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ON THE COVER: Spring flowers photographed by Lorena Magee  
(The editor's sister)

# Northern Michigan Mensa

## July 2005 Calendar

**MOVIE CLUB** – Saturday, 2 July 2005 at 3:00 p.m. We will meet at Flap Jack Shack located at 3980 N. US 31 S. Attend the movie that is showing in The Art House which is located in the Horizon Cinemas, 3587 Market Place Circle, Traverse City. Attend the movie that is playing as of Friday, 1 July. Members can either attend the movie on Friday afternoon/evening, or the **first** viewing of the day on Saturday 2 July. (Movies change following the last showing on Thursday night show, so don't attend before the Friday movie date as it may not be the same movie that we will be discussing.)

**EXCOM** – Saturday, 16 July 2005 at 10:00 a.m. We will meet at Cottage Café in the Papa's Den. All members are welcome to attend.

**SCHOLARSHIP PRESENTATION AND BRUNCH** – Saturday, 16 July 2005 at 11:00 a.m. This was rescheduled from last month when our scholarship recipient was unable to attend because her softball team was participating unexpectedly in the state regionals that day. This will be an important and rewarding moment for Northern Michigan Mensa as we award our very first educational scholarship. Please plan to attend this brunch so that the recipient will feel special and recognized for her exemplary effort in this scholarship competition, and to show that this award was well supported by the NMM membership. There will be a short presentation of the award followed by brunch. We will meet at Cottage Café, located at 420 Munson Avenue, Traverse City. We will hold our gathering in the Papa's Den which is on the right as you enter the front door.

**TGIF** – Friday, 22 July 2005, at 6:00 p.m. We will meet in the Horizon Shine Café, located in the lower level of Horizon Books, 243 E. Front Street, Traverse City. Coffee, soft drinks, sandwiches, wraps, and desserts are available for purchase.

## From the Editor

Here we are coming up to July already. Considering the 90 degree weather we have been getting, I would say Summer is officially here.

I hope you were all pleased with my editorial debut. It wasn't without its errors, but it seems to have turned out pretty well. For those of you who noticed in the June issue, you will find the publication information on the cover this time (thank you, Jack, for your sharp eye).

I also neglected to give credit to the photographer who provided our cover picture for July. The picture was a trillium sporting a white spider, taken by Melissa Rennie. Jack Schultz submitted a very similar shot of the same flower and spider, but I thought Melissa's had a better view of the spider. Thank you both for your contributions.

I would also like to thank everyone else who submitted articles and photos for both June and July. You all made it possible for me to create the newsletter. Keep 'em coming!

I know a lot of us will be busy now that Summer is here, but I hope some of you will still find time to attend events and submit articles (I know, quit pestering).

Have a wonderful Independence Day, and be careful out there on the roads.

-Kelleen Bingham



P.S. This issue is being sent to those members who have recently lapsed. Please consider returning to the group. We miss you.

## Member News

Jack Schultz recently received a certificate and pin recognizing his 50 continuous years of membership in the Society of American Foresters. He and Joanne were dinner guests at a meeting of the Michigan Society of American Foresters in St. Ignace on June 9 where more than 200 foresters were in attendance. Jack is also a Fellow in the Society.

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Ellen Monahan is on the board of the Clinch Park Zoo, in charge of docents and other volunteers, (help accepted) and on the city committee to discuss moving, closing, or improving present zoo (Opinions accepted). She has written an article for us on a local clown who volunteered for their family fun day. You can read that article on pages 21 & 22 of this issue.

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Please send me any member-related news you would like to share with the rest of the group.

- Editor

## Scholars in Our Midst

This spring, two of our NMM members achieved special honors among students in their graduating class at Traverse City Central High School. Stephen C. Siciliano, our greatly appreciated Webmaster, and Anthony C. (Tony) Rinehart both are National Merit Commended Scholars, as well as having other awards/recognitions in common. Both also received Departmental Awards from their high school. Stephen was given the Language Arts Department Award for Outstanding Performance in Literature/Writing, and Tony received the Music Department Award for Outstanding Performance in Music. Both young men received Michigan Merit Awards and Michigan Competitive Scholar Awards. They also received the President's Education Award for having high grade point averages.

Stephen received three other very special awards. One was essentially the equivalent of a Valedictorian award, except that the Traverse City high schools do not refer to it as such. It is called the Achievement of Excellence Award and is given to those few seniors who have set a distinguished example through academic achievement, attendance and proven skills in the adult roles as citizens, family life members, healthy and fit individuals, life-long learners, and workers. Only five students in Stephen's class received such recognition. He also received two scholarships to Northwestern Michigan College. One is the Presidential Merit Scholarship and the other is a very special Angell Scholar award for top students choosing to pursue careers in the Life Sciences. In addition, Stephen received the Jack Edward Allen Memorial Scholarship which is awarded annually to students who have attained Eagle Scout rank and are pursuing a higher education degree. Stephen will enroll in Northwestern Michigan College this fall.

Tony was also recognized in the Trojan Hall of Fame for his special talents in the field of Music. He plans to enroll at The University of Michigan this fall.

We members of Northern Michigan Mensa are very pleased for our fellow members' awards and are proud to have them as members of Mensa. We salute them!

Submitted by Jack Schultz

# A Word on Melanoma

## How to Save Your Skin in the Season of Sun

The outdoor season is now in full swing in the Northern Hemisphere, and with it comes a growing concern about melanoma, the fastest rising cancer in the world.

Once considered a rare form of skin cancer, as well as the most deadly, melanoma today is hardly uncommon. In fact, it is the most common form of cancer in women ages 25 through 29, and second only to lung cancer in women 30 through 34. Not that men are spared. This year, the American Cancer Society estimates that 33,580 cases of melanoma will be diagnosed in men in the United States, along with 26,000 women; a total of about 7,770 men and women will die of it. Although melanomas account for only 5 percent of skin cancers, they cause 80 percent of deaths from skin cancer.

Most serious cases of melanoma and most melanoma deaths can be prevented. All it takes is regular body vigilance and, most important, a great respect for the damage that can be caused by spending too much time in the sun without adequate protection. There is also emerging evidence that statins, the drugs taken by millions to lower serum cholesterol, can protect against sun-induced melanomas.

An overdose of sun is not only the leading cause of superficial skin cancers and wrinkly, leathery skin that makes people look older than their years, it is also now recognized as a major factor in transforming innocent moles into potentially deadly cancers.

## Finding Abnormal Moles

Everyone has moles - an average of 10 to 40 a person - and new ones can develop at any time. Most are smaller than a pencil eraser. If they stay that way, without changing shape, color, size or surface, fine. In December in *The Journal of the American Medical Association*, dermatologists at New York University School of Medicine and Royal Prince Albert Hospital in Sydney, Australia, suggested a revised mnemonic device for helping people recognize trouble signs in a mole.

Since 1985, dermatologists have relied on an ABCD criteria: A for asymmetry, B for border irregularity, C for color variations, and D for diameter greater than six millimeters (about a quarter of an inch). The New York and Sydney physicians suggested adding an E, for evolving, signifying changes in size; shape; symptoms, like itching or tenderness; surface, especially bleeding; and shades of color.

But you won't know if a mole has changed unless you know where all of them are and what they look like. Dr. Howard L. Kaufman, co-director of the Columbia University Melanoma Center and author of "The Melanoma Book" (Gotham, \$15), suggests making a map of all your moles, noting what each looks like, while standing naked in front of a full-length mirror and using a hand-held mirror to see your back.

In addition to the most obvious areas of skin, be sure to examine your scalp (part your hair in sections), ears, under your breasts and armpits, under your fingernails and toenails, the palms of your hands and the soles of your feet. As you go, record what you find on a front and rear map of your body. A once-a-month repetition of this examination is advised. If you cannot do this on your own, have a close relative or friend help you, and perhaps return the favor.

If anything unusual is found, either in a new mole or old one, see a dermatologist without delay. If melanoma is caught and treated while it's still a flat lesion, the cure rate is 100 percent. Usually the treatment is simple outpatient surgery. But the cure rate drops to 70 percent once the cancer has invaded underlying tissue or reached a nearby lymph node, and survival is less than 15 percent once the disease has spread elsewhere in the body.

## Preventing Melanoma

A number of research studies have linked melanoma later in life to bad sunburns experienced in childhood, adolescence or the early 20's. But at any age, periodic, unprotected and especially prolonged exposure to sunlight can get a melanoma started in Caucasians and other light-skinned people. (In dark-skinned people, melanomas occur mainly on the light parts of the hands and feet.)

Catherine M. Poole, author with Dr. DuPont Guerry IV of "Melanoma" (Yale University Press, \$16.95) and herself a melanoma survivor, urges parents to set a good example by adopting sensible sun behavior and making sun protection as automatic as fastening a seat belt.

"A person who has a history of severe sunburns as a child or teenager is at an especially high risk for the development of melanoma," Ms. Poole wrote. "Even just one or two bad sunburns can increase the risk of melanoma in later life."

Everyone in the family should be using sunscreen with an S.P.F. of at least 15 on exposed skin all year long. Babies should always be kept out of the sun, and toddlers, older children and adults should be well protected with hats and clothing or sunscreen.

Most people who use sunscreen don't use enough. It should take an ounce of lotion to cover an adult in a bathing suit. Sunscreen should be applied about 20 to 30 minutes before going out and reapplied on dry skin after swimming ("waterproof" screens are helpful, but not enough once you're out of the water).

Look for sunscreens that protect against both UV-A and UV-B rays. All sunscreens contain substances that block the UV-B rays that cause sunburn (the S.P.F. rating refers only to these agents). The most effective protection against skin-damaging, cancer-causing UV-A rays comes from zinc oxide, Parsol 1789 (avobenzone) and Eusolex 8020, Dr. Kaufman reported. Some UV-A protection is afforded by titanium oxide, oxybenzone and dioxybenzone.

Some experts have theorized that sunscreens can actually promote melanomas and skin damage by increasing the time people can spend in the sun before they burn, but no studies have yet shown this. It should not happen if people are careful to use sunscreens that block UV-A as well as UV-B rays.

Melanomas can also develop on the scalp and in the eyes, so don't forget a hat and sunglasses, and on the lips, which should be protected by sunblocking lip balm or lipstick. Be sure to protect your skin on cloudy days, too, since clouds do not filter out UV-A radiation.

People at the greatest risk of developing melanoma, those with fair complexions who burn and freckle readily, are also at high risk of developing superficial skin cancers. People with a large number of moles and those with melanoma in close relatives are also at increased risk.

Last year in "The Melanoma Letter" published by the Skin Cancer Foundation, Dr. Marie-France Demierre of Boston University School of Medicine described the growing evidence for statins as a protector against melanoma.

These cholesterol-lowering agents interfere with the action of two oncogenes, mutations in Ras and Rho proteins, that play a role in the development of melanomas. Laboratory studies also suggest that statins may promote programmed cell death and thus may be useful as therapy for melanoma patients.

But the wise person who ventures outdoors would not rely on such chemoprotection at this point. Sensible behavior in the sun provides the best protection, and only you can apply it.

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Submitted by Pete Turkus

\*Editor's Note - I would like to offer my heart-felt endorsement of this article. While I have been lucky so far to have avoided melanoma, I did have a spot of basal cell carcinoma removed from my arm at the age of 30. I am very fair-skinned (as those who know me can attest) and received several sunburns as I was growing up. I now make sure to use sunblock any time I will be exposed to the sun for more than a very brief period. I urge you all to do the same.

Thank you for this very informative article, Pete.



## Scholarship Winner Announced

Lydia Sanok, of Traverse City, is the 2005 winner of the Northern Michigan Mensa Local Scholarship Essay Contest with a prize of \$500. She was also awarded the \$300 Karen Cooper Memorial Scholarship from the Mensa Education and Research Foundation's National Scholarship Program. She will be our guest (along with her parents) at the June 11 brunch at the Cottage Café.

There were 21 local entries this year with applicants from Traverse City West Senior High, Interlochen Arts Academy, Central Michigan University, Benzie Central High School, Michigan Technological University, St. Francis High School, University of Notre Dame, Northwestern Michigan College, University of Wisconsin-Madison, Traverse City Central High School, Oakland University, Suttons Bay High School, University of Michigan, and a home-schooled student from Manistee. Scholarship information was sent to many of the local high schools and notices were placed in the print media last fall. This was a great response for the first year and will hopefully continue to grow in the years ahead.

Along with the application, contestants sent an essay of 550 words or less that described their career, vocational, or academic goals. The essays were to include a goal statement and specific information on experience or steps taken toward the goal. Essays and applications were due January 15, 2005 and then the judging phases began. Our local judging was done by February 15 with a local winner selected. A huge thank you goes to our local judges; Ellen Monahan, Aaron Stander, and Scott Sorenson. Your time and efforts were invaluable to the success of the program. Kudos to our local judges!! Then, eight finalists, including the local winner, were sent on to the regional and national levels of judging. The regional and national judging finished May 23 with over 150 scholarships awarded.

Ms. Sanok is a senior at St. Francis High School and plans to enroll at the University of Michigan in the fall of 2005 to pursue a degree in nursing. Her essay about this career goal is printed below.

### “Parasites and Machetes”

Why would anyone want to wake up at 4 a.m. to donkeys braying? Why would anyone want to eat freshly butchered goat and fish heads for lunch? Who would want to face the prospect of machete wounds and parasites? I would.

This may sound like a miserable career and life choice, but my education and experiences have led me on this path. I visualize myself working as a nurse within impoverished countries with people having diseases such as typhoid, HIV, malnutrition, and malaria. I will also work at a local community clinic with patients having chronic health problems. Specifically, I want to obtain my bachelor and master's degrees in nursing specializing in tropical medicine, sustainable health in third world countries, and obesity.

I have been planning for my career since junior high school. I have communicated with several nurses who have inspired me with their specific descriptions of nursing programs, international nursing, and the local need for well-trained nurses. In 2004, I was involved in a mission trip to Jamaica. As a volunteer, I had first-hand involvement with children who had protruding stomachs indicating long-term malnourishment, and human waste was simply thrown into yards affecting community sanitation. Preparation for my career has also included early application to four universities. I have been accepted into nursing programs at the University of Michigan and Michigan State University, as well as, pre-nursing programs at Western Michigan University and Grand Valley State University. I continue to meet with the programs and faculty to determine the best choice of a university program to meet my specific educational and career goals.

Numerous experiences have laid the foundation for pursuing my further education and career goal in nursing. First, I have worked as a volunteer at the Community Health Care Clinic in Traverse City. At this clinic, I have taken patient vital signs including blood pressure and weight, taken health histories, filed patient records, and completed data entry for donated medicines. I have observed four nurses, a nurse practitioner, and three doctors as they have provided health care services. Second, I have been a participant in the SCAR (Students Caring about Resistance) program that educated preadolescents about the negative effects of drugs, tobacco, and alcohol. Specially, I spoke in front

of eight classes regarding the effects of drugs, tobacco, and alcohol use on families. Third, I have learned to be a team player through my sports involvement in softball, tennis, volleyball, and dance team. Finally, I have developed my leadership skills through positions in the National Honor Society and Key Club.

I feel that my past achievements link strongly to the probability of reaching my future goals. I have excelled academically in my overall grade point average (3.8 out of 4.0), gold honor role, and other educational honors. Specifically, I have excelled in science and mathematics. I have received certificates of award in chemistry, biology, geometry, anatomy and physiology, and FST (Functions, Statistics, and Trigonometry). I have taken several honors and advanced placement classes. I have learned how to manage multiple demands as evidenced by my many scholar-athlete awards indicating simultaneous success in both sports and academics.

Do parasites, fish heads, and early wake-up calls seem more interesting to you now? Probably not, but they do to me.

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## SEMM Summer Bash Date Change

**\*Note\*** Due to problems getting a picnic area for the third Saturday in July, SEMM has decided to move their Summer Bash to the third Saturday in August (this year only, at least for now).

FYI for those of you who might be planning to attend.

## National Election Results

The Election Committee has announced the winners of the 2005 election for the American Mensa Committee who will take office in July. The new board includes:

Chair: Russ Bakke  
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Regional Vice Chair, Region 5: Mike Seigler  
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Regional Vice Chair, Region 7: Kevin Myles  
Regional Vice Chair, Region 8: John Recht  
Regional Vice Chair, Region 9: Henry Miller  
Regional Vice Chair, Region 10: Maggie Truelove

Continuing to serve on the AMC are:

Past Chair: Jean Becker  
Past Past Chair: Bob Beatty

The following four voting positions on the AMC are appointed by the AMC at their first meeting

Director of Science and Education  
Communications Officer  
Development Officer  
Membership Officer

Also, the six proposed amendments to the American Mensa's Bylaws all passed.

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# The Blue Heron

By Ruth Minshull

Impatiently, I punched the OFF button and turned away from the television. *Too much bad news*, I thought. *There must be some good things happening in the world.*

I stepped out on the deck of the Florida condo where I was staying. The sun, low on the horizon, spread its long, gleaming image across the surface of the Gulf. I decided to take a short walk on the beach before night moved in. It had been a gorgeous autumn day, with a soft breeze gentling the brilliance of the water. An artistic arrangement of wispy clouds promised a spectacular sunset.

Despite the fact that hundreds of people were housed in nearby buildings, I was the only person on the beach. *I suppose they're all preparing for dinner*, I concluded. Whatever the reason, I welcomed the uncommon solitude.

I strolled west, hoping to see the blue heron. I had walked the beach many evenings around this time, and had often seen him (or her) standing in the same place. I didn't know why he was at that particular spot, but I always felt a thrill at the sight of this majestic bird.

When I reached the location, I scanned the entire area, but failed to see him. *Well, maybe the heron has changed his agenda*, I concluded. Disappointed, I started to turn back. Then I spotted him. He was standing so still in the dusky twilight--his long pale legs blending in perfectly with the background of white sand and sea grass--that he was nearly invisible.

Thrilled at the encounter, I remained motionless as we gazed at each other--I with pleasure, he with guarded tolerance.

Our confrontation was interrupted by the sound of a sliding door. The heron turned expectantly as a man stepped out onto the second-floor deck of a nearby condo. With practiced care the man flung a small fish out over the railing. The heron caught it expertly and flapped off a short distance to gulp it down. Soon the bird returned; the man came out again and threw another fish. This time the heron grabbed it and flew off. The provider went inside and closed the door. Obviously this ended a nightly routine.

On my returning walk. I was bouyed by a sense of well-being. It was gratifying to know that here in this unremarkable place on the coast, an elegant feral creature had worked out an agreeable dinner arrangement with an alien life form.

I thought of my impatience with the newscaster earlier. Such diligent purveyors of bad news seldom tell us that between New York and Hawaii, Miami and Alaska, millions of ordinary American people go about their lives, sharing smiles, sharing potlucks, trusting each other, lending a hand, kissing away a tear, helping a child launch a kite, giving hugs of comfort, holding doors open, cooking therapeutic chicken soup, loving one another.

Of course, the newscasters can't tell us about these happenings because they're not shocking; bleeding or dying.

But it helps to be reminded, now and then, that there are some heartwarming events going on around us--if we look for them in the right places.

One such place is outside of a certain condo on the Gulf coast, at dusk.



# Building Trivia

By Sherry McNamara

1. Who commissioned the building of the first (yes, there were two) Grand Central Station?
  - a. Cornelius Vanderbilt
  - b. Buckminster Fuller
  - c. Andrew Carnegie
2. How tall is the Eiffel Tower?
  - a. 784 feet
  - b. 1084 feet
  - c. 984 feet
3. Why does the Tower gracing the Piazza dei Miracoli in Pisa (Leaning Tower of Pisa) lean?
  - a. It was a technical failing due to the soft wet clay that the foundation was built upon.
  - b. It began leaning after a tornado in 1705 tore through the village, this was the tallest structure, thus it absorbed the full force of the storm.
  - c. It was deliberately built to lean toward the Vatican.
4. What oddity is true about the famous Sydney Opera House?
  - a. It is haunted by the ghost of the architect, Jorn Utzon.
  - b. The architect who designed it, Jorn Utzon, has never visited the finished building.
  - c. It was originally built as the home of the architect, Jorn Utzon, who designed it.
5. What architectural structures are Doric, Ionic, and Corinthian?
  - a. Examples of flying buttresses.
  - b. Different types of vault construction.
  - c. Greek columns.
6. Who commissioned the building of Chateau de Versailles?
  - a. Louis XIV in 1668.
  - b. Louis XV in 1688.
  - c. Louis XIII in 1638.
7. You have all heard of "Big Ben," but what is it really?
  - a. The tower at the Palace of Westminster.
  - b. The bell in the tower at the Palace of Westminster.
  - c. The clock in the tower at the Palace of Westminster.
8. In what city is the Flatiron Building?
  - a. Brooklyn
  - b. Chicago
  - c. Manhattan
9. How long was the Chrysler Building the tallest building in the world?
  - a. Four years.
  - b. 12 months.
  - c. 4 months.
10. What building claimed the title of the tallest building moving the Chrysler Building into second place?
  - a. Empire State Building.
  - b. Chicago Tribune Tower.
  - c. Flatiron Building.

Answers on page 20

# MensAGumbo

## MERCHANDISE for MENSA'S 2005 AG

Below find a list of merchandise items that will be available at the AG as long as supplies last.  
Items ordered by mail will be waiting for you ( at the AG merchandise table ) when you arrive at the AG.

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\$25 OR MORE  
(EXCLUDING SHIPPING)  
RECEIVED BY  
JUNE 15  
WILL GET  
A FREE  
AG LAPEL PIN**

CODE	ITEM	SIZE	QTY	PRICE	TOTAL
	LAPEL PIN			\$ 5	
	<b>T-SHIRT- 1 COLOR IMPRINT</b>				
NOG 5	TIE DYE	CL		\$17	
NOG 6	TIE DYE	AS		\$17	
NOG 7	TIE DYE	AM		\$17	
NOG 8	TIE DYE	AL		\$17	
NOG 9	TIE DYE	AXL		\$17	
NOG10	TIE DYE	A2XL		\$19	
NOG11	TIE DYE	A3XL		\$21	
NOG12	TIE DYE	A4XL		\$23	
	<b>T-SHIRT- MULTI COLOR IMPRINT</b>		<b>B/W</b>		
NOG13	BLACK or WHITE	AS		\$14	
NOG14	BLACK or WHITE	AM		\$14	
NOG15	BLACK or WHITE	AL		\$14	
NOG16	BLACK or WHITE	AXL		\$14	
NOG17	BLACK or WHITE	2AXL		\$16	
NOG18	BLACK or WHITE	A3XL		\$18	
NOG19	BLACK or WHITE	A4XL		\$20	
	<b>EMBROIDERED SPORT SHIRT</b>				
NOG20	BLACK	AS		\$31	
NOG21	BLACK	AM		\$31	
NOG22	BLACK	AL		\$31	
NOG23	BLACK	AXL		\$31	
NOG24	BLACK	A2XL		\$34	
NOG25	BLACK	A3XL		\$37	
	<b>MISCELLANEOUS MERCHANDISE</b>				
NOG27	NECK WALLETS/ BADGE HOLDERS			\$ 6	
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>					
U.S. SHIPPING add 10% (min.\$8)					
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- 1. a
- 2. c
- 3. a
- 4. b
- 5. c
- 6. a
- 7. b
- 8. c
- 9. b
- 10. a

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The Gifted Children’s committee would like to remind local groups that there are numerous links to organizations and resources for gifted children and families on the American Mensa website at [http://www.us.mensa.org/activities/gc\\_resources.php](http://www.us.mensa.org/activities/gc_resources.php). As summer approaches, parents may inquire about local programs and camps. For additional resources by state, please send an email to the Gifted Children Outreach Coordinator, Keri Guilbault at [young\\_mensa@yahoo.com](mailto:young_mensa@yahoo.com).

Also, our new GCC handbook can be downloaded from the following link (password protected): <https://secure.us.mensa.org/members/only/includes/handbooks/GCPHandbook.pdf>

This handbook may be useful not only to local GCCs but to other members who host events for Young Mensans in your group. In addition to Kids Trek, the Gifted Children’s Program committee will hold a session at the AG to introduce the new handbook as well as a session on how to run an effective local Gifted Children’s program.

Best regards,

Keri Guilbault

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Players play on a 3D board, representing the Niagara River and the falls. Canoes float down the river as the river flows, but players can row their canoes up-river or down-river to collect gems, to return them to shore, and to avoid the waterfall. This game is great fun for the family, but is strategic and gives players the chance to plan and steal from one another. 60 minutes to play. 2 to 5 players 8-Adult

**7896- ZENDO (includes 4 sets of pyramids and book) \$44**

Can you guess the master’s riddle? What is the secret of the Buddha-Nature? One of today’s most popular Icehouse games is now available. One player acts as the master, guiding the other players (“students”) as they seek to unravel the secret rule by building little structures out of Icehouse pyramids.

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## Splash the Clown

Alias Marley Ann Navin, a native of Traverse City , born in 1951 and currently a resident. This gal has wanted to be a clown since she was 9 years old when her Dad invited a clown to come over to their house after a Cherry Festival Parade.

Marley is actually a trained Occupational Therapist. She has worked with special needs youngsters in the school district here for 27 years. She was diagnosed with MS on her 33<sup>rd</sup> birthday. Some happy birthday, eh? But she kept working until she eventually had to take a disability leave in 2003.

Daffy the Clown, one of the 15-20 other local Cherry Capital clowns, encouraged Marley to explore clowning by putting life into an outfit that she had had for some time: painter's overalls covered with paint and a yellow turtleneck. After helping Marley to put on a white clown face and encouraging her to keep the white full wig she had already purchased...Marley was splashed with color...thus, Splash was born. A few extra touches of a painter's hat with Splash's name, paint bucket and brush covered with paint...Splash was ready for her debut on July 4, 1996 in Leland. That festival was so popular that the new clown had to park 1 mile out of town. She realized suddenly that people were hollering at her and expecting her to perform along the way to the beginning of the parade. Ok, she could do that. She started to talk and dance and tease and make people laugh. She was a natural. Not only that, she was loving it.

Next came some professional training in bits and pieces, and just learning by doing. One week's session was in LaCrosse, Wisconsin at a clown school. Lansing has what are called clown alleys -- a place where clowns come from all over to teach each other. Twice Marley availed herself to learning from these clowns; various skills, shared materials, jokes, and hints. 6 years ago Splash had a face makeover including a new nose and different makeup. She also heard Patch Adams speak in Petoskey some five years ago. She is still evolving and improving. However, she found she has a natural instinct for evaluating a crowd and how to please it. This is her thing!

This is just part of what Marley does. What does she do in her spare time? Spare? Well, there really isn't any but she still has managed to start a singing group with residents in a nursing home. She belongs to a

weaving group that not only weaves but grows the plants to get the dyes to color the yarns for the construction of wall hangings and rugs. She is interested in Traverse City history and would like to do story telling about its history someday. She also has a strong interest in writing. Her energy level is incredible. She has also clowned at music festivals, school carnivals, and does much volunteering.

Best of all is to be with her and relish her wonderful cheer and optimism. Another quote from this wonderful gal: "Clowning is love made visible." This is Marley personified.

If you would like a little of this love in your life, she is can be reached at 231- 935-1546. If you are a non-profit worthwhile organization she will even volunteer for you.

Ellen Monahan  
929-9281



## Beauty

Have you ever seen a pretty rose  
With dew drops on its leaves?  
And have you seen the beauty a  
Chrysanthemum achieves?

Though this world is full of sorrow,  
There's beauty all around.  
And if some day you'll stop and look  
You'll find the sights and sounds.

The patter of a gentle rain,  
The splendor of the snow,  
The golden rays of Summer sun  
That make the whole world glow,

The colors of the rainbow bright,  
A rabbit in a field,  
The moon and stars in the night sky,  
The crops that the earth yields.

Just take time from your busy day  
To see what you have missed.  
You might see something pretty like  
A leaf the sun has kissed.

Look high and low, look everywhere,  
Cover both sky and ground.  
If you will just open your eyes,  
There's beauty to be found.

A ladybug that's on a twig,  
A kitten fast asleep,  
A graceful white swan in a pond,  
A chick learning to peep.

The sweet sound of gentle music,  
A Lilac bush in bloom  
That's spreading its scent all around  
Lifting you from gloom.

My favorite is a Summer day  
In a grassy field of green.  
I could spend the entire day  
Finding beauty to be seen.

Kelleen S. Bingham  
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