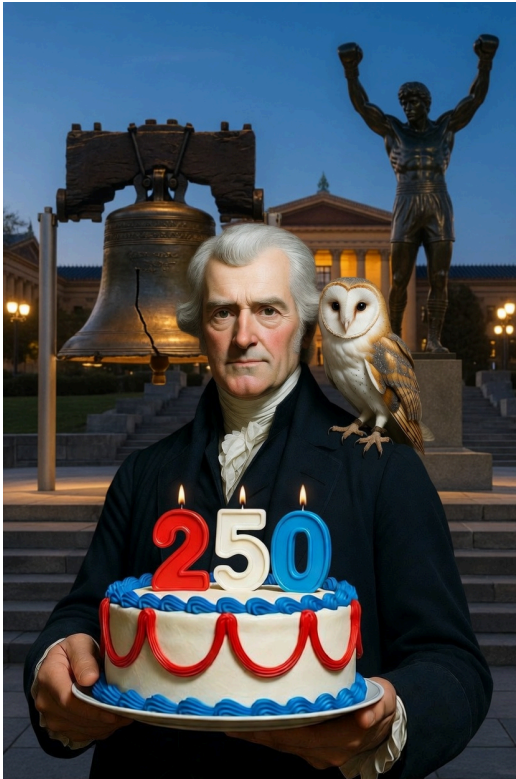


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Mollie the Mensa Owl ready to party with TJ!

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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: You know what we're celebrating this month. Where was it signed?



Two hundred and fifty years ago this month, the Continental Congress approved the Declaration of Independence. Most of the document is a list of grievances the American colonists had against King George III. It's a laundry list. It's tedious. It can be hard to work up the same outrage that Congress felt.

So the real reason we're celebrating the 250th birthday of this document is the second sentence. It reads, "We hold these truths to be self evident, that all men are created equal; that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights; that among these rights are Life, Liberty, and the pursuit of Happiness."

You might be offended by the exclusion of women (or other gender choices) in these words, but these people, two and a half centuries ago, were of their time. Matter of fact, southern members of Congress wanted the words changed to "all white men," but Jefferson, a southern slave-owner himself, successfully resisted. The signers had a dream, and they expressed it to the best of their ability. That dream, that *all human beings are equal*, is baked into the DNA of the United States of America. We have not yet achieved the dream, but we have made progress: 1865; 1920; 1964; 2015. There have been setbacks, certainly. The one thing we must commit ourselves to is to keep the dream alive, and to keep working toward it. Now, on the 250th birthday of those words, is a good time to recommit ourselves to the idea, the dream of America..

Happy 4th of July
Happy Birthday, America—Land of the Free

LocSection

Jan Pfeil Doyle



Coming Up

If you are not attending the Annual Gathering in Fort Worth, but you wish you could attend the Colloquium, your dream has come true! ZOOM The Colloquium on Your Couch. On June 30, the full Mensa Foundation Colloquium, featuring five leading experts exploring one fascinating question: What keeps a brain healthy for a lifetime? will be livestreamed. Join from anywhere for expert insights on sleep, nutrition, joy, neuromodulation, and more. Choose the \$49 livestream option or the \$99 package that includes a recording so you can revisit the ideas long after the event ends. See a list of speakers and topics at <https://www.mensafoundation.org/events/colloquium/>.

Sit-N-Knit has a new time and day, 11am on second Saturdays, at the same location, MOTW Coffee Shop, Carmel.

ICYMI (In Case You Missed It)



West Lafayette-area Dinner June 6th

Several people spent the day in West Lafayette at the Wabash Valley Astronomical Society activities and had dinner in between. Thanks to **Bill Tilford** for the invitation and **Judy Weitzman** for helping organize the outing.

CIM Election Update

Bob Zdanky, Nominating Committee Chair

The Nominating Committee presents following slate of candidates for Central Indiana Mensa's ExCom:

- Teresa Gregory – Local Secretary
- Ethan Blocher-Smith
- Emily Boomershine
- Len Farber
- Ann Hake
- Candis King
- Catherine Knox
- Judy Weitzman
- Karen Wilczewski

Thanks to all who agreed to run for office.

Bob Zdanky, Chair
Sharon Merriman
Larry Marcus

Petition Candidates

Larry Marcus and Sharon Merriman, Election Committee Co-Chairs

If you look at the candidates for ExCom and decide you also wish to run, here are the rules as listed in our Bylaws:

- You must be a current member in good standing of Central Indiana Mensa.
- No member of the current Nominating or Election Committees may be a candidate in the upcoming election.
- You must submit a petition signed by ten current members of the local group (please have both signatures and printed names) to one of the Election Committee Co-Chairs by July 1, 2026.

If you have questions or want to submit a petition, you may contact either of the co-chairs of the Election Committee, Larry Marcus or Sharon Merriman. Larry's contact info: larryamarcus@yahoo.com, or (317) 842-6658 . Sharon's email: smerri327@gmail.com.

Larry Marcus, Co-Chair
Sharon Merriman, Co-Chair
Bob Zdanky

2025-26 Book Group Reading List

Rich Gibson

Title	Author(s)	Date
4000 Weeks: Time Management for Mortals	Oliver Burkeman	7/19/2026
Bring a Book!		8/16/2026

Mensa Book Group Previews

Rich Gibson

THIS MONTH: *4000 Weeks: Time Management for Mortals*, by Oliver Burkeman

Four Thousand Weeks: Time Management for Mortals, by Oliver Burkeman, 288 pp, published in 2021. The Book Group will discuss this book on Sunday, July 19th, at 2:00 PM Eastern. The Events and Calendar has more information. The central idea of this book is that time is precious and limited, and that treating it like a resource to be managed is a horrible way to waste it. Four thousand weeks works out to about 79 years, a time that's a) pretty much the current US life expectancy, and b) a nice round number. Last month's book contained a line from poet Mary Oliver: "*Tell me, what is it you plan to do with your one wild and precious life?*" This book hammers her point: you cannot accomplish everything you want to. Focus what time you have on those things that you most need and want to do. You're not going to get it back. Treat each moment as precious, valuable. Beauty exists everywhere in the world. If you want to prioritize the amount of beauty you appreciate, you must stop dead in the moment and stare until you see it. It gets better with practice.

This book is either a self-help book or a spiritual guide, possibly both. I guess it depends on what your priorities are. The one extremely useful thing this book tries to emphasize is that you can't have it all. You can have a lot of it, but you have to be ruthless with what you want to achieve or accomplish and what you have to sacrifice to get the time to do it.

This might be an interesting book to discuss with friends and family. It's been around a while; I imagine you could find a copy in your library. Why not pick it up and give it a try? You may want to join us on Sunday, July 19th, at 2:00 PM.

NEXT MONTH: BRING A BOOK!

Every so often the Book Group runs out of books. We then call a gathering of the clans. Each and all are encouraged to bring at least one book (five or so might be a little excessive). We'll spend the afternoon going through all our submissions, one by one. The few rules are:

1. You must have read the book you're recommending

2. Around 250 pages in length. We occasionally accept books a bit longer, but 300 is iffy.
3. Non-fiction is preferred

If you've just read a book that changed your life, please bring it and propose it! We're awfully easy to convince.

Regional Vice Chair Thoughts

Beth Weiss



By the time you read this, many of us will be at the Annual Gathering in Fort Worth. AG is always one of my favorite times of the year—a chance to reconnect with friends, meet new members, learn something new, and experience the incredible variety of interests that make Mensa what it is.

This year I'll be presenting a Local Group Toolkit Leadership Development Workshop. The Local Group Toolkit Task Force has been working to create practical resources that help Local Group leaders succeed, with our initial focus on Membership Officers. Our goal is simple: make it easier for volunteers to find the information, guidance, and examples they need when they need them.

The Membership Officer section of the toolkit should be entering beta testing around the time this issue reaches your mailbox. If you serve as a Membership Officer, I hope you'll take a look, try it out, and provide feedback. What resources would make your role easier? What information do you wish you had when you first started? Your input will help shape future development.

That question isn't limited to Membership Officers. If you serve in any Local Group leadership role, I'd love to hear from you. What support would help you be more successful? What tools, training, examples, or resources are missing? One of the goals of the toolkit project is to build resources that volunteers actually need rather than resources we simply think they need.

Meanwhile, summer activity schedules are in full swing throughout the region. Some groups are hosting picnics, outdoor gatherings, game days, museum visits, and special-interest events. Others are expanding virtual offerings to make participation easier regardless of location. That got me wondering: what kinds of Mensa activities interest you most? Do you enjoy local, in-person events where you can meet fellow members face-to-face? Prefer remote activities that let you participate from anywhere? Like organizing events and creating opportunities for others to connect? Or are you someone who mostly enjoys the publications and other benefits of membership? Whatever your answer, we want you to get the things that make your membership valuable to you.

As always, I welcome your thoughts, ideas, and feedback. Whether you have suggestions for the toolkit, questions about leadership resources, or simply want to tell me about a great event your group is hosting, I'd love to hear from you at rvc4@us.mensa.org or (937) 902-5161.

I hope you're having a wonderful summer!

Help Shape the Future of Mensa

American Mensa is conducting a national member survey. Every member's input matters. The survey is designed to help Mensa better understand what members value, what motivates them to stay connected, and what kinds of programs, events, communications, and resources will matter most in the years ahead. It takes about 10-15 minutes to complete, and responses are confidential. The survey will be available between June 29 and August 1: us.mensa.org/survey

This is more than a general satisfaction survey. It is an effort to encompass the many different ways people experience Mensa. Some members are regulars at local dinners, game nights, RGs, and AGs. Some are drawn to lectures, serious conversations, SIGs, travel, or youth and family programming. Others may rarely attend events but still value the credential, the Bulletin, the newsletter, on-line participation, or the simple knowledge that they belong to a community of intelligent people. All of those experiences count.

One of the challenges for an organization like Mensa is that there is no "average member" we can design everything around. A new member looking for intellectual seriousness may need a very different first experience than someone looking for a comfortable social home. A parent of a gifted child may be looking for resources and peer connection for their family. A long-time volunteer may care most about continuity, recognition, and making sure the work can keep going. A quiet member may not want more pressure to attend events at all, but may still be a loyal and satisfied member if the organization respects the way they choose to belong.

Good planning starts with listening. The member survey gives us a chance to move beyond assumptions and better understand what members actually want, need, and use. That information can help national leaders, local groups, volunteers, and staff make better choices about programming, outreach, communications, retention, and support for members at every stage of their Mensa experience.

Your input helps Mensa focus its efforts where they will do the most good. Whether you attend every event, read quietly from home, volunteer behind the scenes, participate online, support youth programming, or are still deciding what Mensa means to you, your perspective is valuable. Your feedback will help build a stronger Mensa for today's members and for the generations of members still to come. So, please take a few minutes to complete the survey between June 29 and August 1: us.mensa.org/survey

July 2026 Events

Indy Lunch Bunch – 1st and 3rd Wednesday

7/1, 12:00 noon ET - Virtual *Online*

7/15, 12:00 noon ET - MCL Restaurant and Bakery

2370 W. 86th St, Indianapolis,

RSVP Karen Steilberger, steilkr@sbcglobal.net

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

7/4, 10:00am - 12 noon ET - Atrio, 11700 Illinois St, Carmel, IN, (located at IU Health North) RSVP: Jen Clark jlark7251@gmail.com

LIVE Mensa Chowhounds Lunch – 2nd and 4th Wednesday

7/8, 2:00pm ET - The Shack, 311 East Jefferson St, Tipton, Indiana

7/22, 2:00pm ET - Greek Tony's Pizza, 1732 E. 116th St, Carmel, IN

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: Jan Pfeil Doyle

Jan@mw.net

VIRTUAL and LIVE Monthly Gathering - 2nd Friday,

7/10, 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.

Important Info for In-Person Events: Be Kind! – 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.

LIVE Sit-N-Knit – NEW DAY AND TIME

7/11, 11:00am ET

MOTW Coffee Shop

12761 Old Meridian St, Carmel, IN

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

VIRTUAL and LIVE Book Group

7/19, 2:00pm ET

4000 Weeks: Time Management For Mortals – Oliver Burkeman

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

7/19, 6:00pm ET

The Half Liter, 5301 Winthrop Ave, Indianapolis, IN

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

LIVE Fifth Wednesday – NEW EVENT! Every 5th Wednesday

7/29, 2:00pm ET

Melt n Dip Chocolate Lounge

9840 E 116th St, Suite 100, Fishers, IN 46037

We're celebrating five Wednesdays in July with sweet treats at Melt n Dip in Fishers

(<https://meltndip.com/location/9840-e-116th-st-suite-100-fishers-in-46037/>).

Enjoy premium desserts with a rich selection of Belgian chocolate treats, waffles, crepes, pancakes, ice cream, milkshakes, and specialty dessert creations.

For more information or to RSVP, contact Jan Pfeil Doyle at 317-431-3500.

The John Matthews Scholarship

Teresa Gregory



[Excerpt from Grace Falvey's LocSec Column, July, 2000]

When I joined Mensa, John S. Matthews was the backbone of the Indianapolis group. He hosted the monthly meetings at his bicycle shop, and he was a one-man newsletter. After he died, a scholarship was founded in his honor... At its May meeting the ExCom voted to turn the JSM money over to the Mensa Education and Research Foundation, to be administered by that organization as part of its annual scholarship competition.

Awarding a \$500 scholarship to a deserving student in our geographic area has been an honor for over 25 years. In 2025, the ExCom voted to increase the amount to \$2,500. This means more donations are needed. Consider making a tax-deductible donation to keep the money flowing. For more information, contact Judy Weitzman bridgejudy@aol.com. She can give you information and make sure that your donation goes to our scholars.

July 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
			1 *Lunch Bunch*
5 *Sunday Social*	6	7	8 Chowhounds
12 *Sunday Social*	13	14	15 Lunch Bunch
19 Book Group; Dining Out	20	21 * ExCom*	22 Chowhounds
26 *Sunday Social*	27	28	29 Fifth Wednesday

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
2	3	4 Ham'n Eggs
9	10 Monthly Gathering	11 Sit-N-Knit
16	17	18
23	24	25
30	31	

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



Prescott Hill	Indianapolis	IN	Join
Sol Lee	Bloomington	IN	Join
Robert Massie	Indianapolis	IN	Rejoin
Jared Nussbaum	Lafayette	IN	MoveIn
Matt Simmons	Columbus	IN	Join
Guillermo Suar	Mount Vernon	IN	Rejoin
Hans Tincu	Carmel	IN	Join
Andrew Weng	Terre Haute	IN	Join

Puzzle Column

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

This and That – word version

Find pairs of words that are commonly connected, based on starting letters and letter counts. Alternate solutions may be possible. Example: l(6) and g(9) could be ladies and gentlemen.

1. s(4) and p(6)
2. b(5) and w(8)
3. f(7) and n(9)
4. s(5) and c(10)
5. t(7) and l(9)
6. h(3) and c(6)
7. g(3) and v(8)
8. a(4) and u(5)

9. q(6) and a(6)
10. p(5) and l(5)

Solutions on page 18

Books On the Runway

Rich Gibson

<i>Author:</i>	Gordon S. Wood
<i>Title:</i>	The Idea of America
<i>Subtitle:</i>	Reflections on the Birth of the United States
<i>Publisher:</i>	Penguin
<i>Year:</i>	2011
<i>Pages:</i>	335 (text), 388 (total)

Book description: Gordon S. Wood was generally acknowledged to be the dean of historians of the American Revolution. He died a few weeks ago (June 7, 2026), so I decided to commemorate both him and America’s 250th birthday with this review.

This book has 11 chapters and a conclusion. The book is divided into 3 parts: The American Revolution; The Making of the Constitution and American Democracy; and the Early Republic. Each chapter is drawn from a paper or lecture Wood wrote or gave, and therefore stands alone. The conclusion more or less ties them together, but also stands alone. The overall takeaway is a number of nuggets that can enrich and illuminate your understanding of this initial period of our life as an independent country.

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

Reading this book at this time was a great help in reviewing the principles our Founding Fathers committed themselves to 250 years ago, and in recommitting myself to them. As Wood notes, these men dedicated themselves to these principles and each other before they even had a country or a nation. They dedicated everything they had. How can I do less?

Who should read this book? Why?

Any American who wishes to know more about American history from the Declaration to the first few decades of the republic—that’s putting it too mildly; I’ll start over. Every American could greatly benefit from knowing more about where we came from and how we got here, and should read this book.

How long might it take to read the book?

Each chapter and the conclusion stands alone. If you wanted to read one or two chapters a day, you could finish it in a week or two

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

From the conclusion:

At the end of the Declaration of Independence, the members of the Continental Congress mutually pledged to each other their lives, their fortunes, and their sacred honor. There was nothing else but themselves they could dedicate themselves to—no patria, no fatherland, no nation as yet.

In comparison with the 235-year old *[sic]* United States, many European states are new, many created in the 20th century. Yet these European states, new as they may be, are undergirded by peoples who had a preexisting sense of their own distinctiveness, their own nationhood. We Americans created a state before we were a nation, and much of our history has been an effort to define the nature of that nationality. In an important sense, we have never been a nation in any traditional meaning of the term. It is the state, the Constitution, the principles of liberty, equality, and free government that make us think of ourselves as a single people. ***To be an American is not to be someone, but to believe in something.*** {Bold italics added}

In Case You Missed It



Chowhounds at Adel's Greek Restaurant 6/10/26



Theodore Talk **Born Smart or Built Smart? The Truth About** **Intelligence and Effort**

Brad Lucht/Shirley Mouer

This virtual event will take place on Zoom July 26 at 2:30 p.m. Central Time (3:30 Eastern, 12:30 Pacific).

Alexander Puutio, Adjunct Professor at Columbia University and author of the new book *AI for MBAs: The Essential Guide for Leaders Building AI-Driven Enterprise*, will explore the critical distinction between being “born smart” and being “built smart.” He will also examine how curiosity, metacognition, resilience, and deliberate practice shape effective intelligence, often outweighing genetic endowment. By looking at how individuals and organizations foster, or sabotage, their own cognitive performance, we can identify the tools and environments that maximize human potential. For Mensa members in particular, the opportunity lies in shifting the conversation from static measures of IQ to dynamic strategies for making intelligence count in the world.

Register for this presentation at <https://tinyurl.com/3tjcwvx7>

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.



Puzzle Solutions

1. s(4) and p(6) = salt and pepper
2. b(5) and w(8) = bells and whistles
3. f(7) and n(9) = friends and neighbors
4. s(5) and c(10) = skull and crossbones
5. t(7) and l(9) = thunder and lightning
6. h(3) and c(6) = ham and cheese
7. g(3) and v(8) = gin and vermouth
8. a(4) and u(5) = aunt and uncle
9. q(6) and a(6) = quiver and arrows
10. p(5) and l(5) = parts and labor



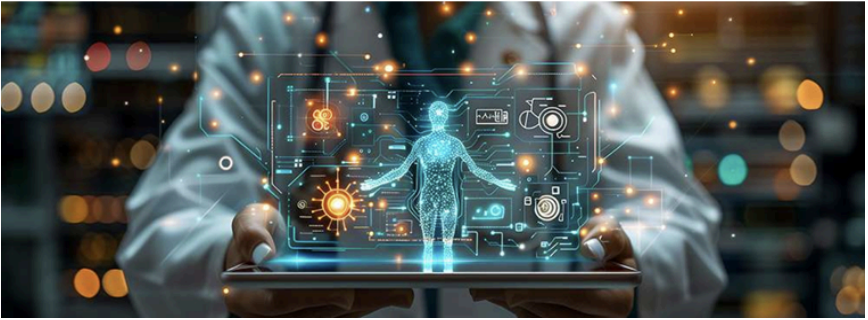
Medical AI Examples, Opportunities, and Cautionary Tales

Dr. Daniel John Doyle

Sunday, July 19, 2026 5:30 PM EASTERN TIME

This is a Zoom meeting. Please register: <https://livepresentation.link/JULY> You will receive a confirmation email with the login information.

This talk is an exploration of the state of artificial intelligence (AI) in the field of medicine aimed at the intelligent public. By highlighting real-world examples, discussing potential opportunities, and examining cautionary tales, the talk aims to provide a balanced perspective on the role of AI in healthcare. The presentation will introduce the audience to the types of AI and its applications in medicine and showcase notable examples where AI has already demonstrated its value, such as in medical imaging interpretation, early disease detection, precision medicine, and robotic surgery. Through these examples, attendees will witness the potential transformative power of AI in improving patient outcomes, enhancing diagnostics, and optimizing treatment plans. Dr. Daniel John Doyle is a Professor Emeritus at Case Western Reserve University. Trained as an electrical engineer and an anesthesiologist, he holds M.D., Ph.D., and D.Phil. degrees and has edited or written several books, the latest being *What Does It Mean to be Human?, Life, Death, Personhood and the Transhumanist Movement*.



Can organic humans "augment" to keep up with AI?

David Brin

Saturday, July 11, 2026 5:30 PM EASTERN TIME

***** This is a Zoom meeting. Please register: <https://space-talk.link/JUL> You will receive a confirmation email with the login information.

***** Even if Even if the new wave of artificial intelligences falls short of omniscience, they're going to seem awfully godlike. So, what are we members of the Olde Race to do? Maybe keep up with these new children of our minds? Some glimmering indications from biology to the quantum suggest that - maybe - we can.

David Brin is an astrophysicist whose international best-selling novels include *The Postman*, *Earth*, *Existence* and Hugo Award winners *Startide Rising* and *The Uplift War*. A Caltech Distinguished Alumnus, David consults for NASA, companies, agencies and nonprofits about how science, technology and evolving values will affect our onrushing future. His first nonfiction book, *The Transparent Society*, won the Freedom of Speech Award. Another is *Vivid Tomorrows: Science Fiction and Hollywood*. His new book on AI will be about raising these new entities to be good citizens

Statement of Assets

Account	Balance
(1) PNC Checking – Regular	\$ 2,857.70
(2) PNC Checking – Scholarships	\$ 658.20
(3) PNC Checking – Events	\$ 4,708.79
(4) MG Petty Cash	\$ 25.00
(5) CD – First Internet	\$ 10,048.98
Total Assets	\$ 18,298.67

Statement of Activity

Activity	Amount
Receipts	
Monthly Gathering Income	\$ 34.00
National Support	\$ 363.92
Interest	\$ 30.72
Annual Outdoor Gathering	\$ 806.73
Receipts Total	\$ 1,235.37
Expenses	
Facility Rental (All Souls)	\$ (100.00)
MIND Printing	\$ (340.00)
Expenses Total	\$ (440.00)
Net Activity	\$ 795.37

Central Indiana Mensa ExCom 5/19/26

Karen Wilczewski

The regular monthly meeting of the Central Indiana Mensa ExCom was held virtually via Zoom on Tuesday, May 19, 2026.

LocSec Jan Pfeil Doyle called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m.

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

Guests: Jon Applegate, Rich Gibson, Teresa Gregory, Bill Tilford, Pat Milligan

Missing: Ann Hake

The April meeting minutes were reviewed. Judy moved and Ethan seconded the April minutes be approved as amended. The motion passed.

Discussion ensued around the annual internal scholarship fund interest deposit from the CD. Under Statement of Activity, Emily has created two new line items: Annual CD Interest Deposit and Annual CD Interest Scholarship

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

The April membership report was compiled by Jan based on information available as of 4/30/26 from American Mensa: total members: 378; 1 new, 3 move-in, 0 rejoin, and 12 prospects.

Old Business

Emily wrote the \$50 check to The Mensa Foundation for the John Matthews Scholarship Fund in memory of member Kenneth McKee.

OG Update: Low attendance but everyone had a good time. 12 attended for the weekend and one on Saturday only. We will not make a profit this year. May 14-16, 2027 has been reserved. Rain contributed to this year's lower attendance. In hindsight, it might be wise to promote the OG earlier next year. Kudos to Mary Lee Kemper and Virginia Plottel from Cincinnati and John Massura from Chicago for lending a hand at this year's OG.

Candis has a jar of cash (\$35) from the sale of sundry items that can be donated to the local Scholarship Fund. We can also have a jar available at monthly gatherings. Judy suggested bringing the jar to Mensa events as a visual reminder to donate to the local scholarship fund. This can turn into a healthy competition to fill the jars with money to benefit our scholarship fund.

New Business

Jan heard from a Columbus area member who wants to plan events in that area. The first being on May 28. Also, Bill, who attended the ExCom Meeting as a guest, is secretary of the Wabash Valley Astronomical Society. He's looking to reach Ms who share an interest in astronomy to invite them to an open house on June 6 at 3 p.m. and to explore organizing a Mensa event to visit the observatory. Jan offered to provide contact lists to both and offered support for organizing future events at these locations.

Elections: Jan will get with Larry to confirm whether Lynn Farber will run for office and set the gears in motion to move the election of candidates along. The deadline for submitting petition candidates is July 1.

The meeting adjourned at 8:24 p.m.

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

