



Borealis

December 2021 Calendar

Bibliomensans next meet in February 2022

Daylight Savings Time ended. Now it gets dark
before supper. Fall fell !!

Executive Committee

VOTING MEMBERS

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APPOINTED MEMBERS

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The ExComm has authorized the annual payment of \$149.90 to upgrade the Bibliomensans' Zoom meeting access. SherryMcNamara will coordinate payments.

The Executive Committee election still needs candidates. There are 3 elected positions to fill and at least 4 appointed positions. Terms are for 2 years starting January 2022. If no one steps up, then it'd be apparent there is no future for this group.

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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. Bibliomensans' meetings are currently being held online via Zoom.

Sherry McNamara will coordinate payments and will be hosting Bibliomensans' Zoom meeting access.

December: The Disappearing Spoon, by Sam Kean

NOTICE !!

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. Anyone interested in any of the positions, please email your intentions to the Editor and they will be given to the ExComm.

The Executive Committee election still needs candidates. There are 3 elected positions to fill and at least 4 appointed positions. Terms are for 2 years starting January 2022. Election is in December so names have to be submitted now to any ExComm member.

Enjoy the holidays.

News from the RVC3

Lora Mitchell , Vice Chairperson, Region 3

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“Volunteering is the ultimate exercise in democracy. You vote in elections once a year, but when you volunteer, you vote every day about the kind of community you want to live in”. ~Author Unknown

Winter is beginning, and I hope everyone is staying warm. December is traditionally a time of family, friends, and feasts. The internet tells me there are approximately 60 potential holidays this month. They range from the more traditional like Christmas, New Years, Kwanzaa, Solstice, and Hanukkah to the less widely recognized but still celebrated Bhodi Day, Pancha Ganapati, Life Day, Festivus, and Sol Invictus. We've all had such a long, difficult time in the past nearly 2 years, and things continue to evolve and change. As 2021 comes to an end, we hopefully are finding reasons to celebrate in whatever way we can.

Mensa is an organization I continue to celebrate, as well. I have found friends and festivity. Like any family, we have challenges, but we strive to find solutions. Having that one thing in common- the starting place of a high IQ- brings people together that otherwise might not have found each other.

I hope you have an opportunity to join one of the gatherings in our region soon. The December celebration in Region 3 is the Cincinnati RG from Dec 3rd-5th, 4D: It's about CAM Time! Upcoming soon is Dayton's March 25-27 RG DAMnations 33 Arsenic and Old Lace. SEMM's is coming in April, Pittsburgh in September, and Columbus in October. And let's not forget the BIG celebration, our Annual Gathering, Sparks of Genius in Sparks, Nevada, from July 6th-10th 2022. (Hint- the early bird registration rate expires at the end of the year.)

And as the temperatures drop remember the words of Kahlil Gibran, “Kindness is like snow- it beautifies everything it covers.”

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