



The Monthly Journal of Northern Michigan Mensa

**NOVEMBER CALENDAR**

**Brunch - Saturday, 11 November 2017 at 11:00 a.m.**

The November brunch will be held at The Cottage, 420 Munson Avenue at 8th Street, in Traverse City. We will meet in the separate dining room on the right side as you enter the building.

**BRING IN A NEW MEMBER !!!**

From October 1st, 2017 until March 31st, 2018-  
You can get a voucher code from National for a FREE!!! Mensa test or review of prior evidence for a person of your choice..

**Election Process Update from Jack Schultz  
Nominating Committee Report & Elections Committee**

Our NomComm has met and come up with a slate of four voting members for the next two years, commencing in January. We are allowed by our by-laws to nominate five or more individuals but only five or fewer may be elected. If, after the prescribed time for the election period has passed, no challenges or additional nominations are made, those elected will call their first meeting. If only four members are elected, they will appoint a fifth member to fill out the five-voting member ExComm. The candidates nominated are:

- Greg Baker of Traverse City
- Stan Cain of Traverse City
- Gene Fry of Kingsley
- KC Mowrey of Cadillac

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**News from the RVC3**

The MVP (Member Voucher Program) program has launched. There are already members who have passed on their unique code to someone interested in joining Mensa and who are now asking for additional codes from members who may not be using them. I hear that some members have a waiting list of three or four people that they would like to pass a free testing code to. These codes can also be used for prior evidence. All members have been assigned a free code. If you had an email on file, you should have received an email with your personal code. If you did not have an email on file with American Mensa (or if you misplaced your email with the code), you can contact the National Office via email at [MVP@americanmensa.org](mailto:MVP@americanmensa.org) or call 817.607.0060. Yet-to-be-redeemed codes will be valid until March 31, 2018.

The next RG (Regional Gathering) will be in Cincinnati the first weekend of December. More information can be found on their site and Facebook page as well as on the Region 3 Facebook page. Contact Tiffany Everett for more information. Then in April, there are two RGs in Region 3. The first weekend of April (6 - 8) Dayton Area Mensa has a terrific RG and the third weekend of April (20 - 22), Southeast Michigan Mensa provides a wonderful set of programs and games. Mark your calendars!

Region 3 used to have several more RGs every year but due to various reasons, we now only have four. I think this trend can be reversed if local groups work together to jointly host such a gathering. For example, Kentuckiana and Bluegrass could team up. Perhaps, Cleveland Area Mensa and East Central Ohio Mensa could do the same. Rochester and Western NY? Columbus? Maumee Valley? Vandalia? A couple of the Michigan local groups? Or maybe a group simply needs some expertise that another local group could help provide as consultants.

On November 1st, registration for the 2018 AG (Annual Gathering) will begin. Hotel registration will also open that day. Registration can be done via the web or by phone. Early bird registration for members is \$199 until February 28, 2018. Non-members pay an additional \$40. There will be four hotels in the convention center complex with rates ranging from \$134 to \$154 (plus taxes).

Recent regional appointments include: Shana Lincoln as Young Adult Mensa (YAM) coordinator, Adam Ketler as Scholarship chairperson, Leonard Dalenberg as Webmaster (re-appointment), Tiffany Everett as Assistant to the RVC with a focus on Facebook including Events (re-appointment), and Betsy Mark as Ombuds-person (re-appointment). Thank you to all who have volunteered to take on these roles. Shana will be helping local group YAM coordinators.

A little bit of housekeeping ...

Local group Bylaws are part of the legal governance within Mensa. It is good practice to review (and possibly update) your Bylaws every few years. If you would like an informal preliminary review of your existing Bylaws, your LocSec/President can send a request to the AMC Bylaws Committee. Please contact Becky Folger, Local Group Services Manager, at [BeckyF@americanmensa.org](mailto:BeckyF@americanmensa.org) or call her at 817.607.5524 to inquire about an informal review. Becky is wonderful and is dedicated to helping local groups in any way needed. <Becky, please forgive me if you get inundated with emails and calls.>

One other bit of housekeeping ...

Just a reminder that a local group officer (whether elected or appointed) must be a current (dues up-to-date) member of American Mensa. If a person is listed as an officer in your newsletter or website, they must meet this requirement. Former members, lapsed members, spouses, and any other generally helpful, all-around-good-person, can be listed elsewhere in the newsletter or on your website with a title or descriptive phrase of what they do for the local group. They simply cannot be listed under a banner or heading that says "Officers".

Looking forward to seeing you as I travel about the region. Have a great month and beginning of the holiday season. Enjoy life!

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