

# 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: (and below) A fox dines on a rabbit in my back yard.  
Photo by Stan Cain



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## February Calendar

### Book Club - Saturday, 6 February 2016 at 11:00 a.m.

The February Book Club selection will be **Orphan Train** by Christina Baker Kline, presented by Sherry McNamara. The group meets at BC Pizza, 3186 LaFranier Road, in Traverse City.

### Brunch - Saturday, 13 February 2016 at 10:30 a.m.

The February brunch will be held at the MI Grille, located at 420 Munson in TC. We will meet in the back dining room.

## Member News

### Happy February Birthday

14 Peter J Turkus

### Mensa Membership Milestones

(Years of continuous Membership)

31 Robert Alan Atallo	8 Heather Gruenberg-Seger
15 Joan Elizabeth Dasef	8 Chase Philport
11 James H McDermott	8 Erik A Snyder
10 Julie L Hill	7 Brett A Pharo
9 John G Swartout	6 Matthew D Stevenson
8 Sherry L Saites	3 Timothy Brotherton

<u>November 2015 Statistics</u>	<u>AML</u>	<u>NMM</u>
Total membership	52938	77
New and reinstating membership	453	1
Offers of membership	344	0
New members since April 2015	2276	2
Reinstating members since April 2015	1650	3

Membership directory information is based on data from American Mensa records as of 11/30/2015. 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"

## From the Loc-Sec

As your new loc-sec, I hope you will try and come to at least one event, so that I can meet as many of you as possible. I would like to hear from you on just what type of events you might want to come to. I hope in the future we can start a more participatory NMM. We are a small group and some members are pretty well scattered across the northern half of Michigan. Which brings me to the subject of why Traverse City is the center of events. Basically, about 50% of our members either live in TC or are less than an hour's drive from it. We would like to see even our farthest members try to come to at least one or two functions.

If you've never participated in a NMM event before, Culture Quest is a good place to start. It's a "trivia test on steroids" which is held at 4:00 pm on the last Sunday in April [May 1 this year]. We are always in desperate need of someone from the Physical and/or Biological Sciences. SO please join us. There will be more information in the March Borealis.

- Bobbi Walker

Editor's note: In the spirit of Bobbi's message, CultureQuest is an event that can be held anywhere 4-5 members want to gather. You can find other members near you if you log on to [us.mensa.org](http://us.mensa.org) with your member ID and password. Point to Connect on the menu across the top, then choose Member directory. We only have 77 members, so it is easiest to just specify a Local Group as your search criteria (our local group is 03/496). In the list that appears, look for a location near you and click on the person's name to get any contact information they have agreed to share with other members. For example, there are three of you in Gaylord, one in Grayling, and two in Kalkaska!

For more information, go to <http://www.us.mensa.org/attend/culturequest/>. If you're curious about the questions, you can even subscribe to a question of the day.

-Sue Styles, guest editor

