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Mollie the Mensa Owl getting ready!

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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: Wow, do you really? How can any Hoosier not get this one?

Well. By the time you read this, Central Indiana Mensa teams will have defended our championship trophy in CultureQuest!(tm). The results may not be out just yet, though. I've participated for the last two years, and it's been enormous fun! It's a roller-coaster ride of emotion, pressure, and community. The agony of getting something wrong when you were certain you were right is surpassed in the team effort period, when one question is agonizing everyone, and you come up with a hint that someone else jumps on and gets the right answer. What a thrill! Of course, we're Mensans, we love to take tests, and everybody getting the large majority right, all by selves, is quite the rush as well.

As I write this, it's early-mid-April. The redbuds are budding (redly, duh), the crabapples have looked spectacularly beautiful for a week and are still magnificent, but there's a carpet of pink underneath them. A lilac bush in our backyard, whose barren last few years has provoked our massive but eroding patience, has fulfilled its promise and exploded in white blossoms and subtle, beautiful smells. Viburnums are sprouting white buds and lovely aromas also. Red tulips are popping up, and daffodils have peaked and subsided. Gee, we'd love to be out in all that beauty and getting our hands dirty, but we're both suffering from a surprising attack of COVID! Our first infections, ever. We were counting ourselves so lucky, even entertaining intimations of immortality; or maybe just invulnerability...but nature has the last word. As it is, we rest and nap and I tickle the keyboard and pull together another issue of MIND in a very desultory fashion. We can't be outside just yet, but we're camped out in our sunroom, windows on three sides with greenness and blooms and blue sky and still a few bare hardwoods waiting for their cues to join the spring orchestra.

Hope you all get out there and enjoy this spectacular spring!

LocSection

Jan Pfeil Doyle

CIM's Outdoor Mensa Gathering (OMG!) Is May 15-17 – This is our annual camping weekend at the Versailles (Indiana) State Park. We rent the group camp and stay in dorm-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 fun, wonderful, relaxing weekend! If you can't stay for the whole weekend, come for the day on Saturday. Details elsewhere in *MIND* and the weekly email ReMINDER.



Election Is 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 manages the group), please contact Nominating Committee Chair **Bob Zdanky** (zdanky@gmail.com) **before May 15th**. Many thanks to **Bob, Larry Marcus, and Sharon Merriman** for also serving on the NomCom. If you have questions, feel free to contact Bob or any member of the ExCom. We'd love to have some members from outside the Indianapolis area run for the board—board meetings are held via Zoom.



ICYMI – We had a great turnout for the April Monthly Gathering, including several guests. **Leo Doyle** talked about various free AI programs that he runs locally on his computer (because of security concerns). He entertained us with AI examples he's generated including text, videos, pictures, original songs, "face dancing," and more.

Chowhounds at Giordano's Pizza

Poem—I Wandered Lonely As a Cloud

William Wordsworth

I wandered lonely as a cloud
That floats on high o'er vales and hills,
When all at once I saw a crowd,
A host, of golden daffodils;
Beside the lake, beneath the trees,
Fluttering and dancing in the breeze.

Continuous as the stars that shine
And twinkle on the milky way,
They stretched in never-ending line
Along the margin of a bay:
Ten thousand saw I at a glance,
Tossing their heads in sprightly dance.

The waves beside them danced; but they
Out-did the sparkling waves in glee:
A poet could not but be gay,
In such a jocund company:
I gazed—and gazed—but little thought
What wealth the show to me had brought:

For oft, when on my couch I lie
In vacant or in pensive mood,
They flash upon that inward eye
Which is the bliss of solitude;
And then my heart with pleasure fills,
And dances with the daffodils.

2025-26 Book Group Reading List

Rich Gibson

Title	Author(s)	Date
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: *Rooted--Life at the Crossroads of Science, Nature, and Spirit*, by Lyanda Lynn Haupt

Rooted: Life at the Crossroads of Science, Nature, and Spirit, by Lyanda Lynn Haupt, 256 pp, published in 2021. The CIM Book Group will discuss it on Sunday, May 17th, at 2:00 PM. Check the Calendar and Events for more information.

The history of humanity can tell our changing story of our place in the world. Early religion and philosophy placed our planet at the center of the universe and us as the pinnacle of creation. Over the millennia, our story has evolved to place us within an interconnected network with each other, all other life forms, and the universe itself. We are carbon-based life forms, but the Big Bang gave rise initially only to hydrogen and helium. It took eons for stars to form—to be born and mature. It took more eons for the incredible temperatures and pressures within star cores for the light elements to fuse into all of the heavier elements. And it took more eons for the stars to go nova, exploding and scattering those heavier elements, including carbon, all over space so that another round of star formations for those new stars to attract great clouds of dust which eventually formed planets full of iron, gold, carbon, and nitrogen. And then, on one such planet, at least one, about 4 Billion years ago, life began. So as Carl Sagan wrote, “We are all star stuff.”

Lyanda Lynn Haupt has written about the story science has helped us discover about our deep and meaningful connections with each other and with nature. She presses on from there to discuss the spiritual rewards of life in nature. Being star stuff, and being creatures of energy whose principle source of energy is the sun, our principal reactions to being alive on Earth should be wonder and gratitude. Having established this framework, she lays out concrete and achievable steps, both mental and physical, to enhance our appreciation of our interconnections with each other and with nature. She calls for realizing and nurturing out *rootedness* in nature.

This book could significantly change the way you see your life and how you carry yourself in the world. Please consider reading it, and coming to Book Group on Sunday, May 17th, at 2:00 PM, and discussing it with us. We’d love to see you!

NEXT MONTH: *Aging as a Spiritual Practice*, by Lewis Richmond

Aging as a Spiritual Practice—A Contemplative Guide to Growing Older and Wiser, by Lewis Richmond, 256 pp, published in 2012. The CIM Book Group

will discuss this book on Sunday, June 21st, at 2:00 PM Eastern. Check the Calendar and Events for more information.

Many self-help books promise to conquer your problems: become a confident public speaker, win friends, earn promotions, and so on and so on. Although lots of biological, medical, and computational research is underway to try and conquer or reverse aging, this book isn't about that. It begins with the presumption that you, the reader, are going to die. You may try everything you can think of to put it off, but it's inevitable. This book has some advice on what to do about it.

If you're looking for advice on diet, supplements, and exercises, this isn't that book. It's about tending to your mental and spiritual being; about learning and dealing with yourself as an integral, connected part of the world in which you're immersed. The book is chock-full of practical advice on how to incorporate gratitude and loving-kindness into your daily life.

Ain't none of us getting any younger. Whatever your spiritual or religious beliefs, if any; however much of yourself you're prepared to invest into living for a long, long, time yet, the odds are still good that the Big End is waiting for you, maybe just around the next corner. You could probably benefit from scanning through this book. If you get something out of it, please consider dropping in or Zooming in to our discussion on Sunday, June 21st, at 2:00 Eastern.

Regional Vice Chair Thoughts

Beth Weiss

There's a lot happening in Mensa right now—some of it behind the scenes, but all of it aimed at strengthening the member experience.

At the national level, the Board recently adopted a strategic plan built around five key pillars. If you haven't heard much about it yet, you're not alone—this is new for most members.

The goal is simple: focus our time, energy, and resources on the things that matter most for growing Mensa, delivering value to members, and supporting the organization long-term.

As part of that work, committees are being realigned to support those pillars. What that means in practice is that projects and initiatives should be more intentional and better connected to our overall goals—not just “good ideas,” but the right ideas at the right time.

One place members will start to see this come to life is through the Volunteer Marketplace. Committee chairs will be posting open roles and opportunities to



get involved. If you've ever wondered how to plug in at the national level, this is a great place to start. There are opportunities for all levels of commitment—whether you have a little time or a lot.

We're also looking ahead for a Chair for the 2028 Annual Gathering. If you've ever thought about taking on a big, meaningful project, this is one of the most impactful ways to contribute to Mensa. It's a team effort, and there's a strong support network to help make it successful.

I'm excited about the progress on the Local Group Toolkit. This project is focused on creating practical, easy-to-use resources for local leaders—tools that reflect how groups actually operate today and help make volunteer roles more manageable. The goal is to make it easier to step into leadership and to sustain it without burnout. The pilot, focusing on Membership Officers, will be available about the time of the AG.

Thank you to everyone who renewed by the March 31 deadline—we're glad you're here. For local leaders, now is a great time to reach out to members who may have lapsed. A simple, friendly message can go a long way. Often, people just need to be reminded that they're missed and that there are ways to reconnect that fit their interests and availability.

And speaking of that—engagement doesn't have to mean showing up in person (though we love that too!). There are more ways than ever to participate virtually. You can join a SIG that matches your interests, attend online talks or discussions, or simply connect with others through shared activities. Whether you're traveling, busy, or just prefer connecting from home, there's a place for you.

If you are looking for an in-person experience, one fun option coming up is the OMG! (Outdoor Mensa Gathering) hosted by Central Indiana Mensa. This annual camping trip takes place at beautiful Versailles State Park—Indiana's second largest state park—about an hour and a half from Indianapolis and an hour from Cincinnati. The group camp includes cabins (with beds—just bring a sleeping bag), a gathering lodge with a commercial kitchen, and plenty of space to relax and enjoy the outdoors. It's a laid-back, welcoming way to spend time with other Mensans.

As we move toward summer, I encourage you to find your way to engage—online, in person, or a bit of both. Try something new, reconnect with someone you've met, or take a small step into volunteering. Mensa is what we make of it, and every connection matters.

If you have questions, ideas, or just want to talk something through, I'm always glad to hear from you at rvc4@us.mensa.org or (937) 902-5161. Hope to see you soon—wherever you choose to participate.

May 2026 Events

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

5/2 10:00am – 12 noon ET

Atrio, 11700 Illinois St, Carmel, IN (Located at IU Health North)

RSVP: Jen Clark jlark7251@gmail.com

Indy Lunch Bunch – 1st and 3rd Wednesday

5/6, 12:00 noon ET - Virtual *Online*

5/20, 12:00 noon ET - MCL Restaurant and Bakery, 2370 W. 86th St,

RSVP Karen Steilberger, steilkr@sbcglobal.net

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

–**8:30pm ET** Drop in any time for casual chat. Contact: Jan – jan@mw.net

LIVE Mensa Chowhounds Lunch – 2nd and 4th Wednesday

5/13, 2:00pmET - Culinary Dropout, 1320 86th St, Indianapolis

5/27, 2:00pm - Birdies Grill House and Spirits Bar, 630 IN32, Westfield

And now for something completely different.....eat and play miniature golf.

Late lunch or early dinner? You decide!

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

VIRTUAL and LIVE Monthly Gathering - 2nd Friday,

5/8, 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.

Our speaker will be Dann Allen who will present "Historical Preservation and Associated Unusual Phenomena"

VIRTUAL and LIVE Book Group

5/17, 2:00pm ET

Rooted: Life at the Crossroads of Science, Nature, and Spirit –

Lyanda Lynn Haupt

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

5/17, 6pm ET

K-Town Korean Hot Pot & Barbecue, 9350 Michigan Road

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

***In Person* Sit-N-Knit**

5/21, 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, sharing ideas, and discussing 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.

RSVP Emily Boomershine - emilyknits@comcast.net Come for the knitting, stay for the lively conversation!

OMG! Outdoor Mensa Gathering! LIVE!

May 14, 15, 16, 2026

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

ag18tg@yahoo.com

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

May 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
3 *Sunday Social*	4	5	6 *Lunch Bunch*
10 *Sunday Social*	11	12	13 Chowhounds
17 OMG!; Book Group; Dining Out	18	19 * ExCom*	20 Lunch Bunch
24 *Sunday Social*	25	26	27 Chowhounds
31 *Sunday Social*			

Virtual Zoom Events

Important Info for In-Person Events: Be Kind!—As we are entering cold and flu season, if you're not feeling well or have any symptoms such as a fever, cough, runny nose, COVID, etc, PLEASE be courteous to your fellow members and don't attend!

Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 Ham'n Eggs
7	8 Monthly Gathering	9
14	15 OMG!	16 OMG!
21 Sit-N-Knit	22	23
28	29	30

If you lose your *MIND* (oh, my!) or want additional information, check www.indymensa.org. It's a great way to stay in the loop. Also, check the weekly CIM ReMINDER every Monday in your email.

Puzzle Column

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

Z is the last letter.

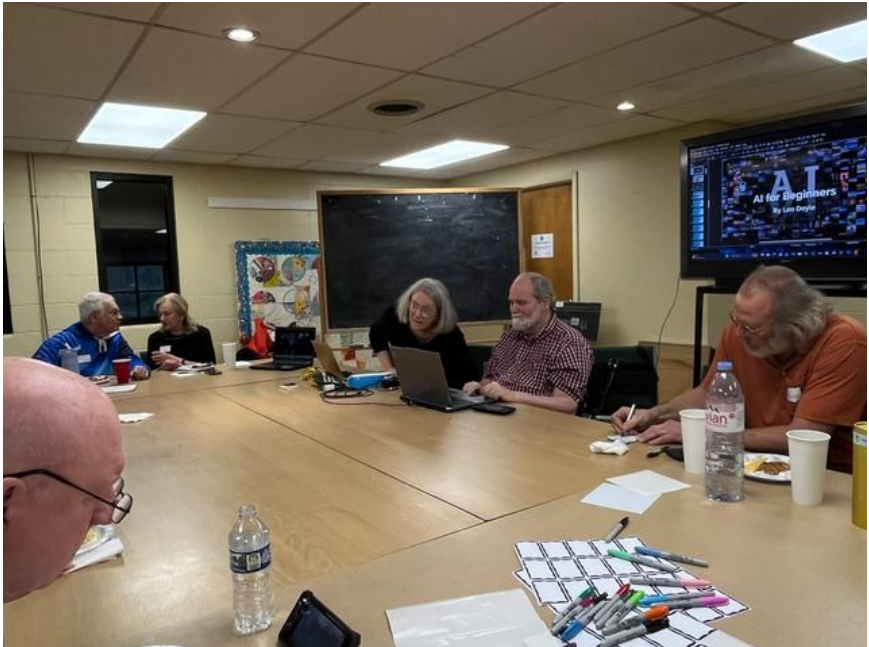
All answers are a single word or name that ends in the letter z. Letter counts are given.

Example: Popular first name of a French Restaurant (4) = Chez.

1. The Rock (8)
2. It's usually followed by SVP (8)
3. A Jewish deli crepe (6)
4. 57 varieties (5)
5. Hart who partnered with Richard Rodgers (6)
6. Ball's spouse (5)
7. The beer that made Milwaukee famous (7)
8. Verve (7)
9. Strategic strait (6)
10. Convicted brothers Lyle and Erik (8)

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In Case You Missed It—April Monthly Gathering



OMG! OUTDOOR MENSA GATHERING!

MAY 15-17, 2026

VERSAILLES STATE PARK, INDIANA

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 - No unaccompanied minors
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 - **Alcohol not provided, but please feel free to bring your own. There will be designated refrigerator space.**
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Name _____

(Additional names on back)

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Local Group _____

Amount Enclosed _____

Books On the Runway

Rich Gibson

<i>Author:</i>	Tim Marshall
<i>Title:</i>	Prisoners of Geography
<i>Subtitle:</i>	Ten Maps That Explain Everything About the World
<i>Publisher:</i>	Scribner
<i>Year:</i>	2015
<i>Pages:</i>	277 (text), 305 (total)

Book description: Geopolitics may be defined as the study of geography’s influence on the policy issues that confront every single nation, state, or peoples that ever inhabit a particular area of land. It seeks to explore and explain recurring issues such as: if humanity originated in Africa, why is Africa so far behind the developed world? Or, how did the USA expand and progress so quickly? Or, why is Russia perpetually so expansionist? Brazil is perpetually at a crossroads, about to emerge as an economic colossus—yet why does it just as perpetually fall short?

This book covers our planet, region by region, and shows how geography has enabled or constrained a polity’s options, opened or closed doors, or forced its hand. Although published eleven years ago, it has proved itself in the timelessness of its lessons:

- Africa, for its immense size, has few good harbors and its rivers are mostly unnavigable
- On the other hand, the USA is blessed with plenteous natural harbors and an immense network of navigable rivers that made trade easy and profitable once the Appalachians were crossed
- Russia has no natural defenses west of the Ural Mountains. Its only effective counter to invasion is defense in depth, which worked in 1812 and again in 1941
- Brazil is huge and blessed (AND cursed) with such natural resources as the Amazon rain forest. Yet it has few good harbors and its coastal Grand Escarpment complicates ground transportation.

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

Old as this book is, it throws recent developments into a harsh light. In 2015, Russia was whipsawing western Europe with a combination of economic blackmail and military power. It had seized the Crimea and most of two other provinces of Ukraine; it threatened Sweden and Finland with dire consequences if they ever considered joining NATO; it regularly gave the Baltic States the fantods by glaring at them; it reduced Germany to nervous tut-tutting by threatening to shut off its gas pipelines. Yet it invaded Ukraine in 2022 and thereby lost every advantage it had.

Who should read this book? Why?

Anyone who reads the news and wonders at the incessant ups and downs and backs and forths of international events could stand to study this book. It gives a framework for insight into how various countries got where they are, and why they do what they do.

How long might it take to read the book?

This book is a quick read. With dedication, you could finish it off in half a week.

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

“Seeing geography as a decisive factor in the course of human history can be construed as a bleak view of the world, which is why it is disliked in some intellectual circles. It suggests that nature is more powerful than man and that we can only go so far in determining our fate. However, other factors clearly have an influence on events, too. Any sensible person can now see that technology is now bending the iron rules of geography. It has found ways over, under, or through some of the barriers.”



Theodore Talk: National Cowgirl Museum and Hall of Fame

Brad Lucht

This Theodore Talk will take place on Zoom May 24 at 3:30 Eastern. It is offered to help promote the 2026 AG, held in Ft. Worth, TX July 1-5.

FYI: We had 646 registrants for the March Theodore Talk, "**Dudley Clarke: The Genius of Deception**". In all members joined us from 97 chapters in 46 different states and 18 additional countries. 60% of survey respondents told us in the post-talk survey that Theodore Talks add value to their membership.

Join Bethany Dodson, Director of Research & Education at the [National Cowgirl Museum & Hall of Fame](#), for an engaging discussion on the history and culture of cowgirls. The Cowgirl is where history meets horsepower, and fearless women take center stage. Located in the heart of Fort Worth's Cultural District, it's the only museum in the world that celebrates the grit, grace, and guts of the women who shaped the American West — and those breaking boundaries today. Through permanent and temporary exhibits, interactives, and powerful storytelling, the Museum highlights artists, ranchers, rodeo champions, activists, and trailblazers from all walks of life. It's not just about looking back — it's about inspiring the next generation of unstoppable women.

Dodson will lead a virtual tour of the galleries and interactives, share some of their 261 Honorees' incredible stories, and discuss their expansion, opening in the fall of 2026, that will add 16,000 more square feet to their existing 33,000 square feet of interpretive spaces.

Register for this presentation at <https://tinyurl.com/vc557kzy>

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.

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.





San Francisco Regional Mensa
Virtual Presentation Series



Why the Scopes Trial is Still Relevant

Eugenie C. Scott

Sunday, May 17, 2:30pm PT

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

M-Wisely's Cafe

Bringing thought-provoking presentations to intelligent beings throughout the galaxy



Becoming a Space Faring Society

Ejner Fulsang



Saturday, May 9
2:30 pm PACIFIC TIME

 San Francisco Regional Mensa

WELCOME

Connor Brown	Greenwood	IN	Joined
Rowan Collom	Franklin	IN	MoveIn
Elijah DeKruyter	Carmel	IN	Joined
Yuto Hotta	Newburgh	IN	Joined
Carolyn Lanter	Carmel	IN	Rejoin
Aining Wang	Westfield	IN	Joined



Treasurer's Report

Emily Boomershine, Treasurer

Statement of Assets

Account	Balance
(1) PNC Checking – Regular	\$ 2,792.06
(2) PNC Checking – Scholarships	\$ 237.00
(3) PNC Checking – Events	\$ 3,902.06
(4) MG Petty Cash	\$ 25.00
(5) CD – First Internet	\$ 10,407.10
Total Assets	\$ 17,363.22

Statement of Activity

Activity	Amount
Receipts	
Monthly Gathering Income	\$ 40.00
National Support	\$ 410.00
Interest	\$ 36.29
Receipts Total	\$ 486.29
Expenses	
Facility Rental (All Souls)	\$ (100.00)
MIND Printing	\$ (340.00)
Scholarship fund transfer to MERF	\$ (50.00)
Expenses Total	\$ (490.00)
Net Activity	\$ (3.71)

Central Indiana Mensa ExCom 3/17/26

Karen Wilczewski

The regular monthly meeting of the Central Indiana Mensa ExCom was held virtually via Zoom on Tuesday, March 17, 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 February meeting minutes were reviewed. Judy moved and Ann seconded that the February minutes be approved as amended.

Ann moved to accept the February Treasurer's Report, Candis seconded. The motion passed.

The February membership report was compiled by Jan based on information available as of 2/28/26 from American Mensa: total members: 427; 1 new, 2 move-in, 0 rejoin, and 7 prospects.

Old Business

OG Update: Three Hell's M's agreed to assist with May's OG. Teresa will travel down on Friday evening to get the meeting started. She also posted the OG on the National website and is looking forward to a good turnout.

Teresa needs someone at the event to assist with tear down of the OG and to make sure items are returned to her in Indianapolis.

Rummage Sale: There will be no rummage sale due to excessive work requirements and low anticipated returns. In lieu of a sale, our Ms can donate books at monthly meetings, sell them for \$1 each, and bring unsold books to Half Price Books or donate them.

Restaurants are not responding to a M fundraiser. They commented it would be helpful if we had 501c3 status.

The Sit-'n-Knit event is tentatively scheduled for April 16. Once it's finalized, information will be appropriately announced.

Upcoming Election: Jan isn't re-running for LocSec later this year. Jan and Teresa will provide as much support as possible to anyone interested in the position or Teresa will run if no one else steps up. NomCom member Bob Zdanky said 7 members are re-running for ExCom and two members are interested in running.

Judy moved to increase size of the ExCom to 9 candidates, starting in October. Ann seconded. The motion unanimously passed.

The "Where's Molly" winner for March was awarded to David Culp.

New Business

CultureQuest: Ann recruited prospective participants and to date 7 confirmations are in. Team roster changes can be made through April 14, and CultureQuest will be promoted in the April *MIND*, with new team registrants needing to respond by April 8. Just let Ann know by then. She also says we currently have enough participants to form two teams, possibly a third. If more than one team is

formed, Teresa has agreed to run the second group and Jon has agreed to serve as a standby.

Teresa reports that the “March of Minds” event was an effort to recruit new non-members, with free prior evidence testing and 50% off private testing available in March. We can also potentially invite prospective new members to upcoming dining events so they can get to know some of the group.

The meeting adjourned at 8:13 p.m.

Puzzle Solutions

1. The Rock (8) = Alcatraz
2. It’s usually followed by SVP (8 or 9) = repondez or respondez
3. A Jewish deli crepe (6) = blintz
4. 57 varieties (5) = Heinz
5. Hart who partnered with Richard Rodgers (6) = Lorenz
6. Ball’s spouse (5) = Arnaz
7. The beer that made Milwaukee famous (7) = Schlitz
8. Verve (7) = pizzazz
9. Strategic strait (6) = Hormuz
10. Sergio of Bassa Nova (8) = Menendez

ICYMI 2—More from the Monthly Gathering



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

