived, and in St. Ansgar, Iowa, where she was born. I will miss her.

Haiku Tribute To Joanne Ortman

Bryan Lundgren, *Western Michigan Mensa*

Gentle soul absent
At Mensa RGs no more.
Remember wry wit.

Tour a Gem of a Cemetery

Vicki Adang

Crown Hill Cemetery is more than the final resting place of famous, notable, and regular Indiana residents. It's an outdoor art museum, history museum, urban green space, and so much more. If you've ever been curious about the story of the cemetery and some of the people buried there, we've organized a private tour for Mensans and their guests to learn more.

We'll be taking the Heritage Tour. This tour presents the history of Crown Hill Cemetery while visiting the graves of some of the many interesting people buried there, both the famous and not so famous, recent and long gone. A variety of monuments and statues are included, as well as the view of the downtown skyline from James Whitcomb Riley's tomb high atop beautiful Crown Hill. This tour is appropriate for all ages, so please bring your families.

Just the facts:

What: Heritage Tour at Crown Hill Cemetery, Indianapolis

When: 10 a.m. Saturday, September 22; please arrive 10 minutes early so our tour can begin on time

Who: Mensa members and their guests

Where: 3400 Boulevard Place, Indianapolis, 46208; meet inside the 34th Street and Boulevard Place stone gate entrance at the Waiting Station building

Cost: \$5.00 adults; \$4.00 seniors (55+); and \$3.00 students 18 and under; *please bring cash or check to pay onsite*

Parking: We will park at the Waiting Station right inside the gate long enough for everyone in the group to arrive. From there our guide will lead us to where we will park for the duration of our tour. (*Important Note:* Latecomers will be separated from the tour group after the group leaves the Waiting Station and may miss the tour.)

Weather: The tour will be held in the rain as long as it's not severe (thunder, lightning, and/or a total downpour). (Cross your fingers for a beautiful day!)

Tour distance: About 1 mile, walking

Tour duration: 90 minutes

RSVP requested: Please email Vicki Adang at vickiadang@yahoo.com or call/text 317-549-5176 (please include your first and last name if you text) if you plan to join us. Let Vicki know how many people you'll be bringing so she has a general idea of head count. Last-minute attendees, of course, will be welcomed.

Lunch! After the tour concludes around 11:30 a.m., we'll head to Good Morning Mama's, 1001 E. 54th St., 46220, for lunch. If you'd like to join the group for lunch but not the tour, please let Vicki know



New Members

Mark Adang	Indianapolis	IN	Joined
Victoria Adang	Indianapolis	IN	Joined
Jeffrey Evans	Indianapolis	IN	Joined
Dario Grazzini	Bloomington	IN	Joined
Aaron Hurley	Greenwood	IN	Joined
Dan Kacsir	Indianapolis	IN	Joined
Hoi Keong	Carmel	IN	Joined
Stephanie Wood	Carmel	IN	Joined



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.

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

September 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.**

9/14 - Our speaker will be Diane Tolliver, a Forensic Document Examiner who worked for many years with the Indiana State Police. She will share the story of one of the more tragic cases on which she worked, that of Orville Lynn Majors, Jr. - an LPN who was dubbed the “Angel of Death” and was convicted of killing 6 patients under his care at Vermillion County Hospital.

STEM Time with George Dunn (formerly **10 Minutes of Math and Science**) following the speaker. **9/14 – Convergent Evolution**

Mensa Admissions Test – Saturday, **9/15, 12 noon registration.** Testing will be conducted on the south side of Indianapolis. Contact Karen Zwick at: karen.zwick@outlook.com to reserve a space. The exact location will be provided when a candidate reserves a space.

Additional Information: The \$60 testing fee is payable by cash, check, or any major credit card. You can purchase a voucher for the fee ahead of time at www.mensa.org/join/testing/testingvoucher/. Candidates between 14 and 17 years of age are required to have one of their parents also sign the registration form in the presence of the testing coordinator at the testing site. We are not permitted to test candidates under age 14. 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: www.u.s.mensa.org/join/testscores/qualifyingscores/. For further questions about prior evidence admission to Mensa, call Mensa’s national office at 817-607-0060.

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 photo ID and one or two #2 pencils.

September 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
2	3 Labor Day	4	5 Indy Lunch Bunch
9	10	11	12
16 Mensans' Dining Out	17	18 <i>MIND</i> bending/ ExCom; Paducah Area Group Meeting	19 Indy Lunch Bunch
23 Book Club	24	25	26
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Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Cal. Deadline; Ham 'n' Eggs
6	7	8
13	14 Monthly Gathering; CIM Election	15 Mensa Admission Testing
20	21	22 Crown Hill Cemetery Tour; Lunch
27	28	29

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.

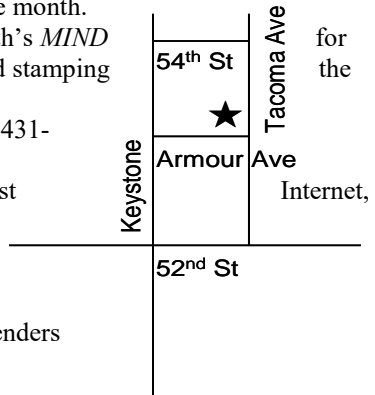
September 2018 Events (cont.)

MINDBending/ExCom – 3rd Tuesday of the month.

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

9/18, 5:30 p.m. Contact: Jan Pfeil Doyle, 317-431-3500. Pizza and soft drinks provided.

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



A Big Thank You to all the August *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

Heritage Tour at Crown Hill Cemetery, Indianapolis

9/22 - 10 a.m.; please arrive 10 minutes early

Cost: \$5.00 adults; \$4.00 seniors (55+); and \$3.00 students 18 and under; *please bring cash or check to pay onsite*

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Mensans Dining Out - 3rd Sunday, (**Note: different time**) **5 p.m.**

9/16. Mississippi Belle, 2170 E. 54th St., Indianapolis, IN 46220. **Note: Cash only, no credit cards.** For more information, contact Bob Zdanky at 317-219-3773.

Book Group – 2 p.m., Sunday, **9/23.** Come prepared to discuss *Without You There Is No Us*, by Suki Kim. 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.

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

Jon's Journal – News for Region 4

Happenings on the National Level

By Jon Gruebele, RVC4

This year's biggest National event was of course the Annual Gathering (AG), chaired by our own Teresa Gregory and Jan Pfeil Doyle from Central Indiana Mensa. It was a terrific event made possible by the many volunteers who helped. Thanks to everyone who contributed — you know who you are!

During the AG, your Board of Directors (AMC) held a marathon meeting to hear reports and take actions, including:

- The Vice Chair (RVC) for Region 8 had resigned. Unfortunately, we don't have a mechanism to replace an RVC vacancy. Under New York State law (where we are incorporated), a Region's elected representative can only be replaced by members from that region. Our bylaws unfortunately don't address that. The AMC recently approved a stopgap measure whereby we would appoint a Regional Coordinator. This person could do pretty much everything an RVC could — except they can't be voting AMC members. A majority of LocSecs from Region 8 recommended a former RVC, Sue Ann Gilmore. The AMC approved this recommendation.
- Granted one free registration for a future AG to former AG Chairs as a thank you for their hard work. Except for perhaps our National Chair, few volunteers give as much of themselves to our organization. Chairing an AG is a monumental task, and they deserve our undying gratitude. I nevertheless opposed the motion, following the example of many Local Groups where volunteers aren't afforded free rooms at RGs. This helps keep costs lower and avoids the perception that some volunteers are being compensated for their efforts whereas others are not.
- Selected Reno, NV as the site for our 2022 AG. Yes, we were there in 2012, but at a different property. We looked at several options, but nobody gave us the pricing Reno did. Interestingly, our provider estimates only 100 venues across the country can accommodate our group's size, and only 70 excluding Nevada. While we'd have more alternatives were we to have our hotel in one place and the AG at a convention center elsewhere, we prefer keeping everything together for members with mobility concerns. 2019 – 2022 AGs will be held in Phoenix; Kansas City, MO; Houston; and Reno.



Besides that, two Region 4 Local Groups, Chicago Area Mensa and Sagamon
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Valley Mensa received Diamond Jewel Awards. Jewel awards are given for meeting the criteria expected of Local Groups. Only one Local Group in each size class earns a Diamond, so getting one shows they have gone above and beyond. Central Indiana Mensa and Mensa of Wisconsin earned the next best Sapphire level award; Iowa-Illinois Mensa, Northeast Indiana Mensa, and Saint Louis Area Mensa all earned Emeralds. Chicago also earned the only Gold Medal ACE (Achieving Communications Excellence) award this year. Congratulations and thanks to everyone!

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: *These Honored Dead: A Lincoln and Speed Mystery*

Author: Jonathan F. Putnam

Year: 2016

Book Description: Imagine yourself in central Illinois, the heart of the still-uncivilized Midwest, two decades prior to the Civil War. You have just been informed of the brutal murder of a family member or close acquaintance. Whom would you trust to carry out the formidable task of solving the crime and securing justice for the victim? According to author, historian, and nationally known trial lawyer Jonathan F. Putnam, your “dream team” would possess the keen powers of observation and deduction rivalling Holmes and Watson, and would be none other than - Abraham Lincoln and Joshua Speed! In *These Honored Dead*, the premier novel of the series, Putnam effectively makes a case for the plausibility of this duo’s investigative prowess by utilizing documented cases from Lincoln’s early legal career to devise a suspenseful plot that abounds with possible suspects and unexpected developments - and culminates in a shocking yet satisfying conclusion. Told in first-person, à la Conan Doyle, by Joshua Speed, the drama unfolds with Lincoln and Speed’s alliance “of necessity” (see the excerpt below) and continues with the discovery of the grisly remains of the niece of Speed’s former lover, Rebecca Harriman, and Lincoln’s subsequent commitment to the defense of the accused, a physician with an alleged intimate relationship with the widow Harriman. The incorporation of real-life individuals associated with Lincoln during that era, such as Judge Jesse B. Thomas Jr., state attorney David

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Prickett, Prussian journalist Frederick Julius Gustorf, and Speed's free-spirited and sagacious younger sister, Martha, enhances the historical authenticity of this work of fiction. As proclaimed by Pulitzer Prize winning author and renowned Lincoln expert Doris Kearns Goodwin, this "splendid debut novel... [is] fascinat[ing] from start to finish."

Has this book changed the way you think, your attitude toward life, or even your life itself? If so, how? The best works of fiction, in my opinion, allow the imagination to take flight, but at the same time are firmly grounded in reality.

This novel marvelously fulfills that requirement, and concurrently offers assurance to the reader that, as contentious and chaotic as our current political environment seems to most Americans, our nation has endured much worse and has nevertheless survived. My admiration for the best of our leaders, including Abraham Lincoln, remains steadfast after enjoying this refreshing interpretation of Lincoln's early experiences as a defense attorney and local official.

Who should definitely read this book? Why? Abraham Lincoln enthusiasts who are repulsed by Seth Grahame-Smith's gothic and rather bizarre re-casting of Lincoln as an action hero in *Abraham Lincoln: Vampire Hunter* will rejoice in the much more respectful treatment of his principal character that Putnam offers in *These Honored Dead*. More importantly to history aficionados, Putnam elucidates the reader on the hot-button issues of the day, such as slavery, the national economy, and mental health, presented from a variety of perspectives.

How long might it take to read this book? As this book is a truly enthralling page-turner and is not excessive in length (287 pages), the reader will speed (pardon the pun) through it in a mere "four score and seven" - hours (or less).

Provide a short characteristic section, an awesome sentence, or an inspiring quote:

[The author establishes his visionary melding of Lincoln and Speed's legal and investigative minds, and the anecdotal tone of the narrative, as indicated below.]

My general store still bore the name A. Y. Ellis & Co., though Ellis had departed long ago. It was one of a dozen stores that stood around the perimeter of Springfield's central square and served its two thousand inhabitants. We sold dry goods, patent medicines, bedclothes, groceries, books - everything the village needed.

Springfield was thick with lawyers, frequent customers of our more expensive items. The senior member of the local bar was Stephen Logan, a fellow son of Kentucky who had moved to Illinois a decade earlier and built a thriving law practice around the many real estate transactions in the growing

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village. Nearly forty years of age now, he had magnificent whiskers and an aquiline nose.

Logan bustled into the store one morning in March 1837 and barked out a question that proved to be life changing.

“Aware of any unused beds in town, Speed?”

“Has Mrs. Logan thrown you out again?” I returned.

“Would that I were so lucky,” Logan said with a harsh laugh and a shake of his head. “I’m sponsoring a young lawyer who’s moving here from New Salem. Not so young a fellow, in point of fact, but new to the bar, and he’s nowhere to sleep when he arrives. You seem to keep close company with the other unmarried men about town. I thought you might have some idea.”

I looked up from the stack of pantaloons I had been counting behind the counter. “There may be an empty berth in my bed just now,” I replied cautiously...

Several weeks later, Logan returned as promised with his acquaintance. I stared at the newcomer as he ducked to enter the storeroom. He was several years my senior, very tall, and very thin, indeed close enough to the point of emaciation that I would have kept him away from my mother, were she nearby, lest she swoon from maternal concern. He had wide-set gray eyes, deep brows, a strong nose, and a lantern jaw. He wore his hair long, curling over his ears and parted rather severely at the high peak of his forehead. He was dressed in the black frockcoat, shiny vest, and thin bowtie of his new profession.

“Joshua Speed, Abraham Lincoln,” said Logan, introducing us.

Additional Remarks: Please be aware that the author has published two additional novels in the Lincoln and Speed Mystery series: *Perish from the Earth*, in which the victims are a passenger on Speed’s father’s steamboat and a fanatical abolitionist, and *Final Resting Place* (published this year), in which a prominent local politician is assassinated during a fireworks display, and which features the unwelcomed arrival of Lincoln’s ne’er-do-well father and stepbrother. Each novel is meticulously researched and concludes with relevant historical notes. As the third novel takes place in 1938, and Lincoln and Speed’s partnership endured until the spring of 1841, we can only hope that this series will contain at least two or three more novels. One final fun fact merits mention: each of the three titles represents a brief extraction from Lincoln’s Gettysburg Address. Let’s give this brilliant new author the “full measure of devotion” that he richly deserves!



Petra's Funny Page

Petra Ritchie



Daffynitions:

1. Negligent, adj. Absent-mindedly answering the door when wearing only a nightgown.
2. Lymph, v. To walk with a lisp.
3. Gargoyle, n. Olive-flavored mouthwash.
4. Flatulence, n. Emergency vehicle that picks up someone who has been run over by a steamroller.
5. Balderdash, n. A rapidly receding hairline.



Voting Instructions

1. Remove, copy or print out (for online readers) the ballot on page 9 in the August issue of MIND. <http://indymensa.org/wp4/wp-content/uploads/2018/07/August-W-Mind-2018.pdf>.
2. OR Blank ballots and envelopes will be available for voting at the Sept. 14th monthly meeting .
3. 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.
4. Put this smaller envelope in a larger envelope and seal it.
5. 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.
6. 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;

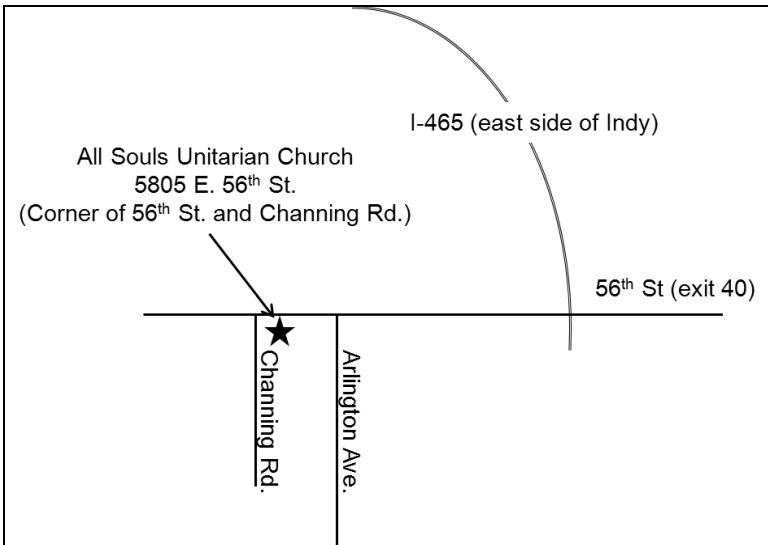
OR

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.

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.



Region 4 RVC

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