



Borealis

June 2021 Calendar

Bibliomensans next meet in August

June 14 ... Flag Day

June 20 ... Fathers' Day

June 21 ... Calendar Summer Begins

Executive Committee

We need volunteers to fill our vacancies and have an assistant for each position

VOTING MEMBERS

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Bibliomensans

This is the schedule for the Bibliomensans' 2021 reading meetings. Anybody is welcome, whether or not they have read the book. If they are Mensans they are members of Bibliomensans. We meet at 11:00 a.m. on the first Saturday of the month at B. C. Pizza, at 3186 LaFranier Rd. in Traverse City. Zip code is 49686 (restaurant is at SE corner of Airport and LaFranier Rds.). Meetings are held in February, April, June, August, October, and December. In August we meet on the second Saturday of the month. The presenter introduces the book and then everybody goes around the table, voicing their opinion. After that the discussion is open. I am now the contact person, Heather J. Gruenberg-Seger, I can be reached at home: 231.932.9501. All other information on the book group link is still valid.

February: My Own Words, by Ruth Bader Ginsburg

April: The Night Watchman, by Louise Erdrich

June: Our House is On Fire, by Greta Thunberg

August: Isadore's Secret, by Mardi Link

October: Hellhound on His Trail, by Hampton Sides

December: The Disappearing Spoon, by Sam Kean

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Member Stan Cain advises he has a trove of past Borealis issues and newsletters from before there was a NMM. Anyone interested in acquiring some, contact Stan.

In December 2021, the Executive Committee elections will be held. Terms are for 2 years starting January 2022. Please consider stepping up to fill these spots (LocSec, Deputy LocSec, and Treasurer). *Everyone should take a turn to keep the group functioning.* Also, a new Editor for the Borealis will be needed at the same time. Volunteers for each position would be gratefully accepted.

News from the RVC3

John Voymas, Vice Chairperson, Region 3

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Since this article is for the June issue, it will be my last official article as Region 3 Vice Chair (RVC). Lora Mitchell will begin her term on July 1. Please give Lora the support that she will need to be effective in her new role. Lora is a member of Columbus Area Mensa and has been very active in helping local groups in Ohio put on Regional Gatherings.

The American Mensa Committee (AMC) national officers will have been elected. The last day of voting is May 15, so if you read this before then, and have not yet voted, I encourage you to do so. This has been a very challenging time for American Mensa. There has been very little local group testing over the past twelve months. In fact, nationally, the vast majority of new members are either due to submitting prior evidence or having taken advantage of the new private testing option at a local testing center. Hopefully, local group testing can be more available as COVID restrictions are lessened. We do need additional members to become certified as local Proctors. Information on the process can be found at <https://www.us.mensa.org/lead/certifications/proctors/>.

As you know, the World Gathering (WG) is August 24 - 29, 2021, in Houston, Texas. Registration for local tours is now available. While some of the tours will take place before the WG; others are planned during the conference. Full details on how the WG will be modified in response to COVID will be announced soon (if not already). Hopefully, the United States government will loosen travel requirements for international travelers so that this can truly be a gathering of members of Mensa from around the world.

As I mentioned in a previous column, the WG will be preceded by the Mensa Foundation Colloquium "Advances in Food Science" on August 23. For more information on the World Gathering and the Colloquium, go to <https://aq.us.mensa.org/>.

In Region 3, the next Regional Gathering (RG) will be hosted by Western Pennsylvania Mensa. This will be over Labor Day weekend (September 3 - 6). It is currently planned to be in-person. The following month, Columbus Area Mensa is planning their RG for October 15 - 17. Details on these should soon be available on the National Events Calendar. Rounding out the year, Cincinnati Area Mensa normally schedules their RG the first weekend of December.

Although, I will no longer be your RVC, I do plan to visit some of your groups over the next year. And I do hope to see you at the World Gathering or at one of the RGs in our region.

Be safe. Be kind. And please respect one another.

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