



# Borealis

The Monthly Journal of Northern Michigan Mensa

*Tired of seeing the same photos  
by the same people  
every month?*

*Well...*

*Your Interesting Photo  
could go here!*

#### **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.

**Borealis** is published by Northern Michigan Mensa (3/496) once each month under the auspices of its Executive Committee.

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.

The newsletter shall not include matters which are indecent, scandalous, libelous, or invade someone's privacy, nor shall copyrighted material be used without the permission of the owner. Ethnic, racist, sexist, or religious slurs shall not be printed. Northern Michigan Mensa recognizes that the newsletter is addressed to both minors and adults; material printed will be appropriate for distribution to minors.

**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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# Northern Michigan Mensa

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ON THE COVER: and throughout the newsletter you may notice a subtle plea for more contributions from you who are reading this right now. If no one has anything to contribute, I can just send out a postcard every three months listing upcoming events (the Mensa required Mensa minimum communication). What do you think?



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# September Calendar

## Hike -Saturday, 12 September 2015 at 10:00 a.m., rain or shine

We will meet at the parking lot at the Cass Road Bridge where Cass Road joins Keystone Road south of Traverse City. We plan to take a trail north past the Boardman River Nature Center towards the old YMCA area. And return the same way. All are welcome. Bring the family! Questions? Call Bernie Han-chett at 231 946-5177.

## Dining Out - Wednesday, 16 September 2015 at 5:30 p.m.

We will meet at the **Grand Traverse Pie Company**, 525 W. Front Street - the one near Division St., **not** the one by the State Theater - in the back room (a nook, really). It's located in the strip mall one-two blocks east of US-31. You can get other items besides pie - although a pie for dinner sounds pretty good. First one there, grab a table.

## Member News

### Happy September Birthday

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|----|--------------------|----|--------------------------------|
| 1  | Susan Lynne Pitzer | 18 | Richard J Warden               |
| 2  | James H McDermott  | 22 | Carola 'Penny' Pollard Novarro |
| 11 | Jill S Miner       | 22 | Dr John D Schultz              |
| 12 | Stephen H Quick    | 24 | Paul Brooks                    |
| 17 | John Porter        |    |                                |

### Mensa Membership Milestones

(Years of Continuous Membership)

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|----|------------------------|----|----------------|
| 30 | Delberta Ruth Windiate | 12 | Dwayne A Bean  |
| 12 | Harold A Kranick       | 6  | Janet A Nerone |

<u>May 2015 Statistics</u>	<u>AML</u>	<u>NMM</u>
Total membership	49873	89
New and reinstating membership	441	0
Offers of membership	362	0
New members since April 2015	1068	2
Reinstating members since April 2015	1007	2

Membership directory information is based on data from American Mensa records as of 7/31/2015. 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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and/or photos can go here....**

# The LocSec's Login

By Jack Schultz, Local Secretary (2008-2009)  
(Reprinted in part from the June 2009 issue of Borealis)

HAVE YOU EVER ASKED....?

"What am I getting out of Mensa? Is it worth the expenditure when there are so many other ways I could spend \$50 or more?"

Let's look at that. Do you find the Bulletin worth reading, or are you like many of us who put it on a table somewhere with the intention of "getting around to it" sometime? And then "sometime" never comes because the next issue arrives. Same goes for Borealis. It always amazes me when someone tells me he/she didn't know we had such-and-such an event scheduled...and yet, one of the first items in each issue of our newsletter is the listing of events coming up during that month.

While we continue to have reasonable showings at most of our activities, the heyday of having 20 to 30 people attend is long gone for the most part. Does this indicate a loss of interest in what our group might be doing? I suspect not, but it is at times discouraging to realize that we may not be offering just the kinds of activities that most members desire. When we know what members would like, we can respond and plan accordingly. C'mon, folks, let us know what you'd like NMM to offer you!

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We need to be thinking about a slate of officers to be nominated for the two-year period that will begin next January 1. That said, I welcome volunteers to serve on our nominating committee. If you would like to do your share as a member, please contact me by phone or email to let me know your interest in serving on that committee. This year, if nominations are made early enough, we will try to provide an opportunity in Borealis for nominees to give some information about their interest in and commitment to making NMM an organization that better serves its members' interests.

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Fast forward about six years...

Well, things haven't changed much in the last six years, have they? Membership Prices have gone up. And, we are still looking for ways to attract more people to our events and to provide events that members would like to attend. From what I've read, this problem is common to many smaller local groups. However, we again need volunteers for our nominating committee to select a slate of officers for the 2016-2017 term of office. And again, to help you can contact **Jack Schultz, (at 231-275-6735 or jsvoyageur@gmail.com)** who is serving on the nominating committee.

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## And, Coming up in October...

### BOOK CLUB - Saturday, 3 October 2015

The October Book Club selection will be *The Art Forger* by B.A. Shapiro, and presented by Stan Cain.

Almost twenty-five years after the infamous art heist at the Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum—still the largest unsolved art theft in history—one of the stolen Degas paintings is delivered to the Boston studio of a young artist. Claire Roth has entered into a Faustian bargain with a powerful gallery owner by agreeing to forge the Degas in exchange for a one-woman show in his renowned gallery. But as she begins her work, she starts to suspect that this long-missing masterpiece—the very one that had been hanging at the Gardner for one hundred years—may itself be a forgery. *The Art Forger* is a thrilling novel about seeing—and not seeing—the secrets that lie beneath the canvas.

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## Letters to the Editor

Your Letters/Praises/Complaints can go here....