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## **Mensans Eat Along the Foodie Cultural Trail**

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# Loosing My MIND

Vonda Heverly, Editor

loose (/looos/): v. 1. set free, release. 2. Relax



Greetings from your new editor! Teresa Gregory, as the new LocSec, can no longer serve in this capacity. After meeting with her to discuss the finer points of the MIND and trying my hand at a page or two in the last issue, I agreed to take the reins.

I joined Mensa while I was still in high school and have let my membership lapse at times over the years. I rejoined about three years ago, attended a few meetings, and participated in the Outdoor Mensa Gathering (OMG!) twice. I'm working to overcome some of my introversion and feel more at ease in face-to-face interactions. Editing the newsletter appeals to me because it will enable me to interact with a broader range of members and hopefully draw me in to the group more.

On a personal note, I am an optometrist and single mom. Genealogy and family history are my twin passions. When I have time and content, I maintain a blog about my finds. I enjoy most fiber crafts, especially knitting. I am also a member of the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution, Lions Club, and the 71<sup>st</sup> Royal Highland Regiment of Foot re-enacting group.

I don't have plans for any big changes at this time. You will find this issue contains the familiar columns of past issues. If you are one of the print-only subscribers, I would encourage you to look at the online issue. The photos are full color and you can click directly on hyperlinks to websites.

I appreciate submissions addressed to [mind.editor@yahoo.com](mailto:mind.editor@yahoo.com), and the earlier you send them, the better. Articles and photos need to be in by the Friday before *MIND*bending, while events and calendar items can come in until the Sunday before.

I wish you all a peaceful and happy holiday season, and good health in the new year.



## Old Dog/New Tricks

*Teresa Gregory, LocSec*

Please warmly welcome our new editor, Vonda Heverly. Treat her kindly and, if you have something to submit, respect her time and don't wait until the last minute. Each editor puts a slightly different spin on things. I'm excited to see what Vonda has in MIND. (Did you see what I did there?)



Our annual Holiday Party is December 14. As in the past, we are having a pitch-in dinner, so bring a side dish to share. Afterwards we will have our Gimme-Grabby Gift Exchange. When your name is drawn, you may choose a gift from the pile or take one from someone else. Nothing is opened until all gifts are taken, so wrap creatively. Participation is not required but it's certainly encouraged.

January 25-27, 2019, WTF is back! Our "Winter Time Fun!" RG returns to the Waterfront Hotel on the west side. Since our 2016 RG, the hotel changed hands, the staff left, we had an AG, the staff went to another hotel, we were getting ready to sign a contract there, the staff found out the hotel will be torn down so they went back to the old hotel, and that's where we will be. Whew! Register at [cim-rg-2019.eventbrite.com](http://cim-rg-2019.eventbrite.com). See more info on the calendar page.

Did you know that anyone pursuing higher education can apply for a Mensa scholarship? You don't have to be a high school senior. Did you know that you or a dependent may also apply for a Mensa Member scholarship? That's two chances at some cash for school. Check it out.

<https://www.mensafoundation.org/what-we-do/scholarships/mensa-member-scholarships/>

In your holiday mail, you may get something from American Mensa; a membership renewal form. Don't just toss it.

December is a busy month for a lot of people. Our calendar looks a little sparse so that you have time to do all that fun stuff you only do once a year. Think ahead to what you might want to do after the holidays. Look around. Mensans are a curious creative group. If you see something that looks interesting, it might interest someone else. Let me know and we can put it on the calendar. If it's too late for MIND, we can put it on our Meetup page and on IndyMensa.org. Please check both of those for updates throughout the month.

I hope that everyone has a lovely December and we look forward to a new year full of hope and promise.



## One Man's Meat ...

Sharon Merriman

Several of us attended the Indy Cultural Trail Mass Ave Food Tour in October. We came away with different responses, although I think everyone had a good time. It wasn't as advertised, but I got enough out of it that I came away quite satisfied.

We visited several restaurants I would never have tried and that was enough for me. For example: Love Handles is a fantastic underrated breakfast spot with VERY unusual treats; Mass Ave Wine Bar is my new place for wine dinners; I won't bother going to Mimi Blues Meatballs again (ok but ho-hum); and Roosters is also off my list for not seating us but only handing us a bag of pork rinds (very good fresh rinds but not a seated visit).

We certainly met no chefs, definitely got no behind-the-scenes tours, and didn't go to Black Market, all of which were promised in the tour description. I found it worthwhile to try some different places, for good or bad. Perhaps I had lower expectations...but mine were met.



*The Foodies pause for a quick pic before trying out the next offering.*

*Clockwise from left: Chloe and Sarah (friends of the Cragers), Derek and Bianca Crager, Mark and Vicki Adang, Sharon Merriman, and Jan Doyle*



## Snapshots from Weem 2018

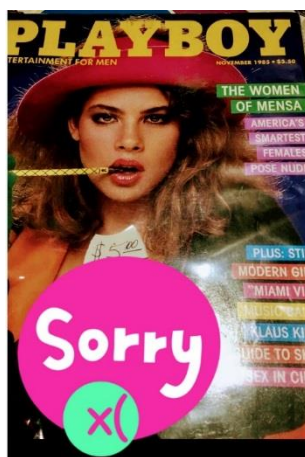
*Submitted by Vicki Adang*

There was no shortage of entertainment at Weem 2018 held October 25–28 in Wheeling, Illinois. The always popular costume contest on Friday night included an attempted murder (a pair of crows wielding weapons), JengaCon (a man dressed in an orange jumpsuit with Jenga blocks attached), and a spaghetti dinner. The family's tagline was, "When you're ready to add a little meatball to your family, you get Prego."



Alan Schmidt was chosen to take part in a skit during Saturday's improv session. He did an admirable job of tossing out words to change the direction of a conversation between two members of the comedy troupe. The cheerleader and cheerleading coach kept the audience laughing as they bantered back and forth.

Finally, you never know what unique materials you'll find at a Mensa book sale. Hidden from innocent eyes in an unmarked copy paper box was a *Playboy* from November 1985. The edition featured the "Women of Mensa: America's Smartest Females Pose Nude."



## Mr. Rogers

*Bryan Lundgren, Western Michigan Mensa*

I like you the way you are.  
Together we talk and play.  
Approval is best by far;  
Be kind to others this way.

I like you the way you are.  
Changing you isn't my task.  
I don't want some TV star;  
Be my friend, is all that I ask.

I like the way we relate,  
With kindness and laughter and care.  
Becoming a nice playmate  
Is a skill that's easy, not rare.

Please like me just as I am  
With acceptance friendly and kind.  
I'm doing the best that I can  
Keeping joys of now in mind.

The sweater he put on each day  
Was a sign of warm embrace.  
Growing is all about play,  
Not prepping for a rat race.

Old lessons that are timeless  
Mr. Rogers showed us how  
To leave judgment behind us  
And love each other right now.

I enjoy the covert hippie in Fred Rogers who was a Presbyterian minister as well as the creator of the iconic children's TV show, *Mister Rogers' Neighborhood*. He believed in acceptance, being present with companions, paying attention, and enjoying each moment. I experience many Mensans at Regional Gatherings who do the same. Thank you for that.

Novelist Henry James said, "Three things in human life are important: the first is to be kind; the second is to be kind; and the third is to be kind." Mr. Rogers demonstrated this every morning on 895 episodes of *Mister Rogers' Neighborhood*.





## New Members

Aleksander Cirulis	Indianapolis	IN	Joined
John Coch	Beech Grove	IN	Joined
Nickolas Cole	Indianapolis	IN	Joined
Samuel Dalton	Carmel	IN	Joined
Thomas Hanson	Indianapolis	IN	MoveIn
Logan Ray	Bloomington	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.

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



## Petra's Funny Page

*Petra Ritchie*

On veterinarian's door:  
"Come, sit, stay."

On a Maternity Room door:  
"Push. Push. Push."

At a Car Dealership:  
"The best way to get back on your feet - miss a car payment."

Outside a Muffler Shop:  
"No appointment necessary. We hear you coming."

At the Electric Company:  
"We would be delighted if you send in your payment on time. However, if you don't, YOU will be delighted."



<https://ag.us.mensa.org/>

## December 2018 Events

**Ham 'n' Eggs (Hamilton County Eggheads)** – 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday from 9:45 a.m. - 12 noon. Atrio, 11700 Illinois St. (Meridian & 116<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:SIGHT@indymensa.org).

**Indy Lunch Bunch** – 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday at 12:00 noon, Double Eagle Café, 650 N. Meridian (at the Scottish Rite Cathedral), Indianapolis. Contact: Karen Steilberger, [steilkr@sbcglobal.net](mailto:steilkr@sbcglobal.net).

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

**12/14** This month, it's the HOLIDAY PARTY pitch-in dinner, followed by the Gimme Grabby Gift Exchange. Please bring something delicious to share. Meat, bread, and drinks are provided. There is no door fee if you bring a dish.

**STEM Time with George Dunn** will not meet this month.

**Mensans Dining Out** - 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday, 6 p.m., **12/16** Bravo Italian Kitchen, 2658 Lake Cir Dr, Indianapolis, IN. For more information, contact Bob Zdanky at 317-219-3773.

**Book Group** – 2 p.m., Sunday, **12/16.** Come prepared to discuss *Dialogues: Conversations on the Nature of the Universe* by Clifford Johnson. 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](mailto:hoot.gibson.tds@gmail.com) or 317-735-2895 for more details or to RSVP.

**MINDBending/ExCom** – 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month.

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

**12/18, 5:30 p.m.** Contact: Jan Pfeil Doyle, 317-431-3500. Pizza and soft drinks provided.

*MINDBending* is held at the offices of Midwest 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 November *MINDbenders* and Midwest Internet for hosting the event.

# December 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
2	3	4	5 Lunch Bunch
9	10	11	12
16 Book Club; Mensans Dining Out	17	18 <i>MIND</i> bending/ ExCom; Paducah Area Group Meeting	19 Lunch Bunch
23	24	25	26

Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Ham 'n' Eggs
6	7	8
13	14 Monthly Gathering	15
20	21	22
27	28	29

If you lose your *MIND* (oh, my!) or want additional information, check [www.indymensa.org](http://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.

## December 2018 Events (cont.)

**Paducah Area Group Meeting** – 3<sup>rd</sup> 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](mailto:rawlings@siu.edu)

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

Please send Calendar Items to [MIND.editor@yahoo.com](mailto:MIND.editor@yahoo.com)

### \*\*\* JANUARY 25-27, 2019 \*\*\* **W.T.F. (WINTER TIME FUN)**

Our popular Regional Gathering is returning after taking a break in 2017. Join us at our “usual place,” The Waterfront Hotel. (2930 Waterfront Parkway West Drive, Indianapolis 46214) Hotel rooms are \$79 and FREE PARKING.

Full Weekend	Day Rates
\$75 until 12/31/2018	Friday Only \$30
\$85 until 1/20/2019	Saturday Only \$60
\$90 at the door	Saturday After 5:00 pm \$40
\$50 Kids Ages 6-12	Sunday Only \$10
435 Kids under 6	Kids Ages 6-11 \$20 per Day

Once again, we will be offering Bring-a-Buddy free Mensa testing on Saturday morning for any guest who registers for the full weekend. Anyone else may test for \$39.99 (American Mensa’s January promotion).

We will also have a raffle to benefit the John Matthews/CIM Scholarship Fund.

And, as always, our usual hijinks will ensue. Expect the unexpected. Speakers, tastings, games, ALL MEALS included.

You may register with Eventbrite online at [www.cim-rg-2019.eventbrite.com](http://www.cim-rg-2019.eventbrite.com) or mail a check with registration information to Teresa Gregory, 6076 Dewey Ave, Indianapolis, IN 46219.

If you have questions, send them to [rg.registrar@yahoo.com](mailto:rg.registrar@yahoo.com)

Check [www.indymensa.org](http://www.indymensa.org) for details as they unfold.

## Jon's Journal – News for Region 4

### 'WeeM, Happenings at National, Vouchers, and RGs Galore

Jon Gruebele, RVC4



I am writing this in the afterglow of a terrific 'WeeM. Chicago sure knows how to throw a party! Over 550 attendees from all over the world enjoyed the pun-tastic costume contest, pretentious drinking, presentations, games, tournaments, a dance, and much more. It takes a big team to make it all happen. From the hard-working organizing committee to the awesome hospitality team to the people working registration, it's amazing to watch all these efforts coalesce into a wonderful weekend. Thanks to everyone!

At the October 30 meeting, your Board of Directors (AMC) approved placing several bylaws amendments on the ballot for [April's election](#). These would:

- Reduce the number of signatures required to request a Regional Hearing down to two, and somewhat broaden the sanctions that could be levied if acts inimical to Mensa were proven
- Move the deadline for receipt of candidates' election nomination petitions one day earlier. The current bylaws say the Election Committee should begin reviewing these petitions before the submission deadline. This amendment would clear up the conflict.
- Allow the Election Committee to adjust the start or end of the voting period by a day or two to account for postal holidays. The current dates are fixed at April 15th to May 15<sup>th</sup> in odd numbered years.
- Deleting the need for candidates to submit a signed nomination acceptance form.

Two proposals failed to reach the required 2/3 majority:

- Enshrining the current procedure for handling Regional Vice Chair (RVC) vacancies in the bylaws.
- Changing the term of elected positions from 2 to 3 years. There will nevertheless be a similar proposal on the Mensa International ballot.

If you haven't heard, you can invite a smart acquaintance or relative to take the Mensa Admission Test or submit prior evidence *absolutely free* through March 31<sup>st</sup>. Around September 21<sup>st</sup>, every member was sent an e-mail with voucher program code your friend can use. If you deleted the e-mail or didn't get one, simply e-mail [MVP@americanmensa.org](mailto:MVP@americanmensa.org) or call the National Office at +1 817 607 0060. Details are available here: <https://www.us.mensa.org/featured-content/introducing-the-mensa-voucher-program/>.

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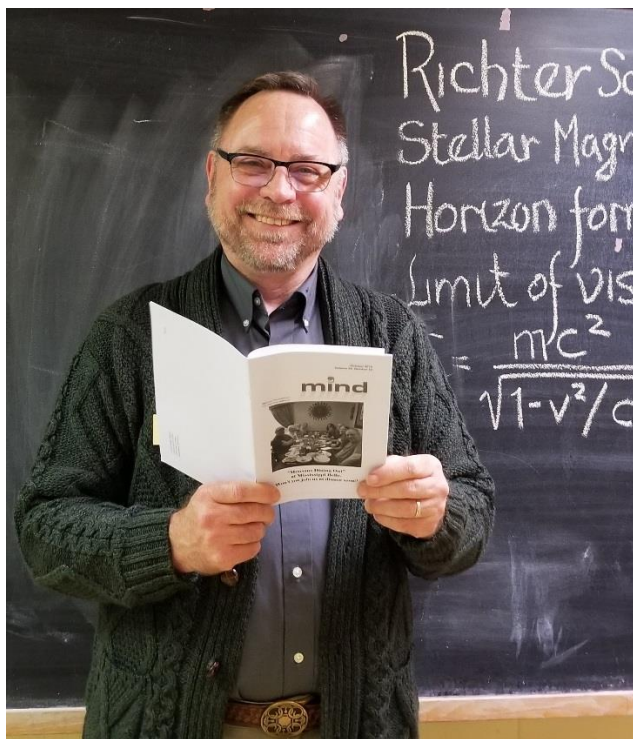


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We'd love to have you attend one of these upcoming gatherings across the region – please join us there:

- A Gathering of Gamers (AGOG), January 25-27 in Wheeling, IL. With \$55 registration through December 15<sup>th</sup> and \$89 hotel rooms, this is one of the most affordable gatherings around. We have hundreds of games and 48 hours of fun planned. <http://chicago.us.mensa.org/agog>
- Minnesota Mensa RG, February 22-24. Registration \$60 through January 5<sup>th</sup>. <http://mnmensa.org/RG2019>
- St. Louis Area Mensa RG, April 5-7. Save the dates!

Feedback? Please contact me at [rvc4@us.mensa.org](mailto: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>.



*Jon stopped by CIM's Monthly Gathering on November 9th*

## Books On The Runway

Margy Lancet Fletcher

**Title:** *Romantic Outlaws: The Extraordinary Lives of Mary Wollstonecraft and Her Daughter, Mary Shelley*

**Author:** Charlotte Gordon

**Year:** 2015



**Book Description:** At the height of the women's liberation movement of the 1970s, Harvard professor Laurel Thatcher Ulrich proclaimed that well-behaved women seldom made history. According to modern-day English professor Charlotte Gordon, Ulrich and her feminist compatriots might have originally been inspired by two gifted writers who embodied that maxim: Mary Wollstonecraft and her daughter, Mary Shelley. In *Romantic Outlaws*, her dual portrait of these two literary luminaries, Ulrich presents intricately detailed, alternating timelines of the two women, focusing on their considerable and enduring influence on one another's actions and philosophies, despite their tragically brief (ten-day) coexistence before the elder Mary succumbed to the crude obstetrical practices of the late eighteenth century. From early youth, both Marys rebelled against the repressive social mores that governed the behavior of English women. Both endured hostility and rejection from family members who nevertheless, once the two women were able to capitalize on their writing talent, expected financial support from them. Both forged spiritual and physical relationships with like-minded men and bore children outside the bonds of matrimony, ultimately - and reluctantly - marrying for the sake of their loved ones while managing to retain their professional and personal independence. Both were prone to lengthy spells of severe depression resulting from loss or death and found solace through their writing. Both led peripatetic lifestyles and spent their happiest years as expatriates (Wollstonecraft in France and Shelley in Italy). Both were feted by prominent liberal authors, politicians, and poets, and condemned and mocked by traditionalist critics. Finally, and most significantly, both Marys were passionate proponents of reason, love, individual liberty, and equal rights for women. They were kindred spirits in every respect.

**Has this book changed the way you think, your attitude toward life, or even your life itself? If so, how?** It has been gratifying to me, as a new small-town resident, to discover that, even in rural, conservative Tipton, quality literature of a more radical nature is readily available in the county library. As enjoyable as this excursion to the revolutionary era of two centuries past has been, it also serves as a grim reminder that women are still not respected in the majority of the world's cultures, as evidenced by the recent U. S. Supreme Court nomination debacle. Wollstonecraft's and Shelley's battle against tyranny continues, and like these two proto-feminists, we dream of and struggle for a better future.

**Who should definitely read this book? Why?** Charlotte Gordon's unique and absorbing biography is replete with Western historical, cultural, and literary data, and also contains enough plot twists and shocking intimate revelations to please a lover of mystery or romance novels. Feminists will appreciate this long-overdue tribute to a remarkably courageous duo of groundbreaking gender-equality advocates.

**How long might it take to read this book?** *Romantic Outlaws* is a rather lengthy work, totaling 674 pages, over 100 of which contain appended notes, a biographical note, Percy Bysshe Shelley's letters, the selected bibliography, image credits, and the index. Being retired and with an abundance of leisure time, I was able to finish the book in about ten days; readers with normal work schedules should allow at least two weeks (or the length of a library checkout).

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

**[Commentary on Mary Wollstonecraft's *An Historical and Moral View of the French Revolution*]:** The links that Mary saw between the domestic and public spheres, and between the government and the family, are among her most significant insights and one of the key reasons her work still resonates today. By demonstrating how the denial of the rights of women is linked to other inequities in society, Mary anticipated modern theorists who argue that feminism has never been simply about "women's rights," but is about the societal injustice caused by patriarchy in all its forms. To these writers, modern feminism extends far beyond issues of sexuality, gender, and reproduction to include discussion of class, race, disability, and human rights... Mary did not analyze Robespierre and the Terror directly, but she lamented the fact that the Revolution had fallen off course. Instead of representing a step forward for human society, the guillotine was a cautionary example of what happened when folly and greed ruled the day. Reason and good judgement were the necessary components of progress, she argued. When leaders were motivated by the lust for power, death would triumph, not liberty.

**[Commentary on Mary Shelley's *Frankenstein*]:** Unfortunately, there are still those who claim that *Frankenstein* was essentially Percy Shelley's creation, despite all the evidence to the contrary. Great male authors have rarely faced such attacks, even though other works of literature, such as *The Waste Land* and *The Great Gatsby*, were edited far more extensively than *Frankenstein*. There is particular irony to these accusations since Shelley's emendations did not always improve Mary's story. In fact, sometimes his suggestions made passages wordier and more difficult to understand. Moreover, both Mary and Shelley prized their ability to collaborate. At any rate, for Mary, there was no reason to steal from Shelley's trove of ideas when she had so many of her own. The creature's suffering was meant to reflect her own situation, not Shelley's. Unmarried mothers and illegitimate children were hated by society, just like

Frankenstein's creature [This is a reference to the fact that both Marys had each produced one child out of wedlock prior to their marriages.]

**Additional Remarks:** As we continue to celebrate the bicentennial of the publication of *Frankenstein* - and bless *Romantic Outlaws* for finally putting to rest the controversy of the classic novel's authorship (despite a certain Mensan's efforts to demote Mary Shelley from her husband's literary colleague and collaborator to chief groupie and secretary to her male "superiors" - pure sexist drive!) - let's add two "hail Marys" to honor a distinguished pair of progressive female authors: two true angels from the realms of social justice. *Gloria in excelsis!*

## More Books On The Runway

Alison Brown

**Title:** *White Fragility: Why it's so Hard for White People to Talk about Racism*

**Author:** Robin Diangelo

**Year:** 2018 by Beacon Press

**Book description:** An expansion of previous articles on the topic of white people's inability to deal with the continued existence of (their) racism in our society, the author points out all the benefits that accrue to the white person who is socialized in the system and the automatic solidarity white people have for each other which sustains their status in that system. Chapter after chapter seem to show that the situation is hopeless, but in the final couple of chapters some difficult, but valuable ideas are shared to move towards a more egalitarian society.

**Has this book changed the way you think? your attitude towards life? even your life itself? If so, how?**

I am also one of those who thinks she is not racist, but, of course, with my cultural history, I unavoidably am. My father's example is not enough to save me from the cozy cultural trap our society has set for me and all well-meaning white people.

**Who should definitely read this book? Why?** Every white person, even the ones who think they have avoided the brainwashing of a white supremacy culture. Because "Racism hurts (even kills) people of color 24-7. Interrupting it is more important than my feelings, ego, or self-image." p.143 Considering the current racial make-up of American Mensa Ltd., it should be read by every member.

**How long might it take to read the book?** Two days.

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

\*All of us are socialized into the system of racism \* Nothing exempts me from the forces of racism \*Bias is implicit and unconscious, I don't expect to be aware of mine without a lot of ongoing effort \* The antidote to guilt is action. pp.142-143

**Additional remarks:** People of color may also read this book, but they are not the intended audience, because they are already well aware of all the tactics fragile white people employ to maintain the *status quo*.

## Central Indiana Mensa ExCom 9/18/18

The regular monthly meeting of the Central Indiana Mensa ExCom was held at Midwest Internet on Tuesday, September 18, 2018.

LocSec Jan Pfeil Doyle called the meeting to order at 6:56 pm. Members present were Jon Applegate, Jan Pfeil Doyle, Ann Hake, Diane O'Brien, Kurt Williams, Bob Zdanky, and Karen Zwick.

Absent: Ethan Blocher-Smith, Karen Wilczewski.

Guests: Teresa Gregory, Pat Milligan, Petra Ritchie.

The committee reviewed the minutes of the August 2018 ExCom meeting.

Karen Zwick moved that the minutes be accepted. Jon Applegate seconded the motion, and the motion was carried.

The committee reviewed the Treasurer's reports, both from June-July 2018 and from August 2018. The Treasurer responded to the questions from the August meeting regarding the June-July report and additional questions regarding the August report. Kurt Williams moved that the reports be accepted as corrected. Jon Applegate seconded the motion, and the motion was carried. It was also recommended that the checking account, which currently is tracked as 5 separate funds for the purposes of bookkeeping, be condensed into 3 funds: General (Regular), Scholarship, and RG/OG. The Youth Membership and Youth Activity Fund will be rolled into the General fund and will no longer have separate accounting. Kurt Williams moved that this change be made. Ann Hake seconded the motion, and the motion was carried.

A membership report was compiled by Jan Pfeil Doyle based upon the information available as of 8/31/2018 from American Mensa: 500 members, 2 new, 2 rejoins, 2 moveins, and 6 prospects.

### Old Business

- 2019 Regional Gathering (RG): Will take place January 25-27, 2019. Planning continues; the contract is in progress with the Clarion Airport. We will have a similar type of weekend schedule; Teresa and Jan are exploring different options for meals. It was also discussed whether we should continue to offer free Mensa testing for non-members who pay to attend the full RG; Ann Hake moved that we continue to do so. Kurt Williams seconded the motion, and the motion was carried.
- 2019 Outdoor Gathering (OG): Will take place May 17-19, 2019 at Versailles State Park in Versailles, IN. Planning is in progress.
- 2018 CIM Election: The biennial CIM election took place on September 14, 2018. After a very thorough accounting of the ballots by the Election Committee (Marcele Everest, chair; Alison Brown; and Leo Doyle), the 7 individuals for the next ExCom term (commencing October 1, 2018) were announced: Teresa Gregory, Jan Pfeil Doyle, Ann Hake, Pat Milligan, Karen Wilczewski, Kurt Williams, and Bob Zdanky. As per our Bylaws, Teresa Gregory will assume the office of LocSec; the other offices will be assigned at the October ExCom meeting (October 16, 2018).
- MIND editor: A couple of people have expressed interest in taking over; efforts are being made to accomplish the transition as quickly as possible.

## New Business

- A tour of Crown Hill Cemetery is planned for Saturday, September 22. The price per person is \$5 (\$4 for seniors) and the minimum payment to Crown Hill is \$50 for the tour. Ann Hake moved that CIM subsidize any cost difference if there are not enough participants to add up to \$50. Jon Applegate seconded the motion, and the motion was carried.
- October is Testing Month for Mensa. CIM has 2 tests scheduled: October 7 at 1:00 in Carmel, and October 20 at noon on the south side.

There being no other business, Karen Zwick made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Diane O'Brien seconded the motion. The motion was carried, and the meeting was adjourned at 7:46 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Ann Hake, Secretary

## Treasurer's Report

*Karen Zwick, Treasurer*

### Balance Sheet (as of 10/15/2018)

Bank Accounts	09/17/2018	10/15/2018
Checking – Regular	\$6,760.02	\$6,537.14
Checking – Scholarship	0.00	35.00
Checking – RG/OG Fund	9,056.63	9,056.63
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$15,816.65</b>	<b>\$15,628.77</b>

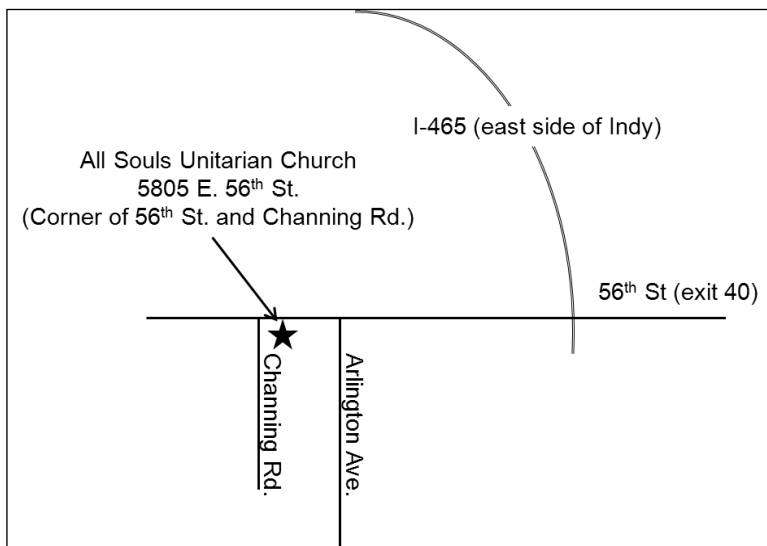
### Profit & Loss Statement (9/18/2018 – 10/15/2018)

Income		
	401.1 – Monthly Gathering Inc.	0.00
	402 – National Mensa	473.65
	403 – Donation (for AG expenses)	30.00
	<b>Total Income</b>	<b>503.65</b>
Expense		
	501.1– MG Hospitality	77.49
	505 – Food for ExCom/MINDBending (multiple months)	234.04
	505.2 – MIND Postage	300.00
	510.1 – New Member Dinners	80.00
	<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$691.53</b>

## **Mensa Monthly Gathering 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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