



Borealis

The Monthly Journal of Northern Michigan Mensa



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Submissions are not only welcome, the editor will buy you a coffee at the next TGIF if you help him out.

Members of Northern Michigan Mensa may send their original writing submissions to *Borealis*.

Please do not send the work of others unless such submissions are accompanied by written permission and release of copyright from the author.

Writing:

1. Submit writing that can be edited for length and clarity, but not content. *This will be the default editorial assumption unless the author indicates otherwise.*

2. Writing may be submitted to be published only as it is. If writing is submitted "as is or not at all" it will not be edited in any way, and if published, will appear with an editor's note indicating it is wholly the work of the author.

3. Writing that is rough and needs major editing may also be submitted. If you have written something but don't have time to polish and edit it, you can still submit it and, at your request, I will give it extra help.

ALL. Writing and letters may be submitted by email as an attachment or as the message body itself. Typed pages and letters can be mailed.

Photographs:

Photographs and other scanned artwork can be submitted via email as JPEG or GIF files. Data should be at least 3x5 inches at 200 PPI. Digital camera files may be sent right from the camera; they will be processed for publication.

Flat art or photographs can also be mailed, but please do not send originals. Please label each piece submitted with your name and address.

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Northern Michigan Mensa

August 2004 Calendar

Shakespeare Anyone?

July 29-August 7, Elberta Waterfront Park, 7:30 p.m.

Hear ye, hear ye, come one, come all! Where for art thou fellow Mensans? The wonderful Lakeside Shakespeare Theatre Ensemble is coming to Elberta Waterfront Park alongside Betsie Lake in Elberta on M168, just off M22.

You can call your favorite Mensan and plan to meet for an enjoyable evening. The ensemble will perform rain or shine as long as an audience is present. Bring your picnic dinner, blanket or low beach chair to sit on, and have fun.

The line-up is: 7/31, 8/6 *The Tragedy of Romeo and Juliet*
7/30, 8/5, 8/7 *Two Gentlemen of Verona*

Saturday, August 14

Brunch 11:00a.m. Cottage Cafe, Traverse City, 11:00a.m.

The Cottage Cafe is at the Days Inn in Traverse City at 420 Munson (US-31 North). It's on the south side of the road between the Northwestern Michigan College entrance and 8th Street. We will meet in the Papa's Den which is located to the right as you come in the main entrance.

Saturday, August 21

Annual Picnic/Potluck of Northern Michigan Mensa, 6:00p.m.
Jack Schultz's home 8846 Green Briar Road, Lake Ann.

NMM will be two years old! Join us to celebrate. Most of you are familiar with where Jack lives; if you need directions, call him at 275-6735. We will be free to swim, paddle the canoe, row the rowboat, and hike the property. Supper will be at 6:00 p.m., but you can arrive early if you want to enjoy the outdoor activities.

Please bring a dish to pass, such as salad, dessert, or hot dish to feed approximately 8 people. Please call me, Sherry, at 933-9272 with confirmation and the dish you intend to bring so I can let our host and hostess have an idea of the number of people to expect. This should be a great celebration of our continuing success as a group, so please plan to attend.

Friday, August 27

TGIF - Horizon Shine Café, Traverse City 6:00p.m.

The Horizon Shine Cafe is located in the lower level of Horizon Books, 243 E. Front Street in downtown Traverse City. There are wrap sandwiches, soft drinks, and desserts on the menu.

Roaming the Region

by Charlie Bruce (aka Gloater)

Another July Fourth ExtravAGanza has come and gone. This year in Las Vegas I found it to be “The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly.”

The Good - This year's Region 3 Awards

2004 Publications Recognition Program

Website; Member Recruitment

Jason Cannon, East Central Ohio Mensa.

Special Mention

James R. Whitson - Kentuckiana Mensa for Best Local Groups Link Page.

Artwork (print) Category

“Great Blue Heron”, Ray Frodey, Western Michigan Mensa

2004 Group of the Year Award (GOTYA) for Class II

Columbus Area Mensa.

2004 Outstanding Proctor of the Year for Region 3

John Barnes, Blue Grass Mensa

National Chair Awards

Bob Strauch, Southeast Michigan Mensa

Gabe Werba, Southeast Michigan Mensa

Culture Quest Winners

Uncle Churd, East Central Ohio Mensa, 3rd

The Standard Deviants, Western Pennsylvania Mensa, 7th

CAM Cads and Cadettes, Cincinnati Area Mensa, 17th

Other “Goodies” were the Paris Hotel atmosphere and the fact that I was actually a \$20 winner on the slot machines.

The Bad - With the lack of food other than minor munchies in Hospitality, din-

ing around was extremely expensive. There were some bargains to be found, but they were not readily advertised. Also, the heat of the day and the cost of taxicabs prohibited external excursions of much length or distance.

The Ugly - Arriving early in the week, I attempted to use the local trolley that runs up and down the strip. First I had to wait in the heat for 48 minutes for the arrival of the trolley that supposedly runs every 15 minutes. By the time it arrived, it was pretty well packed and everyone was constantly badgered by the driver to move to the back to make room; nothing like 65 people on a 40-person bus. This half-hour trip managed to take a little over 2 hours.

All things considered though, it was a pretty good AG. The last attendance count I heard was slightly over 1800 people, the largest gathering of Mensans ever. I'm already looking forward to the 2005 Annual Gathering scheduled for 6 - 10 July in my hometown of New Orleans.

On a final note, the NomCom is reviewing candidates for next year's elections. I met with members of this committee regarding my aspiration to serve the AMC in the position of Treasurer. With the successful completion of ProxyQuest, I sincerely hope those of you who voted for our Certificate of Incorporation change will also voice your desires in this upcoming election. Your votes ARE important.

Trivial Answers, from Margaret Scott

- What company owns the world's second largest truck fleet? **Coke**
- What sport did John Wayne play at the U of Southern California? **Football**
- What actor is Mary Martin's son? **Larry Hagman**
- What killed Chuckles the Clown? **An Elephant**
- How many time zones are there in Canada? **Seven**
- What veteran of TV commercials died at the tender age of 17? **Morris**
- What is the most traveled sports team? **Harlem Globetrotters**
- What form of horse racing sports the Little Brown Jug Races? **Harness racing**
- What is the occupation of Oscar Madison in *The Odd Couple*? **Sports Writer**
- Who taught Eliza Doolittle to be a lady? **Henry Higgins**
- What was the name of the Volkswagen in Disney's *The Love Bug*? **Herbie**
- What is the “Most Exciting Two Minutes in Sports”? **The Kentucky Derby**
- Who played the blacksmith on *Guns Smoke* from 1962-1966? **Burt Reynolds**
- Who are the original Charlie's Angels? **Farah Fawcett, Kate Jackson, Jacklyn Smith**

Just Sweet, No Sorrow

THIS IS MY LAST ISSUE of *Borealis*. On July 7, I received an email from Sherry asking for another copy of the July Issue. It was only then that I realized I had missed the change of the month. I was out of town working, not scheduled to return for several days. There wasn't going to be a July. After a few nights filled with those dreams where you are back in college and there's a test (You are late, the test is in French, you haven't been to class in three weeks, you realize you are in your underwear. . .), I realized it really was time for me to hand this off.

As I prepare this very thin August issue, I can see that my lack of enthusiasm has tainted the pool of submissions. There is little to include. Soon you will have a new editor. I don't know who that will be, but I encourage you to write and submit often. This newsletter is only as good as the submissions.

To those of you who have helped me with your words and your encouragement I have nothing but gratitude. Perhaps I'll see you soon at a NMM gathering.

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