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From the Editor's Cubicle

Rich Gibson, Editor

As I write this in the second half of June, we're suffering from a heat wave that is distinctly summer-like. Guess we're done with spring a little early. How do you deal with the heat? Jackie and I love to garden, roughly March until November. Our early spring routine is to get up in the morning and head out to play once the temperature passes 50°F. We reverse this once summer brings the heat, and go out right after our first cup of coffee. Afternoons we'll take a dip in the pool, read, or otherwise have fun. It keeps us out of trouble and off the streets, so that's OK. Late autumn and winter, we plan: what worked this season, what didn't, what enhancements or additions do we want next year?. There's some small-scale stuff we do, like put a few dahlia bulbs to bed indoors, or move some amaryllis to the sunroom to cheer up the cold days. But mostly, we dream of spring and summer. Summer, when we work in the cool and rest in the heat.

How do you get through the hot summer days? If you're at a loss for ideas, rest assured we have an assortment of articles, poems, activities and Zoom meetings or lectures to tempt you. If you're getting too comfortable staying in your air conditioned bubble, check out the August Book Group selection: *The Comfort Crisis*, by Michael Easter. He asserts that too much time indoors, surrounded by your favorite games, books, and shows, is ultimately bad for your health and your joy in life. Try reading the book, coming to Book Group to discuss it, and possibly incorporate some of Easter's ideas into your life. At the least, get outside in the cool of the day and just enjoy nature. Indianapolis and the rest of the CIM community is blessed with plenty of state parks, hiking and bike trails. Finally, enjoy the AG! By the time you get this, you're perhaps only days away from beginning your journey there. Safe travels!



LocSection

Jan Pfeil Doyle

Are You a Gen X, Millennial, or Gen Z Member?

- Have you come to a Mensa event, looked around and didn't see many people in your age group? Are you over 18 but under 40ish? Central Indiana Mensa has over 100 members in those age groups—wouldn't you like to get to know your fellow Mensans? We're looking for a “Young Adult Mensans/Millennial/Gen Z/Another Name You Choose” Coordinator. Your responsibilities can be whatever you'd like for them to be, from as little as just being listed as a contact in the local newsletter, to as much as planning and hosting activities, eg, an escape room or lunch or? The ExCom will help with ideas and support, so you won't be on your own. If you're interested or have questions, please contact me at 317-431-3500 or jan@mw.net.



THE LUME featuring Dalí Alive - Join us at the Indianapolis Museum of Art at Newfields to experience Dalí Alive on Thursday, July 25th. Buy your own ticket for the 1:30pm showing and let me know that you're going (jan@mw.net or 317-431-3500). Ticket prices for this special exhibit range from \$22 (senior members) to \$29 (adult public). We'll meet near the museum entrance ticket booth at 1:15. Optionally, join us for lunch at the museum beforehand; please let me know if you'd like to have lunch when you RSVP. More info: <https://discovernewfields.org/lume-indianapolis-featuring-dali-alive>

Our Local Election Slate – Many thanks to the following people who have agreed to run for the Executive Committee (“ExCom”) in our election in September: **Ethan Blocher-Smith, Emily Boomershine, Ann Hake, Candis King, Judy Weitzman, Karen Wilczewski, and Bob Zdanky** I will be running unopposed for LocSec. We appreciate the hard work of the Nominating Committee in coming up with such an excellent slate: **Teresa Gregory**, Chair, **Marcele Everest**, and **Larry Marcus**. Look for candidate statements and voting information in upcoming newsletters.

Annual Gathering – Leo and I are headed to Kansas City for the Mensa AG (ie, national convention) the first part of July. In July 2025, the AG will be in Chicago. If you've never attended an AG, that would be an easy one to start with. Once you've tried one, you'll be hooked!

Poetry Break!

Marilyn Wolf

Dancing With a Stranger

Lunch break in the city.
Cars, cabs, trucks, people, noise everywhere.
Some with lunch,
some still to purchase.

Standing in the deli line,
behind me a man
about my height
near my age, maybe.

On and On comes on the radio.
He and I sway to the music.
We smile at each other.
I say, "It's hard not to move when that's on."
He says, "I know."

He takes my hand
puts his arm around my waist
and we dance the rest of the song.

The other patrons applaud us.
We buy our lunches
and all have a better day
because of a song and a dance
in a deli.

On and On

[https://
www.youtube.com/
watch?
v=ljuJnUYozUg&t=2](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ljuJnUYozUg&t=2)

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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:

Title	Author(s)	Date
The Elegant Defense	Matt Richtel	7/21/2024
The Comfort Crisis	Michael Easter Brian Cox	8/18/2024
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: *An Elegant Defense—The Extraordinary New Science of the Immune System*, by Matt Richtel

An Elegant Defense—The Extraordinary New Science of the Immune System, by Matt Richtel, 469 pp, published in 2019, will be discussed at the Mensa Book Group meeting on Sunday, July 21st, at 2:00 PM. See the MIND Calendar/Events or Meetup for more information.

Matt Richtel won the Pulitzer Prize as a journalist with the New York Times in 2010. He went on to write a series of articles about the human immune system, which formed the basis for this book. He frames this work in the lives of four patients: two whose immune systems saved them from life-threatening illnesses, and two with auto-immune disorders. He thus covers the spectrum of what we know about the immune system: what it can do for us, how we can help it protect us, and how we can mistreat it, make it turn on us, and pretty much tear ourselves apart.

We use the term ‘immune system’ to refer to the body’s array of defenses against tumors, viruses, bacteria, and parasites. It has underappreciated effects on beauty, weight, and mental health. As the title suggests, science has been trying to tease out all the connections between and among ourselves, our immune systems, and a myriad of factors including sleep, diet, nutrition, exercise, and our environment. While today’s science and medicine have a

long, shining history of eradicating disease, something is sparking a large increase in the number of autoimmune disorders and sufferers. This is a fast and fascinating read. It is ready to teach the interested reader a lot about the wonderful way we and our immune systems can help each other, to our mutual great benefit. We hope you check it out, then come in person or via Zoom to discuss it on Sunday, July 21st. Love to see you there!

NEXT MONTH—*The Comfort Crisis: Embrace Discomfort To Reclaim Your Wild, Happy, Healthy Self*, by Michael Easter

The Comfort Crisis, by Michael Easter, 292 pp, published in 2021, will be discussed at the Mensa Book Group meeting on Sunday, August 18, 2024, at 2:00 PM. See the MIND Calendar and Events for more details.

The comfort zone is different for each of us, but it’s a place we prefer to be most of the time. Nothing is too stressful or complex. Many of us might define a comfort zone as a comfortable chair, an enthralling book, and both snacks and drinks readily accessible. Some might replace the book with a widescreen TV, but we’re just quibbling here. We all agree this is very nice.

Michael Easter thinks that comfort zones can be lethal to your health and sense of well-being. In exploring this thesis, he interviews scientists, doctors, therapists, and off-grid enthusiasts. He builds a convincing (to me, anyway) case that we regularly need to push the envelope from time to time.

The book is a wonderful read, even charming in places. Who knew that the tiny kingdom of Bhutan has a Ministry of Happiness? Life for the majority of Bhutanese could not be described as comfortable, but they have a remarkably high level of happiness and contentment. What in the world the ministry is up to, and how they measure success, is fascinating.

Easter gives a number of reasonable and achievable ideas that you can incorporate into your life. I believe they can greatly increase your well-being, mental health, and overall contentment. You may decide NOT to embark on a month-long trek in the Alaskan wilderness to hunt caribou and haul (roughly) a crap-ton of meat back with you, but I suspect other recommendations will strike you as intriguing, doable, and perhaps even fun.

Fun, for sure, is what this read is. Hope you decide to give it a shot, then come to Book Group on Sunday, August 18, at 2:00 to discuss it. Love to see you!



Lehua Aplaca	Bloomington	IN	Rejoin
Ryan Polokoff	Noblesville	IN	Join
Teagan Schetzle	Fishers	IN	Rejoin

Puzzle Column

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

JULY PUZZLES – Welcome to MO

In honor of the AG taking place in Kansas City, MO, find some words that begin with **mo**.

Example: Scallop, for one (7 letters) = **MO**llusk

1. Pestle's companion (6 letters)
2. Rapid alternation of musical notes (7 letters)
3. Performer of a circumcision (5 letters)
4. Mixture of rum, sugar, lime, mint, and soda water (6 letters)
5. Thick brown syrup made from raw sugar (8 letters)
6. Misinterpretation, based on mishearing (10 letters)
7. Lunchmeat with peppercorns and pork fat (10 letters)
8. One who talks rapidly and incessantly (10 letters)
9. Working a second job (12 letters)
10. The kissing disease (13 letters)

Solutions on page 16

ICYMI—In Case You Missed It



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Matt's Musings – News for Region 4

Matt Crawford, RVC4



I write to you from the recent past, a time when I was just RVC-Elect. Jon had turned in his June column and tagged me in for July. In the future I'll be bringing you news I hope you can use about the doings of American Mensa and your North Central neighbors, but this month I offer an introduction. My bio and other materials are still available through the Election Portal on the web site, so I'll skip that stuff and go to plans and philosophy.

I'm setting myself a target of visiting each local group more than once a year, on average. For the statistically pedantic, that average is to be taken for each group separately, not all of them lumped together. Call it nine goals, if you wish. I'll be looking for the best occasions for each group, like the CornBelters game, the OMG, or a First Friday.

I believe that part of the purpose of working in groups is to correct errors. No one is free from errors, and no process will utterly eliminate them, but if everyone performs their duty of listening and speaking in proportion, applying and receiving oversight, the whole performs better than any part. To avoid the well-known problem of the few loud voices, it helps when the many speak, even if--especially if--they are satisfied. Please take a few minutes every once in a while and tell your local volunteers and leaders what you think is going well. And of course, I'm sure you'll be liberal and constructive with your suggestions for improvement.

There has been perennial grumbling in some quarters that the AMC is a self-perpetuating groupthink society. Now that the election results are in, we can see that eight of the fifteen voting members (or eight of fourteen, allowing for the fact that the Chair seldom votes) will have never been on the AMC before. I hope that this particular mistrust can be put aside now. That being said, I must add that members of any board of directors have a fiduciary duty to support decisions made by the board. You will find, sometimes, that I and other AMC members must support actions that we had previously spoken in opposition to. I'll do my best to mitigate this by working to prevent such actions.

Finally, I have put in the usual Region 4 Meet & Greet for the AG. Come on down to KC and let's generate some ideas together. And if my wish above for the quieter voices to make themselves heard strikes a chord for you, consider turning up for the Annual Business Meeting. Sure, some of it is like watching paint dry, but the rest of it could stand to have some balance from sensible midwestern people like us.

You can reach Matt through rvc4@us.mensa.org or by text or call to +1 630-336-8733. You can find Region 4 information in Mensa Connect's Region 4 Member Community and the Facebook group American Mensa - Region 4./

July 2024 Events

Indy Lunch Bunch – 1st and 3rd Wednesday

7/3, 12:00 noon ET - Virtual *Online*

7/17, 12:00 noon ET - MCL Restaurant and Bakery, 2370 W. 86th St, Indy

RSVP Karen Steilberger, steilkr@sbcglobal.net

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

CANCELLED THIS MONTH

LIVE Mensa Chowhounds Lunch – 2nd and 4th Wednesday

7/10, 2:00pm ET - Yak and Yeti Himalayan

11561 Geist Pavilion Dr, Fishers, IN 46037

7/24, 2:00pm ET - Sully's Grill (In Sullivan's Hardware)

6955 N Keystone Ave, Indianapolis, IN 46220

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.

VIRTUAL and LIVE Monthly Gathering - 2nd Friday,

7/12, 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.

The Legendary Ann Hake will present “Dance Your PhD.”

***In Person* Games and Conversation Night** – 3rd Saturday, Odd Months

7/20, 6:00pm – 10:30pm ET

Westfield, IN

Join Candis and Robert King for an evening of Games & Conversation. **Please**

call 630-642-9063 or 630-253-1350 to indicate you will be there and to get the

address.

VIRTUAL and LIVE Book Group

7/21, 2:00pm E

The Elegant Defense – Matt Richter

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

hoot.gibson.tds@gmail.com or 770-548-5217.

LIVE Mensans Dining Out - 3rd Sunday

7/21, 6pm ET

Sushi Club (All You Can Eat and Menu),

7255 Fishers Landing Dr, Fishers, IN 46038

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

THE LUME featuring Dalí Alive

7/25, 1:30pm ET

Newfields

(See LocSec Column)

July 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
	1	2	3 *Indy Lunch Bunch *
7 *Sunday Social*	8	9	10 Chowhounds
14 *Sunday Social*	15	16 * ExCom*	17 Indy Lunch Bunch
21 Book Group; Dining Out	22	23	19 Chowhounds
28 *Sunday Social*	29	30	31

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.

Thursday	Friday	Saturday
4	5	6 Ham'n Eggs CANCELLED
11	12 Monthly Gathering	13
18	19	20 Games Night
25 Dali at Newfields	26	27

If you lose your *MIND* (oh, my!) or want additional information, check www.indymensa.org. Watch your email on Mondays for the CIM Weekly ReMINDER.

Books On The Runway

Margy Fletcher

Author: Michael Croland (Editor)

Title: There Once Was a Limerick Anthology

Publisher: Dover Publications

Year: 2022

Has Been Read by: Margy Lancet Fletcher

Book Description: Overwhelmed by this summer’s oppressive climatic and political heat? Well, one of the most revered literary sources in the world, the Christian Holy Bible, declares in Proverbs 17:22 that “laughter is like taking a good medicine.” (Please note, all you fire-and-brimstone fearmongers, that the Bible *does* promote happiness!). Following that sage advice, I hereby offer a collection of what I consider one of the funniest and cleverest styles of verbal expression: the limerick. *There Once was a Limerick Anthology* contains over 350 of these mirthful five-liners - a mixture of the whimsical, satirical, and downright hilarious - guaranteed to cure, or at least relieve, whatever ails you.

Editor Michael Croland has arranged the limericks into the following classifications: Edward Lear (from the famed English writer); Geographical Limericks (referencing specific locations); What's In a Name? (containing a fictional character); Quotations (characters that speak, in monologue or dialogue); Creative Misspellings (e.g., aisle, smaisle, whaisle); Creative Abbreviations (e.g., Jas., tas., and nas. for James, tames, and names), Tongue Twisters (e.g., “But a canner can’t can a can, can he?” from Carolyn Wells); Famous Authorship (self-explanatory); Bawdy Limericks (few in number and assuredly not *too* distasteful); and finally, Miscellany (limericks that do not quite fit the previous designations). Croland also offers an introduction summarizing the limerick’s historical background, and an Epilogue that hints at the future development of this well-loved art form.

Has this book changed the way you think, your attitude toward life, or even your life itself? I’ve been an ardent fan of limericks ever since one of my junior high school English teachers first introduced them to her class many decades ago. I can still recall certain limericks from memory; their impression on my inquisitive mind was that indelible. A comprehensive collection of these delightful poems has been on my wish list seemingly forever, and I was thrilled to be able to finally acquire this one.

Who should definitely read this book? Why? Literary Mensans who appreciate poetry should enjoy this potpourri of flavorful verses, which should enhance

their appreciation of the English language as an enabler of creativity. Mensan linguist Richard Lederer eloquently asserts in his article, “In Praise of English,” featured in the April/May 2024 Mensa Bulletin, that English is “the treasure of our tongue.” Michael Croland’s *Limerick Anthology* provides further proof of the veracity of that statement.

How long might it take to read this book? Containing a mere 82 pages of lighthearted rhymes, this book is a quick read; if one were to peruse it while lounging poolside or on the beach, completion should occur long before overexposure to the sun becomes a health hazard.

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

[The following limericks are a few of my favorites, presented under their editorially assigned categories.]

CREATIVE MISSPELLINGS

(Author: Dixon Merritt)

A rare old bird is the Pelican,
His beak holds more than his belican.
He can take in his beak
Enough food for a week.
I’m darned if I know how the helican!

TONGUE TWISTERS

(Author: Anonymous)

A flea and a fly in a flue
Were imprisoned, so what could they do?
Said the fly, “Let us flee!”
“Let us fly!” said the flea.
SO they flew through a flaw in the flue.

FAMOUS AUTHORSHIP

(Author: W. S. Gilbert)

If you wish in this world to advance,
Your merits you’re bound to enhance;
You must stir it and stump it,
And blow your own trumpet,
Or, trust me, you haven’t a chance!

Solutions to July Puzzle:

1. Pestle's companion (6 letters) = **MO**rtar
2. Rapid alternation of musical notes (7 letters) = **MO**rdent
3. Performer of a circumcision (5 letters) = **MO**hel
4. Mixture of rum, sugar, lime, mint, and soda water (6 letters) = **MO**jito
5. Thick brown syrup made from raw sugar (8 letters) = **MO**lasses
6. Misinterpretation, based on mishearing (10 letters) = **MO**ndegreen
7. Lunchmeat with peppercorns and pork fat (10 letters) = **MO**rtadella
8. One who talks rapidly and incessantly (10 letters) = **MO**tormouth
9. Working a second job (12 letters) = **MO**onlighting
10. The kissing disease (13 letters) = **MO**nonucleosis

July Theodore Talk

Brad Lucht

You have received this message because you are listed as an editor or contact point for your local chapter newsletter. Please consider adding this Theodore Talk announcement to your July newsletter or online calendar. If your chapter utilizes Facebook or Meetup, consider posting there as well. Feel free to edit this submission for length to fit space available.

FYI: We had 162 registrants for the May Theodore Talk, "**What Makes Kansas City Jazz So Special?**". In all, members from 67 chapters in 34 different states (plus Ireland) participated.

The title of the July Theodore Talk is, "**A Horological Discourse: Mechanism, Risk and Wonder**". This virtual event will take place on Zoom July 28 at 2:30 p.m. Central Time (3:30 Eastern, 12:30 Pacific).

ABSTRACT

With ingenuity and design came reflection on our place in the universe, the tilt of the Earth's axis, precision and predictability, and the limits of our cognitive capacities. We engineered mechanisms to navigate our oceans and map the cosmos, explore metaphysical realms by animating the dead and rendering forms from the golden mean. We generated machines of wonder that could play music, make magic, and conjure bird song. We made devices for detonating the first manifestation of human-made existential risk, destroying living organisms by the millions.

Through examining the connections between this diverse set of objects, we will trace the story of craft and the science of horology, demonstrating its pivotal role in design through the ages and why their preservation is vital to our future.

Brittany Nicole Cox, a horological conservator based in Seattle, Washington, has a Masters in the Conservation of Clocks and Related Dynamic Objects from West Dean College, UK. She founded Memoria Technica in 2015, where she teaches, makes original work, and operates her conservation studio. Her work has been shown at the Museum of Arts and Design in New York and was featured in *National Geographic*, *Vanity Fair*, and two feature-length documentaries.

Register for this presentation at <https://tinyurl.com/4dre6whp>.

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 you will receive a link to a recording of the event. All Theodore Talks have Closed Captioning enabled.

Remember, Theodore Talks are free to all members, in an effort to provide value to your membership.

Theodore Talks take place on Zoom the fourth Sunday of each month at 2:30 p.m. Central Time (3:30 Eastern, 12:30 Pacific, 7:30 GMT).

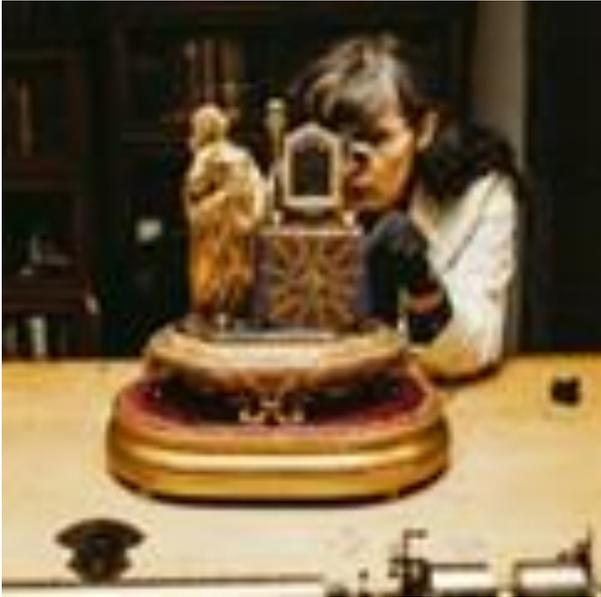
A list of future Theodore Talks can be found on the [Mensa National Event Calendar](https://www.us.mensa.org/attend/calendar/) at <https://www.us.mensa.org/attend/calendar/> or by viewing the January issue of the [Mensa Bulletin](#). The article on the 2024 Theodore Talks begins on p. 20.

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

Thank you for your support of the Theodore Talk lecture series.

Brad Lucht
Life Member
American Mensa



Brittany Nicole Cox at work

Testing Real Life Superpowers

JULY 21, 2024 02:30 PM PACIFIC TIME

Presented by San Francisco Regional Mensa Speaker Series

Millions *believe in* the alleged ability to read minds, see into the future, move objects through mental processes, and more. But are these abilities real?

That's where Jim Underdown and the *Center for Inquiry Investigations* group come in. Jim's team tests more paranormal claimants than anyone in the world. He'll go over the processes and detail-specific methods he and the CFI Investigations Group employ when designing scientifically controlled tests for the CFIIG \$500,000 Paranormal Challenge, which happens to be the largest such prize in the world

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Ripped From the Pages of MIND!

Teresa Gregory

FROM YOUR MIND'S ARCHIVES

GEORGE DUNN

July 1985 — National Elections over, Amy Shaughnessy was our Chairman. Roy and Grace picked up awards for their *MIND* columns at the Annual Gathering. Modern psychobabble rehabilitated the Seven Deadly Sins and the much-reprinted “Humor to the Nth Degree” (example: 10EX-6 scopes = one microscope”) passed through *MIND*.

July 1990 — Work and Leisure theme. Local elections approached and Jan Pfeil-Doyle was unopposed for LocSec. Charlie Graft explained how to handle winter (spend it in the Virgin Islands). Bookswap at the Monthly Meeting. Judith Rae, in her column, “Salmagundi,” told us how to make peace with our parents. Frank Reid chuckled over some not-quite-right translations of foreign languages encountered by English-speaking tourists. Two samples: “Our wines leave you nothing to hope for” and “The lift is being fixed ... we regret that you will be unbearable.”

July 1994 — The cover honored Independence Day and in the spirit of revolution, Editor Nora Graft devoted her column to detailing how very little direction she would take from LocSec Rick Barbrick, whose own column suffered from no lack of defense for his position. Judith Rae wrote on the 97-year life of her grandmother, Edith Hazel “Kitty” Zastrow. James Yoke, who didn’t get in on the Limbaugh discussion last month, leapt belatedly to Rush’s defense. For a meeting topic, we learned about “Greenways,” sort of linear parks. H. Arthur Taussig likened the heroes of *Star Trek: The Next Generation* to Greek gods. Roy, ever alert for new PC (politically correct) bashing, redefined “dead” as “metabolically challenged.”

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Central Indiana Mensa ExCom 5/21/24

Karen Wilczewski, Secretary

The regular monthly meeting of the Central Indiana Mensa ExCom was held virtually via Zoom on Tuesday, May 21, 2024.

LocSec Jan Pfeil Doyle called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm.

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

Guests: Teresa Gregory, Jon Applegate, Rich Gibson, Emily Boomershine, Pat Milligan

The April meeting minutes were tabled during the meeting to allow Karen to make several amendments. She circulated the updated minutes by email after the meeting. Barb, Ann, Jan, and Karen voted by email to approve the amended minutes.

Ann moved to approve the April Treasurer's report as presented, Barb seconded. The motion passed.

A membership report was compiled by Jan based on information available as of 4/30/24 from American Mensa: 396 members, 0 new, 0 move-in, 7 rejoin, and 9 prospects.

Old Business

The Nominating Committee (Teresa Gregory, chair, Larry Marcus and Marcele Everest) is contacting members about their interest in running for the upcoming ExCom, including existing members of the current ExCom. According to Jan, we will be offering both paper ballots and Survey Monkey voting.

Ann and Alison have scheduled testing sessions in May and June. One person inquired and showed up at the May testing session. This means that Ann is certified to continue proctoring for the next 2 years as a proctor.

OG Update: 33 people attended the OG. We estimate a \$500 profit and have reserved the campsite for 2025.

CultureQuest® was held with alternate members stepping in for both teams.

New Business

Barb suggested CIM holding a CultureQuest® event at one of our monthly meetings. Discussion related to CultureQuest® will be tabled till the June ExCom meeting.

Google Drive: Ann will investigate setting up a Google Drive for a group archive, including to house CultureQuest® questions from previous events. If we exceed the storage space, we could incur a \$20 charge per year. CIM can set the parameters for usage. Ann can help set it up initially. To start, CIM officers (including the newsletter Editor, site coordinator, etc. per our bylaws) can have access to the site. These officers will have access to the files; however, only a select few will be able to make changes to files. Ann also mentioned we could have more than one account, which would provide a broader range of access.

The local funding from the National office has increased. We get \$2 for new members on a one-time basis.

Our *MIND* printer in Sarasota, FL requires a minimum of 200 printed copies of the newsletter. Because membership drops off each year starting on April 1, we generally require less than the 200 copy minimum for a few months. If this poses a problem in the future, we may need to consider a new printer. Jan is open to alternative ideas for distribution of the extra copies of *MIND* that we're paying for but not sending to members. Currently, Jan is sending the extra copies to lapsed members. She will monitor how much we're spending on extra *MIND* copies and consider how to move forward.

Our Meet Up renewal license is bi-annual. The ExCom will determine by June if it's worth renewing MeetUp, which runs approximately \$200 annually. Our benefactor who has made it possible for Mensa to utilize MeetUp has stopped funding it. MeetUp is a mechanism to reach non-Ms who are interested in Mensa events. Currently, we are paid through June 2024. Judy will explore ways to use MeetUp as a marketing tool. Jan will mention the MeetUp renewal in her upcoming column. Bob will cancel the auto renew of MeetUp after June.

Mensa Testing: National has changed the rules to allow people to re-take the test after a waiting period.

We tested one candidate in May and as a result, Ann was recertified as a proctor for 2 more years.

Kurt moved that we adjourn the meeting at 8:02 p.m.; Barb seconded. The motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,
Karen Wilczewski, Secretary

Treasurer's Report

Kurt Williams

Balance Sheet (as of 5/31/2024)

Bank Accounts	4/30/2024	5/31/2024
Checking – Regular	\$ 2,355.27	\$ 1,588.47
Checking – Scholarship	120.00	717.90
Checking – MG Cash	25.00	25.00
Checking – Events Checking	2,839.88	3,377.07
CD – First Internet	10,000.00	10,000.00
-CD interest payment	497.90	
Total Assets	\$ 15,838.05	\$ 15,708.44
Unrealized accrued interest on CD	26.91	70.94
Other Assets		
USPS Stamps Value	\$ 341.00	\$ 341.00
Total Number of USPS Stamps	620	620 (est-total unknown)

Profit & Loss Statement (5/1/2024 – 5/31/2024)

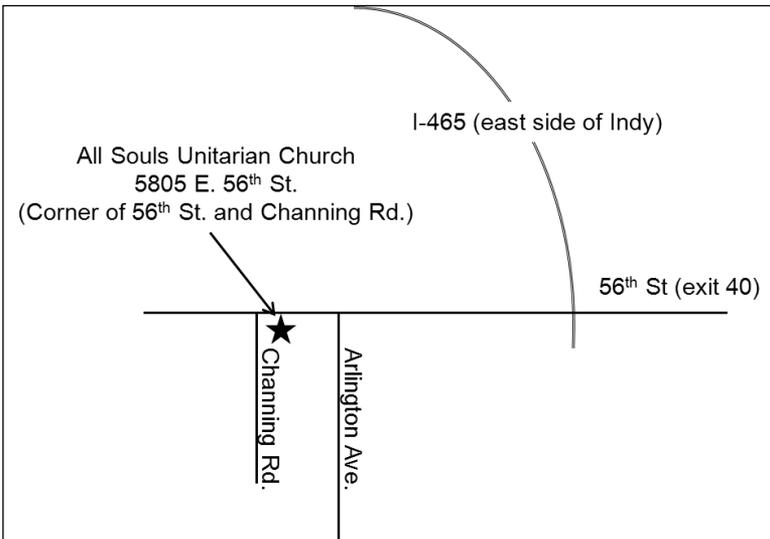
Income		
	Monthly Gathering Income	\$ 35.00
	OG Income	1617.55
	National Support	381.12
	Testing Support	0
	New Member/Lapsed Member	7.00
	Total Income	\$ 2,040.67
Expense		
	MG Hospitality	\$ 10.48
	OG Hospitality	1275.36
	MIND Printing	330.68
	Facility Rental (All Souls)	100.00
	Total Expenses	\$ 1,716.52

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



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