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**Mensa:**

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ON THE COVER: Aerial photo of Leland Harbor in Northwest Michigan looking East. Taken by Cori Nielson.



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# August Calendar

## **BOOK CLUB - Saturday, 4 August 2012, at 11:00 a.m.**

The August book club selection will be: *River Town: Two Years on the Yangtze* by Peter Hessler and presented by Stan Cain. We will be meeting at the home of Jim McDermott, 89 Dubonnet Trail N. Interlochen, MI. Jim will be supplying water, pop, and chips. Bring your own bag lunch.

From Interlochen Corners go 1.4 miles north to Mud Lake road.

Turn left on mud lake and go 20 feet to Dubonnet Trail.

Turn on Dubonnet Trail, the road ends at the driveway.

From Division and 14th go 3.8 miles on Silver Lake Road to Secor Road.

Turn on Secor road and go 5.5 miles to Mud Lake road.

Turn right on Mud Lake Road and go 20 feet to Dubonnet Trail.

Turn on Dubonnet Trail, the road ends at the driveway.

## **BRUNCH - Saturday, 11 August 2012, at 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.**

The Brunch will be at the at the Flap Jack Restaurant, 3980 N US 31 S, Traverse City (also known as the Flap Jack Shack.) Our speaker, **Steven Tuttle** of the Northern Express, will speak on a subject of his choice, which will most likely be a critique of some facet of our political system. I'm sure he will also be happy to take questions on some of the topics he writes on in the Northern Express.

## **T.G.I.F! Friday, 24 August 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 August Birthday

8 Alan Kohler

12 Corinne Mowrey

13 Lynn Durling

15 Delberta Windiate

16 Cori Nielson

20 Cynthia Dickson

23 Suzanne Cook

## Mensa Membership Milestones

(Years of Continuous Membership)

10 John Porter  
9 Lynn Durling  
Carola Novarro

5 Jill Miner

## Members New to Our Group - Welcome!

John R. Spraggins

### June 2012 Statistics

### AML

### NMM

Total membership	48,375	79
New and reinstating membership	694	5
Offers of membership	681	0
New members since April 2012	985	10
Reinstating members since April 2012	1,001	16

Membership directory information is based on data from American Mensa records as of 6/30/2012. 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".

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## From the LocSec

By Richard Thibeau

Mensa Testing Day is scheduled for October 20, 2012. The August Brunch is 11 AM on Saturday August 11, 2012, at the Flap Jack on US 31 S. Steven Tuttle, who writes columns for the Northern Express, will be the speaker. The Northwestern Michigan Fair is the second week in August, a local tradition worth exploring. I am sure there are many and various other happenings going on in our area that are worthwhile to check on. Enjoy the summer, get out and about, be safe, have fun.

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## Mensa Picnic

Our July picnic was a complete success – except for the fact that not all of our members were there. However, for the eighteen members and guests who did attend, it was good weather, good food, good conversation (a Mensa specialty) and a lot of fun. Many thanks to Pete Turkus for organizing things.





**Above, the pavilion at the Boardman River Nature Center provided an ideal setting for the July picnic.**



**Erik and Moe foreground facing camera with Cheryl, Joan and Joanne (partly hidden) behind. And, below, (from left) KC, Bernie and Bobbi have a conversation.**





**And, at another table, clockwise (from left), were Pete, Jalene, Judith, Sue and Stan.**



**Left to right – Pete, Bobbi, Cheryl, KC and Jack  
(photos by Jack Schultz and Stan Cain)**



# Movie Group – September and Beyond

In the last Borealis, in the article about the Movie Group, we mentioned that the group would select a movie every other month to watch. However, at the last meeting, there was a consensus to go see the movies showing through the Bay Film Series shown at the Bay Theater in Suttons Bay.

This series begins in September and runs through April of the next year. In the past, this series has cost about \$40 for the eight films. Also, we opted to attend the movies monthly rather than on alternating months. Note that since the book group meets every other month, there will be a conflict if the meetings are held at the same time. So, for those months, we will talk about books and movies at the same meeting or we may decide to change to an alternate schedule if this does not work well.

Also, we will need someone to be in charge of this group, send out email reminders and maintain an email list, etc. Any volunteers? Please contact Sherry McNamara at [kikiwon@hotmail.com](mailto:kikiwon@hotmail.com).

## The Bay Film Series 2012-2013

For lovers of independent, foreign, and art house cinema.

8 Award-Winning, International Films.

Monthly ~ September thru April.

Here are 5 of the titles you will find in the new Bay Film Series.

### **A Separation**

Academy Award Winning Drama (Iran)

### **The Intouchables**

Comedy/Drama (Belgium)

### **5 Broken Cameras**

Documentary (Occupied Palestinian Territory)

### **I Wish**

Comedy/Drama (Japan)

### **Pina**

Documentary/Dance (Germany)

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# reMark

**By Betsy Yvonne Mark, RVC3**

I'm sure that, if you asked me on July 8th, I'd say that the Annual Gathering was fabulous! It's June 27 and I have a deadline of the 28th for this column because some very important Mensans – editors, to be specific – have to put their newsletters to bed before they go to the AG. Register now for the 2013 AG to be held in Fort Worth, Texas, and get the lowest rate for a great long weekend.

I traveled! I had dinner with Western Pennsylvania Area Mensans on June 5, with Western New York Mensans on June 6 and with Rochester Area Mensans on June 7. My dinners were wonderful, made so by the company I had. Thank you all for joining me. And, while in Buffalo, I got to see Niagara Falls. It was definitely a spur of the moment thing, but it was awesome – as awesome as my Mensa friends.

The 2012 Columbus Area Mensa RG was a spectacular event. I know all who attended had a great time.

I hope, as you are reading this, if it's August 4, I'm at Cleveland Area Mensa's annual picnic. If you are in the area, join everyone there. It's gonna be great!

I read all of Region 3's newsletters and know that there are wonderful events planned by those in your local groups; do attend them and be sure to attend the following two Region 3 RGs.

Western Pennsylvania Mensa takes you around the world in 80 hours this Labor Day weekend. See the world without pesky airport lines! Registration for adults and kids ages 4-9 is \$90 and \$45 until July 8 (the AG), \$95 and \$48 until Aug. 1 (Columbus RG), \$99 and \$50 postmarked by Aug. 26, and \$115 and \$58 at the door. Single-day registration rates for adults and kids ages 4-9 are \$30 and \$15 for Friday, \$50 and \$25 for Saturday, \$50 and \$25 for Sunday, \$25 and \$13 for Saturday or Sunday evening only, \$25 and \$13 for Monday. MP: all included. Checks payable to WPAM RG. Hotel: Doubletree (formerly Radisson), 101 DoubleTree Dr., (aka 101 Radisson Dr.), Pittsburgh, PA 15205; 800/445-8667; [www.doubletree1.hilton.com/en\\_US/dt/hotel/PITGTDT-DoubleTree-by-Hilton-Hotel-Pittsburgh-Green-Tree-Pennsylvania/index.do](http://www.doubletree1.hilton.com/en_US/dt/hotel/PITGTDT-DoubleTree-by-Hilton-Hotel-Pittsburgh-Green-Tree-Pennsylvania/index.do). Room rates (\$89) guaranteed until Aug. 11. CD 9 and under, H RP Aug. 20 cutoff DT SA CP H/AS. Contact Jamie Fritz, 345 Thompson Run Rd., Penn Hills, PA 15235; 412/612-0634; [jlongstreth@comcast.net](mailto: jlongstreth@comcast.net).

Cincinnati Area Mensa is in an excited state (any of the energy levels of a physical system – like an RG committee) as you are invited to the HyperchaRGed gathering. (Hypercharge: the quantum number equal to B [baryons] + S [strangeness] + C [charmed].) Gravitational attraction and radiant energy brings you to the Doubletree in Sharonville starting Nov. 30, and inertia takes you to a half-life of the event on Dec. 2. The natural frequency of this event is 30! Yes, the 30th Regional Gathering! Positronically assured of a periodic table of entrees, Quark's bar, luminosity in the programs and momentum in the tournament track. Quanta rates are (all postmark dates) \$60 through June 1, \$65 through Aug. 1, \$70 through Nov. 24, \$75 thereafter. Children under 5 are free. Ages 6-10 are \$15. Ages 11-20 are half the full rate. Partial rates are available at the door. Friday only = \$30; Saturday only = \$65. Saturday dinner and dance (after 5 p.m.) = \$40. No rollovers. Refunds must be requested by Nov. 29, 2012. Checks payable to Cincinnati Area Mensa RG. Hotel: Doubletree, 6300 E. Kemper Rd., Sharonville, OH 45241; 513/489-3636; [www.doubletree.com/hotels/CVGKRDT](http://www.doubletree.com/hotels/CVGKRDT). Room rates (\$99) guaranteed until Nov. 15. S CD 10 and under, H RP 11/29/12 cutoff DT. Contact Cassie Ryle, 7270 West Chester Rd., West Chester, OH 45069; 513/755-6322; [cassier@fuse.net](mailto:cassier@fuse.net).

I am looking forward to seeing you soon.  
LLAP and Peace,  
Betsy

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# 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.

E EOJRTBBGA T JLFBENKR EO IF TCTQRIGOR.

RKG CGUCBG ZKU BEHG TSUHG IG TQG XVQEUVJ!

~ JRGCKGO ZQENKR

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

Every child is an artist. The problem is how to remain an artist once he grows up. ~Pablo Picasso

## Brain Teaser

Submitted by Margaret Scott

What does this series represent?

4 8 12 2 1 7 6 3 5 11 10 9

(Puzzle answers will appear in next month's issue)