



# Borealis

## January 2021 Calendar

Bibliomensans next meet in February

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BRUNCH - CANCELLED until further notice

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### January 1 ... New Year's Day

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#### Executive Committee

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

#### VOTING MEMBERS

Local Secretary	Gene Fry	231-668-1362	gfry.cherokee@gmail.com
Deputy Loc Sec	KC Mowrey	231-775-8785	kcmowrey@charter.net
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#### APPOINTED MEMBERS

Newsletter Editor	Richard Thibeau		
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Scholarship Chair	Kymerli Wregglesworth	(989) 733-4820	kwregglesworth@oacsd.com
Testing Coordinator	John D. Schultz	231--640-4569 (new#)	jsvoyageur@gmail.com

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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](mailto:sherrymcnamara@hotmail.com)

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## **Bibliomensans**

This is the schedule for the Bibliomensans' 2021 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: My Own Words, by Ruth Bader Ginsburg

April: The Night Watchman, by Louise Erdrich

June: Our House is On Fire, by Greta Thunberg

August: Isadore's Secret, by Mardi Link

October: Hellhound on His Trail, by Hampton Sides

December: The Disappearing Spoon, by Sam Kean

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**In December 2021, the Executive Committee elections will be held. Terms are for 2 years starting January 2022. Please consider stepping up to fill these spots (LocSec, Deputy LocSec, and Treasurer). Everyone should take a turn to keep the group functioning.**

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**ATTENTION!!: THERE STILL 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

John Voymas, Vice Chairperson, Region 3

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I recently had the pleasure of sharing some of southeast Michigan's highlights with Bert, a member of Mensa France. Bert was spending a month in Ohio to monitor a new steel-producing plant. I can't go into the details with you other than to say that the expectation is that the steel will be both strong and flexible. On a Saturday, we toured the Detroit Institute of Art (DIA) where the new exhibition "Detroit Style: Car Design in the Motor City, 1950–2020" had just opened. The exhibit includes twelve vehicles and the stories behind their design. Some are concept cars like the GM Firebird III and the Chrysler Chronos, others are well-known production vehicles like the Ford Mustang and the Plymouth Barracuda. On Sunday, we spent the day at the Henry Ford Museum in Dearborn, Michigan which currently has the "*Marvel: Universe of Super Heroes*" exhibit, featuring over three hundred artifacts. After exploring the rest of the museum, we went next door to Greenfield Village, a collection of buildings including the Firestone Farm, the home where the Wright brothers grew up, their bicycle shop where they fabricated the plane which flew at Kitty Hawk, glassblowing and pottery studios, a weaving shop where there is an operating Jacquard loom - the earliest use of punch cards, producing intricate designs, and many other historical sites.

Bert connected with me via the S.I.G.H.T. program where members of Mensa can connect with one another when they travel. Sometimes it is for a place to stay for a night, other times it is to meet over a coffee or a beer, or to be shown the local sites, as we did this time. For more info on this service of Mensa, see <https://www.us.mensa.org/connect/sight/>. BTW, S.I.G.H.T stands for Service of Information, Guidance, and Hospitality to Travelers.

As a reminder 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. View info at <https://www.us.mensa.org/attend/calendar/entries/gathering-pending-title28/>.

Dayton Area Mensa is still looking into having an RG sometime in March. Stay tuned for the latest news.

The next American Mensa AMC meeting will be in March. Details will be posted once it is determined whether this will be virtual or in-person.

I shall see some of you on-line or in-person over the next few months.

Cheers!

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