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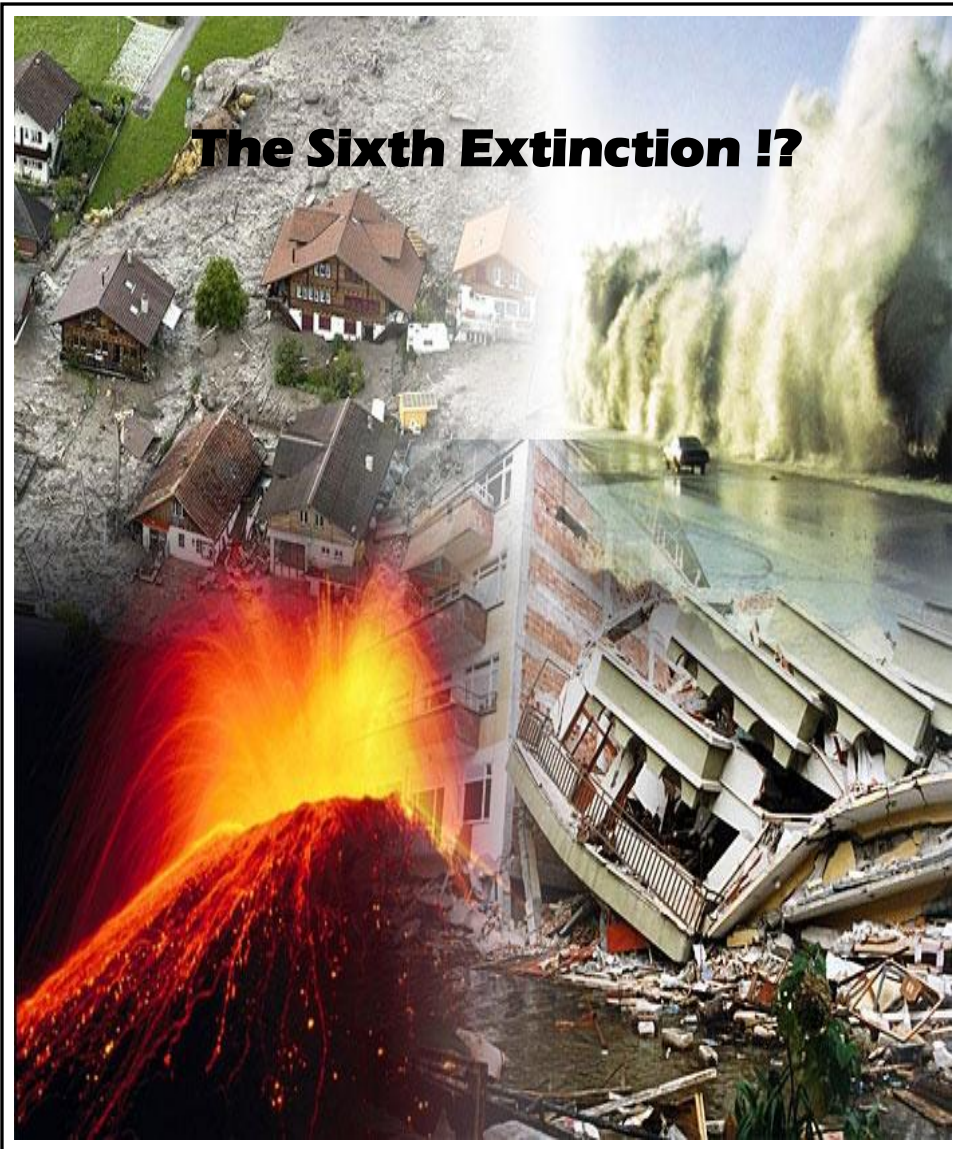
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Calendar

SEPTEMBER



Brunch and Speaker! - Saturday, 17 September 2016 at 10:30 a.m.

The September brunch will be held at the MI Grille, located at 420 Munson in Traverse City. We will meet in the back dining room. Our Speaker will be **Elizabeth Kane Buzzelli**, local author of numerous mystery stories. Elizabeth last talked to us in November of 2009 and has been busy writing ever since.

**The Sixth Extinction ,
Bibliomansans' Book for October By Elizabeth Kolbert - 336 pages**

**Scheduled for Saturday, October 1, 2016 at
BC Pizza, 3186 LaFranier Road, in Traverse City**

A major book about the future of the world, blending intellectual and natural history and field reporting into a powerful account of the mass extinction unfolding before our eyes.

Over the last half-billion years, there have been five mass extinctions, when the diversity of life on earth suddenly and dramatically contracted. Scientists around the world are currently monitoring the sixth extinction, predicted to be the most devastating extinction event since the asteroid impact that wiped out the dinosaurs.

This time around, the cataclysm is us. In prose that is at once frank, entertaining, and deeply informed, New Yorker writer Elizabeth Kolbert tells us why and how human beings have altered life on the planet in a way no species has before. Interweaving research in half a dozen disciplines, descriptions of the fascinating species that have already been lost, and the history of extinction as a concept, Kolbert provides a moving and comprehensive account of the disappearances occurring before our very eyes. She shows that the sixth extinction is likely to be mankind's most lasting legacy, compelling us to rethink the fundamental question of what it means to be human.

New Appointments

Check out our listing of appointed officers on the previous page. You'll note that **Bernie Hanchett** has offered to serve as membership officer and **Jack Schultz** will be our new Scholarship Chair. Thanks to you both!

And also, a big thank you should go to our previous members who held these positions;- Richard Thibeau and Kymberli Wregglesworth respectively.

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