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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 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 Air Force Thunderbirds in a show at the Traverse City Cherry Festival in July. Photo by Stan Cain.

August Calendar

Book Club - Monday, 3 August 2015 at 11:00 a.m.

(NOTE new day this month)

The August book club selection is *The Emperor of all Maladies* by Siddhartha Mukherjee, and presented by Greg Baker. We will meet at BC Pizza, 3186 LaFranier, TC.

Brunch - Saturday, 15 August 2015 at 11:00 a.m.

This month it's Sleder's Family Tavern at 717 Randolph St. in Traverse City. First one there grab a table in the back room. Sleder's has great burgers and fries, lots of history and a Moose!

Member News

Happy August Birthday

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|--------------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1 Mark L Banker | 15 Delberta Ruth Windiate |
| 12 Corinne Kass-Hillard Mowrey | 20 Cynthia L Dickson |
| 13 Lynn A Durling | 23 Suzanne L Cook |

Mensa Membership Milestones

(Years of Continuous Membership)

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|-----------------------------------|-------------------|
| 35 Robert E Anderson | 12 Lynn A Durling |
| 13 John Porter | 8 Jill S Miner |
| 12 Carola 'Penny' Pollard Novarro | |

Members New/Reinstated to Our Group - Welcome!

Kenneth F Bryson
John G Swartout

<u>May 2015 Statistics</u>	<u>AML</u>	<u>NMM</u>
Total membership	49173	89
New and reinstating membership	1634	3
Offers of membership	811	0
New members since April 2015	801	2
Reinstating members since April 2015	833	2

Membership directory information is based on data from American Mensa records as of 6/30/2015. 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"

The Picnic

We had good weather and a fairly good turnout at the annual picnic in July. Thanks to our main dish providers, Pete and Frank, and an assortment of good pot luck dishes, no one went hungry. We were also joined by one of our scholarship winners, Kylie Jacobson and her family and were able to congratulate her in person.



Photos by Stan Cain

The NMM Scholarship Winner

Northern Michigan Mensans, friends and families were able to meet one of our scholarship winners at the July Picnic. Kylie Jacobson of Lake City, winner of the Northern Michigan Mensa \$500 Scholarship, and her family attended the picnic and talked with us about her future plans. Our other winner, Hannah DeCourval of Kalkaska was unable to attend. We wish both of them good luck in their future studies.



Kylie Jacobson and her parents. - Photo by Jack Schultz

The Recycling Tour

NM Mensa's tour of the American Waste Recycling Plant showed us what a modern state-of-the-art facility can do to help us all be better stewards of our world. The plant takes in a stream of mixed paper, plastic, glass and metal materials and produces output streams of segregated components, which can then be used in new products. We started with an introduction followed by a tour of the plant. As you can see from pictures on the following page, much of the process was automated such as the separation of magnetic materials but some of the separating seemed to need a visual human touch such as separating some miscellaneous bits of plastic and paper that had gotten past the automation. By selling the separated components, the company is able to make a profit as well as helping the environment .

