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Loosing My MIND

Vonda Heverly, Editor

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



Another 24-page issue? Hurray! I've got candidate statements for upcoming Mensa elections, spring trivia, and even a real, live RG happening in Washington, D.C. in July (see page 18).

With most of the adults in my family being vaccinated, we are going to resume celebrating Easter at my house with a family dinner and "egg" hunt. That's candy-filled plastic eggs, of course.

It hardly seems possible, but I also need to get out in my garden this month and get the soil turned over. I've got a small raised bed for tomatoes and cucumbers, and plenty of pots of herbs for the kitchen. I can almost taste them now...it is good to have things to look forward to!

Happy spring everyone,

Cheers!



BettyHass 2021

Old Dog/New Tricks

Teresa Gregory, LocSec

I looked back on my April 2020 column. I was letting you all know that our usual April events were cancelled. If you usually received a paper MIND by mail, you did not get an April edition. Our printer decided to retire with no notice. We discovered this when he didn't deliver the MINDs as usual. It was a crazy time!



At this point, I have received both of my vaccine shots and I know a number of others in this group also have, but we are continuing with an abundance of caution and not scheduling any in-person events. Our Monthly Gathering location has not reopened. It's too soon to make those kinds of plans. Just know that this is discussed at every ExCom meeting.

Thanks, again, to Laurel Richardson for chairing the Scholarship competition. She has done this for so many years, but she would like to turn the reins over to someone else for next year. She would be happy to help whoever takes on this much-needed task. We don't have to have a volunteer today, so please think about it. I will be asking again!

As the weather improves, I feel like an old bear waddling out of hibernation. I started planning a garden for this year. One thing I'm good at is planning. I'm not always as good at execution. I bought some seeds and am starting them in the house. This gave me an excuse to indulge a vice: deep diving into Pinterest and You Tube. Now I'm not "wasting time," I'm "researching." Being both cheap and lazy, I have been exploring ways to make seed starter pots at home. Saving all those toilet paper rolls for a year has paid off. I tried making several different ones from newspaper. I'll let you know how this goes. This afternoon, I went out and pruned my Fairy rose and have about a dozen cuttings in soil hoping a few take root. I had some luck with that last summer, but I didn't tend them very well. I hope for better results this time.

Whether you are working in a yard or just going for a walk, get out and enjoy the beautiful spring days. Listen to the birds. Breathe deeply. Look for the unexpected. (My neighbors across the street didn't notice for over a year that I have a plastic skull in my flower bed.) You never know what you might find!

Enjoy!

Candidate Statements

The following are all the candidate statements I have received up to publication deadline. –Editor.

Jon Gruebele, Candidate for Regional Vice Chair 4 (RVC4)



Mensa is a labor of love for me. I've served:

- As RVC4 since 2017
- As Region 4 LocSec, helping to revitalize an inactive Local Group and ultimately winning national awards.
- On the Name and Logo Committee, Research Review, and as Chair of Strategic Planning
- Locally as RG Co-Chair (AGOG) and Proctor.
- As Chair of the International Strategic Planning Committee
- As facilitator for Mensa Foundation's

strategy development and regular donor

Outside of Mensa, I:

- Served on four not-for-profit boards, and am currently President for one
- Have 35+ years' experience at a Fortune 100 company in marketing, IT (computers), and management
- Managed corporate organizations of 100 technology professionals
- Am a certified expert at process improvement, helping to save millions without layoffs
- Am a member of ASQ and ACM

Past performance is the best predictor of future performance. As RVC4, I have consistently worked to improve transparency, promote fiscal restraint, foster strategic thinking, and maintain the highest ethical standards.

My newsletters focus on national issues affecting members. I've voted to pass responsible budgets and moved to cap overhead expenses. I chaired the committee that defined our new strategy. I made a difficult ethical decision to recuse myself due to a conflict of interest.

Excluding my own Local Group, as RVC I've visited every other Region 4 Group an average of ten times. I've learned from that direct member contact – and acted on it.

I've marketed Mensa by working booths at conventions and the Minnesota State Fair. I've marched with Chicago's Rainbow SIG, putting our name in front of millions of Pride Parade onlookers.

Mensa still has significant challenges. Membership continues to decline. Many members say they don't get enough value for their dues. Lapse rates among young adults are too high. We have a substantial net asset deficit. These challenges predate COVID and will be with us when it's over.

Please support me as the candidate who will tackle these issues using a creative, member-driven, businesslike, and strategic approach.

This invaluable experience will help on Mensa's board as we address the challenges of membership growth, budgetary discipline, and executing our strategy.

I'd appreciate your support in the upcoming election. Voting starts April 15th.

For more information, please visit <https://www.gruebele.com>.

LaRae Bakerink, Candidate for AMC Chair



Thank you for the honor of serving as your Chair. It is my goal to help place the focus of Mensa on the member experience. Every member can and should be an Ambassador for Mensa, and they will if they are having a good time. We should promote pride, not arrogance, in our membership. Leadership Development is an important member benefit that can and should be provided to members so they can grow and flourish, in and out of Mensa. This adds to the value that will attract and keep new and younger members. If re-elected, I plan to focus on increasing support for Local Groups and volunteers; increase Leadership Development classes, online and in-

person; and maintain and grow membership by enhancing the member experience. While we may not agree on everything, we can disagree agreeably and still move forward to improve our Mensa.

As always, I am listening. www.LaRaeForChair.com

David McCallister, Candidate for Second Vice Chair American Mensa

My name is David McCallister and I'm seeking elected office as Second Vice Chair of American Mensa. I'm a life member and native Texan with a passion for serving my community. As a volunteer and officer in my local chapter, I strive to provide a universally rich experience to our members and encourage those same members to contribute their unique gifts to enrich and elevate this organization that has given me so much.



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I'll work to improve member engagement and provide tangible value by understanding the barriers for our members and work to remove them. I'll help foster an environment of trust and mutual respect by listening, learning, and responding to feedback quickly with practical solutions. I'll work to support local groups and urge you to reach out if you have any questions or concerns that you'd like me to address as a future member of the Board.

Our organization needs dedicated and proven leaders to create the future success of our organization: leaders who care deeply and who are dedicated to leaving the organization better than they found it. With over 20 years of experience driving nonprofit boards, I am that leader, and I commit to work with you and for you if elected. I ask for your vote as Second Vice Chair. For more information, please visit David2VC.wordpress.com

Rob Salkin, Candidate for American Mensa's Second Vice Chair

Oh, boring! It's another Mensa election article. Yeah, I get it. If you're reading this newsletter, and you're participating online, and you're excited when The Bulletin arrives, and - during the before times - you went to lots of local events, and you got excited to sign up for regional and national events, you're probably already informed and you're going to get the most out of your membership no matter who is elected. Then, cheers to you for maxing out on Mensa involvement! However, if you're not yet a Mensa Power User, please bear with me and I'll do my best to explain what's going on.

Mensa loves its initialisms! The American Mensa Committee (AMC) is the board of directors of American Mensa, Ltd. (AML). AML is one of many Mensa International Limited (MIL) national groups. MIL is governed by the International Board of Directors (IBD). During the voting period between April 15th and May 15th, you have the opportunity to select some members of the AML's AMC (as well as one member of MIL's IBD). As a bonus, you also get to vote on an amendment to the American Mensa Bylaws! Right, it's not super exciting, but...it's a thing nonetheless.

So, why should you care? For the next two years (or maybe three years, depending on the Bylaws amendment vote), the AMC members you elect will govern the national organization. Local groups operate within that national framework. Not only does the AMC set policy and make budgetary decisions, it can also form committees to look into issues...or not. That is, the board can be nearly entirely hands-off, or it can try to fix what's broken. Years ago, a lack of proactive, hands-on leadership led to some of the technological and process problems we have today. The last few boards have worked to modernize and enhance operations, but there's plenty more work to be done.

An area in need of attention is leadership development, including better support for local group volunteers by setting them up for success with best practices that thriving groups have found to work well. Some local groups are struggling while others are doing great. It isn't new that some groups have lots going on and they see a good percentage of their membership get involved each year. Other groups may struggle to engage more than a few members over a number of years.

There's incredible variety and uniqueness within each region and local group.

There's no urge to do anything but celebrate that. Yet, AML can do much better in supporting its local groups and local group leaders so that they can make the local experience more appealing without burning themselves out. I intend to help make that happen.

The Second Vice Chair is largely a choose-your-own-adventure position. There are not many specific responsibilities like there are for most other AMC positions. I've been in Mensa leadership at the local, regional, national, and international levels. So, I'm fully qualified to be the backup to the backup for the Chair. However, I intend to do more than just sit on the sidelines. I will address the reasons our lapsed members told us they didn't renew, lower volunteer burnout by providing better support and strategies, and grow the organization through member satisfaction which will lead to lower lapse rates.

Why does your vote in particular matter? Out of the tens of thousands of members, only a few thousand have voted in recent past elections. Your vote is likely to be an order of magnitude more powerful than you might have expected. A vote for me is a vote for more fun and better supported volunteers. I hope you'll check your email and/or postal mail for your ballot and submit it promptly.

If you'd like to reach out with feedback or if you have a question (or if you'd like to tell me the must-see attraction, best bar, or tastiest restaurant in your area), please feel free to email me: rob.salkin.amc@gmail.com



“When spring came, even the false spring, there were no problems except where to be happiest. The only thing that could spoil a day was people and if you could keep from making engagements, each day had no limits. People were always the limiters of happiness except for the very few that were as good as spring itself.”—Ernest Hemingway, A Moveable Feast

Puzzle Column

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

Acronyms of Iconic Lyrics – contributed by Kedem Harshalom of Greater Los Angeles Mensa

Find the lyrics of these well-known songs from the acronym, year, and artist.

Example: AH WV BRM (1970, John Denver) = Almost Heaven, West Virginia, Blue Ridge Mountains

1. TAIBITW (1963, Bob Dylan)
2. HIAPOE (1987, Belinda Carlyle)
3. PITNOL (1984, U2)
4. AIWALY (1992, Whitney Houston)
5. WTTHC (1977, Eagles)
6. AM MGP (Traditional religious, Luciano Pavarotti)
7. DTHWBOH (Traditional Holiday Season, many artists)
8. WDNNE (1980, Pink Floyd)
9. WGRARTC (1955, Bill Haley and the Comets)
10. SOTR (1939, Judy Garland)

See answers on page 17.



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.

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



April 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. 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.ET** 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.. ET** Bring your own lunch! Contact: Karen Steilberger, 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.

VIRTUAL Monthly Gathering - 2nd 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.

4/9 Watch IndyMensa.org, MeetUp, and/or the Monday "CIM Meeting ReMINDer" for program information. - Contact: Teresa, ag18tg@yahoo.com

VIRTUAL ExCom– 3rd 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

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

4/18 *1177 B.C. the Year Civilization Collapsed* by Eric H. Cline 2014

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

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

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

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
4 Sunday Social	5	6	7 Indy Lunch Bunch
11 Sunday Social	12	13	14 Hump Day
18 Book Group; Sunday Social	19	20 ExCom	21 Indy Lunch Bunch
25 Sunday Social	26	27	28 Hump Day

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

Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3 Ham'n Eggs
8	9 Monthly Gathering	10
15	16	17
29	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.

Jon's Journal – News for Region 4

OK, That Was Odd

Jon Gruebele, RVC4



As a Proctor, I often asked admission test candidates why they were interested in Mensa. Once a guy said he wanted to be a sperm donor. Did he think Mensa membership would help propagate his DNA throughout the universe? Did he just want to pull my leg?

Regardless, his answer was enough to immediately stop me from asking more questions.

We all join for different reasons. For me, I was frustrated with my career and networked with a leader at our company. He mentioned another employee who was “so smart that he’s in Mensa.” That motivated me to look up

some old test scores and join. While my career advanced significantly after that, I can’t say my membership helped or hurt. Unlike the 73% of us who don’t tell our coworkers about Mensa, I never hid my membership.

Whatever our reasons for joining, anyone who isn’t a life member must periodically decide whether to renew. Many stay because Mensa is where their friends are. Some have met their spouses in Mensa. Personally, my wife was not a member. She was quick to point out when I did things that weren’t all that smart. Hoping to deflect some of that, I suggested she look up her old scores and sure enough, she qualified too. She’s now an active Mensa volunteer, and I still lose all the arguments. The pandemic curtailed almost all in-person contact. Fortunately, many Local Groups quickly pivoted to provide fun virtual experiences. I’ve learned how to “speak Ozark” with St. Louis Area Mensa, crashed and burned during Chicago’s AGOG RG “Topsy Trivia with Tim”, learned about sports broadcasting with Northeast Indiana Mensa, and heard about Alzheimer’s research with Central Indiana Mensa. Groups across the country have opened their virtual meetings to everyone, significantly expanding opportunities to get value from our memberships. You can learn more by reading other Local Group [newsletters](#) or checking the national [events calendar](#).

Everyone is hoping we’ll be able to meet at the [World Gathering](#) in Houston August 24-29. Mind Games® was cancelled for this year but will be back next year April 28 - May 1. [CultureQuest®](#) was moved on-line; registration for this year’s event closes March 31st.

Even if all you do is read the Bulletin or participate on Facebook, I hope you can find plenty of reasons to renew your membership and will do so by the March 31st deadline.

“Meet the RVC4 Candidates” Opportunity

For Regional Vice Chair 4, three candidates have qualified for the ballot: Jon Gruebele (Chicago), Laura King (Sangamon Valley), and Barbara Kryvko (St. Louis). We’re cordially inviting you to attend a “meet the candidates” [Zoom meeting](#) on Tuesday April 6th at 6:30 pm (Meeting ID: 971 1254 7917, Passcode: 216 773).

We’d love to see you there!

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

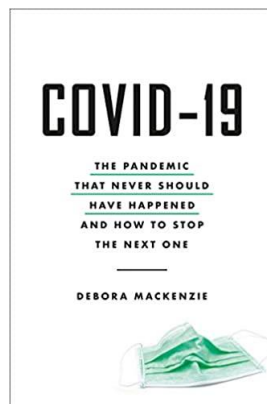
Author: Debora MacKenzie

Title: *COVID-19: The Pandemic that Never Should Have Happened and How to Stop the Next One*

Publisher: Hachette Book Group

Year: 2020

Book Description: As the spring season arrives this year, many of us anticipate being sprung - at long last - from our pandemic prison, as more vaccines become available, and our lives gradually open up. However, warns scientific journalist Debora MacKenzie, we must continue to temper our optimism with a huge dose of caution, and be aware that, although the battle may be won, the microbial war is far from over. To that end, MacKenzie has written the definitive handbook for coping with and defeating all emerging human contagions. Within this 244-page volume is the factual ammunition needed to stop every pandemic in its tracks and forestall any such future global health threats.



COVID-19 begins, appropriately enough, with a timeline of the emergence and worldwide spread of this zoonotic virus. Chapter Two examines infectious diseases in general: those that we have defeated (e.g., polio), as well as the “most worrying pathogens,” according to the World Health Organization (coronaviruses, Ebola, Nipah), which remain potentially devastating. Chapter Three expounds on previous coronavirus outbreaks that should have alerted health officials to the inevitability of the current one. Chapter Four explains why bats are a major source - but not necessarily the cause - of many of our most recent viral plagues. Chapter Five assesses the role of the flu virus in the expansion of the WHO’s authoritative reach, and the probability that the flu will arise as our next pandemic. Chapter Six enumerates the measures that must be taken to prevent, and/or respond to and contain, the next pandemic. Chapter Seven describes the health risks endemic to “the rapidly increasing complexity of our globalized society.” The book concludes with a summary of the topics covered and proposes seven “lessons for the future” based on the information contained within. Finally, the author stresses that pandemics are a planetary issue, asserting that “[v]iruses don’t care about human borders, identities, or ideologies - just human cells.” To paraphrase Benjamin Franklin, if we cannot see the wisdom of working together, we will all surely die separately.

Has this book changed the way you think, your attitude toward life, or even your life itself? If so, how? Upon reading this highly informative volume, I was gratified to find confirmation of two of my long-held beliefs: (1) Xenophobia

and tribalism are toxic to every aspect of human existence (see the excerpt below for evidence that ultra-conservatives are motivated mainly by *fear*); and (2) Humanity's overcrowding of the planet is a root cause of all our environmental traumas, including climate change and the increasing prevalence of microbial infestations. Chapter Seven does add a caveat to the latter point, however: simply allowing nature to cull the human population would risk a systemic "cascading failure" rather than resolve the issue of dwindling living space. I am grateful for that much-needed additional infusion of reality.

Who should definitely read this book? Why? This book is a must-read for all sentient adults, young and old, as pandemics affect all of us. Not only does *COVID-19* impart scientific knowledge about the COVID-19 virus, and microbes in general, in easily understood, non-technical language, it can also serve as a guide for any public policy decisions regarding health care and pandemic preparedness. Progressives in particular will appreciate the author's harsh criticisms of science-denying conspiracy theory fanatics (thank you!).

How long might it take to read this book? This highly effective vaccine against COVID-19 ignorance, a relatively small but potent dose, can be absorbed in three days or less.

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

Unfortunately, thinking... involving international cooperation... may soon be less common. Besides our biological immune system, psychological research has recently found evidence that humans have a "behavioral immune system" - a tendency to avoid people who may be carrying disease. Besides avoiding obviously ill people, psychologists think humans universally tend to conform to our own "in-group" and avoid people who are different from us, because originally, we were trying to avoid infection.

This was actually a risk during our early evolution. When we were wandering hunter-gatherers and encountered another wandering tribe, the strangers might have encountered different diseases and be carrying germs to which they had acquired resistance, but we had not. This was especially true because some aspects of disease resistance are genetic, and we would have shared fewer genes with another wandering tribe than we do now with fellow city dwellers. The disease risks that separated populations may pose to each other were confirmed with a vengeance when most of the native people of the Americas died of European diseases after Columbus arrived. Europeans got syphilis back.



Spring Trivia

Written by Bobette Bryan, withgia.com

True or False?

1. On the first day of spring, the hours of daylight and of darkness are equal.
2. During the vernal equinox, around March 21st, an egg will stand on its small end.
3. The ancient Greeks celebrated Mother's Day in spring.
4. Finding a four-leaf clover is thought to bring you good luck.
5. The area along the California-Oregon border, is known as the "Easter Lily Capital of the World."
6. Baby birds must learn how to sing.
7. Arbor Day, which encourages the planting of trees and celebrates the role trees play in the environment, is traditionally celebrated on the last Monday in April.
8. Spring Fever is a real physical condition.
9. An emerald represents spring.
10. William Wordsworth wrote a famous poem about daffodils.

Answers can be found on Page 19.

Answers to Puzzle Column on page 10:

1. TAIBITW (1963, Bob Dylan) = The answer is blowin' in the wind
2. HIAPOE (1987, Belinda Carlyle) = Heaven is a place on Earth
3. PITNOL (1984, U2) = Pride in the name of love
4. AIWALY (1992, Whitney Houston) = And I will always love you
5. WTHHC (1977, Eagles) = Welcome to the Hotel California
6. AM MGP (Traditional religious, Luciano Pavarotti) = Ave Maria, Maria gratia plena
7. DTHWBOH (Traditional Holiday Season, many artists) = Deck the halls with boughs of holly
8. WDNNE (1980, Pink Floyd) = We don't need no education
9. WGRATC (1955, Bill Haley and the Comets) = We're gonna' rock around the clock
10. SOTR (1939, Judy Garland) = Somewhere over the rainbow



"If we had no winter, the spring would not be so pleasant: if we did not sometimes taste of adversity, prosperity would not be so welcome."--Anne Bradstreet, The Works of Anne Bradstreet



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<https://tinyurl.com/RGHotel>



New Members

David Jennings	Bloomington	IN	Move In
Laura Nolan	Zionsville	IN	Joined

Answers to Spring Trivia

Questions on Page 17

1. True. Around March 21st, the earth's position in its orbit around the sun places its equator in line with the sun. This time period is called the "vernal equinox" and is the first day of spring in the Northern Hemisphere. "Vernal" means spring and "equinox" means equal.
2. False. Although some people would swear that an egg will stand on its small end during the vernal equinox, there's no scientific evidence to support these claims.
3. True. The ancient Greeks celebrated Rhea, "Mother of the Gods," with honey-cakes, beverages, and flowers at dawn--the earliest known Mother's Day celebration.
4. True. Four-leaf clovers are thought to bring good luck, but there's no scientific evidence to support that claim.
5. True. An area along the California and Oregon border produces 95 percent of all bulbs grown in the world for the potted Easter lily market. They produce more than 11 million bulbs annually.
6. True. Though baby birds are born with the ability to sing, they must learn the songs of their species. An isolated baby bird will learn simple songs, but not the complex songs of its species. A bird must hear in order to learn. Only a few birds can sing the songs of other species. The mockingbird seems to be the best at imitating the songs of other birds.
7. True. Arbor Day is traditionally celebrated on the last Monday in April; however, each state can select its own date, depending on weather conditions. The first Arbor Day Celebration was held on April 10, 1872 in Nebraska.
8. True. Spring Fever is a real physical condition which commonly occurs when a sudden warm spell follows a long cold period. When the temperature rises, the body has to get rid of heat; thus, there's a dilation or expansion of the blood vessels so that blood can be carried to the body surface where heat can be lost quickly. Some people experience an energetic feeling when this change happens due to the body's reaction to the great amount of internal work going on.
9. True. An emerald represents spring, rebirth, hope, peace, and tranquility.
10. True. William Wordsworth wrote the poem, "I Wandered Lonely as a Cloud," which was about yellow daffodils.



Central Indiana Mensa ExCom 2/16/2021

Ann Hake, CIM Secretary

The regular monthly meeting of the Central Indiana Mensa ExCom was held virtually via Zoom on Tuesday, February 16, 2021. LocSec Teresa Gregory called the meeting to order at 7:06 pm. Members present: Teresa Fisher, Teresa Gregory, Ann Hake, Nan Harvey, Kurt Williams, Bob Zdanky, and Matthew Zwick. Guests: Jon Applegate (Regional Ombudsman), Jan Pfeil Doyle, and Pat Milligan.

The committee reviewed the minutes of the January 2021 ExCom meeting. Kurt Williams moved that the minutes be accepted as amended. Teresa Fisher seconded the motion, and the motion was carried.

The committee reviewed the January 2021 Treasurer's report. Ann Hake moved that the reports be accepted as amended. Kurt Williams seconded the motion, and the motion was carried.

A membership report was compiled by Teresa Gregory based upon the information available as of 1/31/2021 from American Mensa: 493 members, 0 new, 0 moveins, 0 rejoins, and 9 prospects. No candidates were tested due to the COVID-19 restrictions.

Old Business

Regional Gathering (RG) – due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, the 2021 CIM RG was not held. 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 75% refundable if we cancel more than 90 days before the event, and 50% refundable if we cancel 90 days or fewer before the event.

Mensa Scholarship applications/essays were due online by 11:59 pm Central time on January 15, 2021. Essays for the John Matthews Scholarship (CIM's local scholarship) have been forwarded for judging to CIM's scholarship committee chair, Laurel Richardson.

Policy on guest attendance at meetings – Kurt Williams formulated a draft proposal based on the discussion from last month's ExCom meeting. The proposal will be published in the upcoming MIND for review and comment by the CIM membership before finalization at the next ExCom meeting.

New Business

LocSec Teresa Gregory reported for the ExCom's information that there have been some online conversations involving other Mensa groups regarding establishing local codes of conduct.

Discussion was held regarding when we should consider proctoring Mensa admission testing again. Although some of the proctors have now been vaccinated, it was noted that the main demographic of candidates generally comprises individuals in age groups who will not have been vaccinated yet; thus, there is still risk of transmission of the virus to individuals taking the test. Based on projections that a large percentage of the population is likely to be vaccinated by summer of this year, it was decided to revisit this in July.

There being no other business, Kurt Williams moved that the meeting be adjourned. Ann Hake seconded the motion. The motion was carried, and the meeting was adjourned at 8:20 pm..

Treasurer's Report

Matthew Zwick, CIM Treasurer

Balance Sheet (as of 02/28/2021)

Bank Accounts	1/31/2021	02/28/2021
Checking – Regular	\$7,580.58	\$7,629.43
Checking – Scholarship	-	-
Checking – MG Cash	25.00	25.00
Checking – Events Checking	6,090.04	6,415.04
Checking – USPS Stamps	476.80	476.25
Total Assets	\$14,172.42	\$14,545.72

Profit & Loss Statement (01/31/2020 – 02/28/2021)

Income		
	401.1 – Monthly Gathering Inc.	0.00
	405.1 – National Support	423.30
	405.2 – New Member/Lapsed Member	4.00
	420.1 – Miscellaneous – Adding Back Refunds from RG Cancellation	325.00
Total Income		\$752.30
Expense		
	501.1– MG Hospitality	0.00
	505.1 – MIND Printing	378.45
	507 – Stamps	0.55
Total Expenses		\$379.00



“Spring drew on...and a greenness grew over those brown beds, which, freshening daily, suggested the thought that Hope traversed them at night, and left each morning brighter traces of her steps.”

—Charlotte Brontë, *Jane Eyre*

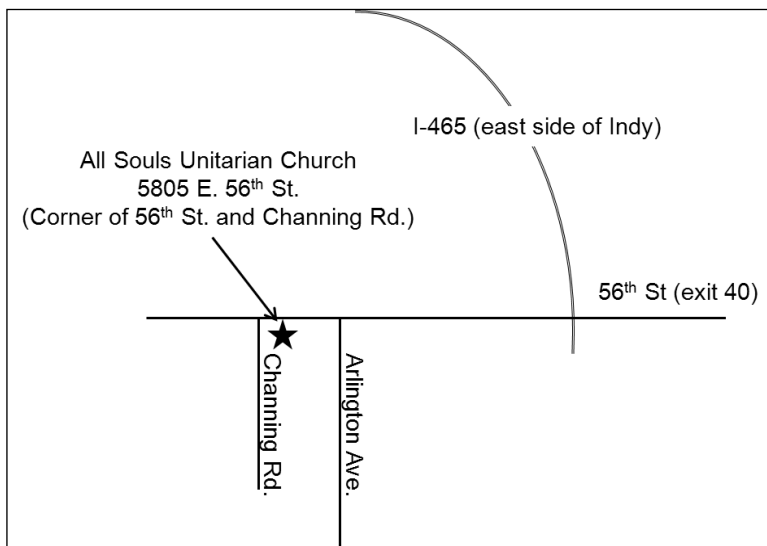
Mensa Monthly Gathering Location*

All Souls Unitarian Church

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.

*In-person meetings are cancelled until further notice



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