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Loosing My MIND

Vonda Heverly, Editor

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



It's time to cast your vote for the Central Indiana Mensa Executive Committee! Find your ballot in the center of this issue and be sure to mail it in by September 11.

This year marks the 100th anniversary of the 19th amendment, giving women the right to vote. It sounds so long ago, but my own grandmother was 18 years old that year. I don't know if she was involved in the suffrage movement or exercised her rights that first year. As a high school student bound for teacher's college, I would like to think she did.

However, 1920 didn't mark the end of the struggle for voting rights. It wasn't until 1924 that Native American women and men were even recognized as citizens. There were still many barriers to voting for several more decades when the Voting Rights Act was passed in 1965. This protected the rights of everyone, including Black women, to vote.

So, fellow Mensans, exercise your rights and pull out that ballot right now, mark your choices, and put it in the mail. Consider it practice for November.

VOTE!



Old Dog/New Tricks

Teresa Gregory, LocSec

During a Zoom meeting today, one of the participants said he missed the State Fair. This led to talk of the Indy 500 (which is coming up this weekend as I write this). Even if you have never attended some of the big annual events, you still know when they are happening. This helps us mark time. So imagine my confusion when I was in a store looking at greeting cards, and I asked a socially distanced stranger in the same aisle if I had missed Halloween. Yes, the Thanksgiving cards were out, and she was as confused as I was.



So let's try to get oriented. Hopefully you noticed the cover of this issue of MIND. Central Indiana Mensa elections are this month. We have a very nicely balanced slate of candidates. Many thanks to Karen Guse (chair) and her Nominating Committee team (John Blankenship and Jon Applegate) who contacted a lot of people. Please check the instructions in this issue of MIND and drop that ballot in the mail. Don't wait until the last minute. We have three current ExCom members who are not running for re-election, so no matter what, there will be some new faces coming on.

We continue to conduct all meetings on Zoom. I send out an email with the Zoom links for that week every Monday. We have 466 members and 375 get the email. If you are not getting it and would like to, let me know. Also, I have been trying to add a little bonus item each week that might be of interest, so even if you don't think you will be attending any of our meetings that week, scroll down to the bottom and take a peek. If you are not familiar with Zoom, or you are hesitant to join, and you would like some help, please contact me. I would be glad to help you get into it and maybe even do some online practice. Zoom keeps upgrading and improving, so we are all learning this together.

Laurel Richardson has graciously agreed to chair our scholarship committee again. In the near future she will be asking for people to help read the entries. This is really more interesting than it might sound. They are short and the grading guidelines are spelled out for you. Laurel has done this for more years than I can remember so she makes it pretty easy on the readers. Watch for this one.

Have a happy Labor Day Weekend. Stay safe.

Petra's Punny Book Titles

Petra Ritchie



1. "Here's Looking at Euclid"
2. "The Pun Also Rises"
3. "Moby-Duck"
4. "It's Getting Scot in Here"
5. "Carpe Demon"



Puzzle Column

Written by Alan Stillson of Greater Los Angeles Mensa and reprinted with permission of the author (<http://stillsonworks.com>)

Registered Voter Unity Words

The Presidential election is coming up soon and registered voters (**I** for Independent, **D** for Democrat, **R** for Republican, and **O** for other) will come together to exercise their right to vote. This puzzle column celebrates our coming together to vote with words where the letters I-D-R-O are joined together, consecutively, in any order, and not repeated. A clue and letter count will be provided in each puzzle.

Example: POLITE (7 letters)

Solution: C **ORDI** AL

1. A compound of number 9 (8 letters)
2. Loving (7 letters)
3. A butterfly-shaped gland (7 letters)
4. With dexterity (8 letters)
5. A man like Henry Higgins (8 letters)
6. Fireplace wood support (7 letters)
7. An airtight cigar container (7 letters)
8. Having a flushed complexion (6 letters)
9. Most disgusting, in Valley Talk (8 letters)
10. Old gunpowder replacement (7 letters)

See answers on page 16.

September 2020 Events

Please note that ALL regularly scheduled events are online. During this time of social isolation, Central Indiana Mensa wants to reach out to our members. We are hosting online virtual events and we'd love to see you. We chose to use Zoom videoconferencing software because it is very user friendly and it's free. You may connect via computer, tablet, or smart phone. Zoom meeting links will be sent weekly on Monday to all current members of CIM who have an email address on file with the national office. The subject line will contain "CIM Meeting ReMINDER." If you do not get the email, and you would like to join a meeting, contact the organizer who is listed prior to the meeting.

If you need help with Zoom, please contact Teresa at ag18tg@yahoo.com. We are still learning. We appreciate your patience and support.

VIRTUAL Ham'n Eggs (Hamilton County Eggheads) –1st Saturday from **9:45 a.m. - 12 noon**. Drop in any time for casual conversation and lively discussion. Contact: Alison Brown, 317-846-6798, SIGHT@indymensa.org.

VIRTUAL Indy Lunch Bunch - 1st and 3rd Wednesday at **11:30a.m.**. Bring your own lunch! Contact: Karen Steilberger, steilkr@sbcglobal.net.

VIRTUAL Sunday Social – Every Sunday from **7:00p.m. –8:30p.m.** Drop in any time for casual chat. Contact: Teresa, ag18tg@yahoo.com.

VIRTUAL Monthly Gathering - 2nd Friday, **7:30 p.m. – 10 p.m.** Our usual format of announcements at 7:45p.m., a short program, then conversation. Bring your own snacks and beverages. Watch IndyMensa.org, MeetUp, and/or the Monday "CIM Meeting ReMINDER" for program information.

9/11 - Contact: Teresa, ag18tg@yahoo.com

VIRTUAL ExCom– 3rd Tuesday of the month. **7:00 p.m.** All active members are welcome to see your board in action. Contact: Teresa, ag18tg@yahoo.com

VIRTUAL Book Group – 3rd Sunday at **2:00p.m.**

9/20 - *The Order of Time* by Carlo Rovelli 224 pages May 2017 (Videos available) Our books tend to be non-fiction and do not exceed about 300 pages in length. Contact Rich: hoot.gibson.tds@gmail.com or 770-548-5217 for more details or to RSVP

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

September 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
		1	2 Indy Lunch Bunch
6 Sunday Social	7	8	9
13 Sunday Social	14	15 ExCom	16 Indy Lunch Bunch
20 Book Group; Sunday Social	21	22	23
27 Sunday Social	28	29	30

Thursday	Friday	Saturday
3	4	5 Ham'n Eggs
10	11 Monthly Gathering	12
17	18	19
24	25	26

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.

Voting Instructions

1. Remove, copy, or print out (for online readers) this ballot.
2. After you have marked your ballot, put it in an envelope with no identifying marks and seal it. This will be your inner envelope. An inner envelope with any identifying marks will be discarded.
3. Put this inner envelope in an outer envelope and seal it.
4. On the reverse side (or flap side) of the outer envelope put your name and membership number (see your Mensa Bulletin mailing label). If you cannot find your membership number, you may contact LocSec Teresa Gregory; she can look it up for you. Any outer envelope received without a name and membership number will be discarded.
5. Put a stamp on this outer envelope and mail it to
Election Committee Chair Diane O'Brien
9531 Cadbury Circle
Indianapolis, IN 46260.

The envelope must be postmarked on or before September 11, 2020 to be counted.

Central Indiana Mensa 2020-2022 Executive Committee Election Ballot

The Nominating Committee announces the final slate of candidates for the Executive Committee of Central Indiana Mensa for the 2020-2022 term. The candidate running for Local Secretary (i.e., President) is shown in bold print below. There were no petition candidates.

Only members of Central Indiana Mensa may vote in the election. One of your votes is your vote for Local Secretary. Mark (X, check or blacken) Teresa Gregory's space in front of her name if you choose to vote for her for LocSec. She is the only slated candidate for LocSec. Next, choose up to six additional candidates to complete the Executive Committee by putting a mark on the space in front of the candidate's name.

Candidates are listed in a random order. Vote for up to seven (7) candidate(s):

- Ann Hake
- Nan Harvey
- Bob Zdanky
- Teresa Fisher
- Kurt Williams
- Barb George
- Teresa Gregory** (LocSec Candidate)
- Matt Zwick
- Laurel Richardson
- Basil Vareldzis

Jon's Journal – News for Region 4

Board of Directors (AMC) Update

Jon Gruebele, RVC4

In perhaps the most controversial decision made this term, a motion was passed at July's AMC meeting to remove "American Mensa Firehouse" and "American Mensa Hospitality" as official Facebook Groups. "American Mensa" will also be removed from their names. A Task Force will be recommending next steps for consideration at the September 12th AMC meeting. The team should include one active member from each of those Facebook groups. There were strong opinions on both sides of this issue.

Some members treasure Firehouse for its unfettered conversation, fun, and caring. Others find many posts there flatly unacceptable and a threat to Mensa's reputation. Part of the disconnect may come from how members experience the group. Members can block those who consistently post objectionable content, thus improving their experience.

Unfortunately, new members see it all and are therefore more likely to find issues. It will be interesting to see what the Task Force will recommend. The motion requires the recommendation to be posted to both Facebook groups and e-mailed to members. This will allow for a period of member comment before the AMC votes to accept, amend, or reject the proposal.

The AMC approved the [audited financial report](#) for fiscal 2019-2020. The results were dismal. On the plus side, we managed a modest \$70k operational surplus. On the negative side, we record the value of our investments at the end of March. At that point, the stock market had dropped significantly, and we posted an unrealized \$534k investment loss. With that more than offsetting the surplus, our net assets dropped \$464k. We therefore ended the year with a total net asset deficit of \$2.2m. Fortunately, the market has since recovered, but our financial situation remains concerning. Membership renewals have been down this year, possibly due to COVID-related financial concerns. We will need to make very tough choices to reduce expenses moving forward.

The Mensa Foundation announced it had completed the purchase of a new building. As was the case with our old building, American Mensa plans to rent the space from the Foundation. We expect to move into the new offices by the end of 2020.

In other Region 4 news, the AMC voted to approve Chicago's Beth Weiss as the Chair of the 2022 Annual Gathering in Reno, NV. Sangamon Valley Mensa's Laura and Timmy King helped raise \$42,731 for the Mensa Foundation by competing in the Mr./Ms. Mensa pageant. Normally held at the Annual Gathering (AG), the event moved on-line and raised more than double the amount from any previous year. Our heartfelt thanks go to everyone who competed and donated.

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

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



Books On The Runway

Margy Lancet Fletcher

Author: A. J. Wright

Title: *The Preacher and the Constable*

Publisher: Carmel Clay Historical Society

Year: 2020

Readers who fancy a stimulating stroll down Memory Lane should not miss this newly published gem from the Carmel Clay Historical Society. According to this informative and diverting narrative, long before Carmel, Indiana, evolved into an Arts and Design metropolis housing over 100,000 citizens, it was a modest-sized rural outpost that contained expansive farms, mills, livery stables, and an orphanage. At the cusp of the twentieth century, the town's placid, communal, devoutly Christian environment was briefly shattered by a fatal clash between two of its residents in a Main Street livery stable - a gunfight reminiscent of the fabled OK Corral showdown.

The Preacher and the Constable is a literal "blast from the past" - in essence, a combination murder mystery and study in contrasts, drawing comparisons between the horse-drawn, sparsely-populated, somewhat primitive Carmel of 120 years ago and today's busy, ultra-modern, commerce-driven urban center; as well as the diametrically opposite personalities of the two major characters: a steadfast, devoted public servant and family man versus an erratic, volatile street preacher. As the two protagonists and the various supporting players are intimately fleshed out and the plot unfolds, the suspense builds to a climactic resolution of the underlying mystery: precisely who shot whom, and what were the domestic repercussions? This brief (35-page) Midwest misadventure truly packs a wallop - a welcome temporary escape from our current pandemic purgatory.

This booklet can be obtained, at \$8.00 per copy, via the Carmel Clay Historical Society. Contact information is indicated below:

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211 1st Street NW
Carmel IN 46032

Office and Museum open M-F, 10 AM-4 PM
Museum only open Sat-Sun 1 PM-4 PM
317-846-7117

www.carmelclayhistory.org (web)

info@carmelclayhistory.org (email)

2020-2021 Book Group Reading List

Rich Gibson

Book Group is currently meeting virtually via Zoom. It meets on Sunday afternoons at 2 p.m. once a month. Check the calendar for exact dates and contact information for Rich Gibson.

Sep 20: *The Order of Time* by Carlo Rovelli; Videos available

Oct 18: *How Emotions Are Made: The Secret Life of the Brain* by Lisa Feldman Barrett

Nov 15: *Pleased to Meet Me: Genes, Germs, and the Curious Forces That Make Us Who We Are* by Bill Sullivan

Dec 13: *The Case Against Reality* by Donald Hoffman; Lectures available on-line

Jan 17: *Imbeciles: The Supreme Court, American Eugenics, and the Sterilization of Carrie Buck* by Adam Cohen

Feb 21: *When Books Went to War: The Stories That Helped Us Win World War II* by Molly Guptill Manning

Mar 21: *The World in a Grain* by Vince Beiser

Apr 18: *1177 B.C. the Year Civilization Collapsed* by Eric H. Cline

May 16: *Mortal Republic: How Rome Fell into Tyranny* by Edward J. Watts

Jun 20 (possibly) *The Deficit Myth: Modern Monetary Theory and the Birth of the People's Economy* by Stephanie Kelton

Jul 18: *Deaths of Despair and the Future of Capitalism* by Angus Deaton and Anne Case



New Members

Joshua Mervis	Indianapolis	IN	MoveIn
Rainie Tian	Bloomington	IN	Joined

Central Indiana Mensa ExCom 7/21/2020

Ann Hake, CIM Secretary

The regular monthly meeting of the Central Indiana Mensa ExCom was held virtually via Zoom on Tuesday, July 21, 2020.

LocSec Teresa Gregory called the meeting to order at 7:15 pm.

Members present: Vicki Adang, Jan Pfeil Doyle, Teresa Gregory, Ann Hake, Pat Milligan, Kurt Williams, and Bob Zdanky.

Guest: Jon Applegate (Regional Ombudsman).

The committee reviewed the minutes of the June 2020 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 June 2020. 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 6/30/2020 from American Mensa: 458 members, 0 new, 0 movein, 4 rejoins, and 9 prospects. No candidates were tested due to the COVID-19 restrictions.

Old Business

Regional Gathering (RG) – tentative planning is still in progress for the 2021 RG, with the recognition that this may not be able to take place due to the pandemic.

Outdoor Gathering (OG) – is still planned for the weekend of May 14-16, 2021. Reservations have been secured at Versailles State Park and a deposit has been made. This deposit is 50% refundable if we cancel more than 90 days before the event, and 25% refundable if we cancel 90 days or fewer before the event.

Nominating Committee – comprises Karen Guse (chair) and committee members John Blankenship and Jon Applegate. Jan Pfeil Doyle moved to approve the composition of this committee. Pat Milligan seconded the motion, and the motion was carried.

Election Committee – comprises Diane O'Brien (chair) and committee members Karen Steilberger and Karen Guse. Pat Milligan moved to approve the composition of this committee. Ann Hake seconded the motion, and the motion was carried.

The issue of the MIND containing the ballot for the upcoming election will be sent in paper form to all CIM members to facilitate voting in the upcoming

election, since we will not be holding our September Monthly Gathering in person.

New Business

Discussion was held regarding Mensa admissions testing. The National office noted that they would not be able to indemnify proctors who chose to test during this outbreak and stressed the risk to proctors, local groups, and American Mensa were a candidate to contract COVID during a testing session. Because of this, along with other factors, the ExCom agreed that it would be best to suspend admissions testing locally until National can indemnify proctors who test, and until it is felt to be safe for all participants. A motion was made by Kurt Williams and seconded by Jan Pfeil Doyle, and the motion was carried.

Discussion was also held regarding in-person vs. virtual meetings. Kurt Williams moved that the ExCom review all potential upcoming in-person gatherings on a monthly basis. Ann Hake seconded the motion, and the motion was carried.

There being no other business, Ann Hake moved that the meeting be adjourned. Kurt Williams seconded the motion. The motion was carried, and the meeting was adjourned at 8:27 pm.



Answers to Puzzle Column on page 6:

1. A compound of number 9 (8 letters) = FLU **ORID** E
2. Loving (7 letters) = A **DORI** NG
3. A butterfly-shaped gland (7 letters) = THY **ROID**
4. With dexterity (8 letters) = A **DROI** TLY
5. A man like Henry Higgins (8 letters) = **ORDI** NARY
6. Fireplace wood support (7 letters) = AN **DIRO** N
7. An airtight cigar container (7 letters) = HUM **IDOR**
8. Having a flushed complexion (6 letters) = FL **ORID**
9. Most disgusting, in Valley Talk (8 letters) = G **RODI** EST
10. Old gunpowder replacement (7 letters) = C **ORDI** TE



Treasurer's Report

Kurt Williams, CIM Treasurer

Following is the financial statement through July 31, 2020:

Assets	
	07/31/20
Regular Checking	\$ 7,566.17
Scholarship Checking	\$ -
Events Checking	\$ 6,615.04
MG Cash	\$ 25.00
USPS Stamps	\$ 481.20
TOTAL	\$ 14,687.41

Revenue & Expenses

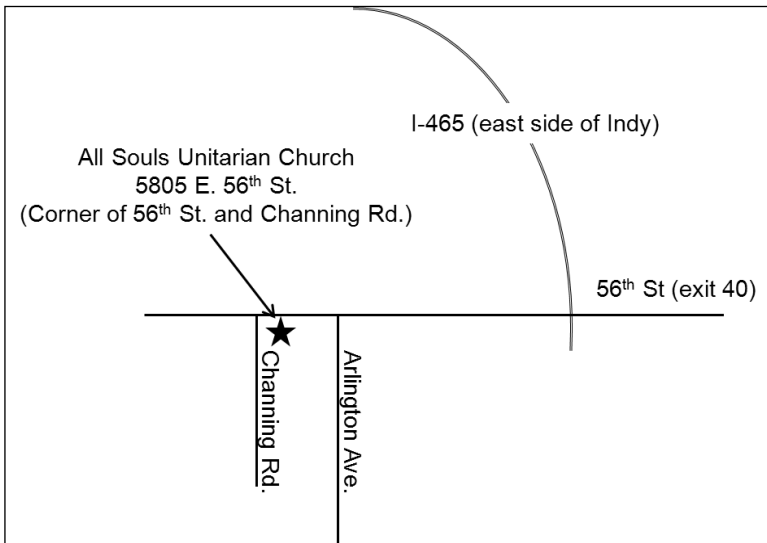
<i>REVENUE</i>	July 2020
National Support	\$ 385.90
Testing Support	\$ -
New Member/ Lapsed Member	\$ 4.00
RG Income	\$ -
MG Income	\$ -
Total Revenue	\$ 389.90

<i>EXPENSES</i>	
RG Hospitality	\$ -
MIND Printing	\$ 316.26
MIND Hospitality	\$ -
Mensa Foundation (scholarship donation)	\$ 50.00
Total Expenses	\$ 366.26
Net revenue for the period (loss)	\$ 23.64

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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