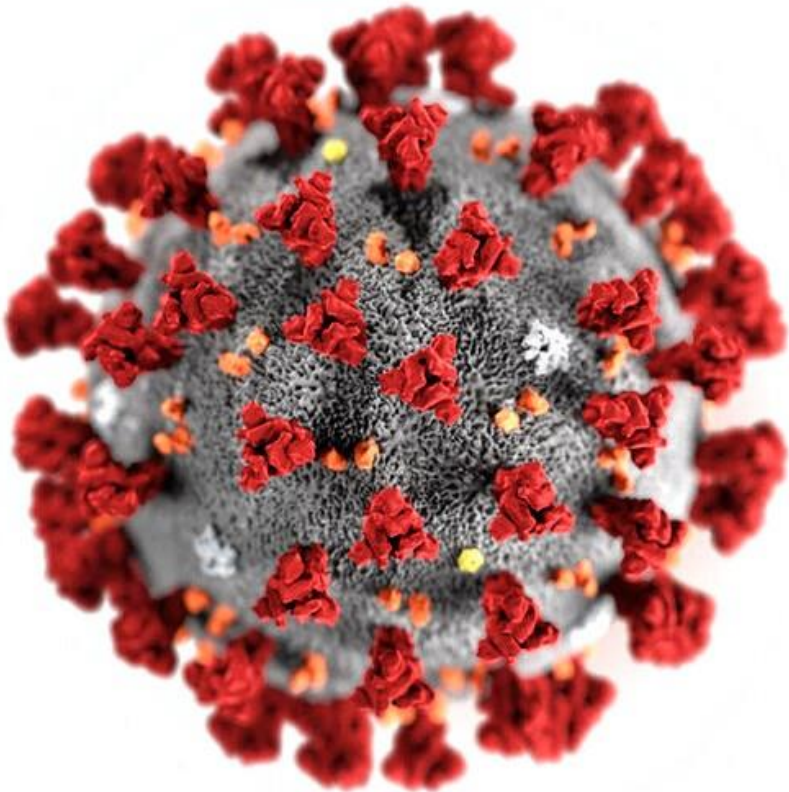


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Loosing My MIND

Vonda Heverly, Editor

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



As I write this, it is the eve of St. Patrick's Day. I celebrated the weekend before last at a concert, and I'm glad I did! Everything is cancelled and closed. No dining in at restaurants. Tomorrow I get to tackle all the phone calls it will take to cancel our spring break plans. No library, museums, or zoo visits now either. Fortunately, my daughter and I are introverted enough that three weeks at home together with our hobbies sounds

pretty appealing. My work is staying open as of now but limiting the number of patients per hour. At least we have toilet paper!

In this issue, I included a few extra pages of humor. We'll take all that we can get right now! I'm also pleased to introduce you to fellow Mensan Donald Cobb on page six. This WWII veteran is a "newbie" Mensan, not joining until he was 92!

And if you are feeling a little under the weather, by all means STAY HOME and make yourself the soothing tea recipe on page nine!

Cheers!



Old Dog/New Tricks

Teresa Gregory, LocSec

In February, I went to Los Angeles to visit my son and his girlfriend. I did my usual Tuesday until Thursday trip. I flew out of busy LAX on February 20, had a 2.5-hour layover in crowded Phoenix, and arrived home after 2:00am on Friday. Later Friday, I drove to Bloomington to meet friends and go to a sold-out show. I arrived home about 2:30am on Saturday. Tuesday, I came down with the granddaddy of colds. Almost three weeks later, I am still coughing and self-quarantining. I feel better, but I am not taking any chances.



While I was dealing with my own health, COVID-19 struck. We had learned about it from Dr Ann Hake at our February Monthly Gathering. Now, it's real.

Who ever thought that sports tournaments would be cancelled or that universities would close? As of today, several governors have limited restaurants and bars to take-out or delivery only. In the Midwest, Dayton and St Louis have cancelled their RGs.

Anything I write will be outdated by tomorrow.

UPDATE: One day after I wrote this, things have changed. Within the past few hours, the ExCom has decided to cancel all events for the month of April. This is for the safety of all our Mensa friends and their families. Please, everyone, stay safe.

At this time, we have not discussed the Outdoor Gathering in May.

In other business:

Congratulations to David Bonner whose robotics team won the state championship.

A huge thank you to Laurel Richardson, our Scholarship Chair. She has been doing this for us for a long time, but this year, The Mensa Research Foundation decided to "improve" the experience. Oh. My. Lord. This was a huge nightmare for everyone. Laurel stuck with it and made it work. I would not have had the patience. We will be hearing more about this in the coming months.

During these unusual times, think about your fellow Mensans. Maybe check in with them, see if they are okay. A thoughtful call or text can make someone's day.



Letter to Fellow Mensans

Donald Cobb, Evansville

Greetings fellow Mensans,



The cover of the March *Mind* brought back many memories. Seventy-six years ago, I boarded a Navy destroyer named USS Murphy DD603 on St Patrick's Day. Since it had an Irish name, there was a large Shamrock on the starboard side of the rear smokestack. We were at Normandy and Southern France, and on Valentine's Day, 1945, we transferred King ibn Saud of Saudi Arabia over to the USS Quincy to meet with President Roosevelt after transporting him and 48 of his entourage from Jidda, Saudi Arabia. I titled my book, *The Lady with a Shamrock*. I joined Mensa two years ago at the age of 92 years. I have not attended a meeting since I live in Evansville. I do enjoy the monthly *Mind*.

Donald Cobb

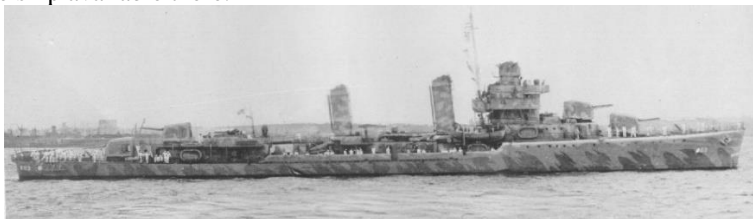
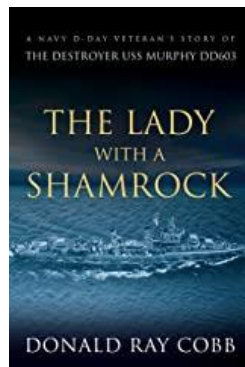
From the Editor:

What a treasure trove of living history! Mr. Cobb's letter sent me off on a search to learn more about his military past. His book is, of course, available on Amazon. I'll share a couple of the interesting sites I found here, but if you want more just enter the name of his ship into Google.

Did the USS Murphy sink? Not according to the Navy, yet its remains were found. Read about it on the Insight2History blog here: <https://tinyurl.com/umjpk82>

I found footage on YouTube of the ship transporting King Saud: <https://tinyurl.com/qs8b3qo>

If you or your local library subscribe to fold3.com, there are actual war diaries of the ship available there.



USS Murphy from the archives of NavSource.org

Petra's Punny Page

Petra Ritchie



Petra is practicing social distancing this month, so please enjoy some humor from our honorary CIM, Bryan Lundren. —Ed.

“A little nonsense now and then is relished by the wisest men.” --Roald Dahl? Willy Wonka? Gene Wilder? Horace? Lord Byron? Horace Walpole? Hudibras? Samuel Butler? Anonymous? Read about this history of this quote at *Quote Investigator*:
<https://tinyurl.com/y9vucncz>

The Master Sailplane Pilot

Bryan Lundgren, Western Michigan Mensa

From December 2016 *Isolated M*



Jose is a master sailplane pilot. He loved gliding along the face of California's coastal mountain ranges. Steady onshore Pacific winds create a mountain wave that provides lift over long distances. Jose frequently flew more than a hundred miles from his home airport. For additional security, he paid a friend, Sally, for being his safety and chase person while flying.

Sally asked Jose, “Where should I wait while monitoring your flight path?”

Jose answered, “While you're following my position on GPS tracker and the radio, you can go anywhere in in your car. Just watch and be available to come and get me.”

“Is there anything I shouldn't do?”

Jose thought a bit and replied, “Just don't be a soar loser.”

Feghoot Rejection

From January 2017 *Isolated M*

Doing this is hard. Writing Feghoots, I mean. Mine were rejected and rejected by nit-picky and demanding editors.

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“Doesn't make me laugh,” one wrote. “You can't spell,” noted another. After a few tries this one was published by the Isolated M newsletter.

The editor noted, “If at first you don't proofread, it's bye, bye again.”

The Fishing Lure Business

From January 2017 *Isolated M*

Tina lived in a small town located near several popular fishing lakes in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan. In addition to her regular job teaching school, she ran an entrepreneurial business in the summers making and selling bass lures. To jump start sales, Tina gave an additional reward to entice lure buyers: Feghoot jokes.

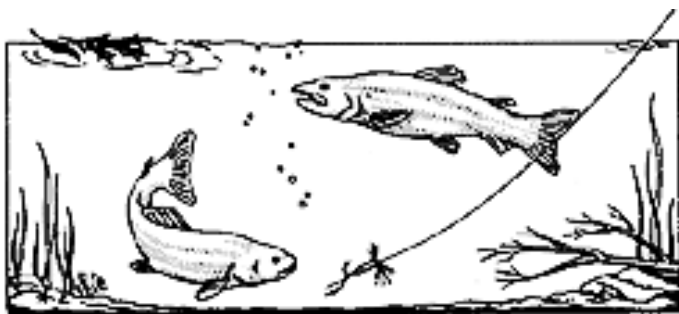
Kitschy humor is popular in the Upper Peninsula, and Tina regularly composed Feghoots to share with a covert Mensa group called Isolated M. She stapled a folded half-page Feghoot to the back of each lure's vacuum-molded blister-pack package in hopes of attracting more buyers.

Tina's incentive worked. Customers bought bass lures just to read and collect new Fegs, as fishermen termed them. One dealer noted to Tina, “It's kinda like buying Cracker Jacks just for the prize inside.”

With sales soaring, Tina had the grand idea to create even more business by selling hundred-dollar tackle boxes filled with lures. She called this new offering: The Big Bass Kit. It included a booklet of all of her Fegs as the buying incentive.

Unfortunately, Tina's new marketing scheme backfired. A local fishing-supply store copied the booklet and handed it out with any purchase of \$50 or more. Tina sold only a few of her hundred-dollar bass lure kits. Sales of her regular lures dropped, too. All Tina could say is, “Darn! I wish I'd copyrighted my collection of Fegs.”

That fall, the local newspaper featured Tina's startup company in the Sunday edition's business section. The story detailed the rise and decline of Tina's bass lures-with-jokes business. The reporter asked Tina what went wrong. Tina is quoted saying: “Don't ever put all of your Fegs in one Bass Kit.”



Wit and Wisdom

Ann Marie Hake, MD

1. Recipe for Tea, for relief of upper respiratory symptoms:

This hot toddy-inspired drink helps soothe sore throat and congestion. The vinegar and the cayenne pepper may sting your throat at first, but you will feel better by the end of the cup.

- Hot tea 1 cup (green, chamomile, black, or other)
- lemon juice 2 Tbsp
- apple cider vinegar 1-2 Tbsp
- ginger 1/4 tsp
- cinnamon - dash (1/8 tsp)
- cayenne pepper - pinch (1/16 tsp)
- cloves - pinch
- raw honey to taste (will need a lot) preferably local
- alcohol optional

2. A short poem with advice for these troubled times:

Don't kiss your honey
When your nose is runny
You might think it's funny
But it's snot.

3. Some Hand-washing Observations:

We don't actually wash our hands; they wash each other while we stand there and watch and sing to ourselves.

If you are tired of singing "Happy Birthday" while your hands wash each other, here are some other things that last 20 seconds:

- "Old MacDonald" (one animal's worth)
- "Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star" (or the alphabet)
- Gilligan's Island theme – 1st two verses
- "The Locomotion"
- "My Country 'Tis of Thee" (or "God Save the Queen")
- "This Land is Your Land"
- Intro speech from "Star Trek" ("Space: the final frontier...")
- "The Raven" by Edgar Allan Poe – one verse

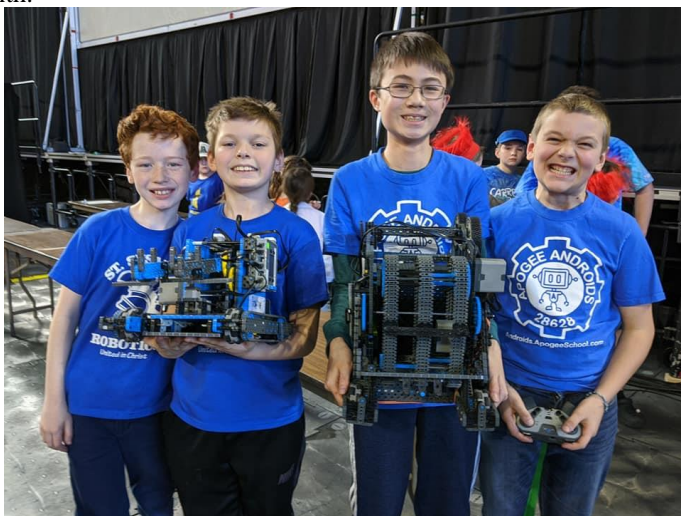
Happy sudsing!

Indiana State Robotics Competition

Vonda Heverly

TechPoint Foundation for Youth hosted the third annual Indiana VEX Robotics State Championship at Lucas Oil Stadium on March 7, 2020. The competition was the largest State Championship in the country, gathering over 360 teams from elementary, middle and high schools across the state.

Congratulations to Mensan David Bonner, who coaches the Apogee Androids. His team took first place in their division and qualified to go to the World Finals this month.



Honorable mention to Southport Elementary, who qualified to compete at State but did not make it to the World Finals. This team is co-captained by Mensan Vonda Heverly's daughter.



April 2020 Events

Please note that ALL regularly scheduled events have been cancelled. Check IndyMensa.org for further updates.

Ham ‘n’ Eggs (Hamilton County Eggheads) – ****CANCELLED**** 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 - ****CANCELLED**** 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.
4/10 Cancelled

Mensa Admissions Test – ****CANCELLED**** **Saturday, 4/18 1:00pm with registration before. Please arrive a few minutes early.**

Testing will be conducted on Indy's South side. Contact Alison Brown [.SIGHT@IndyMensa.org](mailto: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.

April 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
			1 Indy Lunch Bunch *Cancelled*
5	6	7	8
12	13	14	15 Indy Lunch Bunch *Cancelled*
19 Mensans Dining Out *Cancelled*	20	21 MINDbending/ ExCom *Cancelled*	22
26 Book Group *Cancelled*	27	28	29

Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2	3	4 Ham 'n' Eggs *Cancelled*
9	10 Monthly Gathering *Cancelled*	11
16	17	18 Mensa Admission Testing *Cancelled*
23	24	25
30		

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.

April 2020 Events (cont.)

Mensans Dining Out - ****CANCELLED**** 3rd Sunday, 6 p.m.,

4/19 – Cancelled

For more information, contact Bob Zdanky at 317-912-3590.

MINDbending/ExCom ****CANCELLED**** – 3rd Tuesday of the month.

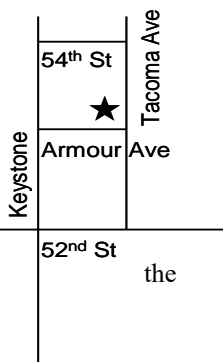
MINDbending is the preparation of next month's MIND for mailing. Come help with sealing, labeling, and stamping the MINDs.

4/21, 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 northeast side of Indianapolis.

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



Book Group – ****CANCELLED**** 4/26, 2pm at the Gibsons'. 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

Our National Office, and Why Members Don't Work There

Jon Gruebele, RVC4

Almost half of American Mensa's total outlays (2018-2019 - \$4.6m) are for "Administrative & General" (A&G) expenses (\$2.2m). Big picture, A&G is the cost of operating our National Office headquartered in Arlington, TX. 78% of A&G expenses are for salaries and benefits. That's not surprising. Most costs for organizations that don't manufacture something will typically be for employees.

A&G expenses fund a dedicated staff of 20+ professionals who handle day-to-day operations and various projects. While the vast majority of everything done in American Mensa is driven by thousands of volunteers, we've opted to handle a few operations with employees. That allows for greater accountability regarding efficiencies, timeliness, and quality.

Trevor Mitchell, our Executive Director, leads the National Office team. He has an MBA and is a Certified Association Executive. The Board of Directors (AMC) is responsible for hiring him and managing his performance. He in turn hires and manages the rest of the staff.

Key leaders reporting to Trevor include Timothy Brooks, Membership; Charles Brown, Marketing and Communications; John McGill, Brand Partnerships; Matthew Needham, IT; and David Peery, Finance. Jill Beckham, Foundation Director, also reports to Trevor but her position is funded by the Foundation. Two other key National Office staff include Shirley Meine, the Executive Assistant who sweats all the details, and Becky Folger, our Local Group Services Manager. Becky is the main contact for Local Group officers. If she isn't the person responsible for doing something, she knows who is and will facilitate the conversation.

A frequently debated policy is the one that prohibits National Office employees from being current American Mensa members. Some employees are certainly eligible for membership, and some have joined – or rejoined – Mensa after leaving employment with us. This policy stems from a strict interpretation of bylaws article VII (5) that prohibits conflicts of interest.

On the one hand, having employees as members might result in better engagement; on the other, it could lead to real or perceived challenges. One extreme example might be a member employee who gets elected to the AMC and thus would be responsible for hiring and managing their own boss. Another less dramatic example might be a staff member who could be perceived as favoring their own Local Group over another. To respect our bylaws and avoid such issues, this policy has been in place as long as I can remember.

Don't forget, it's not too late to attend some of our terrific upcoming events.

We'd love to see you there:

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- 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, Annual Gathering (KCAG20), Kansas City, MO, <https://ag.us.mensa.org/>

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Books On The Runway

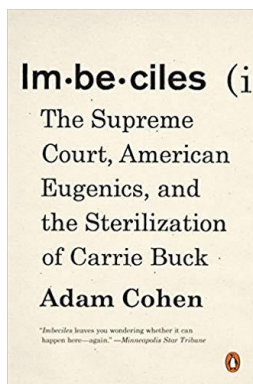
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Author: Adam Cohen

Title: *Imbeciles: The Supreme Court, American Eugenics, and the Sterilization of Carrie Buck*

Publisher: Penguin Press

Year: 2016



Book Description: *Imbeciles* brings to light what should have been one of the most prominent - and notorious - U.S. Supreme Court cases, but one that has instead been consigned to the musty catacombs of American judicial history. Based on scant and ill-gotten evidence and accompanied by a chorus of proto-Nazi cheers, *Buck v. Bell* dubiously confirmed the legality of eugenic sterilization (which allegedly preserved desirable genetic characteristics) and condemned a working-class Virginian to reproductive barrenness.

Legal journalist Adam Cohen's clarion call for the preservation of civil liberties begins with a summary of the events that mobilized the eugenics movement in

the 1920's and the significance of *Buck v. Bell* to the worldwide political climate, past and present (an excerpt is cited below). The second and penultimate chapters provide a poignant biography of Carrie Buck before and after her mandatory sterilization.

The intervening chapters profile the following four powerful men instrumental in the Supreme Court decision to forcibly render Carrie Buck incapable of conception:

- (1) Albert Priddy, physician and Superintendent of the Virginia Colony for Epileptics and Feeble-Minded, where Carrie and her mother were

inmates. He helped draft Virginia's eugenic sterilization law and recommended Carrie Buck as a guinea pig in the legal test case.

- (2) Harry Laughlin, scientist and manager of the Eugenics Records Office and staunch supporter of sterilization as a means of improving America's genetic stock. He served as "expert witness" in the Virginia and U.S. Supreme Court cases against Carrie Buck.
- (3) Aubrey Strode, the trial lawyer who drafted the legislation advocating eugenic sterilization. He narrowed the scope of the proposed law to sufficiently ensure that it would be appealed all the way to the Supreme Court.
- (4) Oliver Wendell Holmes, Jr., the Supreme Court justice, whose written opinion supporting the Virginia law convinced seven of the other eight justices to vote in favor of denying Carrie Buck one of her basic human rights, based on a specious collective judgement that Carrie was certifiably "feeble-minded," and therefore a genetic danger to the nation.

The author concludes with a grim prognostication of the future of human civilization if the appropriate lessons are not learned from this legal travesty. Underlying Cohen's incisive narrative is the contention that, contrary to the allusion created by the blindfolded Greek statue of justice, the modern American practice thereof is not impartial, but highly selective toward the strong over the weak. In this instance, the author poses the question: Who are the real imbeciles?

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

In addition to severely testing my faith in American jurisprudence, *Imbeciles* reveals a cornucopia of astounding facts, such as the immense nationwide popularity of the "negative germplasm" notion during the Roaring Twenties, even among such notable progressives as Theodore Roosevelt, Louis Brandeis, William Howard Taft, Alexander Graham Bell, Jane Addams, and Margaret Sanger, as well as members of the League of Women Voters and (gasp!) my own Disciples of Christ Church. Years before Adolph Hitler's rise to power in Germany, status seekers among the American intelligentsia were seduced by their own "master race" mania; indeed, Madison Grant's idealization of the Nordic race in *The Passing of the Great Race* served as a template for Hitler's *Mein Kampf*. I can only be grateful that reason and compassion eventually triumphed over the pseudo-science of eugenics - but for how much longer?

Who should definitely read this book? Why? Just as Charles Davenport's *Heredity in Relation to Eugenics* was once part of the biology curriculum of colleges and universities across the country, *Imbeciles* should be required reading for all actual and would-be natural and biological scientists, as well as legal scholars. For anyone invested in the health of our liberal Western culture, this book packs a powerful punch.

How long might it take to read this book? A relatively modest 327 pages of text and 57 pages of notes would require no more than three to five days of "study time."

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

The Code of Hammurabi is one of the world's great legal artifacts. When French archaeologists discovered it in 1901, they learned that ancient Babylonia had a strikingly sophisticated legal system. The code, which was carved onto a black stone slab, included 282 distinct laws covering such modern-seeming doctrines as liability for negligent acts and the presumption of innocence. As significant as these individual rules was the code's eloquent statement of its own purpose, contained in the preface: "to bring about the rule of righteousness in the land . . . so that the strong should not harm the weak."

That simple ideal remains, more than 3,500 years later, the law's highest calling. It is a vision that the American legal system has failed to live up to all too often . . . In fact, a tendency to favor the powerful could be said to be one of American law's defining features. Legal historians note that American courts have had the predisposition since the nation's earliest days and even before. In the Massachusetts Bay Colony, judges were willing to try people for witchcraft, but their enthusiasm waned when accusations began to be made against prominent members of society, including the president of Harvard College. In modern times, there has been no shortage of cases in which the rich and well connected wrongly escape unscathed, or in which the poor and weak were crushed.

Additional Remarks: Members of Mensa should take note that *Imbeciles* provides a frightening glimpse into the dark side of intellectual superiority, and that the eugenicists' intolerance toward imperfection motivated the inclusion in their "hit list" of not only the "feeble-minded," but also of individuals who were racially, physiologically, and financially "inferior" (e.g., African-Americans, Jews, epileptics, indigents, physically handicapped persons) - all of whom were deemed unfit to reproduce. Once the "genetic purity" insanity starts, where does it end? To paraphrase the sixteenth-century English reformer, John Bradford, there but for the grace of effective and humane leadership go you and I. Read *Imbeciles* and heed its cautionary message.

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.

~~April 26--Why Does the World Exist by Jim Holt~~ CANCELLED

May 31--American Dialogues by Joseph J Ellis

June 14--Bring a Book! *Note corrected date. -Ed.*



Central Indiana Mensa ExCom 1/21/2020

Ann Hake, CIM Secretary

The regular monthly meeting of the Central Indiana Mensa ExCom was held at Midwest Internet on Tuesday, January 21, 2020.

LocSec Teresa Gregory called the meeting to order at 7:07 pm. Members present were Vicki Adang, Jan Pfeil Doyle, Teresa Gregory, Ann Hake, Pat Milligan, Kurt Williams, and Bob Zdanky.

Absent: none.

Guests: Alison Brown, Alan Schmidt.

The committee reviewed the minutes of the December 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 December 2019. It was noted that the Monthly Gathering income for December was only \$7.00 since everyone else brought food (it was the Holiday Party.) LocSec Teresa Gregory also reminded the ExCom that there was no door fee for the January Monthly Gathering (Games Night), so the Monthly Gathering income for next month will be \$0. Ann Hake moved that the report be accepted. Vicki Adang seconded the motion, and the motion was carried.

A membership report was compiled by Teresa Gregory based upon the information available as of 12/31/2019 from American Mensa: 514 members, 3 new, 0 moveins, 3 rejoins, and 6 prospects. Two candidates were tested.

Old Business

Regional Gathering (RG) – will take place January 24-26, 2020 (this coming weekend). Final preparations are underway. 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.

The Mensa Scholarship application period has ended, the deadline having been on January 15, 2020. Essay judging will commence soon.

New Business

Officer elections will take place in September. In accordance with CIM bylaws, a 3-member Nominating Committee and a 3-member Election Committee will be appointed no later than April 1, 2020.

A discussion was held regarding whether the CIM Meetup site should be used to promote events that are not specifically CIM events, but which are events that
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several Mensans might be attending. The consensus was that it could be used for this purpose, but that the procedure for postings should be the same as that for CIM-sponsored events, i.e., the posting should be made by one of the individuals designated as an “official” CIM Meetup administrator.

Kurt Williams reported that he had received information about judging local and regional science fairs for elementary, middle school, and high school students; also included was information about the opportunity for organizations to sponsor special prizes for these fairs. The regional science fair is scheduled for the end of March. Discussion ensued that this might be something that CIM would like to do, pending further information. The ExCom was willing to allocate up to \$150 toward a certificate and/or prize, depending on the information received. It was recognized that there might be deadlines that could occur before the next ExCom meeting; because of this, Ann Hake moved that Kurt be authorized to pursue this and act upon it if appropriate. Jan Pfeil Doyle seconded the motion, and the motion was carried.

The Vouchers program for Mensa testing has been extended to March 31, 2020. The code for our area is “Hoosiers19”.

Preparations are in progress for the International Mensa 75th Anniversary Meeting, which will take place in 2021 in Houston.

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 8:41 pm.



New Members

Walter DeArmitt	Columbus	IN	Joined
Carol DeArmitt	Greenwood	IN	Joined
David Jiang	Carmel	IN	Joined
Mark Johnson	Fishers	IN	MoveIn
Daniel McKinley	Indianapolis	IN	Joined
Dathan Schramm	Martinsville	IN	Joined

Treasurer's Report

Kurt Williams, CIM Treasurer

Following is the financial statement through January 31, 2020:

Assets

	01/31/20
Regular Checking	\$ 3,640.76
Scholarship Checking	\$ -
Events Checking	\$ 8,471.21
MG Cash	\$ 25.00
USPS Stamps	\$ 164.45
TOTAL	\$ 12,301.42

Revenue & Expenses

REVENUE

January 2020

National Support	\$ 436.90
Testing Support	\$ -
New Member/ Lapsed Member	\$ 6.00
RG Income	\$ 1,325.00
OG Income	\$ 130.00
MG Income	\$ -
Total Revenue	\$ 1,897.90

EXPENSES

MG Hospitality	\$ 10.45
MIND Printing	\$ 308.96
MIND Hospitality	\$ 53.62
RG Facilities	\$ 817.50
RG Hospitality	\$ 1,075.83
New member dinner	\$ 20.00
Testing Supplies/postage	\$ 9.63
Total Expenses	\$ 2,295.99
Net revenue for the period (loss)	\$ (398.09)

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.

