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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.

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.

Advertising:

Borealis accepts only short, "classified"-type advertisements from individual members. Notices should be of a non-commercial nature and include contact information.

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: A hiker savors the view from the overlook at the High Banks Rollway on the North Country Trail overlooking the Manistee River. Over a hundred years ago, loggers rolled logs down the hill to the river for transportation to the mill. Photo by Stan Cain.



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November Calendar

BRUNCH - Saturday, 9 November 2013 at 10:30 a.m.

The November Brunch will be held at The Bay Town Kitchen (formerly the Cottage Café), 420 Munson Ave., Traverse City. We will meet in the far dining room.

More Mensa Testing - Saturday 9 November 2013 at 9:00 a.m.

The Mensa Admission Test will be given again at the Unitarian Universalist Church at 6726 Center Road, Traverse City. We will be giving the Mensa Test for those who wish to see if they qualify for Mensa membership. If you have any friends whom you think might be interested, let them know about this opportunity in our area. The test will cost \$40.00. Call Jack Schultz at 231-275-6735 for more information and to make a reservation.

T.G.I.F. - Friday, 22 November 2013 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 November Birthday

13 Kimberly Lohr

16 Robert B. Pierson

14 Stephanie Quist

Mensa Membership Milestones

(Years of Continuous Membership)

1 John D. Whyte

7 Robin E. Wottowa

4 Richard Thibeau

8 Stephen H. Quick

6 Stephanie Quist

19 Roger Meintz

Roberta "Bobbi" Walker

September 2013 Statistics	AML	NMM
Total membership	51,041	74
New and reinstating membership	415	0
Offers of membership	254	0
New members since April 2013	1,631	16
Reinstating members since April 2013	1,517	20

Membership directory information is based on data from American Mensa records as of 9/30/2013. 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".

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Election Process Update

The Nominating Committee has nominated the following individuals for the five openings for voting members on the Executive Committee for the period 2014 and 2015:

Stan Cain	Traverse City
Carole Eberly	Traverse City
K C Mowrey	Cadillac
Erik Snyder	Gaylord
Susan Styles	Elk Rapids

According to the NMM bylaws, these nominations are hereby published in this November issue of our newsletter. Also, according to the bylaws, additional nominations may be made by petition signed by at least five members of the local group and delivered to the chairperson of the Nominating Committee NO LATER THAN NOVEMBER 15. (Such petitions, if any, need to be conveyed to Jack Schultz by this date.) As of this posting, only five individuals have been nominated for the five vacant positions. The bylaws state that, if no additional nominations are received by November 15, then the five who have been nominated will be declared elected without the need for balloting by the membership. If one or more additional nominations are received by November 15, a ballot will be prepared and will be published in the December issue of Borealis. The mail ballots must then be returned to the chairperson of the Election Committee (Jack Schultz) and received no later than December 20. Ballots received after that date will not be counted.

The chairperson of the Election Committee will certify the results of the election to the Local Secretary and shall have the election results published in the January issue of the newsletter. Any challenges to the election must be made in writing to the chairperson of the Election Committee and must be received

by January 15. Any such challenges must be ruled on by January 31.

The outgoing Local Secretary shall notify the American Mensa Committee and the Regional Vice Chairman for Region 3 of the results of the election. The outgoing LocSec shall remain in office until the new LocSec has been elected by the voting members of the incoming Executive Committee. Any actions taken by the Executive Committee while a challenge is pending are not affected by the outcome of any such challenge.

Additional information: At its first meeting following the election, the incoming voting members of the Executive Committee shall elect from among themselves the new Local Secretary, the Deputy Local Secretary, and the Treasurer. The other two voting members shall be named as Members-at-Large.

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October Brunch

Well, if you didn't know how to read or spell, before the brunch, Linda S. Taylor was there to provide plenty of help. Linda specializes in teaching people who tend to have problems in these areas (such as high school dropouts and prisoners) learn to find their way through the maze of the English language. The first step in this process is to realize that written English consists of a code. In many cases, this remediation can provide the key for the individual to re-enter society at a much more functional and rewarding level.





News from the RVC3

The Region 3 LocSecs had their first teleconference September 25th. Those who participated shared best practices and discussed challenges.

One of the local projects was printing of Mensa promo cards designed by Southeast Michigan Mensa featuring a collection of quotes on intelligence on brightly colored card stock. They purchase them from Moo.com and distribute to Members to share with prospects.

Sample card front: "INTELLECTUALS SOLVE PROBLEMS. GENIUSES PREVENT THEM". – ALBERT EINSTEIN

Reverse side: MENSADETROIT.COM/JOIN

Contact Billie Lee at billielee@gmail.com if you would like more information or a photo.

East Central Ohio Mensa, ECOM, purchases green "My First Time" pins. They are enameled metal, about an inch in diameter, and useful to identify new members at gatherings so they can pay special attention to the "Newbies." ECOM sells these for \$30/100 + \$5 postage. You can send a check made out to East Central Ohio Mensa to John Schmid, 207 Pearl Street, Wooster, Ohio 44691. Include the address you want them to go to and he'll see that they go out ASAP. Questions? Send them to this e-mail address: president@ecom.us.mensa.org.

UPCOMING EVENT

Prime Time - It's Cincinnati Area Mensa's 31st RG!, December 6-8, 2013

Check your Mensa Bulletin for more details or visit: www.cincymensa.org or Facebook <http://tinyurl.com/PrimeTime31>

AMC UPDATE

I just returned from the October 5th meeting of the Board of Directors. The most difficult motion on the agenda was a proposed weapons policy. The motion passed: 10 in favor, 9 against, and 1 abstaining. The motion bans weapons at the AG, Annual Business meetings, Colloquium, Mind Games, and AML Board meetings. Sworn law enforcement officers are exempt from this policy. Full roll call of the vote will be posted when the minutes of the meeting are posted on www.us.mensa.org.

I voted against the motion for a number of reasons. A weapons ban is unlikely to deter anyone with the intent to do harm. The policy addresses li-

ability rather than safety and there were conflicting professional opinions on how the policy would either decrease or increase our liability in the event of a law suit. The policy covers only national Mensa events and does not address regional, local and SIG events that impact more Mensa members in total. I am, however, very pleased that the board, as a whole, demonstrated due respect for supporters and opponents alike.

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Cincinnati Area Mensa Presents Prime Time RG

December 6th-8th, 2013

It's Cincinnati Area Mensa's 31st RG!

Prime Time, Something could happen at the scene of the Prime, Prime Time Rhyme Time, Optimus Prime, Prime Numbers, Prime & Punishment. Lots of Prime things planned. The Prime Movers & Shakers are having too much fun with this theme. Join us in the fun!

And we now accept Paypal. Visit our website: cincymensa.org/events/2013-cam-rg/

For registration information and hotel information. **NEW HOTEL.** Less expensive and far more space in a convention wing.

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.

RGQGP VGFNGQG JKPUNWXX SAA NR U EUR'J

DRXUTTNRGJJ. UJC XNE NA XG OUR JKNFF

JFGGT. NA KXG URJIGP NJ "BGJ," UFF'J

IGFF. KXUK NJ GRSDWX.

~OGFNRG

(The answer will appear in next month's issue)

Answer to last month's Cryptogram:

Learn from yesterday, live for today, hope for tomorrow. The important thing is not to stop questioning. ~Albert Einstein

Editor's note: Ruth had prepared a supply of these popular puzzles before her recent death. Borealis will continue to feature them while they last.