



Borealis

July Calendar

Bibliomans next meet August 1 at 11:00 a.m. at B. C. Pizza, at 3186 LaFranier Rd. in Traverse City

BRUNCH - will be on July 11 @ 11 am at The Cottage as usual

There will NOT be a picnic this year

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BRUNCH is back on ... July 11 @ 11 am at The Cottage as usual

Sherry McNamara will be hosting Bibliomans meetings via ZOOM instead of in person. Contact her to get the invitation to Zoom ... sherrymcnamara@hotmail.com

Bibliomensans

This is the schedule for the Bibliomensans' 2020 reading meetings. Anybody is welcome, whether or not they have read the book. If they are Mensans they are members of Bibliomensans. We meet at 11:00 a.m. on the first Saturday of the month at B. C. Pizza, at 3186 LaFranier Rd. in Traverse City. Zip code is 49686 (restaurant is at SE corner of Airport and LaFranier Rds.). Meetings are held in February, April, June, August, October, and December. In August we meet on the second Saturday of the month. The presenter introduces the book and then everybody goes around the table, voicing their opinion. After that the discussion is open. I am now the contact person, Heather J. Gruenberg-Seger, I can be reached at home: 231.932.9501. All other information on the book group link is still valid.

February -- Tara Westover's 'Educated', 334 pp. Heather Gruenberg-Seger is presenting.

April -- Rachel Carson's 'Silent Spring', 378 pp. in 1962. Jim McDermott is presenting.

June -- Steadman and Clark's 'Tethered Mercury', 288 pp. Sherry McNamara is presenting.

August -- David Grann's 'Killers of the Flower Moon', 359 pp. Stan Cain is presenting.

October -- Yuval Noah Harari's 'Sapiens', 498 pp. Heather Gruenberg-Seger is presenting.

December -- David Wallace-Wells' 'The Uninhabitable Earth', 320 pp. Jim McDermott is presenting.

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News from the RVC3

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As this article is written for the July issue of your local group newsletter, my first thought is how I am missing being at the Annual Gathering in Kansas City. That has now been moved to 2024. Next year's gathering is a World Gathering. It has been fifteen years since the last one, which was held at Disney in Florida. That was my first national Mensa event. Next year, I hope to see many of you in Houston, August 24 to 29. Yes, it is later next year so that it is easier for our European members to attend during their annual "holiday" period. Local group events continue to be primarily via Zoom and other web-oriented platforms. Some groups are now holding their monthly gatherings with speakers in a virtual fashion. This seems to increase attendance as it allows homebound members to join in. Groups like Chicago Area Mensa are publishing agendas which include social time, speaker time, and games room. Once larger in-person social events are allowed by Governors, I encourage the continued use of the internet in order to include more members than "in-person" alone would allow. Some places are using both Zoom and Facebook Live to reach more folks. To see how some Region 1 groups are engaging members, here is a report by Ian Randal Strock, their RVC <https://www.us.mensa.org/featured-content/getting-together-during-quarantine-a-virtual-view-from-region-1/>.

Speaking of Governors of our states, please follow their guidelines and executive orders. They do vary considerably. Here in Michigan, we can meet in groups of ten or fewer, must "socially distance", and must wear masks when inside a public building (e.g. stores). In most of the state, restaurants and bars are still limited to curbside, take-out, and delivery. Hair salons are still not allowed to be open even though some of us could use a haircut. My wife has lately been suggesting that we go to Ohio to get a much-needed massage. The states that surround Michigan seem to have moved forward more quickly than Michigan. In fact, Indiana has a billboard near the Michigan border that welcomes Michiganders to a "free-to-roam" state. Indiana has published a five-phase plan with dates and criteria. It is very specific but does include a disclaimer that says that it could change. The Governor of Indiana must know what SMART goals are as the plan follows that approach - which provides hope to its citizens.

The next Regional Gathering (RG) in Region 3 is planned for Labor Day weekend, hosted by Western Pennsylvania Mensa (WPAM). However, that is in question and may be canceled. The Columbus Area Mensa RG in early October has been canceled. The Cincinnati Area Mensa RG is still on for December 4 - 6 but there will likely be changes for the safety of members and volunteers. American Mensa has published a list of recommendations for meetings which includes local group meetings and gatherings, youth events, and testing. It is on the Mensa home webpage under officer resources or go directly to it at <https://www.us.mensa.org/featured-content/recommendations-for-meetings-in-a-covid-19-world/>.

In this time of conflicting requirements, even among the states in our region, please be kind and respectful of one another. If someone is wearing a mask, they may have a personal health or family reason, so be kind to them. If they are not wearing a mask, please be kind to them. Even the World Health Organization (WHO) does not recommend masks for the general public but recommends masks for those who are elderly, health compromised, or have contact with those who are. However, WHO does mention that local governmental decisions should be followed. In all things, please be kind. Looking forward to seeing many of you in the not-too-distant future.

Cheers!

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