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Calendar

JULY

Brunch - Saturday, 16 July 2016 at 10:30 a.m.

The July brunch will be held at the MI Grille, located at 420 Munson in Traverse City. We will meet in the back dining room.

Hike - Saturday, 23 July 2016 at 10:00 a.m. - Rain or Shine

We'll again take on the trails in the hilly part of the Grand Traverse Commons in Traverse City. Bernie Hanchett will lead the way. Enjoy the hardwood forests, the great views and some fresh air and exercise. The starting point will be the parking area on Red Drive, just south of the Greenspire School and across from the TBA Conference Center. We'll start promptly at 10 a.m. and go until we're tired. Questions? Call Bernie at 231-357 3146.

AUGUST

Book Club - Saturday, 6 August 2016 at 11:00 a.m.

The August Book Club selection will be *The Black Count: Glory, Revolution, Betrayal, and the Real Count of Monte Cristo* by Tom Reiss, presented by Greg Baker. The group meets at BC Pizza, 3186 LaFranier Road, in Traverse City where the pizza, breadsticks and salad are always good.. Curious? You are welcome to join us even if you have not read the book.

Annual Picnic

The tentative date for the Annual Picnic is **Sunday, August 7, 3-6p,m, at Elmwood Township park**. Check the August newsletter for the firm date.

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June 29, 2016 ExComm Meeting Highlights

- **Programs** - Bobbi Walker has volunteered to become Program Chair. She will partner with others to help plan events.
- **Publicity** - Bobbi will also handle functions of the Publicity Chair and send reminders about program events.
- **Participation** - An email will be sent to all members to encourage sharing ideas for increasing the attendance at events, especially from younger members / those with school-aged children. This will include offering suggesting more speakers at brunches.
- **Budget** The Current balance is just over \$4000. Income to date has been \$432.81 from National, expenses \$68.20 for newsletter.
- **It was voted:**
 1. to increase program budget from \$200 to \$1000 in light of our balance and efforts to get more participation.
 2. to send a \$50 honorarium to The Watershed Center of Grand Traverse Bay as a thank you for an informative presentation by John Nelson at the June brunch.
 3. to check with former Scholarship Chairs on participating in the scholarship program for 2017. Money is due to MERF by September 1.

Financial Statement
Northern Michigan Mensa
January 1, 2016 through June 28, 2016

Fund	1/1/2016	6/28/2016	Change
Friend Fund	\$ 10.00	\$ 10.00	\$ -
General Opns	\$ 3,729.86	\$ 4,095.22	\$ 365.36
Add: Outstanding Checks	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Subtract: Outstanding Deposits	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total Checking	\$ 3,739.86	\$ 4,105.22	\$ 365.36
Savings	\$ 103.67	\$ 103.67	\$ -
Total	\$ 3,843.53	\$ 4,208.89	\$ 365.36

Income	Budget	Year To Date	Remaining
National Office Allocation	\$ 850.00	\$ 432.81	\$ 417.19
Testing Fees	\$ 50.00	\$ -	\$ 50.00
Interest Income	\$ 2.00	\$ 0.75	\$ 1.25
Fund Raising	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total Income	\$ 902.00	\$ 433.56	\$ 468.44
Expenses			
Newsletter	\$ 450.00	\$ 68.20	\$ 381.80
Office / Incidentals	\$ 25.00	\$ -	\$ 25.00
Activities / Programs	\$ 200.00	\$ -	\$ 200.00
Publicity	\$ 25.00	\$ -	\$ 25.00
Scholarships	\$ 600.00	\$ -	\$ 600.00
Proctor / Testing	\$ 50.00	\$ -	\$ 50.00
Stipend for Reg/Ntl Events	\$ 50.00	\$ -	\$ 50.00
Membership	\$ 100.00	\$ -	\$ 100.00
Total Expenses	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 68.20	\$ 1,431.80
Total Income Less Expenses	\$ (598.00)	\$ 365.36	

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Financial Statement submitted by Sue Styles

**The Black Count: Glory, Revolution, Betrayal,
and The Real Count Of Monte Cristo,
Bibliomensans' Book for August By Tom Reiss - 432 pages**

General Alex Dumas is a man almost unknown today, yet his story is strikingly familiar – because his son, the novelist Alexandre Dumas, used his larger-than-life feats as inspiration for such classics as The Count of Monte Cristo and The Three Musketeers.

But, hidden behind General Dumas's swashbuckling adventures was an even more incredible secret: he was the son of a black slave – who rose higher in the white world than any man of his race would before our own time.

Born in Saint-Domingue (now Haiti), Alex Dumas made his way to Paris, where he rose to command armies at the height of the Revolution—until he met an implacable enemy he could not defeat.

TIME magazine called The Black Count "one of those quintessentially human stories of strength and courage that sheds light on the historical moment that made it possible." It is also a heartbreaking story of the enduring bonds of love between a father and son.

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