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MVP Code Deadline Extended

If you know someone who should be in Mensa, give them the gift of a free testing voucher. Tell them to go to US.Mensa.org (or just put "American Mensa" in a search engine), click on "Join," select "Redeem My MVP Code," and follow the instructions. When they get to the end, enter code HOOSIERS19. They have until March 31 to redeem this, but the voucher is good for at least two years. They can also use this to submit previous test scores.

Loosing My MIND

Vonda Heverly, Editor

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



Winter is almost over! March brings the *green* of sprouting grass, and of my favorite holiday, St. Patrick's! (I don't want to hear any of you naysayers talking about SNOW!)

Our mission trip to Mexico was a big success. You can read a little about it on page six, and there is a link to an extensive photo album if you are interested in seeing more.

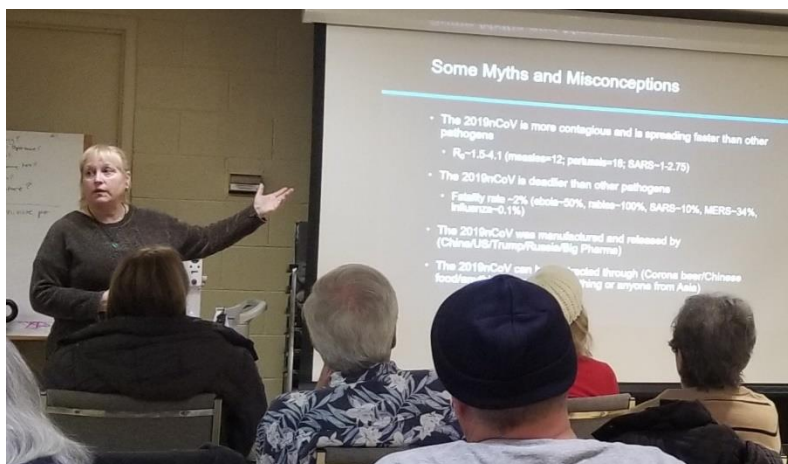
March also brings the St. Baldrick's fundraiser for childhood cancer research. Fellow Mensan Alison Brown asks for your help and support on page seven.

There's plenty to do on this month's calendar, so shake off those winter blues and join others at the monthly meeting, lunch or dinner get-togethers, or book group!

Cheers!

P.S.: If you missed the February monthly gathering, Dr. Ann Hake discussed the coronavirus. Vicki Adang summed up the meeting for you:

1. Wash your hands.
2. We're all going to die.



Dr. Ann Marie Hake busts some myths at the monthly gathering

Old Dog/New Tricks

Teresa Gregory, LocSec

As I write this in mid-February, I am preparing to go visit my son in Los Angeles. My last visit was in October, not that long ago. Thank goodness for airline ticket sales. As always I will go out on Tuesday and get home in the wee hours of Friday morning. I like the night flights because I love to see the lights as we cross over cities.



The first day of Spring is March 20. I recently sent for (but have not yet received) the Indiana state festival guide. Having reliable transportation for the first time in several years has me excited to start planning my spring and summer adventures. Do you have a favorite festival that you can recommend? Look for some of these on our calendar. I'd love to have company.

My January was partially taken up preparing for the W.T.F. (Winter Time Fun) RG that was January 24-26. We did not advertise it heavily and we had a small turn-out of our loyal friends. Actually, we had 24 preregistered so I ordered food for 25. To my surprise, we had a total of 40 (some for just one day). It was a good problem to have. We did some creative thinking and everyone got fed. Later today I will be tallying up the pluses and minuses on that event. In 2021, it will be the weekend of January 29-31. Keep watching in the coming months as we plan some surprises.

At the end of the RG, members of the Hell's M's SIG (the party SIG of Mensa) vote for the Party Animal, the person who made their weekend better. Our winner this year was Karen Steilberger. Many congratulations to her! Others saw what we have all known for a long time.

Next up is the OMG! (Outdoor Mensa Gathering) May 29-31 at Versailles State Park. (See the Events/Calendar pages for more info.) If you are coming to that, please let us know. Walk-ins are always welcome, but it helps us plan if we have a better idea of how many will be there.

This is an election year for Central Indiana Mensa. Please consider running for ExCom. The new bylaws allow for teleconferencing, so you do not have to live in the Indianapolis area to participate. Be a hero. Help shape our next two years.

If you are not a member of Meet Up, please consider joining. This is where you will find updates on planned events and events that were too late for MIND. Also check our website, www.IndyMensa.org for updates to the calendar.

***Don't forget to renew your membership by March 31.

Mensan on Eyeglass Mission

Vonda Heverly

On February 8th, my daughter and I traveled to Ecatapec, Mexico, with the Lions Club to distribute glasses to people in need. The Lions collect used prescription glasses in boxes all over the state. These boxes can often be found in your optometrist's office. The glasses are then sorted, categorized, and added to a database. Glasses cannot be reused in the U.S. because they are a prescription device.

This is a huge collaboration of American Lions, Mexican Lions, a Mexican government agency called DIF, Mexican optometrists, and so many volunteers, from students who help interpret to happy recipients of glasses that return the next day just to help out. There are also Mexican doctors to see people who cannot be aided with glasses.

Over 60,000 pairs of glasses were shipped down ahead of us. On this trip, we distributed 6,198 pairs of glasses in five days. A second team goes down two weeks after us to do it all again in a different location.

These glasses help people see to read and sew again, to see the faces of those they love, to help those who drive for a living continue to work, and people to see the correct bus. Everyone is so appreciative and friendly, and friendships were formed that will last a lifetime.



Our Lions Team with the Glasses

You can see an excellent album of our trip at this Facebook page:
<https://tinyurl.com/rgz2heg>

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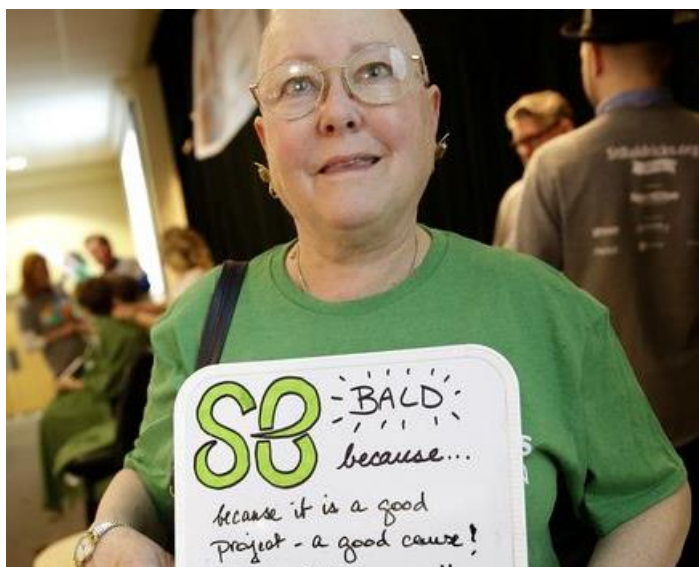
Alison Brown

It is St. Baldrick's time again and I am calling out for donations for the cause of childhood cancer research. Every 2 minutes, a child somewhere in the world is diagnosed with cancer. In the U.S., childhood cancer takes more kids' lives than any other disease.

As in previous years, I will join the group of shavees, if I achieve or surpass my fundraising goal of \$350. The event is called Brave the Shave, brought to you by NAMIC at the Northside Events Center (71st St. & Keystone, Indianapolis, IN) on March 20, 2020 at 6 pm.

Not only do I want contributions - either via the my page <https://www.stbaldricks.org/participants/mypage/1050157/2020>, in the form of cash or in form of a check made out to the St. Baldrick's Foundation, I am also looking for courageous souls to come and brave the shave with me on the night (or to offer me moral support as I go under the razor).

Last year, Mensans made up the majority of donors to my campaign (none came to stand by me on the night - of course, some would have had to come from very far away). Please help me again this year.



Alison Brown at a past St. Baldrick's event

Sun Tea

Lyan Brudgren, Western Michigan Mensa

My wife grows herbs by the side of our house just outside of the back door. Recently she had me decant a concentrated sun-tea reduction of homegrown dried thyme. The resulting brown fluid was destined to be a base for a flavorful sauce for wonderfully delicious dishes.

“Oops. I spilled the sun-tea on my shirt, dear. What should I do?”

“Take off your shirt.”

“Right now?”

“Yes, it goes in the washing machine, with extra laundry detergent, right now. Thyme and Tide wait for no man.”



“The intuitive mind is a sacred gift and the rational mind is a faithful servant.”--Albert Einstein



Feghoot Defined

Bryan Lundgren, Western Michigan Mensa

Feghoot:	A shaggy dog story with a Spoonerism punchline
Epigram humor:	A witty and often paradoxical punch line
Anecdote:	Embellishment of a partly true story
Pun:	A phrase or word that humorously sounds like another
Homophone:	Words pronounced alike but different in meaning (two, too, tutu)

The term Feghoot has been randomly applied to story puns, anecdotes, epigrams, or just plain confusing writing, I will further muddy the clarified waters. (Did I say that right?) A true Feghoot (vs. false Feghoot, alternative Feghoot, Hoot-Feg or Hegfoot) MUST have all the following technical characteristics:

- Capitalized (story character Ferdinand Feghoot)
- Short Story (preferably a convoluted episode)
- Spoonerism (reversed beginning syllables)
- Elicits Groans (“Ohh, nooo -- not another one!”)

Reganold Bretnor's actual tales of Ferdinand Feghoot did not always follow these rules. For example, Feghoot #19 told of a ghost cat with a missing tail. The feline was taken to a Grog Shop because . . . That is where they retail spirits. This is a groaner but is not a Spoonerism punch line. Feghoot #36 is neither a short story nor a Spoonerism but makes a mild bathroom joke about a separate ladies' rostrum and gentlemen's rostrum.

A composer of Feghoots must be unapologetic for the creation any strange and humorous tale, missive, or story that rationally confuses, but intuitively pleases. Enjoy the Feghoots, but do not over-analyze them . . . uhhh . . . like I did here.



“Humor can be dissected as a frog can, but the thing dies in the process and the innards are discouraging to any but the pure scientific mind.” --E. B. White



Petra's Punny Page (GROANERS)

Petra Ritchie

- 1 - Show me a pink polka-dot pony, and I'll show you a horse of a different color.
- 2 - Show me a kid who likes to make mud pies, and I'll show you a real down-to-earth-type child.
- 3 - Show me a nutty blackbird, and I'll show you a raven maniac.
- 4 - Show me a man with a licorice fedora, and I'll show you someone who'll eat his hat.
- 5 - Show me a choir boy who rips his outfit, and I'll show you a holy tearer.



“Imagination was given to man to compensate him for what he is not; a sense of humor to console him for what he is.” --Francis Bacon



Letter to CIM From Fort Bragg

SPC J Kim

CIM recently received an email from member J Kim, who is currently serving in the U.S. Army at Fort Bragg. Edited for space. –Ed.

Howdy Fellow Mensans,

I hope this message gets to you by the MINDBending definitely by the winter time fun. I was pulling a 24hr CQ duty doing puzzles off the newsletter and the Bulletin and here I am 2 days and 2 less wisdom teeth later I am writing this email.

First I would like to apologize for being so tardy with my replies. A lot has changed, and I was going through some moments of doubt but here I am back at it strong again.

Once again, everywhere I go in the military, everybody suspects me as a SPY. I want to work for the US Agency one day but I'm not in the pool YET. But its good being the smart guy in the section because I can whip up a short paragraph and make it legitimate and save my Sergeants and Chiefs a lot of time.

Oh I am now at Fort Bragg and have been staying away from Fayetteville. They say the fastest way for someone to become an E5 is to go to Korea as an E6, but the second fastest way is probably lurking around Bragg Blvd in Fayetteville getting into all kinds of stupid stuff. Went airborne did 5 jumps at airborne school but I still haven't jumped in Division. I am in the 2nd BDE and we are now the batter up if things went bad.

So yes my citizenship stuff is moving at the pace in between a snail and a leprechaun. Sometimes things seem to be moving quicker at other times it feels like there is no advance whatsoever. But I have learned to enjoy whatever we do. Getting my hands greasy, grease gun malfunction and whole lot of training on the field made me more interested in Field Artillery but don't worry I still have bigger plans.

Besides that, I am now a super duper paratrooper, an alleged SPY, and a resident chef of my section. It's fun hanging out with the dudes but sometimes I miss the routine Sciencetech announcement given by Alan and SR Double Eagle Cafe announcements, STEM time with George and the main guest speakers. I hope the Winter Time Fun brings out a lot of Joy and just wanted to drop by via email to say 'm still here 'm good!

Happy 2020 and Happy Almost Lunar New Year!!

-J KIM

March 2020 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 11:30am, 1st and 3rd Wednesday, Shapiro's Delicatessen, 808 S. Meridian St. 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.

3/13- Announcements at 7:45; program at 8:00

STEM Time with George Dunn following the speaker.
Artificial Nucleosynthesis – How Far Does the Periodic Table Go?

Mensa Admissions Test — Saturday, 3/7 1:00pm with registration before.
Please arrive a few minutes early.

Location is in the area of 116th St. and Rangeline Road in Carmel. Contact Alison Brown SIGHT@IndyMensa.org 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.

TESTING PROMOTIONS on Mensa Connect website: All of March, FREE prior evidence review; March 14, PI Day Promotion Mensa Practice Test \$3.14.

March 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
1	2	3	4 Indy Lunch Bunch
8	9	10	11
15 Mensans Dining Out	16	17 <i>MIND</i> bending/ ExCom 	18 Indy Lunch Bunch
22 Book Group Due to COVID 19, Book Group is on hiatus until further notice	23	24	25
29	30	31	

Thursday	Friday	Saturday
5	6	7 Ham 'n' Eggs; Mensa Admission Testing
12	13 Monthly Gathering	14
19	20	21
26	27	28

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.

March 2020 Events (cont.)

Mensans Dining Out - 3rd Sunday, 6 p.m., **3/15** – George's Neighborhood Grill
6935 Lake Plaza Dr · Indianapolis, IN
For more information, contact Bob Zdanky at 317-912-3590.

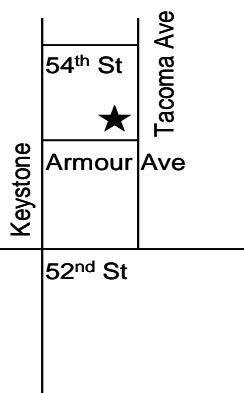
MINDbending/ExCom – 3rd Tuesday of the month.
MINDbending is the preparation of next month's MIND for mailing. Come help with sealing, labeling, and stamping the MINDs.

3/17, 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 52nd St. and Keystone Ave. on the northeast side of Indianapolis.

A Big Thank You to all the February MINDbenders and Midwest Internet for hosting the event.



Book Group –3/22, 2pm at the Gibsons'. Read "Click Here to Kill Everybody" by Bruce Schneier and come prepared for a lively discussion. We will provide refreshments, but feel free to bring something to share. Our books tend to be non-fiction and do not exceed about 300 pages in length. 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 770-548-5217 for more details or to RSVP

OMG! Outdoor Mensa Gathering!

May 29-31, 2020

Versailles State Park, Indiana

Please note later date this year!!!

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.

Get more information at <https://indymensa.org/big-events/>

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

Jon's Journal – News for Region 4

Board of Directors (AMC) Update—Being Strategic

Jon Gruebele, RVC4

A board's primary responsibility is to set the organization's overall direction. As I write this at the end of January, we are hoping to approve a strategic plan for 2020-2025 at our March 21st AMC meeting. If you have any recommendations on our draft proposal, I'd be very interested in hearing them before the meeting. The draft is still very much under discussion and will likely be updated before being approved.

In short, we wanted to have a plan that focused on reaching out to people who might be interested in Mensa, delivering good value to our current members, and reducing our reliance on dues for funding.

As Chair of the Strategic Planning Committee, my recommendations were:

Outreach

American Mensa has a strong, well-understood brand image that's communicated through many marketing channels, attracting new members and delivering ongoing membership growth.

Metric: new memberships (including renewals after a lapse of one year or more)

Value

American Mensa provides excellent value for the dues our members pay. We understand how to appropriately segment our members so we can best serve their needs – regardless of age and geographic location. We deliver value by helping members form communities of common interest, offering great events, and delivering an attractive local group experience.

Metrics: retention rate, net promoter score

Revenue Diversification

Mensa has a diversified revenue stream. This helps keep dues at a level that aligns with the value provided.

Metrics: Non-dues revenue as a percent of total revenue, net operating income as a percent of revenue

Obviously, these are very high-level goals and many supporting efforts will be required for each. As an example, for Outreach, we'll need programs that focus on brand awareness, social media, testing, reaching out to members who have lapsed, and others. Each should have their own goals and supporting metrics. I hope to add rigor to our execution, with regular feedback and a strong partnership between volunteers and our national office staff.

As an aside, the one metric "net operating income as a percent of revenue" is perhaps not well matched to the Revenue Diversification goal, but I still feel strongly it needs to be included. This is the one measure that shows how well we're doing at reducing our net asset deficit. While these are all important goals to pursue, we must maintain healthy finances in the process.



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Finally, we have several upcoming Regional Gatherings plus the Colloquium and Annual Gathering. We'd love to see you there:

- March 27-29, Grand SlaM, Brentwood, MO, <http://stlouisareamensa.weebly.com/gathering.html>
- April 17-19, RG20 Science:Magic, a Continuum, Lake Geneva, WI, <http://wi.us.mensa.org/rglg.html>
- May 29-31, OMG! (Outdoor Mensa Gathering), Versailles State Park, Southeast Indiana, <https://indymensa.org/big-events/>
- June 30, Colloquium 2020: Advances in Food Science, Kansas City, MO, <https://ag.us.mensa.org/pages/programming/colloquium/>
- July 1-5, KCAG20, Kansas City, MO, <https://ag.us.mensa.org/>



New Members

Cynthia Fadem	Richmond	IN	Joined
Varun Nagarajan	Columbus	IN	Joined
David Rettig	Madison	IN	MoveIn

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.

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!



Books On The Runway

Margy Lancet Fletcher

Author: Vince Beiser

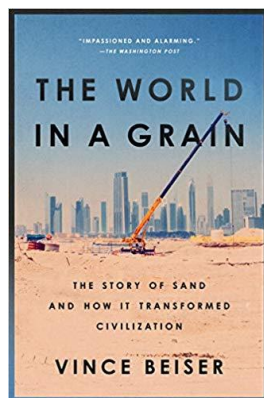
Title: *The World in a Grain: The Story of Sand and How It Transformed Civilization*

Publisher: Riverhead Books

Year: 2018

Book Description: If any of us were asked to name one vital and endangered natural resource on this planet, *water* would be our automatic response, and *sand* would not even enter our consciousness. But according to award-winning and prolific journalist Vince Beiser, this deceptively bland and ubiquitous substance should top everyone's list. Beiser commences *The World in a Grain*, his vibrant celebratory-cum-cautionary tale of human environmental management, with a definition of *sand*

(a portion is excerpted below) and a summary of the ways in which this granular entity has oozed its way into every pore of human existence, causing both comfort and conflict. Part I, "How Sand Built the Twentieth Century's Industrialized World," presents a detailed history of the industries in which sand has been utilized: concrete for pathway and building construction, asphalt for a variety of infrastructure components (e.g., interstate highways and airport runways), and glass for scientific and household equipment. Part II, "How Sand Is Building the Twentieth Century's Globalized, Digital World," propels the reader into the modern era, tracing the advent and progression of such sand-intensive endeavors as the manufacture of computer chips and other electronic parts, the extraction of oil through fracking, the rejuvenation of eroding beaches, and the creation and expansion of nations (!). The author ends on a somber and urgent note, devoting the final three chapters to the ways in which sand mining and the overuse of sand products (especially concrete) have wreaked havoc on our terrestrial environment, and possible solutions to this earth-shaking issue. Along the way, Beiser expands our vocabulary with such terms as "aggregate," "slurry," and "arenophile", and introduces us to such memorable historic characters as Ernest L. Ransome, who invented a system of reinforcing concrete with iron, and Carl Graham Fisher, an early-twentieth-century daredevil, car dealer, and public road builder. As an added bonus, three inter-chapter "Interludes" provide the reader with some surprising practices involving sand, an estimate of the number of grains of sand that exist on the world's beaches, and a compelling character sketch of scientist-soldier Ralph Bagnold, an explorer and sand expert who helped defeat the Third Reich. Gritty reporting at its best (please pardon the pun).



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

I profess to be as guilty as anyone of having undervalued sand, treasuring it merely for its aesthetic attributes as the chief element of the sparkly, sunny beaches of my most recent vacation destinations. As the title of Beiser's book implies, we really are surrounded by sand derivatives, as sand is an ingredient in countless everyday products, among which are cell phones, computer chips and screens, porcelain sinks, wrinkle-free fabrics, eyeglasses, light bulbs, and concrete floors and driveways. Imagining life without Beiser's "armies of sand" is the ultimate exercise in humility.

Who should definitely read this book? Why? The material contained in *The World in a Grain* encompasses just about every intellectual discipline, including the STEM quartet (science, technology, engineering, mathematics), the social sciences, and the liberal arts. Thus, this book has something to satisfy every inquiring mind.

How long might it take to read this book? *The World in a Grain* is truly a page-turner; its energetic and expressive prose belies its colorless, inanimate subject matter, and it is chock full of stunning revelations. Relatively modest in length as well (less than 300 pages including notes and index), its grains of knowledge can be sifted and absorbed in three days or less.

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

What is sand, anyway? That simple syllable comprises a panoply of tiny objects of many shapes and sizes made of many different substances. As defined by the Udden-Wentworth scale, the most commonly used geological standard, the term *sand* encompasses loose grains of any hard material with a diameter between 2 and 0.0625 millimeters. That means the average grain of sand is a tad larger than the width of a human hair. Those grains can be made by glaciers grinding up stones, by oceans degrading seashells and corals (many Caribbean beaches are made of decomposed shells), even by volcanic lava chilling and shattering upon contact with air or water (That's where Hawaii's black sand beaches come from.)

Nearly 70 percent of all sand grains on Earth, however, are quartz. These are the ones that matter most to us. Quartz is a form of silicon dioxide, or SiO₂, also known as silica. Its components, silicon and oxygen, are the most abundant elements in the Earth's crust, so it's no surprise that quartz is one of the most common minerals on Earth. It is found abundantly in the granite and other rocks that form the world's mountains and other geological features.

Hindsight in 20/20

[Articles From The MIND Archives]

Teresa Gregory

As we approach the 75th anniversary of Mensa International next year, it might be fun to look to our own past.

In January 1980, Sue Lasek was LocSec, Harry Rider was MIND Editor, and a new chess computer was ruining someone's life. Who had one of these?

Alcohol, Heroin, Chess, All the Same!

Sholem Schlepper

Recently UPS brought me an innocuous appearing carton, bound securely with nylon tape. Imagine my delight to find a fully programmed chess computer, tantamount to a roomful of grand masters at my beck and call.

What I failed to anticipate was the inroads it would make on my peace of mind and sleeping pattern. Since its arrival I have not had one hour of relaxed sleep; I keep visualizing chess men in tantalizing combinations. The ogre pursues me as I pursue him, each extracting in turn our respective tribute in agony from our chess antagonist. It represents a refined study in masochism to commence a game later in the evening, knowing bloody well the torment will last until two or three A.M.

So, I'm hooked, with little chance of respite from my 'round the clock hell on earth. Eli Lilly is working on a counter part of methadone for chess players, but it won't be OK'd by the FDA for another seven years. Maybe I can find a half-way house for chess addicts, where withdrawal can be shared with other chess bums. But for the moment life is bleak. I look forward with combined horror and fascination to engaging the genie each evening after speeding home, bolting my dinner, then plugging in the computer for several hours of excruciating excitement.

If you're the sort who enjoys a devastating practical joke, select any chess fiend and ship him the CHESS CHALLENGER. After a week or so check him for tension, blood pressure and incipient nervous collapse. If his eyelids flutter and his respiration comes in spasmodic heaves order a high-quality strait-jacket immediately.

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.

Central Indiana Mensa ExCom 12/17/2019

Ann Hake, CIM Secretary

The regular monthly meeting of the Central Indiana Mensa ExCom was held at Midwest Internet on Tuesday, December 17, 2019.

LocSec Teresa Gregory called the meeting to order at 7:13 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 November 2019 ExCom meeting. Kurt Williams moved that the minutes be accepted as amended. Jan Pfeil Doyle seconded the motion, and the motion was carried.

The committee reviewed the Treasurer's report for November 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 11/30/2019 from American Mensa: 507 members, 4 new, 1 movein, 7 rejoins, and 3 prospects. Four candidates were tested.

Old Business

Regional Gathering (RG) – will take place January 24-26, 2020. Teresa promoted the gathering at the Cincinnati RG. Registration is available on EventBrite.

Outdoor Gathering (OG) – will take place the last weekend of May (May 29-31, 2020) in Versailles State Park. Registration is available on EventBrite.

Pat Milligan compiled a Meetup Usage report since 2012 to help evaluate the value of the service. The data indicate steady growth of total membership of the CIM group from approximately 20 at the end of 2012 to 276 in November 2019; and growth of active users from approximately 20 at the end of 2012 to 47 in November 2019. The cost of the service has gone up from \$15 monthly to \$16 monthly. Ann Hake moved that the Meetup subscription be continued. Jan Pfeil Doyle seconded the motion, and the motion was carried.

Kurt Williams has provided a karaoke machine on long-term loan to CIM to be used at Monthly (and other) Gatherings.

New Business --No new business.

There being no other business, Kurt Williams moved that the meeting be adjourned. Vicki Adang seconded the motion. The motion was carried and the meeting was adjourned at 8:17 pm.

Treasurer's Report

Kurt Williams, CIM Treasurer

Following is the financial statement through December 31, 2019:

Assets

	12/31/19
Regular Checking	\$ 4,289.24
Scholarship Checking	\$ -
Events Checking	\$ 9,199.99
MG Cash	\$ 25.00
USPS Stamps	\$ 291.50
TOTAL	\$ 13,805.73

Revenue & Expenses

REVENUE

December 2019

National Support	\$ 431.80
Testing Support	\$ 85.00
New Member/ Lapsed Member	\$ 11.00
MG Income	\$ 7.00
Total Revenue	\$ 534.80

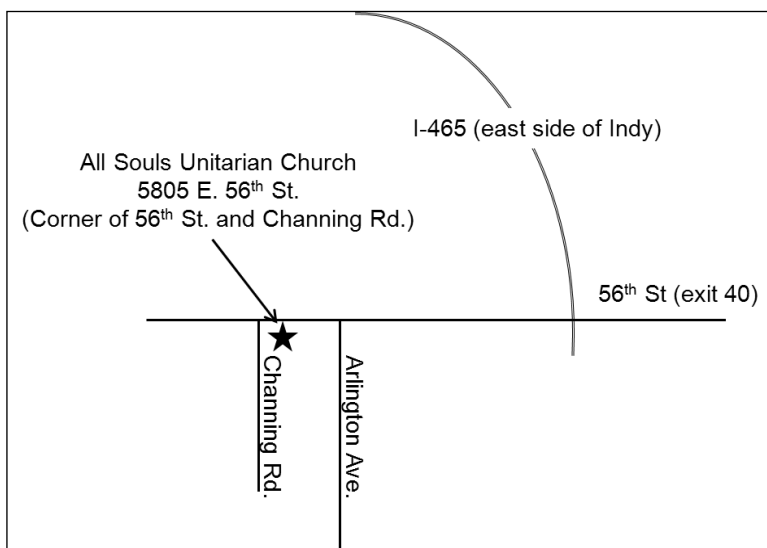
EXPENSES

MG Hospitality	\$ 66.59
MIND Printing	\$ 292.25
MIND Hospitality	\$ 51.37
Meetup	\$ 98.94
Total Expenses	\$ 509.15
Net revenue for the period (loss)	\$ 25.65

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.
- Look for signs within the building.



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