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## Calendar

### DECEMBER

#### **Book Club - Saturday, 3 December 2016 at 11:00 a.m.**

The book is *Under the Wide and Starry Sky* presented by Stan Cain. The meeting this time will be at the home of Sherry McNamara. She will serve lunch, so no need to bring anything. The address is 1526 W. Silver Lake Road N., Traverse City, MI 49685 (you might have to put it in Google Maps or your GPS as N. West Silver Lake Road in order to find it). The phone number is 231.313.2769 in case you get lost. It is between Secor and Boone Road on the lakeside.

As for parking, two cars can park side by side in the driveway near the garage, one can go in the turn-around (they have a tenant who has the turn-around spot nearest the house), and if anyone is worried about getting out and not being blocked in, we can park cars on the grass, or just in the driveway, but not so far down as the house. Anyway is fine as long as the tenant, can come and go. Al-



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so, be prepared to cast your votes for our 2017 reading agenda. See you Saturday!

**Brunch & ExComm meeting – Saturday, 10 December 2016 at 10:30 am.**

Tired of brunching at the MI Grille? Here is your chance to try something different and new! The December brunch and meeting of the Executive Committee will be held at the newly completed Denny's, 880 Munson Avenue. We have reserved a table to the right of the entrance. All members are welcome to attend the ExComm meeting. See you there.

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(Notice from the Mensa National Office)

**“We have a new database”**

(Translation: “YOU are going to have a few problems”)

American Mensa rolled out a new database, replacing our two-decade-old system. The database — or Association Management system, as it's been called — will give members timely access to information, help Local Groups better communicate with members and provide the AMC with improved data for smart decision-making. The most obvious change will be an updated home page, where the login prompt has moved to the upper-right. But how you log in has also changed.

All members must now use an email address to log in, and **initial logins will require you to click on "Forgot your password,"** which will send an email with a one-time link that, when clicked, will allow you to determine a new password. (If you experience any trouble logging in, call 817-607-0060 ext. 199 for assistance.)

As a result of this improvement, our method of sending out the emailed version of Borealis is no longer functioning as of the end of November. The Mailed version will still be mailed out and our website containing Borealis and Events, etc. still seems to be working. If your emailed copy is late, this is the reason. I will get it sent out as soon as possible.

Stan Cain  
Editor, Borealis

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**ON THE COVER:** The fish sorting table at the Fish Weir on the Boardman river in Traverse City. Each year in the fall, salmon moving upstream to spawn are diverted through this inspection station and most are harvested for food. For details see the Michigan DNR website: <http://www.michigan.gov/dnr>. Photo by Stan Cain.

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