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Submissions are welcome! The editor may even reward you with a coffee, or potentially another treat by mutual consent (bagels, anyone?). Members of Northern Michigan Mensa may send their original writing submissions to Borealis.

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3. You may also submit work that is rough and needs major editing. If you have written something but don't have time to polish and edit it, you can still submit it and, at your request, we will give it extra help.

All writing and letters may be submitted by email as an attachment or as the message body itself. Typed pages and letters can be mailed.

Photographs:

Photographs and other artwork can be submitted via email in JPEG, PNG, GIF, WEBP, or other standard formats. Flat art or photographs can also be physically mailed, but please do not send originals. Please label each piece submitted with your name and address.

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Northern Michigan Mensa Calendar

Bibliomensans

Saturday, June 4 at 11:00 a.m. via Zoom

There's still time to read the book and join us to discuss! Our book this time: [The Spy and the Traitor: The Greatest Espionage Story of the Cold War](#), by Ben Macintyre.

Contact Sherry McNamara for more information or invitation.

American Mensa Annual Gathering

Register before rates rise on June 1

This is the spark you need in your life right now! Mix unique, captivating programs with reunions with Mensa friends and family, for five days of fun you won't forget. Join us July 6-10 in Sparks, Nevada for the Sparks of Genius Annual Gathering!

Register for Colloquium 2022 in-person or livestreaming

Offered live and, for the first time, streaming online, *Giftedness Across the Lifespan: A More Complete Picture* will explore the research, clinical application, and personal impact of the evolving nature of giftedness over time. Join us in person July 5 in Sparks, Nevada, or via livestream from anywhere.

<https://www.mensafoundation.org/what-we-do/education-and-outreach/colloquium>

[College for Kids Jr.](#)

Monday, Jun 27, 2022 9:00 - Northern Michigan University, Seaborg Center
Hands-on, minds-on STEM classes for students grades K-6. LEGO robotics, stories and STEM, outdoor survival skills 101, and other STEM-related topics. Weeks of June 27-July 1 and July 11-15.

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A Guide to Communication and Meaningful Relationships

by Heather Hollick

Humans are complex creatures who can spend a lifetime trying to understand ourselves, but we must also communicate and live with others. Throughout the past four decades I have found the following questions to be the most useful in understanding both myself and those around me:

1. How do you think? Do your thoughts need to be fully formed before you verbalize them? Or is verbalizing them how you form them?
2. How do you take in information? Do you believe the input you receive from your senses? Or are you more inclined to trust your intuition?
3. How do you make decisions? Do you analyze the situation? Or do you put priority on the relationships involved?
4. How do you deal with the outside world? Does your inner world draw you in? Or do you find yourself more comfortable with the outside world?

Your answers reveal your preferences. Learning to recognize those preferences allows you to better connect and communicate, whether with yourself or with others.

Some of you may recognize the above questions as the hallmarks of the Myers-Briggs Type Indicator. Put aside any preconceptions of the MBTI you may have and join me on July 6 for a Zoom seminar exploring these illuminating dimensions of human personality.

Among other things, I have been a certified Myers-Briggs practitioner for more than fifteen years. You can learn more about me on my website at heatherhollick.com/about.

What was once new is no longer - NFTs in the 1950s

Bibliomansans recently discussed Non-Fungible Tokens (NFTs). People are willing to pay cryptocurrency for these, which confer ownership of "items," including artwork, that do not tangibly exist.

Seems like there is precedent for this...

Sotheby's is auctioning an unusual item: a receipt for a piece of invisible art by the late French artist Yves Klein. Klein sold numerous pieces of imaginary art - which he dubbed "Zones of Immaterial Pictorial Sensibility" - for a weight of pure gold, and he issued receipts to the buyers. This receipt is dated December 7, 1959, just a few years before the artist's death in 1963.

The receipt is rare because Klein invited buyers to participate in a ritual that involved burning the receipt and throwing half the gold into the Seine River so as to make the buyer the "definitive owner" of the conceptual artwork. Sotheby's says this was a harbinger of cryptocurrency and the exchange of non-fungible tokens, or NFTs.

"Some have likened the transfer of a zone of sensitivity and the invention of receipts as an ancestor of the NFT, which itself allows the exchange of immaterial works," the auction catalog states. "If we add that Klein kept a register of the successive owners of the 'zones,' it is easy to find here another revolutionary concept - the 'blockchain.'"

Sotheby's expects the receipt to fetch up to \$550,000.

Source: United Press International, March 23 2022

Salsa and Black Bean Soup

Serves 8

- 4 cups vegetable broth
- 1 can diced tomatoes
- 2 cans black beans
- 1 large jar of medium-hot salsa
- 1 large jar of mild salsa
- 1-2 tsp. cumin
- 1 cup cooked rice (optional)

Combine above ingredients, simmer for an hour.

Emulsify until blended.

Optionally, add rice.

Add the following to serving bowl:

- cilantro
- diced green onions
- grated cheddar cheese

This hearty soup is great for a buffet or a family. Or if you're on your own and a "meal prepper".

Can be served cold or room temperature in summer.

Options:

- Top with oyster crackers or crumbled saltines
- Or with "Triscuit"- type wheat crackers
- To control the 'heat', use two mild or two medium salsas.

Note that everything in this recipe (except for cumin) may be purchased at (a discount grocery chain with a 4-letter name beginning in "A" and ending in "i") for a very inexpensive meal. You may omit the cumin, or use a mild chili powder (or coriander) instead.

A Father

by Jack Ridl

I remember how he'd wait; he'd
 make a mound of peace and surround
 himself with nothing
 I could know. His mind
 seemed alone at the taut end
 of a kite string. I would wait,
 hoping for the air to open dipping
 him back to us. His eyes were empty,
 sockets of morning light. I was on
 my own, trying to learn at the end
 of my fingers what it was he knew.

Regional Vice Chair

I suppose leadership at one time meant muscles; but today it means getting along with people. - Mahatma Gandhi

Are you a leader?

I'm not asking if you are a LocSec, President, supervisor, or if you are an influencer. I'm asking if you are someone who cares and wants to make a difference, if you have good ideas, and can collaborate on important subjects. If so, there are roles for you to take in Mensa.

Or are you a local group officer who would like more volunteers?

If you are not familiar with the Volunteer Marketplace, it is on Mensa Connect, under the Volunteer tab marked Volunteer Opportunities. Local groups or national officers can post opportunities for any member to apply. As of this writing, there are opportunities for design of the national website, national committees, area coordinator, and proctors. It's one of many ways people can connect.

I am very excited to share that we are going to be hosting a one-day Region 3 Mini Gathering on July 23 from 11 AM - 9 PM, sponsored by multiple chapters, and hosted by Dayton.

Young's Jersey Dairy
6880 Springfield-Xenia Road
Yellow Springs, OH 45387
\$26 for adults, \$20 for children 4-11.

For more information please contact chair@dayton.us.mensa.org. Preregistration required.

We do also have the AG in July (starting the 5th!), and within the region is the VML* in August, Pittsburgh RG in September, Columbus RG in October, and Cincinnati RG in December. Watch your social media, the Bulletin, and the national website for info.

As one final note, I want to invite members to submit photos for the Mensa International Photographer of the Year. Entries are accepted until July 1, and each member may enter up to 3 photos. This year's theme is Nature. Information is on the national website and has been emailed to members; a link is available on the Region 3 Facebook page.

- Lora Mitchell, Mensa Region 3 Vice Chair, rvc3@us.mensa.org

*See Page 9, "Definitions of VML"

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From page 8, Definitions of VML: Very Much Love, presented by Virginia and Mary Lee, Vital Meals and Libations, Various Meeting and Leisure activities, Visionary yet Merry Leaders, Verified Marvelous Lodging, Variable Mental Learnings, Vastly Meaningful Lunacy, Vat of Maneuverable Liquid.