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*Mollie the Mensa Owl in the middle of a big transition*

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## From the Editor's Cubicle

Rich Gibson, Editor

*Where's Mollie?* Standard reminder: First, Mollie (*Mensa owl-lie*) will appear on the cover of MIND each month with a person or in a place that is appropriate to that month. Second, if you show up to the Monthly Gathering and provide the right answer, you'll be entered in a drawing for a door prize. Third, these images are generated by AI; the gap between what I want and what it gives me can be huge. So, fourth, you deserve a hint: "Where" doesn't always point to a physical location. "Transition" can mean something arriving and something else leaving. Enough said!



By the time this reaches your mailbox, Jackie and I will have been back home in Indiana for almost two weeks. The forecast indicates we're bringing some Florida



weather back with us, as our first week back will have a few days forecast into the 60's. Yay! Anything over 50, and Jackie will be out there in the garden, pulling up and chopping down dead stems and other detritus from last season, and me schlepping bags to our designated dumping places in the trees. Before we leave the whole topic of Florida, I'd like to expound a bit more on one of my all-time favorite tree names, the gumbo limbo. Not only is it a cool name, it's a cool tree. The bark is darkish red with patches of silver that shine in the sun. I included this picture, which in your black-and-white paper issue won't tell you anything. You'll have to go online to the CIM

website to see this thing and zoom in to appreciate how truly cool this creature is. The bark also peels easily, leading to the nickname "tourist tree" since it's red and peels like a sunburned human.

Well. We can't wait to get back and start gardening and seeing friends and family. Saying goodbye to the gators and water birds and exotic plants will be hard, but frankly, we're eager to be home. See you all soon!

# LocSection

Jan Pfeil Doyle

**It's Renewal Time** – It's that time of year: membership renewal time. If you're not a life member, your dues are due March 31<sup>st</sup>. You should have received a notice from the national office recently; you can pay online or by mail. I hope you'll all be renewing!



**CultureQuest®** – Speaking of March 31<sup>st</sup> deadlines, that's the deadline for sending in our CultureQuest® team(s). CultureQuest® is an international Mensa quiz competition. Questions range from film to politics, from literature to geography, from music to history and farther afield. Teams of up to five people compete at the same time on April 26<sup>th</sup> at 4pm ET. There's also a "Next Generation" quiz for teams whose members were born on or after April 27, 2008. For the Next Generation team, only the team captain must be a current Mensa member. Last year CIM's teams placed 1st and 3rd, so we have legacy to live up to! If you're interested in being on a team, please contact me or another ExCom member (see back cover) well before Mar. 31<sup>st</sup> and be sure to renew by March 31<sup>st</sup>. More info at [www.us.mensa.org/attend/culturequest/](http://www.us.mensa.org/attend/culturequest/).

**Mark Your Calendars for the Outdoor Mensa Gathering (OMG!) in May** – CIM's Outdoor Gathering is May 15-17. 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. More info later in MIND.

**Please renew your membership by March 31<sup>st</sup> !!**

## Poem—My World

*Judy Unger*

### My World

The world exists a finished whole  
Yet I see its smallest parts  
Close up views I must connect  
To make the fabric of the whole.

White glistening snow coating a twisted branch  
A crease where metal joins with glass  
A single thread of a spider's web glistening with dew

A colored thread -  
Will it connect to form a tapestry?  
A mosaic tile - brown then blue  
What picture do they form?

Like a jigsaw puzzle I must solve.  
Pieces waiting to be joined  
The picture waiting to emerge.  
Can I find the whole?

### **\*In Person\* Sit-N-Knit**

3/19, 11:00am ET

MOTW Coffee Shop

[12761 Old Meridian Street](#)

[Carmel, IN](#)

Knitters of all skill levels are welcome, from complete beginners to seasoned experts. We'll spend our time working on current projects and sharing ideas about what to work on next. Participants are encouraged to bring their own supplies, but yarn and knitting needles will be available for anyone who needs them. The group is also open to other fiber arts, including crochet, cross stitch, and needlepoint.

In addition to seasonal coffee, MOTW offers a variety of pastries, including croissants, muffins, and baklava.

RSVP Emily Boomershine - email at [emilyknits@comcast.net](mailto:emilyknits@comcast.net) or text to 317-989-1030

Come for the knitting, stay for the lively conversation!

## 2025-26 Book Group Reading List

Rich Gibson

Title	Author(s)	Date
The Singularity is Nearer	Ray Kurzweil	3/15/2026
An Unfinished Love Story	Doris Kearns Goodwin	4/19/2026
Rooted: Life at the Crossroads of Science, Nature, and Spirit	Lyanda Lynn Haupt	5/17/2026
Aging as a Spiritual Practice	Lewis Richmond	6/21/2026
4000 Weeks: Time Management for Mortals	Oliver Berkeman	7/19/2026

## Mensa Book Group Previews

Rich Gibson

### **THIS MONTH: *The Singularity is Nearer; When We Merge with AI*, by Ray Kurzweil**

*The Singularity is Nearer*, by Ray Kurzweil; 419 pp, published in 2024. The CIM Book Group will discuss it on Sunday, March 15<sup>th</sup>, at 2:00 PM. Check the Calendar and Events for more information.

Ray Kurzweil caused a sensation with his first book *The Singularity is Near*, in 2005. He coined the term The Singularity and defined it as the point when human and machine intelligence merge. His most notorious claim was that it would be possible to upload your mind into the cloud and thereby achieve immortality. He predicted The Singularity would occur in 2045.

His new book updates and refines his predictions. He doubles down on his 2045 date, and adds that AI will achieve human-level intelligence by 2029 (although a number of Big Brains in the AI world assert we are there NOW; or if not, we will be by the end of 2026). He claims we will leave the era of scarcity and enter a new era of abundance (irrigating the Sahara, ending world hunger and disease, creating immense wealth); profoundly extend human life with bio- and nanotechnology; and augment human intelligence and consciousness through human-machine mergers and virtual reality.

Kurzweil thinks the future will be wonderful. Others are not so sure, even fearful of what's coming. Whatever, I think most of us agree that huge change is on our doorstep. It's about to break down the door whether we're ready and welcoming or not. It may well be a good investment of your time and attention

to read this book, think about it, and join us on Sunday, March 15<sup>th</sup> at 2:00. Hope to see you there!

NOTE: Big Brains in AI are saying that AI has already achieved human-level intelligence. To stay current on this topic, we recommend Alex Wissner-Gross' Substack (<https://theinnermostloop.substack.com/p/welcome-to-february-6-2026>) or the Moonshot podcast (don't worry if most of it's over your head; same here). (<https://youtube.com/watch?v=JIB852LGRJk&si=n43efeXDKZNum9uk>).

## **NEXT MONTH: *An Unfinished Love Story*, by Doris Kearns Goodwin.**

*An Unfinished Love Story*, by Doris Kearns Goodwin; 480 pp, published in 2024. The CIM Book Group will discuss it on Sunday, April 19<sup>th</sup>, at 2:00 PM. Check the Calendar and Events for more information.

This book is indeed A Personal History of the '60's (which is the book's subtitle). Doris Kearns, before she became an historian and won a Pulitzer Prize, was a young White House Fellow when she met Richard Goodwin, who had been a speechwriter for Presidents Kennedy and Johnson. They fell in love and married. Years later, they began sifting through their papers from the '60's, over 300 boxes' worth, and realized they had a valuable time capsule from one of the most significant eras of recent American history. Mr. Goodwin died in 2018. This book is the author's reminiscence of their lives together, and of their own experiences of that period. It is at once a tender love story and a clear-eyed review of the lives and deeds of such figures as John Kennedy, Lyndon Johnson, Robert F. Kennedy, and Eugene McCarthy.

I was a first-hand observer of this period (albeit a very young one). I anticipate a lot of pleasurable nostalgia reading this book. Whether you were there or not, I'll bet you'll enjoy this book too. Why not give it a shot, then come join us on April 19<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 PM to join the discussion? We'd love to see you!

## **Regional Vice Chair Thoughts**

*Beth Weiss*

As we move toward spring, there's a lot happening across Mensa — and a lot of opportunities for members to engage, connect, and help shape what comes next. One great near-term opportunity is the upcoming **mini-RG in St. Louis**. Mini-RGs offer many of the best parts of a larger gathering — stimulating conversations, new connections, and shared experiences — in a more accessible format. If you've been on the fence about attending an event, this is an easy and rewarding way to jump in.



At the national level, the **AMC is working closely with our new Executive Director** on several foundational initiatives. This includes developing member *personas* to better understand who we serve, assessing staff organization, and evaluating customer service processes. The goal of this work is not change for change’s sake, but clarity: collecting meaningful data so that future decisions about marketing, membership programs, and internal operations are informed, strategic, and aligned with member needs. This kind of behind-the-scenes work may not always be visible, but it is essential to building a stronger organization. Although winter weather has kept many of us inside, **local groups throughout the region are still hosting events**. If you’ve been feeling disconnected or out of the habit of attending, consider this a gentle push to check your local calendar and pick one activity to attend. Even a small gathering can reignite friendships and remind you how valuable local Mensa communities can be.

It’s also not too soon to start thinking about the **Annual Gathering in Fort Worth this July**. Members who attend the AG consistently report that it’s one of their favorite Mensa experiences. The friendships formed there often lead to deeper involvement and stronger engagement long after the event ends. If attending is even a possibility for you, registering early will save money and help you plan ahead.

Looking closer on the calendar, **Mind Games will take place in April near Dulles Airport**. While there is currently a wait list for members, people on that list are already being notified as space opens up. If you’re interested, getting on the list now improves your chances. Please note that a wait list is not being maintained for guests.

The AMC has also begun discussions about **expanding offerings for Young Adult Mensans**. This is an area where member input and participation can directly influence outcomes. If you’re interested in helping shape these efforts — or would like to explore what that involvement could look like — please reach out to me.

Finally, a practical reminder: **membership renewals are due March 31**. Renewing on time keeps you connected, supports the programs you value, and ensures you don’t miss out on events and opportunities in the months ahead. Here’s my ask this month: **renew your membership, then pick one way to engage**. Attend an event. Register for a gathering. Reach out with an idea. Volunteer an hour. Mensa doesn’t happen without its members — and it works best when we show up.

As always, you can reach me at [rvc4@us.mensa.org](mailto:rvc4@us.mensa.org) or (937) 902-5161



William Brown	Greenwood	IN	Joined
Jeremy Edesess	Indianapolis	IN	MoveIn
Amelia Lusk	Carmel	IN	Joined
Jim Reising	Poseyville	IN	Rejoin

# March 2026 Events

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

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

**3/18, 12:00 noon ET - MCL Restaurant and Bakery**, 2370 W. 86th St, Indy

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

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

**3/7 10:00am - 12 noon ET - Atrio**, 11700 Illinois St, Carmel, IN, (located at

IU Health North) **RSVP:** June 7, 2025 Jen Clark [jclark7251@gmail.com](mailto:jclark7251@gmail.com)

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

**3/11, 2:00pm ET - The dining area at Super Mercado**

1435 W. 86th St. (This one features Mediterranean food.)

**3/25, 2:00pm ET Los Arroyos**

11503 Spring Mill Rd., Carmel (This one is Mexican.)

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](mailto:ag18tg@yahoo.com).

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

3/13, 7:00pm – 11:00pm ET

All Souls Unitarian Church, 5805 E. 56th Street, Indianapolis, IN 46226. See last page of MIND for map and directions. Members: \$7.00, Non-Members: \$10.00; Children 6- 18: \$5.00, under 6: free.

"**Landmarks Off the Beaten Path with Evan Finch**", originally hosted by Indiana Landmarks on 9/10/2025. Evan Finch is an Indiana roadtripper who's been fascinated by our state's unusual, quirky, and unique landmarks since an early age. He shares them and their stories in this illustrated online talk.

**LIVE Sit-N-Knit**

**3/19, 11:00am ET**

**MOTW Coffee Shop**

12761 Old Meridian St, Carmel, IN

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MOTW offers seasonal coffee and a variety of pastries, including cookies, muffins, and baklava. Come for the knitting, stay for the lively conversation!

RSVP Emily Boomershine - [emilyknits@comcast.net](mailto:emilyknits@comcast.net)

**VIRTUAL and LIVE Book Group –**  
**3/22, 2:00pm ET**

*The Singularity Is Nearer* – Ray Kurzweil

Contact Rich Gibson [hoot.gibson.tds@gmail.com](mailto:hoot.gibson.tds@gmail.com) or 770-548-5217 for more details, to RSVP, or for Zoom link.

**LIVE Mensans Dining Out - 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday**  
**3/15, 6:00pm ET**

**Abyssinian Ethiopian Restaurant**

5352 West 38th St., Indianapolis (Ethiopian food here.)

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

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**May 15 – 17, 2026**

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

**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-2026.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.**

# March 2026

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

**\*Virtual Zoom Events\***

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

If you lose your *MIND* (oh, my!) or want additional information, check [www.indymensa.org](http://www.indymensa.org) or the weekly CIM ReMINDER in your Monday email.

## **Puzzle Column**

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

### **FINDING FAITHS**

Find solutions that contain one of these faiths in it (non-consecutive letters):  
LDS, BAHAI, SIKH, ISLAM, JAIN, TAO, SHINTO. Example: Ability to garner support (10 letters) = leadership = LDS

1. Behind closed doors (11 letters)
2. A strong-willed Disney princess (7 letters)
3. Position (7 letters)
4. Roman overindulgence (11 letters)
5. Nonsense (10 letters)
6. Follower of liberty standing quarter (10 letters)
7. Possible result of too much rain (8 letters)
8. Magnetite, for one (9 letters)
9. Arnold's iconic role (9 letters)
10. A shoreline's may be vertical (12 letters)

Solutions on page 18

## **Culture Vulture 1/19/2026**

*Karen Steilberger*

Several Mensans gathered for a Culture Vulture event on January 19 to hear international musician Monika Herzig present a lecture and recital on the Hidden Figures of Indianapolis' Ragtime, May Aufderheide and Julia Niebergall. Dr. Herzig gave an informative and entertaining presentation on these two women, who were also known as Indianapolis' "Queens of Ragtime" for their contributions to the genre. Ragtime is a specific form of composition characterized by syncopation and repetitions that was popular between the 1890s and 1917. Dr. Herzig played the "Maple Leaf Rag" by Scott Joplin ("The King of Ragtime"), and also played several rags by each of the Queens of Ragtime. Her presentation was accompanied by informative slides about the women and their compositions. May Aufderheide's "The Thriller Rag" was the best-selling rag in 1910, displacing Scott Joplin on the hit list. Dr. Herzig was premiering her presentation, which she was scheduled to offer at Lincoln Center in New York the following week.

The event was held under the auspices of the Indiana Music History Project, which is housed at the Flanner Buchanan Broad Ripple and Cremation location. All of our group visited the Indiana Music History Project's museum on the lower level of the building, either before or after the concert. The museum has an impressive collection of books, pictures, music, posters, radio history, and all

things related to Indiana music. For some it brought back personal memories of favorite artists and events they themselves had experienced. Thanks to Alison Brown for organizing this enjoyable excursion!



*Photos are from Broad Ripple Random Rippings*

## **Books On the Runway**

*Rich Gibson*

<i>Author:</i>	William Dalrymple
<i>Title:</i>	The Golden Road
<i>Subtitle:</i>	How Ancient India Transformed the World
<i>Publisher:</i>	Bloomsbury Publishing
<i>Year:</i>	2025
<i>Pages:</i>	298 (text), 413 (total)

*Book description:* Ever heard of the Silk Road? The track over mountain and across desert that brought silks and spices from Cathay to Rome? Fabrication, pure and simple. Yes, there was huge trade between the Roman Republic, then Empire, and the Far East, but it was to and through India. Forget trackless waste, freezing mountain and burning desert. Traders discovered (duh) that catching the east-to-west monsoon across the Indian ocean and the Red Sea from India to Egypt, then waiting six months for the monsoon to change direction was as easy as pie. Spices, cotton, silk, and sandalwood moved west; Roman gold went east. Pliny the Elder may have been the first in history to complain about the balance of payments. Nor was this the only dimension of the “Indosphere.” Ancient India, from about the third century BC to 1200 AD, dominated trade, culture and religion to its east as well. Buddhism penetrated across the Himalayas to Tibet, China, and Japan; Buddhism, Hinduism, the Sanskrit language, art, architecture, Indian political traditions, and the classics *Ramayana* and *Bhagadgita* penetrated Southeast Asia and Indonesia. Some of the largest and most beautiful Hindu temple art and architecture is in Cambodia and Indonesia.

Finally, Indian science, astronomy, mathematics, and chess had profound influences in the West in the ebbing of the Middle Ages and the dawning of the

Renaissance. “Arabic” numerals are actually Indo-Arabic, and it was definitely the Indians who first came up with the number zero (0). Dalrymple does an excellent job of establishing Indian culture and trade in its proper position in humanity’s development.

*Has this book changed the way you think? your attitude towards life? even your life itself? If so, how?* I’m a bit of a history buff, and I appreciate a balanced look at all the contributions of people and cultures all over the world to where we are today. This book is a great corrective to the common Western concept of the Age of Imperialism bringing civilization to the backwards, primitive peoples of the world.

*Who should read this book? Why?* Anyone into world history will greatly enjoy this book. Too few have any insight into great ancient civilizations.

*How long might it take to read the book?* This book is a very interesting read. With dedication, you should be able to plow through it in a week or less.

*Provide a short characteristic section, an awesome sentence, or an inspiring quote:* On Indo-Roman trade:

The annual arrival of fleets of Roman merchants with considerable sums of gold and silver to exchange for the luxuries available at the ports transformed the economies of this region. A single hoard recently found in a sand dune at Kottayam in Kerala [*SW Indian coast*], for example, consisted of a large brass bowl containing 8,000 gold aurei, worth some 800,000 sesterces of imperial money—a considerable fortune (a Roman sesterce would be worth about \$1.37 today).



## **Theodore Talk: Dudley Clarke:Genius of Deception** *Brad Lucht*

This virtual event will take place on Zoom March 22 at 3:30 Eastern time.

Can one man change the course of a world war? From 1941, working from rooms over a Cairo brothel, British officer Dudley Clarke conceived a new way of fighting the Nazis: using the tools of the mind. Deception in war isn't a new idea, but this eccentric colonel realized that global conflict offered the chance to carry out deception on a global scale. Instead of getting the enemy to put a battalion at the wrong end of the line, he would persuade them to put whole armies in the wrong country. His tools were a limitless imagination and a talent for stagecraft. But his eccentricity would end up nearly destroying everything he'd built.

Robert Hutton, author of [\*The Illusionist: The True Story of the Man Who Fooled Hitler\*](#), spent years in Britain's archives digging out Clarke's amazing story; now you will learn it as well.

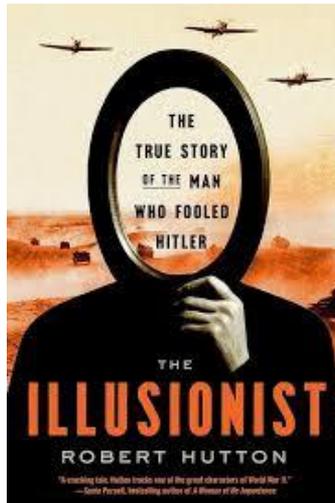
Register for this presentation at <https://tinurl.com/33trauv9>.

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. All Theodore Talks have Closed Captioning enabled, and this year we are offering Translated Captions as well. The Theodore Talk lecture series is made possible by the generous financial support of Life Member Dr. Mark Cohen, Thank you.

A list of future Theodore Talks can be found on the [Mensa National Events Calendar](#) or by visiting the [American Mensa home page](#).

Questions? Contact us at [MensaTheodoreTalks@gmail.com](mailto:MensaTheodoreTalks@gmail.com).

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San Francisco Regional Mensa  
Virtual Presentation Series



# Flying for the CIA's Air America, Pablo Escobar, and Jimmy Hoffa



## Neil Hansen

Sunday, March 15, 2:30pm PT

More information  
<https://livepresentation.link/info>

# M-Wisely's Cafe

*Bringing thought-provoking presentations to intelligent beings throughout the galaxy*



## Unraveling Distant Worlds From Cotton Candy Planets to Ocean Worlds and the Search for Life Among the Exoplanets



Dr. Caroline Piaulet-Ghorayeb

Saturday, March 21  
2:30 PM PACIFIC TIME

San Francisco Regional Mensa

## Puzzle Solutions

1. Behind closed doors (11 letters) = CLANDESTINE = LDS
2. A strong-willed Disney princess (7 letters) = JASMINE = JAIN
3. Position (7 letters) = STATION = TAO
4. Roman overindulgences (11 letters) = BACCHANALIA = BAHAI
5. Nonsense (10 letters) = BALDERDASH = LDS
6. Follower of liberty standing quarter (10 letters) = WASHINGTON = SHINTO
7. Possible result of too much rain (8 letters) = SINKHOLE = SIKH
8. Magnetite, for one (9 letters) = LODESTONE = LDS
9. Arnold's iconic role (9 letters) = TERMINATOR = TAO
10. A shoreline's may be vertical (12 letters) = DISPLACEMENT = ISLAM

# In Case You Missed It -- I

*Chowhounds at The Great Greek Mediterranean 1/28/26*



*March Monthly Gathering--Origami*





# Central Indiana Mensa

## Treasurer's Report

1/31/2026

*Emily Boomershine, Treasurer*

### Statement of Assets

Account	Balance
(1) PNC Checking – Regular	\$ 2,816.94
(2) PNC Checking – Scholarships	\$ 237.00
(3) PNC Checking – Events	\$ 3,902.06
(4) MG Petty Cash	\$ 25.00
(5) CD – First Internet	\$ 10,338.14
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$ 17,319.14</b>

### Statement of Activity

Activity	Amount
<b>Receipts</b>	
Monthly Gathering Income	\$ 66.00
National Support	\$ 403.28
Interest	\$ 36.05
<b>Receipts Total</b>	<b>\$ 505.33</b>
<b>Expenses</b>	
Facility Rental (All Souls)	\$ (100.00)
MIND Printing	\$ (339.25)
Supplies	\$ (94.88)
<b>Expenses Total</b>	<b>\$ (534.13)</b>
<b>Net Activity</b>	<b>\$ (28.80)</b>

## Central Indiana Mensa ExCom 1/20/26

*Karen Wilczewski*

The regular monthly meeting of the Central Indiana Mensa ExCom was held virtually via Zoom on Tuesday, January 20, 2026.

LocSec Jan Pfeil Doyle called the meeting to order at 7:37 p.m.

Members present: Ethan Blocher-Smith, Emily Boomershine, Jan Pfeil Doyle, Ann Hake, Candis King, Judy Weitzman, and Karen Wilczewski

Guests: Jon Applegate, Rich Gibson, Teresa Gregory, and Pat Milligan

The November and December meeting minutes were reviewed. Judy moved and Emily seconded that the November and December minutes be approved as amended.

Judy moved to accept the December's Treasurer's Report, Candis seconded. The motion passed.

The December membership report was compiled by Jan based on information available as of 12/31/25 from American Mensa: total members: 418; 1 new, 0 move-in, 0 rejoin, and 10 prospects.

## **Old Business**

Emily shared a draft of the announcement that will appear in the upcoming MIND related to the inaugural February Sit-n-Knit event on February 19, 11 a.m. at the MOTW Coffee Shop.

## **New Business**

This is an Election Year for the new ExCom. Ann moved and Candis seconded that we keep the ExCom at 7 members for the next term, rather than returning to 9 members. The ExCom will appoint a Nominating Committee Chair by March 1. The NomCom will come up with a slate of candidates. Additional candidates via petition will be accepted through July 1. According to the bylaws, in the event there's only one candidate for LocSec and only six ExCom candidates on the ballot, those candidates shall be declared elected without balloting.

Outdoor Gathering (May 15-17): In addition to the usual volunteers, Teresa requested further assistance, as Jan will likely be absent due to a family event. The group agreed to explore options for support, as Jan and Teresa usually run the event. Teresa will need someone who can bring supplies, another to be responsible for checking in people, and someone to make sure everything is cleaned up and torn down at the end of the weekend. Candis offered to divide the responsibilities up for people to help early in the weekend and another group to help at the close of the weekend.

The group discussed generally having more members from outside area groups participate who can possibly help. Plus, if we need to cancel, it would have to be soon (91 days out); otherwise, we would lose 50% of our deposit.

Teresa asked Ms to talk the event up and be willing to lend a hand during the event. It's not highly structured, but a very relaxing weekend.

Bernie Heusing, a member who occasionally attended CIM events, passed away recently. A donation of \$50 will be made in Bernie's name to the John Matthews Scholarship Fund. As Treasurer, Emily will issue the check, and Jan will write a letter related to the donation.

ExCom members were reminded of the pending rummage sale and collection of recipes for an upcoming group cookbook project. Emily offered to donate several recipes. If you have recipes to donate to the local Mensa cookbook, send them to Candis.

February's monthly speaker has been changed and Ann is searching for a speaker. Candis is looking for someone to take over the April 18 Games and Conversation night or suggest an alternative event for that night.

The meeting adjourned at 8:13 p.m.

## **In Case You Missed It -- II**

*Chowhounds at Cheeky Bastards, 2/11/26*



# 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

