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November Calendar

Brunch – Saturday, 14 November 2015 at 10:30 a.m.

The November brunch will be held at the MI Grille, located at 420 Munson in TC. We will be in the back dining room. And, we may have a surprise speaker.

HIKE Saturday, 21 November 2015 at 10:00 a.m. - Rain or Shine

We'll revisit the trails in the hilly part of the Grand Traverse Commons in Traverse City. Bernie Hanchett will lead the way. Enjoy the hardwood forests, the great views and some fresh air and exercise. The starting point will be the parking area on Red Drive, just south of the Greenspire School and across from the TBA Conference Center. We'll start promptly at 10 a.m. and go until we're tired. Questions? Call Bernie at 231-357 3146.

Dining Out – Tuesday, 17 November 2015 at 5:30 p.m.

We will meet again at the **Grand Traverse Pie Company**, 525 W. Front Street – the one near Division St., **not** the one by the State Theater – in the back room (a nook, really). It's located in the strip mall one-two blocks east of US-31. You can get other items besides pie – although a pie for dinner sounds pretty good. First one there, grab a table.

Election Process Update

The Nominating Committee, consisting of Jack Schultz (Chair), Tom Barnhard and Pete Turkus has nominated the following individuals for the five openings for voting members on the Executive Committee for the period 2016 and 2017:

Carole Eberly

Corinne Kass-Hillard Mowrey (KC for short)

Brett A. Pharo

Susan Styles

Roberta A. Walker (Bobbi)

Traverse City

Cadillac

Rapid City

Elk Rapids

Traverse City

Note that of the five nominees, three of them currently hold office on the Executive Committee -- Carole Eberly, KC Mowrey, and Sue Styles.

Note also, that the three members of the Nominating Committee have agreed to serve on the Election Committee chaired by Jack Schultz..

According to the NMM bylaws, these nominations are hereby published in this November issue of our newsletter. Also, according to the bylaws, additional nominations may be made by petition signed by at least five members of the local group and delivered to the chairperson of the Nominating Committee (Jack Schultz - jsvoyageur@gmail.com) NO LATER THAN NOVEMBER 15.

As of this posting, only five individuals have been nominated for the five vacant positions. The bylaws state that, if no additional nominations are received by November 15, then the five who have been nominated will be declared elected without the need for balloting by the membership. If one or more additional nominations are received by November 15, a ballot will be prepared and will be published in the December issue of Borealis. The mail ballots must then be returned to the chairperson of the Election Committee (Jack Schultz) and received no later than December 20. Ballots received after that date will not be counted.

The chairperson of the Election Committee will certify the results of the election to the Local Secretary and shall have the election results published in the January issue of the newsletter. Any challenges to the election must be made in writing to the chairperson of the Election Committee and must be received by January 15. Any such challenges must be ruled on by January 31.

The outgoing Local Secretary shall notify the American Mensa Committee and the Regional Vice Chairman for Region 3 of the results of the election. The outgoing LocSec shall remain in office until the new LocSec has been elected by the voting members of the incoming Executive Committee. Any actions taken by the Executive Committee while a challenge is pending are not affected by the outcome of any such challenge.

Additional information: At its first meeting following the election, the incoming voting members of the Executive Committee shall elect from among themselves the new Local Secretary, the Deputy Local Secretary, and the Treasurer. The other two voting members shall be named as Members-at-Large.

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ON THE COVER: After driving around the countryside looking for nice fall colors, the best I found was right in front of my house in Traverse City. Photo by Stan Cain.

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