



Borealis

The Monthly Journal of Northern Michigan Mensa

November Calendar

BRUNCH - Saturday, 9 November, 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.

We may have a surprise speaker!

Elections will be in December for the upcoming term (starts in January) of two years. Positions to be elected are the Local Secretary (LocSec), Deputy LocSec, and Treasurer. Anyone interested in running for one of these, please contact Stan Cain, Nominating Committee, 231-938-1506, sdcmn@yahoo.com, before November 1. If no additional candidates speak up by then, the current ExComm will be considered elected and resume their positions for the next two years in January.

Also, anyone with ideas on future activities or events for the Group, contact the LocSec Gene Fry to let us know.

The Mensa Voucher Program (MVP) for testing is in effect for October, November, and December of 2019 only. Anyone having one of the special vouchers for October would be charged \$30.00, in November and December the test is free with a voucher. The vouchers can be requested from the Mensa website.



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A riddle is a statement which has a secret meaning - your mission, should you choose to accept it, is to crack the puzzle and find that meaning. Don't worry, it's not mission impossible.

Mr. and Mrs. Mustard have six daughters and each daughter has one brother. How many people are in the Mustard family?

Answer next month

**Last month:
Who makes it, has no need of it.
Who buys it, has no use for it.
Who uses it can neither see nor feel it.
What is it?**

A coffin

News from the RVC3

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The NMM Book Club meets at BC Pizza, 3186 LaFranier Road, in Traverse City at 11:00 a.m. on the designated date.

Interested in joining our Mensa book club? Come to the meeting for a lively discussion, even if you have not read the books.

2019 BIBLIOMENSANS SCHEDULE

DECEMBER 1

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

Author: Liza Mundy

Presenter: Heather Gruenberg-Seger

Location: BC Pizza, 3186 La Franier, TC

CLUB MEMBERSHIP

Any member of Northern Michigan Mensa is automatically a member of Bibliomensans.

MEETINGS

Meetings are held at 11:00 a.m. the first Saturday in February, April, June, October, and December: the August meeting is the second Saturday. Each meeting is started with the presenter giving background or other pertinent information about the book, the author, and/or the subject matter. The discussion continues in round robin style until each member has had an opportunity to speak uninterrupted; it then opens for free flowing discussion by all members.



Once again, American Mensa has provided Mensa Voucher Program (MVP) codes to pass on to family, friends, acquaintances ... even strangers. Based on feedback from members, a significant change has been made to the program. Instead of every member receiving a code unique to them that can only be used once, this year each Local Group has one code that any member can provide to any potential new member. This code can be used many times between now and December 31, 2019.

For example, in Southeast Michigan Mensa, the code is MotorCity19. When the prospective member goes to us.mensa.org and wants to purchase a test voucher (or submit prior evidence), they would enter this discount code during their purchase process. It would act just like a discount code at Amazon, subtracting the full cost of the Mensa Test Voucher or Prior Evidence, resulting in a net cost of zero. What a great way to encourage others to join you as a member of Mensa!

All members were emailed their Local Group's discount code around September 3, 2019. The email subject was "Invite a friend using your MVP code". If you don't find the email in your Inbox, simply ask another member what the code is for your group.

Second topic ... Mensa Connect. These communities were intended to be a means to create connected communities within American Mensa. Each Local Group has had one community created for the entire Local Group. When a person becomes a member of American Mensa, they are automatically added to their Local Group's community. They can then choose to receive all postings and announcements from their group, choose only to receive a daily digest, or turn off emails and would then need to sign in to Mensa Connect to view what has been posted to your local community. If a local group has sub-areas, additional communities can be created to include members living in those areas.

One local group in Oregon has found this to be a very effective way to engage new members. The group posts all upcoming events to their page. Members are showing up unexpectedly at events every month as a result. What a great situation! If your group is not yet using Mensa Connect, contact your Loc Sec and ExComm and encourage them to begin connecting with members with this tool.

There is one final Regional Gathering (RG) in Region 3 in 2019. CAMaraderie 2019 is being hosted by Cincinnati Area Mensa from Friday, December 6 through Sunday, December 8, 2019 at the DoubleTree by Hilton on Kemper Road in Sharonville, Ohio. For more information go to <https://cincymensa.org/RG2019/>.

Have a wonderful Fall season!

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