



Borealis

March 2021 Calendar

Bibliomensans next meet in April

March 14 ... Daylight Savings Time Begins

March 17 ... St Patrick's Day

March 20 ... First Day of Spring



Executive Committee

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

VOTING MEMBERS

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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' 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.

Local Level of scholarship judging will be complete, and several essays from NMM will be moving on to the Regional Level. Thank you to Julie Hill and John Porter for volunteering to help with the judging. Please consider judging next year, as many hands make light work (I can divide the essays into smaller groups so everyone only has to read 15-25 instead of 50-60! *Kymberli A. Wregglesworth*

News from the RVC3

John Voymas, Vice Chairperson, Region 3

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Looks like this year's American Mensa election has multiple candidates for many offices. There are two candidates for Chair: LaRae Bakerink and Timmy King. Two candidates have qualified for First Vice Chair: Peter DuDeck and Lori Norris. Both of those positions will be decided on the first ballot round. The Second Vice Chair choice will be among four candidates: Antonio (Tony) Belarmino, Angela Christie, David McCallister, and Robert Salkin. This will likely take two or three rounds of balloting. American Mensa uses a method called preferential voting (also known as ranked-choice voting). When you vote for Second Vice Chair, you will indicate your preference of candidate and rank them from 1 (first choice) to 4 (last choice). You do not have to rank all four - you could just put 1 by your first choice and 2 by your second choice and stop there. If no candidate gets over 50% of the vote, the fourth place candidate's ranked votes will be distributed to the other three candidates based on the ranking of the other three candidates on ballots which chose the fourth candidate as their first choice. This method saves time and money by only having a single ballot which can be used for runoffs when no single candidate gets a majority of the votes. The choice for Treasurer is between Taz Criss and James Winschel III. There is only one candidate for Secretary, Ian Randal Strock, so he will be declared the new Secretary. Ian is the current RVC for Region 1. In Region 3, the only candidate who received the required minimum of 100 nominating signatures was Lora Mitchell, so Lora will be taking over this column on July 1. Lora is the current Communications Officer.

There is one proposed Bylaws Amendment that will be on the ballot. Currently, elected AMC terms are for two years. The proposed amendment is to change that to terms of three years. Look for pros and cons in an upcoming Mensa Bulletin.

Since the voting period runs from April 15 to May 15, you will have several weeks to "meet the candidates" and to learn what they plan to contribute to American Mensa should they be the chosen one. You will find them on various Facebook groups as well as in the Mensa Connect Communities. Some will be coming to upcoming Regional Gatherings (RGs) in the next few weeks. I will be hosting a "Meet the Candidates" Zoom meeting in early April. More information on that will be in my April article. I will also be posing the date to the Region 3 Mensa Connect Community. Be sure to check there after March 1.

The next RG will be in March. Dayton Area Mensa will be having their RG March 26 - 28. This will be a virtual RG. Details should be available on the national calendar of events, the Dayton Area Mensa Facebook page, and the Dayton Area Mensa webpage.

The next American Mensa AMC meeting is set for March 20. This will be virtual and is open to all members of American Mensa. For more info <https://www.us.mensa.org/attend/calendar/entries/amc-meeting-spring-2021>.

I'll be seeing some of you in real life over the next few months. Until then ... Cheers!

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