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Loosing My MIND

Vonda Heverly, Editor

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



Central Indiana was blanketed with several inches of snow this weekend. My daughter is still of an age to find this thrilling. I, typically, do not. By the time I finished shoveling our walk, she had started a snow fort. We bought a snow brick mold after the last decent snow (two years ago) but have never had the opportunity to use it. She roped me in, and I found myself enjoying the activity like a kid again. Later in the day we went sledding with friends—you know, that one hill in Indianapolis? It was packed with people, of course. Astoundingly, everybody played nice and I didn't see anyone get

hurt. There were people from babies who could barely stand up to, well, middle-aged moms like me who could barely stand up!

Back to the snow fort on Sunday, we got it up to hip-high. We built a snowman to guard it. She asked me, "Why do they show in books that you roll a snowball around and it gets bigger and bigger? That never works." I decided to try myself. After a few unsuccessful attempts, the little ball began to pick up sheets of snow, leaving bare green patches behind. In no time, I had a decent snow thorax. She tried again and achieved an abdomen. We finished off by decorating him with a carrot, raisins (no coal leftover from my Christmas stocking), and a scarf.

I didn't write down any "official" resolutions this year. I always want to eat better, lose weight, and exercise. But if I could have more days like this, spending time with my daughter, having fun, trying new things, and drinking hot chocolate, that would be enough.

Cheers!



Old Dog/New Tricks

Teresa Gregory, LocSec

Here in Indianapolis, we had our first big snow of the season. (I'm writing this January 14.) I know a lot of people are hoping that was our *last* big snow of the season. I measured 7 inches in my front yard.

I have never understood why it's so still when it snows. The usual ambient sounds seem to be replaced by a peaceful quiet. Everything slows down. I sat on my front porch and watched it for quite a while, just enjoying the changing landscape. This picture was taken in front of my house.



As I write this, we are still over a week away from the CIM Regional Gathering, W.T.F. (Winter Time Fun). Hopefully, there will be NO snow for it. If you see this in time, you can still register or just walk in. See www.indymensa.org for more info on that.

Our calendar is a little sparse again this month. I'd like to see that change. If anyone would like to schedule an event,

get the information to me by the weekend of the Monthly Gathering. and we can get it on the calendar. If you have a suggestion of a type of activity (going to a play, ice skating, museum visit), please send it to me and I'll see what we can find. You might recommend something that I've not heard of, but I'd like to go. I also would like to remind everyone that CIM is on Meet Up. Sometimes we have last minute events that are posted there. Please check it out. If you have an event you would like to have posted, let me know. www.meetup.com/Central-Indiana-Mensa

It's time to renew your Mensa membership. Or you can wait until the last minute, but don't wait past March 31.

If you have not registered for the Annual Gathering this summer in Phoenix, it's not too late. If you do plan to go, please don't wait until the last minute to reserve your room. We found out last year that if you wait, there are rooms available, but maybe not for every night you will be there. (Example: one of our hotels had rooms available for every night except Thursday. Those were all booked.)

I hope to have a glowing report about the RG in next month's column. If you want to know about it before then, COME!



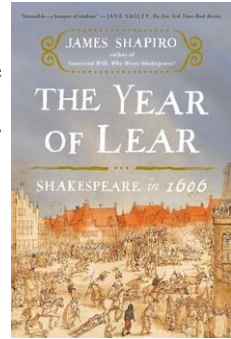
Under Discussion in February

Alison Brown

The Year of Lear: Shakespeare in 1606

Written by James Shapiro

Although the year 1606 seems far away from the modern era, the questions that were raised then are still alive in the 21st century. In the current United Kingdom, there are great tensions about the country's place in the world and its relationships to its neighbors. We see internal stresses when Scotland as a whole rejected Brexit, preferring close relationship with the continent and the British pulling it as well as Northern Ireland and Wales (both of whom also had anti-Brexit majorities) into isolation. England under the rule of the Scottish King James VI (James I of England) resisted James' energetic efforts to unite both of his kingdoms politically until his death.



The anti-Unionist sentiments revealed in this book are echoed in the discussions around Brexit – the more things change, the more they remain the same, it would seem. These tensions are incorporated into the plot of *King Lear*, in which Shakespeare explores the problems of fractured sovereignty as well as issues of madness/demonic possession – a special interest of James.

At this time Shakespeare was playwright, actor and part owner of the King's Men, the company sponsored by the monarch. Naturally, he explored the topic, using texts available at the time, all of which Shapiro has pulled into his narrative.

The Reformation stresses in the Kingdom reached new heights after the Gunpowder Plot of Catholic nobility and commoners alike (the latter most prominently represented by Guy Fawkes, whose mask is now the symbol of the Anonymous on-line movement) was revealed to have intended the destruction of the whole of the Court, the Parliament and the State Church in one great explosion and conflagration. The unraveling of the plot is a massive 17th century whodunit, and one that came quite close to the life of Shakespeare himself. In the aftermath, the term "Equivocation" came to prominence. Indeed, a treatise had been written by a Jesuit scholar explaining that half-truths and lies, in a just cause, for example, to save lives or souls, were not sinful. English loyalists considered this to undermine society, since no one could trust the words of their neighbors. As we see in our own day, abrogation of the truth and the proclamation of "alternative" facts, undermine the fabric of states, cause the disintegration of alliances, and bring not just uncertainty, but insecurity to the world around us.

The regular members of the Mensa Discussion Group will be taking up this book and we hope that this article will inspire more of you to pick up *The Year of Lear*, which also deals with the creation of *Macbeth* and *Antony and Cleopatra* and join us on February 17th.

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.

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

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

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



Letter to the Editor

I would like Karen Wilczewski to be recognized for the many years she has cooked an entrée for the Mensa Holiday Party.

In December, in spite of a very serious health issue, she made sure that the entrée was delivered to All Souls on time.

THANK YOU, KAREN.

Also, I would like to recognize those who arrived at All Souls an hour-and-a-half early in order to make Harris Hall as festive as it was for the party.

You know who you are, THANK YOU!

Petra Ritchie



New Members

Matthew Allen	Indianapolis	IN	Joined
Emily Chang	Evansville	IN	Joined
Jodi Parks	Mitchell	IN	Joined
Robert Wetter	Fishers	IN	MoveIn

From Deep in the MIND

Editor

Our resident punster Petra Ritchie is taking the month off. Sit back and enjoy something I unearthed from way, way back. --Ed.

Below are several quotes about famous people by other famous people. See if you can match each quote with the person to whom it refers.

A Willie Nelson, B Walter Cronkite, C John Barrymore, D Mike Wallace, E The Duchess of Windsor, F Liberace, G Jayne Mansfield, H Marlene Dietrich, I Ed Asner, J Steve Martin, k Princess Anne, L Jane Wyatt, M Gene Autry, N Ali McGraw, O Richard Burton, P Charlton Heston, Q Woody Allen, R Dan Rather, S Clark Gable, T Marilyn Monroe

1. "She had a very hard tushy." -- Walter Matthau
2. "He once visited a funeral parlor and evidently felt at home there; he said the make-up and wardrobe departments were just like in a studio." -- Jessica Mitford
3. "He used to claim he was very dull in bed." -- Eve Arden
4. "She has sex, but no particular gender. Her masculinity appeals to women, and her sexuality to men." -- Kenneth Tynan
5. "You can't make ____ into Rebecca of Sunnybrook Farm. The facts of life are very stubborn things." -- Cleveland Amory
6. "When you talk to him, he looks at you and grins and grins and nods and nods and appears to be the world's best listener, until you realize he is not listening at all." -- Larry King
7. "A truly terrible actress, of the nostril school." -- Pauline Kael
8. "A face that convinces you that God is a cartoonist." -- Jack Kroll
9. "How would ____ like it if he were to come on a show and we forever dredged up the fact that he used to sell cigarettes on TV? Or that he did quiz shows?" -- Tom Snyder
10. "I don't know him well. But he seems an extremely angry and short-tempered man. He is enormously sensitive to criticism." -- Charlton Heston

11. "Scumbag." -- Ed Asner

12. "Please give my regards to your wife Dale." -- Richard Nixon

13. "Copulation was, I'm sure, ____'s uncomplicated way of saying thank you..." -- Nunnally Johnson -

14. "Conspicuously unclean, and smelled highly on many occasions." -- David Niven

15. "I wish I was gay. I'd make it with ____." -- Rodney Dangerfield

16. "____ once drank a quart of brandy during his performance of *Hamlet* on Broadway. The only visible effect was that he played the last two acts as a homosexual." -- James Bacon

17. "Such an active lass. So outdoorsy. She loves nature in spite of what it did to her." -- Bette Midler

18. "One of the dumber stars." -- Graham Greene

19. "His smile after a light feature in the news looks as if he had just read a cue card saying SMILE." -- Thomas Griffith

20. "The similarities between Rona Barrett and ____ are far more interesting than the differences." -- Abbie Hoffman

Now turn to page 19 and see how you did!



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

Support Childhood Cancer Research

Alison Brown

I'm shaving my head again on March 22, 2019 at the K of C on East 71st Street in Indianapolis to raise money for childhood cancer research! This research takes place all over our country, but some of it is taking place right here in Indiana, at the IU Medical School, at the Riley and Peyton Manning Hospitals. Did you know that kids' cancers are different from adult cancers? It's true. And childhood cancer research is extremely underfunded. So, I decided again this year to do something about it by raising money for cures.

Now I need your help! Will you make a donation?

<https://www.stbaldricks.org/participants/mypage/996244/2019>

I have set a modest goal - just \$400 - if 7 friends and associates make a \$25 donation I can get there. Of course, if I get there, I will raise the goal ;-) Every dollar makes a difference for the thousands of infants, children, teens, and young adults fighting childhood cancers.



Most of all, I would like to have a local Mensa team to support me. Support either by donating, but most of all, by being there with me at the shaving event (whether you get a "close haircut" or not). If you are interested, please contact me and suggest a name for our team.

Alison Brown

SIGHT@indymensa.org

February 2019 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. **Members: \$7.00, Non-Members: \$10.00; Children 6-18: \$5.00, under 6: free.**

2/8 – Announcements at 7:45; program at 8:00. Get up and moving to help shake our holiday pounds and winter blues! Dr. Adam Fleisher will lead us in some gentle yet invigorating Tai Chi Chuan, and explain some of the history and science of this ancient art.

STEM Time with George Dunn following the speaker.

Mensans Dining Out - 3rd Sunday, 6 p.m., **2/17 Chapati, 4930 Lafayette Rd G, Indianapolis.** For more information, contact Bob Zdanky at 317-219-3773.

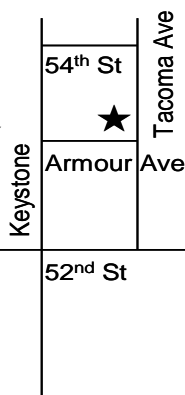
Book Group – 2 p.m., Sunday, **2/17. (Note Title Change)** Come prepared to discuss *The Year of Lear* by James Shapiro. The group will meet at Rich and Jackie Gibson's house on the NE side of Indianapolis. Please contact Rich at hoot.gibson.tds@gmail.com or 317-735-2895 for more details or to RSVP.

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

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

2/19, 5:30 p.m. Contact: Jan Pfeil Doyle, 317-431-3500. Pizza and soft drinks provided.

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



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

February 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
3	4	5	6 Indy Lunch Bunch
10 Mensa Admission Testing	11	12	13
17 Mensans Dining Out; Book Group	18	19 <i>MIND</i> bending/ ExCom; Paducah Area Group Meeting	20 Indy Lunch Bunch
24	25	26	27

Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 Ham 'n' Eggs
7	8 Monthly Gathering	9
14	15	16
21	22	23
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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.

February 2019 Events (cont.)

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

Mensa Admissions Test – Sunday 2/10, 1:00pm with registration before. Please arrive a few minutes early. Testing will be conducted on the north side of Indianapolis. Contact Teresa Gregory ag18tg@yahoo.com to reserve a spot. 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.

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



GEMUTLICHKEIT 2019

You don't have to say or spell it; just experience it! April 26-28, 2019. Lake Geneva, WI at The Ridge Resort. An RG as it should be: friends, fun, food! Theme: *Dipped in Chocolate, Wrapped in Bacon*. Register early bird at MensaofWisconsin.com or contact PastLocSec@wi.us.mensa.org.

Jon's Journal – News for Region 4

'Tis the (Renewal and Election) Season, and a word about Gifted Youth

Jon Gruebele, RVC4

You've no doubt already been reminded to renew your membership. The good news is that dues have not increased. You can even save money by purchasing a multi-year or life membership. My investments haven't always paid off, but my life membership sure has. I bought mine back when the dues were \$45. I avoided all the ensuing dues increases – and those annual renewal notices.



You'll also be getting notices about our biennial American Mensa national election. This is shaping up to be an interesting year with many qualified candidates competing for various offices. We'll have several proposed referenda, and Mensa's International Board of Directors is also holding their election. Voting begins mid-April, but you must be a member in good standing as of April 1, 2019 to participate. Memberships expire March 31st, so please renew early. You can choose whether to receive election materials on paper or electronically. Simply log on to <http://us.mensa.org> and navigate to "My Mensa" and then "My Communication Preferences". Under "Elections", select the option you want. While electronic voting is cheaper for the organization, the choice is yours.

While I won't get into the nature / nurture debate, it sure seems that Mensa parents have really smart kids – not to mention grandkids, nieces, nephews, and other relatives. Providing the activities and learning they need to flourish can be a challenge. The larger Local Groups all have Gifted Youth Coordinators. They can provide resources and access to events, along with interaction with similarly gifted peers. If you know a child who could benefit from any of this, get in touch with your Local Group's contact. If there is one, they're usually listed among the other officers and volunteers somewhere towards the end of this newsletter.

Beyond Local Group resources, the Mensa Foundation's website (<https://www.mensafoundation.org>) has a wealth of content for gifted youth. In addition to activities at the Annual Gathering, you can get access to:

- Bright, a newsletter for ages 6 – 10
- Excellence in Reading program
- Mensa for Kids website for ages 6 – 16
(<https://www.mensaforkids.org>)
- Parent and teacher resources, including lessons and activity plans

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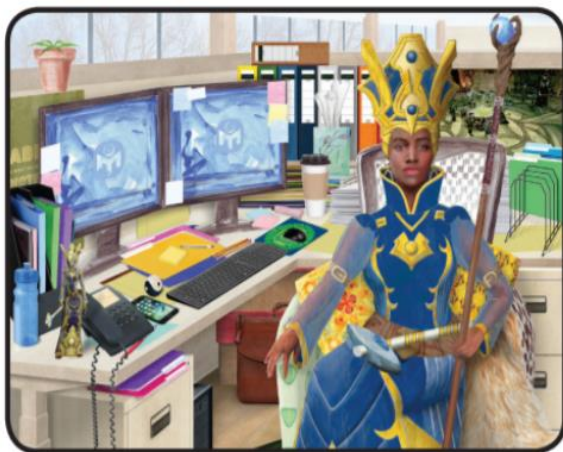
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- The Young Mensan Magazine, YM²
- Links to a variety of other organizations providing resources for gifted children

Hopefully you'll find something useful!

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>.

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Books On The Runway

Margy Lancet Fletcher

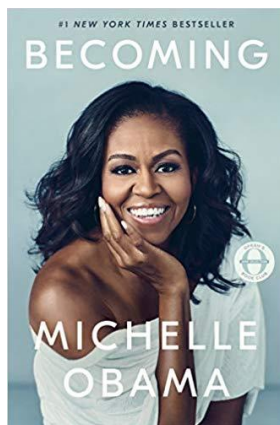
Author: Michelle Obama

Title: *Becoming*

Publisher: Crown Publishing Group

Year: 2018

Book Description: For readers who have waxed nostalgic about our previous administration, the 2018 Holiday Season commenced with the arrival in bookstores of Michelle Obama's delightful memoir, *Becoming*. This expressively candid three-part self-portrait traces Ms. Obama's rise to prominence against overwhelming odds - being a working-class black woman in a society governed by wealthy, white patriarchs - recounted without hubris or rancor.



Part One, Becoming Me, describes Michelle Robinson's childhood in Chicago's South Side, a blue-collar neighborhood, where Michelle, her brother Craig, and their parents occupied the second floor of a house owned by Robbie and Terry Shields, her great aunt and uncle. Memorable experiences during her formative years include piano lessons with Robbie at age four, summer family cruises in her father's Buick, attending Chicago's first magnet high school, completing an undergraduate curriculum at Princeton University (against the "well-meaning" advice of a career counselor), work-study employment at the Third World Center, graduation from Harvard Law School and acceptance of a position at the Chicago offices of Sidley and Austin, and - most significantly - mentoring and eventually becoming romantically involved with Harvard summer associate Barack Obama.

Becoming Us encompasses the joys and challenges of the marriage of two polar opposites: orderly, self-doubting, outgoing Michelle and chaotic, radiantly confident, solitude-loving Barack. Their young adulthood was comprised of individual and joint decisions to "swerve" from law careers to public-interest avocations, Barack's election to the Illinois state senate, their efforts to balance professional and parental responsibilities while raising their two young daughters, Barack's rise to the U.S. Senate and his commitment to a Presidential candidacy, and the long, complicated primary process that ultimately resulted in victory.

Becoming More details their eight years in the White House, with the attendant pressures of fulfilling campaign promises, Michelle's championing of humanitarian causes, and their determination to help their daughters adjust to a

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“fishbowl” existence constantly surrounded by security staff. Throughout her narrative, Michelle expresses her gratitude toward the many friends, family members, and colleagues who have helped her and Barack throughout their lives, and gently but emphatically rebukes those who continue to refuse to consider those unfortunate citizens who have been, or still are, marginalized and disadvantaged (including, sadly, the current president). Michelle Obama is a remarkable individual who has not merely lived history (sorry, Hillary), but has *made* history, and has much to teach the rest of us.

Has this book changed the way you think, your attitude toward life, or even your life itself? If so, how? As a former piano student myself, Michelle Obama’s rendition of her early introduction to music (see excerpt below) particularly resonated with me, although I dare say that I was less successful than she was at persuading my two hands to act independently. I see this episode as a metaphor for her lifelong motivation to succeed, the message being to believe in yourself, strive to overcome obstacles, and be humble enough to accept help when it is needed. Eminently inspiring, I’d say.

Who should definitely read this book? Why? *Becoming* should provide a satisfying reading experience for everyone who appreciates brilliant writing, regardless of race or gender. It should appeal especially to political history and biography enthusiasts, and additionally offers insights into the necessary components of a good marriage and/or partnership.



How long might it take to read this book? The book is a rather hefty 421 pages, but is replete with fascinating anecdotes, and thus can be completed in three days or less.

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

[Ms. Obama recalls her first piano recital in a strange venue, under the supervision of her instructor, her great-aunt Robbie Shields.]

I don’t recall who played in what order that day. I only know that when it was my turn, I got up from my seat and walked with my very best posture to the front of the room, mounting the stairs and finding my seat at one of the gleaming baby grands. The truth is I was ready. As much as I found Robbie to be snippy and inflexible, I’d also internalized her devotion to rigor. I knew my song so well I hardly had to think about it. I just had to start moving my hands.

And yet there was a problem, one I discovered in the split second it took to lift my little fingers to the keys. I was sitting at a perfect piano, it turned out, with its surfaces carefully dusted, its internal wires precisely tuned, its
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eighty-eight keys laid out in a flawless ribbon of black and white. The issue was I wasn't used to flawless. In fact, I'd never once in my life encountered it. My experience of the piano came entirely from Robbie's squat little music room with its scraggly potted plant and view of our modest backyard. The only instrument I'd ever played was her less-than-perfect upright, with its honky-tonk patchwork of yellow keys and its conveniently chipped middle C. To me, that's what a piano was - the same way my neighborhood was my neighborhood, my dad was my dad, my life was my life. It was all I knew.

Now, suddenly, I was aware of people watching me from their chairs as I stared hard at the high gloss of the piano keys, finding nothing there but sameness. I had no clue where to place my hands. With a tight throat and chugging heart, I looked out to the audience, trying not to telegraph my panic, searching for the safe harbor of my mother's face. Instead, I spotted a figure rising from the front row and slowly levitating in my direction. It was Robbie. We had brawled plenty by then, to the point where I viewed her a little bit like an enemy. But here in my moment of comeuppance, she arrived at my shoulder almost like an angel. Maybe she understood my shock. Maybe she knew that the disparities of the world had just quietly shown themselves to me for the first time. It's possible she needed simply to hurry things up. Either way, without a word, Robbie gently laid one finger on middle C so I would know where to start. Then, turning back with the smallest smile of encouragement, she left me to play my song.

Additional Remarks: With all due respect to the late Princess Diana, Ms. Obama is a worthy American contender for the title of Queen of People's Hearts - and the British Royal family, by all accounts, would concur. Long may she reign.

An added P.S. for the Obamas: Although there is obviously no future for you at the White House, at least half of America would support you should either of you decide to campaign for a House of Representatives or Senate seat - which is entirely legal and has been done (by John Quincy Adams, Andrew Johnson, and Hillary Clinton). Just saying (and wishing) ...



Answers to Quiz on pages 8-9: 1-G, 2-F, 3-S, 4-H, 5-E, 6-A, 7-N, 8-Q, 9-D, 10-I, 11-P, 12-M, 13-T, 14-C, 15-J, 16-O, 17-K, 18-L, 19-R, 20-B



Central Indiana Mensa ExCom 11/20/18

Ann Hake, CIM Secretary

The regular monthly meeting of the Central Indiana Mensa ExCom was held at Midwest Internet on Tuesday, November 20, 2018.

LocSec Teresa Gregory called the meeting to order at 7:24 pm. Members present were Jan Pfeil Doyle, Teresa Gregory, Ann Hake, Pat Milligan, Karen Wilczewski, and Kurt Williams.

Absent: Bob Zdanky.

Guests: Petra Ritchie.

The committee reviewed the minutes of the October 2018 ExCom meeting. Jan Pfeil Doyle moved that the minutes be accepted. Karen Wilczewski seconded the motion, and the motion was carried.

The Treasurer reported that the CIM financial books are still in transition from one accounting program to another; therefore, a monthly report could not be generated for this month. Monthly reports are expected to resume next month.

A membership report was compiled by Teresa Gregory based upon the information available as of 10/31/2018 from American Mensa: 508 members, 4 new, 1 movein, and 9 prospects.

Old Business

2019 Regional Gathering (RG): Will take place January 25-27, 2019. Planning continues; the contract has been signed with the Waterfront Hotel and Conference Center (our “old” location, previously known as the Clarion Waterfront) and the Eventbrite registration page is available online. Links to the Eventbrite page can be reached either through our IndyMensa.org website, or through the National Mensa website. As in previous years, the Mensa Admission test will be offered on Saturday morning of RG; non-members who attend RG may take the test for free.

2019 Outdoor Gathering (OG): Will take place May 17-19, 2019 at Versailles State Park in Versailles, IN. Planning is in progress. The Eventbrite page for registration is being set up so that it will be available for people to register for OG at RG.

New Business

The ExCom would like to express their appreciation to the Old National Bank branches in Carmel and on the Southside for allowing us to use their community rooms for Mensa Admission testing.

The ExCom would also like to express their appreciation to Midwest Internet for allowing us the use of their facilities for many years for ExCom and other meetings.

There being no other business, Karen Wilczewski made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Kurt Williams seconded the motion. The motion was carried and the meeting was adjourned at 8:36 pm.

Treasurer's Report

Pat Milligan, CIM Treasurer

The accounting periods for these statements now follow monthly boundaries instead of the ExCom meeting dates. There is a small overlap between this and the previous report. Without the RG raffle to fund the Scholarship account, it was down to zero. A petty cash fund was started to track the money used to make change for events.

Assets

	09/30/2018	11/30/2018
Regular Checking	6,612.14	6,454.31
Scholarship Checking	0.00	35.00
Events Checking	9,016.63	9,016.63
MG Cash		20.00
Total Assets	15,628.77	15,525.94

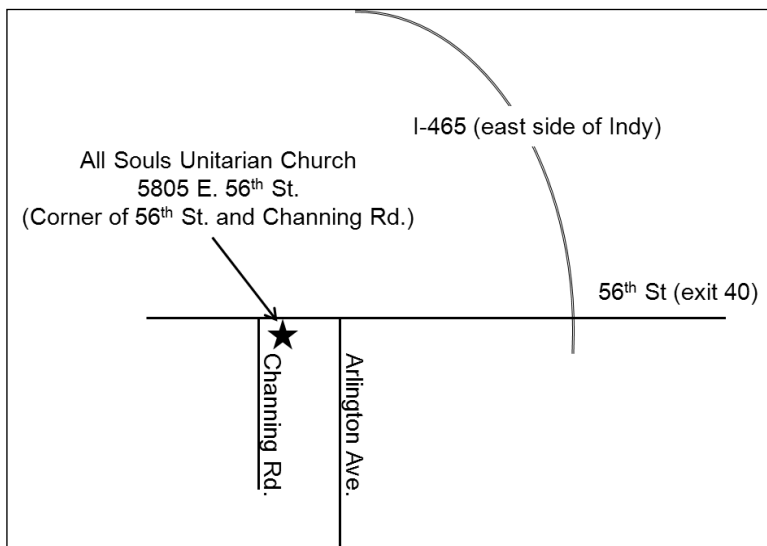
Income Statement for Period Covering 10/01/2018 to 11/30/2018

Income		
MG Income	233.00	
National Support	880.15	
Testing Support	205.00	
Total Income		1,318.15
Expenses		
MIND Hospitality	161.48	
MIND Printing	950.55	
MIND Postage	300.00	
Other Expenses	14.95	
Total Expenses		1,426.98
Net profit or loss for Period		(108.83)

Mensa Monthly Gathering Location

All Souls Unitarian Church, The Beattie Room, 5805 E. 56th St., Indianapolis

- From I-465 on the east side of Indianapolis, take the 56th St exit west (exit 40).
- Turn left on Channing Rd (1.2 miles from the I-465 exit).
- The church parking lot is on your left.
- Go to the Beattie Room.



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