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## **Loosing My MIND**

Vonda Heverly, Editor

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



Happy New Year! In keeping with the snowy season established on Halloween, we are in the midst of a nice winter storm as I type. If only grown-ups had snow days...

I hope you had some happy holidays and are ready for the adventures 2020 will bring. Start the year off right with some RG fun. WTF! (Winter Time Fun) RG is coming up at the end of the month. Details below

Are you a resolution maker? Breaker? Avoider? I am all of these at times. I do like the feeling of a new start that the changing of the calendar brings. Here's to 2020!

### Cheers!



# \*\*\* JANUARY 24–26, 2020 \*\*\* W.T.F. (Winter Time Fun)

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

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

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

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

You may register with Eventbrite online at <a href="www.cim-rg-2020.eventbrite.com">www.cim-rg-2020.eventbrite.com</a> or mail a check with registration information to Teresa Gregory, 6076 Dewey Ave, Indianapolis, IN 46219.

## **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 As I said last month, my resolution is to embrace the Old Dog/New Tricks theme of this column. In that vein, I did apply for a job with the US Census. It's something I always thought sounded interesting, but I was never available to do it. I saw an information sheet at the library back in September. I'll probably be too old to do it in 10 years, so I see this as my one shot. I applied online (2020CENSUS.gov). I get monthly updates telling me that



they will begin hiring in January. I'm excited to be a part of it. I'll keep you posted.

The CIM Holiday Party was this past Friday (as I write this). A popular topic of conversation was, "Where IS everyone?" We had the smallest attendance since I joined 15 years ago. I knew some people had other obligations or were out of town, but I was really surprised. Let's see if we can get those numbers up. And for those who did not come, you missed some good eats and sparkling conversation.

Let's get some new activities on the calendar this year!

Has it really been 20 years since all the anticipation, dread, and fear of what would happen when the clock struck midnight and it was Y2K? I was not a member of Mensa yet, and I was curious how Mensans dealt with that, so I pulled out the MINDs from that year to see what the thoughts were. In this issue, you will find a couple of old items from current members that I thought interesting.

### Quick housekeeping notes:

RG - January 24-26. See info in MIND or go to IndyMensa.org.

**OG** - May 29-31 at Versailles State Park. This is AFTER Memorial Day. More information in MIND and at IndyMensa.org.

**Testing** is on sale in January for \$39.99. See the calendar for more info. If you have a non-Mensa friend who registeres for the RG for the weekend, they may test at no additional charge. If you have a non-Mensan friend who comes just for the test on Saturday and pays the testing fee, they may stay for the rest of the day as our guest. Spread the word.

# Happy New Year!

### **Petra's Fun Page**

Petra Ritchie

A suggestion for the January Mensa meeting: Let's all wear a t-shirt that has a funny, profound, or otherwise saying on it.

It'll be a clever way to break the ice with each other, especially for those of us who might be shy about starting a conversation with someone we don't know very well.



"Puns about communism aren't funny unless everybody gets them." --Graffiti



# 2019-2020 Book Group Reading List

Rich Gibson

Here is the list of books to read for the CIM Book Group. It meets on Sunday afternoons at 2 p.m. once a month. Check the calendar for exact dates. Call or email Rich Gibson if you have any questions or for directions.

January 5--Firefighting, by Bernanke, Geithner and Paulson February 23--I Contain Multitudes, by Ed Yong March 22--Click Here to Kill Everybody, by Bruce Schneier April 26--Why Does the World Exist by Jim Holt May 31--American Dialogues by Joseph J Ellis June 16--Bring a Book!



# Hindsight in 20/20

### [Articles From The MIND Archives]

Teresa Gregory

As we approach the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Mensa International next year, it might be fun to look to our past. It doesn't seem that long ago that we were approaching the year 2000. People were encouraged to store water and food to tide us over for a few days in case the utilities were out. We should keep some cash on hand in case the banks weren't functioning. Our older cars might not start, stalled by an outdated computer.

Looking back at the MINDs from 2000, I found it interesting that Bob Thomas was still trying to convince people in April that we had not started a new millennium yet.

Rhoda Israelov still provides Rhoda's Riddle at our Monthly Gathering, and I thought this was a fun article about one such puzzle. How many of the names do you recognize from 20 years ago?

If you have any stories to share from our illustrious past, please let me know. Or if there are any articles you would like to see again, I'll see what I can do. Drop me a line at ag18tg@yahoo.com.

### **Not a New Century Yet**

Bob Thomas [April 2000]

If you are still having trouble convincing people that this is not yet a new century, if you're having trouble getting them to see the logic, then maybe this combination of GRAPHICS and LOGIC will help you convince them.

We are NOT in a new century. This is NOT a matter of opinion NOR a matter for debate; it is a simple matter of <u>grade school counting</u> of years, or marbles, or anything else.

1 is the **first**, 99 is the 99<sup>th</sup> and 100 is the 100<sup>th</sup> and last in a pile of marbles or a new century. Number 101 is the **first** marble or year in a new pile of marbles or a new century.

199 is the 99<sup>th</sup> and 200 is the 100<sup>th</sup> and last, 201 is the first.

1999 is the 99th and 2000 is the 100th and last year of the century!

2001 is the **first** year in a new century. **One** means **first**.

# "Rhoda's Riddle" Yields *Interesting* and *Arresting* Results

Rhoda Israelov [August 2000]

Rhoda's Riddle at the July meeting offered clues to words, all of which ended in "sting." No fewer than thirteen members turned in answer sheets, all with at least the requisite seven out of ten answers, including *resting* (a sting that cures fatigue), *feasting* (a sting that begins to cure hunger), *dusting* (a sting that tidies your room), *jesting* (a sting that makes you laugh), *roasting* (a sting that cooks your meat), *rusting* (a sting that spoils your tools), *interesting* (a sting that makes you read a book all the way through), *fasting* (a sting that some observe in Lent), *basting* (a sting that cooks are always using), and *toasting* (a sting that browns your bread).

Several alternatives were offered to some of these answers. For example, **Alan Schmidt** felt that *lasting* made him read a book all the way through and *crusting* browns bread. **Kishor Kulkarni** offered an *interesting* postulate, namely that *boasting* cures fatigue. **Carter Druze** submitted that *ingesting* and *tasting* cure hunger, *nesting* tidies your room, and *boasting* and *blustering* make you laugh as well as *jesting* does. **Pat Milligan** stretched the verbal point with *sombalisting* curing fatigue (perhaps he meant *somnambulisting*?) and added *fascinating* as making you read a book all the way through and *frosting* as the things cooks do. **Len Beard** "rose to the occasion" with *yeasting* browning the bread. (Nope, don't think so.)

A's for effort and ingenuity go to **Carter Druze** and **Jean Miller.Carter** added these: *cresting* (a sting for surfers), *yeasting* (a sting brewers use), *roosting* (a sting at a henhouse), *beesting* (a sting at an apiary), *blasting* (a sting by dynamite), *casting* (a sting sought by thespians), *ghosting* (a sting career for writers), *thrusting* (a sting via sabre), *lasting* (a sting used by cobblers), *wresting* (a sting by those who are takers), *pasting* (a sting taught in Kindergarten), *three-string* (a sting played by a bass guitarist), *coasting* (a sting important in luge), *posting* (a sting used by paperhangers), *listing* (a sting relevant to the census), *misting* (a sting practiced in hair salons and lawn care), *lusting* (a sting for Bill Clinton), *trusting* (another sting for Slick Willie or a sting among friends), *boosting* (a sting for offering a helping hand), and *wasting* (a sting that harms the environment). Apparently, **Carter's** creativity knew only the bounds of the paper I provided – hey, **Carter**, didn't you hear the speaker at all?

**Jean Miller** added *roosting* (a sting that chickens do), *trusting* (a sting that married couples do), *hosting* (a sting that Regis does well), and to cap it off, **Jean** added *testing* (a sting that proves you're a Mensan).

In addition to the Mensans who added their own twists on the answer sheets, riddle winners are Larry Marcus, Shirley Washburne, Grace Falvey, Bob Thomas, Doris Thomas, George Dunn, Dave Appel, and Nancy White.

Should there ever arise a need for my *attesting* and *insisting* that I love Mensa and Mensans for good cause, this overwhelming Rhoda's Riddle response provides enough for anyone *requesting* my answer! Thanks, M's, for the wonderful *assisting*, *reconsidering*, and *twisting*! This was a wonderful *manifesting* of Mensa!

# **January 2020 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.

Indy Lunch Bunch - 11:30am, 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday, Shapiro's

Delicatessen, 808 S. Meridian St. NO LUNCH BUNCH on January 1. Contact:

Karen Steilberger, 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.

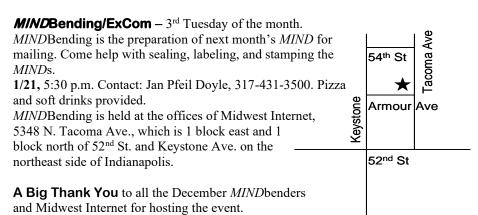
1/10 Games Night! Grab your gaming family and friends, bring your favorite games, and meet us for a night of fun.

STEM Time with George Dunn following the speaker.

**Mensans Dining Out -**  $3^{rd}$  Sunday, 6 p.m., 1/19 Blind Owl Brewery, 5014 E 62nd St, Indianapolis, IN, 46220

. For more information, contact Bob Zdanky at 317-219-3773.

**Book Group** – 2 p.m., Sunday, 1/5. (Note Earlier Date) Come prepared to discuss *Firefighting* by Bernanke, Geithner and Paulson. The group will meet at Rich and Jackie Gibson's house on the NE side of Indianapolis. Please contact Rich at <a href="https://doi.org/10.1001/journal.com">https://doi.org/10.1001/journal.com</a> or 770-548-5217 for more details or to RSVP.



# January 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
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5 Book Group	6	7	8
12	13	14	15 Lunch Bunch
19 Mensans Dining Out	20	21 MINDbending/ ExCom	22
26 WTF(Winter Time Fun	27	28	29

Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2	3	4 Ham 'n' Eggs
9	10 Monthly Gathering	11
16	17	18
23	24 WTF (Winter Time Fun)	25 WTF (Winter Time Fun); Mensa Test
30	31	

If you lose your MIND (oh, my!) or want additional information, check <a href="http://www.meetup.com/central-indiana-mensa">www.indymensa.org</a> or join our Meetup group, <a href="http://www.meetup.com/central-indiana-mensa">http://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.

# January 2020 Events (cont.)

**Mensa Admissions Test** — Saturday, 1/25 - 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 This is the site of our Regional Gathering. Anyone who comes to test may stay for the day at the gathering.

Contact Alison Brown .SIGHT@IndyMensa.org to reserve a spot.

**Additional Information**: <u>January Special</u>: 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/. 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: <a href="www.u.s.mensa.org/join/testscores/">www.u.s.mensa.org/join/testscores/</a> 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

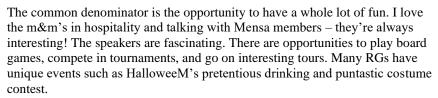
Please send Calendar Items to MIND.editor@yahoo.com

# Jon's Journal - News for Region 4

A Year of Gatherings—and Other Stuff Jon Gruebele, RVC4

2019 was another banner year for Region 4. We of course host the best gatherings anywhere:

- Chicago's "A Gathering of Gamers"
   (AGOG) 48 hours of board gaming fun
- Central Indiana Mensa's Winter Time Fun (WTF) RG
- Minnesota Mensa's RG in February (yes, it was cold – but awesome)
- An intimate St Louis Area Mensa RG
- Mensa of Wisconsin's RG at a lovely resort hotel
- Central Indiana's unique Outdoor Mensa Gathering (OMG) at a state park
- Chicago's HalloweeM with 588 attendees this year



The untiring volunteers across the Region didn't stop there. We had RG-Lites. Culture Quest® trivia teams abounded. There was a great turnout for the Cornbelters baseball game at the Corn Crib stadium. We toured Frank Lloyd Wright's Dana Thomas House, hosted a Mensa booth at the Minnesota State Fair, attended a Scottish high tea, and learned to forge a metal hook. And yes, there were many other events too numerous to mention here.

Not far outside Region 4, Mind Games was hosted in Wadsworth, OH where five games were given the coveted Mensa Select® seal. I also attended Snowball in New Jersey, Brilliance in the Wine Country (San Francisco Regional Mensa), and SynRG in Houston. Mensa Canada's Annual Gathering (AG) in Montréal and American Mensa's AG in Phoenix were wonderful. Each gathering is unique and delightful in its own way.

Besides having fun, I always get good ideas that can translate into better experiences for our members. Somehow, I never seem to meet a Mensa member who is shy about sharing their opinions. I very much appreciate the feedback. Keep it coming!

When I proctor people taking our admission tests, I always encourage them to attend something. The bigger the event, the more likely you'll be to find a group you'll enjoy, but the small ones can be terrific too. Person to person interaction is a big part of the value many of us get from our membership. Sometimes geography, cost, and time commitments can be a challenge. I get that. Some



people prefer an on-line experience, and that's OK too. However you enjoy Mensa, we're glad you're here.

Thank you to all the volunteers who made 2019 a joy. We look forward to even more in 2020. Happy New Year!

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.



# **New Members**

Cameron Ames	Noblesville	IN	Joined
Kat Forgacs	Bloomington	IN	Joined
Kirk Hillabrand	Whitestown	IN	MoveIn
Anthony Sammons	Greenfield	IN	Joined
Angela Shepler	Danville	IN	Joined



Mensans Dining Out in December at Sauce on the Side Calzones. L to R: Jan Pfeil Doyle, Catherine Knox, Leo Doyle, and Bob Zdanky. Not picture Larry Marcus.

## **Books On The Runway**

Alison Brown

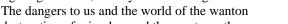
Author: Ed Yong

Title: I Contain Multitudes: The Microbes Within Us

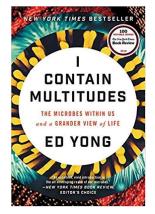
and a Grander View of Life **Publisher:** Harper Collins

Year: 2016

Book description (max. 5 sentences): This is a fascinating gallop through the invisible world around and in us. The author explains the function of various microbes, bacteria, and viruses in us and in other species. Amazing discoveries about genetic transfer among the microbes and their uses in fighting diseases, some yet to be brought to fruition.



destruction of microbes and the creatures they serve are touched upon.



Has this book changed the way you think? your attitude towards life? even your life itself? If so, how? I am astonished to discover just how much of my body is not really human, but rather other beings. I am planning on taking better care of my microbiome by adjusting my diet.

Who should definitely read this book? Why? Everyone with a body. Know thyself, and thyself includes at least twice as many microbial cells as human ones.

**How long might it take to read the book?** A week, especially if you read all the footnotes.

Provide a short characteristic section, an awesome sentence, or an inspiring quote: It can be weird to consider existences that play out in an intestine or in a single cell, or to think about our body parts as rolling landscapes. And yet they assuredly are. The Earth consists of a variety of different ecosystems: rainforests, grasslands, coral reefs, deserts, salt marshes, each with its own particular community of species. But a single animal is full of ecosystems too. Skin, mouth, guts, genitals, any organ that connects with the outside world: each has its own characteristic community of microbes. All the concepts that ecologists use to describe the continental-scale ecosystems that we see through satellites also apply to ecosystems in our bodies that we peer at with microscopes. p.4

We invite you to read this book and come to discuss it on February 23, 2020 at 2 pm.

### Central Indiana Mensa ExCom 10/15/2019

Ann Hake, CIM Secretary

The regular monthly meeting of the Central Indiana Mensa ExCom was held at Midwest Internet on Tuesday, October 15, 2019.

LocSec Teresa Gregory called the meeting to order at 7:04 pm. Members present were Vicki Adang, Jan Pfeil Doyle, Teresa Gregory, Ann Hake, Pat Milligan, Kurt Williams, and Bob Zdanky.

Absent: none.

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

The committee reviewed the Treasurer's report for September 2019. Ann Hake moved that the report be accepted as amended. Jan Pfeil Doyle seconded the motion, and the motion was carried.

A membership report was compiled by Teresa Gregory based upon the information available as of 9/30/2019 from American Mensa: 496 members, 2 new, 1 movein, 3 rejoins, and 7 prospects. One candidate was tested.

### **Old Business**

Regional Gathering (RG) – will take place January 25-27, 2020. A contract has been signed with the Waterfront Hotel and Conference Center. The date coincides with the Chinese New Year.

Mensa Foundation Scholarship applications are now open; they can be submitted online through January 15, 2020.

The sound system that was investigated for possible purchase unfortunately could not be used. We will continue to actively search for a system that we can employ at the Monthly Gatherings.

The December Monthly Gathering will be our annual holiday pitch-in and gift exchange. The ExCom will supply the main dishes.

#### New Business

November is free prior evidence month.

Kurt Williams, who is currently serving as the marketing chair, asked if Jan Pfeil Doyle (who is currently the communications chair) would be willing to consolidate the two roles so that he can concentrate more fully on the Treasurer duties. She agreed to do this.

There being no other business, Ann Hake moved that the meeting be adjourned. Vicki Adang seconded the motion. The motion was carried and the meeting was adjourned at 8:06 pm.

# **Treasurer's Report**

Kurt Williams, CIM Treasurer

Following is the financial statement through October 31, 2019:

### Assets

	10/31/19
Regular Checking	\$ 4,087.44
Scholarship Checking	\$ -
Events Checking	\$ 9,284.32
MG Cash	\$ 25.00
USPS Stamps	\$ 551.10
TOTAL	\$ 13,947.86

# Revenue & Expenses

REVENUE	October 2019
National Support	\$ 420.75
Testing Support	\$ 40.00
New Member/ Lapsed Member	\$ 5.00
MG Income	\$ 72.00
Total Revenue	\$ 537.75

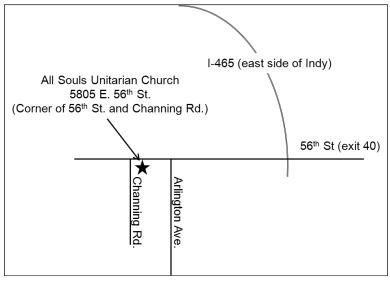
# **EXPENSES**

MG Hospitality	\$ 56.78
MIND Printing	\$ 308.87
MIND Hospitality	\$ 110.70
Supplies	\$ 67.20
Total Expenses	\$ 543.55
Net revenue for the period (loss)	\$ (5.80)

# 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.
- · Look for signs within the building.





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