

# Borealis

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### Bibliomensans

Saturday, August 13 at 11:00 a.m. via Zoom

**Book:** Facing the Mountain: A True Story of Japanese American Heroes in World War II

**Author:** Daniel James Brown

**Presenter:** Jim McDermott

The book begins with the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor and describes the lives and adventures of Japanese-American soldiers who went on to feats of bravery and heroism.

Contact Sherry McNamara for more information or invitation.

### Regional Gathering

Sharonville, Ohio

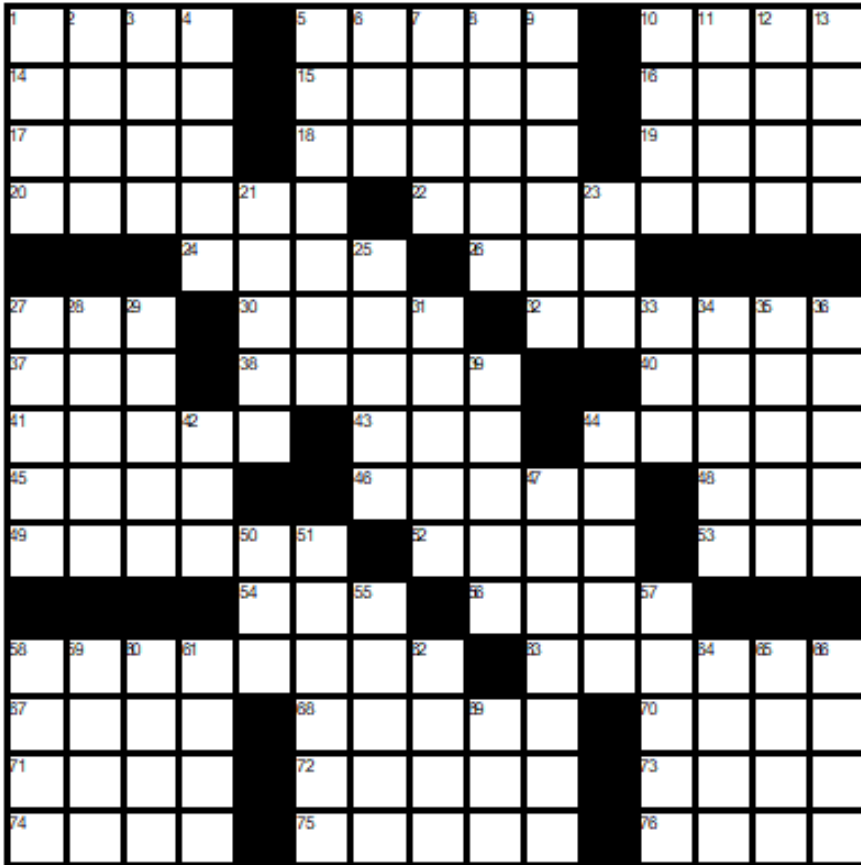
Friday, August 5, 2022

Presented, hosted, organized, and/or facilitated by Virginia and Mary Lee, who describe the event using many cute backronyms for VML (including Very Much Love, Vital Meals and Libations, Various Meeting and Leisure activities, Visionary yet Merry Leaders, Verified Marvelous Lodging, Variable Mental Learnings, Vastly Meaningful Lunacy, and Vat of Maneuverable Liquid).

For more information about the event, lodging, or to register, see <https://www.us.mensa.org/attend/calendar/entries/gathering-pending-title77/>, email Mary Lee Kemper at [maryleekemper@gmail.com](mailto:maryleekemper@gmail.com), or call her at 513 260-4787. It is also possible to mail her but there may not be time for a round-trip communication; contact an NMM officer if you need help.



# Crossword - "And Others"



RLTurner, Aug, 2022

August cryptogram:

RADZ ZKAX JAFB JWCB? ZKBV RA VAZ DNXEVRBY

ZWUB, CAY ZKEZ WD ZKB DZXCC JWCB WD UERB AC.

LBVHEUWV CYEVOJWV

Across	Down
1 Honey Makers	1 *With 60 down, More of the same
5 Non Hispanic	2 European monetary unit
10 Weight of a container	3 Ruler
14 Chunk	4 Extra
15 Heaps	5 Notify
16 Declare	6 Zilch
17 Opera solo	7 Morose
18 Chubby	8 Dud
19 Refer to	9 Fish hawk
20 Dread	10 Mexican sandwich
22 *Furthermore	11 Spring season in Hebrew
24 Give off	12 Memorization
26 Novel	13 Water pitcher
27 Abridged (abbr.)	21 Largest city in Nebraska
30 Continent	23 Ram's mate
32 Berate (2 wds.)	25 Fork prongs
37 Undergarment	27 Chasm
38 Reddish dye	28 Flower stalk leaf
40 Cougar	29 Mash company clerk
41 *Seinfeld phrase (repeat twice)	31 Those who are opposed
43 *And so forth	33 Hospital employee
44 *To recap	34 Robust
45 Look over	35 Entertain
46 Places	36 West Coast Fl. city
48 Cooking measurement	39 Performer
49 Layer	42 Genetic code
52 Brazilian product to make sauce	44 Jacob's father
53 Congressional vote	47 Ugly thing
54 Loan Rate	50 Make lace
56 Authentic	51 Plant lice
58 *All the rest	55 Send money
63 Beetle	57 Dead language
67 Jump	58 Unfortunately
68 Adult insect	59 Kiss and embrace
70 Narrate	60 Painter of melting clocks
71 Civil rights org.	61 Sonata
72 Chopper	62 Risqué
73 Belief	64 Make over
74 Snow gliders	65 Brews
75 Mode	66 *See 1 down

## Puzzle

### It's Γρεεκ to me Sudoku

Complete the grid so each row, column, and 3 x 3 box contains every symbol in the set α β χ π ε φ γ η ι

φ	π	η						
				β				
α	χ		γ					φ
π	ι						ε	
			ε			φ		
		γ	β		φ	η	ι	
				ι			χ	
					β			
ε			η		γ			

### Solution to last issue's puzzle

η	α	γ	φ	β	ε	π	χ	ι
ε	φ	ι	α	π	χ	β	γ	η
π	β	χ	ι	η	γ	ε	φ	α
γ	ι	π	ε	χ	φ	α	η	β
β	χ	ε	η	ι	α	φ	π	γ
φ	η	α	π	γ	β	χ	ι	ε
ι	π	β	χ	ε	η	γ	α	φ
χ	γ	φ	β	α	ι	η	ε	π
α	ε	η	γ	φ	π	ι	β	χ

Cryptogram hint: The letter 'T' is encoded 'Z'

## From the Local Secretary

Here in Northern Michigan at this time of year, enjoying paradise, it's not easy to pay much attention to anything else. The idea of a "summer read" or "summer book list" sounds fine, but personally I get more reading done during those long winter nights and early evenings. Still, our book groups march on apace and I enjoy them, so I try to find the time, and sometimes succeed.

Neither might summer in paradise be your top time for volunteering or otherwise participating in Mensa activities. But fall will be here, soon so here's advance notice of some volunteer opportunities.

First, we are always looking for contributions to this newsletter. Tales of your summer adventures, if you had any, will be welcome. If you didn't have any adventures but stuck around here in paradise, that could be just as good a story. As my UPS driver said, when I asked him whether he'll be traveling during his 3-week vacation, "Why would I travel? Look at all there is to do around here." He might have added that this is where people come to, to have fun, enjoy the outdoors, escape from other regions and climes less pleasant. If you agree, tell us why; and let us know what you have enjoyed.

Secondly, Stan Cain has resigned from the NMM board after many years of service. Thanks to Stan, and, we're looking for a replacement at-large board member to fill out the rest of the 2-year term. Duties are light. Contact any of the current board members listed in this issue or on the website if you're interested and can help.

Thirdly, Kymberli Wregglesworth has completed her "shift" as NMM scholarship chair - let us know if you would like to fill her shoes in this important role.

Lastly, we could use one or more proctors. More about this in a future issue; for now suffice it to say that an organization needs to continually invite and recruit young people, in order to survive.

I just returned from a presentation south of the Pentwater-Pinconning line. People down there complained of the heat. I hope you enjoy the rest of your summer in paradise!



## Gazpacho

The Arabs provided the fundamentals of “gazpacho” and the Andalusians embellished it with peppers and tomatoes from the New World to make the classic cold soup that the world has come to love. It is best when it has chilled for 24 hours before eating.

### Ingredients:

- 2 large green bell peppers
- 1 medium onion, chopped
- 2 chopped cloves of garlic
- 1 tbsp of parsley, chopped
- 1 cucumber, peeled, seeded, and chopped
- 4 large tomatoes, peeled and chopped
- 3 tbsps of olive oil
- 2 tbsps of sherry vinegar (or other vinegar)
- 4 cups of ice water
- 1 tsp of salt
- 2 hard boiled eggs, sliced (optional for garnish)
- 2 avocados, sliced (optional for garnish)
- Croutons (optional)

### Directions:

Cut the vegetables into small pieces and slowly add olive oil and vinegar, then the ice water. Blend some of the mixture in a blender or food processor. Add back to the remaining mixture. Stir and chill well.

Before serving add croutons, avocado slices, and/or boiled egg slices.

Vary the amount of salt to taste, and/or vegetables to taste and to vary the thickness.

Note that the gazpacho tends to “set up” (increase in thickness) overnight/when refrigerated. For a waterier soup - still a well-liked soup - make it the morning of, rather than the night before.

By the time you read this the AG and R3MiniG will be over. I'm painfully extroverted, so I truly enjoy being with all of you. I hope when you read this, if you attended the AG, I got to see you at the Meet and Greet.

I am also starting to also plan some personal time over the next couple years to do some non-M travel and see wonderful places. Now that I've started thinking about a personal trip for fall, one of the things that immediately came to mind is the Mensa SIGHT program.

SIGHT - the Service of Information, Guidance and Hospitality to Travelers - makes it easier for Mensans to enjoy the company and hospitality of other Mensans across the United States and in more than 40 other countries. Members can register as a host, guest, or both. The range of services - all provided by volunteers - varies a lot from area to area, chapter to chapter. Some SIGHT Coordinators provide general info, or local meetings and events. Some volunteers might even pick up someone at the airport, host you at a dinner, or let you sleep in their guest room.

I asked Bill Zigo, the National SIGHT Coordinator, about the program in R3. We fall about in the middle in requests for help, but because only about half of our chapters actually have a SIGHT Coordinator, every R3 SIGHT request has about an equal chance of being successful or fruitless. Perhaps because M's do not know the position requirements. In reality, there are few. A SIGHT coordinator acts as a facilitator. When a request comes in, that person puts the requesting M in contact with other members of the chapter who offer to provide assistance.

Would you consider being a SIGHT coordinator? You only have to work when you receive a request, and the national SIGHT coordinator is always available for assistance. There can also be multiple SIGHT coordinators within a chapter, so work can be divided among all. If you would like to more actively participate in SIGHT discussions, even without taking on any formal responsibilities, there is an International SIGHT group on Facebook called Mensa SIGHT Program, which currently has over 4500 members, although you must be an active dues paying member to join : <https://www.facebook.com/groups/176942022394979>

You can also get more information by emailing [sight@us.mensa.org](mailto:sight@us.mensa.org). It's a wonderful way to make friends from all over the world, and to access resources when you travel as well.

I also want to announce an opening for a Regional Scholarship Chair. I have appreciated the wonderful job Kymberli did, and I know that one of you could also help us help those who are seeking opportunities from us for educational funds. Please reach out to me at [rvc3@us.mensa.org](mailto:rvc3@us.mensa.org) if you would like to discuss, or apply on the Volunteer Marketplace.

~Lora Mitchell

“Life is meant for good friends and great adventures”

- Anonymous

On July 6 Heather Hollick, Northern Michigan Mensan, gave a Zoom presentation called “Understanding Humans”, during which she gave an overview of the four dimensions of the Myers-Briggs Type Indicator.

Derived from the work of Carl Jung, the preferences explored in the MBTI offer keen insights into some of the most important aspects of human personality - especially as they relate to communication and relationships with family, friends, and colleagues.

Compressing a six-hour lecture series into a fifty-minute presentation meant that Heather could, at best, give us just the highlights, though those proved to be most insightful. Who knew that introverts and extroverts think in completely different “places”? Less surprising, however, might be that people vary widely on how they take in information and then how they make decisions with that information.

The Myers-Briggs Type Indicator is often maligned in the press. Heather made it clear that most of the time those critiquing it show little understanding of the instrument, or the sixty-plus years of research that supports it. Heather also made it clear that understanding the four dimensions of the MBTI are extremely useful in understanding yourself, understanding others, and, ultimately, in leveraging differences.

If you missed Understanding Humans, here is a link to the recorded presentation:

<https://youtu.be/qXh1Rtp-6GQ>

Heather encourages anyone with questions to reach out to her at [heather@heatherhollick.com](mailto:heather@heatherhollick.com).

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On the cover: home-grown tomatoes arranged in a circle, Christchurch, New Zealand.