



Borealis

December Calendar

Bibliomensans have a meeting December 5

BRUNCH - CANCELLED until further notice

DECEMBER 21 ... Winter Solstice

DECEMBER 25 ... Christmas!!

Executive Committee

We are looking for volunteers to fill our vacancies and have an assistant for each position

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Sherry McNamara will be hosting Bibliomensans 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.

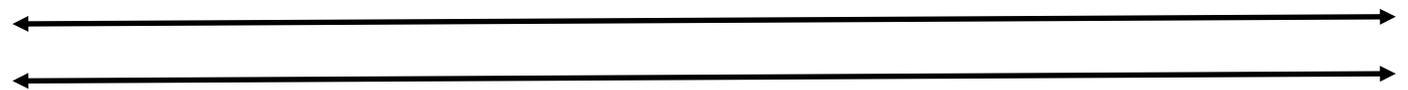
June -- Steadman and Clark's 'Tethered Mercury', 288 pp. Sherry McNamara is presenting.

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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ATTENTION!!!: THERE is need of judges for the 2021 local Scholarship competition. Each person would need to read some number of essays (the more judges, the fewer essays each person is responsible to read) and score them based on a rubric that would be provided. The reading and scoring is done completely online. Any interested people can contact me at the email address or phone number below.

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News from the RVC3

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This is my "reverse" article. Usually, I end with upcoming events. This time, let's highlight them.

The next Regional Gathering (RG) in Region 3 will be hosted by Cincinnati Area Mensa on December 4 - 6. More details can be found at <https://cincymensa.org/RG2020/>. This will be a virtual RG. It will be as close to an in-person RG as can be. Only \$10 if you register by December 1; \$15 after that.

The next quarterly AMC (American Mensa Committee, our board of directors) will be on Saturday, December 12. The quarterly meeting usually runs for about five or six hours. This is where new and updated policies are discussed and decided upon. This meeting is open to all members but pre-registration is required. Look for an email announcement or additional information on the American Mensa calendar of events.

Speaking of the AMC, the election cycle is beginning. Nomination "papers" need to be completed by January 31, 2021. I encourage you to support all candidates by signing everyone's petition. This helps ensure that members have a choice amongst candidates. The elections page is at <https://www.us.mensa.org/lead/amc/elections/>.

As more local groups adapt to the virtual world, I am pleased to announce that my local group, Southeast Michigan Mensa (SEMM), is planning their first V-RG (Virtual Regional Gathering). This will take place on Saturday, February 20, 2021. There will be three Zoom "sessions": Hospitality, Games, and Speakers/Programs. Pre-registration will be required so that the Zoom links can be sent to you. This promises to be an exciting new way of celebrating with SEMM. More info will be available on the American Mensa Calendar of Events soon at <https://www.us.mensa.org/attend/calendar/>.

Prospective member qualification has been expanded. In addition to Prior Evidence and Local Group Testing, we have implemented Private Testing. This is now available in person at Prometric testing sites. A prospective member will still need to go to the American Mensa "join" page but will now have a third option that provides them with the convenience of testing at a time that is more convenient. This type of approach is how I tested for my State of Michigan Real Estate license. The two testing options are found at the <https://www.us.mensa.org/join/testing/> page.

December is a good month to begin thinking about personal goals for the upcoming year. A long "New Year Resolution List" is not required. Simply choose one or two goals that you would like to achieve by the end of June. Choose a goal time period (shorter or longer) that you are most comfortable with. It is better to have only a few goals that you are more likely to focus on than a huge list that is overwhelming. Having been laid off since the end of March, my primary goal is to get back in the saddle and be earning my keep. The horse may be a different breed as I have been doing some online training in Agile frameworks and in Data Analytics, but I am likely to be working in the I.T. arena once again.

Looking forward to seeing many of you online or in person in the upcoming months. I was able to spend a day with the Bluegrass Mensa group (Lexington, KY area) recently and had a fun time meeting members and participating in their games day. I was even able to add a social get-together with Dan Schneider, Loc Sec of Dayton Area Mensa, and with his brother, Drake, on the way home.

May your next year be better than the past year!

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