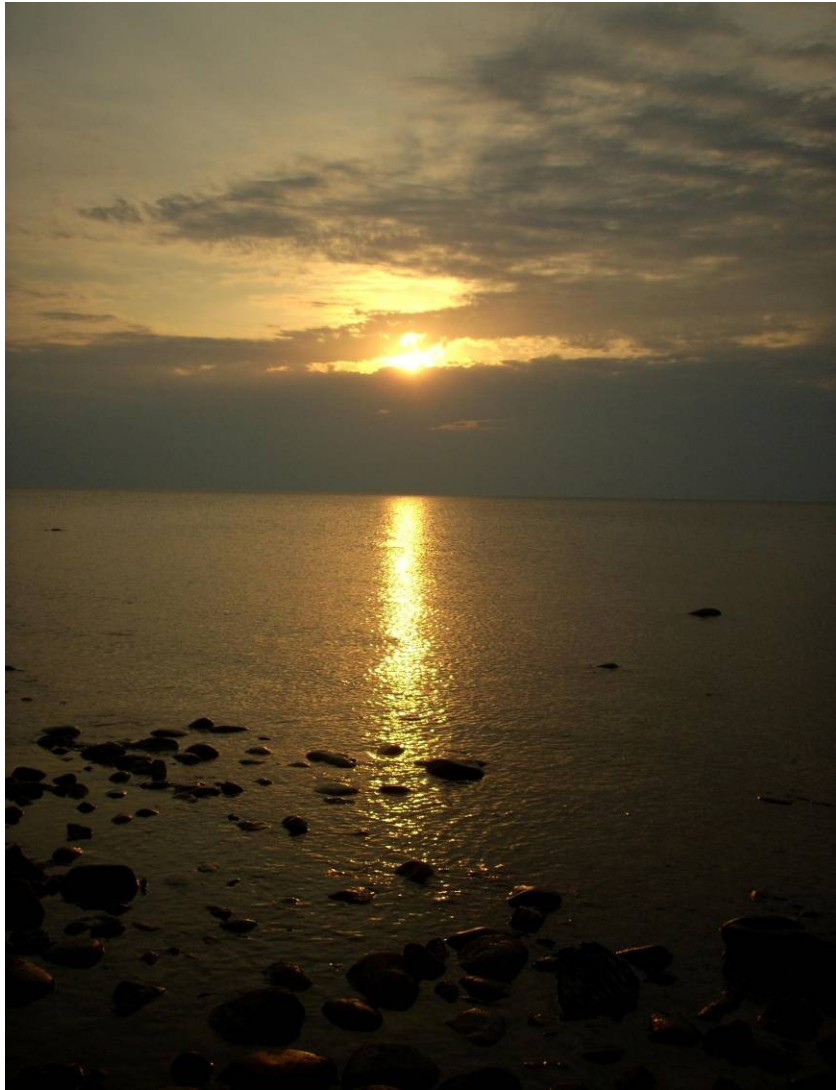


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ON THE COVER: Sunrise over Lake Huron. Photo by John Porter.  
(See details on page 3.)

# Northern Michigan Mensa

## September 2007 Calendar

**ANNUAL PICNIC Saturday, September 8, 12 p.m. to 5 p.m. - Rain or Shine.**  
**Almira Township Park** in Benzie County (just west of the village of Lake Ann). This will be our 5th anniversary picnic. We will have a large covered pavilion so bring your children because there is a nice playground for them. Adult activities include tennis, volleyball, horseshoes, softball, and basketball and, of course, sitting and talking! The paved walking trail is also suitable for roller-blading, biking or running. Equipment is available for any of the team sport activities.

Fried chicken and cake will be provided. Plan to bring a dish to pass and your own beverages and picnic supplies. **Please RSVP to Carol Crawford (231-938 3330) by three days prior to the picnic, so that she can gauge how much food to purchase.**

**Directions to the Mensa Picnic Site--the Almira Township Park.**  
**(Also see map on page 4)**

From Ludington, Manistee, or points southwest of Traverse City:  
 Take U.S. 31 North to County Road 669 - right next to the state fish hatchery - and turn left (about four miles east of Honor).  
 Go about 6 miles to Almira Road. Turn right (east).  
 Go about 1 mile to a STOP sign at Ole White Rd. (also known as Sweet Lk. Rd.).  
 Turn left (north).  
 Go about 0.35 miles to the park on your left. Look for the MENSA signs.  
From Traverse City and points north and east:  
 Take M-72 West toward Empire. From the junction of M-72 and M-22, it is about 10.9 miles to County Road 667 (also called Reynolds Road). Turn left (south).  
 Go about 2 miles south to Cedar Run Road. Turn right (west).  
 Go 0.5 miles to Green Briar Road. Turn left (south).  
 Go 1.0 mile to Fowler Road. Turn right (west).  
 Go 0.5 miles to Ole White Drive (also known as Sweet Lk. Rd.). Turn left (south).  
 Go 0.65 mile to the park on your right. Look for the MENSA signs.

For questions about the park or directions, phone Jack Schultz at 231-275-6735 or email him at [nwoodpc@chartermi.net](mailto:nwoodpc@chartermi.net).

**TGIF - Friday, September 28, at 6:00 p.m. Borders Books**, 2612 Crossings Circle (Wal-Mart Plaza next to Toys R Us), Traverse City. We will meet in the cafe area. They have many beverages, pastries and cookies available.

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# Member News

## Happy September Birthdays

1	Susan Lynne Pitzer	18	Richard J Warden
2	Jim McDermott	22	Carola 'Penny' Pollard Novarro
12	Stephen H Quick	22	John D Schultz
17	J Porter		

## Mensa Membership Milestones (Years of continuous Membership)

27 Years	Andrew Walter Horujko	4 Years	Dwayne A Bean
22 Years	Delberta Ruth Windiate	4 Years	Harold A Kranick

## Welcome Back to Northern Michigan Mensa

Wendy Kay Crowley

## Welcome to Northern Michigan Mensa

Jessica Mary Eberly

## July 2007 Statistics

	AML	NMM
Total membership	49077	87
New and reinstating membership	549	4
Offers of membership	313	0
New members since April 2007	1384	2
Reinstating members since April 2007	1223	6

Membership directory information is based on data from American Mensa records as of 7/31/2007. 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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## Cover Photo By John Porter

This photo was taken at sunrise on Sunday, July 8, 2007 at Rockport. Rockport is a 4,300 acre area between Alpena and Rogers City that is now owned by the state. A former limestone quarry is located in the southern portion of the property and several fascinating sinkholes are in the interior. I backpacked there and took these photos just outside my tent looking east across Lake Huron. I've been hiking and backpacking at Rockport since 1960 and used to work with a former Rockport blacksmith. The quarry closed in 1949. Portions of the tower caissons for the Mackinac Bridge were built there and floated on barges to the Straits.

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## Calling all Writers!

The Borealis mailbox is looking pretty empty these days. I know, I know, you have been on vacation and busy this summer, but now it's time to get back to work and write up some of those thoughts and experiences you've been mulling over and share them with your fellow Mensans.

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## Culture Quest 2007 Results

Culture Quest was held April 29, 2007 and the results are available on the AML web site. A partial tabulation is shown below. Our two teams finished neck and neck and somewhat below the middle of the pack.

Place	Rg/Group	Group Name	Team Name	Score
1	6/716	Arkansas Mensa	Eureka	180
2	9/900	Greater Los Angeles Area Mensa	GLAAM-a-rama	167.375
3	2/200	Metropolitan Washington Mensa	Gordian Nots	163.5
4	1/100	Greater New York Mensa	Misha's Vineyard Players	160.5
5	9/850	Greater Phoenix Mensa	The Phoenix Phive	154.25
6	5/290	Central South Carolina Mensa	Team Median	149.25
7	9/922	Inland Empire Mensa	4 Intelligent Entities in Murrieta	148
8	6/770	Gulf Coast Mensa	Grey Matters!	142.5/60
9	7/811	High Mountain Mensa	Highbrows	142.5/10
10	2/200	Metropolitan Washington Mensa	Ockham's Hell Razors	142

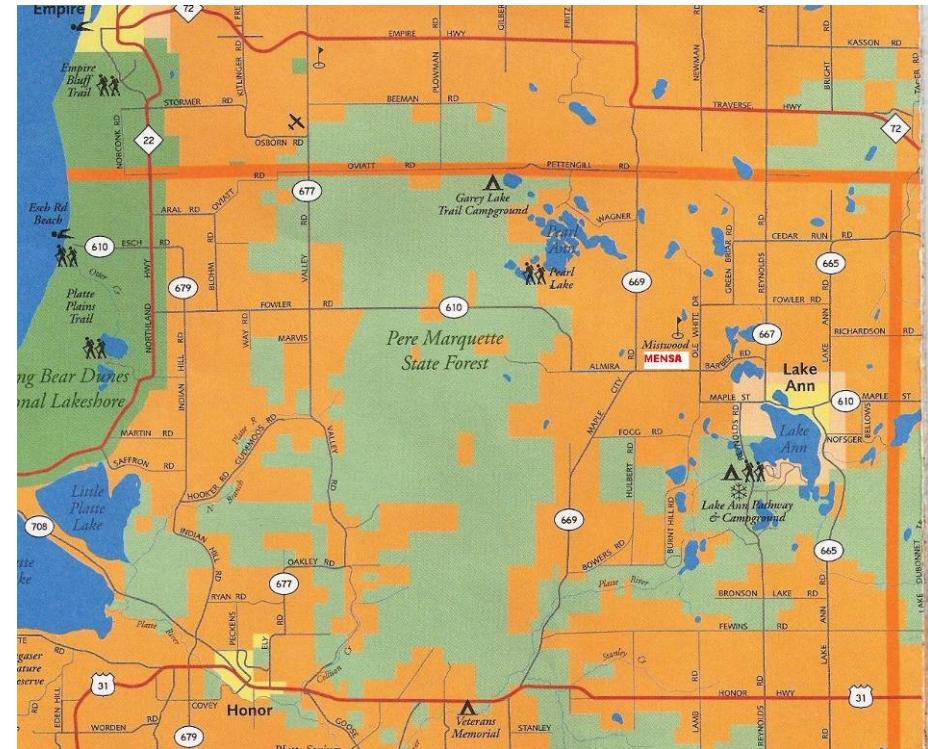
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79	3/440	Cleveland Area Mensa	Buckeye Brains	83.5
80	2/197	Delaware Mensa	Dela-Wonders	81.75/7
81	---	National Office	N.O. Competition	81.75/0
82	3/496	Northern Michigan Mensa	Team McNamara	81.5
83	3/496	Northern Michigan Mensa	Team Vogel	81/6
84	8/995	Mensa Alaska	Ice Worms	81/5

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108	8/990	Eastern Washington/Northern Idaho	Ladies Night Out	57.75
109	5/293	Piedmont Area Mensa	Pedantic Pinheads	55
110	6/760	Mensa 76	Pin-Ups	54
111	8/990	Eastern Washington/Northern Idaho	Nowhere To Go But UP	52.75
112	6/760	Mensa 76	None of the Above	47.5
113	5/293	Piedmont Area Mensa	Mixed Bag (NGT)	41.5

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Picnic Location Map