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## Three Wise Men...sans

Left to right: David Culp, Larry Marcus, and Alison Brown enjoy the festivities at the annual Holiday Party

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# Loosing My MIND

Vonda Heverly, Editor

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



This newsletter finds me amid preparations for my holidays. As usual, I still have so much to do. There never seems to be enough time for all the activities I want to participate in. I now have three handmade gifts to complete (there was just one), and we haven't yet made it to the Festival of Trees at the Indiana Historical Society. And then there are those New Year's resolutions...

I did carve out time in a very busy day to attend the Mensa Holiday Party on December 14<sup>th</sup>, and I was glad I did! I'm slowly associating faces with names. The food and drinks were great, and the Gimme Grabby Gift Exchange was enjoyed by all. I actually went home with the much-coveted robot (see him on page 9). He was full of tasty goodies.

There are many upcoming events to chase away those winter blues. Read about two regional gatherings in this issue, as well as our usual eating opportunities. Later in the year (but being planned now) is a trip to the opera in Ohio. If you'd rather connect electronically, learn about the Isolated M SIG and subscribe to its free newsletter.

If you do participate in an event, I'd love to include a write-up about it in the MIND. Snap a picture to include as well.

So, resolutions, anyone? I am a notorious maker and breaker of them and know no shame there.

Cheers!



## Old Dog/New Tricks

*Teresa Gregory, LocSec*

Happy New Year! This is one of my favorite times of the year. Time to reflect on the past year, time for a clean slate and a fresh start.



This year had many special moments. I spent my January birthday visiting my son, Jack, and his partner in Los Angeles. Then in April, they were in Indy. She is in a band that played a gig at the Vogue Theater. She had never been to Indy before. Jack had not been home in three years, so he got to see his sister and her family in person. (They Skype regularly.)

Then, of course, in July, we had the Annual Gathering here in Indy. That was an amazing two-year experience for Jan Pfeil Doyle and me. There are so many memories from that event, some blurred, but some crystal clear. One of my fondest memories was having my daughter come as my guest. She is Mensa qualified but her life is too busy to add one more thing. It was fun sharing something she has heard me talk about for 14 years. We are true crime junkies, and she was star-struck when she got to hear forensic pathologist Dr. Werner Spitz speak. She said she would like to get a picture of him and I told her to just go up and talk to him. She ended up discussing a case with him and he demonstrated how the killer did it based on his findings. She was ready to pull out her old test scores from school and join Mensa on the spot.



In August, after many years of suffering intermittent Carpal Tunnel Syndrome, it hit me overnight. By September I could not even hold a pen to write my name. I had surgery on both hands (not at the same time), and I am still recovering so I ended the year on the upswing.

### **Quick housekeeping notes:**

**RG** - January 25-27. See info in MIND or go to [IndyMensa.org](http://IndyMensa.org).

**OG** - May 17-19 at Versailles State Park. Watch MIND and [IndyMensa.org](http://IndyMensa.org) for more info after the first of the year.

**Testing** is on sale in January for \$33.99. See the calendar for more info.

**AG in Phoenix** - the first price increase is January 4, so get registered.

New Year's Resolutions? Mine is to postpone any until 2020 when I have more time...



**Central Indiana Mensa Presents**  
**A Regional Gathering**  
**W.T.F.**  
**(Winter Time Fun)**  
**January 25 – 27, 2019**



**Bring a Buddy!**

**Free Mensa Test for non-members included with a full weekend registration.**

**What to Pay (All Meals Included)**

**Adults:**

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\$90 at the door

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All Day

\$40 Saturday Only

After 5

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**Or mail a completed form and your check to the Registrar.**

For updates and form, check [www.indymensa.org](http://www.indymensa.org) or  
<https://www.facebook.com/events/204760930471048/>

*Please note: we have a 100% refund policy –  
no worries if your plans or the weather change.*

## Join Me at the Ohio Light Opera

Alison Brown, [SIGHT@indymensa.org](mailto:SIGHT@indymensa.org)

For a decade now, I have been traveling to Wooster, Ohio in July to escape into the fantasy world of classical operettas and musicals. 2019 will be no exception. The OLO stages rare works and all-time favorites with excellent singers, great stage sets and costumes, not to mention a fine sense of humor. <https://ohiolightopera.org/>

Included in my annual trip to Wooster is also a lunch with Mensans of the ECOM group. As an active member of various community theater groups, CIM member Margy Fletcher usually takes part in the adventure. This season I am interested in *Girl Crazy* (Gershwin), *Into the Woods* (Sondheim), *Music in the Air* (Kern), *The Devil's Rider* (Kalman) and *Perchance to Dream* (Novello). The company was founded to perform Gilbert and Sullivan, but I think I will skip *The Pirates of Penzance* as well as *South Pacific* (Rogers and Hammerstein). July 25-28, 2019 or July 24-27 are good dates for me, but July 30 to Aug. 3 could also work (I prefer to be at Ham'n Eggs on Aug. 3rd). Ticket prices run from \$45 to \$55 depending on the kind of show and the number of tickets ordered.

We could car pool, or anyone who is interested in a theater trip could come and go on their own schedule. Booking a hotel room or a charming bed & breakfast well in advance is advisable. To get the best seats in the house together, I need to know **by January 1, 2019** if I should buy non-refundable tickets to shows for anyone else from CIM during the weeks I mentioned. If you are interested in this musical theater adventure, **contact me before New Year's** to discuss details.

## 2019 Book Group Reading List

Rich Gibson

Here is the list of books to read for the CIM Book Group. It meets on Sunday afternoons once a month. Check the calendar for exact dates. Call or email Rich Gibson if you have any question or for directions. *[Ed: Note changes to some dates and order of books from last month.]*

January 27:	<i>Hidden Life of Trees</i> by Hans Wohlleben
February 17:	<i>The Year of Lear</i> by James Shapiro
March 17:	<i>I Was Told to Come Alone</i> by Souad Mekhennet
April 21:	<i>Why Zebras Don't Get Ulcers</i> by Robert Sapolsky





## Mensa Christmas Party

*Mark and Vicki Adang, photos Vonda Heverly*

Happy Merry Mensa Holidays!!!

On Friday, December 14th, 42 of Indiana's best and brightest met at All Souls' Unitarian Church to bring the cheer. There was great food, wonderful conversation, and both good spirit and good spirits shared. Dinner was pot roast and turkey (thanks, ladies) and a wide variety of side dishes supplied by the attendees.



*Jan Pfeil Doyle, Marcele Everest, and Teresa Gregory get the kitchen ready*

Alan Schmidt was Santa's chief elf, handing out Christmas hats and conducting the gift exchange. The Gimme-Grabby gift exchange was a big hit! The gifts were cleverly wrapped and festive.



*Alan Schmidt, Official Elf*



Three gifts in particular were hotly sought after: a robot-shaped package, a gift that looked like an angel, and a plain U.S. Priority Mail box. Each of those presents were “stolen” at least 15 times over the course of the gift exchange. After the dust (snow?) settled, and those who participated had a gift, everyone opened their presents. The packages were bursting with chocolates and crafts, books and blankets, drinks and drones, and so much more!



Wishing you a happy and healthy 2019!



*Pat Milligan and Bob Zdanky greet attendees*

To see more photos of the Holiday Party, visit our Facebook page, Central Indiana Mensa Members.



## Isolated M SIG

*Bryan Lundgren, Coordinator Isolated M SIG*

I'm not the least bit isolated, but as of July 2018 I became the Coordinator of the Isolated M Special Interest Group (SIG). It is 800 members strong and spans 44 years of publishing a travel and humor newsletter. My elevator pitch is: "We join to feel connected, not isolated. Go on the web to **isolatedm.com**, click on the JOIN US button and receive a free monthly newsletter. See for yourself."

I arrived as Coordinator by writing jokes. Some resume, eh? My creative outlet was story jokes called Feghoots, published in the *Isolated M* newsletter. Now I've added an editorial that (hopefully) entertains and builds the SIG team. Fun and friendship are placed ahead of boring organizational stuff, but that needs doing, too. A dedicated team we call Crew, does a great job with the website, member list, money, and 16 pages of content each month.

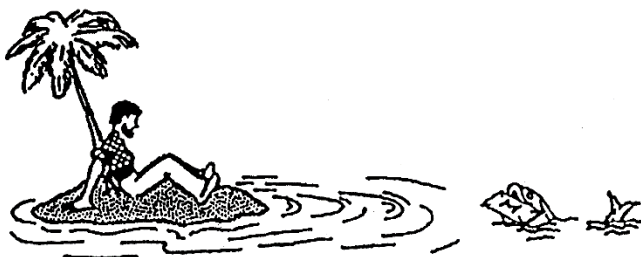
I promised to do three things:

1. Maintain a strong *Isolated M* newsletter team that publishes quality content.
2. Be welcoming. Encourage members. Thank contributors. Spread joy.
3. Enable positive and satisfying member experiences.

A new *welcome to the SIG* email under-promises in the hopes that the SIG newsletter will over-deliver, "We offer an escapist publication that seeks nothing more than to spread good will and encourage multinational friendship spiced with laughter."

A common element of Mensa is engaging members in social and mental activity. One way is to try lots of SIGs but beware of the Walking Dead SIGs -- alive in name only. Isolated M may be a one trick pony but is very much alive as a simple newsletter. We engage volunteers, writers, and readers to bring a little bit of email-joy each month.

Check out [isolatedm.com](http://isolatedm.com) and click the JOIN US button. Thanks.



# January 2019 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.**

1/11 Games Night! Grab your gaming family and friends, bring your favorite games, and meet us for a night of fun.

**STEM Time with George Dunn** following the speaker.

**January – Sense of Smell**

**Mensans Dining Out** - 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday, 6-9 p.m., 1/20 Arni’s, 4705 East 96<sup>th</sup> St, Indpls. For more information, contact Bob Zdanky at 317-219-3773.

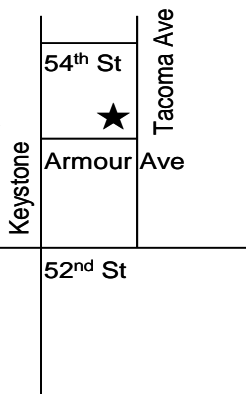
**Book Group** – 2 p.m., Sunday, 1/27.(Note Date Change) Come prepared to discuss *The Hidden Life of Trees* by Hans Wohlleben [*The Hidden Life of Trees* was reviewed by Margy Lancet Fletcher in the November 2017 edition of *MIND*.]The group will meet at Rich and Jackie Gibson’s house on the NE side 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*.

1/15, 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 December *MIND*benders and Midwest Internet for hosting the event.

# January 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
		1	2 Lunch Bunch
6	7	8	9
13	14	15 <i>MIND</i> Bending/ ExCom; Paducah Area Group Meeting	16 Lunch Bunch
20 Mensans Dining Out	21	22	23
27 WTF(Winter Time Fun); Book Group	28	29	30

Thursday	Friday	Saturday
3	4	5 Ham 'n' Eggs
10	11 Monthly Gathering	12
17	18	19
24	25 WTF (Winter Time Fun)	26 WTF (Winter Time Fun); Mensa Test
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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.

## January 2019 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)

**Mensa Admissions Test** – Saturday, 1/26 - registration 9:30a.m. Testing begins at 10:00a.m. Testing will be conducted at the Waterfront Hotel and Conference Center, 2930 Waterfront Pkwy, W Dr, Indianapolis, IN 46214 Contact Teresa Gregory, [ag18tg@yahoo.com](mailto:ag18tg@yahoo.com) for information and to reserve a spot.

**Additional Information: January Special:** The ~~\$60~~ \$39.99 (33% off) 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/](http://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/](http://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.

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 2018. Join us at our "usual place," The Waterfront Hotel. (2930 Waterfront Parkway West Drive, Indianapolis 46214) Hotel rooms are \$79 and FREE PARKING.

See page 6 for registration information.

## **Jon's Journal – News for Region 4**

### **RGs, Board Decisions**

*Jon Gruebele, RVC4*

Happy New Year to all!

Many years ago, I made a New Year's resolution to not make any more New Year's resolutions. That one has been a whole lot easier to keep than all the ones that went before. Before you join me in making a similar resolution, I'd like to suggest one last good one: sign up for one of the region's upcoming Regional Gatherings! Chicago has A Gathering of Gamers (AGOG) and Central Indiana has W.T.F (Winter Time Fun), both January 25-27. Minnesota's RG is February 22-24 and St. Louis is holding theirs April 5-7. We'd love to see you there!



On December 1<sup>st</sup>, the American Mensa Board of Directors (AMC) held one of our periodic meetings. Rather than travel to the meeting, we elected to save money and conduct it via web conference. While we've done teleconferences before, those have been for special meetings called for urgent topics and were therefore relatively short. This time it was one of our regularly scheduled meetings. Despite the lack of personal interaction available at an in-person meeting, the longer web conference worked reasonably well. I would expect us to try this again.

In this meeting, a motion was passed to clarify who may be excluded from various Mensa events. We have always held that when a social event is held in someone's home, the host may include or exclude anyone they want. Various Local Groups have had different policies about social events held in public places such as a restaurant. This motion clarified that here too a host may include or exclude anyone they see fit. Balanced against this, regardless of where it is held, no member may be excluded from an "official", board approved event such as a business meeting or election, unless they have been formally sanctioned.

There were also two motions passed regarding Annual Gatherings. One dealt with the need for "White Hat" volunteers to be mobile enough to quickly reach incidents and have smart phone technology so they can efficiently share information. Another motion clarified the AG responsibilities assigned to the National Office and volunteers.

Finally, I'd like to thank everyone who volunteered to help Mensa over the last year. Some volunteers spend countless hours as Local Group leaders or organizing a Regional Gathering. Others edit the newsletter, manage the website, proctor admission tests, or doing any of the many other jobs that need doing. Even if it was just working an hour in hospitality, it's all important. Mensa couldn't function without you. I really appreciate your help!

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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>.



## **A Gathering of Gamers, January 25 – 27, 2019**

Join us for 48 hours of gaming fun! A Gathering Of Gamers (AGOG) starts at 3:00 p.m. Friday January 25 and ends at 3:00 p.m. on Sunday January 27. It will be at the Westin Chicago North Shore in Wheeling, IL. This is the same hotel as for 'WeeM. The room rate is a spectacular \$89, available through January 4<sup>th</sup>. We promise the potential for a relaxing weekend of games and hospitality. With tons of Chicago Area Mensa's games and plenty of tables, you can have a great time with well over a hundred friendly, albeit competitive, players. We'll have all your favorite board and card games, including Euro/German games as well as party games and classics, or bring your own to share with friends. We'll also have an optional team trivia challenge in conjunction with our usual Monthly Gathering.

Food and non-alcoholic beverages are provided throughout the weekend. Online and paper registrations are just \$60 through January 15<sup>th</sup>. After that, it's \$70 cash or check at the door, so now's the time to act. Simply visit <http://chicago.us.mensa.org/agog/> for hotel and registration details. We look forward to seeing you there!



## New Members

Kenneth Adlum	Paducah	KY	MoveIn
Zachary Holden	Terre Haute	IN	MoveIn
Anastasia Kaup	Indianapolis	IN	MoveIn
Logan Ray	Bloomington	IN	MoveIn
Corey Ridsen	Westfield	IN	MoveIn
Joshua Shanas	Indianapolis	IN	MoveIn
Jason Stieber	Indianapolis	IN	MoveIn



## Petra's Funny Page

*Petra Ritchie*

In a Restaurant window:

"Don't stand there and be hungry; come on in and get fed up."

In the front yard of a Funeral Home:

"Drive carefully. We'll wait."

At a Propane Filling Station:

"Thank heaven for little grills."

In a Chicago Radiator Shop:

"Best place in town to take a leak."

Sign on the back of another Septic Tank Truck:

"Caution - This truck is full of political promises."



# Books On The Runway

Margy Lancet Fletcher

**Author:** Reihan Salam

**Title:** *Melting Pot or Civil War? A Son of Immigrants Makes the Case Against Open Borders*

**Publisher:** Sentinel/Penguin Random House LLC

**Year:** 2018



**Book Description:** The United States of America has a long tradition of welcoming foreign citizens escaping poverty and oppression, as embodied in the torch wielded invitingly by the Statue of Liberty and the Emma Lazarus poem inscribed in its base: “...Give me your tired, your poor...” The sad irony is that currently, the notion of unlimited immigration is one of the main issues dividing the country into two factions, represented by the Dreamers (favoring decriminalization of all “illegals”) and the Angel Moms (demanding that we end immigration permanently to keep lawful citizens safe). The challenge presented in *Melting Pot or Civil War?* is this: Can we resolve our immigrant crisis through a workable compromise between these two disparate viewpoints? Author Reihan Salam, a National Review Institute policy fellow and a second-generation immigrant, responds with an emphatic YES. But first, he says, we must define our cultural ideal: the melting pot, which is a hybridization of a variety of ethnicities into a new, unified society of shared ideals and beliefs. And we must acknowledge that unrestricted immigration, particularly of low-skill workers, is preventing this goal from being realized, as well as increasing the incidence of race-related street violence. He proceeds to explain why the education level, economic status, and job skills of each immigrant matter to future generations of natives and immigrants, and why offshoring of jobs and automation should be embraced rather than feared. Finally, he recommends rational solutions guaranteed to lessen domestic and international violence - both worldwide (e.g., charter cities, foreign retirement havens for Americans, and virtual employment) and nationwide (e.g., final amnesty for long term aliens followed by strict enforcement, a skills-based “point system” for potential immigration, and a universal child benefit).

**Has this book changed the way you think, your attitude toward life, or even your life itself? If so, how?** In my opinion, *Melting Pot or Civil War?* is a refreshing change from the highly politicized rhetoric that has saturated the media since the 2016 election. Rather than resorting to the typical Liberal versus Conservative name-calling and finger-pointing, Salam cross-pollinates the most productive aspects of both platforms into a lucid, thoughtful proposal for an effective conclusion (or, at the very least, an alleviation) of America’s destructive tribal wars.

**Who should definitely read this book? Why?** This is a must-read for every American citizen of voting age. Readers may object to some of his opinions (I found his lighthearted dismissal of the worldwide population crisis less than palatable); nevertheless, his ideas are certainly worth exploring.

**How long might it take to read this book?** This modest-sized volume (184 pages without the appended acknowledgments, notes, and index) can be (pardon the obvious reference) assimilated in one day or less.

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

One of the underappreciated truths about assimilation is that it is a two-way street. Over time, newcomers adopt many of the cultural practices of the established population, a process that is very familiar. Yet the lives of established Americans are also shaped by the presence of new arrivals in their neighborhoods and schools. This process of adjustment usually happens without fanfare, and it is usually led by children. Young people might find themselves steeped in one set of ideas and traditions at home, but as they make their way in the world, they can build their own little hybrid cultures, rooted in clusters of friends from different backgrounds. Distinctions that were once sharp start to soften, and people who once seemed foreign to us become less so.

If we are going to avoid turning America itself into a tinderbox, we will need a critical mass of people, young and old, who are willing to meet others halfway, even if that means risking embarrassment or alienating some of the members of your own cultural tribe. It is these boundary-crossers who have long greased the wheels of cultural fusion and change and who have always played a vital role in American life.

When I look to American politics, though, I am struck by the utter absence of boundary-crossers of this sort: people who have a foot in more than one camp, and who make an effort to ensure that channels of communication remain open and that compromises can still be reached. These voices are especially lacking when it comes to immigration, where I would argue we need them most. Favoring a more selective, skill-based immigration system does not make you a sinister xenophobe, and not every proponent of a large-scale amnesty is an open borders zealot. There are deals to be struck, provided we are willing to give one another an inch.

**Additional Remarks:** The New Year of 2019 is a time of optimism for our democracy: the results of our midterm election renew hope that our Constitutional checks and balances are working, after all. In turn, *Melting Pot or Civil War?* celebrates the possibility of peaceful solutions to internal conflicts through accommodation rather than confrontation. Yes, we can make peace on earth happen by practicing good will toward everyone. Here's to our best and brightest problem solvers - clink!



## **Central Indiana Mensa ExCom 10/16/18**

The regular monthly meeting of the Central Indiana Mensa ExCom was held at Midwest Internet on Tuesday, October 16, 2018.

LocSec Teresa Gregory called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm. Members present were Jan Pfeil Doyle, Teresa Gregory, Ann Hake, Pat Milligan, Karen Wilczewski, Kurt Williams, and Bob Zdanky.

Absent: none.

Guests: Loretta Levene, Petra Ritchie.

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

Kurt Williams moved that the minutes be accepted as amended. Karen Wilczewski seconded the motion, and the motion was carried.

The committee reviewed the Treasurer's report. Kurt Williams moved that the Treasurer's report be accepted. Karen Wilczewski seconded the motion, and the motion was carried.

A membership report was compiled by Jan Pfeil Doyle based upon the information available as of 9/30/2018 from American Mensa: 503 members, 2 new, 2 rejoins, 1 movein, and 8 prospects.

### **Old Business**

2019 Regional Gathering (RG): Will take place January 25-27, 2019. Planning continues; Teresa and Jan were notified that the Clarion Airport will not be available, as the property is being sold. The Clarion personnel with whom Teresa and Jan have been working are going back to the Clarion Waterfront, and they are able to offer our group a deal that is similar to what we had previously. A vote was taken amongst the ExCom members to approve the change back to the Clarion Waterfront, and this was approved. The contract is in progress, and volunteers are being lined up for various tasks.

2019 Outdoor Gathering (OG): Will take place May 17-19, 2019 at Versailles State Park in Versailles, IN. Planning is in progress.

MIND editor: CIM member Vonda Heverly has expressed an interest in assuming this position. She met with Teresa Gregory and found that she was able to navigate the newsletter without difficulty. Ann Hake moved that she be appointed MIND editor. Kurt Williams seconded the motion, and the motion was carried.

### **New Business**

The new Executive Committee (ExCom) officers (Teresa Gregory, Jan Pfeil Doyle, Ann Hake, Pat Milligan, Karen Wilczewski, Kurt Williams, and Bob Zdanky) who were elected at the September 14 biennial election were all present for their first official meeting. As per the Bylaws, the following officers were elected by the ExCom:

Vice Local Secretary (LocSec) – Kurt Williams (moved – Hake; seconded – Pfeil Doyle; motion carried)

Treasurer – Pat Milligan (moved – Hake; seconded – Pfeil Doyle; motion carried)

Recording Secretary – Ann Hake (moved – Pfeil Doyle; seconded – Milligan; motion carried)

MIND Editor – Vonda Heverly (moved – Hake; seconded – Williams; motion carried)

Ombudsman – Alan Schmidt (moved – Zdanky; seconded – Hake; motion carried)

As per the Bylaws, the following officers were appointed by the ExCom:

Program Coordinator – Ann Hake

Membership Coordinator – Bob Zdanky

Testing Coordinator – Karen Wilczewski

Volunteer Coordinator – Bob Zdanky

RG Chair – Teresa Gregory

OG Chair – Teresa Gregory

Gifted Youth Coordinator – David Bonner

SIGHT Coordinator – Alison Brown

Communications Coordinator – Jan Pfeil Doyle

Webmaster – Pat Milligan

Kurt Williams moved that the above slate of officers be appointed. Pat Milligan seconded the motion, and the motion was carried.

There being no other business, Jan Pfeil Doyle made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Pat Milligan seconded the motion. The motion was carried, and the meeting was adjourned at 8:27 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Ann Hake, Secretary

## **Treasurer's Report**

There is no approved Treasurer's Report this month.

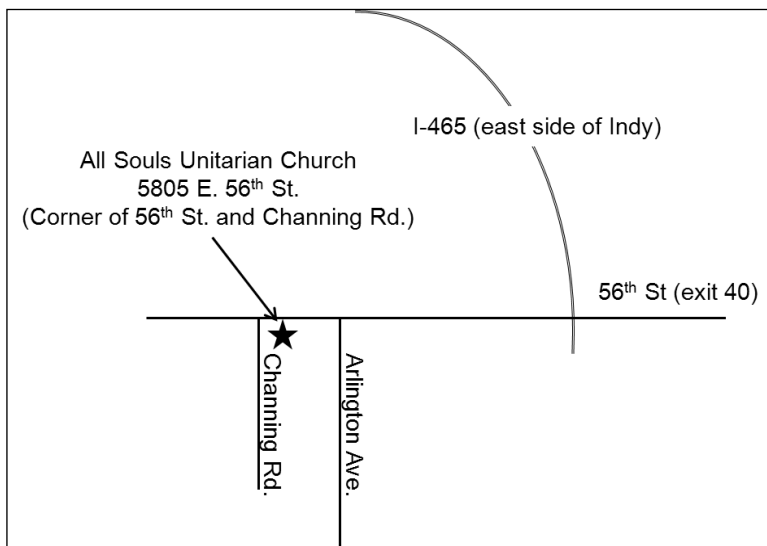


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## **Mensa Monthly Gathering Location**

### **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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