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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.

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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: Kakabeka Falls in Kakabeka Falls Provincial Park, Ontario. Photo by Stan Cain.

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November 2007 Calendar

MOVIE CLUB - Saturday, 3 November 2007 at 11:00 a.m.

We will meet at LaSenorita located at 2455 N. US 31 S (near Sam's Club) for the discussion portion of our meeting. The movie we will discuss is *Gone Baby Gone*. I have heard that this movie will make for a great discussion. The movie is showing at Carmike Cinemas, 3587 Market Place Circle, Traverse City. This movie will be showing this week and at least until Thursday evening 1 November, so don't wait until Friday the 2nd as it may not be the same movie that we will be discussing.

NEW MEMBER BRUNCH! - Saturday, 10 November 2007 at 11 a.m.

We are holding a special brunch this month to welcome new members to Northern Michigan Mensa. Northern Michigan Mensa won a regional raffle and RVC3 presented us with money for a "new member event." Each of our new members was personally invited to attend this brunch and NMM is picking up the tab for each new member as well as giving them a welcome gift. All members are encouraged to attend so that we have a very nice reception of members offering a warm welcome, so please plan to be there! We will meet at Cottage Café, located at 420 Munson Avenue, Traverse City. We will hold our gathering in the Papa's Den which is on the right as you enter the front door.

DISTILLARY TOUR - Saturday, 10 November 2007 at 1 p.m.

Tour of the Grand Traverse Distillery - a micro-distillery in Traverse City - located at 781 Industrial Circle, Suite 5 (3 Mile Road, south of S. Airport Rd). Kent Rabish, vodkalogist, will tell us about the blend of tradition, art, technology and passion used to produce True North Vodka. Questions welcome

ASTRONOMY NIGHT at Rogers Observatory - Saturday, 17 November 2007 8 - 10 p.m.

We will be attending the observatory's public viewing night, featuring the Moon and Mars. The observatory is located on the south side of Birmley Rd. between Keystone and Garfield. This is south of Hammond Rd. There is a small sign on the road. Enter the open gate and go up the long drive to parking at the top. If the weather turns cloudy (or worse) there will be a slide presentation and talk. For further information their phone is 231-995-2300.

TGIF - Friday, 23 November 2007 at 5:30 pm.

This is our monthly, end of the week get together to unwind and chat. We will meet at Borders Books, 2612 Crossings Circle (Wal-Mart Plaza next to Toys R

Us), Traverse City. We will meet in the cafe area. They have many beverages, pastries and cookies available.

Mark your DECEMBER calendars!

BIBLIOMENSANS Book Club - Saturday, 1 December, 2007 at 11:00 a.m.

This month the book for discussion is *The Human Stain*, by Philip Roth. Margaret Scott will be our presenter. Please plan to attend for another lively discussion!! We will meet at the Cottage Café, 420 Munson Avenue, Traverse City.

Member News

Happy November Birthdays

3	Gary S Cools	14	Melissa J Rennie
3	Shaun E Roark	15	Richard R Hopfner
13	Kimberly Lohr		

Mensa Membership Milestones

(Years of continuous Membership)

37 Years	Ruth Minshull	5 Years	Donald L Curtis
22 Years	Donald Chester Hennig	5 Years	C K Hulse
6 Years	Susan D Nolff	2 Years	Stephen H Quick
6 Years	P Walmsley	1 Year	Robin E Wottowa

September 2007 Statistics

	AML	NMM
Total membership	50735	91
New and reinstating membership	464	1
Offers of membership	256	1
New members since April 2007	2140	4
Reinstating members since April 2007	1698	8

Membership directory information is based on data from American Mensa records as of 9/30/07. If you would like to change the privacy releases on file, go to www.us.mensa.org and click on "Member Login". Then click on "Profile Update" and "PDQ Update".

MENSA MOVIE DISCUSSION GROUP

By Sherry McNamara

Are you a movie buff? Did you ever see a really great movie and want to tell people about it? Wouldn't it be enlightening to see movies that you might not normally attend and then talk about it with other Mensans? Well, now is your chance!

Movie: The movie title is announced via email, or members can contact Sherry McNamara at 231.933.9272. Members attend the movie on their own, or can arrange to go with other members during the week prior to the discussion. The movies are shown at Carmike Cinemas, 3587 Market Place Circle, Traverse City.

Club Format: Members bring whatever pertinent background information about the movie they deem important. That could be information about the author of the script or book on which the movie was based; it could be information about the director or cast, or even the subject matter of the movie if it was historical in nature, etc.

Following this presentation, the group will have a "round-robin" discussion of each member's thoughts and ideas about the movie. This club is expected to go beyond the simple, "I liked the movie," or "The main character was so handsome." The club is intended for enjoyment, but some in-depth discussion is expected; well, isn't that a given with Mensans?

Meetings: We will meet on the first Saturday of the odd numbered months (March, May, July, September, and November). The time of the meeting is 11:00 a.m. and the location is announced in Borealis.

The Lake Superior Circle Tour

By Stan Cain

In October, my wife Dorothy and I took a trip that has been in the back of my mind for many years; ever since a high school friend and his family took it as a camping trip in the 1950's. As an added inducement, the weather had been very rainy in the preceding weeks in southern Ontario and the U.P. which led us to hope the waterfalls would be running heavily.

There would be no camping on this trip however, since we are more into comfort these days. The timetable was "a week or so" but turned out to be a week after the rain descended near the end of the trip.

We started in Sault Saint Marie and opted to go in a counter-clockwise direction since the weather forecast was good for the next week and we figured we should do the Canada part during a good weather time. We could more easily re-visit the U.P. anytime.



Quimet Canyon, Ont.

Some impressions:

There is a lot of water in Lake Superior (3 quadrillion gallons). There are a lot of trees in Canada (not sure how many). State Parks and waterfalls in Minnesota were outstanding. Copper Harbor, MI is very quiet at this time of year.



The Sleeping Giant. Thunder Bay Ontario



Gooseberry Falls S.P. Minnesota