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ON THE COVER: Dock piling art taken at Harbor Springs, Michigan.
Photo by John Porter



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January Calendar

BRUNCH - Saturday, January 12, 2013 at 11:00 a.m.

(NOTE NEW LOCATION)

After our rather unfortunate brunch experience at The Flap Jack Shack in December, we will head back to a venue that has worked pretty well previously. The January Brunch will be held at **Sleders Family Tavern**, 717 Randolph, near downtown in Traverse City. We will try to meet in their back room.

T.G.I.F. - Friday, January 25, 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 January Birthday

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Mensa Membership Milestones

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6 Bartholomew G. Halliday

6 Jamie L. Patton

3 Ellen Monahan

Members New to Our Group - Welcome!

Dennis J. Olsen

John D. Whyte

November 2012 Statistics

	<u>AML</u>	<u>NMM</u>
Total membership	53,102	83
New and reinstating membership	700	2
Offers of membership	224	0
New members since April 2012	2,516	13
Reinstating members since April 2012	2,294	17

Membership directory information is based on data from American Mensa records as of 11/30/2012. 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

This would be a fine time to have an insightful and thought provoking essay to take up this space in the Borealis.....does anyone have one?

We have two new members to our group... Dennis J. Olsen and John D. Whyte. Welcome! We hope to see you at one of our events. The next brunch gathering is on January 12.

A Mensa Friend Leaves Us

Norma Feeley Dec. 14, 1919 - Nov. 24, 2012

One of our Local members, Norma H. Feeley, 92, of Bridgman, formerly of Traverse City and St. Joseph, passed away Saturday, Nov. 24, 2012 at Woodland Terrace in Bridgman.

Norma was born Dec. 14, 1919 in Washington, D.C. to Frank and Nan (Cameron) Hastings. She graduated from Michigan State University with a bachelor of science degree in bacteriology. On Feb. 3, 1945, she married Dr. Marshall J. Feeley. Norma was very active in the community and a full time homemaker. She was a leader of the "Save Our State" initiative in 1985, member of the St Joseph Yacht Club Women's Board of Directors, and a member and president of the Women's Service League. She was an accomplished bridge player and American Contract Bridge League Life Master. She was an equestrian, loved riding, and taught riding locally at Stockbridge Riding Stables. She was a member of American Mensa and enjoyed reading in her spare time.

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By Betsy Yvonne Mark, RVC3

Happy New Year! May it be healthy, prosperous and wonderful in every way for each and every one of you and your loved ones.

I know that all who attended the Cincinnati Regional Gathering had a fabulous time; wish I had been there, but again, the American Mensa Committee met that weekend and my presence was precluded. Watch for notices of the postings of minutes of that AMC meeting. If you haven't joined the Region 3 Yahoo or Facebook groups where I post such information, as well as Region 3 and National News, please do so.

Congratulations to Region 3 winners of the Publication Recognition Program awards:

Newsletter Awards

Outstanding Newsletter – Medium Group, *MPULSE*, Dayton Area Mensa, Pat Reising, Editor

Web Awards

Owl Award, Dayton Area Mensa, Lonny Burger, Webmaster

"**Members Only**" Section, Dayton Area Mensa, Lonny Burger

Outstanding Web site – Medium Group, Dayton Area Mensa, Lonny Burger

Contribution Awards

Puzzles and Games, Jim Szirony, Cleveland Area Mensa, "Bake Sale Baffler," Graffiti, March 2012

You still have one month to run for National Office as a Petition Candidate. Petition forms, Candidate Information Forms and Acceptance of Nomination forms are available by contacting the National Office at Operations@americanmensa.org. You also can start an online, members-only petition via the Web site. All petition candidates should review the 2013 Code of Election Procedures before beginning the petition process. Members wishing to sign available online petitions may do so via the same link.

Candidate petition forms must be received by 11:59 p.m. central time on February 1, 2013. Send completed forms and petitions to Operations@americanmensa.org, fax to 817/649-5232, or mail to Elections, American Mensa, Ltd., 1229 Corporate Drive West, Arlington, Texas 76006-6103."

Dayton Area Mensa will be hosting **DAMNations 26: Triskadeka Times Two** (or times three because it's 2013!) Talks and presentations; games and tournaments; five meals by the famous Dayton Hospitality team; music and dancing; late-night conversations and general silliness! Registration is \$60 by March 1, 2013; \$70 at the door. Ages 5-18 half price, under 5 free. MP (5): included. Checks payable to Dayton Area Mensa RG. Hotel: Wyndham Garden Dayton South, 31 Prestige Plaza Dr., Miamisburg, OH 45342; call hotel 937/434-8030. Room rates (\$83) guaranteed until March 15, 2013. CD 18 and under, H DT CP. Visit www.dayton.us.mensa.org or contact Karren Lehman, 7039 Monte Carlo Dr., Englewood, OH 45322; RG.Registrar@dayton.us.mensa.org.

Southeast Michigan Mensa will be hosting **SEMMantics XXXIV**, May 3-5. Chocolate Orgy & morning hike. MensaBowl, Mensalympics & tournaments. Top-notch speakers including John Blinke. Kid room/programs. Games by Karen Smith. Wine tasting & beer sampling. Hotel gives free drink & hot buffet breakfast. See why it is #34! Registration rate through Jan. 31 is \$70; \$80 through April 15; \$90 on-site. Daily rates are \$50 for Friday and \$55 for Saturday. Children under 5 are free and children 5-17 are half price. Make checks payable to SEMMantics, PayPal available to semmantics@sbcglobal.net. Hotel: Holiday Inn Hotel and Suites, 37529 Grand River Ave, Farmington Hills, MI 48335; www.HolidayInn.com; 248/477-7800. Room rates are \$89 + tax and are guaranteed until April 1. Contact Larry Arbanas, 24565 Glen Orchard Dr., Farmington Hills, MI 48336; 323/642-7226; larry@arbanas.org.

I am looking forward to seeing you soon.

LLAP and Peace,

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2012 Annual Photo Roundup

Well, it seems like in December, many other publications do a recap of the past year. Sometimes, I suspect that it is just to have an easy way to fill space without the effort of creating new material. I confess that I may be guilty of that here. Following are some photos that for one reason or another have not appeared in Borealis before and that members may be interested in seeing.

First off is a shot from the well attended December 2012 brunch where we heard an interesting talk by Bob Jackson (second from left) about his Working experiences from WWII up to the present. Following photos are by Jack Schultz and Stan Cain.



Next, one showing a discussion during the September Hike above Grand Traverse Commons in Traverse City.





Above is a photo from the January, 2012 brunch at the Cottage Café in Traverse City. The Cottage has since moved to a new building, which we have not yet tried out for our brunch.



And, here is an oldie from a December 2011 Book club meeting where we discussed ***Dreamers of the Day: A Novel*** by Maria Doria Russell, presented by Jim McDermott. The book club is currently voting on titles for the next year and these will be printed in Borealis as soon as selections are final.

Puzzle Page

What is it?

An addition to the puzzle page for this month is a picture of a rock found by NM Mensan John Porter at Thompson's Harbor State Park in Presque Isle, Michigan. John says that this was in a group of a dozen or so similar rocks. The size is about 6 x 8 inches. So, is this a natural rock formation? Man-made? Alien?

Surely there is someone in our group or within Mensa who studies this kind of thing and has seen them before. If so, please let us at Borealis know at [Borealis](mailto:Borealis@yaho.com) know at nmmborealis@yahoo.com. Or, contact John at porterjm17@yahoo.com.



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.

JH PQPSG MISE IU YPHJVO MP SPXIYHJAP IVS

IMH SPCPXLPK LBIVYBLO: LBPG XIDP NWXE LI

VO MJLB W XPSLWJH WTJPHWLPK DWCPOLG.

~ PDPSOIH

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

Answer to last month's Cryptogram:

A dog teaches a boy fidelity, perseverance, and to turn around three times before lying down. ~ Robert Benchley
