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## **Loosing My MIND**

Vonda Heverly, Editor

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



Happy holidays to you all! We put our tree up yesterday so we could enjoy the peaceful lights the rest of the year.

I enjoyed attending performances at my daughter's middle school this past month. We attended the drama club's production of *The Wicked Witch of Oz*, and my daughter's orchestra gave their winter concert. There is a lot of talent in her school, and it's so good to see them working together in an environment supportive of the performing arts!

# **IMPORTANT INFORMATION** from Scholarship Chair Dr. Tamara Wardell:

"The Mensa Foundation Scholarship program is underway. Please let friends and family know that they have until January 15, 2023, to submit an online application. Mensa members and their IRS-recognized dependents are eligible to submit entries for several \$2500 awards independent of the regular scholarship program.

The committee is also seeking volunteers to read local essays submitted for the Mensa Foundation Scholarship Program. Dr. Wardell is looking for at least three individuals to read the essays received by our local group to award our local \$500 grant onto the regional and national competition. By participating in the program our group will also be eligible for a regional award. Please contact Tamara at tamwardell@frontier.com or (812) 235-4514 [leave a message of any length] if you will be available between January 15 and February 15, 2023, to complete the completely online judging process."

Take time to recharge during this busy month. Read something fun, listen to some music you enjoy. See you next year!

Slainte!

## LocSection

Jan Pfeil Doyle

**Holiday Party** –I hope many of you can attend our annual holiday pitch-in dinner and gift exchange on December 9th in Indianapolis at All Souls Church (map in the back of MIND). Doors open at 7 pm; we'll eat at 7:30. Meat, bread, beverages, and tableware will be provided. For the pitch in: If your last name starts with A – G, please bring a side dish (vegetable, fruit, or salad); if your last name starts with H – Z, please bring an appetizer or dessert. Please **RSVP** (Yes/maybe) to me at jan@mw.net or 317-431-3500



(text is fine) by Wednesday, Dec 7th so we'll know how much meat to buy.

The gift exchange after dinner is always a hoot. We call it "Gimmee Grabbee" – when it's your turn, you may choose a gift that hasn't been selected yet or take one that someone else has already chosen. Presents remain wrapped until everyone has chosen. People choose based on the appearance of the package and/or what they think might be inside. Every year, there are a few imaginatively wrapped presents that are the hit of the party! Participation in the gift exchange isn't required, but you'll be missing out on some of the fun if you don't. Suggested price range for a gift is \$10-\$15.

**Important Info for In-Person Events: Be Kind!**—As we are entering cold and flu season, if you're not feeling well or have any symptoms such as a fever, cough, runny nose, COVID, etc, PLEASE be courteous to your fellow members and don't attend.

**RVC Visit – Jon Gruebele**, Region 4 Vice Chair (our representative on Mensa's national board), paid a visit to CIM in November. He drove down from Chicago to attend our Monthly Gathering. It's always good to see him and catch up on the national goings-on.

**New Year's Eve Party on Zoom –** We're having a virtual get together with a few surprises. Watch <u>indymensa.org</u>, Facebook (Central Indiana Mensa Members), Meetup (Central-Indiana-Mensa) or the weekly email ReMINDer for details.

# I wish all of you a wonderful holiday season!

#### **Puzzle Column**

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

### The Traveling Foodie Puzzle

Find a dish that the traveling foodie was seeking and the U.S. town or city where he or she may or may not have found it. The ending sound of the dish is the same as the beginning sound of the destination. Alternative solutions are possible.

Example: A small French bread in Central Pennsylvania = baguette in Gettysburg

- 1. A Japanese thinly sliced steak dish in South Florida
- 2. A fried cinnamon pastry in Southern Virginia
- 3. A coffee-flavored Italian dessert in South Dakota
- 4. Brazilian grilled meat in Brooklyn
- 5. Italian-style rice in Ohio
- 6. A gourmet fish soup in Southern Arizona
- 7. An Asian noodle dish in a suburb of Washington, D.C.
- 8. A meringue-based dessert in Eastern Kansas
- 9. An Indian rice dish in the California desert
- 10. An Indian flatbread in Northern New Jersey

See answers on page 17.

## 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.

**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 Review**

Rich Gibson

#### THIS MONTH: Helgoland, by Carlo Rovelli

168 pages, published in 2020. To be discussed at the MBG meeting on Sunday, December 18<sup>th</sup>, at 2:00 PM. See Calendar or Meetup for more information.

The two competing hypotheses that wage war for the soul of physicists' minds these days are string theory and quantum loop gravity. The public faces of these two concepts are Brian Greene (strings) and Carlo Rovelli (loops). Personal preference: Brian Greene's writing style plods, and Rovelli's sings



This book has little to say about strings versus loops, but it's written by Rovelli, and it does sing. It's a story of one of the great scientific breakthroughs of the 20th century, Werner Heisenberg's development of quantum mechanics (QM). He developed it while vacationing on the island of Helgoland, a barren, windy rock projecting out of the wet, windy, blustery, cold North Sea.

The book begins with the problems that Heisenberg was grappling with—how to explain what was going on inside atoms, which was confusing the greatest minds. It takes us through his breakthrough, and carries us through its reception, acceptance, and elaboration throughout the scientific community. But the book carries on into the manifold implications of QM, because they are extremely strange: Quantum entanglement, which Einstein called "spooky action at a distance." Light behaving like either a wave or a particle, based on the expectations of you, the observer. Sub-atomic particles appearing and disappearing in the vacuum of space. But wait, there's more.

The Nobel laureate Richard Feynman famously observed that nobody understands quantum theory. Its implications for our understanding and living in the real world are huge and disquieting. I think everyone would be happy to forget the whole thing, except for the troubling detail that Heisenberg's approach works, every single time. (Of the several philosophical attempts to handle the confusing bits, one of the most popular is called "Shut up and do the math.") Computers, satellite navigation, nuclear power, chemistry and chemical bonds, bird migration, the color of the sky; our understanding of these phenomena and the power of these tools are immeasurably enriched by the application of QM. Still, the issues remain and won't go away.

Rovelli tackles this head on and suggests that we really must dive into the rabbit hole that QM has opened up for us. Reality is more subtle than our perception of objects in space. He asserts that the fundamental basis of reality is not objects, but relations. As a guide into and through the rabbit hole, he is incomparable.

If you'd like to learn more about QM, here's a suggestion: read the book, then come to our book group meeting on December 18<sup>th</sup> and join the discussion. We may not come to clarity, but at least we can share our mutual confusion. Hope to see you then.

## **European Walls**

Matt Brennan

#### **Roman Limites in Europe**

The Romans made extensive use of stone frontier walls and forts for hundreds of years between 12 A.D. and about 300 - 400 A.D., depending on the region. As new territory, nations, and tributary states were added to the empire, they were enclosed and protected by border fortifications.

In 9 A.D., Rome's new province of Germania stretched from the Rhine River to the Elbe River deep inside modern-day Germany. That same year, at a place called the Teutoburg Forest, three Roman legions, the entire garrison of the province, were ambushed and annihilated by German tribes. Roman Emperor Augustus (r. 27 B.C – 14 A.D.) ordered an immediate withdrawal westward to the Rhine River. He declared that river to be Rome's permanent frontier and began building border fortifications. Construction began in earnest around 17 A.D., following several years of Roman punitive expeditions and battles with German tribes in the heavily forested interior. "They make a desert and call it peace" (various attributions).

Fort and wall construction at first involved timber and earth, and later, stone. Those walls became interconnected and were collectively known as the 353-mile-long **Limes Germanicus**. They eventually stretched from modern-day Belgium southward to Serbia.

Other walls and wall extensions in the Roman province of Pannonia protected part or all of modern Austria, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Croatia, Hungary, Serbia, Slovakia, and Slovenia.

Intensive wall building took place along the Danube River and throughout the province of Dacia (Romania-Moldova) in the second Century A.D. The intent was to protect gold and silver mines and the province's rich agricultural lands. The name Romania is derived from Roman, just as Hungary is derived from Hun and slave is derived from Slav.

#### In Conclusion - David and Goliath

The famous triumph of David over Goliath is dated to about 1020 B.C. By then the Philistines had occupied the Mediterranean seacoast of what is now southern Israel and Gaza for around 100 years. The encounter was part of a long-running territorial dispute between Israelites and Philistines.

The story of David and Goliath was probably set to paper about 500 years after the event, in the 6<sup>th</sup> Century B.C. It was altered and embellished over time. Some scholars contend that it is a retelling of a more ancient fable and did not involve David at all.

Philistia survived for 416 years after David's battle, until Nebuchadnezzar II, the last "great" Babylonian ruler, burned its cities and enslaved or murdered the population in 604 B.C.

This is the final installment on wall by member Matt Brennan. Look for a new series next month! –Ed.

## **December 2022 Events**

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

**12/7, 11:30am ET - Shapiro's,** 808 S Meridian St. Indianapolis, IN 46225

12/21, 11:30am ET - Virtual \*Online\*

RSVPs not required but appreciated.

Contact: Karen Steilberger, steilkr@sbcglobal.net

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

**12/3, 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

<u>VIRTUAL \*Sunday Social</u> \*- Some Sundays (check the calendar) from **7:00pm -8:30pm ET** Drop in any time for casual chat. Contact: Teresa, ag18tg@yahoo.com.

LIVE \*Monthly Gathering\* - 2nd Friday, 12/9, 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.

This month is our annual Holiday Party. See Jan's column for more info. We will be upstairs in the Beattie Room. Please do not arrive before 7:00pm. There will be no Zoom this month.

<u>VIRTUAL \*ExCom\*</u>– 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month. **12/20-7:00pm**. **ET** All active members are welcome to see your board in action. Contact: Teresa, ag18tg@yahoo.com

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

**12/18, 2:00pm ET** *Helgoland* – Carlo Rovelli (2021) 168 pages Contact Rich Gibson <u>hoot.gibson.tds@gmail.com</u> or 770-548-5217 for more details, to RSVP, or for Zoom link.

Mensans Dining Out - 3rd Sunday

12/18, 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 \*New Year's Eve Party\* 12/31, 7:30pm ET

Watch indymensa.org, Facebook, and the ReMINDer for more info.

# **December 2022**

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

<sup>\*</sup>Virtual Zoom Events\*

Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3 Ham'n Eggs
		50
8	9	10
	Monthly Gathering	
15	16	17
22	23	24
29	30	*New Year's Eve Party*

If you lose your *MIND* (oh, my!) or want additional information, check <a href="https://www.meetup.com/central-indianamensa">www.indymensa.org</a> or join our Meet Up group, <a href="https://www.meetup.com/central-indianamensa">https://www.meetup.com/central-indianamensa</a>. 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 Bad Boys, Bad Boys, Whatcha Gonna Do? Jon Gruebele, RVC4

I confess. I'm a very bad boy. One of Region 4's local groups has a deadline to submit newsletter articles on the first of every month. It is now 13 hours and 26 minutes since the submission deadline has passed, and I'm just beginning to write mine. Worse, I e-mailed someone else to remind them of the deadline just days ago. While my article will be submitted an hour or so, it'll still be late.

How tragic was my failure? Probably not that bad since you're reading this. I may have nevertheless caused someone extra work to accommodate my tardiness. Not good, and I apologize. Fortunately, all my articles seem



to be right around 500 words. Apparently, all Mensa-related topics fit precisely into just that size. The editor can slide this article into the usual space; hopefully, that won't be too big a struggle.

I often hear that our dues are too high, and we should fix that by using volunteers instead of paid staff. In a professional environment, people are highly incentivized to do quality work on time. Volunteers may not be. So what if my newsletter article gets submitted a day late? Is anyone going to hold me accountable? I suppose someone may give me demerits that will live forever on my permanent record, but otherwise probably not. Sadly, volunteers don't always do what they're supposed to do.

People want changes to the national website. They point out that many Mensa members are IT professionals. Why can't we use them to help? Aside from significant security concerns, many want to be paid for their work – which means they aren't really volunteers. We pay the editor of the *Bulletin*. That was once a volunteer job. Couldn't that work again? After all, our local group newsletters are published by volunteers. They generally do a terrific job. Unfortunately, that's not universally true. Sometimes editions don't come out on time – or at all.

While American Mensa has a robust strategy with detailed key initiatives, goals, and metrics, we struggle with execution. Even when we initiate projects, they are often late or fail to deliver the anticipated benefits. Accountability is nearly always absent. Correcting this will require significant changes in how we approach things. To start, projects must be chartered with details about goals, scope, motivation, deliverables, deadlines, and team members. Priorities must be aligned across the organization to ensure that work will proceed smoothly.

As we enter our new fiscal year, I'll be working as Chair of the Strategic Planning Committee to help initiate improvements with the AMC. As I've noted before, change is hard, but we won't change if we don't start. Then maybe bad boys like me can learn to get their articles submitted on time.

Feedback? Please contact me at <a href="rev4@us.mensa.org">rev4@us.mensa.org</a> 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

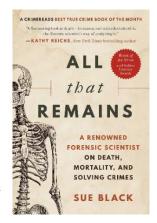
Author: Sue Black

**Title:** All That Remains: A Renowned Forensic Scientist on Death, Mortality, and Solving Crimes

**Publisher:** Arcade Publishing

Year: 2018

Book Description: Lurking beneath the Christmas / Hanukkah / Kwanzaa celebratory spirit is the specter of the Grim Reaper, symbolized by the arrival of winter, and a potential source of anxiety, especially among us seniors. But, in contrast to her fellow Briton John Donne's combative attitude expressed in the seventeenth-century sonnet, "Death Be Not Proud," forensic anthropologist Sue Black, in her



absorbing treatise-cum-memoir, *All That Remains*, counsels her readers to appreciate death, in all its complexity, as an integral part of human existence. Rendered in straightforward prose suffused with subtle humor, *All That Remains* provides the reader with the following insights on life and its conclusion, in order of appearance:

- The difference between forensic pathology and forensic anthropology;
- The author's personal experience with the death of a loved one;
- The motivation behind her career choice, and the subsequent training experience;
- The cellular process of human decay;
- Options currently available for postmortem ceremonies and body disposal;
- How human remains are identified in cases of murder and mass fatalities due to wars or natural disasters;
- The author's role in the establishment of the first forensic anthropology teaching program at Dundee (Scotland) University;
- Her prescription for maintaining sanity in the midst of the horrific inhumanity she witnesses constantly on the job (see excerpt below);
- How the serendipitous discovery of an old method, and its inspired application to a current procedure, has revolutionized scientific education.

Dame Black's closing remarks reflect her intimate relationship with death: her views on her eventual demise, how she is preparing for it, and her desire for *Continued on next page* 

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immortality through her lifetime accomplishments. I feel confident that readers of this book will agree that she has already attained that final goal.

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

Once again, I owe a debt of gratitude to my sister-in-law and fellow bibliophile, Rhonda Mow, for suggesting this title, and I feel blessed that her eclectic literary tastes coincide with mine. *All That Remains* is a welcome addition to my library, as crime dramas are one of my guilty pleasures (James Patterson, anyone?). This highly-informative volume serves as a "reality check," enabling me to differentiate between cold, hard facts and Hollywood fantasy. Case solved!

Who should definitely read this book? Why? Sue Black explores the many facets of death through perceptive observations wrapped in superbly descriptive narrative. This combination of rationality and heartfelt sincerity should captivate a wide range of readers, particularly scientists and mystery aficionados.

**How long might it take to read this book?** As excessively lengthy as the 337 pages of text may seem, this book promises to be a quick and enjoyable read, consuming a maximum of three to five days.

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

...If forensic experts allowed themselves to dwell on the immensity of human pain or on the gruesome spectacles we encounter, we would be ineffective scientists. We cannot take on the suffering of the dead. That is not our job and if we don't do our job, then we help nobody.

The actor and advocate of communicating science Alan Alda says that sometimes the greatest things happen at thresholds, and it is by consciously stepping across a threshold envisioned in my mind that I move from one world into another. There are probably several very self-contained compartments lurking in there - I think of them as rooms - and I know them all so well that I automatically choose the one that best suits the job at hand that day.

If I am working with decomposing human remains, I find a room where smell doesn't register. If I am dealing with murders, dismemberment or traumatic events, then I spend the day in a soft space where there is a sense of calm and safety. If I have material to examine relating to child abuse I will take myself to a far corner of the room where there is little sensory connectivity so that I do not transfer what I am seeing and hearing in that alien landscape of incomprehensible violation into my personal space. While occupying each box I am aware that I am striving to be an inert observer, albeit one proactively applying scientific training to observation, and not necessarily a psychologically sentient participant. It is almost a form of analytical automation. The real me remains outside that box somewhere, removed and protected from the sensory bombardment of the work that goes on inside.

### Central Indiana Mensa ExCom 10/18/2022

Karen Wilczewski, CIM Secretary Ann Hake, CIM Secretary Emerita

The regular monthly meeting of the Central Indiana Mensa ExCom was held virtually via Zoom on Tuesday, October 18, 2022. LocSec Jan Pfeil Doyle called the meeting to order at 7:04 pm. Members present: Jan Pfeil Doyle, Paula Ferguson, Barb George, Ann Hake, Karen Wilczewski, Kurt Williams, and Bob Zdanky. Guests: Jon Applegate (Region 4 Ombudsman), Teresa Gregory, Pat Milligan, and Matthew Zwick.

The committee reviewed the minutes of the September 2022 ExCom meeting. Kurt Williams moved that the minutes be accepted. Barb George seconded the motion, and the motion was carried.

The committee reviewed the Treasurer's report for September 2022. Kurt Williams moved that the report be accepted. Barb George seconded the motion, and the motion was carried.

A membership report was compiled by Teresa Gregory based upon the information available as of 9/30/2022 from American Mensa: 462 members, 1 new, 6 move-ins, 0 rejoins, and 9 prospects. No candidates were tested in September.

#### **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.

At last month's ExCom meeting, some discussion was held regarding whether a Regional Gathering should be held this coming winter (traditionally the weekend before the Super Bowl.) Many ExCom members, including Teresa Gregory (who is the RG/OG chair), expressed some hesitation about resuming the event; it was decided to table the final decision until the new ExCom was seated. The issue was discussed in more depth at this month's meeting with the newly installed ExCom members. Among the concerns raised were the ongoing uncertainty regarding Covid and the fact that the event will be starting at a new venue (which will require more advance planning and allow little leeway for flexibility in decision-making.) Kurt Williams moved that we not hold the RG this winter. Ann Hake seconded the motion, and the motion was carried.

#### **New Business**

ExCom meetings, which began meeting via Zoom during the Covid pandemic shutdown in 2020, will continue to meet via Zoom.

CIM ExCom elections took place September 9, 2022. As noted in the September 2022 minutes, Jan Pfeil Doyle was elected LocSec, with the remaining ExCom members elected being Paula Ferguson, Barb George, Ann Hake, Karen Wilczewski, Kurt Williams, and Bob Zdanky. Their terms will run from October 1, 2022, to September 30, 2023. At this month's meeting, the following officers were selected/appointed (Ann Hake moved, Kurt Williams seconded):

Vice LocSec – Kurt Williams Continued on next page Continued from previous page

Treasurer - Kurt Williams

Secretary - Karen Wilczewski

MIND Editor - Vonda Heverly

Program Coordinator - Ann Hake

Membership Coordinator – Bob Zdanky

Testing Coordinator – Alison Brown

Outreach Coordinator (to serve to functions of the publicity and volunteer committees) – Barb George

Communications Coordinator – Jan Pfeil Doyle

Regional Gathering/Outdoor Gathering (RG/OG) Coordinator – Teresa Gregory

Gifted Youth Coordinator - Kurt Williams

SIGHT Coordinator - Alison Brown

Northeast CIM Area Coordinator - Paula Ferguson

Southwest Indiana Coordinator – Nan Harvey (pending ok from Nan)

Web Contact - Pat Milligan

Ombudsman – Dr. Alan Schmidt

In addition, Tamara Wardell was appointed Scholarship Chair earlier this year; she will continue to serve in this capacity.

Bob Zdanky proposed increasing the amount of the gift certificate given to new members who attend Mensans Dining Out from \$20 to \$25 to account for inflation. proposed by bob to account for inflation. Ann Hake seconded the motion, and the motion was carried.

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 8:19 pm.



## **New Members**

Aurora Farlow	Zionsville	IN	Joined
Kathleen Legrand	Plainfield	IN	Joined
Brandon Patterson	Zionsville	IN	Joined
Katherine Patterson	Zionsville	IN	Joined

## **Treasurer's Report**

Kurt Williams

#### **Balance Sheet (as of 10/31/2022)**

Bank Accounts	9/30/2022	10/31/2022
Checking – Regular	\$8,196.23	\$8,348.69
Checking – Scholarship	-	-
Checking – MG Cash	25.00	25.00
Checking – Events Checking	6,601.74	6,601.74
Total Assets	\$14,822.97	\$14,950.43

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

#### **Profit & Loss Statement (9/30/2022 – 10/31/2022)**

Income	
401.1 – Monthly Gathering Income	59.00
405.1 – National Support	392.70
405.2 – New Member/Lapsed Member	2.00
405.3 – National Testing Support	70.00
Total Income	\$523.70
Expense	
501.1– MG Hospitality	
505.1 – MIND Printing	354.57
Total Expenses	\$423.06

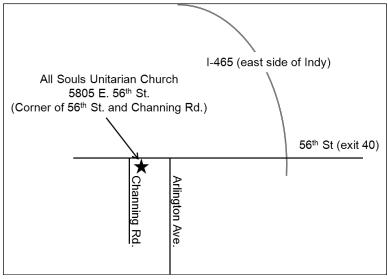
## Answers to Puzzle Column on page 6:

- 1. A Japanese thinly sliced steak dish in South Florida = sukiyaki in Key West
- 2. A fried cinnamon pastry in Southern Virginia = churro in Roanoke
- 3. A coffee-flavored Italian dessert in South Dakota = tiramisu in Sioux falls
- 4. Brazilian grilled meat in Brooklyn = churrasco in Coney Island
- 5. Italian-style rice in Ohio = risotto in Toledo
- 6. A gourmet fish soup in Southern Arizona = cioppino in Nogales
- 7. An Asian noodle dish in a suburb of Washington, D.C. = pad thai in Tysons Corner
- 8. A meringue-based dessert in Eastern Kansas = pavlova in Overland Park
- 9. An Indian rice dish in the California desert = Biryani in Needles
- 10. An Indian flatbread in Northern New Jersey = roti in Teaneck

## Mensa Monthly Gathering Location All Souls Unitarian Church 5805 E. 56th 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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