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ON THE COVER: A great blue heron was seen on the bank of the Crystal River during last month's canoe trip. Photo by Melissa Rennie.

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November 2006 Calendar

PETOSKEY AREA SUBGROUP (of NMM) - Mensans Meeting Mensans - Saturday, November 4, 2006 at 10:00 a.m.

The group will have their second meeting at the Pancake House at the Marina District of Bay Harbor. Our first meeting was delightful, stimulating and encouraging. We had a two hour brunch with continuous excited dialogue. We are welcoming all who wish to attend to join us on November 4 at the Pancake House. We are already making ourselves and our skills useful to one another for the best interest of our greater Northern Michigan communities. Please email or telephone Dr. M. Teri Daunter at tdaunter@chartermi.net or 231-347-7665 as early as possible of your attendance so the appropriate space can be reserved for us at the restaurant. Please always put MENSAs in the subject area of your email as the communication will be deleted if the name is not recognized.

MOVIE CLUB - Saturday, 4 November 2006 at 2:00 p.m.

We will meet at LaSenorita located at 2455 N. US 31 S (near Sam's Club) for the discussion portion of our meeting. The movie title will be announced on 27 October via email and will also be posted on the webpage. If you don't have access to either of these, please call Sherry for the movie information at 231.933.9272. The movie will be shown at Horizon Cinemas, 3587 Market Place Circle, Traverse City. Movies change following the last showing on Thursday night, so don't wait until Friday the 3rd as it may not be the same movie that we will be discussing.

EXCOMM - Saturday, 11 November 2006 at 10:00 a.m.

We will meet at Cottage Café in the Papa's Den. All members are welcome to attend.

BRUNCH - Saturday, November 11, 2006 - 11:00am

We will meet at Cottage Café, located at 420 Munson Avenue, Traverse City. We will hold our gathering in the Papa's Den which is on the right as you enter the front door.

TGIF - Friday, November 24, 2006 at 6pm.

We will meet at Borders Books, 2612 Crossings Circle (Wal-Mart Plaza next to Toys R Us), Traverse City. We will meet in the cafe area. They have many beverages, pastries and cookies available.

Member News

Happy November Birthday

8	Nathan W Jason
13	Gary S. Cools Kimberly Lohr
14	Melissa J. Rennie
21	Eric Laitala
28	Gary L. McWhirter

Mensa Membership Milestones (Years of continuous Membership)

36 Years	Ruth Minshull
21 Years	Donald Chester Hennig
5 Years	Susan D. Nolff Erica Powers Priscilla Walmsley
4 Years	Donald L. Curtis Thomas O. Deering Christine K. Hulse
2 Years	Michael W. Brinkman
1 Year	Stephen H. Quick

Welcome back to Mensa

A welcome back to member **Linda Schrock-Taylor**. We're glad to have you back with us, Linda.

Membership directory information is based on data from American Mensa records as of 9/30/2006. If you would like to change the privacy releases on file, go to www.us.mensa.org and click on "Member Login". Then click on "Profile Update" and "PDQ Update". You may also call Member Services at 817-0607-0060.

NMM Friend Fund.

Perhaps not everyone is aware of the NMM Friend Fund. This fund is comprised of money donated by our members and is kept separate from the NMM operating monies. The purpose of this fund is to provide money for a renewing member, or new prospective member, who is unable to afford his/her membership dues. Transactions are handled confidentially by contacting any member of the voting ExComm. Please consider donating to this fund by contacting our treasurer, Sue Styles.

Regional Vice Chair

Ed. Note: The following column was received at the end of July – too late for inclusion in the August issue but then subsequent columns were used as received. Since no column has been received in time for this issue, I am using this one (with some old topical references removed) since it addresses the issue of civility in Mensa.

RVC3 Thoughts

By Dave Swanka

Hello all members in the Great Lakes and Ohio Valley Region. Since my introduction column about six weeks back, I've attended the Columbus RG and received a few phone calls and e-mails regarding members' concerns. These concerns curiously all had a common thread - lack of civility on the part of members or fellow officer towards other members.

I'm fielding the civility issue because it seemed to be the most serious concern and the one most often expressed. I, like most Mensans, have had first hand experience with fellow Mensans acting less than graciously. The truth is, there is no easy answer which covers all situations. Since, with the exception of our young Mensans, we're all adults (intelligent adults, but adults all the same), let's start by acting like them. When an unpleasantry occurs at an event or board meeting, if you're involved speak up! Saying nothing till later just gets more people involved in what usually starts as a person to person incident. Sides are taken, innuendoes dropped, cross words exchanged, and --most dangerous -- baggage carried for years. Dealing with incidents promptly and maturely prevents their escalation. Unless something genuinely traumatizes you, forgive and forget. Venting about things years later does no good and just keeps the

fire smoldering. How can you enjoy the moment if you're holding a grudge? Lighten up and enjoy. Be the better person and feel good about yourself.

Lastly, please don't forget that I'm your regional representative to the AMC and I welcome your concerns, ideas, and even dreams about how you'd like Mensa to be. I'm always listening and your input really does count. Don't hesitate to share your thoughts with me. Enjoy your summer!

MICHIGAN TRIVIA

By Margaret J. Scott

1. Where is the world's only marble lighthouse?
2. Approximately how many lakes are there in the state?
3. What coastline has been given the name "Graveyard of the Great Lakes?"
4. When the territory of Michigan was first created, what town was selected as its capital?
5. In which city are the home offices of Life Savers candy, Beech-Nut gum and Squirt soft drinks?
6. At what Detroit intersection was the first traffic light in the world installed in 1915?
7. On what date did the stars and stripes first fly over Michigan soil?
8. What is the oldest freshwater aquarium in the nation (opened in 1904)?
9. What is Michigan's largest fresh-market vegetable crop?
10. What is the nation's largest indoor/outdoor museum complex?

(Michigan Trivia Answers will appear in next month's issue)
