

# Borealis

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## **Mensa:**

Mensa's constitution lists three purposes: to identify and foster human intelligence for the benefit of humanity; to encourage research into the nature, characteristics, and uses of intelligence; and to provide a stimulating intellectual and social environment for its members.

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.

## **Advertising:**

Borealis accepts only short, "classified"-type advertisements from individual members. Notices should be of a non-commercial nature and include contact information.

## **Deadline:**

The deadline for submissions is the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month before the month of publication. Submissions received after that time may be considered if time and space permit.

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ON THE COVER: . The Ultimate Airdogs Show at the Traverse City Cherry Festival in July.

# August Calendar

## BOOK CLUB - Saturday, 2 August 2014 at 11:00 a.m.

We will meet at BC Pizza, 3186 Lafranier, Traverse City. This is near the corner of S. Airport Road. The August Book Club selection will be ***A Superior Death*** by Nevada Barr, presented by Jack Schultz. You may join us even if you haven't read the book.

## Annual Picnic / ExComm Meeting - Sunday, 10 August 2014 at 1 p.m.

We will have our picnic at Elmwood Township Park (take Cherry Bend Road - off US 31 - to the big curve). Fun, games, and lots of food. Everyone bring a dish to pass, along with your own plates, cutlery and napkins. BYOB - or beverage of choice. Hotdogs and hamburgers will be on the grill. Bring the whole family so we can get to know you and the kids (besides yourself). The ExComm meeting will be held sometime during the afternoon. All members are welcome to attend the meeting.

## Dining Out - Thursday, 21 August at 5:30.

In keeping with the summer theme, we will meet at Slabtown Burger, 826 W. Front Street, Traverse City. Great burgers, fries, wraps, salads, soup. Excellent food at the right price, served fast. If it's nice, first one there grab a table or two outside. Otherwise do the same inside.

# Member News

## Happy August Birthday

- |                   |                      |
|-------------------|----------------------|
| 1 Mark Banker     | 15 Delberta Windiate |
| 12 Corinne Mowrey | 20 Cynthia Dickson   |
| 13 Lynn Durling   | 23 Suzanne Cook      |

## Mensa Membership Milestones

(Years of Continuous Membership)

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|--------------------|-----------------|
| 34 Robert Anderson | 11 Lynn Durling |
| 12 John Porter     | 7 Jill Miner    |
| 11 Carola Navarro  |                 |

## June 2014 Statistics

	AML	NMM
Total membership	49,060	87
New and reinstating membership	445	2
Offers of membership	269	0
New members since April 2014	756	19
Reinstating members since April 2014	830	30

Membership directory information is based on data from American Mensa records as of 6/30/2014. If you would like to change the privacy releases on file, use [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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## Newsletter for Sale !

Well, not exactly, but if you would like to become editor of Borealis, you can treat it as if you own it and put your own artistic flavor into it (subject to a few rules and regulations of course.)

After about eight years and nearly a hundred issues as editor of Borealis, I feel it is time for a change!

So, this once-in-a-lifetime door is now open to writers, editors, bloggers and almost anyone with a sincere interest in contributing to our group. My background is in engineering and computer programming so don't let a lack of editorial experience deter you from thinking about this position. And, newer members, this would be a great opportunity for you to become more familiar with our organization and the interesting people in it.

I currently use Microsoft Publisher to prepare the newsletter. But, for many years, I used Microsoft Word and I know there are many other capable programs available including, of course, those for Apple computers.

Our current membership is around 80. Of these, about 60 receive the newsletter by email and the rest, paper copies by surface mail.

And, don't let geography stand in your way. While most of our events are in the Traverse City area (since that is where most of our members live) almost all communications can be handled by email, text and phone messages.

Interested in hearing more? Please contact me at [nmmmborealis@yahoo.com](mailto:nmmmborealis@yahoo.com) or 231 938 1506.

Stan Cain

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# July Hike

## Above (and Below) the Old Hospital Grounds in Traverse City

A small group of determined hikers explored the trails around the old hospital passing the cistern (above) ending up at the Visitor's Center for the new Botanical Garden, exploring the tunnel to an old barn (left) and having a guided tour of the whole area. We may do this great outing again so next time, why not join us?



Photos by Stan Cain

Multi-tasking is a myth...but reality insists we try. At this moment, I'm seriously trying to focus on writing you a few coherent paragraphs while prepping for the AG (packing, reviewing issues for the Board meeting, and printing local RG flyers to take along) and promising myself to review another RG plan asap. Looks like Cleveland is planning a cool event at a Cedar Point Amusement Park Halloweekend the end of September...pencil it in while I look over the contracts ;) And in my optimism, I brought work home from the office intending to keep the backlog down on my return from the AG. Alright, we all know that never works.

The next events on the calendar for Region 3 are in the Bulletin.

Columbus Area Mensa -- Columbus, OH

Ohio: A Capital Idea

Aug. 1-3, 2014,

Contracted 3x more meeting/gathering space this year at Fort Rapids Indoor Waterpark. There will be speakers, tournaments and a menu themed around Ohio food festivals.

Western PA Mensa -- Pittsburgh, PA

Rube GoldbeRG: the Deliberately Over-Engineered RG

August 29-September 1, 2014

The longest RG in Region 3, Friday through Monday of Labor Day Weekend. All the programs, games, food and fun that they can fit in four days.

So that's all for now. Check my column next month for all the tidbits I can gather at the AG.

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