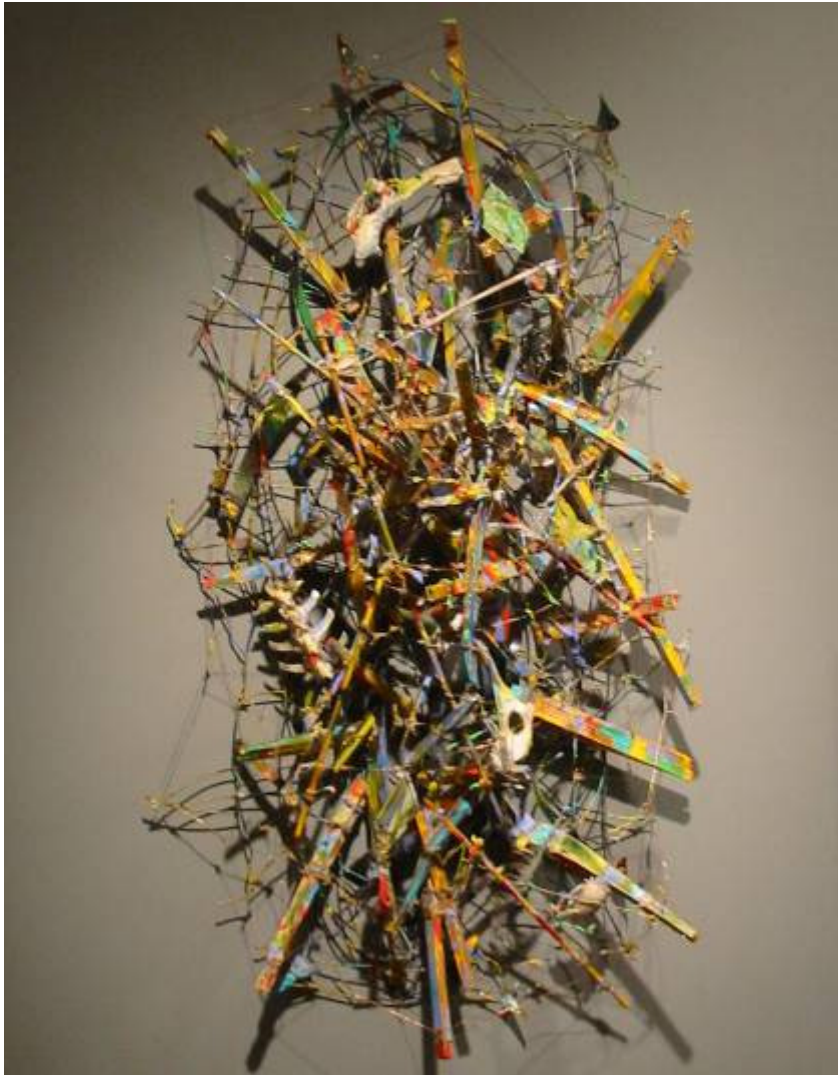


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Mensa's constitution lists three purposes: to identify and foster human intelligence for the benefit of humanity; to encourage research into the nature, characteristics, and uses of intelligence; and to provide a stimulating intellectual and social 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.

The newsletter shall not include matters which are indecent, scandalous, libelous, or invade someone's privacy, nor shall copyrighted material be used without the permission of the owner. Ethnic, racist, sexist, or religious slurs shall not be printed. Northern Michigan Mensa recognizes that the newsletter is addressed to both minors and adults; material printed will be appropriate for distribution to minors.

**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.

## 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.

## Advertising:

At this time, Borealis does not accept advertising from either members or non-members.

## Email submissions to:

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ON THE COVER: "Death". Part of the "Contexture" exhibit at the Dennon Museum on the Northwestern Michigan College campus in Traverse City. The exhibit combines sculptures by Bill Allen and poet Fleda Brown.

## July Calendar

### SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS BRUNCH

- Saturday, 10 July 2010 at 11:00 a.m.

Come celebrate the THREE winners of the 2010 NMM SCHOLARSHIPS. The presentations will be made at the July Brunch (which may be covered by TV 7-4). Be at the Cottage Café, 420 Munson, Traverse City. We would like to see a good turnout to honor the winners, as recognizing top students is a special Mensa priority.

### T.G.I.F. - Friday, 23 July 2010 at 5:30 p.m.

This is our monthly, Friday get together to unwind and chat. We will meet at the Horizon Shine Café located in the lower level of Horizon Books, 243 E. Front Street, Traverse City. They have coffee, soft drinks, sandwiches, wraps and desserts available. Join us!

### MENSA ANNUAL PICNIC - Saturday, 31 July 2010 from 1 to 5 p.m.

WHERE: Elmwood Township Park (see map below)

WHO: Mensans and their families

RSVP: **BY Wednesday, July 28 to:**

**bobbiraw@att.net or call 231-932-1473** and indicate if you will bring a side dish, dessert or munchies. We will supply the burgers and hot dogs. Bring your own beverages and you might also want to bring along a game or two to play.

From downtown Traverse City, follow Grandview Parkway West to where M72 branches off to the West and



continue North on M22 to the traffic light at Cherry Bend Road and turn left. Follow Cherry Bend Road for about a mile through the first curve to Lincoln Road. You'll see the park on your left. Turn left on Lincoln Road to the park entrance on the left. Ample, easy to read signage will be provided from the left turn on Cherry Bend Road - ("NMM PICNIC!")

## Member News

### Happy July Birthday

19	Judith L Cools	22	Janet A Nerone
20	Wendy Jane Barker S A Styles		

### Mensa Membership Milestones

(Years of continuous membership)

<b>6 Years</b>	Richard J Warden	<b>5 Years</b>	Kimberly Lohr L Schrock-Taylor
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### May 2010 Statistics

	AML	NMM
Total membership	49650	95
New and reinstating membership	524	2
Offers of membership	262	0
New members since April 2010	531	2
Reinstating members since April 2010	754	4

Membership directory information is based on data from American Mensa records as of 5/31/2010. If you would like to change the privacy releases on file, go to [www.us.mensa.org](http://www.us.mensa.org) and click on "Member Login". Then click on "Profile Update" and "PDQ Update".

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## Scholarship Winners!

The two \$500 NMM were awarded to:

**Catherine M. Gammon**, Petoskey- Biology/Pre-Veterinary Medicine  
**Zoe Allen-Wickler**, Lake Leelanau - Art/ Film Making

The \$300 Mensa Foundation award went to:

**Lydia Belanger**, Traverse City - Communications/Journalism

Congratulations to all three of you from Northern Michigan Mensa and best wishes on your continuing education.

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## The June Book Club...

The Bibliomans met in June for a discussion of *The Living Great Lakes: Searching for the Heart of the Inland Seas* by Jerry Dennis. Afterward, Patti Paternel described some of her



experiences while competing in the Port Huron to Mackinac race. Pictured Top - (L to R) are Arnie Brandt, Sherry McNamara, Patti Paternel, Dorothy Cain, Margaret Scott, Richard Hopfner, Bernie Hanchett, Jim McDermott, Jack Schultz, Nancy Dady. Right - Patti shows Dorothy Cain some foul weather gear she has used in the races. Photos by Stan Cain

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## ...and the June Brunch

From (L to R) Charlene Thibeau, Richard Thibeau, Melissa Rennie, Judith Lindenau, John Porter, Jack Schultz, Bobbi Walker and Margaret Scott.

## Puzzle Page

### CRYPTOGRAM

Submitted by Ruth Minshull

The cryptogram consists of a simple substitution code. Each letter has been replaced by another. No letter represents itself, and substitutions remain consistent throughout the puzzle. For example:

ORAB AB ZK WLZSXHW GU Z YGIW.  
THIS IS AN EXAMPLE OF A CODE.

BDY JIZB BDIB KPS IWY GAEEAMH BP UIK, A

VP MPB SMVYWUBIMV, IMV AB AU JAMY, AU

BDY HWYIBYUB SMVYWUBIMVAMH KPS ZPSEV

YLDAFAB.— GIKMY VKYW

The answer will be in next month's issue.

#### Answer to last month's Cryptogram:

It is said that power corrupts, but actually, it's more true that power attracts the corruptible. The sane are usually attracted by other things than power. -- David Brin

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#### Editor's Note:

Due to space limitations this month, please read Betsy's column, **reMark**, online at the Region 3 web site - <http://www.region3.us.mensa.org/> Yahoo group - <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/AMR3/> Facebook group - <http://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=71515809887>