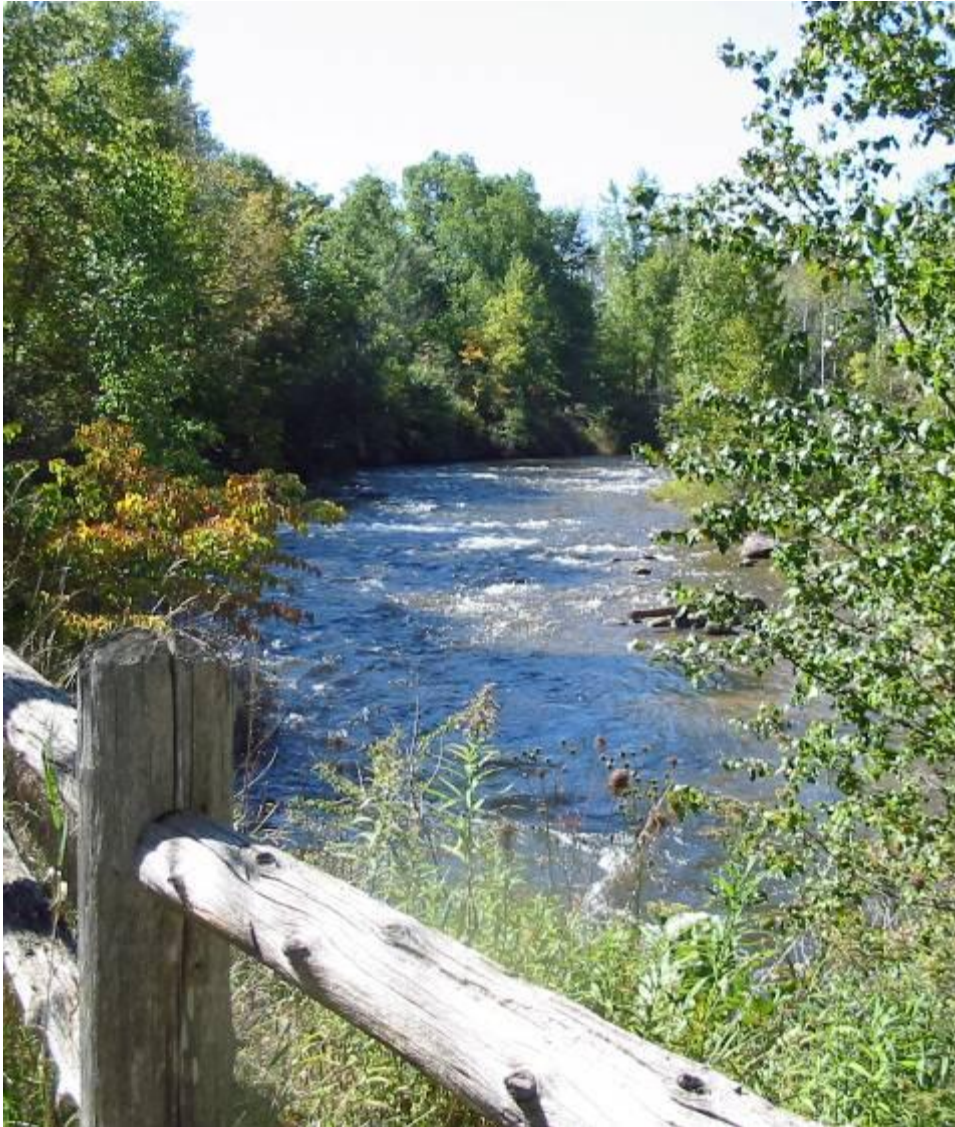




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Mensa:

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 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: The Boardman River, near the Oleson Bridge Trailhead south of Traverse City. Photo by Stan Cain.

October Calendar

BOOK CLUB - Saturday, 4 October 2014

We will meet at BC Pizza, 3186 Lafranier, Traverse City. This is near the corner of S. Airport Road. 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.



Hike -Saturday, 11 October at 11:00 a.m., rain or shine

We will meet at the Oleson Bridge trailhead located off Keystone Road south of Traverse City. This is south of the Cass road intersection (note; the sign is partly obscured by trees and is somewhat hard to see when coming south on Keystone). There are a number of possible trails to take in this area but a nice, fairly level walk, goes south to the Keystone Bridge and returns for a total of one-mile. This should be a good time to see some nice fall colors. Bring the family!

Questions? Call Stan Cain at 231 938-1506.

Brunch - Saturday, 18 October at 12:00 noon

Broadening our horizons, we will meet at Shay's Chop House, 4427 Crescent Beach Rd, Onekama. OK, all you southwestern NMMs, this is your chance to attend an event without traveling all the way to TC.

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. Note that this is half the usual price.

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 231 275 6735 for details.

Member News

Happy October Birthday

6 Robert Alan Atallo	17 Thomas Mac Neil Barnhart
15 Jessica Mary Sullivan	27 Breanna Blasius

Mensa Membership Milestones

(Years of Continuous Membership)

3 Breanna Blasius	1 Natalie Simmons
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June 2014 Statistics

	AML	NMM
Total membership	50,484	87
New and reinstating membership	463	2
Offers of membership	371	0
New members since April 2014	1261	19
Reinstating members since April 2014	1261	30

Membership directory information is based on data from American Mensa records as of 8/31/2014. If you would like to change the privacy releases on file, use www.us.mensa.org and click on "Member Login". Then click on "Profile Update" and "PDQ Update"

Beaver Island

Member Bob Anderson writes from his summer home on Beaver Island that he would like to hear from anyone else who either lives on or visits the island during the year. You can contact Bob at juniperdunes@aol.com.

News from the RVC3

Years ago, I attended an RG at ECOM and listened to a speaker tell us how easy it was to write a story. After we got three steps into the plot, I knew what the next perfect step would be. THEN the fella next to me leaned over to whisper in my ear that exact same thing. QUICKLY, someone who couldn't hear him, mumbled it in the back row. AND, in just as quickly, someone in

the front row said it out loud.

In a similar fashion, some of you have e-mailed me or other members of the Board prior to our next Board meeting in September. Thank you for your care and concern. We do hear you. Consider, for a moment that thoughts you shared may have already been addressed by Board members of the same mind and we will share what is appropriate after the meeting concludes.

Upcoming events:

Cincinnati Area Mensa
2014 RG, PATTERNS

Adult Registration: \$75 till 11/1/14, \$80 til 12/4/14, \$85 at door

Teen (12-20): \$40 til 11/1/14, \$45 at door

Child (5-11): \$20

Check payable to: Cincinnati Area Mensa RG

Mail to: Drew Wagers, 6010 Meadow Spring Ct., Liberty Twp., OH 45011

Or Paypal at www.cincymensa.org

Atrium Hotel & Conference Center

30 Tri-County Parkwy, Cincinnati OH 45246

(513) 771-7171, \$69 Mensa rate / code "RG"

Dayton Area Mensa

Get Your Geek On / DAMNations 28

March 27 - 29, 2015

Adult Registration; \$55 until 11/1/14, \$65 until 2/1/15, \$75 at the door

Child (16 and under) ½ price

Checks payable to: Dayton Mensa RG

Mail to: Karren Lehman, 7039 Monte Carlo Drive, Englewood OH 45322

Or Paypal at <http://www.dayton.us.mensa.org>

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September Brunch

Our September Brunch featured an interesting speaker with an important message. The speaker was Linda L. Fletcher (end of table with flag shirt), RN, MS, Lieutenant Colonel (retired) US Army Nurse Corps, Founder and Executive Director of A Matter of Honor (AMOH) . She discussed 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. "After the talk, many lingered to ask questions and engage in a lively discussion. Photo by Stan Cain.



Northern Michigan Mensa History Wall

Photos from many NMM events for the past eleven years on display at the Annual Picnic. Photo by Stan Cain.