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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.

Advertising:

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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: Walkers check the low water beach at Old Mission Point Park north of Traverse City. Photo by Stan Cain



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June Calendar

BOOK CLUB - Saturday, 2 June 2012 at 11:00 a.m.

We will meet at BC Pizza, 3186 LaFranier (just south of S. Airport Road) , Traverse City. The June Book Club selection will be: *Barefoot Heart: Stories of a Migrant Child* by Elva Trevino Hart and presented by Judith Lindenau. The restaurant features a pizza and salad buffet.

BRUNCH - Saturday, 9 June 2012 at 11:00 a.m.

The June Brunch will again be held at **Flap Jack Restaurant**, 3980 N US 31 S, Traverse City (also known as the Flap Jack Shack.)

T.G!F! Friday, 22 June 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 June Birthday

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|----|-----------------------------|----|------------------|
| 4 | Bartholomew G. Halliday III | 23 | Sherry L. Saites |
| 17 | Ronald G. Bardy | 29 | Bernard Hanchett |
| 23 | William E. Hagan | | |

Mensa Membership Milestones

(Years of Continuous Membership)

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|----|-----------------------------|---|--------------------|
| 10 | Corinne Kass-Hillard Mowrey | 7 | Judith W. Lindenau |
| 9 | Stan Cain | 2 | Patrick Sullivan |

Members New to Our Group - Welcome!

Cori Nielson

April 2012 Statistics

	AML	NMM
Total membership	46,861	70
New and reinstating membership	679	1
Offers of membership	218	0
New members since April 2011	236	7
Reinstating members since April 2011	443	12

Membership directory information is based on data from American Mensa records as of 4/30/2012. 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".

From the LocSec

By Richard Thibeau

At the ExComm meeting on May 12, Sue Styles was selected to fill the vacancy on the committee and she accepted the position of Treasurer, with Pete Turkus accepting the position of Deputy Local Secretary.

The current ExComm makeup is now:

Loc Sec – Richard Thibeau
Deputy Loc Sec – Pete Turkus
Treasurer – Sue Styles
At Large – Erik Snyder
At Large – Bobbi Walker

The Mensa membership year has ended and 23 members were dropped from the local group as their memberships lapsed. Everyone should check their membership expiration dates and renew as necessary. Northern Michigan Mensa was a small group before and we certainly don't want to lose anyone. Any ideas for group events and activities are always welcome and can be sent to the LocSec via email. We need all members to participate when they can and keep the group active.

Culture Quest XXIII Sample Question Answers

Note: Our team scored 82 out of a possible 273, or 30%.

When the Owl and the Pussycat were married, what animal acted as minister? **The Turkey**

What unit is equal to 550 foot-pounds per second (approximately 746 watts)?
Horsepower

What did Claude Monet depict in approximately 250 oil paintings?
water lilies

Who became head of the International Monetary Fund in 2011?
Christine Lagarde

What is sodium hydroxide better known as? **lye or caustic soda**

What racehorse was unbeaten in a 25-race career that began in 1769? **Eclipse**

Major scales are in Ionian mode. In what mode is a minor scale? **Aeolian**

What strange state of matter can be found only at temperatures less than one millionth of a degree above Absolute Zero? **Bose-Einstein condensate**

What two states are separated by the longest parts of the Mason-Dixon line?
Pennsylvania and Maryland

Rumspringa refers to a period of adolescence in what religion? **Amish**

Name the fine china company that marked its wares with a logo of two crossed sabers? **Meissen**

Name two Shakespeare play titles that contain the names of cities that are not in Italy?

The Merry Wives of Windsor; Timon of Athens; Pericles Prince of Tyre

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>

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.

JANXEKNX OYY XMWNV DMW YWIV LWK VQXEVRVYL

KZWF O IVEL NYACMX OTBKOAFXOFTV OFJ

DAXMWKX OFL IANAGYV EVONWF. ~ YWEJ

TMVNXVEPAVYJ

Answer to last month's Cryptogram:

An idealist is one who, on noticing that a rose smells better than a cabbage, concludes that it will also make better soup. ~ Mencken
