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# Loosing My MIND

Vonda Heverly, Editor

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



Happy New Year! I mean that from the bottom of my heart. I hope 2021 brings some happiness!

I'm starting off the year at a new place of employment with a different schedule. I'm looking forward to having weekends off for the first time in my life. As a part-timer, I should have plenty of time to work on my resolutions, among them lose the "quarantine 15", or rather, 20!

I've been collecting weight, but there are two vintage reprints this month from 2004 about more unusual collections Mensans have. Do you have a collection you'd like to tell us about? Drop me a line at [mind.editor@yahoo.com](mailto:mind.editor@yahoo.com) to share it in the MIND.

Cheers!

Happy New Year



## 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.*



And that's all I can use from my January 2020 column. I went on to recap the Holiday part; and promote the Regional Gathering, the Outdoor Gathering, and a testing special. Maybe next year. We had a very short ExCom meeting this month because there isn't a lot to talk about

As the ball drops at midnight, it not only ushers in the start of a new year, but also the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Year of Mensa. Be sure to keep an eye on the Bulletin and the other missives that the National Office sends out. As a relatively new member in 2006, I had the privilege of attending the World Gathering in Orlando and the Diamond Celebration in Nottingham, England, for the Mensa 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. What wonderful memories I have of experiences I never dreamed I would have, and of new friendships that have grown and deepened in the years since.

I looked in the January 2001 MIND to see what we were doing then. Editor George Dunn started his column with this sentence: *Although I don't know as I'm writing, I presume that by the time this reaches the readers, we'll all know who the President-elect is.* That was the year of the "hanging chad." Did that set a new precedent for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century? Until 1980, every president who died while in office was elected in a year ending in 0, and every president elected in a 0-year died in office.

1840 – W. H. Harrison  
1860 – Lincoln  
1880 – Garfield  
1900 – McKinley  
1920 – Harding  
1940 – F. D. Roosevelt  
1960 - Kennedy

During the 1980 campaign, I remember thinking, that Ronald Reagan was a shoo-in for this list, being the oldest candidate, and later, the oldest ever elected. And yet, he broke the curse. Then, the 2000 election came and brought with it a new curse for a new century: the contested race.

We live in interesting times.

Happy New Year to you all.

## **I Like Dirt!!!**

*Julie A. Harkey, PhD*

*[Remembering 75 years of Mensa: from the August 2004 edition of MIND. This is an example of the various interests that Mensans have.]*

Certain kinds of dirt, that is. I could do without it on my clothing, and I don't care much for gossip. My kind of dirt is my collection of small samples of Mother Earth. About nine years ago I began bringing home my dirt samples. The first were collected on a trip Ted and I took to Mississippi – lovely orangey-red soil.

I ordered a whole bunch of small bottles and corks from a surplus catalog to house my collection. I bake the dirt in the oven to make sure it's dry and any critters are quiescent, then fill the small bottles. I put a cork in the top, label the cork with a number, and dip the whole top of the bottle in paraffin. I have a large map of the United States on my wall. Someday I will put map pins in it for all of my dirt samples, and we will build a little shelf-frame to go around the map, on which I will display my dirt bottles. Cool!

I have dirt samples from Arizona, Florida, Georgia, New Mexico, Illinois, Missouri, Indiana, Tennessee, Texas, Kentucky, Alabama, Ohio, Oklahoma, Kansas, Mississippi, South Carolina, Maine, Colorado, Oregon, and Arkansas. These have been collected along roadsides, under benches (San Antonio River Walk), in driveways, from the bottom of holes (sewer repair project in Terre Haute) and outside restaurants, and from a support column of a limestone mine. One of my favorites is a sandy sample collected from inside a horseshoe print along a road in New Mexico. Sometimes I ask people to collect samples for me when they are on vacation. I have a dirt database, where I record the time, place, and occasion on which the samples are collected.

I'm not the only one with a dirt collection – other than little boys, that is. There is a man out east somewhere, New Jersey or New York, who has a whole dirt museum! Oh, I would love to go there. Until then, I will be happy digging up bits of earth to bring home. I get the strangest looks, but I don't care. Being eccentric is fun. I like to play with my bottles of dirt. Such wonderful colors!



***“Resolve, and thou art free.”***

— Henry Wadsworth Longfellow, *Flower-de-Luce, and the Masque of Pandora*



## Collect Stuff? No Way!

James Amato

*[Remembering 75 years of Mensa: from the August 2004 edition of MIND. This is an example of the various interests that Mensans have.]*

At least, that's what I used to say I would look at other people's collections and think to myself, "What a waste of time and space." Then one day it all changed for me...

It all started one day when I was in Los Angeles at "The Great American Ink" buying my first piece of animation artwork. They told me it would take about an hour to get the piece packaged and ready to carry out. They said I could go next door and get a sandwich or something to pass the time away. Well, I went into the deli and the place was packed. There was one empty seat, and it would mean sharing the table with another person. I went up to the person to ask if I could sit down and to my surprise, it was George Carlin. He said, "no problem" and to take the seat. We talked for about an hour and I told him how much I appreciated his sense of humor and comedy. Before he left, he asked if I wanted his autograph and I told him that would be perfect. That was it...I was now hooked on getting autographs from different stars.

I found that most stars would give you an autograph if you didn't get obnoxious about it. If you are polite and courteous about asking and just as polite when they decline, nine out of ten times you will succeed. Today, I have over a hundred different autographs and have had my picture taken with over thirty different stars. My two favorite autographs and pictures taken are with Julie Newmar and Andreas Katsulas. Now that I no longer live in California or Oklahoma (where most of the pictures were taken at conventions), I find that collecting autographs has come to a near standstill. I have a book of the stars' pictures along with their autographs. I call it my "Book of Memories."

I also collect animation artwork and have eight different pieces. Most of these pieces are in museum quality frames. My favorite piece is from "Jetsons: The Movie," and it has the original animation cell and the original background artwork. Bill Hanna and Joe Barbera also signed it. The oldest piece is an original hand drawing of the horse, Percy, from the movie "Goofy Learns to Ride." My insurance company had me get a special type of insurance to cover them.

Did I mention I also have a collection of swords? I have a replica of King Arthur's Excalibur sword, a replica of the sword Arnold Schwarzenegger used in the movie, "Conan the Barbarian," a replica of the F.A.K.K. sword used in the movie, "Heavy Metal 2000" (my favorite), a replica of "The Sword of Vaelen," and a common broadsword.

One thing I have found out about collecting: it does not pay to collect stuff when you live in a one-bedroom apartment. If I had it all to do over again, I would do it all over again. Getting to meet the different stars and talk with them for a short while was definitely a great experience.

## Puzzle Column

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

### Back-to-Back

We celebrate 2021 as a rare year with adjoining back-to-numbers. In these puzzles, the idea is to find back-to-back (consecutive in alphabetic order) letters to form a word. For example, O \_ \_ GEN is OXYGEN and CU \_ \_ \_ IVE is CURSIVE. This puzzle theme will probably not be repeated until 2122. All intended answers are in the Official Scrabble Players Dictionary, Fifth Edition.

1. COLU \_ \_ \_ AR
2. CHI \_ \_ \_ TAIN
3. T \_ \_ \_ OULI
4. FA \_ \_ \_ OUT
5. MA \_ \_ \_ E
6. MO \_ \_ \_ RATE
7. SH \_ \_ \_ LIFT
8. RAN \_ \_ \_ ED
9. IMMA \_ \_ \_ RE
10. DRAU \_ \_ \_ T

See answers on page 13.



## 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.

**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



# January 2021 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](mailto:ag18tg@yahoo.com). We are still learning. We appreciate your patience and support.

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

**VIRTUAL Indy Lunch Bunch** - 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday at **11:30a.m.**. ET Bring your own lunch! Contact: Karen Steilberger, [steilkr@sbcglobal.net](mailto:steilkr@sbcglobal.net).

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

**VIRTUAL Monthly Gathering** - 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday, **7:30 p.m. – 10 p.m. ET** Our usual format of announcements at 7:45p.m., a short program, then conversation. Bring your own snacks and beverages.

1/8 Our speaker for the January 2021 Monthly Gathering will be our very own Alan Schmidt, who will present "Scientific Contributions of the Winners of the 2019 Nobel Prize in Chemistry." Join us to learn more about the development of the lithium-ion battery, presented on Zoom free of charge!

Watch IndyMensa.org, MeetUp, and/or the Monday "CIM Meeting ReMINDER" for program information. - Contact: Teresa, [ag18tg@yahoo.com](mailto:ag18tg@yahoo.com)

**VIRTUAL ExCom**– 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month. **7:00 p.m. ET** All active members are welcome to see your board in action. Contact: Teresa, [ag18tg@yahoo.com](mailto:ag18tg@yahoo.com)

**VIRTUAL Book Group** – 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday at **2:00p.m. ET**

1/17 *Imbeciles: The Supreme Court, American Eugenics, and the Sterilization of Carrie Buck* by Adam Cohen, March 2016, 327 pages. Our books tend to be non-fiction and do not exceed about 300 pages in length. Contact Rich: [hoot.gibson.tds@gmail.com](mailto:hoot.gibson.tds@gmail.com) or 770-548-5217 for more details or to RSVP

**VIRTUAL Hump Day Happy Hour** **5pm – 6:30+ pm ET**

Join us for casual conversation with your favorite beverage, alcoholic or not.

# January 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
3 Sunday Social	4	5	6 Indy Lunch Bunch
10 Sunday Social	11	12	13 Hump Day
17 Book Group; Sunday Social	18	19 ExCom	20 Indy Lunch Bunch
24 Sunday Social	25	26	27 Hump Day
31 Sunday Social			

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Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 Ham'n Eggs
7	8 Monthly Gathering	9
14	15	16
21	22	23
28	29	30

If you lose your *MIND* (oh, my!) or want additional information, check [www.indymensa.org](http://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.

## Jon's Journal – News for Region 4

### 2021's Got to Be Better, Right? –And Some Election Info

Jon Gruebele, RVC4

Obviously 2020 wasn't the best year for many of us. American Mensa had to cancel our Annual Gathering (AG) and in-person Regional Gatherings (RGs). Fortunately, many groups stepped up with Zoom events and online RGs. The CultureQuest® trivia contest went virtual. Several online [Leadership Development Workshops](#) were offered, and recordings are available on the national website. Interestingly, all these virtual offerings have allowed some members to participate who have never before attended events. Hopefully we'll continue to have online offerings once things return to some semblance of "normal".



The 2021 [World Gathering \(WG\)](#), August 24-29 in Houston, is open for registration. It will celebrate Mensa's 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Our Gala Dinner speaker will be LeVar Burton and is expected to sell out. The WG will be preceded by the Mensa Foundation's Colloquium on Food Science. We'd love to see you there.

### Election Season is Upon Us

American Mensa holds elections for our entire Board of Directors (AMC) every two years. Members vote for five nationally elected officers (Chair, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chair, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair, Treasurer, and Secretary) plus the Vice Chair for your Region. We also vote on any qualified referenda.

Those running for office would appreciate you electronically signing their petition so they can qualify for the ballot. National officer candidates need 250 signatures; Regional Vice Chair candidates need 100. That's not as easy as it might sound, particularly when COVID restrictions limit the ability to collect signatures in person. If candidates don't have enough signatures by January 31<sup>st</sup>, they won't appear on the ballot. Links to sign petitions can be found here:

<https://www.us.mensa.org/lead/amc/elections/candidate-petitions/>

The window for submitting referenda closed on November 15<sup>th</sup>. We will only have one question to consider: whether to change our elections from every two years to every three years. If passed, we would then match Mensa International's election schedule. Including International, we'd have two elections every six years rather than four under the current bylaws.

The proposal is a little confusing since it only changes the election of national officers, not the Regional Chairs. Fortunately, there's already language elsewhere in the bylaws that says Regional Chairs shall be elected on the same schedule as national officers.

Members have until January 8<sup>th</sup> to submit pro/con statements to be published with the election materials. My [February 2020 newsletter article](#) detailed some

of the arguments I'd heard. If you feel strongly one way or another, you can submit your thoughts via e-mail to [elections@americanmensa.org](mailto:elections@americanmensa.org). The election will be held between April 15 and May 15<sup>th</sup>, with results available shortly thereafter. To participate in our election, you must have renewed your membership before April 1<sup>st</sup>. Mensa International will also be holding elections, and members will receive a separate ballot for that. Feedback? Please contact me at [rvc4@us.mensa.org](mailto: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>.

**Solutions to the January Puzzle on page 8:**

1. COLU \_\_\_ \_\_\_ AR = COLUMNAR
2. CHI \_\_\_ \_\_\_ TAIN = CHIEFTAIN
3. T \_\_\_ \_\_\_ OULI = TABOULI
4. FA \_\_\_ \_\_\_ OUT = FADEOUT
5. MA \_\_\_ \_\_\_ E = MAUVE
6. MO \_\_\_ \_\_\_ RATE = MODERATE
7. SH \_\_\_ \_\_\_ LIFT = SHOPLIFT
8. RAN \_\_\_ \_\_\_ ED = RANKLED
9. IMMA \_\_\_ \_\_\_ RE = IMMATURE
10. DRAU \_\_\_ \_\_\_ T = DRAUGHT

**Solutions to New Year's Trivia on page 16—GO THERE FIRST, DON'T PEEK!**

1. 1908
2. To coincide with elections of the two highest ranking Republic positions.
3. They disliked that the date was originated with pagans.
4. Actor Frank Langella
5. The institution of the Gregorian Calendar.
6. Emancipated their slaves.
7. Robert Burns
8. She was proclaimed Empress of India.
9. Mandatory licenses required for driving engine-powered vehicles.
10. Emperor Hirohito
11. Ads for cigarettes.
12. Entertainer Rick Nelson
13. Back to the ancient Greek tradition of escorting a baby throughout the villages in honor of Dionysus, god of wine.
14. The Beatles
15. Bring prosperity for the next year.
16. His wife.
17. *Avatar*
18. J. Edgar Hoover
19. Be at death's door.
20. You are having breakfast at Shoney's or Denny's.

## Books on the Runway

Margy Lancet Fletcher

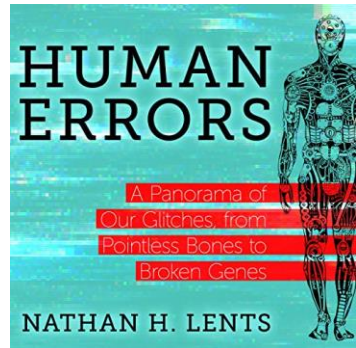
**Author:** Nathan H. Lents

**Title:** *Human Errors: A Panorama of Our Glitches, from Broken Bones to Broken Genes*

**Publisher:** Mariner Books/Houghton Mifflin Harcourt

**Year:** 2019

**Book Description:** The anthropocentric elevation of humankind to the apex of the terrestrial hierarchy dates back to the Biblical account of the Creation, and is given further credence in Shakespeare's *Hamlet*, in which the titular character, even while suffering from severe depression, effusively praises his own species: "What a piece of work is a man!" However, according to biology professor and scientific media expert Nathan L. Lents, the modern interpretation of Hamlet's declaration - that the human animal is unique but plagued with inherent flaws - is much more accurate. In *Human Errors*, his hilarious and informative catalogue of mortal frailties, Dr. Lents describes the various ways in which the timelines of human evolution and environmental change have lacked synchrony, and explains why, in many cases, other creatures have more effectively adapted to their surroundings than we have. He categorizes our many and varied imperfections into the following major human characteristics and functions: physiology ("Pointless Bones and Other Anatomical Errors"), nutrition ("Our Needy Diet"), genetic composition ("Junk in the Genome"), reproduction ("*Homo sterilis*"), immune systems ("Why God Invented Doctors"), and mental capacity ("A Species of Suckers"). The epilogue, "The Future of Humanity," presents an optimistic alternate scenario in which we prevent our own extinction, concluding that "[a] better future is within our reach" if we are sufficiently motivated to save ourselves with our intellectual resources.



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

Despite the fact that enough literature has been published on the theory of evolution to fill the shelves of a metropolitan library, I find the subject eminently engrossing, and always welcome every new interpretation and application thereof. *Human Errors* is also a gratifying refutation of the "Intelligent Design" pseudo-theory, as it offers compelling evidence that life on earth is driven by change which, for humans, has been a messy trial-and-error process, leaving us deficient in many respects (e.g., overstressed joints and a single narrow tube for breathing and swallowing). No designer with any

intelligence would create a machine as defective as the human body! This book is truly an exercise in humility and self-awareness.

**Who should definitely read this book? Why?** I recommend this book to everyone high school-age and older with above-average intelligence. These folks will appreciate the author's breezy but earnest literary style that conveys both objectivity and respect for humanity.

**How long might it take to read this book?** *Human Errors* is truly a page-turner - both spine-tingling and funny bone-tickling to many of us skeletally-challenged mammals, and at 216 pages, should not overtax our dysfunctional eyes. The maximum time expenditure should be one or two days.

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

The duality of human nature is the hallmark of the human experience. We can switch from boundless love and great self-sacrifice to cold-blooded murder, even genocide, in a heartbeat. Just a few generations ago, the United States of America and many other countries were populated by men who were loving fathers and doting husbands and who made their fortunes by brutally enslaving other human beings. By all accounts, Adolf Hitler was a generous and gentle partner to Eva Braun even as he ordered the senseless slaughter of millions.

How can such unspeakable monstrosity and genuine affection coexist in the same species, let alone the same individual? Because evolution rewarded those of our ancestors who could nimbly switch between cooperation and competition when the conditions suited them. We evolved to be highly social, collaborative, and altruistic but also ruthless, calculating, and heartless. It is the latter set of traits that seemed to facilitate the evolution of our great big brains. So, the next time you praise someone's intelligence, stop to think about what - or, rather, who - had to be sacrificed in order for her to get that smart.



## New Members

Jeffrey Madden	Noblesville	IN	Joined
Manasa Reddy	Indianapolis	IN	MoveIn

## New Year's Trivia

These questions appear on the website [Holidappy](https://www.holidappy.com) and were originally written by Beth Perry as multiple choice. Visit the website (below) to see the choices, or challenge your knowledge straight up!

1. The first ball to be dropped in New York's Times Square happened in what year?
2. The first time that January 1<sup>st</sup> was celebrated as the beginning of a new year was in 153 B.C. when the Romans moved the first month of their calendar back to January. For what reason did the Romans do this?
3. In 567 A.D., the Council of Tours prohibited the recognition of an official New Year. Why did they do this?
4. What famous Frank was born in Bayonne, New Jersey, on January 1, 1938?
5. In 1583, what event returned January 1<sup>st</sup> as the observation of the New Year in Europe?
6. On January 1, 1788, the Pennsylvanian Quakers did what?
7. The lyrics of the now-traditional New Year's song "Auld Lang Syne" began as a poem set to the tune of a much older Scot folk ballad. Who wrote the poem?
8. On January 1, 1877, what happened to Queen Victoria of Britain?
9. On January 1, 1906, the government of the Netherlands made what law?
10. Much to the dismay of millions, on January 1, 1945, this person announced they were not a god. Who was it?
11. On January 1, 1971, what kind of commercials were banned from American television?
12. On New Year's Eve, 1985, this celebrity died in a controversial plane crash. Who was this celebrity?
13. The symbol of "Baby New Year" evolved out of what?
14. On January 1, 1962, who failed to pass an audition for Decca Records?
15. The tradition of eating black-eyed peas on New Year's Day is believed to do what?
16. In some parts of the world, to ensure a healthy household in the coming year, it is customary for the head of the household to spank who on New Year's Day?
17. According to data at Box Office Mojo, the highest box office sales draw on a New Year's Day is held by what film?
18. What celebrity, known for their convincing portrayals of the opposite sex, was born January 1, 1895?
19. According to southern U.S. beliefs, to make a New Year's resolution stick, one must do what while making it?
20. In some parts of the U.S., eating pancakes with butter, syrup, and whipped cream on New Year's Day indicates what?

ANSWERS ON PAGE 13.

<https://www.holidappy.com/holidays/A-New-Years-trivia-quiz>



# **Central Indiana Mensa ExCom 11/17/2020**

*Ann Hake, CIM Secretary*

The regular monthly meeting of the Central Indiana Mensa ExCom was held virtually via Zoom on Tuesday, November 17, 2020.

LocSec Teresa Gregory called the meeting to order at 7:04 pm.

Members present: Teresa Fisher, Teresa Gregory, Ann Hake, Nan Harvey, Kurt Williams, Bob Zdanky, and Matthew Zwick.

Guests: Jon Applegate (Regional Ombudsman) and Jan Pfeil Doyle.

The committee reviewed the minutes of the October 2020 ExCom meeting. Kurt Williams moved that the minutes be accepted. Matt Zwick seconded the motion, and the motion was carried.

The committee reviewed the Treasurer's report for October 2020. Ann Hake moved that the report be accepted. Teresa Fisher seconded the motion, and the motion was carried.

A membership report was compiled by Teresa Gregory based upon the information available as of 10/31/2020 from American Mensa: 480 members, 2 new, 1 movein, 2 rejoins, and 7 prospects. No candidates were tested due to the COVID-19 restrictions.

## **Old Business**

Regional Gathering (RG) – due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, an in-person RG has been cancelled. Those who registered early will receive refunds.

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.

## **New Business**

National will present a virtual Leadership Development Workshop on electronic voting this Thursday; this may be useful to CIM for its future elections. Teresa Gregory, Kurt Williams, and Ann Hake will attend.

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 7:48 pm

## **Treasurer's Report**

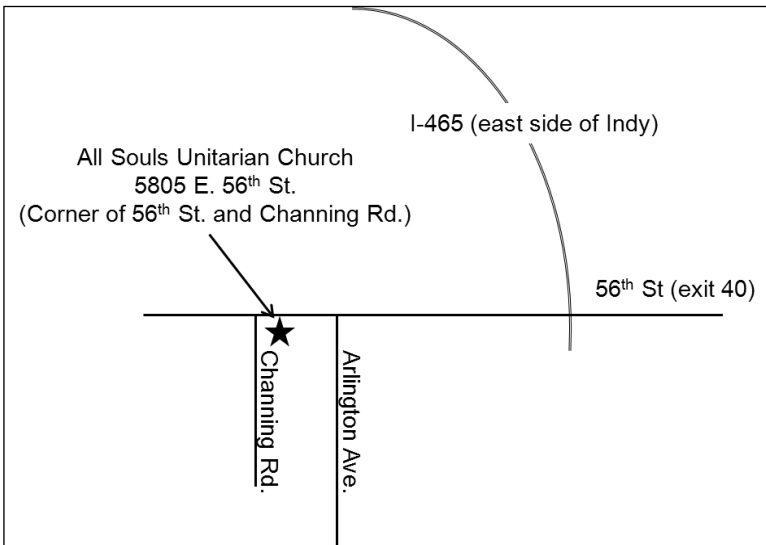
*Matthew Zwick, CIM Treasurer*

There is no report this issue.

**Mensa Monthly Gathering Location\***  
**All Souls Unitarian Church**  
**5805 E. 56<sup>th</sup> 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.

\*In-person meetings are cancelled until further notice



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