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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.

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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: Late afternoon sun slants across the slope at Mt. Holiday in Traverse City. Photo by Stan Cain.



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February Calendar

ExComm Meeting - Thursday, 2 February 2011 at 4:00 p.m.

It will be at the home of Tom Barnhart, 894 Hammond Place North. Hammond Place Condominium is behind the Shell station at the corner of Garfield and Hammond Roads in Traverse City. The entrance to Hammond Place is on Garfield, just north of the Shell Station and is Hammond Place North. It is 7 units in and on the north side. If you have questions or problems, call me at 946-3242.

BOOK CLUB - Saturday, 4 February 2011 at 10:00 a.m.

(Note Earlier than Usual Time!)

We will meet at the Cottage Café, 420 Munson Avenue, Traverse City. The February book club selection is ***Art and Fear: Observations on the Perils and Rewards of Artmaking*** by David Bayles and Ted Orlando, presented by Jack Schultz. All are welcome to join us even if you have not read the book.

BRUNCH - Saturday, 11 February 2012 at 11:00 a.m.

The January Brunch will be held at the Cottage Café, 420 Munson Avenue, Traverse City.

T.G.I.F! Friday, 24 February 2012 at 5:30 p.m.

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!

Member News

Happy February Birthday

14	Peter J. Turkus	18	Brenda Irish Heintzelman
25	Jerome D. Smith	26	Carol J. Crawford

Mensa Membership Milestones

(Years of continuous Membership)

32 Years	Philip F. Curtiss	4 Years	Robert Hawley
32 Years	Rufus S. Teesdale		Chase Philport
11 Years	Joan E. Dasef		Sherry L. Saites
7 Years	James H. McDermott		Eric A. Snyder
6 Years	Julie L. Hill	3 Years	Nancy Dady
5 Years	John G. Swartout		Brett A. Pharo
4 Years	Heather J. Gruenberg	2 Years	Matthew D. Stevenson

December 2011 Statistics	AML	NMM
Total membership	53563	87
New and reinstating membership	494	0
Offers of membership	155	0
New members since April 2011	2194	4
Reinstating members since April 2011	2100	8
Members leaving		2

Membership directory information is based on data from American Mensa records as of 12/31/2011. 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".

Help !

Our group may soon be in need of a new location for holding the monthly brunch and book club meetings. The Cottage Café is currently planning to move to a new location and the new location may not be as suitable for us as the current one. We currently have a fairly private room to meet in at no cost to us except for the understanding that most of us will order something to eat. If any of you know of a restaurant with a good area for these functions, please let our new program chair, Pete Turkus, know about it.

NMM 2012 ExComm



Meet your new Executive Committee!

At their first meeting, the five elected members of the ExComm decided who would hold the various offices of the committee. In the picture above (L to R);

- Front row:** Pete Turkus – Treasurer,
Nancy Dady – Member At Large
- Back Row:** Brenda Irish Heintzelman – Member At Large,
Richard Thibeau – Deputy Local Secretary and
Tom Barnhart Local Secretary.

Photo by Stan Cain

Also, please notice that in the list of NMM appointed members, there are a number of positions that are still open. If you would like to become more involved in our group, please let anyone on the board know.

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Bibliomensans Reading List – 2012

Here is the list of Book Club selections for the year. The club meets every other month and any member is welcome to attend.

4 February 2012

Book: *Art and Fear: Observations on the Perils and Rewards of Artmaking*
Author: David Bayles and Ted Orland Presenter: Jack Schultz

7 April 2012

Book: *Unbroken: A World War II Story of Survival, Resilience and Redemption*
Author: Laura Hillenbrand Presenter: Jim McDermott

2 June 2012

Book: *Barefoot Heart: Stories of a Migrant Child*
Author: Elva Trevino Hart Presenter: Judith Lindenau

4 August 2012

Book: *River Town: Two Years on the Yangtze*
Author: Peter Hessler Presenter: Nancy Dady

6 October 2012

Book: *Sarah's Key*
Author: Tatiana de Rosnay Presenter: Sherry McNamara

1 December 2012

Book: *Echoes of Distant Thunder*
Author: Frank P. Slaughter Presenter: Pete Turkus

Editor's Note:

Due to space limitations this month, please read Betsy Mark'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>

From the ExComm

**By Richard Thibeau
Deputy Local Secretary**

Hello, I'm Richard Thibeau, your newly elected Deputy Local Secretary (DepLocSec) for Northern Michigan Mensa (NMM). The new ExComm group is lucky to be taking over with a well established organization in place and we hope to keep that tradition going forward. Our monthly newsletter, Borealis, is the primary method of communication from the ExComm to the membership and has the contact information for each person on the ExComm so the membership may contact us. Most members receive Borealis via email which saves us postage and printing costs. Those who are still receiving a paper copy are encouraged to convert to paperless email delivery; just let our most excellent Editor, Stan Cain, know of your decision. Established activities such as the monthly brunch at the Cottage Café (soon to move) and the bi-monthly Bibliomensans and the TGIF at Horizon Books will continue. It is incumbent on the membership to tell the ExComm what other activities you would like to see take place and to attend as many NMM events as possible. Your ExComm is the conduit to carry out your suggestions, but you have to tell us first. As gifted as most Mensans are, I have yet to meet one that can read minds.

I would like to hear from each and every member of NMM, preferably via email, their opinions on what the group can or should be doing. We cover a large area and it's not easy traveling to each event, but one of the primary objectives of the group is the social aspect. We exist as a group for the benefit of the membership in total, not just a few who happen to be in town. In that regard also, there are several officer positions to be filled by appointment and volunteers are needed. Every member has the opportunity to serve and should consider getting more involved for the betterment of the whole. I wish you all good luck and good health for the coming years and look forward to hearing from you all; better yet to meet you at an event.

In service,
Richard Thibeau

Puzzle Page

CRYPTOGRAM Submitted by Ruth Minshall

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.

BYSJS' L LU OTIY ZACLBNI NX BYNL

ITABTJS BYCB WNXFA ASUZCJR LMNX NL

ESIUONXH CX SXRCXHSJSR LFXBYSBNI. --

ANAF BUOANX

Answer to last month's Cryptogram:

We're told to live every day as if it were our last. So today I have an appointment to be autopsied. --Erma Bombeck

Bonus Cryptogram

Editor's note: I found this one to be a little more challenging...

MYB MOLB NDXBSMXNM SBKBO URNBN MYB

AFDLUMH MF FT'FGBTBSM --

YFSN NBUHB

Another puzzle from *The Moscow Puzzles* by Boris A. Kordemsky

Two Boats Passing

Motorboat M leaves shore A as motorboat N leaves opposite shore B. They move across the lake at constant speeds. They meet the first time 500 yards from A. Each returns from the opposite shore without halting. And they meet 300 yards from B.

How long is the lake and what is the relation between the two boats' speeds? Sharp wits can solve the problem with a minimum of calculation.

Puzzle answers will be in next month's issue.

Northern Michigan Mensa
Statement of Income and Expenses
January 1, 2011 through December 31, 2011
Submitted by Bernard Hanchett, Treasurer

	<u>Budget</u>	<u>YTD</u>	<u>Remaining</u>
<u>Income</u>			
National Office Allocation	\$1,050.00	\$962.18	\$87.82
Testing Fees	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$200.00
Interest	\$50.00	\$1.95	\$48.05
Total	\$1,300.00	\$964.13	\$335.87

<u>Expenses</u>			
Newsletter	\$500.00	\$405.07	\$94.93
Office/Incidentals	\$25.00	\$0.00	\$25.00
Activities/Programs	\$500.00	\$210.57	\$289.43
Publicity	\$25.00	\$0.00	\$25.00
Scholarships	\$800.00	\$500.00	\$300.00
Proctor/Testing	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$100.00
Stipend for Reg/Ntl Event	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$200.00
Membership	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$200.00
Total	\$2,350.00	\$1,115.64	1,234.36

Total Income Less Expenses **-\$1050.00** **-\$151.51** **-\$898.49**

Bank Balance

	1-1-2011	12-31-2011
Checking	\$4,008.46	\$3,856.95
Savings	\$103.67	\$13.67
Total	\$4,112.13	\$3,960.62

Note: The report is presented subject to audit and possible revision..
