



Borealis

February 2022 Calendar

Bibliomensans next meet February 5, 2022

Executive Committee

VOTING MEMBERS

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APPOINTED MEMBERS

Newsletter Editor	Vacant
Financial Overseer	Vacant
Membership	Vacant
Program Chair	Vacant
Scholarship Chair	Vacant
Testing Coordinator	Vacant

The Election Committee/Nominating Committee of Jim McDermott, Jack Schultz, and Sherry McNamara assembled a Slate of Officers with no extras, so there was no need to ballot according to the bylaws. The new ExComm members are listed above. Thanks go to the Committee for their support.

Since I had problems with my computer, when an email was sent late December I never received it which caused me to provide options of the status of our chapter to RVC3 Lora Mitchel. Once the facts were known that we do have a new Executive Committee the leadership has been turned over to them.

In the August 2019 Borealis we had the results of trying to decide the future of our chapter. Since there was not enough response Richard Thibeau, KC Mowery and I took the positions in order to keep the chapter. Hopefully we will get other members to consider running for office in the future so we do not continue to decide the future of our organization haphazardly.Gene Fry....



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. Bibliomensans' meetings are currently being held online via Zoom.

Sherry McNamara will coordinate payments and will be hosting Bibliomensans' Zoom meeting access.

FEBRUARY 5: Book: The Premonition

Author: Michael Lewis

Presenter: Leo Hesting

Location: Via Zoom

APRIL 2: Books: Lincoln in the Bardo

Author: George Saunders

Presenter: Heather Hollick

Location: Via Zoom

JUNE 4: Book: The Spy and the Traitor: The Greatest Espionage Story of the Cold War

Author: Ben Macintyre

Presenter: John Porter

Location: Via Zoom

AUGUST 13: Book: Facing the Mountain: A True Story of Japanese American Heroes in World War II

Author: Daniel James Brown

Presenter: Jim McDermott

Location: Via Zoom

OCTOBER 1: Book: Crying in the H Mart

Author: Michelle Zauner

Presenter: Mary Shaw

Location: Via Zoom

DECEMBER 3: Book: Caste: The Origins of Our Discontents

Author: Isabel Wilkerson

Presenter: Cindy Lipka

Location: Via Zoom

News from the RVC3

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“Friendship marks a life even more deeply than love. Love risks degenerating into obsession, friendship is never anything but sharing.” – Elie Wiesel

Since before the December holidays were over, the stores have been stocked with red and pink hearts, and the florists have tried to convince people that yes indeed, Roses are a necessity. I suppose the advantage to it is that it is happening in winter, and by February the weather is a bit grey and miserable but the bright colors are cheerful. It's been a tough winter, hasn't it? I imagine by now, I am not the only person tired of living in historical events. It's easy to get overloaded by the stories, good and bad, about how the world is changing.

Things continue to happen in Mensa. We're wrapping up the Oral History Project, for example. There were some hiccups and disappointments with the vendor, and that has led to some serious problem solving regarding member privacy and information security. Happily, the end result of the Project is really good. Over 11300 stories have been shared, more than 9000 members have updated their contact information, and 214 members (or more) have rejoined. In March there will a final call for members to participate if they wish, the stories will be compiled and reviewed, and the book will be sent to those who purchased it.

February is a special month for Local Group testing, too: 50% off, which is a sweetheart of a deal. If your group hasn't scheduled one for February, I urge you to do so. You're also about to start receiving reminders for renewal. Yes, really. Annual memberships expire on April 1, and that's no fool!

~Lora Mitchell

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