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Mensa accepts individuals who score at or above the 98th percentile on certain standardized IQ tests, such as the Stanford-Binet.

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After mandatory items, priority in the newsletter is given to matters appealing to members of the group which relate to their membership in Mensa. The content of the newsletter shall appeal to the general membership of Northern Michigan Mensa.

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**All submissions** are welcome and encouraged. They may be sent via email or snail mail. They may be sent as attachments or in the body of the email.

Submissions requiring major editing are also welcome. If requested, the author may approve the editing before the article is published.

**Photographs** are also welcome. Please include a brief description of the photo and the name of the photographer. You may also include an entire article to accompany the photo.

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ON THE COVER: The Mackinac Bridge. Note ship passing below.  
Photo by John Porter.

# Northern Michigan Mensa

## July 2009 Calendar

### BRUNCH - Saturday, 18 July 2009 at 11:00 a.m. (NOTE NEW DATE)

We will meet at the Cottage Café, located at 420 Munson Avenue, Traverse City, in the Papa's Den, which is on the right as you enter the front door. We will meet on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday rather than the 2<sup>nd</sup> to avoid conflicting with Cherry Festival crowds at the restaurant.

### TGIF - Friday, 24 July 2009 at 5:30 p.m.

This is our monthly, Friday get together to unwind and chat. We will meet in the Horizon Shine Café located in the lower level of Horizon Books, 243 E. Front Street, Traverse City. They have coffee, soft drinks, sandwiches, wraps and desserts available upstairs.

### Next Month

Don't forget our **Annual Picnic** to be held from 1 to 5p.m. on August 23, 2009, at the pavilion of the Boardman River Nature Center on Cass Road in Traverse City. Full details will be provided in the August issue.

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## Member News

### Happy July Birthday

- |    |                   |    |                      |
|----|-------------------|----|----------------------|
| 12 | James F Kane      | 21 | Cherie Marie Gabriel |
| 20 | Wendy Jane Barker | 28 | John J Roney         |
|    | S A Styles        | 29 | Stefan Dragicevic    |

### Mensa Membership Milestones

(Years of continuous Membership)

- |         |                  |         |             |
|---------|------------------|---------|-------------|
| 5 Years | Richard J Warden | 2 Years | W K Crowley |
| 4 Years | Kimberly Lohr    |         |             |
|         | L Schrock-Taylor |         |             |

## Welcome Back to Northern Michigan Mensa

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### May 2009 Statistics

	AML	NMM
Total membership	48686	88
New and reinstating membership	706	4
Offers of membership	330	0
New members since April 2009	765	1
Reinstating members since April 2009	839	3

Membership directory information is based on data from American Mensa records as of 5/31/2009. If you would like to change the privacy releases on file, go to [www.us.mensa.org](http://www.us.mensa.org) and click on "Member Login". Then click on "Profile Update" and "PDQ Update".

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### Andrew Horujko

July 31, 1921 - December 1, 2008.

Andrew had been a Mensa member since 1980, and while he had not attended any meetings for some time, he had recently made several generous donations to our local group for which we are very grateful.

Andrew, who lived in Chase, MI, died at home of cancer at 87.

# reMark

By Betsy Yvonne Mark, RVC3 as of July 1

Thank you Dave Swanka for representing Region 3 as RVC for the past three years. Your service to the Region is greatly appreciated.



It's May and I am taking the liberty of writing this July column because I can, even though I will not officially be your RVC until July 1. I am proud to represent the greatest region in the United States and I do intend to serve this Region to the very best of my ability. I promise that I will never again tell you when it is that I am writing my column. Suffice it to say that it will always be at least a month before the month it appears in your newsletter. Of course, that presumes that there is room in your newsletter for its inclusion.

I have begun this column while sitting at a restaurant in Battle Creek, Michigan, waiting to have dinner with some Western Michigan Mensans as I travel to the western side of the state to visit friends. In June, I will be having dinner in Traverse City, Michigan, with Northern Michigan Ms. I hope to be able to visit with each local group soon. Many of my visits will be to RGs or in conjunction with some personal trip that I will be taking. I'll let you know where I will be via this column so that you can be there, too. I do hope to meet as many Region 3 Ms as I can. In that regard, I will be hosting a Meet and Greet at the AMFM AG in Pittsburgh on Friday, July 3, at 10:30 in the morning. I'll be at the AMC and ABM meetings, hanging around the Action Desk and various other places during that AG, too. Do stop by to say hi. (Dinner was great!)

As my first official RVC visit(s), I hope to have dinner with Western New York Ms and Rochester Area Ms, either together or separately, immediately following the AMFM AG in Pittsburgh on my way to Southeast Michigan's and my southern and your northern border Canadian AG being held in Ottawa July 10-12. And I will be attending Columbus' RG, *Mind, Body and Soul*, July 31 through August 2. Hope to see you there!

Misty Richmond of Cincinnati Area Mensa has done a fabulous job maintaining the Region 3 website and I am delighted to report that she has agreed to continue doing so. I hope you avail yourself of her efforts by visiting <http://www.region3.us.mensa.org/>.

Misty has created two e-lists for Region 3 members. One is a Facebook group -- Region 3 - American Mensa -- <http://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=71515809887>. The other is a Yahoo group -- AMR3:Region 3 American Mensa -- <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/AMR3/>. De Freshwater of Cleveland Area Mensa will be assisting Misty with the duties of confirming membership in and moderating these two groups. I hope that you will use them to keep in touch with each other and to share ideas with each other and with me.

I will be posting my monthly column on all three sites in case your editor can't find room to print it in its entirety or needs to edit it.

I have recently completed an online mediation training class. I hope I never have to use the skills and knowledge I have gained from the class, but I am here to assist you if you need me. In that regard, I hope all Region 3 groups have an ombudsman or mediator. Insurance seems to be the best policy against travesty; no umbrella - rain; umbrella - no rain; ombudsman/mediator - no problems.

If you need to reach me, I can be e-mailed at [BetsyYMark@aol.com](mailto:BetsyYMark@aol.com) or [rv3@us.mensa.org](mailto:rv3@us.mensa.org); be sure to use Region 3 in the subject line of an e-mail. My address is 3674 Oak Drive, Ypsilanti, MI 48197, my home phone number is 734-434-5757 and my cell phone number is 313-530-2055. If you get my voice mail, be sure to let me know when it is best for me to return your call.

LLAP and Peace,  
Betsy

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# Mensa Mind Games

From Lauren A. Fernandez

Marketing Coordinator, American Mensa, Ltd.

Mensa members came together on a weekend in April to play 48 hours straight of Mind Games(R). They played, voted and selected five games that will bear the Mensa Select(R) seal. During the Mind Games competition, Mensa members play and rate new board and card games. The five games that rate the highest are named Mensa Select and may display the Mensa Select seal on their packaging. To learn about past winners, visit [www.mindgames.us.mensa.org](http://www.mindgames.us.mensa.org).

The 2009 winners are as follows:

**Cornerstone** - This is a 3-D strategy game requiring a steady hand and clever mind in order to build, climb and race to the top before it all comes tumbling down. [www.goodcompanygames.com](http://www.goodcompanygames.com)

**Dominion** - Players compete to create the best deck of cards by buying action (10 of 25 possible each game), treasure, and victory cards. The deck with the most victory points wins! Order phone: (505) 771-8813

**Marrakech** - Each player takes the role of a salesperson who tries to outwit the others. Roll the dice, move Assam, and determine whether you must make a payment to lay a rug. [www.fundexgames.com](http://www.fundexgames.com)

**Stratum** - Following the layering laws each player tries to cover up their opponent's pieces. The player with most exposed pieces wins!

[www.familygamesamerica.com](http://www.familygamesamerica.com)

**Tic-Tac-Ku** - An exciting twist on the age-old favorite, Tic-Tac-Toe. The game has nine playing areas. Each player determines in which playing area his opponent may play. Object: win the most playing areas.

[www.colorku.com](http://www.colorku.com)

Congratulations to the winners, and a big thank you to all of our Mensan judges!

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## Email Anyone?

By Stan Cain (Editor Borealis)

This is another reminder that Borealis is available to all members by email as well as the black and white printed copy. Many of you have

email and perhaps some newer members may not be aware that this option exists.

Each month, I receive a packet of information from American Mensa Ltd. containing the current membership list and a printed address label for each member. In addition, I also maintain a list of members who have elected to receive Borealis electronically via email. The electronic version comes as a .pdf file attachment- for which a free, downloadable reader is available. It is also in color and is usually available before the printed version. Most of our members now receive Borealis by email. The printed version costs us about a dollar per month per member so email is definitely cheaper and allows us to provide more scholarships and member activities.

If you would like to receive Borealis by email, you can email me at [sdcmn@yahoo.com](mailto:sdcmn@yahoo.com) or you can call me at 231-938 1506. You should also let the Mensa National Office know that you want this option by going to the AML web site, logging in to your member account and updating your member profile.

If you do nothing, you will continue to receive the printed copy as usual.

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## NMM Programs

By Stan Cain

As you may have noticed, the position of Program Chair has been vacant for some time. And, although our regular monthly events, such as brunch and TGIF, are well attended, it would be nice to have something new and different occasionally.

Two possibilities come to mind:

- one, some imaginative individual volunteers to take on this position and provide us with some interesting events for the calendar or
- two, the rest of us pitch in and send in an occasional idea for an event.

You can volunteer or send in your ideas by contacting our LocSec, Jack Schultz or your editor, Stan Cain. By the way, this is an ideal way for one of our newer members to become more involved with our organization and meet more interesting people.

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## Brunch Bunch

The June brunch featured good food (courtesy of the Cottage Cafe) and lively discussion (courtesy Mensans). Clockwise from left to right: Pete Turkus, Sherry McNamara, Ken Bryson, Erik Snyder, Moe Charbonneau, Carol Crawford, Judith Lindenau, Bernard Hanchett and Bobbi Walker. Photo by Stan Cain.

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## The Long Arm of the Law By Margaret J. Scott

The answer to each clue below is a word, name, phrase, or title with the term "LAW" in it. (The letters " L A W" are always in order with no intervening letters.)

For example, the clue "English Novelist" would indicate D. H. *Lawrence* and the clue "Part of a bird's anatomy" would suggest *Claw*. Each blank represents one letter in the answer. A perfect score of 10 shows you are well above *The Law of Averages!*

1. The Torah: \_\_\_\_\_
2. Famous English actress: \_\_\_\_\_
3. Front yard: \_\_\_\_\_
4. Raw cabbage salad: \_\_\_\_\_
5. Movie starring Peter O'Toole: \_\_\_\_\_
6. Republic in S. E. Africa: \_\_\_\_\_
7. Newton's Discovery: \_\_\_\_\_
8. Actor and brother-in-law of JFK: \_\_\_\_\_
9. Defect or fault: \_\_\_\_\_
10. Survival of the fittest: \_\_\_\_\_

Answers - Next month.

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**But they said it was a Bird feeder!**  
Photos by Stan Cain