



The Monthly Journal of Northern Michigan Mensa

October Calendar

Book Club – Saturday, 6 October, 2018 at 11:00 a.m.

The October Book Club selection will be: **A Gentleman in Moscow** by Amor Towles and presented by Jim McDermott. The group will meet at BC Pizza, 3186 LaFranier Road, in Traverse City.

Brunch - Saturday, 13 October, 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.

The speaker will be the production manager from **Food For Thought** - a newly opened location for a company started in the late 90s. They produce small production runs of specialty foods, both for their brands and brands for other companies.

Food For Thought Open House

Thursday, 4 October, 2018 at 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Related, but NOT a Mensa function is an open house open to the public. This is located at 7736 Long Lake Road in the OLD Long Lake Elementary School building, located NEXT to the NEW Long Lake Elementary School.

I am not an employee but I am the contracted electromechanical maintenance guy. I will be there and will answer questions from Mensa members. (I'm not part of the open house, just a helpful attendee,)

I hope to see many of you there. If there is interest, perhaps we might get a tour at a later date but there has been no discussion of that as yet.

Questions: Contact Pete Turkus at 231 941-8321

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Minutes from Mensa Ex-Comm meeting on 19 August 2018

Meeting called to order at 2:50 P.M.

Voting members present: Roberta Walker, Stan Cain Gene Fry and KC Mowrey.
Non-voting members Present: Richard Thibeau, Pete Turkus, and Jack Schultz .

New Business: Discussed providing our \$600.00 donation for the Mensa Scholarship program. It was voted to be provided.

Our Treasurer, Greg Baker, has resigned and Richard Thibeau was appointed to be his replacement.

Discussed Program Chair, Pete Turkus' suggestion to have a conservative as a guest speaker at a future brunch along with a liberal for balance.

Meeting adjourned at 3:34 P.M.

Minutes submitted by:

Deputy Local Secretary: Gene Fry

News from the RVC3

Finally had some cool days and evenings. Fall must be on its way- although, I understand that my local temps will be back in the eighties later this week. This is one of my favorite seasons with all the colors on the deciduous trees. Must be the artistic side of me that also appreciates architecture and engineering designs.

Speaking of engineering, I really enjoyed the FIRST Robotics presentation at the recent Western Pennsylvania Mensa (WPAM) RG. I had not known that FIRST Robotics now begins in Kindergarten and that there are four different programs geared to age/grade as well as cost. Besides the traditional FIRST Robotics Competition which can cost upwards of \$8000 to several thousand dollars, there is a First Tech Challenge with smaller teams and a budget of about \$1000.

In addition to the WPAM RG over the Labor Day weekend, I attended the Meet-in-the-Middle event held jointly between Mid-Michigan Mensa and Southeast Michigan Mensa (at which Maumee Valley was represented), the Vandalia Mensa picnic on September 15 at Valley Falls State Park in the great state of West Virginia, a restaurant get together with Maumee Valley Mensa on September 16 near Toledo, Ohio, and the quarterly AMC Board meeting at the end of September. I hope to visit two or three more local groups before the snow flies.

Due to concerns over issues that have occurred over the past year, an Event Safety Task Force has been created to look into what can be done to improve our ASIEs, our By-Laws, and the existing process to report and deal with issues at events. If you have any suggestions, please email them to me and I will bring them to the Task Force (of which I am a member).

Columbus hosted the "We're Not Dead Yet" RG the last weekend of September. I had hoped to attend as I have enjoyed their RGs in the past, but the fall AMC Board meeting was rescheduled to that weekend. :-)

Due to a change related to the December AMC Board meeting to have it as a teleconference (and therefore avoid travel and hotel costs), I will be able to attend the Cincinnati RG this year. It will be November 30 through December 2. That Saturday is the AMC meeting and I will be hosting a board room at the RG and encourage members to attend open sessions of that meeting.

Cheers!

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