

Borealis

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December Calendar

Book Club – Saturday, 1 December, 2018 at 11:00 a.m.

The group will meet at BC Pizza, 3186 LaFranier Road, in Traverse City.

Due to the cancellation of the October meeting, we will be discussing **two books** at this meeting:

The first will be *A Gentleman in Moscow* by Amor Towles and presented by Jim McDermott.

The second will be *Outposts: Journeys to the Surviving Relics of the British Empire* by Simon Winchester and presented by Heather Gruenberg-Seger

Interested in joining our Mensa book club? Come to the meeting for a lively discussion, even if you have not read the books.

Brunch - Saturday, 8 December, 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.

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Old farm structure on South Manitou Island.
N.M. Mensa visit – August 2003. Photo by Stan Cain.

News from the RVC3

As we close out the old year (or begin the new year if this article is published in your January newsletter), I wish you all well over the holidays. I hope that 2018 went well for you and that 2019 exceeds your expectations.

MensaConnect continues to roll out among local groups and SIGs. It can be a good way to communicate upcoming local group activities in a very timely fashion. However, that only works if people set themselves up to receive emails or check the MensaConnect site regularly. I not only receive emails but I have the MemberCentric app on my smartphone, so that I can check up on my communities on-the-go. It is not a replacement for Facebook or group websites, but rather another way for members to keep in touch.

We are now in the nominations period for the next AMC term. I encourage you to sign the nominations for multiple candidates for each office as that ensures that members will have a choice among candidates. I am sure that whoever is elected this spring will do a good job on the AMC.

Upcoming events:

As I write this, I have just approved DAMnations 31, the Dayton Area Mensa RG. It will be the last weekend of March, from Friday the 29th thru Sunday the 31st. I hope to see many of you there!

Two weeks after that is Mind Games 2019, hosted by East Central Ohio Mensa (ECOM) and takes place in Wadsworth, Ohio. If you would like to volunteer, please contact the chairpersons at mgchair@mindgames.us.mensa.org. Following Mind Games, Southeast Michigan Mensa (SEMM) will host SEM-Mantics XL, their fortieth RG, during the weekend of April 26 thru 28.

Registration for the AG hotel is now available. There were some difficulties on November 1, as Marriott had acquired the Sheraton brands and chose November 1 as the Go Live! date for the reservation systems merger. Alas, there were "technical difficulties" with the merger of the reservation systems and several groups, including American Mensa, could not register for the block of hotel rooms as planned until a couple of days later. Note that January 4, 2019 is the cutoff for the lowest AG registration rate.

Until next time, good afternoon, good evening, and good night!

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