



Borealis

August & September 2021 Calendar

Bibliomensans next meet in October

It's either Fall or still Summer !!!

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From the Desk of the LocSec: As a return to normality, we are planning on reviving Brunches at the Cottage on Munson Ave in Traverse City in October, date to be determined. Also, we need members to respond in writing with what they want to do as a group besides brunches. We have money in the treasury to spend on any activities deemed worthy. Responses will be reviewed at the October Brunch. A new Scholarship Chair needs to be found as Kymberli is stepping aside. She can explain what needs to be done for that position for anyone interested in helping the group. Stay safe, stay healthy.



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

Sherry McNamara will be hosting virtual ZOOM meetings instead of in person. Contact her to get the invitation to Zoom ...

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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.* Also, a new Editor for the Borealis will be needed at the same time.

Member Stan Cain advises he has a trove of past Borealis issues and newsletters from before there was a NMM. Anyone interested in acquiring some, contact Stan.

News from the RVC3

Lora Mitchell , Vice Chairperson, Region 3

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"Listening is a magnetic and strange thing, a creative force. The friends who listen to us are the ones we move toward. When we are listened to, it creates us, makes us unfold and expand." --Karl A. Menniger

One of the most exciting things about Mensa may just be our opportunities to listen. As part of that top 2%, often people listen to us because we have gained a reputation for, well, *knowing* things. When I think about it though, M events can be different. We're presented with so many things to learn, to absorb, and to give others that opportunity to also be heard and expand. It could be hearing a speaker, joining a SIG, catching up with an old friend, or making a new one. I think of so many times we can impact lives when someone shares with us what is really going on with them. Dr. Menniger is right about how being listened to helps us grow—but I find that when I do the listening, I am changed too. Building a community where all are heard is something we can all do in our organization, by sharing the respect and patience we all desire.

This is even better when opportunities to get together increase! We have not just the previously announced Gatherings at Pittsburgh, Columbus, and Dayton to look forward to, but now the VML in August in Blue Ash. More chapters are easing into in person events, and I can hardly wait to attend as many as I can. The Mind Games 2021 judging will now be held at the AG, but registration is open for 2022 in Maine. And yes, the countdown to the Annual Gathering is here.

We can also expand our circles by bringing more in, and hearing about their lives and experiences. Testing information for the Private Testing centers is available on the website, as well as Prior Evidence; local groups are testing in person again. And if you're looking for a great way to share the news, the Mensa Practice Tests are available for just \$1 in August.

As RVC, I'm really looking forward to continuing to hear what is important to you in your chapter. All members have valuable input - life members, new members, active members, stay-at-home members, leader members, participant members, curious members. I hope you reach out to me, I'm always available at RVC3@us.mensa.org.

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