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*Eclipses? Yeah, we do eclipses all the time—Crew of Mensans off to Princeton, Kentucky, to see the August 21, 2017 Total Eclipse.*

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# From the Editor's Cubicle

*Rich Gibson, Editor*

Well, by crikey, it's finally spring. While it came a little early this year around these parts, I'm awfully glad it's official now. As I write this in mid-March, still 8 days till the equinox, we have crocuses, iris and daffodils blooming, left, right and sideways. Hope the rest of you gardeners have your plants ordered and on the way, sacks of potting soil waiting for the starting gun, and fresh mulch spread and suppressing those nasty, weedy guys. I absolutely love it, and my wife is rarely so happy as when she has dirt on her hands and cheeks.



For those of you not gardeners, it's still time to get the heck outside and soak up some sun! Go for a walk; grab a book and find a park bench or some such and read it, perhaps with your favorite beverage nearby; do a spring checkup on your bike and go check out the profusion of trails here in the greater Indy Metro Area (I'm looking at you, Carmel, Fishers, Zionsville, and all the rest). Speaking of spring and the outdoors, the OMG!—Outdoor Mensa Gathering—is about a month and a half away. Don't get too forgetful to register for it!

For those of you impatiently waiting to see what's in the new issue, here goes:

- Another delightful poetic submission from Marilyn Wolf
- Another informative Theodore talk from Brad Lucht
- A head-scratcher of a puzzle from Alan Stillson
- A campaign statement from an old friend running for a new job, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair, Jon Grubele



Gregory Forsthoefel	Indianapolis	IN	Move In
Henry Overpeck	Rockville	IN	Joined
Griffin Tucker	Westfield	IN	Joined

# LocSection

Jan Pfeil Doyle

**Elections Are Coming** – Central Indiana Mensa’s biennial election will be held in September. If you’re interested in running for LocSec (President) or the ExCom (Executive Committee; the board that runs the group), please contact Nominating Committee Chair **Teresa Gregory** (ag18tg@yahoo.com). Many thanks to **Teresa, Marcele Everest, and Larry Marcus** for serving on the Nominating Committee. If you have questions, feel free to contact any member of the ExCom. We’d love to have some members from outside central Indiana run for the board, which is possible because the meetings are via Zoom. More details later in this *MIND* and in upcoming *MINDs*.



U.S. Mensa’s national election is also this year. Voting is from April 15<sup>th</sup> – May 15<sup>th</sup>. More info at <https://www.us.mensa.org/lead/amc/elections/2024-election-portal/>



## **ICYMI (In Case You Missed It) – The Eclipse Cheesecake**

**Catherine** used her culinary and scientific skills to create an eclipse cheesecake for the March monthly meeting—gold sparkles for the corona and chocolate for the moon.

## **Mark Your Calendars for the Outdoor Mensa Gathering (OMG!) in May**

– I hope to see many of you at CIM’s Outdoor Gathering on May 17-19. It’s our annual camping weekend at the Versailles (Indiana) State Park. We rent the group camp and stay in dormitory-style cabins. There’s a central building where we hang out, play games, eat,

etc. Outdoor activities include hiking and a campfire. It’s a wonderful, fun, relaxing weekend! If you can’t stay for the whole weekend, come for the day on Saturday.

**Sad News** – We received word that Central Indiana Mensa member **Ernest L. (Ernie) Cooper**, passed away on Jan. 9, 2024. Here’s a link to his obituary:

<https://www.costinfuneralchapel.com/obituary/ernest-cooper>

**Don’t Forget to Renew** – If you’re reading this before March 31st, you still have time to get your dues in on time, before the price increase. There’s also time to join or form a **CultureQuest**® team; the deadline for that is also March 31<sup>st</sup> (see my March column or contact me for more info).

## Three Sedoka

Marilyn Wolf

### *Three Sedoka*

#### *Orbiter*

blue-green marble spins  
on its path around ol' sol  
a seasoned trav'ler indeed

she travels alone  
dancing daily with sisters  
to the colors of the sun

#### *Rain*

a drop at a time  
falling from the sky above  
splashing up from below too

tear drops stain the face  
emotional eruption  
excluding any rainbows

#### *Home*

Warm and familiar  
Sharing family, friends, food  
A safe place for relaxing

Behind door secrets  
Haven for intimacy  
Cozy lover's bungalow

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Written collaboratively by Dennis L. White & Marilyn Wolf.

We took turns writing and replying to the stanzas.

The **Sedoka** is an unrhymed poem made up of two three-line katauta with the syllable counts: 5/7/7, 5/7/7. A Sedoka, pair of katauta as a single poem, may address the same subject from differing perspectives. A **katauta** is an unrhymed three-line poem with the following syllable counts: 5/7/7.

# 2024 Book Group Reading List

*Rich Gibson*

We had a wonderful Bring-A-Book session in November, and are pleased and proud to present our next reading list:

<b>Title</b>	<b>Author(s)</b>	<b>Date</b>
Outlive	Peter Attia	4/21/2024
	Mustafa	
The Coming Wave	Suleyman	5/19/2024
The Matter With Things, Chapter 12	Iain McGilchrist	6/16/2024
The Elegant Defense	Matt Richter	7/21/2024
The Comfort Crisis	Michael Easter	8/18/2024
	Brian Cox	
Black Holes	Jeff Horshaw	9/22/2024
Being Heumann	Judith Heumann	10/20/2024
Anaximander	Carlo Rovelli	11/17/2024
Naked Statistics	Charles Wheelen	12/15/2024
The Gulf: Making of an American Sea	Jack E Davis	1/19/2025

## Mensa Book Group Previews

*Rich Gibson*

**THIS MONTH: *Outlive: The Science and Art of Longevity* by Peter Attia with Bill Gifford**

*Outlive: The Science and Art of Longevity*, by Peter Attia, MD, with Bill Gifford, 425 pages, published in 2023. To be discussed at the MBG meeting on Sunday, April 21<sup>st</sup>, 2024, at 2:00 PM. See Calendar or Meetup for more info. Peter Attia is a noted researcher on longevity. He decries the current consensus that focuses on quantity (long life) versus quality (good, enjoyable life). I know it's hard to think about death, but it would do you good to consider what kind of death you might want to have: long and lingering with increasing misery; or a long time feeling great followed by a fast decline? If you think maybe the latter is for you, the longest possible enjoyable life, perhaps this book is for you. Attia takes aim at the four big killers in those of advanced age: heart disease, cancer, Alzheimer's (or other mental degenerative condition), and diabetes, or general metabolic dysfunction. He decries current processes of not looking for early diagnoses, but making them when it's almost too late to do anything about the conditions. The treatments can be excruciating to the patient, and uses up

quality of life to prolong life that is usually in a state of misery. He reviews scientific discoveries of these diseases and their treatments, and presents findings and results fairly clearly and simply. He critiques the most common treatments for these killers and presents alternatives. He doesn't present by-the-numbers recipes to deal with these problems, but does a fairly good job describing the factors you need to consider in tailoring your personal approach. He has four specific areas of focus: nutrition, exercise, sleep, and mental health. If any of this sounds interesting to you, why don't you find a copy, go read it, and come via Zoom or in person to our Book Group meeting on April 21<sup>st</sup>, 2024, at 2:00 PM? We'd love to see you and hear your thoughts!

**NEXT MONTH: *The Coming Wave: Technology, Power, and the 21st Century's Greatest Dilemma, by Mustafa Suleyman***

*The Coming Wave: Technology, Power, and the 21st Century's Greatest Dilemma*, by Mustafa Suleyman, 352 pp, published in September 2023, will be discussed at the Mensa Book Group meeting on Sunday, May 19<sup>th</sup>, at 2:00 PM. See the MIND Calendar/Events or Meetup for more information.

Mr. Suleyman is the co-founder and CEO of Inflection AI. Previously he co-founded DeepMind, which is now Google DeepMind. His book traces out the future of the world economy and world civilization for the rest of this century. The three pillars of the unparalleled innovation and change that he sees are AI, biotechnology, and practically unlimited sustainable energy. The dilemma he sees is whether we will allow AI to become as powerful as it can; the unease he feels is wondering whether we can limit AI at all. After all, both good and bad world actors are capable of grabbing AI and running with it; it therefore seems incumbent on the good guys to run with it as hard as they can.

DeepMind, by the way, is the AI that solved one of the gnarliest biology problems of the last 50 years: how do long chains of proteins fold themselves into 3D shapes? All the countless proteins in our bodies are in 3D, and up to recently we had no idea how they did it. DeepMind solved the problem so quickly, the community working this problem was gobsmacked, some saying, "I never dreamed this would be solved in my lifetime."

Suleyman begins by writing, "It's no exaggeration to say the entirety of the human world depends on either living systems or our intelligence. And yet both are now in an unprecedented moment of exponential innovation and upheaval, an unparalleled augmentation that will leave little unchanged."

Reading this book may be critical for our understanding of our near future.

Please read it, and come to our meeting on May 19<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 to discuss it. We'd love to see you there.



## **Elections – We Need YOU!**

*Teresa Gregory*

This is an election year for CIM's Executive Committee (ExCom), the elected board that conducts the business of Central Indiana Mensa. Teresa Gregory is chairing the Nomination Committee and the other committee members are Marcele Everest and Larry Marcus.

The committee will be reaching out to CIM members to identify those who are willing and able to run for ExCom this year. Any member in good standing (i.e., your dues are paid up) can run. Note that going forward, ExCom will continue to meet monthly online using Zoom, so you don't have to live in the Indy metro area. The meetings last about an hour. If you are curious, you may attend, via Zoom, any ExCom meeting to see what it's all about.

We will publish a **Meet the Candidates** article in the June issue of MIND with pictures and bios. The August MIND will then contain a voting ballot and instructions.

Think about it! If you are interested in running for ExCom, please contact Teresa Gregory ( [ag18tg@yahoo.com](mailto:ag18tg@yahoo.com) ) by May15. She will be happy to answer any question you might have. Remember, CIM is run by volunteers. We need YOU!

## **Puzzle Column**

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

### **APRIL RAIN PUZZLES**

Find words that contain the letters **R A I N** in that order. Example: A popular wax – 8 letters. Answer: PARRAFIN.

1. Tevye followed it – 9 letters.
2. Controlling device – 9 letters.
3. A trigonometric term – 6 letters.
4. Division is one – 9 letters.
5. An ingredient of some pies – 8 letters
6. A groove on the surface of a rock – 9 letters
7. Orthodontal device – 8 letters
8. Bouncer – 10 letters
9. Violation – 10 letters
10. Compound made from 3 amino acids – 8 letters

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# April 2024 Events

**Indy Lunch Bunch** – 1st and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday

**4/3, 12:00 noon ET - Virtual \*Online\***

**4/17, 12:00 noon ET - MCL Restaurant and Bakery, 2370 W. 86th St, Indianapolis**

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

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

**4/6, 10:00am - 12 noon ET - Atrio, 11700 Illinois St, Carmel, IN, (located at IU Health North) **RSVP:** Alison Brown, 317-846-6798, [SIGHT@indymensa.org](mailto:SIGHT@indymensa.org)**

**LIVE Bridge SIG**

**4/14, 2:00pm – 4:00pm ET**

**RSVP** either Judy at [bridgejudy@aol.com](mailto:bridgejudy@aol.com), or Candis at 630-642-9063.

**LIVE Mensa Chowhounds Lunch** – 2nd and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday

**4/10, 2:00pm ET - Wisanggeni Pawon (Indonesian)**

2450 E 71st St #200, Indianapolis, IN 46220

**4/24, 2:00pm ET The Garage Food Hall**

906 Carrollton Ave, Indianapolis, IN 46202

(Parking in Lot 4 just west of the food hall is \$2 from 9-5)

Late lunch or early dinner? You decide!

For more information or to RSVP 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](mailto:ag18tg@yahoo.com).

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

**4/12, 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.

**VIRTUAL and LIVE Book Group**

**4/21, 2:00pm E**

*Outlive* – Peter Attia

For more details, to RSVP, or for Zoom link, contact Rich Gibson at

[hoot.gibson.tds@gmail.com](mailto:hoot.gibson.tds@gmail.com) or 770-548-5217.

**LIVE Mensans Dining Out** - 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday

**4/21, 6pm ET**

**Upland Brewing on 82nd St, 4939 E 82nd St**

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

# **OMG! Outdoor Mensa Gathering! LIVE!**

**May 17, 18, 19, 2024**

**Versailles State Park, Indiana**

Join Central Indiana Mensa for a laidback weekend in the woods. If you're thinking that you aren't the "outdoorsy" type, think again!

## **Things to know:**

- All meals are provided, along with lodging, scenery, and MENSANS!
- No animals (except the ones who live there!)
- No unaccompanied minors

## **IMPORTANT TO KNOW:**

- **There are no cabins with toilets**
- **We will not be providing alcohol, but please feel free to bring your own. There will be designated refrigerator space. As in the past, we will provide soft drinks, bottled water, and coffee. This keeps the cost down for everyone.**

## **Fees:**

- Adults full weekend is **\$65** per person!
- Saturday only is **\$45**.
- Kids up to age 6 are **\$25**, and ages 6-12 are **\$40**.
- There is also a per-car park entry fee: **\$7** Indiana Resident, **\$9** Visitor

**Registration and pay online at:** <https://cim-og-2024.eventbrite.com>

**Or mail a check to:** Teresa Gregory

6076 Dewey Avenue, Indianapolis, IN 46219

**So grab your sleeping bags and towels,  
and join us at Versailles State Park.**



# April 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
	1	2	3 *Indy Lunch Bunch *
7 *Sunday Social*	8 ECLIPSE!	9	10 Chowhounds
14 Bridge; *Sunday Social*	15	16 * ExCom*	17 Indy Lunch Bunch
21 Book Group; Dining Out	22	23	19 Chowhounds
28 *Sunday Social*	29	30	

## \*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
4	5	6 Ham'n Eggs
11	12 Monthly Gathering	13
18	19	20
25	26	27

If you lose your *MIND* (oh, my!) or want additional information, check [www.indymensa.org](http://www.indymensa.org) or join our Meet Up group, <http://www.meetup.com/central-indiana-mensa>. Meet Up is free to join and you'll get reminders of upcoming events. It's a great way to stay in the loop.

## **Jon's Journal – News for Region 4**

*Jon Gruebele, RVC4*

### *Meet the New Boss, Different from the Old Boss*

My term as Regional Vice Chair 4 (RVC4) ends in June, but I've been striving to avoid lame duck mode. I'm trying to keep up the energy I've shown all along by actively staying in contact with Local Group members and leadership – in person as much as possible.

I've also been corresponding with many members concerned about the proposed dues increase. By the time you read this article, it will have passed or not. While some dues increase is needed, I feel the jump to \$107 was too much and therefore voted against the motion. Hopefully you renewed your membership before March 31<sup>st</sup> to take advantage of the current pricing.

I've also been campaigning for the nationally elected Second Vice Chair Board of Directors (AMC) seat. That's kept me busy too, although in truth I've been at it for a year now. While reasonably well known in our Region – hopefully favorably – I now need to extend that recognition nationally. Since the beginning of last year, I've attended twelve RGs, our AG, and Mind Games®. Regardless of how the election plays out, we'll have mostly new faces on the AMC. Eight of the ten RVC positions will be filled by someone new; the remaining two are contested and may or may not be won by an incumbent. For the five nationally elected roles, three will be filled by current AMC members, although only one will retain her current job: Chair Lori Norris. The Treasurer and Second Vice Chair spots are contested by current AMC members and people who would be new to the AMC. If won by incumbents, both would be new to those roles. Out of fifteen total positions, we'll have somewhere between eight and twelve people new to the AMC.

Here in Region 4, Matt Crawford ran unopposed and was declared elected as RVC4. Starting mid-April, our members may vote in three contested races: Secretary, Treasurer, and Second Vice Chair – the job I'd like to have. Depending on how you have your preferences set, you'll be notified about how to vote by e-mail or snail mail.

Elections are of course important – even if we often see 90% or more of members not voting. By being among those who do, you'd be honoring the volunteers willing to donate their time and expertise to make Mensa better. Please review the campaign materials and vote for the best candidates!

With so many new board members, it'll be important to have a good transition. We're already considering ways to on-board the new team. I've been compiling a "list of stuff you should probably know if you don't already" for Matt, and I'll foist it upon him at an opportune time. It's already five pages long. Sorry about that, Matt.

Feedback? Please contact me at [rvc4@us.mensa.org](mailto:rvc4@us.mensa.org) or via phone/text at +1 309 693 1359. Region 4's Facebook group is:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/americanmensaregion4>.

## ***Jon Gruebele for American Mensa Second Vice Chair***

Having been your Regional Vice Chair for the past seven years, I hope you've come to know me well. I've enjoyed being a frequent visitor to all our Local Groups. I've communicated about important national issues. As your Board of Directors (AMC) representative, I've voted for fiscal responsibility and good governance. Most recently, I voted against a dues increase that went too far.

A majority – somewhere between eight and twelve of fifteen elected AMC positions – will be filled by members entirely new to the AMC. Some have no national experience; some don't even have Local Group leadership experience. My opponent has neither. While having a fresh perspective can be important, we'll already have that on the next AMC. We also need leaders who have the experience and expertise to translate good ideas into action.

Candidates will point out various challenges Mensa faces. We absolutely have work to do. Fortunately, I have extensive professional experience as a certified process and product improvement expert. I've led and coached leaders through hundreds of projects. Finding root causes and implementing cost effective, quality solutions is one of the Second Vice Chair's prime responsibilities.

The Second Vice Chair is typically appointed as one of the American representatives on Mensa International's Board. I have served as International Strategy Chair. I've attended many international Mensa events. I've lived in Switzerland and Germany for a total of seven years as an adult. During a 35-year professional career, my responsibilities have spanned the globe.

Please take the time to carefully consider the candidates and honor the volunteers wanting to work for you by casting your vote starting mid-April. I'm hoping you'd agree I'd be a great Second Vice Chair. Please vote for Jon Gruebele, and thanks for your support!

## **Books On The Runway**

*Margy Fletcher*

*Author:* Maggie Ryan Sandford

*Title:* *Consider the Platypus: Evolution Through Biology's Most Baffling Beasts*

*Publisher:* Black Dog & Leventhal Publishers/Hachette Book Group, Inc.

*Year:* 2019

*Has Been Read by:* Margy Lancet Fletcher

*Book Description:* In 1789, Benjamin Franklin, in reference to the “permanency” of the new U. S. Constitution, remarked in a letter to Jean-Baptiste Le Roy that “nothing can be said to be certain except death and taxes.” A more far-reaching inevitability can be added to this list: *change*. Feared at least subliminally by all, and reviled and mightily resisted particularly by the conservative-minded, *change* through *evolution*, asserts science journalist and

science education researcher Maggie Ryan Sanford, is a powerful adaptive tool worth celebrating, not denigrating. Indeed, evolution has wrought a delightfully diverse menagerie of creatures, the oddest of which are featured in Sandford's rollicking, humorous, and informative volume, *Consider the Platypus*.

The book's preface lays the groundwork for the author's exploration of evolution and its extraordinary effects on terrestrial life; definitions of the terms "evolution," "animal," and "theory;" a biographical sketch of Charles Darwin, and an explanation of the author's preference for representing our natural heritage as a River, not a Tree of Life (see excerpt below). The fifty unusual creatures profiled in the book are arranged in the following categories, laid out in the book's four parts:

Part 1 - Outside In: The mechanics of natural selection applicable to animal appearances (e.g., duck-billed platypus, blue whale, peppered moth).

Part 2 - Song of Myself: Genetic comparisons between humans and other animal species (e.g., fruit fly, zebra finch, house mouse, bonobo).

Part 3 - Hopeless Monsters: Bizarre, seemingly useless adaptations that ultimately generate more successful species (e.g., barn owl, aye-aye, velvet spider, little brown bat).

Part 4 - The Secret to Eternal Life: What enables long lifespans in certain creatures (e.g., axolotl, naked mole rat, honeybee, tardigrade). Sandford concludes her volume with the website name whereby the reader can access the 500 sources to which she referred in the process of researching and writing this book: [theplatypus.com](http://theplatypus.com), and with some words to the wise: "Be skeptical. Stay curious."

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

Like a (peppered) moth to the proverbial flame, I am eternally attracted to high-quality naturalist literature. Teeming with Rodica Prato's marvelous sketches and with historical artwork and photographs, *Consider the Platypus* certainly does not disappoint. Both thought-provoking and mirthful, this book is an effective antidote to my usual April preoccupation with death and taxes (my mother's passing on April Fool's Day in 2005, and, of course, the IRS...). It has motivated me to look out the window and absorb nature's spring bounty - the awe-inspiring products of the millennia-long and continuing process of evolution. Our planet is in a constant state of flux, as is evolutionary science as a discipline - thank the heavens!

*Who should definitely read this book? Why? Consider the Platypus* is formatted similarly to a textbook, each chapter devoted to a unique animal species and featuring a grouping of brief sidebars covering such topics as: the percentage of genomes shared with humans, the evolutionary timeline of the species, Charles Darwin's writings on the individual creature, the animal's physical and behavioral attributes, lessons learned from the study of this beast, and terms defined (examples thereof are mammal, gene glow, hybrid, convergent evolution, comparative anatomy, genetics, genome, transposons,



coevolution). Fortunately, this theoretical primer provides an infinitely more enjoyable reading experience than the average school textbook offers. The clever and colorful writing style should appeal to all readers, high school level and above, with a background or interest in the life sciences. Unlike Darwin's four-year circumnavigation of the planet, this educational journey is truly the destination. Aye-aye, mates!

*How long might it take to read this book?* This mid-length, eminently fascinating book should be easy to read and difficult to put down; thus, the 263 pages of text can be perused in 3 to 5 days.

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

Naturalists before Darwin and many more after him have tried to reimagine the tree of life..., that allowed the tree to spiral in on itself so as to accommodate all the information springing from it... [T]he explosion of genomic science has begun to work with the image of a web of life, presenting connections between species that haven't shared an ancestor for millennia...

For this book, consider a river.

Like a tree, a river branches, but its path is determined only by its environment and the laws of physics (such as gravity, friction, and motion). It does not have a predetermined shape; it doesn't have a driving "life" force. It simply runs toward the ocean, diverted by rocks, hills, valleys, and weather. Over time and space, some rivulets dry into gas and reenter the water cycle (like animals dying off, ending lineages and returning organic molecules to the environment), while other rivulets might split, shrink, or grow.

The river has volume, too; three dimensions rather than single points linked by lines. When we talk about "an animal" here we're not (usually) talking about a single animal from which all others spring. We're not even talking about two animals and their lineage, like the "begats" on a human family tree. We're talking about groups of animals, populations over time, that bred and changed en masse, branched and met back up, grew and shrank, left a few fossils behind and brought traces of all of those changes with them.

## **Solutions to April Puzzle:**

Solutions to the April puzzles:

1. Tevye followed it – 9 letters - tRAdItIoN
2. Controlling device – 9 letters - RestrAINt
3. A trigonometric term – 6 letters - RADIArN
4. Division is one – 9 letters - opeRATIoN
5. An ingredient of some pies – 8 letters - pRAIINe
6. A groove on the surface of a rock – 9 letters - stRIAtIoN
7. Orthodontal device – 8 letters - RetAIINer
8. Bouncer – 10 letters - tRAMPolINe
9. Violation – 10 letters - infRActIoN
10. Compound made from 3 amino acids – 8 letters - cReAtINe

## **April Theodore Talk**

*Brad Lucht*

To promote attendance to the 2024 AG, this is the fourth talk in the series addressing Kansas City's unique attractions.

The title of the April Theodore Talk is, "**Why Black Baseball Matters**". This virtual event will take place on Zoom April 28 at 2:30 p.m. Central Time (3:30 Eastern, 12:30 Pacific). It is free to all members

In 1920 Andrew "Rube" Foster established the Negro National League in Kansas City, Missouri. Featuring teams in Chicago, Cincinnati, Dayton, Detroit, Indianapolis, Kansas City and St. Louis, the NNL adopted the slogan, "We Are the Ship, All Else the Sea" as a pledge to set its own course. Many teams discovered financial success coming out of the gate; Foster's American Giants drew nearly 200,000 spectators during the 1921 season.

The NNL created a forum where many star players could make a name for themselves – especially to white audiences. Future Hall of Famers Cool Papa Bell, Martín Dihigo, Willie Foster, Judy Johnson, Satchel Paige and Turkey Stearnes all flourished in the NNL. The Negro Leagues proved that Black players could play on even terms with their white counterparts – and draw just as much interest from baseball fans.

**Larry Lester, co-founder of the Negro Leagues Baseball Museum**, will discuss how these men of color changed the landscape of American history. Placing their achievements against the background of discrimination and political resistance enhances baseball history's efforts toward social change. Register for this presentation at <https://tinurl.com/mwkvx55e>.

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>.

Even if you can't attend the live Theodore Talk, as long as you register in advance you will receive a link to the Zoom recording of the event. All Theodore Talks have Closed Captioning enabled.

## **Let's Talk About Money**

*Marci Grossman, CPA*

Sunday, April 14, 2:30 pm

*Let's remove the stigma around talking about money so that you can know your money, own your money, and live your best life.*

For more information visit <https://livepresentation.link/info>

*This is a Zoom meeting. To register:*

<https://livepresentation.link/Register>

Zoom will email the link to join this meeting.



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## Central Indiana Mensa ExCom 2/20/24

*Karen Wilczewski, Secretary*

The regular monthly meeting of the Central Indiana Mensa ExCom was held virtually via Zoom on Tuesday, February 20, 2024.

LocSec Jan Pfeil Doyle called the meeting to order at 7:08 pm.

Members present: Jan Pfeil Doyle, Barb George, Ann Hake, Judy Weitzman, Karen Wilczewski, and Bob Zdanky

Absent: Kurt Williams

Guests: Teresa Gregory, Rich Gibson, Pat Milligan, Jon Applegate, Jud Horning

Ann moved and Judy seconded approving the December 2023 minutes as amended. The motion passed.

Ann moved and Barb seconded approving the January 2024 minutes as amended. The motion passed.

The January and February 2024 Treasurer's reports will be presented at the March ExCom meeting.

A membership report was compiled by Jan based on information available as of 1/31/24 from American Mensa: 467 members, 3 new, 1 move-in, 3 rejoin, 1 move-out, and 7 prospects.

## **Old Business**

Advertising in MIND won't change postage rates unless we do a separate flyer. Advertising rates are \$100 for a full page, \$50 for a half page, and \$25 for a quarter page.

Ann moved, Barb seconded that we continue with our current advertising rates. The motion passed.

Jan checked Survey Monkey and determined that we could use their free option to generate more interest in CIM and our monthly meetings. Judy will work with Ann, Jan, and Karen to get the survey out to members.

Jan formed the Nominating Committee for this year's upcoming ExCom election. Teresa will Chair and Larry Marcus and Marcelle Everest will serve on the Committee. Ann moved and Barb second that we approve the members of the Nominating Committee. The motion passed.

We received \$300 from CultureQuest® in August 2023.

Teresa: We are having an OG in 2024.

Ann learned that although Google Forms can provide a less expensive and easier tool than some other software for online voting, it is necessary for an individual to have a Google account in order to submit a vote, which could present a barrier to some members in the ExCom election. Ann recommends going with Survey Monkey. If the Election Committee needs help setting this up, Ann would be willing to assist. Jan can ask if the Nominating Committee would also be willing to serve as the Election Committee. The Election Committee Chair will be identified and reported at the next ExCom meeting.

## **New Business**

Member Ernie Cooper passed away in January. Jan will request that Kurt transfer two \$50 contributions to the Scholarship Fund in memory of Ernie, and in memory of Paula Ferguson.

Kurt made a motion via email that we approve paying the entry fees for any eligible Ms (a minimum of 4 participants) to participate in the 2024 CultureQuest® team representing CIM. The majority of the ExCom responded by email and the motion passed.

Hearing no other business, Jan adjourned the meeting at 7:54 p.m.

# Treasurer's Reports

Kurt Williams

## Balance Sheet (as of 1/31/2024)

<b>Bank Accounts</b>	<b>12/31/2023</b>	<b>1/31/2024</b>
Checking – Regular	\$ 2,244.05	\$ 1,966.44
Checking – Scholarship	120.00	120.00
Checking – MG Cash	25.00	25.00
Checking – Events Checking	2,644.88	2,644.88
CD – First Internet	10,000.00	10,000.00
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$ 15,033.93</b>	<b>\$ 14,756.32</b>
Unrealized accrued interest on CD	353.96	397.49
<b>Other Assets</b>		
USPS Stamps Value	\$ 341.00	\$ 341.00
Total Number of USPS Stamps	620	620

## Profit & Loss Statement (1/31/2023 – 2/29/2024)

<b>Income</b>		
	Monthly Gathering Income	\$ 0.00
	National Support	391.85
	Testing Support	0
	New Member/Lapsed Member	3.00
	<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$ 515.60</b>
<b>Expense</b>		
	MG Hospitality	\$ 0
	MIND Printing	355.57
	Facility Rental (All Souls)	100.00
	<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 460.85</b>

**Balance Sheet (as of 2/29/2024)**

<b>Bank Accounts</b>	<b>1/31/2024</b>	<b>2/29/2024</b>
Checking – Regular	\$ 1,966.44	\$ 2,461.09
Checking – Scholarship	120.00	120.00
Checking – MG Cash	25.00	25.00
Checking – Events Checking	2,644.88	2,644.88
CD – First Internet	10,000.00	10,000.00
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$ 14,756.32</b>	<b>\$ 15,250.97</b>
Unrealized accrued interest on CD	397.49	438.38
<b>Other Assets</b>		
USPS Stamps Value	\$ 341.00	\$ 341.00
Total Number of USPS Stamps	620	620 (est)

**Profit & Loss Statement (1/31/2023 – 2/29/2024)**

<b>Income</b>		
	Monthly Gathering Income	\$ 90.00
	National Support	398.65
	Testing Support	0
	New Member/Lapsed Member	6.00
	<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$ 515.60</b>
<b>Expense</b>		
	MG Hospitality	\$ 45.89
	MIND Printing	352.45
	Facility Rental (All Souls)	100.00
	<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 460.85</b>

# Mensa Monthly Gathering Location

## All Souls Unitarian Church

### 5805 E. 56<sup>th</sup> St., Indianapolis

- From I-465 on the east side of Indianapolis, take the 56<sup>th</sup> St exit west (exit 40).
- Turn left on Channing Rd (1.2 miles from the I-465 exit).
- The church parking lot is on your left.
- Look for signs within the building, meeting in Beattie Room

