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## Halloween in Dover, England



(and the answer to one of this month's trivia questions!)

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# Loosing My MIND

Vonda Heverly, Editor

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



Welcome to our new LocSec, Jan Pfeil Doyle! Check out her LocSection column on the next page. Many thanks to outgoing LocSec Teresa Gregory for all her service. She got me started off on the right foot as editor here, and made the job very approachable.

I also welcome the cooler temperatures fall brought to us. We've been enjoying several fall festivals and still have apple picking and a production of *Sweeney Todd* to look forward to

soon.

I leave you with an image from the Columbus (Indiana) Scottish Festival which took place September 10-11. Much of the event involves Highland Games, which consist of very strong people throwing around a variety of heavy objects. One of my favorites is the caber toss, in which a tree trunk is lifted and tossed end over end, with the goal being for it to land as straight in line with the tosser as possible, not veering left or right.

Slainte!



# LocSection

Jan Pfeil Doyle

**Election Results** – Central Indiana Mensa’s newly elected Executive Committee (ExCom) will take office on Oct. 1. I understand the voting was quite close. Thanks to all of you who voted! I would like to thank everyone who ran for the board, and also the Nominating and Election Committees for their very capable efforts. I’d especially like to thank the outgoing board members –**Teresa Fisher, Teresa Gregory, Nan Harvey, and Matt Zwick** – for their dedicated service to the group. We wouldn’t have a group if it weren’t for volunteers like them who help keep the group running. Thanks go out to the new board, too, for their willingness to serve! **Paula Ferguson, Barb George, and Karen Wilczewski** are joining ExCom. I’m returning as LocSec after a few years off.



**Membership Month** – October is Membership Month. This year, the price for testing has been reduced to \$30 for the month (half price). If you know someone who’s interested in or might like Mensa, encourage them to take the test! CIM will be giving the test in the Indianapolis area on Oct 9th and 15th, details in the calendar. If you have friends or family in other areas of the country who might want to take the test, have them check for testing near them at [www.us.mensa.org/join/testing](http://www.us.mensa.org/join/testing). Thanks to our Testing Coordinator, **Alison Brown**, and the rest of our CIM proctors – **Teresa Gregory, Ann Hake, and Karen Zwick** – who volunteer their time to administer tests to prospective members.

**Mensa Scholarships** – MERF (Mensa Educational and Research Foundation) awards more than \$175,000 of scholarships every year. Scholarships are awarded solely on the basis of an essay written by the applicant, who does not need to be a Mensa member. Applications are accepted online only from September 15 to January 15. CIM awards the John S Matthews scholarship (\$500) every year. Find out more at [www.mensafoundation.org/what-we-do/scholarships/](http://www.mensafoundation.org/what-we-do/scholarships/).

**Don’t Miss** – our monthly gathering. This month, through the magic of Zoom, we will be visited by perennial favorite Dr Rob Pyatt and his latest findings on bad/weird science. This program will be available both in person at All Souls and on Zoom for the home viewers. **Special Request:** Rob speaks to many diverse groups throughout the year. He runs a survey each year among all his groups. Even if you are not attending the program, he would love to have you do the survey. It is nine multiple choice questions on Survey Monkey. It is anonymous. The link to that is: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Y77GMTK>.

## Puzzle Column

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

### INSIDE THE SENATOR puzzles:

Find the last name of a current U.S. senator with a 3,4, or 5-letter word within it. Clues to the words and letter counts will be given.

An example is: bloke (4 letters). The solution is: **SCHUMER**.

1. A tennis term (3 letters).
2. Hole punching tool (3 letters).
3. Measure of light (5 letters).
4. Type of pickle (4 letters).
5. An article of clothing (3 letters).
6. An element (4 letters).
7. Programming option (4 letters).
8. Indiana's quest (3 letters).
9. A food scrap (3 letters).
10. Ripen (3 letters).

See answers on page 15.



## New Members

Nancy Guyott	Indianapolis	IN	Joined
Owen Hoover	West Lafayette	IN	Joined
Nicolas Jagelka	Westfield	IN	Joined
Matthew Roman	Centerville	IN	Joined
Robert Vestal	Frankton	IN	Joined

# East Asian Walls

Matt Brennan

## Cheoli Jangseong

The name refers to two Korean stone-built walls. The first was constructed from 631-647 A.D. under the Goguryeo dynasty, the northernmost and largest of three Korean kingdoms. Goguryeo extended much farther north than modern-day Korea. Its wall ran for 2500 miles through what is now Manchuria, Siberia, and parts of China proper, and enclosed the only year-around, ice-free anchorage in that part of Asia. 1.8 million people of Korean ancestry live north of the Yalu River and westward along modern-day coastal China.

The other Cheoli Jangseong (also called the Thousand Li Wall) was built between 1033 A.D. and 1044 A.D. by a territorially smaller but unified Korea, then called Goryeo. Its purpose was to stop Chinese and Manchu incursions. That structure incorporated existing walls and forts into a continuous stone structure that measured 24 feet wide by 24 feet high and ran for 311 miles close by the Yalu River. This second Cheoli Jangseong was in use until the Mongols conquered Goryeo 200 years later.



## Long Wall of Quang Ngai

This wall is said to have been constructed in 1819 A.D. by Vietnamese Emperor Gia Long (r. 1802-1820 A.D.). It consists of alternating stone and earthen sections 8 feet wide by 13 feet tall. It runs for 79 miles parallel to the Annamite Mountain Chain through Quang Ngai and Binh Dinh Provinces. The wall travels through a number of districts, including Duc Pho, Hoai Anh and An Lao. I know those provinces and districts from personal experience.

The Long Wall of Quang Ngai was erected as a joint venture between the coastal farming Vietnamese and the mountain-dwelling Hre minority. Both groups claimed the wall as protection against raids by the other side. The Hre, however, had by far the stronger case. Emperor Gia Long most probably expanded and maintained fortifications built earlier - in 1496-1568 A.D. The wall's existence highlights the animosity and continuous conflict between Vietnamese and the tribal peoples.



*This is a continuing series of articles by member Matt Brennan on walls. Look for more in upcoming issues. –Ed.*



## 2022-2023 Book Group Reading List

Rich Gibson

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

**October:** *Fundamentals* by Frank Wilczek, 228 pages

**November:** *Woke Racism* by John McWhorter, 187 pages

**December:** *Helgoland* by Carlo Rovelli, 168 pages

**January:** *Romance of Reality* by Bobby Azarian, 280 pages

**February:** *Entangled Life* by Merlin Sheldrake, 225 pages

**March:** *The Psychology of Money* by Morgan Housel, 209 pages

**April:** *On Bullshit/Bullshit Jobs* by Henry G. Frankfurt/David Graeber, 68/140 pages

**May:** *Metaverse* by Matthew Ball, 292 pages

**June:** *Genetic Lottery* by Kathryn Paige Harden, 256 pages

**July:** *The Verge* by Patrick Wyman, 343 pages

**August:** *A Book Forged in Hell* by Steven Nadler, 300 pages

**September:** *The WEIRDEST People in the World* by Joseph Henrich, 275 pages\*

**October:** *Bittersweet* by Susan Cain, 353 pages

**November:** *Power and Liberty* by Gordon S. Wood, 188 pages

\*Book is much longer; we'll furnish a reading guide to get it down to a friendlier length.



## Mensa Book Group Book Reviews

Rich Gibson

**THIS MONTH:** *Fundamentals: Ten Keys to Reality*, by Frank Wilczek

228 pages, published in 2021. To be discussed at the MBG meeting on Sunday, October 16<sup>th</sup>, at 2:00 PM. See Calendar or Meetup for more information.

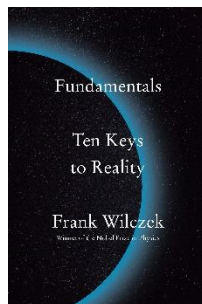
You can roughly divide intelligent people, including Mensans, into those who lean more to science, engineering and math; and those who lean to the humanities. This book is for both groups! Dr Wilczek, a professor of physics at MIT and a Nobel laureate, has written a science book that is imbued with the wonder, awe, and delight he gets from his personal playground, which the rest of us call The Universe.

Wonder, awe, and delight are commodities which the casual observer might classify as spiritual, certainly not proper for a scientist! Deeper thought might



help realize that nature is probably the original provocation of these human responses. Who has not been moved by a beautiful sunrise, sunset, or garden; or had their breath stolen by a vista of ocean, mountain, or valley? And yet learning about nature, searching for the secrets of Why Things Are The Way They Are, is a scientist's job description.

Dr. Wilczek has written a short, readable book about our current understanding of the universe. His ten keys each have their own chapter, and each chapter says: here's what we know about this, right up to the ragged edge of our understanding; and here's where we might be headed. Throughout, he deals with philosophical implications of nature: In Chapter 1, There's Plenty of Space, he notes the immensity of the universe by quoting Blaise Pascal: 'the universe grasps me and swallows me up like a speck.' He gives balance to this by noting that "raw size isn't everything...In all the ways that really matter, we're abundantly large." He throws Walt Whitman, 'I am large, I contain multitudes,' into the fray as well. I highly recommend this book for all Mensans. If you're interested, I'm sure you can find a copy at your local library. If you'd like to get together and talk about it with other interested Mensans, please join us, by Zoom or in person, on Sunday, Oct 16 at 2:00 PM.



**NEXT MONTH: *Woke Racism—How a New Religion Has Betrayed Black America*, by John McWhorter**

187 pages, published in 2021. To be discussed at the MBG meeting on Sunday, November 20<sup>th</sup>, at 2:00 PM. See Calendar or Meetup for more information. John McWhorter is a professor of linguistics at Columbia University and a columnist for the New York Times. A Black American, he has written extensively on linguistics, including Black English; and on race relations and racism. I am a white American with few Black friends or acquaintances, and thus little practical experience of race relations. While I'm aware of the large number of books on wokeness, racism and anti-racism, notably *How to Be an Anti-Racist* by Ibram Kendi or *White Fragility* by Robin DiAngelo, I am bemused by the idea that being White makes me automatically a bad person. Whether you agree with woke anti-racism or not, this book offers a different perspective. McWhorter's main idea is that wokeness is not the way to a just and equitable world, but a barrier. He asserts that wokeness has become a fundamentalist religion. As such, it is subject to several bad features: possessed of a dogma which is not subject to reasoned argument; illogicality; and inherent superstition. Further, it can be actively harmful in promoting a victimhood culture among Black people and advocating policies that disproportionately damage Black communities.

Wow! This book can generate a compelling discussion. Whether you want to participate, or watch quietly from a corner, you might want to attend the November Book Group and check it out. We'll meet in person and through Zoom on Sunday, November 20<sup>th</sup>, at 2:00 PM.

## Mensa Testing in October

*Alison Brown, CIM Testing Coordinator*

Successfully completing the standardized Mensa admission testing battery, consisting of two separate tests, with a score on either test correlating to an IQ  $\geq 130$  / top 2% is one way to join Central Indiana Mensa, American Mensa Ltd. and Mensa International. If you are already a member, please spread the word to friends who may be interested in joining us.

In October, Mensa is offering this test battery for \$30, just half of the normal price. We have arranged two dates for candidates to take advantage of this offer. We can test six candidates per session.

The tests on **Oct. 9, 2022** will be held in Carmel, IN. The exact location will be sent to those who reserve a spot.

The tests on **Oct. 15, 2022** will be held in Greenwood, IN. The exact location will be sent to those who reserve a spot.

The fee of \$30 is payable by pre-purchasing a voucher at [www.us.mensa.org/join/testing/testingvoucher/](http://www.us.mensa.org/join/testing/testingvoucher/) - the discount will be subtracted at checkout. You may also pay by card, check or cash at the beginning of the test session.

Candidates between 14-17 years old are required to have one of their parents also sign the registration form. We are not permitted to test candidates under 14 years old.

Please contact the Testing Coordinator at [SIGHT@indymensa.org](mailto:SIGHT@indymensa.org) to reserve a seat.



# October 2022 Events

**Indy Lunch Bunch** – 1st Wednesday In Person; 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday on \*Zoom\*

**10/5, 11:30am ET - Shapiro's**, 808 S Meridian St. Indianapolis, IN 46225

**10/19, 11:30am ET - Virtual \*Online\***; RSVPs not required but appreciated.

Contact: Karen Steilberger, [steilkr@sbcglobal.net](mailto:steilkr@sbcglobal.net)

**Ham 'n' Eggs (Hamilton County Eggheads)** – 1st Saturday

**10/1 - 10:00 a.m. - 12 noon ET** Atrio, 11700 Illinois St. (Carmel, IN, located at IU Health North). Located just off the atrium on the first floor on the left as you enter the building from the north entrance. Breakfast served till 11 a.m., then lunch starts. Drop in any time for casual conversation, lively discussion, and good food and beverages.

RSVP: Alison Brown, 317-846-6798, [SIGHT@indymensa.org](mailto:SIGHT@indymensa.org)

**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](mailto:ag18tg@yahoo.com).

**VIRTUAL and LIVE \*Monthly Gathering\*** - 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday,

**10/14 - 7:00pm – 11:00pm ET** All Souls Unitarian Church, 5805 E. 56th Street, Indianapolis, IN 46226. See last page of MIND for map and directions. Members: \$7.00, Non-Members: \$10.00; Children 6- 18: \$5.00, under 6: free. Proof of vaccination or recent test required.

Our usual format of announcements at 7:45p.m., a short program, then conversation. We will be upstairs in the Beattie Room. Please do not arrive before 7:00pm. As usual, announcements at 7:45pm and program to follow.

**Special guest speaker: Dr Rob Pyatt! See the weekly ReMINDER for more info.**

**VIRTUAL and IN PERSON \*Book Group\***

**10/16, 2:00pm ET**

*Fundamentals* - Frank Wilczek (2021), 228 pages

Contact Rich Gibson [hoot.gibson.tds@gmail.com](mailto:hoot.gibson.tds@gmail.com) or 770-548-5217 for more details, to RSVP, or for Zoom link.

**Mensans Dining Out** - 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday **10/16, 6pm ET**

Blind Owl Brewery – Outdoor seating

**5014 E 62nd St, Indianapolis, IN 46220**

**For more information or to RSVP**, contact Bob Zdanky at 317-912-3590.

**VIRTUAL \*ExCom\*** – 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month.

**10/18 - 7:00pm. ET** All active members are welcome to see your board in action. Contact: Teresa, [ag18tg@yahoo.com](mailto:ag18tg@yahoo.com)

# October 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
2 *Sunday Social*	3	4	5 Indy Lunch Bunch
9 Mensa Testing; *Sunday Social*	10	11	12
16 Book Group; Dining Out	17	18 *ExCom*	19 *Indy Lunch Bunch*
23 *Sunday Social*	24	25	26
30 *Sunday Social*	31 		

\*Virtual Zoom Events\*

Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Ham'n Eggs
6	7	8
13	14 Monthly Gathering	15 Mensa Testing
29	21	22
27	28	29

If you lose your *MIND* (oh, my!) or want additional information, check [www.indymensa.org](http://www.indymensa.org) or join our Meet Up group, <http://www.meetup.com/central-indiana-mensa>. Meet Up 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

### Volunteers are How Much More Attractive?

*Jon Gruebele, RVC4*

Informational e-mails for Chicago's Regional Gatherings have often included the undisputed facts that "volunteers have 50% more fun and are 33% more attractive." Recently, the Board of Directors (AMC) Volunteerism Task force completed a year-long review of the topic and published their findings under the July AMC meeting documents. It was one of the best written Mensa reports I've seen in a long time, even if it didn't specifically mention the "fun and attractive" statistics. Our thanks go to Region 4 member and AMC Communications Officer Robin Crawford along with her team for doing the work.



The [document](#) is 47 pages long so a summary won't do it justice; nevertheless, I'll highlight a few of their top recommendations. They first recommended adding volunteerism to the AMC strategic plan. We did that at the July Board meeting. They also suggested:

- Streamlining and expanding the inclusivity of how we select volunteers
- Identifying and engaging more volunteers
- Protecting volunteers from harassment and unreasonable critique
- Realigning roles and expectations with potential volunteers' skills and limitations
- Using generational differences wisely
- Streamlining a face-saving process for shifting volunteers out of positions for which they aren't well suited
- Improving volunteers' satisfaction and sense of appreciation

These ideas can be applied at all levels of our organization, especially with Local Groups where the most volunteer hours are contributed. They helped me see how we could improve from where we sometimes start:

1. Talk to someone we already know and twist their arm into volunteering – preferably someone who's already doing three other volunteer jobs
2. Ensure the job's really big and there's no clear expectations
3. Disregard whether they have the skills to do the job since really, any warm body will do
4. When they do or don't do something you think they should, berate them loudly and often
5. Maybe only say thank you when it's all said and done.

OK it normally isn't really that bad. I've personally feel richly rewarded for the volunteer work I've done, even if it hasn't always gone perfectly. One of my first volunteer jobs was working registration at an Annual Gathering (AG). It was a blast talking to people I didn't know and making friends with my fellow registration workers. Somehow working registration instantly made me all-knowing, so I spent time directing people to the restrooms. I would also patiently listen to complaints about random speaker topics, the air conditioning, and the lack of their favorite snacks in hospitality. Apparently handing out badges gives volunteers infinite authority over all aspects of the AG. Who knew?

I've rambled on long enough. Please take a look at the Volunteerism Task Force's report. It's worth a read – and maybe volunteer for something and automatically become better looking!

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>.



#### Answers to Puzzle Column on page 6:

1. A tennis term (3 letters). **KLOBUCHAR**
2. Hole punching tool (3 letters). **HAWLEY**
3. Measure of light (5 letters). **BLUMENTHAL**
4. Type of pickle (4 letters). **PADILLA**
5. An article of clothing (3 letters). **SCHATZ**
6. An element (4 letters). **HIRONO**
7. Programming option (4 letters). **HICKENLOOPER**
8. Indiana's quest (3 letters). **MARKEY**
9. A food scrap (3 letters). **PORTMAN**
10. Ripen (3 letters). **HAGERTY**





## Books on the Runway

Margy Lancet Fletcher

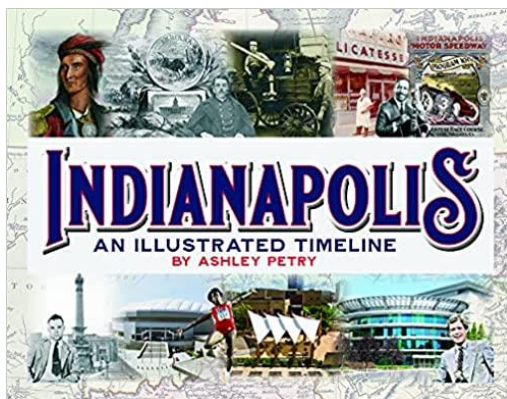
**Author:** Ashley Petry

**Title:** *Indianapolis: An Illustrated Timeline*

**Publisher:** Reedy Press, LLC

**Year:** 2021

**Book Description:** A variation on Alison Brown's theme of finding priceless literary gems in out-of-the-way places (see her Book Review in the September 2022 MIND) is my recent discovery of *Indianapolis: An Illustrated Timeline* while taking a rest break at the end of a tour of the Lilly Mansion on the grounds of the Indianapolis Museum of Art at Newfields. A fitting tribute to the Circle City and its undervalued splendor, this



volume contains a year-by-year chronology of the major events in the history of the city, commencing with the Paleozoic Era (approximately 450 million years ago) and concluding with Super Bowl XLVI, which the author considers symbolic of her city's coming of age. (Not included is the ensuing global pandemic because, as the author notes in the Acknowledgments section, "it is still unfolding, and it is impossible to know how Indianapolis will be affected over the long term.")

Among the milestones with which the author acquaints the reader through her series of short essays are the founding of such storied institutions as Butler University, Shortridge and Crispus Attucks High Schools, the Children's Museum, the Indiana State Library, Crown Hill Cemetery, and the aforementioned Indianapolis Art Museum; and the establishment of nationally-known businesses, including Union Station, Shapiro's Delicatessen, the Indianapolis Motor Speedway, the Madam Walker Theatre, and Eli Lilly and Company. Interlinked within the chain of events are mini-biographies, called Spotlights, of Indy's most celebrated citizens, among whom are William Conner, Calvin Fletcher (see excerpt below), Benjamin Harrison, Mary Wright Sewall, David Letterman, and Julia Carson. Infamous Hoosier individuals and organizations - representing the dark side of metropolitan life - are also profiled: the Chain Gang, the Ku Klux Klan, and John Dillinger, to name just a few. Still, this book provides many reasons for Indianapolis residents, past and present, to bless their good fortune for having experienced Indy's unique and diverse culture. The vivid, colorful artwork and photography enhance the book's esthetic value, making it a pleasurable source of leisure activity.

**Has this book changed the way you think, your attitude toward life, or even your life itself? If so, how?** Although I currently reside in Tipton, Indiana, which

is approximately 50 miles north of Indianapolis, I spent my formative years - from birth to age twenty-one - in the Circle City, and still consider it my hometown. Thus, I am eternally grateful to Indy writer/journalist Ashley Petry for creating this exquisite and long-sought-after literary stroll down Memory Lane. It also convinced me that there is still a lot I *don't* know about my childhood habitat. One example of newly-acquired surprising knowledge is the Fletcher connection: In truth, I am not related by blood or marriage to either Calvin Fletcher or his brother, Stoughton; however, the former co-founded Crown Hill Cemetery, where my Lancet grandparents are buried, and the latter contributed to the establishment of American Fletcher National Bank, where I started my first savings and checking account at age eighteen, before I myself became a Fletcher. Is fate a mysterious force, or what??

**Who should definitely read this book? Why?** *Indianapolis* is a guaranteed source of both wonder and nostalgia for Indy natives, and proof positive to non-residents that Indianapolis is much more than merely a “flyover” city en route to other major metropolises such as Chicago or Saint Louis. Thus, it should appeal to an infinite variety of readers of all ages and locales.

**How long might it take to read this book?** As this book is an ideal addition to a typical coffee-table collection, it can fit just about any type of schedule, from a few hours of intensive reading to gradual perusal, perhaps as a time-filler while awaiting appointments, one article at a time. It's a spellbinding trip through the city's triumphant and tumultuous past, either way.

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

1798-1866

SPOTLIGHT: CALVIN FLETCHER

Calvin Fletcher would eventually become the wealthiest and most prominent resident of early Indianapolis, but he began his life in poverty, as one of 15 children on a small farm in Vermont. He left home abruptly in 1815 with a bundle of clothes and \$2.50 borrowed from a sister. He worked as a farm laborer, and most of the money he earned was spent on formal schooling.

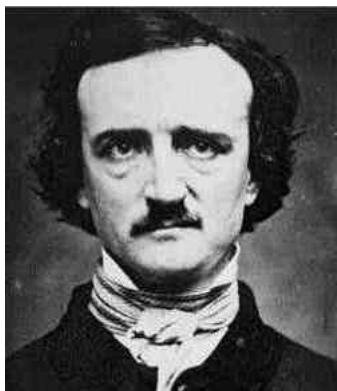
Fletcher went west in 1817. He read law in Urbana, Ohio, and married in 1821, soon after being admitted to the bar. That September he and his new wife, Sarah, set out for Indianapolis. At first Fletcher was the only attorney in town, and he soon had a thriving law practice - which was fortunate, as he and Sarah eventually had 11 children. Over the years he served in the Indiana Senate and as a director of the Indiana State Bank, but he made his fortune as a land speculator. He also managed a large farm and served in numerous volunteer roles. He recorded all this activity in his journals, which are among the most important sources of information about life in early Indianapolis. He co-founded Crown Hill Cemetery in 1863 and was buried there three years later.

## Halloween Trivia

Trivia from [icebreakerideas.com](http://icebreakerideas.com)

1. In which country did Halloween originate?
2. What was the first name of Dr. Frankenstein?
3. In which state is it illegal to dress as a nun or priest for Halloween?
4. What do New Englanders call the night before Halloween?
5. According to superstition, a person born on Halloween has what special ability?
6. From which region of the world do pumpkins originate?
7. Every Halloween, Charlie Brown helps his friend Linus wait for what character to appear?
8. Transylvania is a region in what country?
9. What is Dracula's sidekick called?
10. What is an intense fear of Halloween known as?
11. Out of which vegetable were Jack O'Lanterns originally made?
12. What was the first movie to show a toilet on-screen?
13. What was the original name for what we now call Candy Corn?

See answers on next page.



***“Believe nothing you hear, and only half of what you see.”***

—Edgar Allan Poe, from the short story *“The System of Dr. Tarr and Prof. Fether”*

## Theodore Talk: A Virtual Event

*Brad Lucht*

The title of the October Theodore Talk is “**The Evolution of Voting in the United States**”. This virtual event will take place on Zoom October 23 at 2:30 *Central Time*.

Voting is a foundational activity for democratic countries. However, at the birth of our nation, voting rights were quite exclusive. Stacey Webb, League of Women Voters, will review the numerous struggles for long sought voting rights as we have slowly progressed to include more citizens as voters and more people as citizens. The United States has a complex voting system; Webb will review the many new voting laws enacted this year.

[Register](https://tinyurl.com/yjsyf3v6) for this presentation at <https://tinyurl.com/yjsyf3v6>. You must register for each lecture with an email address associated with your Zoom account. If you don't have one, you can sign up for a [free Zoom account](https://zoom.us/signup) at <https://zoom.us/signup>.

Theodore Talks take place on Zoom the fourth Sunday of each month at 2:30 p.m. A list of future Theodore Talks can be found on the [Mensa National Events Calendar](https://www.us.mensa.org/attend/calendar/) at <https://www.us.mensa.org/attend/calendar/>. For more information, contact [Brad Lucht](mailto:BradLucht@MAMensa.org) at [TheodoreTalks@MAMensa.org](mailto:BradLucht@MAMensa.org).



### Halloween Trivia Answers from previous page

1. Ireland
2. Victor. In the original book, the monster is referred to as Adam.
3. Alabama. According to Section 13A-4-4, impersonating the clergy is a misdemeanor with a fine up to \$500 or up to a year in jail.
4. Cabbage Night.
5. The ability to see and talk to spirits.
6. Central America.
7. The Great Pumpkin
8. Romania.
9. Renfield.
10. Samhainophobia.
11. Turnips.
12. Psycho.
13. Chicken Feed.

# **Central Indiana Mensa ExCom 8/16/2022**

*Ann Hake, CIM Secretary*

The regular monthly meeting of the Central Indiana Mensa ExCom was held virtually via Zoom on Tuesday, August 16, 2022.

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

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

Guests: Jon Applegate (Regional Ombudsman), Jan Pfeil Doyle, Barbara George, and Pat Milligan.

The committee reviewed the minutes of the July 2022 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 July 2022. 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 7/31/2022 from American Mensa: 458 members, 3 new, 2 move-ins, 2 rejoins, and 13 prospects. Three candidates were tested in one session (a second session, with 4 candidates tested, was held late in the month; the materials were received by the National Office in August and will be recorded for August.)

## **Old Business**

Outdoor Gathering (OG): Is scheduled for the weekend of May 19-21, 2023, at Versailles State Park. Reservations have been made and a deposit put down.

CIM ExCom elections are in September. Ballots have been sent, along with voting instructions, in the August MIND to all CIM members. Voting will close on September 9 at the Monthly Gathering. Larry Marcus (chair), Karen Guse, and Alan Schmidt have agreed to serve on the Election Committee.

## **New Business**

Tamara Wardell has agreed to serve as chair of the CIM Scholarship committee.

LocSec Teresa Gregory noted that long-time member Michael Hitson passed away. A contribution to the John Matthews Scholarship Fund will be made in his memory.

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 7:51 pm.

# Treasurer's Report

Matthew Zwick

## Balance Sheet (as of 8/30/2022)

Bank Accounts	7/31/2022	8/30/2022
Checking – Regular	\$7,920.09	\$8,042.59
Checking – Scholarship	-	-
Checking – MG Cash	25.00	25.00
Checking – Events Checking	6,601.74	6,601.74
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$14,546.83</b>	<b>\$14,669.33</b>

Other Assets		
USPS Stamps Value	\$379.50	\$379.50
Total Number of USPS Stamps	690	690

## Profit & Loss Statement (7/31/2022 – 8/30/2022)

Income		
	401.1 – Monthly Gathering Inc.	95.00
	405.1 – National Support	390.15
	405.2 – New Member/Lapsed Member	7.00
	405.3 – National Testing Support	130.00
<b>Total Income</b>		<b>\$622.15</b>
Expense		
	501.1– MG Hospitality	55.68
	505.1 – MIND Printing	345.03
	505.2 – Meetup	98.94
<b>Total Expenses</b>		<b>\$499.65</b>

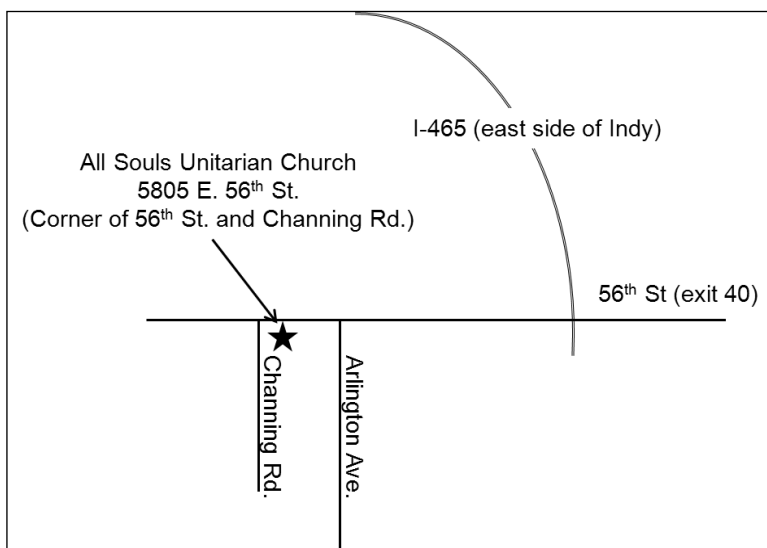


## **Mensa Monthly Gathering Location**

### **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, meeting in Beattie Room





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