



The Monthly Journal of Northern Michigan Mensa

July Calendar

Brunch - Saturday, 14 July, 2018 at 11:00 a.m.

The brunch will be held at The Cottage Inn, 472 Munson Avenue at 8th Street, in Traverse City. We will meet in the separate room in back.

Our subject for presentation and discussion will be "PTS" formerly known as "PTSD" (Post Traumatic Stress Disorder). Mensa member Gene Fry is currently making revisions for this change in a book at the request of a fellow author. Pete Turkus has had some previous experience with this subject as a former EMT and police officer and has recently had an episode which is being dealt with.

And coming up in August...

Bibliomensans' Book for August

Saturday, 11 August, 2018 at 11:00 a.m. (Note: Second Saturday this Month).

A Brief History of Everyone Who Ever Lived: The Human Story Retold Through Our Genes by Adam Rutherford and Siddhartha Mukherjee.

Annual Picnic

Sunday, 19 August, 2018

Save this date and check for details in the August Borealis.

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Editor's Corner

Time to mention some items that some of our newer (and maybe older too) members may not be aware of.

Activities

While our Program Chair is responsible for organizing our monthly activities, any member is welcome to plan an activity that is of interest to them and which might also be of interest to others in the group. The only requirement would be coordination with Pete Turkus, our Program Chair. Some interesting examples from the past:

- Tour of a vodka distillery (Very well attended for some reason...).
- A boat trip to and tour of South Manitou Island.
- Hikes to interesting areas.
- Kayak/Canoe trips.
- A games night.
- Various interesting Brunch speakers.

So, instead of just wishing that our group would do more things of interest to you, either suggest that Pete consider an activity or talk to Pete about organizing something yourself!

News from the RVC3

As you read this, the AG may be in full swing - or for those local groups with a publication deadline of thirty days prior, this will appear in your August newsletter.

Although Indianapolis is in Region 4, it is still in the Midwest and more easily accessible to those of us in Region 3. I am looking forward to seeing many of you there. I am also attending the Colloquium since the topic is on the future of manufacturing and having worked in the IT area of automotive suppliers most of the last thirty years, I am curious as to what experts in the field have to say.

This also begins the second year of my term as Regional Vice Chair for Region 3. I am gratified that the members of the AMC have very divergent opinions on some topics - even though this sometimes means that discussion on a single topic may take an hour or so while we all express and discuss our thoughts and viewpoints. Fortunately, this has been done with mutual respect.

Each year there are four AMC meetings. One is scheduled during the AG which makes it possible for more members to attend. The fall one is held in September at American Mensa HQ in order to allow some interaction with the staff. This past year, I spent significant time interacting with Becky Folger, the Local Groups liaison. She is a real gem and will extend herself in serving the local groups. The third one is in December and will be a teleconference in 2018 in order to save travel costs. The fourth one usually takes place in March and Local Groups are encouraged to bid on hosting it.

We have three Regional Gatherings in our region confirmed for the second half of 2018. Over Labor Day weekend (Friday through Monday), Western Pennsylvania Mensa hosts one near Pittsburgh. Then, from September 28 to 30, Columbus Area Mensa will prove that they're not dead yet! Finally, Cincinnati Area Mensa hosts their RG from November 30 through December 2. December 1 is the AMC meeting via teleconference and I plan on attending this RG and "hosting" a room where RG attendees will be able to attend the AMC meeting along with me.

I will be seeing many of you locally over the next few months, either at an RG or at a local group event. Until then, have a great summer

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