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Loosing My MIND

Vonda Heverly, Editor

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



Happy new year! This month's newsletter has a lot of information on activities to attend, both virtual and in person, so take a close look.

Two other items for your consideration:

First, from our own member Derek Crager, Mensa now has its own Discord channel, at <https://discord.gg/RfvnT7NKFh>

“Participate in world chat, local chat, or become moderator of your own (SIG) channel. Non-members have access to limited channels to learn more about us and how to join Mensa. It's like an RG/AG...but w/o food.”

Second, from Rob Swenson of Kansas City:

“Wanting something fun in February to fight the winter cold? Mid-America Mensa is having an RG in Kansas City, February 10 to 12, 2023. Click here for more details:”

<https://www.mamensa.org/2022/11/18/cabin-fever-2023/>

Cheers!

Happy New Year

LocSection

Jan Pfeil Doyle

Holiday Party – By all accounts, the holiday party in December was a great success! We had more than 30 members and guests attending. The food was scrumptious, and the gift exchange had some surprises as always. Unfortunately, I wasn't able to attend because of a family emergency. Many, many thanks to **Teresa Gregory** who took over and all those who helped her make the evening happen!



New Year's Eve Party on Zoom – In case you're reading this before January, we're having a virtual get together starting on New Year's Eve at 8 pm. Check indymensa.org, Facebook (Central Indiana Mensa Members), Meetup (Central-Indiana-Mensa) or the weekly email ReMINDER for details.

Games & Conversation – Our monthly meeting in January (the 13th) is our annual games and conversation night. It's BYOG – Bring Your Own Game(s) that you'd like to play and/or BYOT – Bring Your Own Topic(s) that you'd like to discuss. Hope to see you there!

Speaking of games, did you know there's a games page on the national website? Check out www.us.mensa.org/play/games/. For younger Mensans, try www.mensaforkids.org/play/games/.

Attention Members Who Live in Madison and Henry Counties (and those who don't) - Central Indiana Mensa NE Coordinator Paula Ferguson has planned a Mensa Sunday Fun Day for January 15th, 2 pm at the Pendleton Community Library. Join her for congenial company and more. The meeting is open to everyone, but we do especially hope meet some of our "far-flung" members who live outside the Indianapolis area. Feel free to bring a friend. Contact Paula for more info or with questions (see the contact list inside the back cover).

Reminder – We will not be holding our RG (Regional Gathering) at the end of January this year because of lingering concerns about communicable diseases– we would feel awful if we unknowingly held a super-spreader event! We ARE planning to have our Outdoor Gathering in May (19th – 21st) at Versailles State Park.

Important Info for In-Person Events: Be Kind! – As we are in 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.

Puzzle Column

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

January Etymology Puzzles

January is named for Janus. According to Wikipedia, “In ancient Roman religion and myth, *Janus* is the god of beginnings, gates, transitions, time, duality, doorways, passages, frames, and endings.” So, these January puzzles will involve finding the titles of some popular songs by **Janis** Joplin, The **Doors**, and Bread (featuring David **Gates**).

Example: Well, I just got into town about an hour ago = **L.A. Woman** by The Doors

1. Time to go out searching for yourself
2. Oh, Lord won't you buy me a color TV?
3. Dreams, they're for those who sleep
4. Ride the snake
5. Freedom is just another word for nothin' left to lose
6. Then why can't I paint you?
7. Well, come on, come on, come on, come on
8. A dog without a bone
9. You know that I would be a liar
10. Just to have you back again

See answers on page 17.



New Members

Noel Vega	Noblesville	IN	Joined
Zachary Walsh	Lafayette	IN	Joined

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.

January: *The Romance of Reality* by Bobby Azarian, 279 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.

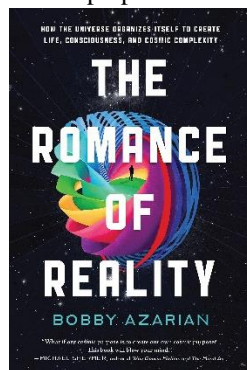
Mensa Book Group Book Reviews

Rich Gibson

THIS MONTH: *The Romance of Reality*, by Bobby Azarian

279 pages, published in 2022. Two of the big questions that have perplexed humanity for a long time are, “Where did we come from?” and “Where are we going?” From a scientific perspective, this book submits answers to these questions, and almost everything in between.

Where did we come from? Up to now, the two most popular explanations for the origin of life on Earth have been either divine intervention or pure chance. Science has a thing about demanding physical evidence to support explanations for Why Things Are The Way They Are, so divine intervention has had a grumpy reception. A large chunk of the grumpiness comes from not having much of an alternative. Pure chance was famously derided by the astronomer Fred Hoyle, who noted that the odds of life arising spontaneously were about the same as for a hurricane passing through a junkyard to leave behind a fully assembled Boeing 747 jumbo jet. Scientists are now speculating that forming life was a natural response to the hot, chemically active conditions present when the Earth was only a few million years old (it's now about four and a half billion years old).



Their focus is on extreme energy and temperature gradients (big differences over very small distances) at undersea heat vents: Lots of chemical volatility and lots of heat spewing from the center of the Earth into a dense, cold, miles-thick blanket of water. Such gradients create a huge challenge to efficient achievement of entropy, i.e., stirring and mixing everything up into equilibrium. And say what you wish about life, but in its need to order itself, it is thereby an extremely effective generator of entropy. You'll have to read the book to learn more about that.

Where are we going? Does life have meaning, or a purpose? The author cites Carl Sagan, who once wrote, "We are a way for the cosmos to know itself." If life is a natural phenomenon in this universe, then perhaps life is a way to bring consciousness and self-awareness into it. In explicating this argument, the author gets into the mind-body mystery (what is consciousness? Can we explain it as a natural phenomenon emerging from physical complexity?) and free will (does it exist and do we have it, or not?).

Wow! This book expanded my brain more than any recent book I can name. I am so glad I read it, and I am eagerly awaiting a chance to discuss it with you all. Whether you want to participate, or watch quietly from a corner, you might want to attend the January Book Group and check it out. We'll meet through Zoom on Sunday, January 15th, at 2:00 PM. See Calendar or Meetup for more information.

NEXT MONTH: *Entangled Life*, by Merlin Sheldrake

225 pages, published in 2020. To be discussed at the MBG meeting on Sunday, February 19th, at 2:00 PM. See Calendar or Meetup for more information.

Right now, bacteria are having a moment. Bacteria are all around us, even inside us; bacteria species are uncounted and possibly uncountable; the total mass of bacteria on this planet is greater than all other life forms combined. What if I told you that, other than the total mass thing, these statements are also true about fungi?

Trees are also having a moment. The "wood-wide web" is upending our understanding of forests and woodlands. We are learning that trees share nutrients and minerals through their root systems, and that a parasite's attack on one tree provokes defensive reactions among other nearby trees. What if I told you that fungi, mycorrhizal fungi to be precise, are the connective tissue in that wood-wide web? What if I told you that, countless eons ago, fungi were the important scene-setters in allowing life to leave the oceans and start colonizing the land?

Fungi are Merlin Sheldrake's passion, and he has written a book that spreads that passion far and wide. His focus is on mycorrhizomes, the fungi connecting to plants and connecting plants to each other. Diving into this work quickly reveals the aptness of the word "entangled." These fungi tangle up with each other and with tree roots, and the sum of all this entanglement results in something unsettlingly close to rational group decision-making. Trees give carbon to fungi, and fungi give minerals like nitrogen and phosphorus to trees. To call this "trade" may be too reductive or anthropomorphic, but it tends to fit.

Minerals that are harder for fungi to get “command” a “higher price” in carbon from trees. (Again, this is a highly anthropomorphic way to describe it, but geez, it fits!)

These are only a few of the surprising nuggets to be mined from this book. We are very happy to have read it, and we are eagerly awaiting a chance to discuss it with you all. Please consider attending the Book Group and check it out. We’ll meet both in-person and through Zoom on Sunday, February 19th, at 2:00 PM.



“Be at war with your vices, at peace with your neighbors, and let every new year find you a better man.” –Benjamin Franklin



Mensa Scholarship Important Information

Dr. Tamara Wardell, Scholarship Chair

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.

Early Americans

Matt Brennan

Beginnings

The primary gateway for ancient peoples into North America was the Bering Strait Land Bridge, now called Beringia. The land bridge was not a narrow bridge in the traditional sense, but a 600-mile-wide, 620,00 square-mile territory that stretched from eastern Siberia to Alaska. This region existed from 28,000 B.C. through 9,000 B.C. and was probably inhabited by genetically related Paleo-Siberian/Paleo-Indian peoples for most of that

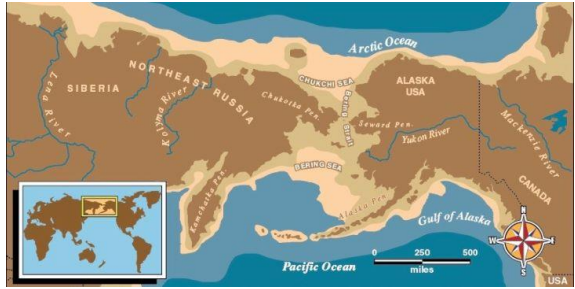
time. A recent hypothesis, still very much in discussion, suggests that Beringia was blocked by an enormous ice wall. Therefore, human migration to the Americas was accomplished via boats.

The current oldest date for human habitation in North America is confirmed at 22,000 B.C. as derived from archaeological excavations at the Bluefish Caves in Canada's Yukon Territory. Because people had to cross or circumvent Alaska to arrive at Bluefish Caves, earlier signs of habitation are bound to be found farther west (across Alaska). New excavations in northern Mexico now suggest human habitation as early as 30,000 B.C. Various sites in southern Chile, northern Brazil, and the Andes Mountains confirm that people were present there as early as 18,000 B.C.

Evidence of how early Americans impacted the environment is not hard to find. Take the following creatures – extinction dates in parentheses – Horses and Camels (10,000 B.C.), Cave Lions, Mastodons and American Cheetahs (8,000 B.C.), Giant Sloths and Wooley Mammoths (2,000 B.C.). Fossils of these animals have all been found in association with spear points, arrowheads, or butchering marks. Humans, as well as climate changes, are suspected of causing or contributing to these extinctions.

For information, the Cave Lion, at 13 feet in length and weighing up to 800 pounds, was the largest cat to ever exist. Cave lions themselves were hunted by humans for food and pelts, as were the animals they depended upon for food.

Another example of human imprint are the buffalo jumps on the Great Plains. Over at least 13,000 years Native Americans developed techniques to channel and stampede buffalo over cliffs. Some buffalo jumps were used repeatedly, often hundreds or thousands of years apart. The slaughter at times was such that only a fraction of the buffalo carcasses could be skinned and butchered. One jump has over 13 feet of compressed ungulate bones at its base. This is not harmony with nature but does not compare with the killing of buffalo by American “frontiersmen” in the 19th Century.



This is the first installment of a new series by member Matt Brennan on Early Americans. –Ed.

January 2023 Events

Indy Lunch Bunch – 1st and 3rd Wednesday on *Zoom*

1/4 and 1/18, 11:30am – 12:30pm ET; RSVPs not required but appreciated.

Contact: Karen Steilberger, steilkr@sbcglobal.net

Ham ‘n’ Eggs (Hamilton County Eggheads) – 1st Saturday

1/7, 10:00pm - 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

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.

LIVE *Monthly Gathering* - 2nd Friday, 1/13, 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 Games Night. Bring a favorite game.

Sunday Fun Day

1/15, 2:00pm ET

Pendleton Community Library, 595 E. Water St, Pendleton, IN 46064

Casual chat and conversation with fellow Mensans in Madison and Henry counties. Bring a friend! (More details in the CIM ReMINDer)

VIRTUAL and IN PERSON *Book Group*

1/15, 2:00pm ET

Romance of Reality – Bobby Azarian (2022) 280 pages; Contact Rich Gibson hoot.gibson.tds@gmail.com or 770-548-5217 for more details, to RSVP, or for Zoom link.

Mensans Dining Out - 3rd Sunday 1/15, 6pm ET

Blind Owl Brewery – INDOOR seating

5014 E 62nd St, Indianapolis, IN 46220

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

⇒⇒⇒ Be sure to read the CIM ReMINDER in your email every Monday for more information, updates, and additions!

January 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
1 *Sunday Social*	2	3	4 *Indy Lunch Bunch*
8 *Sunday Social*	9	10	11
15 Sunday Fun Day; Book Group; Dining Out	16	17 * ExCom*	18 *Indy Lunch Bunch*
22 *Sunday Social*	23	24	25
29 *Sunday Social*	30	31	

Virtual Zoom Events

Thursday	Friday	Saturday
5	6	7 Ham'n Eggs
12	13 Monthly Gathering	14
19	20	21
26	27	28

If you lose your *MIND* (oh, my!) or want additional information, check 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

Tell Me Again, Where Is That Body Buried?

Jon Gruebele, RVC4

Web sites are so #lastcentury. I get it. Boring. Hard to navigate. I'd much rather look at a funny meme. Sadly, when all else fails, sometimes I just have to fire up my trusty Netscape browser to find what I need.

It may have been a long time since you've looked at American Mensa's (us.mensa.org) website. If so, I understand, but there's actually some really interesting stuff you might want to revisit. The top-level navigation takes you to:

Join: If you have a smart friend, here's everything they need to know about qualifying prior evidence scores, taking private or Local Group administered tests, and how to rejoin if you've been away.

Attend: If you like getting together with other Mensa members, learn about events beyond your Local Group. That includes Regional Gatherings, the Annual Gathering, on-line sessions, and the Foundation's Colloquium.

Connect: Some of well over 100 active Special Interest Groups may help get more from your membership. Want to talk to a board or national staff member? Contacts are there. You can look up other members and get information about our "Service of Information, Guidance and Hospitality to Travelers" (SIGHT) program. Drilling down into the Local Groups directory can tell you about every one in the country.

Lead: Here's all that super exciting governance stuff: board meeting minutes and financials going back to 2005, our strategic plan, leadership development, handbooks, Local Group resources, bylaws, and more.

Learn: Interesting things about the Foundation, gifted youth, Mensa for kids, demographics, and how to use the Mensa Logo.

Read: With few exceptions, you have access to pretty much every Local Group's newsletter along with past *Bulletin* publications, our national e-mail newsletters, and an eclectic collection of other stuff.

Recognize: Join us in congratulating all the wonderful Local Groups and people who have been recognized by Mensa and the Foundation.

Volunteer: Learn about our Mensa Cares program that benefits our communities. Sign up for one of the volunteer opportunities occasionally posted on our Volunteer Marketplace.

Shop: Yup, buy stuff here and learn about third party company discounts available to mensa members.

Play: Learn about CultureQuest®, Mind Games®, and board games awarded our Mensa Select® seal.

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various publications. Change your address. You can even get a vanity e-mail address (yourname@member.mensa.org).

You may also want to visit connect.us.mensa.org. There you can join various e-mail lists. Manage your preferences to get real time notifications of new posts, ask instead for a daily digest of all posts, or turn off notifications entirely.

Finally, mensafoundation.org and international's mensa.org sites are great resources too.

Enjoy browsing, and no, I don't really use Netscape.

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>.



MENSA SUNDAY FUN DAY

What is your hobby? Care to share a sample or talk about it?
How do you spend your spare time?

Join Central Indiana Mensa members at the library for congenial company and casual talk with other Mensa members from Madison and Henry Counties, make friends, and have fun! Feel free to bring a friend!

HOST: PAULA FERGUSON
NORTHEAST COORDINATOR
CENTRAL INDIANA MENSA

WHEN: SUNDAY, JANUARY 15, 2023
2 P.M.

WHERE: PENDLETON COMMUNITY LIBRARY
MAGNOLIA ROOM
595 E. WATER ST.
PENDLETON, IN 46064

Books On the Runway

Alison Brown

Author: Caroline Criado Perez

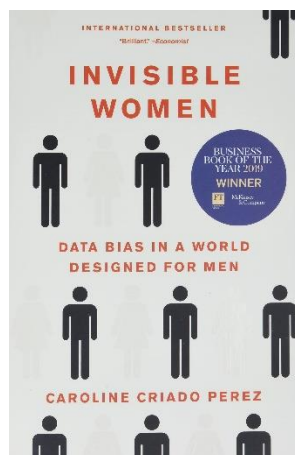
Title: *Invisible Women: Data Bias in a World Designed for Men*

Publisher: Abrams Press, New York

Year: 2019

Book description: *Invisible Women* displays the many issues women of the world continue to struggle with and offers a reason as to why they remain intractable.

There is not a lot of new information in the book for activists such as myself, but it does provide a new impetus for increasing the awareness of women and their issues by actually researching those issues and making the data the basis of a physical as well as conceptual restructuring of our world to take them into account. From the lack of a safe seat belt for women, especially pregnant women, to the issues of approved pharmaceuticals which work as described for men but not for women, there is much to be done to make women visible to the decision makers, who are still majority male.



Has this book changed the way you think? your attitude towards life? even your life itself? If so, how? No, but it gave me new data to continue my activism in making women equal to men in all areas of life.

Who should definitely read this book? Why? Men who believe they are the measure of all things, even if they do not consciously acknowledge it and women who think women's liberation has been achieved in the 21st century. These are the people who will have the A-Ha experiences which are a necessary first step to beneficial social change.

How long might it take to read the book? One week, However, there are a lot of footnotes, mostly websites – if one looks up all those, reading the book would take a year.

Provide a short characteristic section, an awesome sentence, or an inspiring quote: From the Chapter “One-Size-Fits-Men” ...There is plenty of data showing that women have, on average, smaller hands than men, and yet we continue to design equipment around the average male hand as if one-size-fits-men is the same as one-size-fits-all.

This one-size-fits-men approach to the supposedly gender-neutral products is disadvantaging women. The average female handspan is between seven and eight inches, which makes the standard forty-eight-inch keyboard something of

a challenge. Octaves on a standard keyboard are 7.4 inches wide and one study found that this keyboard disadvantages 87% of adult female pianists. Meanwhile a 2015 study which compared the handspan of 473 adult pianists to their “level of acclaim” found that all twelve of the pianists considered to be of international renown had spans of 8.8 inches or above. Of the two women who made it into this exalted group, one had a hand span of nine inches and the other a handspan of 9.5 inches. ... numerous studies ... have also found that a 7/8 keyboard dispels the professional and health disadvantages imposed by the conventional keyboard. And yet there remains a strange (that is, if you don’t accept that sexism is a play here) reluctance in the piano world to adapt. The reluctance to abandon design that suits only the largest male hands seems endemic....



“An optimist stays up until midnight to see the New Year in. A pessimist stays up to make sure the old year leaves.”—William E. Vaughan



Answers to Puzzle Column on page 6:

1. Time to go out searching for yourself = ***It Don’t Matter to Me*** by Bread
2. Oh, Lord won’t you buy me a color TV? = ***Mercedes Benz*** by Janis Joplin
3. Dreams, they’re for those who sleep = ***Make It With You*** by Bread
4. Ride the snake = ***The End*** by The Doors
5. Freedom is just another word for nothin' left to lose = ***Me and Bobby McGee*** by Janis Joplin
6. Then why can’t I paint you? = ***If*** by Bread
7. Well, come on, come on, come on, come on = ***Piece of My Heart*** by Janis Joplin
8. A dog without a bone = ***Riders on the Storm*** by the Doors
9. You know that I would be a liar = ***Light My Fire*** by the Doors
10. Just to have you back again = ***Everything I Own*** by Bread





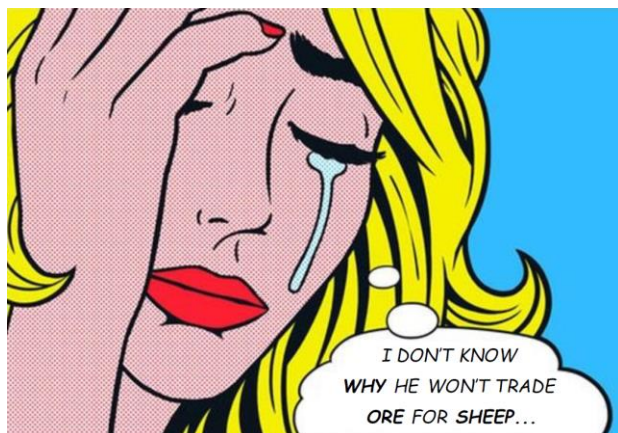
A Gathering of Gamers (AGOG)

AGOG is back, in real life! We're holding it Friday through Sunday February 17-19, 2023 at the Westin Chicago North Shore in Wheeling – the same hotel where 'WeeM is held. We expect over 100 attendees enjoying 48 hours of board games. Be the first on your block to register!

Chicago Area Mensa has an extensive collection of games, including Mensa Select® winners and popular new games. Play your longtime favorites or learn something new that weekend! Compete, cooperate, socially deduct – it's all good fun!

Through January 6, you can register for the bargain rate of \$75 for adult members, \$45 for youth, FREE for children (8 years old and under, with accompanying adult) and \$5 extra for non-members. Hotel rates are \$122 through January 16.

Register at <http://chicago.us.mensa.org/agog/> – we'd love to see you there! And bring your friends!



Theodore Talks

Brad Lucht

Seems hard to believe, but a new season of Theodore Talks is just around the corner. We are starting off the year with a presentation by Dr. Jay Van Der Werff, FEMA's National Preparedness Division Director. The title is, "**When Disaster Strikes, Are You Prepared? FEMA Is!**" This virtual event will take place on Zoom January 22 at 2:30 CT.

ABSTRACT

The Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) mission is *helping people before, during, and after disasters*. FEMA accomplishes the mission by performing the emergency management cycle—preparing, responding, recovering, and mitigating natural and man-made hazards—supporting states, federally recognized tribal governments, U.S. territories, and local communities.

Dr. Jay Van Der Werff, FEMA's National Preparedness Division Director, will discuss the following:

- **Preparedness** -- includes assisting state, tribal, territories, and locals with emergency planning; training and exercise support for the emergency management community; outreach to community organizations that assist during disasters; and provide funding through grant programs.
- **Response** --at the onset of a presidentially declared disaster, FEMA provides key personnel as liaisons to the states, tribal, and territorial governments—initial assistance is provided by the Incident Management Assistance Team and follow-on support is provided by the breadth of skillsets in FEMA.
- **Recovery** --FEMA delivers programs and funding to individuals, communities, and the private sector, and provides technical expertise to affected levels of government to support long-term recovery efforts through the national disaster framework.
- **Mitigation**-- actions within FEMA that aim toward a long-term solution to identified hazards making communities and individuals more disaster resistant.

Disasters can occur anywhere and at any time. The life you have built is worth protecting, and preparation can create a lasting legacy for you and your family. Keeping your loved ones, your home, and your workplace starts with preparedness.

Register for this presentation at <https://tinyurl.com/4m2vmbwd>. 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 at <https://zoom.us/signup>.

Theodore Talks take place on Zoom the fourth Sunday of each month at 2:30 p.m. CT.

A list of future Theodore Talks can be found on the Mensa National Events Calendar at <https://www.us.mensa.org/attend/calendar/>.

Questions? Contact Brad Lucht at TheodoreTalks@MAMensa.org.

Central Indiana Mensa ExCom 11/15/2022

Karen Wilczewski, CIM Secretary

The regular monthly meeting of the Central Indiana Mensa ExCom was held virtually via Zoom on Tuesday, November 15, 2022.

LocSec Jan Pfeil Doyle called the meeting to order at 7:13 pm.

Members present: Jan Pfeil Doyle, Paula Ferguson, Ann Hake, Karen Wilczewski, Kurt Williams, and Bob Zdanky.

Not in attendance: Barb George; Guests: Teresa Gregory, Pat Milligan

The committee reviewed the minutes of the October 2022 ExCom meeting. Ann Hake was changed to Secretary Emerita. Kurt moved that the minutes be accepted. Bob Zdanky seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

The committee reviewed the Treasurer's report for October 2022. Ann moved that the report be accepted. Bob seconded the motion, and the motion was carried.

A membership report was compiled by Jan Doyle based upon the information available as of 10/31/2022 from American Mensa: 463 members, 4 new, no move-ins, 0 rejoins, and 13 prospects.

Old Business

No old business was brought up.

New Business

The Holiday Party will be held at All Souls Unitarian Church in the Beattie Room on December 9 starting at 7 p.m., based on 20 members and guests attending. Cold cuts and bread will be provided. Participants are to bring a dish based on if their last names fall in the first half of the alphabet (A through G)—a side dish (vegetable or salad) or the second half of the alphabet (H through Z)—a dessert or appetizer. The meal will be served at 7:30 p.m.

The ExCom was asked for volunteers to prepare turkey or ham for the event. Another option was to buy already prepared ham or turkey.

If you're sick or feel ill (exhibit symptoms of a cold, the flu, or COVID-19), please do not attend Mensa gatherings out of respect for your fellow Ms. Be kind. Reminders will be posted in the calendar, along with other announcements.

Setting up Zoom meetings isn't free. To date, Teresa's been hosting Zoom meetings for many Mensa events, such as ExCom and other gatherings. The cost is \$15 per month or \$150 a year. Ann made the motion that the ExCom cover Teresa's subscription to Zoom. Kurt seconded the motion and it unanimously passed.

There being no other business, Kurt moved that the meeting be adjourned. Bob seconded the motion. The motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:44 pm.

Treasurer's Report

Kurt Williams

Balance Sheet (as of 11/30/2022)

Bank Accounts	10/31/2022	11/30/2022
Checking – Regular	\$8,348.69	\$8,546.49
Checking – Scholarship	-	0
Checking – MG Cash	25.00	25.00
Checking – Events Checking	6,601.74	6,601.74
Total Assets	\$14,950.43	\$15,173.23

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

Profit & Loss Statement (10/31/2022 – 11/30/2022)

Income		
	Monthly Gathering Income	73.00
	National Support	393.55
	New Member/Lapsed Member	4.00
	Scholarship Fund donation	0
	National Testing Support	85.00
Total Income		\$555.55
Expense		
	MG Hospitality	0
	MIND Printing	357.75
Total Expenses		\$512.04

“Good resolutions are like babies crying in church. They should be carried out immediately.” -Charles M. Sheldon

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, meeting in Beattie Room

