



The Monthly Journal of Northern Michigan Mensa

**FEBRUARY CALENDAR**

**Book Club - Saturday, 3 February, 2018 at 11:00 a.m.**

The February Book Club selection will be *Kerouac: a Biography* by Ann Charters and presented by Greg Baker. The group will meet at BC Pizza, 3186 LaFranier Road, in Traverse City. You are welcome to drop in and see what the book club is like, even if you haven't read the book.

**Brunch - Saturday, 10 February 2018 at 11:00 a.m.**

The February brunch will be held at The Cottage, 420 Munson Avenue at 8th Street, in Traverse City. We will meet in the separate room in the rear. No speaker this month, so bring along some intelligent conversation.

**T.G.I.F. - Friday, 23 February 2018 at 5:30 p.m.**

What is this thing?

If you joined NMM before 2014, you know, since we used to have these meetings every month. Originally, members would often help the Borealis editor fold, staple and stamp the newsletters.

So, work on Saturdays? Can't get up before noon? Then this get-together is for you!

We will meet at the Horizon Shine Café located in the lower level of Horizon Books, 243 E. Front Street, Traverse City. They have coffee, soft drinks, sandwiches, wraps and desserts available. Lots of nice books to browse too. Join us!

# Northern Michigan Mensa

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## Executive Committee

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## Election Final Update

On January 6th, 2018, the four elected Executive Committee members met and decided on the makeup of the committee. Since only four members actually stood for election, another member was appointed to serve as the required fifth member. Bobbi Walker (the previous Local Secretary) was appointed and also agreed to continue serving in the same position. The final makeup then is:

Local Secretary (LocSec)	<b>Bobbi Walker of Traverse City</b>
Deputy LocSec	<b>Gene Fry of Kingsley</b>
Treasurer	<b>Greg Baker of Traverse City</b>
At Large Member	<b>Stan Cain of Traverse City</b>
At Large Member	<b>KC Mowrey of Cadillac</b>

You may notice in the listing of appointed positions above, that there are some vacancies. If any members (including new members) feel an interest in becoming more involved in the running of our organization, please let Bobbi Walker know.

## Financial Statement Prepared by Sue Styles (Previous Treasurer)

Financial Statements  
Northern Michigan Mensa  
January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017

Fund	1/1/2017	12/31/2017	Change
Friend Fund	\$ 510.00	\$ 510.00	\$ -
General Operations	\$ 3,037.06	\$ 2,750.86	\$ (286.20)
Add: Outstanding Checks	\$ -	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00
Subtract: Outstanding Deposits	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
<b>Total Checking</b>	<b>\$ 3,547.06</b>	<b>\$ 3,310.86</b>	<b>\$ (236.20)</b>
Savings	\$ 103.67	\$ 103.67	\$ -
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 3,650.73</b>	<b>\$ 3,414.53</b>	<b>\$ (236.20)</b>

Income	Budget	Year To Date	Remaining
National Office Allocation	\$ 850.00	\$ 751.35	\$ 98.65
Testing Fees	\$ 50.00	\$ 115.00	\$ (65.00)
Interest Income	\$ 2.00	\$ 1.67	\$ 0.33
Fund Raising	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$ 902.00</b>	<b>\$ 868.02</b>	<b>\$ 33.98</b>
<b>Expenses</b>			
Newsletter	\$ 450.00	\$ 343.06	\$ 106.94
Office / Incidentals	\$ 25.00	\$ -	\$ 25.00
Activities / Programs	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 211.16	\$ 788.84
Publicity	\$ 25.00	\$ -	\$ 25.00
Scholarships	\$ 600.00	\$ 600.00	\$ -
Proctor / Testing	\$ 50.00	\$ -	\$ 50.00
Stipend for Reg/Ntl Events	\$ 50.00	\$ -	\$ 50.00
Membership	\$ 100.00	\$ -	\$ 100.00
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 2,300.00</b>	<b>\$ 1,154.22</b>	<b>\$ 1,145.78</b>
<b>Total Income Less Expenses</b>	<b>\$ (1,398.00)</b>	<b>\$ (286.20)</b>	
Add: Outstanding Checks	\$ -	\$ 50.00	\$ (50.00)
Subtract: Outstanding Deposits	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
<b>Net Impact on Cash Flow</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ (236.20)</b>	<b>\$ (50.00)</b>

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The MVP voucher program which allows you to provide a voucher to a friend, family member, or co-worker continues until March 31. This allows them to test or submit prior evidence at no cost to themselves. If you don't have your voucher handy, call the National Office and they will tell you what it is. Please note that the recipient must redeem the code online before going to take the test.

Looking forward to seeing many of you soon. Until then, stay warm!

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## News from the RVC3

How's your winter so far? Seems like some areas are hitting record snowfalls and record low temps. My son, Aaron, who lives in Rochester, spent the first weekend of January in Erie, Pennsylvania helping people dig out their cars and clear their driveways, so that the streets could get plowed. He was there as part of Team Rubicon, a disaster relief organization that has many veterans as volunteers. You don't have to be a veteran to volunteer. As a nonprofit, they are funded by donations.

Speaking of volunteer service, April 15 - 22 is National Volunteer Week and Mensa Cares is our American Mensa effort to encourage local groups to help out their communities. It's not too early to start thinking about what activities you may want to do and to form a committee to coordinate your efforts - including local publicity. It may bring in some interesting new members.

With the low temps and high snowfall, I have curtailed my traveling around the region until spring. Though, I may surprise a local group or two that is closer to my home. In April, we have two RGs (Regional Gatherings) in Region 3. The first weekend of April (6 - 8) I will see you in Dayton. Then, two weeks later (April 20 - 22) I will see you at the SEMM (Southeast Michigan Mensa) RG. For more info, check out the listing of Regional Gatherings or the Events Calendar on [us.mensa.org](http://us.mensa.org) (under the ATTEND tab). To learn about other local group events look in the Local Group newsletters which can be found under the READ tab.

Mind Games 2018 is in Denver the same weekend as the SEMM RG. Southeast Michigan Mensa has some of the best games of any Region 3 RG, so save some money and start your spring in the Detroit area! CultureQuest XXIX is April 29. Congratulations to ECOM (East Central Ohio Mensa) for being awarded the opportunity to host Mind Games 2019. Woohoo!

The Annual Gathering (AG) is July 4 - 8 and is in the heartland of America - Indianapolis. Many great programs and excursions are being planned. The keynote speaker will be astronaut Dr. David Wolf. You have to register for the banquet dinner in order to hear Dr. Wolf speak, but the cost this year has been reduced from last year. You have until February 28 to register for the AG itself at the early bird rate. Hotel rooms can be registered for at the same time. The AG site is [ag.us.mensa.org](http://ag.us.mensa.org). You can also register for the Colloquium "The Evolution and Revolution of Manufacturing" which is on July 3 at the same location as the AG.

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Register online beginning  
January 2018 at  
[mensadetroit.com/semantics](http://mensadetroit.com/semantics)

Scan QR code  
for more information



**SOUTHEAST MICHIGAN MENSA  
REGIONAL GATHERING**

**SEMMantics 39**

**April 20 - April 22, 2018**

Detroit Metro Airport Marriott  
30559 Flynn Drive  
Romulus, Michigan 48174

To get \$99/\$109 hotel rate, go to <https://goo.gl/A1eGqj>, or call 734-729-7555 before March 30, 2018

**PRICES FOR CURRENT MEMBERS**

**Full Weekend**  
Through 4/6: \$85  
Through 4/6: \$100  
4/7 onward: \$140  
**Saturday Only**  
Through 4/6: \$70  
4/7 onward: \$90

Children under 5—free  
Children 5-under 18 —1/2 Adult Rate  
**Non-current members of Mensa add \$25**  
(Must be a guest of a current member)  
Non-member children - \$12.50

**Family Packages (\*)**  
Through 4/6: 1 adult/1 child: \$150  
4/7 onwards: 1 adult/1 child: \$200  
Through 4/6: 2 adults/multiple children: \$300  
4/7 onwards: 2 adults/multiple children: \$350  
\* Family Packages prices include any applicable  
non-member guest fees

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Name for ID Badge \_\_\_\_\_ over 21? \_\_\_\_\_

For non-members, name of Mensa sponsor: \_\_\_\_\_

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Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

I'd like to know more about how I can lend a hand in the following area(s):

Audio Visual  Hospitality  Speaker Shepherd  Contacting People  Publicity   
Photographer  Setup/Tear Down  Shopping  Transportation  Kids' Room  Other

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