



The Monthly Journal of Northern Michigan Mensa

January Calendar

Brunch - Saturday, 12 January, 2019 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.

And coming up in February...

Bibliomensans' Book for February

Saturday, 2 February, 2019 at 11:00 a.m. *Fear: Trump in the White House*

2019 BIBLIOMENSANS SCHEDULE

- FEBRUARY 2** *Fear: Trump in the White House*
Author: Bob Woodward, Presenter: Sherry McNamara
- APRIL 6** *Persepolis: The Story of Childhood*
Author: Marjane Satrapi, Presenter: Heather
- JUNE 1** *American Nations: A History of the Eleven rival
Regional Cultures of North America*
Author: Colin Woodard, Presenter: Sherry
- AUGUST 10** *Hope Never Dies*
(NOTE: not our normal date)
Author: Andrew Shaffer, Presenter: Jim

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OCTOBER 5

Longitude: The True Story of a Lone Genius Who Solved the Greatest Scientific Problem of His Time

Author: Dava Sobel, Presenter: Stan

DECEMBER 7

Code Girls: The Untold Story of the American Women Code Breakers of World War II

Author: Liza Mundy, Presenter: Heather

News from the RVC3

I am writing this right after attending the Cincinnati Area Mensa RG. On the Saturday of the RG, we had the quarterly meeting of the AMC (American Mensa Committee) which is essentially American Mensa's board of directors. In order to save on expenses, this was the first time a quarterly meeting was held via teleconference. This enabled Baker Ring, RVC for Region 5, and myself to host the meeting at the RG for any members who were interested in seeing how we conduct business on behalf of the membership.

The RG was very enjoyable, especially the star of the show, Sydney the white cockatoo, from the Cincinnati Zoo. Sydney was such a hit that he tied for second place in the Hells M's vote for Party Animal. Having animals on an RG program seems to always attract a large audience. I remember animal presentations at the Columbus RG in the past that were fun and informative.

Upcoming RGs in Region 3 include Dayton Area Mensa (DAM) on March 29 - 31, 2019 at the Doubletree hotel where the Cincinnati RG was held and the Southeast Michigan Mensa (SEMM) RG the weekend of April 26 - 28, 2019 near the Detroit Wayne County airport at the Marriott. And for those of you gamers who were fortunate enough to register, Mind Games is the weekend of April 12 - 14, 2019. Now, that's a great way to kick off springtime!

American Mensa's election season is upon us. The nomination period runs from December 1, 2018 through January 31, 2019. During this time, candidates have electronic nomination petitions at <https://www.us.mensa.org/lead/amc/elections/candidate-petitions/>. Since members can sign nomination papers for all candidates for each and every office, I encourage you to do so. No limits on the number of candidates that you nominate for a specific office! That way, members will have a choice when it comes time to actually vote for the best candidate. Paper petitions can also be downloaded if you would like to circulate a nomination petition for someone. The actual voting period is from April 15, 2019 thru May 15, 2019.

Speaking of elections, there are some Bylaws amendments that will be on the ballot. I recommend going to <https://www.us.mensa.org/lead/amc/elections/2019-board-election/2019-bylaws-referenda/> to see what is being proposed.

Finally, the new Mensa Store at <https://www.mensastore.com/> launched on Cyber Monday. Not all the shelves were stocked on opening day, so check back periodically to see what is being added.

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