



Borealis

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April Calendar

-Saturday, 13 April 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: Bibliomensans' Book for April 6 *Persepolis: The Story of Childhood*, Author: Marjane Satrapi Presenter: Heather



Iris in full bloom

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News from the RVC3

The quarterly AMC meeting was held on March 1 during the Central NJ Mensa Regional Gathering. The RG is aptly named “Snowball” and we did have some snowfall during the weekend. Central NJ Mensa bid to host the AMC meeting. In the coming year, there will be two quarterly AMC meetings that local groups can bid to host. The December meeting is usually the first Saturday in December and the March meeting is usually the first Saturday of March. Since both dates are the 7th, it may be a week earlier. I’ll let you know as soon as I find out for sure.

At this meeting, the AMC approved the budget for the 2019 – 2020 Mensa year. It projects to be in the black. Yeah! One item that was included is for a new avenue for member qualification. During this fiscal year, it will become available for candidates to test at a local certified testing center. This has become a very common method of testing for professional certification. Since it will become easier for people to test whenever they choose, I anticipate an increase in membership numbers. This is not a replacement for proctored testing but rather an additional option for potential new members.

The AMC did have to vote on the recommendation of the National Hearing Committee to expel a long-time member. Dan Gilmore from Region 8 has been expelled from American Mensa. These decisions are never easy. Having been on the Events Safety Task Force this past year, the AMC is now tasked with ensuring that members feel safe when attending events. Current societal standards of behavior will be expected.

In the past members may have been reluctant to report issues. In order to make it easier, there is a Bylaw proposal on this spring’s ballot that would modify the requirement that local group members equaling 150% of the number of local group ExComm members request a regional hearing to only requiring a minimum of two members to do so. This proposal came from the Event Safety Task Force, which included three RVCs. Please review the entire proposal and the Pro and Con statements. This change is up to you, the members.

The Southeast Michigan Mensa RG is from April 26 to 28 in Romulus, Michigan.

The Columbus Area Mensa RG is from July 19 to 21, location to be announced soon.

I hope to see you at one of these RGs in Region 3 or perhaps you can join me at the OMG (Outdoor Mensa Gathering) hosted just over the state line in southern Indiana.

Oh, this year’s Annual Gathering (AG) in Phoenix promises to be a “hot” time with “cool” people. See you there!

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