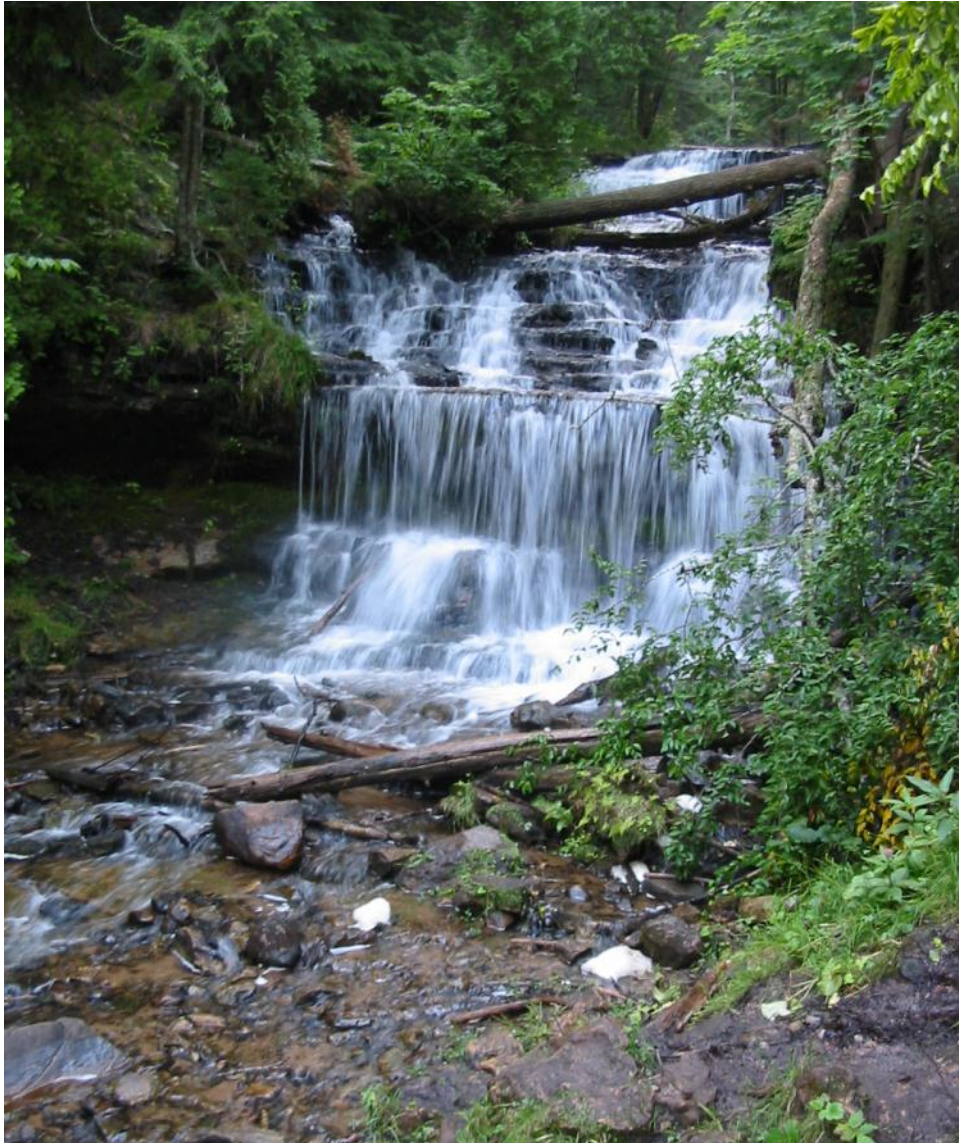




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Mensa:

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.

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 15th 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: . Wagner Falls near Munising, MI. Photo by Stan Cain

September Calendar

Brunch – Saturday, 13 September at 10:30 a.m.

Well, fall is here – almost – so it's back to our brunch schedule. We will meet at the Bay Town Kitchen (formerly the Cottage Café) 420 Munson Ave., Traverse City. We will meet in the far dining room. Our speaker will be Linda L. Fletcher, RN, MS, Lieutenant Colonel (retired) US Army Nurse Corps, Founder and Executive Director of A Matter of Honor (AMOH) will discuss the history of PTSD, how it might be viewed as an epidemic and current treatment options. "There is a huge amount of attention currently being directed toward PTSD, but little of it imparts factual information about the disorder," said Fletcher, who has studied PTSD for eight years. "Rather, there is emphasis on the drama surrounding it. There are stories of soldiers and veterans triumphing over the hurdles presented by PTSD, but they are overshadowed by the massive attention given to the stories of violence and horror associated with the extreme manifestations of PTSD

Dining Out – Saturday, 20 September at Noon

We will play tourist, now that most of the real ones have gone. We will have lunch at **Pearl's New Orleans Kitchen** in Elk Rapids – 617 Ames Street, Elk Rapids. They specialize in Southern/Soul, Cajun/Creole and Seafood. Anyone for gumbo, catfish, grits? Afterward (or before) you can check out the town. And for you members living north of Elk Rapids, this is your chance to attend a lunch and not have to drive all the way to Traverse City!

And, Looking forward to October...

BOOK CLUB - Saturday, 4 October 2014

The October Book Club selection will be ***Citizens of London: The Americans Who Stood with Britain in its Darkest, Finest Hour*** by Lynne Olson, presented by Sherry McNamara.

Brunch – Saturday, 18 October at 12:00 noon.

Broadening our horizons, we will meet at Shay's Chop House, 4427 Crescent Beach Rd, Onekama.

Mensa Testing Day - 18 Oct 2014

NMM Mensans, please let any potential members know that as part of Mensa Membership Month (Oct.1-31) for 2014, "Mensa Testing Day" (MTD) will be on **Saturday, Oct. 18**. This year we will offer supervised testing for just \$20 for the entire month of October.

NMM will be offering the test on MTD at 9:00 a.m. at the Unitarian Universalist Church in Traverse City. Call Jack Schultz at 231 475 6735 for details.



Let the Good Times Roll!

Happy Mensans, spouses and guests had a good time at the NMM annual picnic in August. Altogether, 13 Mensans and 9 family members were present at the Elmwood Township Park near west side Traverse City. Included were new- to-our-group, J.P. Suchoski, his wife Laura and daughter Jayden, formerly from the western U.P. Welcome to NMM!



Ice Breaking with a game of "Guess the Celebrity"

Photos by Stan Cain

News from the RVC3

Awards presented at the AG:

Chairman's Award: Dick Nuenke, David Michel, De Freshwater, Bob Strauch, James Draper, Jerry Breuer, Lynne Draper, Roy Saper

Certificates of Appreciation: Mary Lee Kemper, Guy Conti

Culture Quest 2014:

2nd - Uncle Churd - East Central Ohio Mensa

4th (tie) - MECCA - Cincinnati Area Mensa

7th (tie) - The Original Standard Deviants - Western Pennsylvania Mensa

Jewel Awards 2014: Sapphire

East Central Ohio Mensa

Southeast Michigan Mensa

Jewel Awards 2014: Emerald

Western New York Mensa

Western Pennsylvania Mensa

Blue Grass Mensa

Columbus Area Mensa

Maumee Valley Mensa

Cleveland Area Mensa

Dayton Area Mensa

Cincinnati Area Mensa

Mid-Michigan Mensa

Western Michigan Mensa

Northern Michigan Mensa

Congratulations everyone!

Board of Directors mini-minutes available online.

Highlights:

Reappointed Communications Officer, Development Officer, and Director of Science and Education. Appointed Stephanie Link as the new Membership Officer. Appointed committee chairs, Assistant RVCs, members of the Election Committee and Board members to action committees.

Discussed two Finance Committee motions relating to the budget. One would automatically increase dues to 2.5% each January 1st to track inflation. The other would remove the discount for multi-year memberships since the auto-

matic increase in the first motion would cause an inherent discount in any multi-year plan. (Secretary's note: Voting on the above two motions will occur at the next Board Meeting. All dues related motions must be on two consecutive agendas. The two motions above will be considered at the September 2014 Board meeting.)

The Board discussed the Bylaws of American Mensa at length. The voting on whether to put proposed amendments on the 2015 election ballot will occur at the next board meeting.

Rejected a motion that all in-person Board meetings be held in/near Arlington, Texas.

Adopted a motion requiring changing a requirement that at least one member of the hospitality committee at gatherings must have completed a food handling course to a requirement that food handling requirements of the venue and of the local municipality must be followed.

Selected Hollywood, Florida as the site of the 2017 Annual Gathering beginning on July 3, 2017, subject to the receipt of an acceptable final hotel contract. The next meeting is scheduled for September 6, 2014 in Grapevine, Texas.

Upcoming events:

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.

Details are in the Bulletin.

Cleveland Area Mensa - Cedar Point in Sandusky, OH

CAM-usement Park Regional Gathering

September 26-28, 2014, during Hallo-weekend season

\$25/day registration for snack hospitality and gaming all weekend at Hotel Breakers Conference Center.

Optional:

\$15 Saturday buffet dinner

\$35/day park tickets for Mensa members (reduced from \$60)

Soft drink wristbands and parking are extra.

Three hotel choices for sleeping rooms

More info on CAM-usement Park RG group on Facebook

Or CAMusementPark RG Yahoo group

Soon to be posted on the Region 3 website.

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