



# Borealis

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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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Submissions requiring major editing are also welcome. If requested, the author may approve the editing before the article is published.

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**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.

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ON THE COVER: A 1907 Renault prepares to start in the Great Race beginning in Traverse City and taking a route which covered about 2,300 miles over nine days and ending in Dearborn, Michigan.



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# September Calendar

## **ExComm Meeting - Saturday, 8 September 2012, at 10 a.m.**

The meeting will be immediately before the brunch at the Flap Jack Restaurant, 3980 N US 31 S, Traverse City (also known as the Flap Jack Shack.) On the agenda will be a discussion about what to do with the group's website. All members are welcome to attend the ExComm meeting.

## **BRUNCH - Saturday, 8 September 2012, at 11 a.m.**

The Brunch will follow the ExComm meeting at the Flap Jack Shack. We may have a surprise speaker for our meeting.

## **T.G.I.F! - Friday, 28 September 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!

## **HIKE - Saturday 29 September 2012, at 10:00 a.m. Rain or Shine**

Come with us on our first hike of the Fall! We'll check out the trails in the hilly part of the Grand Traverse Commons in Traverse City. Jack Schultz will lead the way. Enjoy the hardwood forests, the views from on high, and some fresh air. The starting point will be the parking area on Red Drive, just south of the Greenspire School and across from the TBA Conference Center. We'll start promptly at 10 a.m. and go until we're tired. Questions? Call Jack at 231-640-4569 or email [jsvoyageur@gmail.com](mailto:jsvoyageur@gmail.com).

## Member News

### Happy September Birthday

- |                      |                      |
|----------------------|----------------------|
| 1 Susan L. Pitzer    | 18 Richard J. Warden |
| 2 James H. McDermott | 20 Rufus S. Teesdale |
| 11 Jill S. Miner     | 22 Carola Novarro    |
| 12 Stephen Quick     | John D Schultz       |
| 17 John Porter       |                      |

### Mensa Membership Milestones

(Years of Continuous Membership)

- |                           |                       |
|---------------------------|-----------------------|
| 27 Delberta Ruth Windlate | 3 Janet A. Nerone     |
| 9 Dwayne A. Bean          | 2 Michael B. Cardwell |
| Harold A. Kranick         |                       |

## Members New to Our Group - Welcome!

Chansy Paulik

<u>July 2012 Statistics</u>	<u>AML</u>	<u>NMM</u>
Total membership	50,318	80
New and reinstating membership	585	1
Offers of membership	285	0
New members since April 2012	1,315	11
Reinstating members since April 2012	1,256	16

Membership directory information is based on data from American Mensa records as of 7/31/2012. 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

The Quarterly ExComm Meeting will be just before the brunch at the Flap Jack Shack on September 8, 2012. On the agenda will be a discussion about what to do with the group's website. Please come with ideas for enhancing the website. If anyone has any other item they wish to discuss, please email me so I can be prepared to address that adequately. We have another new member in our group, Chansy Paulik from Buckley, welcome!

Information from American Mensa regarding the July funding: 42 Local Groups received a total of **\$1,050** because they hosted a test session during the month of July. 90 Local Groups left a total of **\$2,250** on the table. American Mensa introduced a preliminary program to help offset room rent costs. Beginning with test sessions held in July, groups will receive a stipend of \$25 per month for one test session held during each month. The stipend will be assigned when at least one test is returned to the National Office and will be awarded whether or not the group pays for its testing location. Distribution of the stipend is at the Local Group's discretion. Members need to be on the lookout for potential recruits to be tested.

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# August Brunch



We had a good turnout of about fourteen Mensans and friends, who were on hand to hear Stephen Tuttle speak. Steve writes an always interesting weekly column for the Northern Express.

Steve formerly wrote for the Arizona Republic and has spent many years working in politics and on national political campaigns. He spoke and answered questions on a variety of subjects including local and national politics.



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## 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.

BEO LYOIBOKB XPOIKWYO N JMGV, NK BG CG I

LGGC IUBNGM QD KBOIPBE, IMC BG EIHO NB

TGWMC GWB QD IUUNCOMB. ~UEIYPOK PIFQ

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### Answer to last month's Cryptogram:

I installed a skylight in my apartment. The people who live above me are furious! ~Stephen Wright

### Answer to last month's Brain Teaser

For the following series:

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

The numbers represent the months of the year in alphabetical order. April, the fourth month, comes first alphabetically; September, the ninth month comes last.

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