



The Monthly Journal of Northern Michigan Mensa

## September Calendar

### Brunch - Saturday, 8 September, 2018 at 11:00 a.m.

The brunch will be held at The Cottage Inn, 472 Munson Avenue at 8th Street, in Traverse City. We will meet in the separate room in back.

Our Program Chair, Pete Turkus, has promised us an interesting program.

## And coming up in October...

### Bibliomensans' Book for October

**Saturday, 6 October, 2018 at 11:00 a.m. A Gentleman in Moscow** by Amor Towles.

Note:

Our last Book Club meeting in August was attended by only **three** readers! Even so, it was an interesting and rewarding discussion.

But, I'm pretty sure there are more of you out there that can (and do) read books. OK, it was kind of in the middle of a nice warm summer – Beaches, hikes, boats, etc. But now October is time to put away the toys and discuss an interesting Mensa book!

### ExComm Notes

At our last meeting on August 19, Richard Thibeau was appointed to replace Greg Baker as Treasurer. Thanks to Greg for handling the post for the first part of the year.

## Northern Michigan Mensa

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### Editor's Corner

Time to mention some items that some of our newer (and maybe older too) members may not be aware of.

### BYLAWS OF NORTHERN MICHIGAN MENSA

In addition to all the Borealis back copies, the Northern Michigan Mensa website [www.nmm.us.mensa.org](http://www.nmm.us.mensa.org) also contains a copy of our bylaws. These contain everything you need to know about the rules governing our organization.

Also included is a detailed summary of the responsibilities for the elected and Appointed Executive Committee positions of our group.

# News from the RVC3

It seems that summer has barely begun and I find that I have just over two weeks remaining. Aaaargh! When I was in second grade, summer seemed to last forever and I couldn't wait to go back to school.

As promised, this month's article is about the (fairly) new Mensa Connect that replaced the Mensa communities that were online and generally accessible through Yahoo. As with anything new, we might find it unwieldy or difficult to use. But, as I have been accessing some of the social communities as well as leadership ones like M-Leaders, the RVC forum, an AMC Committee that I am on, the SIGHT group (since I am the SIGHT coordinator for my local group) and a few others, I've found some advantages.

First, they are accessible in three ways: from the us.mensa.org website under the Connect drop-down, the first option is Mensa Connect; or you can receive emails from Mensa Connect postings; or there is a very versatile phone app, MemberCentric.

Emails can be received as Real Time (when posted), Daily Digest, or simply turned off. In which case, you might want to periodically go online and check out the groups that you are a member of to see what has been posted since the last time you were in. For some of mine, I get a daily digest. For others where I need to receive timely updates, I set it to Real Time.

I find the MemberCentric phone app to be especially useful as I can check things out on-the-go from anywhere. At least anywhere that I have my smartphone. It also seems pretty easy to jump around among your groups using the phone app.

Some communities you will be automatically added to. For example, if you are a local officer then you will be added to the appropriate community. Another community that has automatic membership is your Local Group community. More about them in a moment. There are also general communities you can select and manually join.

The Local Group community can be a powerful way to get the word out about late breaking events. Some Local Groups have chosen to be restricted to only their members and therefore are not visible to other Mensa members outside of that local group. Their members can post messages of interest or discussion. Other local groups find it useful to at least provide browse access to any member of American Mensa. For a local group community to be visible to at least their members, the ExComm has to decide which type of visibility they want. So, if you can't find your group, please encourage your ExComm to activate it.

Looks like I've gotten a bit winded this month. There is a lot to these Mensa Connect communities. If you have questions, feel free to contact me.

I'll see some you at the Western Pennsylvania RG or the Vandalia picnic. I might even stop by Northern Michigan Mensa and Columbus Area Mensa in my upcoming travels in the next month or so.

Have a terrific fall!

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