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**OMG! 2016** 

Mensans returning from another successful fossil hike at Versailles State Park. Join us May 17-19<sup>th</sup> for another great event!

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## **Loosing My MIND**

Vonda Heverly, Editor

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



Shame on you all! I played an April Fool's joke on CIM in the last newsletter, and no one called me out on it. Either you are all too smart to believe it (probably the case), or you aren't reading your *MIND*s as carefully as I would like. Thanks to CIM member Becky Keesling for the idea.

May heralds the beginning (and truth be told, usually the end) of camping season for my family. We have standing dates with the Outdoor Mensa Gathering May 17-19<sup>th</sup>, and with the Spirit of Vincennes Rendezvous over Memorial Day

weekend. If you haven't registered for OMG! yet, it's not too late! Fun, food, and cabin cots await! How-to info can be found on the calendar pages.

If you have an interest in American history, come see the Rendezvous which takes place on the grounds of the George Rogers Clark Memorial. My daughter and I are part of the 71<sup>st</sup> Regt of Foot, a British unit. A schedule of events can be found at <a href="https://www.spiritofvincennes.org">www.spiritofvincennes.org</a>.

After that, I always have plans to start backpacking again, hike the southern Indiana Adventure Trail, and finally get my pop-up camper up and running. Those plans usually get lost among work, yard work, and blazing hot temperatures. So, here's to all the fun I can pack into May!

#### Cheers!



## **Old Dog/New Tricks**

Teresa Gregory, LocSec

If you did not renew your membership by March 31, this will be your last issue of MIND. The mailing is based on the last day of the previous month. (The people who were members the last day of March will be mailed the May MIND in April. Yeah, it's confusing!) Anyway, you know who you are, and we do too. It's never too late to get caught up.

Plans are underway for our annual trip to Versailles, Indiana. The OMG! (Outdoor Mensa Gathering) is May 17-



19. Where else can you go for the paltry sum of \$65 that includes five meals AND lodging? There is a per-car park entrance fee (under \$10), so bring some cash along for that. As always, it's a laid-back weekend, but you never know what surprises might be in store. As Derek Crager said some years back, it's all the fun stuff your mother won't let you do in the house!

We encourage you to preregister (see the information in this MIND). If you don't want to pay in advance, please let us know you are coming so that we can shop accordingly.

There is still time to register for the AG in Phoenix if you haven't yet. The hotel is full, but they have an overflow hotel waiting for you.

Be sure to check the calendar for a few "bonus" Culture Vulture events. Check the online calendar (either at IndyMensa.org or our Meet Up page) regularly for fun things that are added on after MIND goes to print. And, of course, if there is something you are attending that you think other Mensans would enjoy, let me or Jan Pfeil Doyle know so we can add it to the calendar.

Looking ahead, David Bonner will once again host Summer Blast at his family's home in Plymouth, Indiana in July. Vicki Adang is organizing a trip to the C.A.N.D.L.E.S. Museum in Terre Haute in August. Eva Mozes Kor is aweinspiring. (See more about that in this issue of MIND.)

I also want to update you on a few of our members. Long-time member and ExCom officer, Karen Wilczewski, has had several health issues starting in December. She will be in a rehab for several months due to a serious leg break, and she would love to hear from other Mensans. (biltmore@topdogcom.com, (317) 849-9022. Text or call.)

Another Mensan who would love to hear from you is J Kim. He has completed Army basic training and has moved to Fort Sill. He can now receive emails. (<a href="mailto:gkimhyunj@gmail.com">gkimhyunj@gmail.com</a>)

Have a wonderful Memorial Day Weekend!

# Mensa Field Trip: Attend a Presentation by Holocaust Survivor Eva Kor

Vicki Adang



Survivors of horrific circumstances such as wars, crime, and other traumas usually don't want to talk about their experience. They want to put it behind them and move on. Not so with Holocaust survivor Eva Mozes Kor.

Eva Kor is the founder of CANDLES Holocaust Museum in Terre Haute. Members of Central Indiana Mensa have an opportunity to hear Eva speak at the museum in August.

Eva and her family were taken to Auschwitz in 1944 when Eva was 10. When a guard saw Eva and her twin sister, Miriam, on the arrival platform, they were separated from their mother and housed with other twins so Mengele could perform medical experiments on them. Eva never saw her parents or two older sisters again.

Eva survived Auschwitz; met a Jewish American man in Israel, whom she married; and moved to Terre Haute, Indiana, with her husband, Mickey.

As the years passed, Eva became more outspoken about the Holocaust and what she endured. The culmination of her experience resulted in her opening CANDLES (Children of Auschwitz Nazi Deadly Lab Experiments Survivors) Holocaust Museum in 1984.

Eva speaks about her life and the need for forgiveness twice a week at CANDLES. The Central Indiana Mensa group has arranged to attend the 1 p.m. presentation with Eva on Saturday, August 3.

Members will meet that morning around 9 a.m. and carpool to Terre Haute with arrival at the museum around noon. We will have time to look at exhibits and explore the museum before and after Eva's presentation, which will take at least 90 minutes. Carpool meeting locations will be determined in late July. Return to Indianapolis will be by 8 p.m.

Admission to the museum is \$5. Space is limited, so please RSVP to Vicki Adang at <a href="mailto:vickiadang@yahoo.com">vickiadang@yahoo.com</a> by Sunday, July 21.

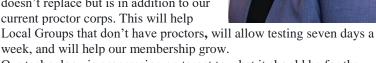


## **Campaign Letter to CIM**

LaRae Bakerink, Chair

I've accomplished many of the goals that I established as priorities:

- The new Volunteer Market allowing for volunteers to help locally, regionally, and nationally. It will help Local Groups find volunteers who have experience and are willing to help, even across Local Groups. It will also help the Foundation to find more scholarship judges.
- Approved an electronic approach in testing facilities which will be available by the end of the year. This innovation doesn't replace but is in addition to our current proctor corps. This will help



- Our technology is progressing on target to what it should be for the preeminent high IQ society, and closer to providing enhanced service to members.
- Our hard work on licensing/marketing activities has come to fruition and is bringing in non-dues dollars. This is important to keep our dues rate at or below its current level.

If you re-elect me, I will focus on:

- Building on our current progress.
- More transparency in what we do and how we do it.
- Supporting Local Groups and Volunteers, increasing our Leadership Development program, and enhancing your member experience.

I will continue to ask a lot of questions and listen. I want to provide a clear path for members to voice their thoughts, concerns, and ideas. That is how we grow our Mensa.

Please vote for me so I may continue working diligently on making your Mensa experience better. Thank you.

LaRae Bakerink www.bakerink.com

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## **Mensa Cares**

#### Alison Brown

The current total of funds I raised for the St. Baldrick's Foundation to fund childhood cancer research stands at \$550. The largest share of that came from Mensan donors.



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## **New Member**

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#### Letter to CIM From Ft. Sill

Hun Joon Kim, CIM Member in the US Army

Edited lightly for space. J Kim would love to hear from fellow Mensans at <a href="mailto:gkimhyunj@gmail.com">gkimhyunj@gmail.com</a>. —Ed.

Thank you for your support and mail it made Basic Combat Training a breeze. I have safely arrived at Ft. Sill, the home of field artillery, and classed into my MOS 13B-canon crewmember also known as pull string go boom. It is more relaxed here but I have been squaring my actions and avoiding complacency. The food here is not as good as ft. Leonard Wood but still delicious after a hard days work. I have phone privileges over the weekend so that is definitely a plus. I do like hand written mails and have enjoyed reading all of your mails. And till this day Im proud to be a nerd and have so many intelligent friends.

One of the instructors were making comments about how the guys with a specialist badge all have degrees in underwater basket weaving since our degrees do not relate to shooting canons. I want to surprise him with some questions that might catch him off guard so Ive been doing some advanced studying. I doubt we will be learning about coriolis effect or eotvos effect but ive been reading up into it. If asked the difference between a shot and a shell I'll know the difference. Different types of fuzes and types of payload used for different purposes.

I also picked up the local paper and found out some cool new tech. Hopefully I get to play with it but I have a feeling we the trainees are only going to learn how to load unload and clean the towed gun instead of maneuvering self-propelled guns. I'd hate to see the day the superpowers collide and fight it out with weapons but this continuation of arms race between countries frightens me. I wish i also owned a piece of Lockheed Martin.

There was another article about martian meteorites ending up Army Lab and how it revealed secrets and answered scientific mysteries. I wish I could ask Kurt what these secrets are because the article was a total buzzkill and a giant brag about how Army and NASA Goddard are buddy buddies...

To any of you who may be worried that I am giving out TMI regarding high tech stuff, dont worry. I havnt even started the actual training so Im basing most of this off of google searches and newspaper articles. I hope I can impress my instructors!

Once again thank you for the letters and hopefully I get see you after my AIT (i might get a short vacation after AIT)

I KIM!

## From Deep in the MIND

Editor

Enjoy a little wordplay! Answers on page 20.

1. 2.	They got together to dole out the beef, so they called it the  One and three got flowers, so we sent some,
	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
3.	Both the rescuer and the assistant served a beverage, but I drank only
4	the
4.	One of the demolitions had to be moved farther up the mountainside, so
_	I was ordered to
5.	Good penmanship is sanctified at the
6.	Jimmy Durante could refuse and deny in many ways, because the
	<b>_</b> ·
7.	The old antelope didn't know how many animals were in the zoo, but
	the
8.	The woman from northern Michigan auctioned off her rare coin, known
	as the
9.	Zane's dark horses are here, but there is where
10.	If they each had one sweat gland and the rich man's was dry, would the
	?
11.	The A lake and the B river had vision, but could the ?
	Knives and forks corrode
	I obtain references regarding vision at the
	They would do amazing things with their shoes off at the
	You two cut the apple, and <i>you</i> two cut the orange; now where's the
	?
16	If they were rushing to rich Daddy's bedside by train and plane, and the
10.	plane crashed, did the ?
17	Tic and Toc bought duty-free pushpins, but we had to pay
	Take this path to measure curds; that's the
	-
19.	The miners used the rowboat pond for storage so you can walk
00	<u> </u>
20.	The biggest horse from the New England state won, so the prize was
	put on the
21.	You left a word off the "so also shall you reap" embroidery,
	<b>→</b>
22.	He had to decide whether to forecast snow or mist, so he told the
	announcer to

The preceding came from Nova, when Lynn Parcells was editor, written by

Gerald P. Nehra.

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## **May 2019 Events**

<u>Ham 'n' Eggs</u> (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, <u>SIGHT@indymensa.org</u>.

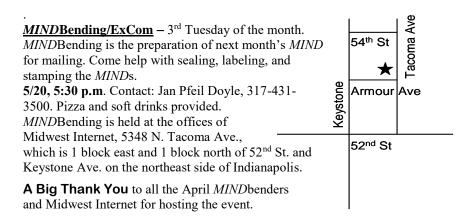
<u>Indy Lunch Bunch</u> 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday at **11:30a.m**., Double Eagle Café, 650 N. Meridian (at the Scottish Rite Cathedral), Indianapolis. Contact: Karen Steilberger, <u>steilkr@sbcglobal.net</u>.

<u>Monthly Gathering</u> - 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.

**5/10** – Announcements at 7:45; program at 8:00. Our speaker is Kelsey Timmerman, a New York Times Bestselling author and storyteller. His books, which include "Where Am I Wearing?", "Where Am I Eating?", and, most recently, "Where am I Giving?", seek to take some of our everyday acts and connect them to the people behind them or the people who are impacted by them. He also has spoken on these topics to audiences big and small around the world, and his books have been used in high school and college curricula. For a sneak peek, visit http://kelseytimmerman.com/

**STEM Time with George Dunn** following the speaker. Topic: Attendees in April nominated Black Holes, Polar Jets and Hawking Radiation

Mensans Dining Out - 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday, 6 p.m., 5/19 - Thai Taste Restaurant, 5353 E 82nd St, Indianapolis, IN. For more information, contact Bob Zdanky at 317-219-3773.



# May 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
			1 Indy Lunch Bunch
5	6	7	8
12	13	14	15
19 Outdoor Mensa Gathering!; Mensans Dining Out	20 MINDbending/ ExCom	21	22
26	27	28	29

Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2	3	4 Ham 'n' Eggs
9	10 Monthly Gathering	11
16	17 Outdoor Mensa Gathering!	18 Outdoor Mensa Gathering!
23	24 Culture Vulture	25 Culture Vulture
30	31	

If you lose your MIND (oh, my!) or want additional information, check <a href="https://www.meetup.com/central-indiana-mensa">www.indymensa.org</a> or join our Meetup group, <a href="https://www.meetup.com/central-indiana-mensa">https://www.meetup.com/central-indiana-mensa</a>. Meetup is free to join and you'll get reminders of upcoming events. It's a great way to stay in the loop.

## May 2019 Events (cont.)

<u>Culture Vulture</u> – 5/24, 7 pm at The Palladium in Carmel - Presto to the Finish Line. The Indiana Wind Symphony features music selections celebrating the Indy 500. with Timothy McAllister, Saxophone, soloist. to RSVP toAlison at <u>SIGHT@indymensa.org</u>

<u>Culture Vulture</u> -5/25, 7:00pm Breaking Bread for Rohingya Refugees: An Interfaith Iftar. 6705 Hoover Rd, Indianapolis, IN 46260. RSVP to Alison at <u>SIGHT@indymensa.org</u>

**Book Group** is taking a break in May. The Book Discussion Group is meeting on **6/2**, 2pm at the Gibsons'. "There are hundreds of books out there for us to read. Read one (or two) you think we all should discuss and bring it as a suggestion for our list for the rest of 2019 and part of 2020. Remember, if the book you suggest is on our reading list, you are committing to being there for the discussion!"

## **OMG! Outdoor Mensa Gathering!**

Howling At The Moon May 17-19, 2019 Versailles State Park, Indiana

Saturday, May 18, there will be a full moon. Who knows what can happen???

Join Central Indiana Mensa for a laidback weekend in the woods. If you're thinking that you aren't the "outdoorsy" type, think again! You get food, lodging, scenery, and more for only \$65 per person! Saturday only is \$45. Kids up to age 6 are \$25, and ages 6-12 are \$40.

There is also a per-car park entry fee.

So grab your sleeping bags and towels, and join us at Versailles State Park.

Register and pay online at: cim-og-2019.eventbrite.com See IndyMensa.Org for more info.

## Summer Blast is coming July 19-20, 2019

Please send Calendar Items to MIND.editor@yahoo.com

# Jon's Journal – News for Region 4 Budgets, Electronic Admission Testing, and Hearings Jon Gruebele. RVC4

No doubt you're still being inundated with notifications about Mensa's National and International elections. I would again encourage you to vote, and especially to support the first bylaws amendment proposal to update Regional Hearings. Today these are almost never used, are very difficult to request, and are relatively toothless. We want to enhance our regional problem-solving capabilities, and your vote in favor would be appreciated. At our March 2<sup>nd</sup> Board of Directors (AMC) meeting, we approved a budget for the 2019-2020



fiscal year starting April 1st. Central New Jersey Mensa graciously hosted the meeting during their Snowball Regional Gathering, giving members an opportunity to attend both the AMC and Event Safety Task Force meetings. We approved a budget that plans to complete the year with a modest surplus, helping to improve our net negative asset position. It also delivers the AMC's top strategic priorities by increasing funding for marketing and allowing development of electronic admissions testing.

Some prospective members have challenges finding nearby testing or may feel uncomfortable in a group setting. The potential solution is to partner with a company that offers nationwide testing facilities. Hopefully a prospect will find testing much closer to their home and can conveniently schedule an appointment whenever the facility is open. It's important to note we have no plans to eliminate proctors. An electronic testing offering would be in addition to our usual proctored tests and would likely come at some additional cost. While the plans are still in development, we hope to begin offering this option late this year or early next year.

The National Hearings Committee recently completed two separate proceedings. A summary of the decisions can be found here:

https://www.us.mensa.org/lead/amc/meeting-reports/ by selecting the "2019-03-02 – Woodbridge, NJ" meeting and clicking on "Hearings Committee". One of these hearings resulted in a recommendation to expel a member. This required concurrence by the AMC to be effective, and we did approve the recommendation.

Finally, I'd like to remind everyone of Central Indiana Mensa's Outdoor Mensa Gathering (OMG) May 17-19 in Versailles State Park. Bring a sleeping bag and towels for a wonderful weekend with friends old and new.

Oh, and please don't forget to vote!

Feedback? Please contact me at <u>rvc4@us.mensa.org</u>, via phone or text at +1 309 693 1359. Region 4's Facebook group is:

https://www.facebook.com/groups/695847670490858.

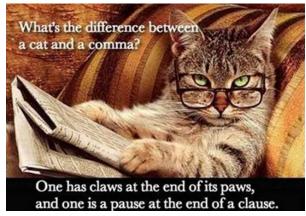
## **Petra's Pet Puns**

Petra Ritchie



"Bad news, its curiosity"





## **Books On The Runway**

Margy Lancet Fletcher

**Author:** Pete Buttigieg

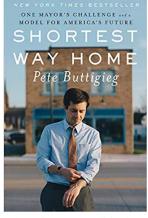
Title: Shortest Way Home: One Mayor's Challenge and a Model for America's

Future

Publisher: Liveright

Year: 2019

Book Description: We Americans have endured what most of us of voting age consider a seemingly interminable, two-year political winter that has infected us with a chronic case of cynicism and disgust. A hopeful sign of spring - and a possible antidote to the toxic redstate blues - comes from an unlikely source: a young, energetic, compassionate, highly intelligent, multilingual, openly gay Democratic mayor and Naval Reserve officer from South Bend, Indiana! *Shortest Way Home* is a candid,



highly personal memoir that could also be considered a primer on political leadership.

Each chapter encompasses an aspect of Pete Buttigieg's astonishingly multifaceted life: his childhood in a decaying midwestern city; his higher education at Harvard and as a Rhodes Scholar at Oxford; his employment as a management consultant in the Chicago branch of McKinsey and Company; his enlistment in the U. S. Navy as a reservist; his ill-fated campaign for Indiana State Treasurer, followed by a successful run for South Bend mayor; his sixmonth tour of duty in Afghanistan; his "coming out" and subsequent courtship of and marriage to husband Chasten Glezman; and, finally, his reelection to the South Bend mayoral post. Incorporated into his narrative are spot-on insights into the relationships between public officials and the individuals they serve, the roles of both data and intuition in resolving public issues, the importance of both symbolic and concrete actions in local and national governance, the steps required to restore the prominence of the Democratic Party in the Midwestern states, and the wisdom of a forward-thinking attitude. Buttigieg also recounts two particularly poignant episodes that exemplify the devastating effects of hatebased legislation - specifically, the so-called Religious Freedom Restoration Act on South Bend's LBGT community, and Donald Trump's refusal to grant amnesty to undocumented long-time residents on the foreign-born owner of a popular local restaurant. Powerful prose from an accomplished scholar and public servant.

Has this book changed the way you think, your attitude toward life, or even your life itself? If so, how? In a sense, *Shortest Way Home* was a trip down *Continued on next page* 

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memory lane for me; during my years as a resident of LaGrange, Indiana - about sixty miles due east of Mayor Pete's hometown - I would often take shopping and theater excursions to South Bend, and even performed in one South Bend Civic Theatre production. As this phase of my existence predated Buttigieg's term of office, the "before" image of the city is engraved in my psyche, and I am heartened by the mayor's civic improvement and beautification progress, although I have yet to witness it firsthand. His book, as well as the numerous interviews I've watched on YouTube, are testimony to his fearless dedication to ensuring the prosperity and social welfare of both his city and the nation as a whole.

Who should definitely read this book? Why? I strongly encourage readers at both ends of the political spectrum, and everywhere in between, to grant an audience to this articulate, sensible Millennial messenger. The fact that he is the antithesis of Trump is, in my opinion, just one of many reasons to consider Pete Buttigieg a viable 2020 candidate for the presidency.

**How long might it take to read this book?** The writing style of *Shortest Way Home* is as vibrant and moving as the St. Joseph River Lights and man-made rapids that Mayor Pete commissioned for South Bend's 2015 sesquicentennial celebration, promising a quick and enjoyable one-to-two-day reading experience.

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

It is easier to be cruel, or unfair, to people in groups and in the abstract; harder to do so toward a specific person in your midst, especially if you know them already. Gays have the benefit of being a minority whose membership is not necessarily obvious when you meet one (or love one). Common decency can kick in before there is time for prejudice to intervene. Of course, humans can be cruel to people we know, too, but not as often - and we're rarely as proud of it.

In the struggle for equality, we do well to remember that all people want to be known as decent, respectful, and kind. If our first response toward anyone who struggles to get onto the right side of history is to denounce him as a bigot, we will force him into a defensive crouch - or into the arms of the extreme right. When a conservative socialite of a certain age would stop me on the street with a mischievous look, pat my arm, and say conspiratorially, "I met your *friend* the other day, and he is fabulous," it was not the time for a lecture on the distinction between a partner and a "friend." She is on her way to acceptance, and she feels good about her way of getting there; it feels better to grow on your own terms than to be painted into a corner.

**Additional Remarks:** By all means, access as many Buttigieg interviews - by Stephen Colbert, Bill Maher, Seth Meyers, and the various news networks - as possible, including - and I hesitate to say this - his Fox News one-on-one with Chris Wallace, which is especially impressive because of Mayor Pete's willingness to cross ideological lines and speak to everyone. And, for Pete's sake (and America's), read his remarkable story, and give peace and unity a chance.

### Central Indiana Mensa ExCom 2/19/19

Ann Hake, CIM Secretary

The regular monthly meeting of the Central Indiana Mensa ExCom was held at Midwest Internet on Tuesday, February 19, 2019.

LocSec Teresa Gregory called the meeting to order at 7:26 pm. Members present were Jan Pfeil Doyle, Teresa Gregory, Ann Hake, Pat Milligan, Kurt Williams, and Bob Zdanky.

Absent: Karen Wilczewski. Guests: Larry Marcus, Petra Ritchie.

The committee reviewed the minutes of the January 2019 ExCom meeting. Kurt Williams moved that the minutes be accepted. Jan Pfeil Doyle seconded the motion, and the motion was carried.

The committee reviewed the Treasurer's report for January 2019. Ann Hake moved that this report be accepted as presented. Kurt Williams seconded the motion, and the motion was carried. It was also reported that Pat has now been successfully added as a signatory to the bank account.

A membership report was compiled by Teresa Gregory based upon the information available as of 1/31/2019 from American Mensa: 533 members, 2 new, 1 movein, 7 rejoins, and 10 prospects.

#### **Old Business**

2019 Regional Gathering (RG): Took place January 25-27, 2019 at the Waterfront Hotel and Conference Center on the west side of Indianapolis. Total RG income from registrations was \$3305.02; total expenses were \$3820.10, for an overall loss of \$515.08. Although it is not unusual to have a small loss from the RG, this is one of the largest deficits we have had. The factors contributing to the loss were examined and discussed and were felt to adequately explain the situation. It was noted that there were 41 people who registered for the full weekend; 7 people have already registered for next year.

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

## **Actions Taken Since the Last Meeting**

At the January MINDbending on 1/17/19, it was noted that the price of stamps would be increasing in the next few days; it was observed that, by buying a year's worth in advance, \$150.00 could be saved vs. buying them as needed. The four ExCom members present (Teresa Gregory, Jan Pfeil Doyle, Pat Milligan, and Bob Zdanky) approved this purchase.

In order to better serve 33 Central Indiana Mensa members residing in western *Continued on next page* 

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Kentucky, it was proposed that these members be moved to Mid Tennessee Mensa. A poll of these members indicated that they wished to proceed with this; the MTM ExCom indicated that the transfer would be accepted; and this was approved unanimously via email by the CIM ExCom.

#### **New Business**

Alison Brown has agreed to assume the duties of testing coordinator.

Laurel Richardson oversaw the scholarship entries again this year. Marcele Everest, Karen Guse, and Charles Rawlings served as the local judges who read the 43 essays. Their efforts are much appreciated.

The official date set for MensaCares! week is April 7-13, which coincides with National Volunteer Week. However, a project can be done at any time.

There being no other business, Bob Zdanky made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ann Hake seconded the motion. The motion was carried and the meeting was adjourned at 8:57 pm.



## 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.

May: THERE WILL BE NO MEETING.

June 2: Bring a book or two to help build the reading list for 2019-20!



"If you only read the books that everyone else is reading, you can only think what everyone else is thinking." – Haruki Murakami, Norwegian Wood

Answers to quiz on page 10:

1 mete meat meet, 2 to Two too, 3 aid aide ade, 4 raise Ray's raze, 5 write right rite, 6 Nose knows no's, 7 new Gnu knew, 8 Sault Sue sou, 9 Grey's grays graze, 10 poor pore pour, 11 C sea see, 12 where ware wear, 13 sight cite site, 14 feet feat fete, 15 pear pare pair, 16 air heir err, 17 Tac's tack tax, 18 weigh whey way, 19 or oar ore, 20 main Maine mane, 21 so sew sow, 22 do dew due

## **Treasurer's Report**

Pat Milligan, CIM Treasurer

With the rest of the RG income credited to our account, the sharp drop in the assets last month has been reversed. This would more than make up for the loss last month except for additional RG expenses. The loss for this quarter is \$440.

Because of the <u>USPS increase in the first class postage</u>, a year's worth of forever stamps was purchased before the change. This is shown in the Other Assets line.

#### Assets

	12/31/2018	01/31/2019	02/28/2019
Regular Checking	6,371.85	6,387.28	5,048.29
Scholarship Checking	35.00	35.00	35.00
Events Checking	9,156.63	6,112.18	9,346.55
MG Cash	20.00	20.00	20.00
RG Cash		454.31	
Other Assets			1,400.00
Total Assets	15,583.48	13,008.77	15,849.84

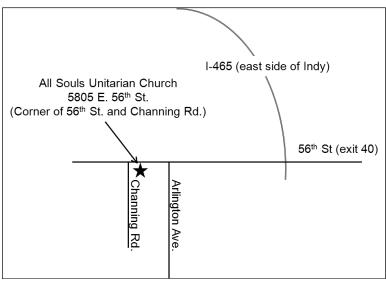
#### **Income for February 2019**

124.00
2,590.02
470.55
3,184.57
14.15
470.97
49.27
121.36
13.36
9.33
358.26
100.00
21.40
32.15
1,190.25
1,994.32

## 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 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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