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Loosing My MIND

Vonda Heverly, Editor

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



Welcome to March, and Happy St. Patrick's Day! I'm crossing my fingers, wishing on a shooting star, and holding a four-leaf clover that I'll be re-creating this decade+ picture you see here this month. My favorite Irish-"ish" band is playing for St. Pat's this year, and I intend to be there. Seeing them was the last thing I did before everything shut down two years ago, and it seems like a bit of a revival to kick off spring with them now.

I'm running more late than usual putting this issue together, so I'm just going to

leave all the spring/garden/yard stuff for next month.

This month even more than ever:

Cheers!



Old Dog/New Tricks

Teresa Gregory, LocSec

This month is a month to look back at the past and look forward to the future and embrace what happens in between.

This was my first time chairing the Scholarship Competition. American Mensa always seems able to take something that appears straight-forward and complicate it. I realize what a huge bouquet of thanks CIM owes to Laurel Richardson for her many years as chair. At this writing, we are not completely finished but well on our way. My thanks to my judges: Ann Hake, Paula Ferguson, Karen Guse, Nan Harvey, Dennis Mason, Jan Pfeil Doyle, Alan Schmidt, Damian

Stanziano, and Bob Zdanky. And, of course, many past thanks to Laurel. Good luck to our future scholars!



Two years ago, I was asking for volunteers for committees because it was an election year. Guess, what? I'm asking again! I am also asking for people to run for our Executive Committee (ExCom), or as I always note it on my own calendar, X-Com. We have the power. Because of the pandemic we discovered Zoom, so location or mobility is no longer a barrier to running for office. It's not hard to say YES to this request. We meet once a month. This is a volunteer organization, and we need Nominating and Election Chairs and candidates. Please contact me.

Don't forget to renew your membership by March 31. Again, we need you at the table.

If you would like to join us for a fun trivia contest, we are looking for team players for CultureQuest, the once-a-year Mensa trivia contest. This year, it will be on April 24, but we must enter by March 31. Last year, we fielded two teams of five, and Captain Ann Hake's team, CIMple Minds, finished ninth. Please contact me ASAP if you would like to play. Who knows? You might know the one answer that puts your team over the top.

Please note a few things on this month's calendar.

- Ham'n Eggs is cancelling until further notice.
- Book Group will be hybrid, both on Zoom and in person.
- Alison Brown will be hosting a wine and cheese reception at her home for a Mensa visitor from Ohio.

Check the calendar for information on all of these. Also, please check your Monday CIM ReMINDER for last minute updates and additional information.

And, finally, a look back at some pictures from our CIM 50th Anniversary party, March 7, 2015. Remember when we used to meet in person?

<https://photos.app.goo.gl/vNXMHgMCcdnCvdr55>

Puzzle Column

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

PI DAY PUZZLES

March is a popular month among many Mensans because of pi day – 3/14. The answer to each puzzle is a capitalized word, starting with either **PI** or **DAY**. A clue and letter count are given.

Example: Painter of Guernica (7) Answer: **PICASSO**

1. Founder of a detective agency in 1850 (9)
2. Home of the Wright brothers (6)
3. Fifth governor of Judaea (6)
4. Star Trek spinoff (6)
5. Conqueror of Peru (7)
6. General famous for his eyepatch (5)
7. Miss Jane (7)
8. Manilow song title (8)
9. Title of a Stephen Schwartz musical (6)
10. Colonel Hugh in *My Fair Lady* (9)

See answers on page 15.



New Members

| | | | |
|---------------|-----------|----|--------|
| Marcus Goelz | Lexington | KY | MoveIn |
| Judy Weitzman | Carmel | IN | Joined |

Anti-Cabin Fever

Jim Sobek

I am a long-time member, having first joined in 1970 and then reinstating my membership in December 2010. Photography has been my hobby since Christmas 1949 when, at age seven I received as a Christmas gift a Kodak Brownie camera. My father was an artist and sign painter and I suspect that genes associated with light, vision, composition, etc. have been one the legacies I received from him. When I saw your invitation to send some “anti-cabin fever” photographs, I immediately went to my library and selected these.

The first image was taken on August 3, 2019, at Whistler, British Columbia. My girlfriend and I had decided to take ten-day vacation in Canada with Rocky Mountaineer. We traveled from Vancouver, British Columbia to Calgary, Alberta. This



image was taken at the top of the mountain where the 2010 Winter Olympics were held. We both agree that this was the best vacation that we had taken together.



The second image was taken on August 28, 2018 at the Snake River Sporting Club in Jackson, Wyoming. My daughter had bought as a birthday gift a Fly Fishing
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Class from Orvis. Although they hold these schools all over the United States, when I saw Jackson, Wyoming, I knew it was where I wanted to go to take it. The class was held on the grounds of the sporting club, and I chose to stay in one of their Discovery units. Two are seen in the background. I'm not sure they are still there. But more can be found at <https://www.mountainliving.com/camp-in-these-luxury-tiny-homes/>

The third image was taken on August 12, 2003, in St. Ignatius, Montana. My family were on vacations staying with my daughter and her husband. We decided to take a horseback ride through the mountains. A most peaceful afternoon it turned out to be. It was easy to imagine being there back in the 1800's, except of course for digital cameras and cell phones.



“The only sure thing about luck is that it will change.”

--Bret Harte



March 2022 Events

~~**VIRTUAL Ham'n Eggs (Hamilton County Eggheads)**~~

CANCELLED!

VIRTUAL *Indy Lunch Bunch* - 1st and 3rd Wednesday t

11:30am ET Bring your own lunch! RSVPs not required but appreciated.

Contact: Karen Steilberger, steilkr@sbcglobal.net

Wine and Cheese Reception IN PERSON

3/6, 5:00pm ET

Mensa member Dr. Subinoy Das is coming to Indianapolis to talk to Scientech about the sense of smell and how SARS-CoV2 attacks it, reprising the presentation he gave at the World Gathering in 2021.

As SIGHT coordinator I am eager for him to meet members of our local group. **Guests must be vaccinated.**

RSVP Alison Brown SIGHT@indymensa.org by March 4th to receive the address.

VIRTUAL *Sunday Social * – Some Sundays (check the calendar) from

7:00pm – 8:30pm ET Drop in any time for casual chat. Contact: Teresa, ag18tg@yahoo.com.

VIRTUAL *Monthly Gathering* - 2nd Friday,

7:30pm – 10:00pm ET 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. - Contact: Teresa, ag18tg@yahoo.com

VIRTUAL and IN PERSON *Book Group*

2/20, 2:00pm ET

A Short History of Humanity - Johannes Krause & Thomas Troppe (2020) 237 pages hoot.gibson.tds@gmail.com or 770-548-5217 for more details, to RSVP, or for Zoom link.

VIRTUAL *ExCom* – 3rd Tuesday of the month. **7:00pm. ET** All active members are welcome to see your board in action. Contact: Teresa,

ag18tg@yahoo.com

March 2022

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday |
|---|--------|----------------|-----------------------------|
| | | 1 | 2 *Indy Lunch Bunch* |
| 6 Wine & Cheese Reception; *Sunday Social* | 7 | 8 | 9 |
| 13 *Sunday Social* | 14 | 15 *Ex-Com* | 16 *Indy Lunch Bunch* |
| 20 *Book Group* *Sunday Social* | 21 | 22 | 23 |
| 27 *Sunday Social* | 28 | 29 | 30 |
| | | | |

Virtual Zoom Events

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| Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|----------|------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| 3 | 4 | 5 *Ham 'n' Eggs* Cancelled |
| 19 | 11 *Monthly Gathering* | 12 |
| 17 | 18 | 19 |
| 24 | 25 | 26 |
| 31 | | |
| | | |

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

Mensa Trivia

Jon Gruebele, RVC4

Because the CultureQuest® trivia competition is coming, below are a few Mensa related trivia questions as a warmup.

If you haven't participated in CultureQuest® before, give it a try. Teams of up to five people meet virtually and answer pesky questions about things that don't matter. It's a lot of fun – and rather humbling. Apparently, there are many things I don't know. Registration closes March 31st and the [event](#) is on Sunday April 24th at 4:00 PM Eastern, 3:00 PM Central. The top teams get cash prizes.

Questions:

1. When was Mensa founded? A) 1937, B) 1946, C) 1951, D) 1956
2. What month of the year does American Mensa have the most members? A) January, B) March, C) August, D) December
3. Where is American Mensa headquartered? A) Brooklyn, NY, B) Hurst, TX, C) Orlando, FL, D) San Jose, CA.
4. American Mensa's Board of Directors is referred to as the AMC. "AM" stands for American Mensa. What does the "C" stand for? A) Cabinet, B) Committee, C) Commission, D) Council.
5. How many people are on the AMC? A) 5, B) 11, C) 15, D) 21.
6. How many Local Groups are in American Mensa? A) 78, B) 112, C) 124, D) 136.
7. Every Local Group belongs to a Region. How many Regions are there? A) 7, B) 8, C) 9, D) 10.
8. Our next Annual Gathering will be in Sparks (Reno), NV from July 6-10, 2022. Where will the next three AGs be held after that? A) Baltimore, Kansas City, Chicago; B) Austin, Milwaukee, Albuquerque; C) Salt Lake City, Nashville, Jacksonville; D) Philadelphia, Atlanta, Charlotte.
9. Approximately how much revenue did American Mensa have in fiscal year 2020-2021? A) \$4m, \$5m, \$6m, \$7m.

Answers:

1. B. Mensa was conceived in 1946 when Roland Berrill and Lancelot Lionel Ware met by chance on a train. American Mensa emerged in 1960.
2. B. March. Our fiscal year runs April 1st through March 31st. Members who haven't renewed by March 31st are dropped from membership on



April 1st, our lowest point of the year. We ended fiscal year 2021 with 49,326 members.

3. B. We are incorporated in New York, and the organization was first run from Brooklyn. We moved from there to Texas and are now in Hurst.
4. B. Committee.
5. D. 21. We have 15 elected positions and 5 appointed, nonvoting positions. Our Executive Director is an ex officio, nonvoting member. The National Ombudsperson may attend meetings but isn't a member.
6. C. 124.
7. D. 10. We're in Region 4.
8. A. After Sparks, NV, our AGs are scheduled for Baltimore; Kansas City; and Chicago.
9. A. \$4,035,231. Dues were the largest source of income, totaling \$3,038,699.

P.S. CultureQuest® is more fun than this quiz was!

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>.



2021-2022 Book Group Reading List

Rich Gibson

Book Group is 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.

Mar 20: *A Short History of Humanity* by Johannes Krause & Thomas Troppe; 237 pages

Apr 17: *Human Errors* by Nathan Lents; 216 pages (see MIND 1/2021)

May 15: *Livewired* by David Eagleman; 227 pages [note change]

Jun 19: *Drug Use for Grown-ups* by Carl Hart; 304 pages

Jul 17: *The Reinvention of Humanity* by Charles King; 345 pages

Aug 21: *Science Fictions* by Stuart Ritchie; 368 pages

Books on the Runway

Rich Gibson

Author: Johannes Krause and Thomas Trappe

Title: *A Short History of Humanity—A New History of Old Europe*

Publisher: Random House

Year: 2021

Book Description: Pay close attention to the subtitle. While this history does cover the first appearance of *homo sapiens* in Africa, it spends most of its time on ancient humans and their cousins in Europe. Before you shout “Eurocentrism!” and stop reading, two thoughts that might stay your hand: First, the book is a fairly short and fascinating read. Second, the Euro-focus comes naturally. One of the co-authors is the director of the Max Planck Institute for Evolutionary Anthropology, and he has lots and lots of European fossils to work with. He and his institute are pioneering the science of archaeogenetics—basically, grinding up tiny bits of ancient bones and discovering what the DNA can tell us. And the story they tell is indeed fascinating. The two major themes of ancient European history that the bones reveal are—oddly enough, also answer to: What were the two biggest crises of the 21st century?—pandemic disease and mass migration. The record of the comings, goings, and minglings of hunter-gatherers and farmers, humans and Neanderthals and Denisovans, tell us that modern-day cares and concerns are not that new, in any way. A wonderful book!

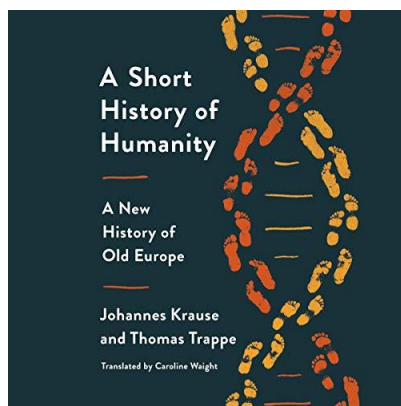
Has this book changed the way you think, your attitude toward life, or even your life itself? If so, how?

I was floored to learn that migration and disease seem to have been and remain almost constants of human life. This takes pondering: if we as a species have done this, time and time and time and again, for millennia, then perhaps we need to take them more in stride and think through all the implications. Responding to these things each time as a new aberration seems to be a waste of emotion. Perhaps more time in sober deliberation might make us all much more resilient, responsive, and adaptable to the next time one of them happens

Who should definitely read this book? Why?

This book is for anyone interested in the story of humanity; and again, for anyone who wishes there were something to help grapple with our new, and not so new, urgent concerns

Provide a short characteristic section, an awesome sentence, or an inspiring quote: “Four thousand eight hundred years ago, a sickness that began in the East almost wholly transformed the genetic structure of people living in Europe; Eastern Europeans took control of the continent, ultimately ushering in the Bronze Age. This sickness was the plague.”



Fifteen Seven St. Patrick's Day Facts

Source: [Parade.com](https://www.parade.com/st-patricks-day/origin-fun-facts-trivia-and-history-2022) [[St. Patrick's Day: Origin, Fun Facts, Trivia and History \(2022\)](https://www.parade.com/st-patricks-day/origin-fun-facts-trivia-and-history-2022)] ([parade.com](https://www.parade.com/st-patricks-day/origin-fun-facts-trivia-and-history-2022)); author Kelsey Pelzer

Click the link to view the complete list of 15 facts and trivia questions about St. Patrick's Day!

1. The [first St. Patrick's Day parade](#) took place in America—not in Ireland.
2. The New York City St. Patrick's Day parade is the [world's oldest civilian parade and the largest in the United States](#).
3. Chicago began its annual tradition of turning the Chicago River green on St. Patrick's Day [in 1962](#).
4. In Ireland, St. Patrick's Day had been viewed mostly as a [religious observance](#), and up until [the 1960s](#), they even had laws that forbid bars from being open that day.
5. Although St. Patrick's Day falls within the [period of Lent](#)—a time when the Catholic Church prohibits eating meat, [the ban is lifted](#) on this specific day of celebration.
6. St. Patrick is [said to have been buried](#) in the town of Downpatrick, County Down, in Northern Ireland.
7. There are [two autobiographical writings](#) from St. Patrick himself, including *Confessio* and *Letter to Coroticus*.

Answers to Puzzle Column on page 6:

1. Founder of a detective agency in 1850 (9) = Pinkerton
2. Home of the Wright brothers (6) = Dayton
3. Fifth governor of Judaea (6) = Pilate
4. Star Trek spinoff (6) = *Picard*
5. Conqueror of Peru (7) = Pizarro
6. General famous for his eyepatch (5) = Dayan
7. Miss Jane (7) = Pittman
8. Manilow song title (8) = *Daybreak*
9. Title of a Stephen Schwartz musical (6) = *Pippin*
10. Colonel Hugh in *My Fair Lady* (9) = Pickering



Central Indiana Mensa ExCom 1/18/2022

Ann Hake, CIM Secretary

The regular monthly meeting of the Central Indiana Mensa ExCom was held virtually via Zoom on Tuesday, January 18, 2022.

LocSec Teresa Gregory called the meeting to order at 7:19 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 December 2021 ExCom meeting. Kurt Williams moved that the minutes be accepted. Nan Harvey seconded the motion, and the motion was carried.

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

A membership report was compiled by Teresa Gregory based upon the information available as of 12/31/2021 from American Mensa: 487 members, 4 new, 0 moveins, 0 rejoins, and 5 prospects. No candidates were tested.

Old Business

Monthly and other Gatherings – All Souls is still not scheduling outside rental groups; we will continue the Monthly Gathering in virtual form for now. Mensans Dining Out will be suspended for now; and the Lunch Bunch, book group, and Ham 'n' Eggs will meet virtually.

Outdoor Gathering (OG) – is scheduled for May 20-22, 2022, at Versailles State Park; reservations have been made and a deposit has been put down. We will continue to monitor public health conditions to determine whether to move forward with this event.

Registration is open for the 2022 Annual Gathering July 6-10 in Sparks, NV. Registration prices increased on January 3, 2022 (from \$219 to \$244) and will increase further on February 28 (to \$269), and once more on May 31 (to \$299, the onsite registration rate.)

New Business

Dayton Area Mensa has announced that their Regional Gathering will be held March 25-27, 2022, at the Miamisburg, OH DoubleTree Suites.

There being no other business, Ann Hake moved that the meeting be adjourned. Teresa Fisher seconded the motion. The motion was carried, and the meeting was adjourned at 7:45 pm.

Treasurer's Report

Matthew Zwick

Balance Sheet (as of 1/31/2022)

| Bank Accounts | 12/31/2021 | 1/31/2022 |
|----------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Checking – Regular | \$7,584.46 | \$7,574.31 |
| Checking – Scholarship | - | - |
| Checking – MG Cash | 25.00 | 25.00 |
| Checking – Events Checking | 6,415.04 | 6,415.04 |
| Checking – USPS Stamps | 414.10 | 358.55 |
| Total Assets | \$14,438.60 | \$14,372.90 |

Profit & Loss Statement (12/31/2021 – 1/31/2022)

| Income | | |
|-----------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------|
| | 401.1 – Monthly Gathering Inc. | 0.00 |
| | 405.1 – National Support | 417.35 |
| | 405.2 – New Member/Lapsed Member | 3.00 |
| | 420.2 – Miscellaneous | 0.00 |
| Total Income | | \$420.35 |
| Expense | | |
| | 501.1– MG Hospitality | 0.00 |
| | 505.1 – MIND Printing | 430.50 |
| | 507 – Stamps | 55.55 |
| | 508 – Miscellaneous | 0.00 |
| Total Expenses | | \$486.05 |



*“Remember that sometimes not getting what you want
is a wonderful stroke of luck.” --Dalai Lama XIV*



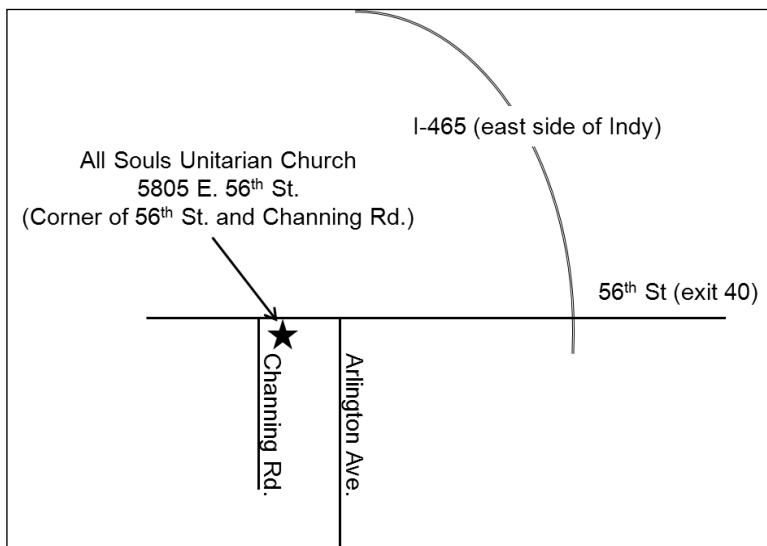
Mensa Monthly Gathering Location*

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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