

# Borealis

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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.

**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.

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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 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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ON THE COVER: A nocturnal prowler in Kingsley eyeing a nice fat bird feeder. Photo by Jon Cain

# July Calendar

**What:** American Waste Processing Plant Tour

**Where:** 280 Hughes Drive, Traverse City, MI

**When:** Wednesday, 22 July 2015 at 2:00 P.M.

You toss your recyclables into a bin. A big truck comes by and they disappear. But then what happens? If they are handled by American Waste, you can find out at the free NMM tour of their processing facility in Traverse City. We will meet at their plant on Hughes Drive. This is located south of Hammond Road just east of Garfield. We will meet at the front entrance.

**The tour is for adults only and they require that closed toed, flat heeled shoes be worn. Some stair climbing will be involved.**

**You must contact Stan Cain by the 15th of July** if you are coming, so they will know how many to plan for. 231 938-1506 or sdcmen@yahoo.com. Spouses and friends are also welcome.

**What:** NMM Annual Picnic / ExComm Meeting.

**Where:** Elmwood Township Park.

**When:** Sunday, 26 July 2015 at 1-5p.m..

**Who:** All NMM Mensans, family and friends.

From **Traverse City** take West Bayshore Drive to M-72 West (three phase traffic light) and continue north on M-22 to Cherrybend Road (the next three phase traffic light). Turn left on Cherrybend Road, proceed through the sweeping right curve and then turn left on Lincoln Road and left again into the park. You're there.

**Why:** **To reconnect with all the Northern Michigan Mensans ... and partake of fun, games, and lots of great food.**

Grilled chicken and ribs (yum) will be furnished, as well as plates, cups, silverware (OK - it's made of plastic). BYOB - or beverage of choice. Bring a dish to pass, along with your friends and family.

(calendar continued)

The ExComm meeting will be held at the picnic sometime during the afternoon. All members are welcome to attend the meeting. We will be discussing the upcoming NMM elections.

**Come one, come all!**

## Member News

### Happy July Birthday

- |                         |                    |
|-------------------------|--------------------|
| 17 Timothy Brotherton   | 22 Janet A Nerone  |
| 20 Susan A Styles       | 25 Rosemary Hawley |
| 21 Cherie Marie Gabriel |                    |

### Mensa Membership Milestones

(Years of Continuous Membership)

- |                     |                  |
|---------------------|------------------|
| 11 Richard J Warden | 10 Kimberly Lohr |
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### **Members New/Reinstated to Our Group - Welcome!**

Eric Laitala  
Delberta Ruth Windiate

<u>May 2015 Statistics</u>	<u>AML</u>	<u>NMM</u>
Total membership	48216	87
New and reinstating membership	514	1
Offers of membership	282	0
New members since April 2015	563	2
Reinstating members since April 2015	633	1

Membership directory information is based on data from American Mensa records as of 5/31/2015. 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"



## NMM Scholarships

Our scholarship contest is completed and the winners have been announced.

The Northern Michigan Mensa Scholarship of \$500 has been won by Kylie Jacobson of Lake City and the Diana Mossip Memorial Scholarship of \$300 was won by Hannah DeCourval of Kalkaska.

The winners have been notified and have been invited to our annual picnic where hopefully we can all greet and congratulate them.

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## June Brunch

There was a good turnout for the last official brunch meeting of the summer. If you are not in this picture, we missed you. Join us sometime!



Photo by Stan Cain

## News from the RVC3

[Editor's Notes:

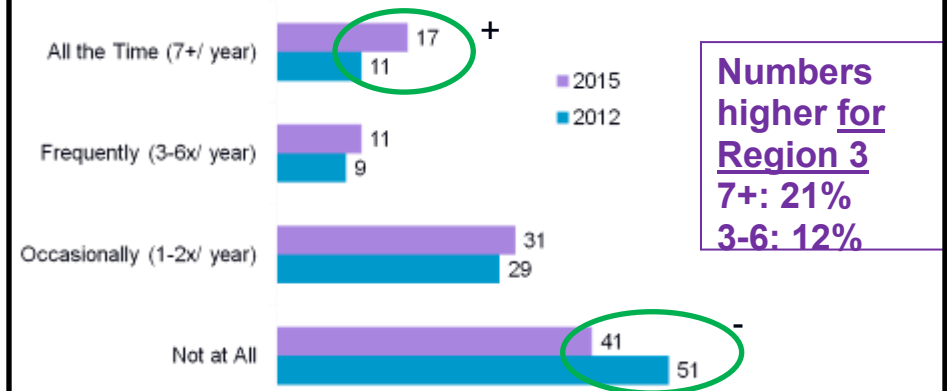
The following chart is one of many from the 2015 Membership Survey, Report for Local Groups, Region 3 Report. It shows the results for the question of how often do you participate in Mensa events. The numbers are percentages.

Survey conducted by:  
Stephanie Thornton, Membership Officer  
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Judging from my own observations over the past 12 years, I would say that The numbers for our group are about the same.]

### More Mensans are Participating!

We can no longer say that most Mensans never get involved.



*How often do you participate in Mensa events?*

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