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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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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.

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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:

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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October Calendar

BOOK CLUB - Saturday, 6 October 2012, at 11:00 a.m.

The October book club selection will be: *Sarah's Key* by Tatiana de Rosnay and presented by Sherry McNamara. (See the review on page 3.) We will meet at BC Pizza, 3186 LaFranier, Traverse City.

In addition, we will also be discussing the film "*A Separation*" which was presented as part of the Bay Film Series at the Bay Theater in Sutton's Bay on September 16, 17 & 18. A video of this film is also available at the Traverse Area District Library. Plan to attend to discuss either or both of these.

BRUNCH - Saturday, 13 October 2012, at 11:00 a.m.

We will meet again in the back room at the Flap Jack Restaurant, 3980 N US 31 S, Traverse City (also known as the Flap Jack Shack). We may have a surprise speaker for our meeting.

T.G.I.F. - Friday, 26 October 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 October Birthday

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Mensa Membership Milestones

(Years of Continuous Membership)

1 Breanna Blasius

<u>August 2012 Statistics</u>	<u>AML</u>	<u>NMM</u>
Total membership	51,116	80
New and reinstating membership	594	0
Offers of membership	331	0
New members since April 2012	1,614	11
Reinstating members since April 2012	1,551	16

Membership directory information is based on data from American Mensa records as of 8/31/2012. 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

It's October and Mensa Testing Month. Round up some candidates for testing and the group will be eligible for additional funding from the National office. Our testing proctors need the work as well to keep their edge.

The ExComm met on September 8 at Flap Jack's and discussed the group's website. The current website appears to meet our needs, but if any member has suggestions on adding content or changing how it is currently presented, please email any of the ExComm members and put forth your ideas. We need all the input from members we can get so don't be shy about letting us know...not only about the website, but also anything about what the group should be doing.

MENSA TESTING DAY

We will participate in Mensa's national testing day, called MENS A TESTING DAY, this year on Saturday, October 20, beginning at 9:30 a.m. All members who know of anyone who is potential Mensa material should have such individuals contact Jack Schultz by email (jacksch@umich.edu) or on his cell phone (231-640-4569) for testing information and to make reservations. The testing session will be held in the VFW (Veterans of Foreign Wars) hall at 3400 Veterans Drive, in Traverse City. Testing costs \$40 but there is reduced pricing if a testing candidate brings along another person who takes the test. Each person can test for less.

Sarah's Key

Bibliomans' Book for September

By Tatiana de Rosnay - 400 pages

A young girl. A fateful key. A woman searching for the truth...
Experience the novel that has touched millions.

Paris, July 1942: Sarah, a ten-year-old girl, is taken with her parents by the French police as they go door to door arresting Jewish families in the middle of the night. Desperate to protect her younger brother, Sarah locks him in a bedroom cupboard – their secret hiding place – and promises to come back for him as soon as they are released.

Sixty Years Later: Sarah's story intertwines with that of Julia Jarmond, an American journalist investigating the roundup. In her research, Julia stumbles onto a trail of secrets that link her to Sarah, and to questions about her own future.

De Rosnay's U.S. debut fictionalizes the 1942 Paris roundups and deportations, in which thousands of Jewish families were arrested, held at the Vélodrome d'Hiver outside the city, then transported to Auschwitz.

Forty-five-year-old Julia Jarmond, American by birth, moved to Paris when she was 20 and is married to the arrogant, unfaithful Bertrand Tézac, with whom she has an 11-year-old daughter. Julia writes for an American magazine and her editor assigns her to cover the 60th anniversary of the Vél' d'Hiv' roundups. Julia soon learns that the apartment she and Bertrand plan to move into was acquired by Bertrand's family when its Jewish occupants were dispossessed and deported 60 years before. She resolves to find out what happened to the former occupants: Wladyslaw and Rywka Starzynski, parents of 10-year-old Sarah and four-year-old Michel. The more Julia discovers – especially about Sarah, the only member of the Starzynski family to survive – the more she uncovers about Bertrand's family, about France and, finally, herself. It beautifully conveys Julia's conflicting loyalties, and makes Sarah's trials so riveting, her innocence so absorbing, that the book is hard to put down.

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.

ZV KSS WB MAQTD, CAZ ZV SKTEEO LVAE

ZMWDFB AG SKHAWSKB T NVQGAZKS.

~ TDVDOQVAB

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

Answer to last month's Cryptogram:

The greatest pleasure I know, is to do a good action by stealth, and to have it found out by accident. ~ Charles Lamb
