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NEXT EDITOR!

The Old Dog Is Back

Teresa Gregory, "Just Fillin' In" Editor

I am temporarily back as we search for a new editor. This is one of the most important jobs in a local group. If you would like more information or you think you know someone who would be a good fit, please let me know.

The first AG I attended was in 2005. It was in New Orleans, a place I had never been. I decided to have an adventure and arranged to ride the train. I was lucky because the night before arriving, Tropical Storm Cindy had made landfall in Louisiana and the only evidence was some standing water. While watching the news this evening, I saw a report on another Tropical Storm Cindy that is losing strength and will be almost forgotten by the time I leave for my thirteenth AG on July 4. I will be flying to Baltimore with a couple of Mensa friends, but we will be returning to Indianapolis by train. I am looking forward to all that Baltimore has to offer and checking one more train route off the list. (As I write this at 4:35am, I hear the train. The tracks are about a half mile from my house, and I often hear it at night. It's about a half-hour early.)

In this issue, please take a moment to read the essays from our two scholarship winners who live in this region. You might be surprised at what their career goals are.

Candis King shares information about her new hobby, and it would be fun if others would tell us about their interests and hobbies. What do you do that relaxes, refreshes and fills you with happiness? Too much? Just drop me a line and tell me what you do for fun or what you would like to learn to do. Who would like to learn to be an editor?



I C U – Recognizing Good Deeds

✓From Dr. Tamara Wardell, CIM Scholarship Chair: I would like to thank Jill Beckham for providing me with the names of judges who went on to judge in both the yes/no and scoring rounds, who were not members of CIM, Wes Deviers, Alan Jennings, and Ira Wilsker. And thanks to Teresa Gregory from CIM and Sue Spade, a friend of mine from Western PA Mensa, who also helped with the scoring round.

✓From Teresa Gregory: And a big Thank You to Tamara for chairing the scholarship committee this year.

LocSection

Jan Pfeil Doyle

Help REALLY Wanted: *MIND* Editor – Prior experience is not required. We have past editors who are willing to help you learn the ropes. You don't need to live in the Indianapolis area and does not need to be a member of ExCom. The minimum requirements are a computer with email, Internet access, Microsoft Word. You must also be willing to meet monthly deadlines. A normal month might run three to six hours, which includes checking email throughout the month. **There's even the possibility of a job sharing arrangement.** Many thanks to **Teresa Gregory** who is serving as interim editor until we find a new one. Email any questions or your application with qualifications to Teresa, ag18tg@yahoo.com.



Sad News – CIM member **Nancy White** passed away in late May. Nancy was a long time member of Central Indiana Mensa (she joined as a teenager). She served the group in several capacities, including ExCom member and treasurer. Nancy was an early pioneer in the IT field, somewhat unusual for a young woman at that time.

ICYMI (In Case You Missed It) – We had a nice turnout Sunday Fun Day in Pendleton. The discussion topic was precious possessions; items included a plate from childhood and several meaningful pieces of jewelry. Thanks to NE Area Coordinator **Paula Ferguson** for hosting!

ICYMI 2 – Great food, laughter, gaming fun, and more at the Kings' cookout. (See pictures in this *MIND*.)

New Bridge Group Forming – If you're interested in playing bridge, **Candis King** and **Judy Weitzman** are forming a group. More details later in this *MIND*.



Dining Out in June at Abyssinia

German Sandwich

Teresa Fisher

Rosetta Stone, a company that teaches foreign languages, had a special deal where you could subscribe to all 25 of the languages it teaches, and the subscription is good for life. It sounded like a fun way to waste \$179, so I subscribed. Since my granddaughter is studying German, I decided to start with that.

Sometimes Rosetta Stone requires you to figure things out for yourself, but they make it pretty easy. I soon learned that *brot* means bread, but often the word *belegtes* preceded *brot*. Then I noticed that if *brot* was preceded by *belegtes*, the picture was always of a sandwich. Hmmm... What word could you put in front of bread to make it mean sandwich? I used Google Translate to find out that *belegtes* means occupied. In German, a sandwich is occupied bread.

And now that's a thing you know.

Puzzle Column

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

Decipher these expressions or titles with a 7.

Example: The 7 Y I with M M and TE = The 7 Year Itch with Marilyn Monroe and Tom Ewell

1. 7 d f
2. The 7 V of S the S
3. The 7 S in R
4. 7 U, the U
5. The 7 W of the W
6. D of the 7 V
7. 7 L C
8. The 7 D S
9. 7 L G S in the B
10. 7 B for 7 B

See answers on page 18.

It's Time to Start Counting Tricks Again! A Brand-new Revival of Mensa Bridge SIG Has Begun!

In July, Mensa bridge will restart. We just need ****you**** if you are interested. Please contact either Judy Weitzman, at bridgejudy@aol.com, or Candis King at 630-642-9063 to indicate your times and days for availability. It will be mostly party bridge, but duplicate is possible as well.

2022-2023 Book Group Reading List

Rich Gibson

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

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: *The Sweet Spot* by Paul Bloom, 304 pages **NOTE CHANGE*

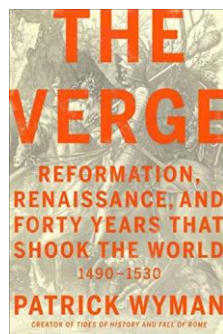
November: *Power and Liberty* by Gordon S. Wood, 188 pages

Mensa Book Group Book Reviews

Rich Gibson

THIS MONTH: *The Verge: Reformation, Renaissance, and Forty Years That Shook the World*

The Verge: Reformation, Renaissance, and Forty Years That Shook the World, by Patrick Wyman, 416 pages, published in 2021. To be discussed at the MBG meeting on Sunday, July 16th, at 2:00 PM. See Calendar or Meetup for more information.



Something happened to the world right around 1500 AD: Western Europe, which had been a backwater on the periphery of civilization for thousands of years, suddenly took off in exploration, science, finance, philosophy, education, technology and engineering. The West came to dominate the world. Why and how this happened has been a topic of great discussion for decades (my personal experience), and probably longer. This book explores the beginning of this period, namely the four decades between 1490 and 1530. The author pinpoints a number of developments that led to this dominance, including printing—or mass media; early nation-states—France, England, and Spain, able to impose large tax burdens on their subjects; a large area, Europe, both separated by geography and power, yet bound together by language (Latin was ubiquitous among the elite) and religion (for a while, anyway; gunpowder; exploitative exploration—colonization; and humanism. Large-scale religious schism also occurred in this period, leading to horrible war in the next century. The story is told through the lives of ten people, both famous (Columbus, Fugger, Luther), and not-so-famous. The period is fascinating and this book tells it extremely well.

Patrick Wyman is an historian who also podcasts (Tides of History, Fall of Rome). Podcasting seems to have given wings to his narrative skills—he tells a

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great story. This book is full of illuminating anecdotes that make this fascinating history quite easy to read. Please read the book, and attend in-person or via Zoom on Sunday, July 16th at 2:00, and join the discussion. Hope to see you there!

NEXT MONTH: *A Book Forged in Hell: Spinoza's Scandalous Treatise and the Birth of the Secular Age*, by Stephen Nadler, 304 pages, published in 2013. To be discussed at the MBG meeting on Sunday, August 21st, at 2:00 PM. See Calendar or Meetup for more information.

Baruch Spinoza was a Portuguese Jew. As many other Iberian Jews did, his family left Portugal rather than be subject to the Inquisition; they settled in the Dutch Republic. At the time, Holland was a beacon of freedom and tolerance; around the same time, a community of dissenting Christians calling themselves

Pilgrims fled England and settled in Leiden for several decades before embarking on the *Mayflower* for the New World. Spinoza was born just after this, in 1632. And yet, in this haven of religious tolerance, he was excommunicated from his synagogue in his twenties. A close friend died in prison for having published a book denying the divinity of Jesus and Mary. Tolerance? Everything is relative, I suppose; prison is better than torture and burning at the stake.

At any rate, Spinoza left Amsterdam, settled in a small town nearby, and made a living as a lens grinder. He continued thinking and writing, and published a treatise in 1670 on religion, the state, and even included some thoughts on relations between the two. Even today, some on the religious right would consider it heretical. Back then, it caused a furor, and evoked universal condemnation. It is to Holland's credit that he was not imprisoned, tortured, or burned.

This treatise, the subject of this book, is not Spinoza's *Ethics*, which is more well-known. All the same, it and the reaction to it have been called one of the most important events in European intellectual history. In the treatise, Spinoza became the first to argue that the Bible is a human creation, and not the literal word of God; that the authentic relation between human and God has nothing to do with theology, ceremonies, or dogma; and that religion has no role in the modern state.

A Book Forged in Hell is a wonderful read about Spinoza, his treatise, and the reaction to it. This revolutionary, radical work was absolutely seminal in the development of western liberal thought; there is a straight line from this treatise to the European Enlightenment and Enlightenment values of democracy and tolerance.

Stephen Nadler is a professor at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. Another of his books, *Rembrandt's Jews*, was a finalist for the Pulitzer Prize in 2004. Please read the book, and attend in-person or via Zoom on Sunday, August 21st at 2:00, and join the discussion. Hope to see you there!

Early Americans

Matt Brennan

French, English, and Native Americans

Whatever war and disease failed to accomplish, murder or forced relocation did. As Native Americans were pushed west, the survivors' societies changed and adapted. The most notable examples were the historically recent horse-riding plains cultures.

Existing societies at contact were only the most recent occupants of lands that had surely changed hands and cultures many times over 20,000 or more years, but this time there were written records.

The history of Swedish, Dutch, French, English, Portuguese, and Spanish colonization is fairly well documented, and the European power with the most long-lasting effect on North American peoples was England. While multiple eastern North American tribes had been defeated, dispersed, or died out, Native American collusion with either the English or the French is recorded for over 150 years prior to the French and Indian War (1754-1763), the global conflict known elsewhere as the Seven Years War.

The English and their Iroquois allies patrolled the northwestern frontier of colonial New England and engaged French colonists, soldiers, trappers, and their Algonquin and Huron allies in the territories of New France.

The English and the Iroquois, and the French and their Algonquin and Huron allies, fought each other in small engagements on the frontier throughout the French and Indian War, with one notable exception. In 1755, English General Braddock's road-and-fort-building column was ambushed in a Pennsylvania forest by a much smaller force of French and Indians. English soldiers and their allies suffered 878 people killed and wounded as opposed to 39 French and Indian casualties. Braddock perished.

Following the conclusion of the French and Indian War in 1763, England took possession of the Northwest Territory (Illinois, Indiana, Michigan and Ohio). When the American Revolution began in 1775, the six Iroquois Confederacy tribes split their allegiances between The British and the rebels. The Iroquois ceased to be a factor after the Revolution.

The Treaty of Paris that ended the American Revolution in 1783 required the English to completely withdraw from the Northwest Territory (Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, and Ohio). They did not. The English continued constructing forts while organizing and arming native peoples.

In 1790 the United States undertook to fight the English-organized-and-supplied Northwestern Indian Confederacy, a group consisting of the Delaware, Miami, Ojibwa, Ottawa, Potawatomi, and Shawnee tribes. The first engagement took place in Indiana and became known as "Harmar's Defeat." Two-Hundred-and-eleven Americans died in exchange for negligible tribal losses.

How to Make A Quilt

Candis King

I just took up a new hobby. I have learned a lot from this new hobby-- history, design, customs, techniques, You Tube videos and process and vocabulary. Let me share with you How to Make A Quilt.

1. First off, decide who will be the Lucky Recipient of the quilt. This person, whether it be yourself or some other soul, must be chosen so that there will be a deep appreciation by that person as to just how lucky they are about to become.
2. Pick a pattern.
3. Choose the fabric.
4. Change your mind six times about the two previous items.
5. Prep the fabric. Deep starch it and hang the tangled mess to dry.
6. Swear at the fabric.
7. Iron the fabric. Ask yourself 27 times why on earth you ever decided to begin this project.
8. Choose your cutting tools and cut the fabric. Feel free to invent new words to describe the perfidy of your cutters and your fabric.
9. Start sewing the fabric together.
10. Read the directions.
11. Use multiple brand-new curse words. Make up a few. My favorite is "you fleeping fabric." It's a good all-purpose phrase for a variety of circumstances, whether you are quilting or doing something else.
12. Add the batting and the back. Question the fabric's and the quilt designer's parentage vehemently.
13. Add the border and the binding. Throw in a few more swears just to keep in practice and just for show.
14. Congratulate yourself on a job well done, both the quilting and the addition and acquisition of new, colorful phrases you can be sure to use in all parts of your life.
15. Present the quilt to the Lucky Recipient. After a time, feel free to add some guilt if this recipient isn't appreciative enough.

July 2023 Events

Indy Lunch Bunch – 1st and 3rd Wednesday

7/5, 12:00 noon ET - Virtual *Online*

7/19, 12:00 noon ET - MCL Restaurant and Bakery, 2370 W. 86th St, Indianapolis

RSVPs not required but appreciated.

Contact: Karen Steilberger, steilkr@sbcglobal.net

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

7/1, 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..

RSVP: Alison Brown, 317-846-6798, SIGHT@indymensa.org

LIVE Mensa Chowhounds Lunch – 2nd and 4th Wednesday

7/12, 2:00pm ET

El Rodeo, 14160 Mundy Dr #900, Noblesville, IN 46060

7/26, 2:00pm ET

Kona Jack's, 9413 N Meridian St, Indianapolis, IN 46260

Late lunch or early dinner? You decide!

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

VIRTUAL Sunday Social – Some Sundays (check the calendar) from **7:00pm**

–8:30pm ET Drop in any time for casual chat. Contact: Teresa,

ag18tg@yahoo.com.

VIRTUAL and LIVE Monthly Gathering - 2nd Friday,

7/14, 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.

[Watch the Weekly CIM ReMINDER for details.]

VIRTUAL and LIVE Book Group

7/16, 2:00pm ET

The Verge by Patrick Wyman (2021) 343 pages

Contact Rich Gibson hoot.gibson.tds@gmail.com or 770-548-5217 for more details, to RSVP, or for Zoom link.

LIVE Mensans Dining Out - 3rd Sunday

7/16, 6:00pm ET

Pho Saigon, 4706 W 38th St, Indianapolis, IN 46254

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

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

Virtual Zoom Events

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.

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Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Ham'n Eggs
6	7	8
13	14 Monthly Gathering	15
20	21	22 Mensa Testing
27	28	29

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

Yours, Mine, and Ours

Jon Gruebele, RVC4



The International Constitution states that Mensa has these purposes:

- To identify and foster human intelligence for the benefit of humanity;
- To encourage research into the nature, characteristics, and uses of intelligence; and
- To provide a stimulating intellectual and social environment for its members.

It adds that we provide a forum for intellectual exchange among members and that the Mensa organizations shall express no opinions.

Over 50 years ago, American Mensa founded the Mensa Foundation to accomplish some of these goals. This was done partly for tax reasons. Donations to the Foundation are tax deductible whereas donations to Mensa are not.

So how do Mensa and the Foundation share the responsibility to achieve Mensa's purposes? We have goals that are yours (the Foundation), mine (Mensa), and ours (both of us).

Ours: The Mensa Foundation promotes research into intelligence by offering awards, fellowships, and grants to individuals around the world. On the American Mensa side, I serve on the Research Committee that works with people wanting to use Mensa members for scholarly research. Among other checks, we ensure requests are under the auspices of an institution that holds an approved "Federalwide Assurance for Protection of Human Subjects".

Mine: Obviously we in American Mensa own the "social environment" goal. We excel in providing local, regional, national, and international gatherings – including those done virtually. Special Interest Groups (SIGs), online forums, and various publications help too.

Yours: The Foundation owns the "identify and foster human intelligence" goal. Scholarships are perhaps their best-known program. Many Mensa members volunteer every year to read entries and help decide how to award over \$175,000. Another annual event is the Colloquium. This year's topic is "The Talent and Potential of Neurodiversity". If you won't be going to the Annual Gathering in Baltimore where the Colloquium will be held, you can also register to view it on-line. Their Mensa Research Journal highlights scholarly articles and research related to intelligence.

As noted above, Mensa may not have opinions; however, the Mensa Foundation may. This means they can advocate for important initiatives supporting things like gifted youth. It's important to note that we are distinct entities with separate finances. While our annual financial reports do provide a combined financial

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picture, it also splits them apart so it's easy to see how each organization is faring. This is required by accounting regulations since the voting members of American Mensa's Board of Directors (AMC) appoint the Foundation's trustees, so we are "related" entities.

The Foundation succeeds because they get many financial donations every year. They very much appreciate all contributions large and small. It's even better if your employer will match some or all of your gifts. Please consider going to their website to donate, or sponsor your favorite Misster Mensa candidate.

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>.

John Matthews Scholarship Winner

Corin Dammeier, Franklin, Indiana

In ten years' time, I will work for the Federal Bureau of Investigation as a forensic accountant, and I will complete both a bachelor's and master's degree in this area of study, all while playing Division I softball. I am confident I will achieve these goals in the coming years, as I have proven I have the skills necessary for success. Those same traits that propelled me to reach my goals thus far will guide me to use my education to accomplish my dreams after college.

Growing up, mathematics was my strongest subject. By seventh grade, I was taking high school credits in math and earning top scores. Continuing this path, junior year proved itself to be the year of career realizations. That year I took AP Calculus, and I recognized all of the ways that math was applicable in the real world. No longer was I just adding and subtracting arbitrary numbers, but I was utilizing skills and formulas that architects, engineers, and accountants use. I felt as though all of the time and effort I had put into my favorite subject over my schooling career could really be used beyond class. This, coupled with the interest in crime I developed over my high school years, made the decision rather easy in terms of what to study. My accounting class opened my eyes to the world of forensic accounting, and it truly felt like I had my spotlight moment where I found my calling. Now, I have developed my interest to include working for a government agency, preferably the FBI.

Another significant part of my life has been softball. I have been playing since I was nine years old, but around age twelve I set one of the most important goals of my life: I would play softball in college. This decision changed everything. I was practicing nearly every day and found a devotion to the sport. In eighth grade I began the recruiting process where I would talk to nearly 50 colleges of interest at a time, make conversation, and essentially advertise myself, all while traveling across the nation every weekend to play ball. The recruiting process

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took resilience and professionalism, as it was a constant mental, physical, and emotional battle to prove myself worthy to colleges. Finally, in my junior year, I was offered a position to play softball at a Division I school with a well-renowned program in forensic accounting.

Softball has been my full-time job for years, and it has taught me everything necessary to be successful in the workforce. Between the respect and professionalism I have had to show to all coaches, and the passion, devotion, and physical tenacity required to play at a high level, I could not be more proud of the way this sport has developed me as a person.

I have a sheer passion for what I wish to pursue, and I am involved in many activities relating to my goals. I am a member of clubs like National Honors Society, Harvard Model Congress, and Business Professionals of America which have allowed me to strengthen the skills necessary for the career I aspire for. Both on paper and in person, it is clear to see that I will achieve the goals I have set forth for myself

Karen Cooper Memorial Scholarship Winner

Jenna Blake, Avon, Indiana

My overall career goal is to work in the medical field, specifically in pediatric care. One of my career goals is to be an anesthesiologist that specializes in pediatrics. I plan to attend college, beginning in the fall of 2023, and will follow a pre-medical curriculum including courses in biology, chemistry, physics and anatomy. I plan on taking the MCAT to get into medical school and then I plan to do my residency in anesthesiology. After I complete my residency, I plan to go on to complete a fellowship in pediatrics.

I have had a deep interest in science since 5th grade and this interest has guided the courses I've had so far. I've completed many challenging science courses throughout high school such as Honors Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Anatomy & Physiology, as well as Advanced Biochemistry and Genetics. One of the most impactful sciences courses that I've had so far is Anatomy & Physiology where I learned about the human body systems and how the body functions. During this course, our class completed a group lab activity that included exploring, dissecting and labeling the body parts of a fetal pig. After that activity, I knew then that I would like to continue studying science after high school.

During the fall semester of 2022 I was selected for an internship at a local hospital where I was able to shadow many different areas and learn how a hospital operates. Not only did I observe direct patient care in my internship, but I also learned about hospital systems. I spent time with Finance, Supply Chain, and Security to learn how each department works with patient care units to support a multi-hospital system. I was even able to observe many different surgeries in the operating room. During the surgeries I learned how the

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anesthesiologists are able to control the patient's vital signs while under anesthesia. My internship was an invaluable experience, and it has helped me validate that I am going into the right field.

I know I have the aptitude and the determination to achieve my goals. I currently have a 4.5 grade point average (weighted) and was inducted into the National Honor Society in my junior year of high school. I take pride in the commitment I put into my education, and it is reflected in my course grades. During all four years of high school, I have also been on the Varsity Cheerleading team for both football and basketball teams. In addition to this, I also hold two part-time jobs to help save money for college expenses, working about 20 hours per week. I've learned to be extremely disciplined and manage my time very well to be able to maintain top scores in school, participate in my school activities as well as work at two part-time jobs. I believe my record so far demonstrates that I have the ability to be successful with my goals in the future.

I recognize that my academic goals will be challenging. Ensuring that my academics and MCAT score are high enough for medical school is something that I know will take dedication to my courses. A scholarship will assist me with paying for my undergraduate degree and provide needed financial assistance so I can concentrate on my studies. Thank you for your consideration!

Books On the Runway

Alison Brown

Author: Steven Johnson

Title: *Extra Life: A Short History of Living Longer*

Publisher: Random House Flint / The History Press

Year: 2021

Book description (max. 5 sentences): The author examines the various developments that extended human life and prevented what we now call early death, the many people who were responsible for each breakthrough and how no one development or one actor can be given the credit for the lion's share of the longevity progress. Johnson delves into germ theory, vital statistics, public health infrastructure, hygiene, food safety, and accident prevention. He also goes into the issues a booming population raise and questions whether the planet will sustain the weight of so many humans or if our life spans will, as a global corrective, begin to shorten. The book has some illustrations, end-notes, a bibliography and an index.

Has this book changed the way you think? your attitude towards life? even your life itself? If so, how? I used to think that the greatest advances that lead to a general longevity had more to do with improved care at the end of life, but this book reminds me that the real game changer was the reduction of childhood mortality from 30% to 1-2%, meaning that more people would survive to reproduce and also need the kind of medical treatment I had been viewing as most impactful.

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Who should definitely read this book? Why? Anyone who wonders how the population explosion got to where it is and how a species with a usual life expectancy of thirty odd years now has more than double that. Also anyone who enjoys a good set of stories about creativity and cooperation among concerned scientists and citizens to achieve the public good.

How long might it take to read the book? Four days – I could hardly put it down, and large print made it easier for me, too.

Provide a short characteristic section, an awesome sentence, or an inspiring quote: British Life Expectancy at Birth, 1668-2015

There can be no more important chart that captures what has happened to the human race – and to the planet itself – than this one. In the early 1660s, when people first started tinkering with the idea of calculating life expectancies, the average British person lived just over thirty years. A child born in the United Kingdom today can expect to live a full fifty years longer than that. And that extraordinary upward slope has been repeated again and again around the world. All the advances of the last three or four centuries – the scientific method, the medical breakthroughs, the public health institutions, the rising standards of living – have given us about twenty thousand extra days of life on average. And billions of people who never would have lived to see adulthood or have their own children were endowed with those most precious of gifts. (xxiii)



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Theodore Roberts	Greenwood	Joined
Raveena Sharma	Indianapolis	Rejoin

Answers to Puzzle Column on page 6:

Solutions:

1. 7 d f = 7-day forecast
2. The 7 V of S the S = The 7 Voyages of Sinbad the Sailor
3. The 7 S in R = The 7 Seals in Revelation
4. 7 U, the U = 7 Up, the Uncola
5. The 7 W of the W = The 7 Wonders of the World
6. D of the 7 V = Dance of the 7 Veils
7. 7 L C = 7 Layer Cake
8. The 7 D S = The 7 Deadly Sins
9. 7 L G S in the B = 7 Little Girls Sitting in the Backseat
10. 7 B for 7 B = 7 Brides for 7 Brothers

In Case You Missed It In Pictures

Grilling and Gaming With Candis and Robert King



[Courtesy Jan Pfeil Doyle]

Central Indiana Mensa ExCom 5/16/2023

Karen Wilczewski, CIM Secretary

The regular monthly meeting of the Central Indiana Mensa ExCom was held virtually via Zoom on Tuesday, May 16, 2023.

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: Teresa Gregory, Pat Milligan

The April minutes were reviewed. Kurt moved and Ann seconded the April minutes be approved as amended. The motion carried.

The committee reviewed the April 2023 Treasurer's report. Ann moved that the Treasurer's Report be approved as amended. Paula seconded, and the motion carried.

A membership report was compiled by Jan Doyle based upon the information available as of 4/30/2023 from American Mensa: 432 members, 0 new, 0 move-in, 2 rejoin, and 5 prospects.

Old Business

For the MIND mailing, Jan will make a note to specify the printer include the CIM return address in the newsletter when sending out the next issue

OG: We have 17 registrants. Teresa will make a note to reserve the site for next year's OG based on the earliest requirement. There are the regulars who have signed up, along with a couple of new registrants.

New Business

Editor Vonda has resigned as MIND Editor. ExCom is looking for a new editor and Teresa will be handling this month's MIND and has requested that members send any copy by the end of this week. Other ways to announce the search for a new editor were discussed. ExCom is open to creative solutions, such as sharing editorial responsibilities.

A Mensa member passed away before last month's meeting (Larry Card). A \$50 donation will be mailed to National's Scholarship Fund in memory of Larry.

Based on the list of lapsed members (after March 30, 2023.), National will provide their names next month. Barb has agreed to contact these lapsed members to see if they're interested in rejoining. If they rejoin in the next 12 months, they will not be considered lapsed.

Teresa was notified of news relating to longstanding member, Nancy White. Trying to reach Nancy to confirm her health status.

We discussed ways to recognize volunteers. One suggestion was an Annual Volunteer Recognition Day, where volunteers would be recognized for their efforts. We discussed recognizing volunteers at a monthly meeting, or at a

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special dinner. We should try to include as many volunteers as possible. To acknowledge their achievements, volunteers can be given token gifts of appreciation.

Discussion also ensued around an Annual Volunteer Recognition Day, where volunteers would be recognized for their efforts. For example, this could include the Scholarship Chair. The recognition could be done in August as part of the monthly meeting and include as many volunteers as possible. To acknowledge their achievements, volunteers can be given token gifts of appreciation.

Forming a Recognition Committee was proposed to determine who should be honored. Looking for volunteers to serve on this committee.

Teresa will work with Jan on a volunteer recognition, along with Ann, Kurt, and Karen. Kurt will send his initial thoughts for discussion.

Bob mentioned that half-price Mensa testing will be offered in July. For information on exact pricing, those interested in taking the test will be encouraged to check the National website for promotions and special pricing.

There being no other business, Kurt moved that the meeting be adjourned. Barb seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:54 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Wilczewski, Secretary



***In Person* Mensa
Admission Testing**

**7/22, 1:00pm – 3:00pm ET
Greenwood, IN (Exact
location given at time of
RSVP)**

The fee of ~~\$60~~ \$30 is payable by pre-purchasing a voucher at www.us.mensa.org/join/testing/testingvoucher/. 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, Alison Brown, at SIGHT@indymensa.org to reserve a seat.

Treasurer's Report

Kurt Williams

Balance Sheet (as of 5/31/2023)

Bank Accounts	04/30/2023	05/31/2023
Checking – Regular	\$ 2,007.71	\$1,935.94
Checking – Scholarship	20.00	20.00
Checking – MG Cash	25.00	25.00
Checking – Events Checking	2,674.74	2,666.02
CD – First Internet	10,000.00	10,000.00
Total Assets	\$ 14,727.45	\$ 14,646.96

Other Assets		
USPS Stamps Value	\$ 360.25	\$ 355.85
Total Number of USPS Stamps	655	647

Profit & Loss Statement (02/28/2023 – 03/31/2023)

Income		
	Monthly Gathering Income (Apr & May)	\$ 196.00
	Outdoor Gathering Income	\$ 1,040.00
	National Support	366.35
	New Member/Lapsed Member	2.00
	Total Income	\$ 1,604.35
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Expense		
	MG Hospitality	\$ 0
	OG Hospitality (\$1,000 advance to Teresa)	501.54
	Facility rental for 2024 OG	519.60
	EventBrite fees	48.72
	MIND Printing	334.71
	Facility Rental (All Souls)	100.00
	Total Expenses	\$ 1,504.57

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

