



# 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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**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.

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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: Fall Hike, Grand Traverse Commons. Photo by Stan Cain.



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# November Calendar

## **BRUNCH - Saturday, 10 November 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). Bob Jackson, a retired automotive engineer, will speak on his unlikely path to career success without a college degree.

## **T.G.I.F. - Friday, 23 November 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 November Birthday

13 Kimberly Lohr

16 Robert B Pierson

14 Stephanie Quist

26 Lavon Jonson

### Mensa Membership Milestones

(Years of Continuous Membership)

42 Ruth Minshull

6 Robin E Wottowa

10 Donald L Curtis

5 Stephanie Quist

10 Christine K Hulse

5 Roberta 'Bobbi' Walker

7 Stephen H Quick

3 Richard B Thibeau

### September 2012 Statistics

	<u>AML</u>	<u>NMM</u>
Total membership	51,732	80
New and reinstating membership	444	0
Offers of membership	190	0
New members since April 2012	1,848	11
Reinstating members since April 2012	1,761	16

Membership directory information is based on data from American Mensa records as of 9/30/2012. 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

Congratulations to Ruth Minshull for attaining 42 years of continuous Mensa membership, an accomplishment to be proud of.

The ExComm will be having another quarterly meeting sometime this month or next. Anyone having any suggestions or ideas for the good of the group, please email one of the Officers to let us know.

The Holidays are upon us once again. Enjoy the spirit of the season and be safe.

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## SEPTEMBER HIKE

On Saturday, September 29, Jack Schultz led a small group on the first hike of the Fall. The group explored the trails in the hilly part of the Grand Traverse Commons in Traverse City. It was a beautiful day, and Stan Cain's pictures appear on the cover and on the next page.

Top: Where's Waldo - uh, Pete? Apparently Pete is quite the tree climber!  
Bottom: Jim McDermott, Stan Cain, Bernard Hanchett, Cherie Turkus, Pete Turkus, Jack Schultz. Photo by Dorothy Cain.

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Noxt month: Treasurer's Report.

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.

SDKDGS WXGRT NGB YXVRH IX SXKRHGWRGI DL

JDUR SDKDGS VODLURT NGB ZNH URTL IX

IRRGNSR FXTL.

~ Y. A. X'HXPBUR

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

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### Answer to last month's Cryptogram:

To err is human, but to really foul things up requires a computer.

~Anonymous

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