



The Monthly Journal of Northern Michigan Mensa

August Calendar

Book Club – Saturday, 11 August, 2018 at 11:00 a.m.

(Note: Second Saturday this Month).

The August Book Club selection will be: ***A Brief History of Everyone Who Ever Lived: The Human Story Retold Through Our Genes*** by Adam Ruth-erford and Siddhartha Mukherjee and presented by Stan Cain. The group will meet at BC Pizza, 3186 LaFranier Road, in Traverse City.

Annual Picnic – Sunday, 19 August, 2018 at 12 noon

Northern Michigan Mensa will hold its annual picnic at the **Almira Township Park**.

The most direct route from downtown Traverse City is to take West Front Street west and continue until you see the “Cedar Run” sign. **Turn right.** Continue west on Cedar Run until it ends at Green Briar. **Turn left.** Continue south on Green Briar until it ends at Fowler. **Turn Right.** Continue west on Fowler until it ends. **Turn Left.**

There will be a sign for **Mistwood Golf Course** and **Almira Township Park** is next to the golf course.

There will be **rectangular orange plates with black arrows** at key turns.

Pete Turkus will provide barbecued chicken and has our supply of plates, cups, bowls and utensils. Please bring a dish to pass. With no particular assignments, it always turns out well! Also, please bring your own beverages.

There will be a full ExComm meeting (voting & non-voting) at the picnic. ExComm members please **RSVP to Bobbi Walker by Aug.15th.**

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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.

Newsletter Access

In addition to email from the National Office and printed copies mailed by your editor, you can also access Borealis by going to our Northern Michigan Mensa website www.nmm.us.mensa.org. Here you can access all issues of Borealis since 2003 as well as a list of current activities, etc.

This was our original method of emailing the newsletter before the National Office took on that function a few years ago.

Friend Fund.

With Mensa dues relentlessly rising, occasionally, for some members, it can be a choice between an annual Mensa membership and gas to get to work.

The friend fund exists to pay the dues of a member who is temporarily “short”. This help is provided privately by contacting our treasurer Greg Baker. The fund is replenished by charitable contributions from our members and had balance of \$510 as of the end of 2017.

News from the RVC3

Another Annual Gathering is "in the books". This year the AG was more accessible to Region 3 as it was just over the border in Region 4 - the city of Indianapolis. Dr. David Wolf, the Friday evening keynote speaker was one of the best. An astronaut with a medical background, he showed a NASA video, which he often interrupted to have dialogue with the audience. It seemed that he found it very refreshing and energizing to have a roomful of people who wanted to be there. He even stayed around for a while so that people could have photos with him.

Next year, the AG will be in downtown Phoenix. The good news: All the adult programs and activities will be on one floor. The not-so-good news: Phoenix is awfully hot in the summertime. Bring your sunscreen and keep the air conditioning on. Registration will begin in mid-August and hotel rooms can be reserved beginning November 1. I understand that the hotel should have enough rooms for all attending. Region 3 garnered several awards this year. CultureQuest XXIX winners are: Rocket Surgeons (Columbus Area Mensa - 4th), The Original Standard Deviants (Western Pennsylvania Area Mensa - tied for 5th), Uncle Churd (East Central Ohio Mensa - 6th), ACMES of CAM Culture (Cincinnati Area Mensa - tied for 16th) and winning The Next Generation ... Teen Angst YM I Here? (Cincinnati Area Mensa).

Now for the Jewel Awards which recognize participation in Mensa activities and accomplishments, including Mind Games®, CultureQuest®, Mensa Testing Day, and Leadership Development Workshops. Achievement levels are, lowest to highest: the Emerald, the Sapphire, and the Ruby. Additionally, each of the five Local Groups obtaining the highest points in individual classes are specifically recognized separately as the Diamond Group winner for each level. Region 3 winners are: Class I (900+ members): Emerald - Southeast Michigan Mensa, Class II (400 to 899 members): Emerald - Cincinnati Area Mensa, Western Pennsylvania Mensa, Cleveland Area Mensa. Class III (200 to 399 members): Diamond - East Central Ohio Mensa, Emerald - Dayton Area Mensa, Kentuckiana Mensa, Western New York Mensa. Class V (fewer than 100 members): Emerald - Northern Michigan Mensa.

National Service Awards recognizing faithful service to American Mensa and contributing greatly to the growth and betterment of the organization: Harley C. Berger and Richard Alan Magnus.

Chairman's Service Award - Awarded by the Chair in recognition of superior service to the organization: Guy Conti for his hard work and diligence serving on the Transition Committee in reviewing American Mensa's incoming Executive Director. Be sure to register for the upcoming RGs in Western Pennsylvania Mensa, Columbus Area Mensa, and Cincinnati Area Mensa.

Next month I'll talk about Mensa Connect and the three ways of accessing your communities.

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